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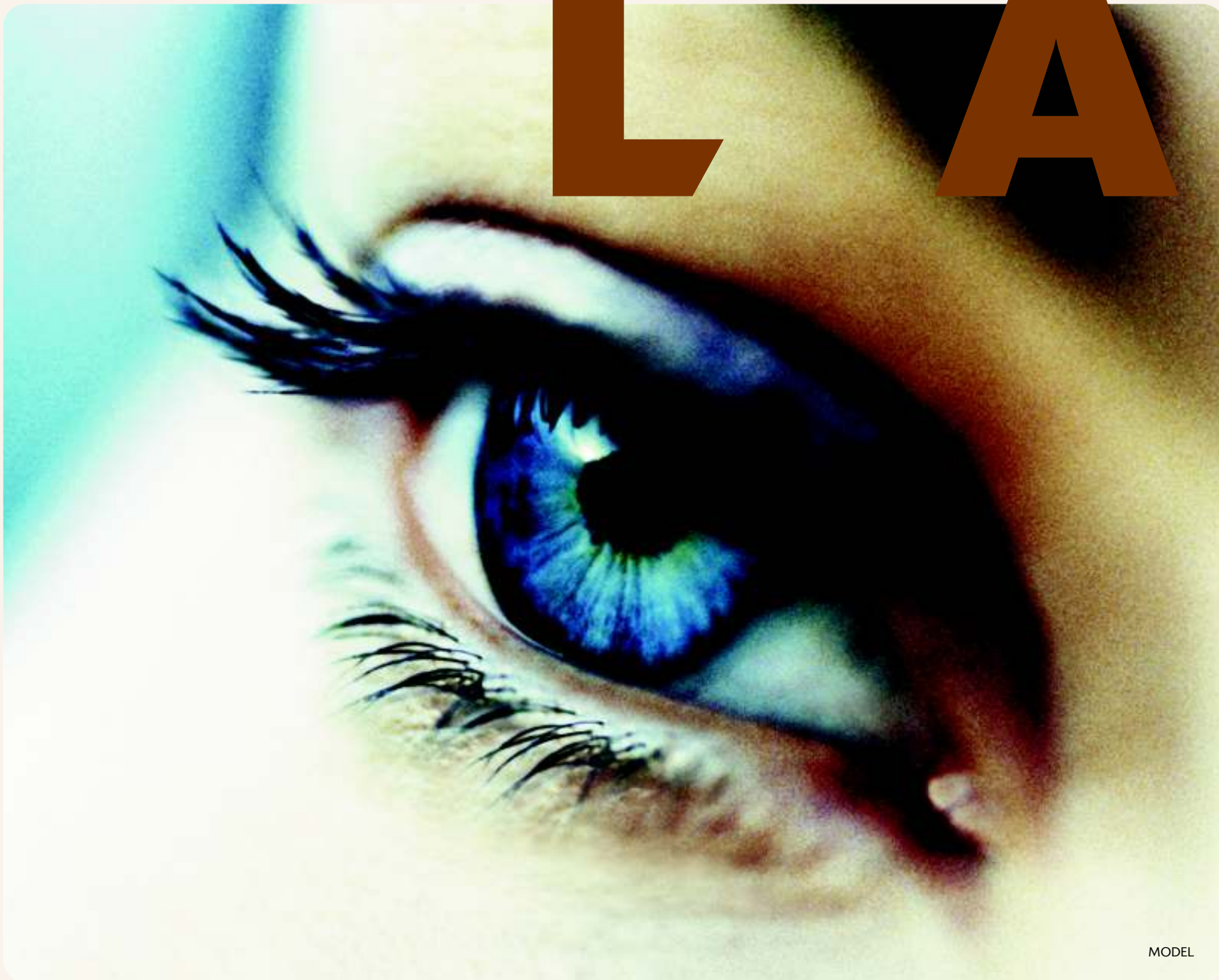
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— Mischa Shirazi, San Diego, CA

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— Greg Schwenk, San Diego, CA

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— Sandra Macias, San Diego, CA

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**Makeover** Freshman San Diego city councilman **Kevin Faulconer** — a close ally of Mayor



Katherine and Kevin Faulconer

**Jerry Sanders** — is in the clear regarding a vote he cast January 9 to advance **Doug Manchester's** Navy Broadway Complex plans. At least that's the opinion of city Ethics Commis-

sion general counsel **Christie McGuire**, who was asked by Faulconer before the vote to analyze any conflicts of interest he might have due to his wife **Katherine's** ownership of two downtown businesses, one on Fifth Avenue, the other in the One Harbor Drive condo complex across the street from the convention center. "Restaurant Events and Spa Tiki. Restaurant Events is a corporation wholly owned by your spouse in the business of planning and coordinating restaurant events for incoming convention attendees," notes the January 8 opinion. "In addition, Restaurant Events sells Gaslamp Quarter Gift Certificates and coordinates corporate block parties for private entities seeking to use the Gaslamp as a venue for an event. Restaurant Events had gross sales in 2006 of approximately \$520,000."

Besides that lucrative operation, the opinion continues, "Your spouse is the sole owner of Island Spa, Inc., the general partner of Spa Tiki. Spa Tiki is a spa and retail facility located in the Harbor Club. Spa Tiki had gross sales in 2006 of approximately \$1.8 million. Both of your spouse's businesses are located in the downtown area, and both are operated out of leased premises."

But as to whether any of this would create a conflict of interest for the councilman during the impending hearing on whether to approve Manchester's environmental impact report in the face of an appeal brought by opponents, McGuire wrote, "You have indicated that your spouse's business entities have absolutely no connection to the project's environmental review process or the parties involved, and that there is no basis upon which to believe that the City Council's decision to approve or deny the appeal will have any financial impact whatsoever on Restaurant Events or Spa Tiki." McGuire rendered her final opinion in true lawyerly style: "we may conclude that there are no grounds for rebutting the presumption that the NBC project decision will not have a material financial interest on your spouse's leasehold interests." Thus Faulconer went on to vote with the 5-3 council majority in favor of the project — which will include lots of hotel and retail space near his wife's spa — saying, "This was a project agreed to a long time ago, and it is what it is."

**They're history** The impending sale of the Copley newspapers in Ohio and Illinois has inspired some to reminisce about how the chain came to be in the first place. One interesting reference comes from *Time* magazine's April 2, 1928 edition: "**Ira Clifton Copley**, who used to represent the eleventh district, Ill., in the U. S. House, and whose success with public utilities and small-town newspapers in Illinois (*Springfield State Journal*, *Elgin Courier*,

*Joliet Herald News*, etc.) lately encouraged him to buy 19 small newspapers in California (the *San Diego Union*, *Pasadena Evening Post*, *Hollywood News*, *Hermosa Daily Breeze*, *Venice Evening Vanguard*, etc.), was disturbed last week, while traveling in Europe, by a cablegram from home. In the U. S. Senate, Nebraska's caustic **Norris** had hinted that Publisher-Magnate Copley was buying up newspapers solely to defeat legislation against 'the power trust.' 'Bunk!' said Publisher Copley's associates. Publisher Copley cabled Senator Norris: 'You have been deceived....' But Senator Norris still urged inclusion of the Copley press by the Federal Trade Commission in its public utilities investigation, now current. The Commission acquiesced."

**Pearls before swine** Democratic state assemblywoman **Lori Saldana** was along for the ride



Lori Saldana

on a lavish two-week post-election junket through South America that is causing big static in L.A. Paid for by an outfit called the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy, the trip began two days after the November 7 election and wound up November 22, with nights along the way spent in at least five luxury hotels, including the Copacabana Palace in Rio and the Alvear Palace in Buenos Aires. In addition to Saldana, the high-flying delegation included Assembly Speaker **Fabian Núñez**, D-Los Angeles; **Susan Kennedy**, Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** chief of staff; a variety of members of both houses of the legislature from both parties; and high-powered lobbyists from Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison, Sempra Energy, Comcast, and Chevron, all backers of the foundation bankrolling the trip. Details were rooted out by the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, which obtained internal legislative documents describing the journey via the state's Public Records Act. All was not boat tours and wine tasting. November 14's schedule included a "briefing/tour Swine Farm" near Rio before jetting off to Argentina. The day before, the group heard from a General Motors exec about "Flexible Fuel Vehicles." On November 20, the delegation was in Santiago, Chile, listening to a "Presentation of free flow system of Autopista Central." That evening they were at the Santa Rita Winery for a "reception in vineyard gardens" with U.S. Ambassador **Craig Kelly**. ... Until he left the congressional payroll last month, **Scott Turner**, the ex-Charger backed for Congress by **LaDainian Tomlinson**, worked for Congressman **Duncan Hunter**, not Hunter's fellow GOP representative **Brian Bilbray**, as reported here last week.

— Matt Potter

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## Marty's Record Hardly Merits Public Lynching

By Don Bauder

**T**he noose is tightening around Marty Schottenheimer's neck, even though the Chargers have retained his services for

next season. According to some howling fans and nit-picking sportswriters, the Chargers coach chokes in playoff games. His regular season record — 200 wins, 126 losses, 1 tie — is one of the best in football history. But his playoff record is 5 wins and 13 losses. That's a major reason why the team owners, the Spanos family, got internal pressure to dump him.

But he has coached only 18 playoff games. Is that an adequate sample size — enough games to merit this contumely? I interviewed eight statistical experts — economists, financial gurus, physical scientists, mathematicians, statistical scientists. All work with numbers each day. Most have Ph.D.s. All but one are San Diegans. Only one works in sports. Since the playoffs involve tougher competition, and 18 games aren't enough to draw a conclusion, most said the numbers don't justify the opprobrium.

Mike Stolper of Stolper & Company makes a living siz-

ing up the records of money managers. But there is a problem: "You need over 30 years for it to be statistically predictive," he says. "You never have statistical certainty because of the life span of human



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Marty Schottenheimer

beings. Nobody gives you any responsibility until you are 40, and nobody trusts you after you are 60. People's life spans don't correspond to statistical purity." Thus, he says, "It is bizarre that they [fans, sportswriters, some in Chargers management] are focusing only on the [Schotten-

heimer] playoff record."

Stolper points to a famous mutual fund money manager who did better than the overall market for 15 years, until he took a pratfall in 2006 and significantly underperformed. Some statisticians said the odds of such a 15-year run were 1 in 2.3 million. But others pointed to statistical probability. With the thousands of portfolio managers out there, the odds that someone would make 15 in a row, perhaps mainly by luck, were probably 100 percent.

"We have modest statistical evidence that Marty's playoff performances are subpar," says Jeffrey Norman, executive vice president of Freeman Associates Investment Management. He got a bachelor's degree in math at Princeton and went on to postgraduate work in computer science and nightly plays high-stakes poker on the Internet. "We have nowhere near enough statistical evidence to infer whether this is due to Marty's coaching, his having to coach slightly weaker teams, or mere chance."

Adds Norman, "Playoff records really aren't that meaningful." If one coach has a 60 percent chance to win each playoff game and another coach has a 40 percent chance, "It would take 30 playoff games

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## Code Dogs Hound the Plank

By Ernie Grimm

Ask a nonresident of Imperial Beach to name a restaurant or bar in San Diego County's southernmost beach town. If he can name anything at all, it likely will be Ye Olde Plank Inn. The tavern has occupied the ground floor of the two-story building at the west end of Palm Avenue for nearly four decades. In that time, it's opened every day at 6:00 a.m. and closed every night at 2:00 a.m. "The Plank," as it's known locally, has achieved institution status in Imperial Beach. But according to its owner, 73-year-old Al Winkelman, the Plank bar is under attack by a city government that wants the venerable watering hole gone.

It's only 10:00 a.m. on a Tuesday in December. But already, seven customers occupy barstools at the end of the Plank's three-sided bar closest to the front door. Most drink coffee — better than most bar coffee — while a couple nurse beers and nibble on hot wings. They're clearly regulars, and judging by the boisterousness of their conversation, they all know

SEAL. There used to be a man who came in here damn near every day who was one of the original people with Apple Computer."

The Plank's decor combines elements of three or four themes. Over the bar hangs a palm frond ceiling reminiscent of a Baja-style palapa. The bar and tabletops are trimmed with molding cut to look like nautical cables. Surf paraphernalia hangs on the walls. The back room's dusty-cornered concrete floor, neon beer signs, and two pool tables give it a middle-American honky-tonk look. Except for the ruby earring adorning his left ear, nothing about Winkelman's appearance says "owns a popular beachside bar." He's dressed in comfortable shoes, gray slacks, and two windbreakers zipped up against the damp morning air. His thick blond-gone-gray hair, roughly parted on the left, lies tousled on his head. His soft blue eyes reflect

Olde Plank Inn, Winkelman answers, "Oh, I can't remember. Between 35 and 40 years ago. Let's say 37 years ago." During the first 30 or so of those years, Winkelman says business was great and life was a breeze in his bar by the beach. But starting "6 or 7" years ago, Winkelman says he and the Plank became the focus of what he calls harassment by the City of Imperial Beach in the form of the municipality's code enforcement department.

"I'll show you what I mean." He hops off his bar stool and walks behind the bar. "Around 1999, all of a sudden we've got a brand-new fire inspector, and he needs a whole bunch of things done. For instance, I had a fire extinguisher back here. It had been in the same place for 30 years, and all my employees knew where it was. But he said we had to move it. This back door over here, I had to build a new door for it. Before, I had a door with bars on it, but the way it was built, it wasn't really a door, but we could have pushed it out in an emergency. We had to replace that with this door that has a panic bar. This building was built in 1886. Since it was built, the front door has always swung in. But they decided it had to swing out. I didn't want to have it swing out because of foot traffic here on the sidewalk. It will either be blocking traffic or, if it's closed, someone is going to push it and smash someone's face with the door. So I went out and bought all these hinges here that allow the door to swing in or out. When we open at 6:00 in the morning, we swing it in and lock it in the open position. It stays that way until we close at 2:00 a.m. It's what we'd done for 30 years. So why we had to change it to swing out is beyond me. Especially, since the fire code says a door only has to swing out if the room capacity is 50 or more. You can see on the sign right there, my capacity is 36. I pointed that out to them, but they wanted it this way anyway."

Another source of grief with the fire inspector was the palapa-style ceiling over the bar area. "We put that grass ceiling on there on Labor Day of 1969," Winkelman says, "and



Ye Olde Plank Inn

there was fire retardant on it and everything. But they wanted it all down. So we had to take everything down and replace it with newer stuff that won't burn. But it is a lot of time and effort to take everything down and research it and order it and put it up there. And it cost a lot of money."

Though he didn't like it, Winkelman spent the time and money to comply with the fire inspector's wishes. But he drew a line in the sand when the City said he could no longer park his cars on the small lawn on the corner of Palm and Seacoast, part of the same property the Plank sits on. Standing out on the

patchy lawn under a couple of palm trees, Winkelman explains, "I own three Corvettes, and I used to park a couple of them on the grass right here. I would drive them up over the curb and park them here. This is my property, I own it, and it's zoned commercial. Now along comes David Garcias" — Imperial Beach's director of code enforcement — "and he tells me that I can't park here, that I have to have a driveway, and it has to be concreted, I can't park on the lawn, and all that stuff. Basically, I told him to go away, quit bothering me. I am legal. So anyway, after quite a while he comes over

here with the ordinance telling me, 'This ordinance says it has to be parked on concrete.' And I said, 'David, this ordinance refers to single-family and two-family dwellings in a residential area. This is commercial property.' He came back one or two days later and said, 'I found a new ordinance that does affect you,' and he showed it to me. I read it, and he had kept the entire ordinance, but he changed a couple of words and deleted the last clause, 'in a residential area.' And so then he was able to apply it to me."

Believing Garcias had illegally altered the municipal



Al Winkelman

each other. They're talking and laughing so loudly that it's difficult to hear the very soft-spoken Winkelman say, "That blonde with her back to us is a lawyer from Chula Vista. And this woman on the corner, her name is Tappan. Her grandfather is the one that started the Tappan kitchen range company. The guy sitting next to her is a retired

his kind, gentle manner. His nickname, Uncle Al, fits perfectly. "I got that nickname in 1979 when my nephew spent a summer working in the bar with me. He was always calling to me, 'Uncle Al, Uncle Al.' Some of the customers thought that was funny and started calling me Uncle Al too."

Asked when he bought Ye



## Public lynching

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before you could tell with 90 percent confidence which coach is better."

With 18 games, "You don't have a big enough sample size to have a robust conclusion," says economist/lawyer/author Todd Buchholz, former White House and Harvard economist. The Schottenheimer condemnation makes Buchholz think of Yale economist Ray C. Fair, who believes that he can predict the winner of presidential elections by how fast the economy is growing. But Fair hasn't looked at enough years to achieve statistical reliability, says Buchholz. Ditto for the Schottenheimer posse.

Rodney Fort, professor of economics at Washington State University and author of *Sports Economics* (and the only non-San Diegan interviewed), believes the 18 games would have been significant if they had all come in suc-

cession and if each time Schottenheimer had had a team as good as the Chargers, who had a 14-2 regular season, the best in football, this season. In previous years, "He might have had marginal teams" compared to this season's Chargers, says Fort.

Jason Schweinsberg, a Ph.D. in statistics who is an assistant professor in the math department at the University of California, San Diego, says that people "attach too much significance to occurrences that could have easily happened by chance." For example, National Football League teams play only 16 regular season games. However, if all teams were equal and the games were decided by a coin flip, more than one team per year would have 12-4 records. "One team every three years would finish 13-3 or better just by luck," he says.

"Marty Schottenheimer's career playoff record is 5-13. However, if one flips a coin 18 times, one will get 5 or fewer heads nearly 5 percent of the

time. While it is unlikely that a coach will go 5-13 just by having bad luck, it is certainly possible," says Schweinsberg, who spent three years doing postdoctorate work in math at Cornell. He notes that the Pittsburgh Steelers' coach, who just resigned, had lost all four American Football Conference championship games that he coached until last season. "That would happen by chance only about 6 percent of the time." Then the Steelers went on to win last year's Super Bowl.

Al Rappaport, emeritus professor of management from Northwestern University, now a prolific author for Harvard Business School Press and the *Harvard Business Review*, says he has spent his life examining statistics, but they don't explain everything. "I am a numbers guy," he says. "But to look at numbers only is probably unfair to everyone concerned. The coach calls the perfect play, but the guy drops the ball in the end zone, and the team loses the

game." After the Chargers lost to New England January 14, players said the same thing.

"The playoffs filter the competition," says Rappaport. It's tougher to have a good record in playoffs.

As it turns out, the Patriots' coach, Bill Belichick, has an astonishingly good playoff record of 13 wins, 3 losses, although a less impressive 111-81 regular season record. Stuart Hurlbert, research professor of biology at San Diego State University and an expert in ecological statistics, disagrees with the others: even though there is a small sample size, the huge difference between the playoff records of Belichick and Schottenheimer is meaningful. "Statistically, that is a real difference," says Hurlbert. "I guess if people in San Diego had seen that coach's [Belichick's] amazing record, they would have been more worried. But once you get a little boosterism going, it is like a virus." Hurlbert also thinks there is a significant statistical difference between

Schottenheimer's overall record and his playoff record.

Helen Regan has a Ph.D. in mathematics and is an assistant professor of biology at San Diego State. "If you look at the raw data, it looks like he doesn't do as well in the playoffs as the rest of the games," she says, noting that she is not a statistician. "But you have to do well in the regular season to make the playoffs. The Chargers should hire Belichick and no one else. But if they aren't going to get him, whom will they go for?" Again, it's probabilities. How likely are the Chargers to land Belichick or a clone?

One of the ironies of sports fanaticism is that a coach of a great team gets the boot. Coaches with mediocre records often hold their jobs because the community hasn't gone gaga and then been deflated. I remember back in the 1960s interviewing a physics professor at Purdue University. After the interview ended, we talked about football. Those were the days when college

teams played only nine games. This professor said he had figured the formula for coaching longevity. "Five-ninths. If you win five and lose four every year, people get neither hyperenthusiastic nor depressed. You keep your job," he said. ■

## Hound the Plank

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code to fit the situation, Winkelman refused to comply and continued parking on the grass next to the Plank. Garcias, he says, "continued pounding me on it. And he even came out here and posted a notice right there on the corner of my building condemning my property, for being a public nuisance, unsafe, and unfit for human habitation."

Winkelman adds, "It's harassment. And it's selective. I can drive you up and down this street," he points south down Seacoast, "and show

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you cars parked on gravel, on grass, on all kinds of things, but they are all perfectly all right. And I can show you pictures that I took nearly two years ago that I showed to the city council when they had me up there for this big fine that they were charging me — \$100 or \$200 a day — for parking on my lawn. The same cars are still on the same spots two years later."

Garcias doesn't deny condemning the Plank due to Winkelman's noncompliance on the parking issue, though he vehemently denies the accusation that he personally altered

an ordinance to make it illegal for Winkelman to park his Corvettes next to the Plank. With an audible laugh, he says, "We would never do that. He has gone in front of judges and the city council, and in each case, they said, 'The law was correct.' I can't change the law. I am only an enforcement person. I go off of what the city code says, and the city code is enacted by the city council after public hearings and all that stuff."

Winkelman believes the fire inspector and code enforcement department were sicced on him by a gentrification-minded city council that "doesn't want any alcohol near the beach." Ed Kravitz, the publisher of a news and opin-

ion website called saveIB.com, which is critical of the city government, agrees with Winkelman's assessment. "They want to make bars an endangered species," Kravitz says. "And they know if AI is closed for more than 90 days, the zoning goes back to residential. So they'd like to hang him up for any reason to close him. And the city council is known to use the code enforcement department to punish people and businesses they don't like."

Ted Powers, former commissioner of the now-defunct Imperial Beach planning commission, shares Kravitz's view. "The council," he says, "uses the code enforcement department as a revenue generator,

and they use it as a political battle axe to punish people."

Kravitz adds, "The code enforcement department should be complaint driven. But in IB, it hasn't been for the last decade. It's proactively driven, meaning that they are out looking for violations. The intent was — and I believe this was said publicly at a council meeting in 1995 or '96 — that they were going to use code enforcement to revitalize Imperial Beach."

Garcias denies that he's being prompted by the city council to enforce codes at the Plank. Rather, he says he's responding to "a rising number of citizen complaints. In Mr. Winkelman's case, I can't be too specific because there

is litigation involved, but I can generally say, all of them were citizen complaints. We always let the owner know they're in violation. And I have to admit, there have been people who are very resistant to cleaning up. Sometimes they say, 'I have been doing this for 50 years, why are you taking this to me now?' And a lot of times it is because I got a citizen complaint and I have to."

Asked why after 30-plus years of peaceful existence, the Plank has become the subject of citizen complaints, Garcias points to the recent rise in property values in Imperial Beach. "This city is in clean-up mode. We've got a lot of new owners who paid, let's say, \$600,000 or \$700,000 for

their new home. And they get in the house and they look at their back-yard neighbor who has seven or eight junk cars in the back yard. So they call me to complain. My job is to respond to those complaints."

Faced with a condemnation of his property, Winkelman stopped parking his cars on the lawn. But he's sued the City over the issue. "I don't like the idea of going to court," he says. "It is costing me money, and in a way it is foolish and stupid. But I am not going to lie down and roll over and play dead for them. That is what most people would do, but I am not going to do it. So if it costs me \$5000, \$10,000, \$20,000, \$50,000 to fight them, I am doing it." ■

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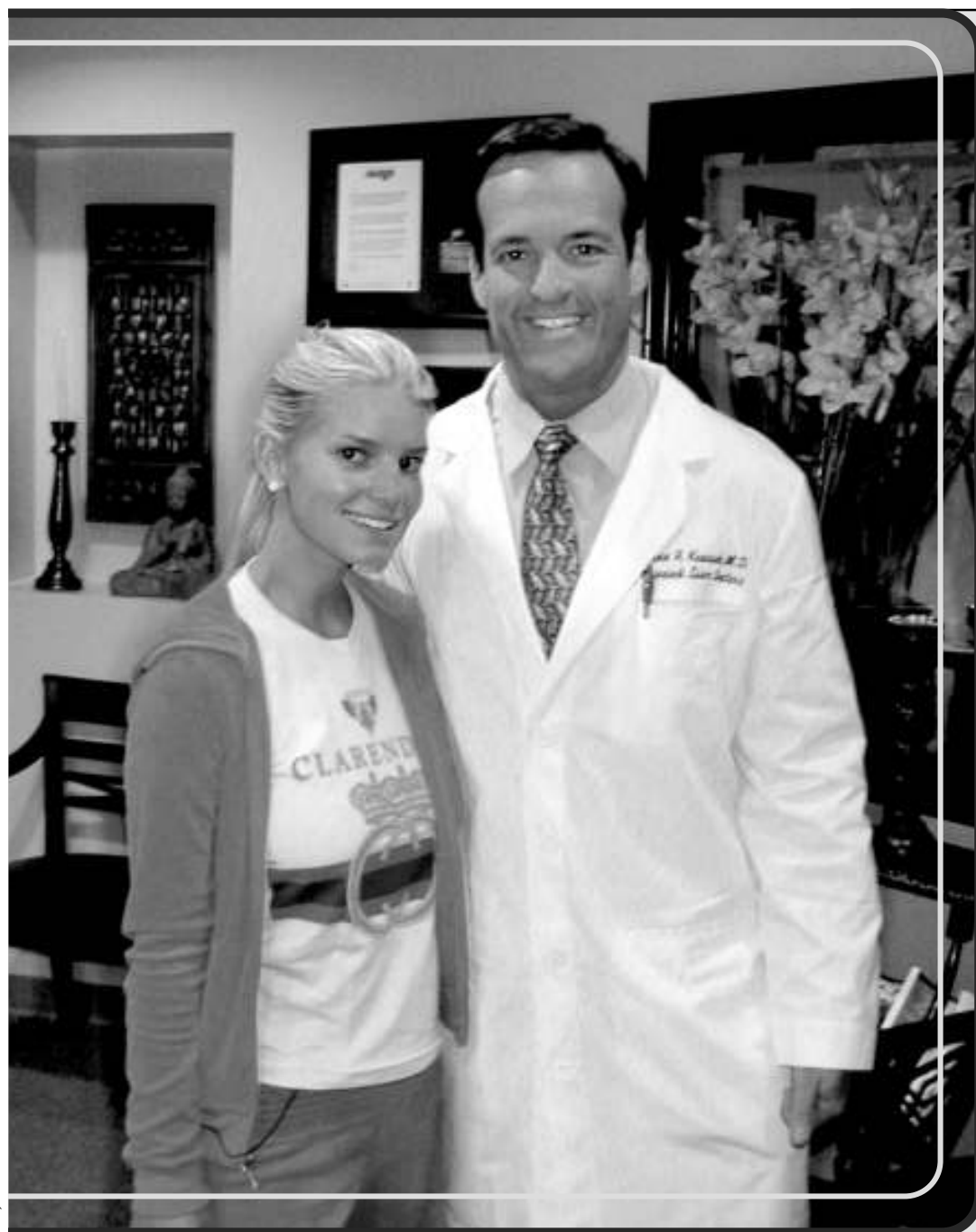
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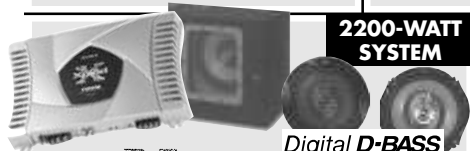
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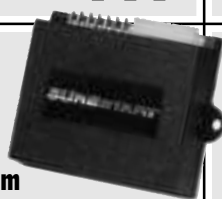
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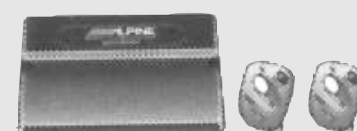
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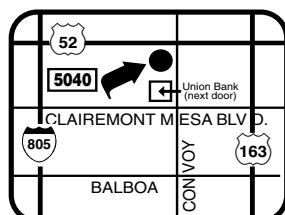
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### No Happy Ending

I just finished the article “I Was a Bad Sailor” by Ollie (Cover Story, January 18), and I can't believe that you published that crap!! You might as well have published an article about a wife-beater or, better yet, someone that abuses their kids or some other lowlife. I apologize for sounding hostile here, but I've been serving for the past 20 years, and this article really pulled my string. The title alone kept me reading just to see if this article had a point or maybe a real ending that would offer something constructive to the rest of the public reading it. What your readers won't get out of this article along with a happy ending or even a learned moral is how much time and effort goes into dealing with guys like “Ollie.” Even worse, your readers won't even be able to fathom the importance of a job/position that a kid like that could hold. The military thrives off of solid teamwork, and a guy doing drugs is obviously not going to be a team player. When a civilian decides to use drugs, that is a personal decision, and his actions will mostly affect him. In the military, this guy risked the lives of others when he made that choice. That part is what pisses me off the most. I understand freedom of the press, but someone should have read this ahead of time and thought, “What are we sensationalizing here??” Hopefully not sounding too gung ho, but you'd have to wear the shoes to understand where I'm coming from on this. Later.

Greg  
via e-mail

### Why? Why!

The article “I Was a Bad Sailor” (Cover Story, January 18) should only see the

light of day as an epilogue to the book *The Ugly American*. I was aghast that you would publish the chronicles of a druggie, alcoholic misfit. Making it the cover article only serves to denigrate the stellar service rendered by the thousands of dedicated sailors who man our ships. Doing it in a Navy town makes it more egregious and is the equivalent of sticking your finger in the eye of every dedicated sailor. You should be ashamed of yourselves for printing such trash!!!!!!!!!!!! Your avid readers are entitled to hear your reasoning for printing this garbage.

Lou Cumming  
via e-mail

### How Dare You

With regard to your cover feature “I Was a Bad Sailor” (January 18) by a man who doesn't even have the chutzpah to identify himself by anything more than “Ollie.”

How dare you?

Here's a brief synopsis of your riveting piece in one paragraph.

I went to boot camp and it was hot. I went to “A School” and I liked girls. It was cold. I decided I didn't want to be cold anymore and actually applied myself a little so I could get the orders that I wanted. I went to my first command and got drunk and got in trouble and people yelled at me for breaking the rules. I didn't like people yelling at me so I broke the rules some more; then I got kicked out of the Navy. The end.

Wow. That's compelling.

Aussies and Kiwis (New Zealanders) can drink like it's going out of style. But they can still manage to mind their p's and q's enough to not get thrown out of Singapore. The fact that you were so irresponsible to get masted there is just a testament to your idiocy.

Because of you, the ship had to leave port, all your shipmates lost their liberty, and all U.S. taxpayers had to incur added expense to fill the pool and to anchor out and take on water because of your drunken stupidity. I'm sure that's a heartfelt badge of pride for you.

For the record, and contrary to what you may have written, your next port, Abu Dhabi, had increased

security measures because of its geographical location in the CENTCOM (Central Command) AOR (Area of Responsibility) and *not* because of your antics in Singapore. How misinformed and shallow and arrogant for you to imply that.

You didn't like people yelling at you, so you rebelled even more. That showed them, huh? The reason why people yelled at you was not because you got drunk. They yelled at you because your actions overseas reflect not only on you but on the Navy as a whole and on the United States itself. You are an ambassador and a direct representative of your military and your country. When they see and have to deal with people like you, it reflects badly on all of us. But international incidents and host nation sensitivities are lost on you, apparently, because you can't see anything greater than yourself, while you continue to perpetuate the Ugly American persona. Sometimes military folks are all that these nations see firsthand of our country. They never get to see the thousands of sailors who come through incident-free every year — no, all they see is irresponsible folks like you.

So apparently garnishment of your wages, the subsequent punishment of your peers by default because of your actions, and restrictions of your own freedom, while, ironically, in defense of the freedom of your nation, were not enough to help you turn a corner, so you go on to glorify your escapades with illicit drugs while in that same time frame piloting a nuclear-powered submarine. Then you pride yourself on being the “best” quartermaster of the watch onboard, despite your conscious and flagrant drug use and violations of even the simplest uniform regulations.

There's a great Patton quote I've always liked: “It is absurd to believe that soldiers who cannot be made to wear the proper uniform can be induced to move forward in battle.”

You remind me of the drunk guy with the bragadocio to say that he drives better with a couple

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BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Hey, Matt!

Why is it that so many schizophrenics hear voices telling them to do something violent? Whenever we read about these poor souls, it's because they've heard a voice (usually God's) telling them to burn their neighbor's cat or knife their grandmother. Are there schizophrenics out there who hear voices that say, "This is God. I want you to buy a bouquet of flowers for the mailman," or, "Hello, Jesus here. Just thought you should take the Volvo in for a tune-up"?

— Eric, via e-mail

After being at the helm of this particular leaky ship for so many decades, I'm more convinced than ever that each of us is some shade of crazy. Just because psychiatrists haven't thought up enough categories to put us in doesn't mean we're home free. And when they do, odds are the psych slots will be misunderstood by the public at large. "Schizophrenic" is a good example. It is characterized by delusions (false beliefs) and/or hallucinations (seeing/hearing things that others don't see or hear) as a result of chemical disruption of brain pathways. It's not curable but is highly treatable and controllable if the right meds are taken faithfully.

Lots of "ordinary" folks believe stuff that's pretty nuts — the earth's flat; Pluto's a planet; Rufus Wainwright is fun to listen to; obsessive online gaming is a valuable, character-building activity that will serve me well in the future. But society can tolerate these delusions, so Rufus Wainwright fans are not certifiable, just annoying. Schizophrenics' delusions and hallucinations shape behavior that is too out-there for us to deal with. They're not automatically dangerous, just too "different" for their (or our) own good.

Among some schizophrenics' hallucinations are what shrinks call command voices — a voice telling the person to do something. That something can be good, bad, or indifferent. The content of schizophrenics' delusions and hallucinations are unpredictable and vary from individual to individual. That's one of the characteristics of schizophrenia: very disorganized beliefs and perceptions. Looking at the many studies done of command voices, it's clear that only a minority of schizophrenics have that particular type of hallucination. And of those who do, a smaller percentage yet will actually follow the command. Some will even realize the voices are not real.

Best the docs can tell, a command voice by itself isn't necessarily enough to make a person act. But if the command fits an already existing delusion, and if the person recognizes the command voice, it will have more motivating power. God is a motivator for lots of "ordinary" people; no surprise God's name pops up a lot in hallucinations.

So, say you believe your neighbor's orange tree is giving off evil vapors that cause your daily headaches (delusion). One day, a voice you recognize as your mother's tells you to cut the tree down (hallucination). The two ideas match, you can identify the command voice, so you're more likely to grab your chainsaw and go at it. Given the disorganized nature of schizophrenic thinking, the command voice is just as likely to say, "Give \$5 to every homeless person you can find," or "Paint your room purple," or "Stare out the window all day to keep gorillas off the lawn." The content isn't always negative or harmful.

So why do we think it is? You answered your own question. The negative outcomes are the only ones we hear/read about in the news. These days, nothing skews our perception of reality like the media. The few unfortunates we hear about are truly unfortunate and truly dangerous to the target of their delusions or to themselves. Odds are, the person has stopped taking the meds that would help control the behavior.

Schizophrenia isn't the only condition that can cause hallucinations, delusions, or dangerous behavior. More and more, psychiatrists are seeing habitual smokers of the gene-tweaked, ultra-high-THC-content weed who develop similar psychoses. Scariest yet, the condition doesn't seem to be reversible when you stop toking. A mind is a terrible thing to fry.

## From the "Duh...Matthew, You Twit" Files

Hey, Matt: Actually, a better way to really, really know if a bird is male or female is by running a chromosome test. Birds have two sex chromosomes just like humans, except it turns out that while a male human has one X and one Y chromosome and a female human has two Xs, birds are the other way around. A male bird (cock) has two Z chromosomes ("homogametic"), while a female (hen) has one Z and one W chromosome ("heterogametic"). A veterinarian who handles birds can easily take a blood sample and have it analyzed. Much less invasive than checking the internal organs, although that works too. — Susan Patch, P.B.

How could I miss that one? And avian forensics can help eliminate your parrot as a suspect in that big murder case, too. It'll be on *CSI* any week now.

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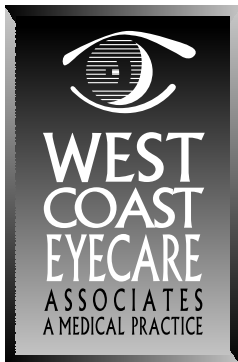
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## SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

# He Works Hard For The Money

When Chicago plays Indianapolis on Sunday next there will be several Super Bowl games going on at the same time. One game will be on radio, one on television, one in the stadium, one on the sidelines, and one on the field. For civilians, standing on the sidelines is as close as we're ever going to get to an NFL game.

Stand on stadium grass and you'll see a football game that is an order of magnitude faster than any football game you've ever witnessed. Every player moves fast — the 330-pound tackle moves fast, the 250 running back is a blur. The sounds of pads popping, the grunts, the crash of a 250-pound world-class athlete running into a 330-pound world-class athlete at full speed. Muscles are torn from bones, tendons rupture, bones shatter, ribs, fingers, legs, and ankles snap.

From this close distance, the game is incredibly violent — unbelievably violent, actually. It's another kind of game, entirely, than the one you see on TV. The first time I saw a play from this perspective, it was an end-around run. I thought, "Amazing, that this is legal."

Merrill Hoge, a Pittsburgh Steelers running back, told the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, "You want to know how hard you're hit? If you're a running back, and you're hit full-speed, he can literally knock the feces out of your bowels. You lose all feeling in your limbs. That's how hard they hit in the NFL."

A while back, I wrote a "Where are they now?" story about the Chargers. I contacted players from every decade, starting with Jack Kemp, the 1960 quarterback of the Los Angeles Chargers. I talked to Lance Alworth, Chargers wide receiver (1962–1972) and Hall of Fame inductee. There were 30 interviews in all; 11 made it into the story. What remains sharp in my memory is that everyone I talked to had been injured. Most of the men were in their 40s or 50s and they were all physically damaged, many with injuries that will never be healed: bad knees, bad spines, bad necks. Lots of replacement hips, replacement knees, titanium rods in spines, screws in bones. Everybody, it seemed, had arthritis.

I saw an item in today's paper about Peyton Manning's injured right thumb. They say it's not a problem, but the piece brought a question to mind: "How bad is it?" Not Manning, but injuries in the NFL. Follows are some NFL injury facts, most of them taken from a 2005 *Tribune-Review* series.

More than *half* of NFL players are injured every year; 68 percent were injured during the 2003 season.

Defensive players are injured more often than offensive players. Two thirds of all safeties are injured every year and "half of those will sustain a second injury unrelated to the first. On average, seven pro football players a week face potentially life-altering head, spine, or neck trauma."

Forty percent of quarterbacks are injured every year, half the linebackers, more than half the wideouts and tight ends. According to the federal Department of Labor, the NFL injury rate is eight times higher than NASCAR, NHL, NBA, or any other professional sports league.

Fifty-five percent of 1960s NFL players "suffered career-ending injuries or required multiple surgeries to correct the trauma of the game. For the players in the 1970s and 1980s, however, that trend rose 25 percent..."

Knee injuries account for a bit more than 15 percent of all injuries. Forty percent of former NFL players develop arthritis.

Some positions are considerably more dangerous than others, "Nearly 7 out of 10 cornerbacks face serious injuries annually, partly because of the sheer force they must generate to bring down big, fast running backs and receivers." According to the NFL, at the start of the 2006 season, 354 players weighed over 300 pounds.

Remember Joe Montana? He's 50 now. He's had a dozen surgeries and a half dozen brain concussions. His right eye has nerve damage, his neck is so damaged that if he needs to turn to talk to someone over there, he turns his torso rather than his neck. He had spinal fusion surgery two years ago and needs knee-replacement surgery. Joe says what every player I interviewed told me: he'd do it again. I don't know how much of that is the difficulty of saying, at the age of 50, when there's no going back, "I crippled myself. I was a fool," and how much is a warrior's love of combat and fellowship.

The first college football game occurred on November 6, 1869. Rutgers beat Princeton 6-4. The forerunner of what would become the NFL wasn't formed until 1920. Until then football was a college game except for some city athletic clubs who paid some of their players. The 1905 collegiate football season ended with 18 deaths. In 1909, the death toll was 33.

Things are getting better.

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**Address:** 4633 Dolivia Drive, Clairemont, 858-277-4413  
**Founded locally:** around 1960 as a mission church, incorporated 1964  
**Senior pastor:** Christopher Clark  
**Congregation size:** 300 members, 117 weekly attendees on average  
**Staff:** 1 full-time, 3 part-time  
**Sunday school enrollment:** around 200  
**Annual budget:** around \$220,000  
**Weekly giving:** around \$3300  
**Singles program:** no  
**Dress:** some jackets and ties, plenty of button-down shirts  
**Diversity:** around 75 percent Caucasian, with smatterings of numerous ethnicities  
**Sunday worship:** Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Word at Five, 5 p.m.  
**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 30 minutes  
**Website:** [www.eastclairemont.com](http://www.eastclairemont.com)

Nearly everything about East Clairemont Southern Baptist's church was unabashedly midcentury Modern, from the rust-orange carpet and pew cushions to the rough-face concrete block to the space-age chandeliers to the quarter-circle shape of the place, the great laminated beams radiating out from the stone baptistery with the backlit cross. The choir, too, hit a midcentury note: alongside the more ancient standards ("I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"), they performed several hymns ("There's Something About That Name," "He Touched Me" and "Because He Lives") from the husband-wife team of Bill and Gloria Gaither. The trilling piano and the strumming guitar were timeless.

Pastor Christopher Clark began by saying that today was "a very special worship service, in that we are focusing on the suffering, the death of our savior, Jesus Christ.... I just want you to picture that setting in the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus said, 'Father, isn't there some other way for men to be at peace with You?' And if you can, just picture the Father having to be silent, as if to say, 'No, there is no other way, Son. You are going to have to die.' Thank you, Father, for loving us enough that You were willing to tell your Son, 'No, You must go to the cross.' Thank you, Jesus, for being obedient to Your Father."

When the children came up for story time, Clark pointed to a table covered by a white cloth. "We're going to do the Lord's Supper today.... The Bible says, every time we take the Lord's Supper, we tell about what Jesus did for us. And it says this phrase: 'until He comes.' This is just like a calendar or a clock. You know why? Because Jesus is coming back...and we're telling everybody that He's going to come back."

As he opened his sermon, Clark said, "Every time that we observe the Lord's Supper, we've determined that it's going to be a service that focuses on this very act of worship, the very thing that the Lord Himself committed unto each and

every one of us.... As we prepare to take the Lord's Supper, it's time to examine ourselves...examine our priorities." Citing Christ's words to would-be disciples in Luke 9, Clark explained that "following Jesus means at least three things. It means rejection — Jesus Himself was rejected.... And this rejection also comes in economic terms.... 'The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' It also means rearranging our priorities. 'Let the dead bury their dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.' Do you really believe that Jesus is worth following? If you were to make a commitment today to spend five minutes every day for the next six weeks alone with the Lord, do you think that would make a difference in your life?" Third, "following Jesus means refocusing.... Keep the main thing the main thing.... 'What is God's will and how do I do it?'"

"There are only two requirements that Scripture has for people to participate in the Lord's Supper. One, that you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Two, that you are in complete good fellowship with the Lord. That means

that you have no unforgotten sin.... If there's something in your life that's not quite right...there is no better time than right now to get those things pardoned. 'Lord, forgive me and cleanse me.'"

The lights dimmed. Two deacons removed the tablecloth covering the silver trays holding the bread and the cups, and together, they folded it. Clark read from the Bible. "Scripture...says 'He took bread and gave thanks.' We give thanks...."

"Scripture says that after he took the bread and gave thanks for it, he then broke it...and gave it to his disciples." Slowly and carefully, he handed the four silver trays to the deacons, who distributed the broken matzoh to the congregants, then returned to the table with an almost military precision and order. "Jesus then said, 'This is my body. Take it and eat it, and do it in remembrance of me.'" The ritual was repeated for the cup —

the prayer of thanks, the distribution, and the citing of Scripture: "Jesus took the cup and announced, 'This cup is the new covenant, which is established by my blood. It is shed for you.'"

In closing, Clark said, "We find in Scripture that after the bread and the cup, Jesus sang a hymn with His disciples and went out to the Mount of Olives." From there, it was the garden and, eventually, the cross. "To remember that, let us stand. We're going to sing the chorus to 'Because He Lives,' and because of the solemnness of what we have experienced here today, I would ask that we refrain from talking and fellowshiping while we are in this room." After the song, all departed in silence.

What happens when we die?

"We are going to go to one of two places," says Clark. "We're going to be with Jesus in paradise forever if we have put our faith in Him, or we're going to spend eternity forever separated from Him in a place that a lot of people call hell."

— Matthew Lickona



CHRISTOPHER CLARK

### East Clairemont Southern Baptist Church Clairemont ★★<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

#### Sermon

content.....★★<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
delivery.....★★★★

#### Liturgy

.....★★★★

#### Music

congregational.....★<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
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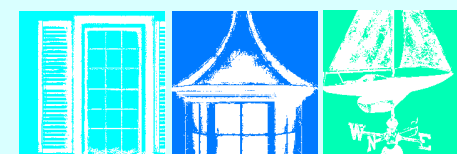
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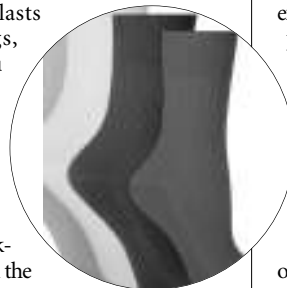
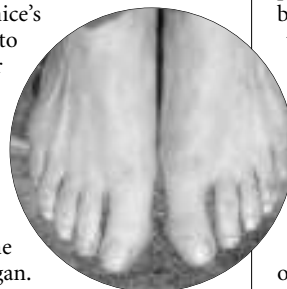
Bernice's mom has diabetes. My friend began to take on the care of her mother's household — shopping and cleaning. "Her feet hurt," said Bernice on the phone, "she has become more sedentary, and I am worried about her. I bought her comfortable shoes, but I want to look into socks for diabetics," she added. I could hear the exhaustion in Bernice's voice and offered to get the details for her.

I found those details in local sock businessman Gary Meade, president of Sugar Free Sox. "My mother was the catalyst," Meade began. "She is a diabetic in her 50s. She is a professional, and she would come home from work with these huge rings around her legs that lasted for hours. I tried to find her better socks, but I couldn't find anything that looked good. There are other diabetic socks on the market, but they're primarily only carried in white, sometimes in black. And when you stretch them, they look like mesh, a very low knit count. The knit count is comparable to sweaters. Some sweaters are almost see-through because they are knitted so widely; the knit count is low. The socks I found were like that. They are not something that my mom could wear to work.

"Our socks look like a department-store sock," added Meade, "like a Dockers or a Nine West, but they stretch to ten inches across, big enough to swallow a bowling pin. Our socks have a fine knit count and are able to stretch, which is unusual. Usually the higher the knit count, the harder it is to get the stretch. The socks are made out of 80 percent cotton, 17 percent spandex, and 3 percent nylon. The spandex and nylon help it to conform around the leg. When the socks are washed, the cotton shrinks back to its normal shape and then the socks will conform again the next time you put them on."

Sugar Free Sox also come without a seam at the toe. "That is important for a diabetic because diabetics don't heal very well. If you can avoid a blister, that is best. They also have antimicrobial coating, which helps resist maladies like athlete's foot. The coating lasts about 40 washings, about as long as you probably want your socks around."

As Meade researched diabetic socks, he came upon astounding figures. "I started looking at the statistics on the American Diabetes Association website, and I was blown away. There are 20.8 million diabetics, 800,000 new diabetics a year, which is 220 new diabetics a day. There are 54 million people that are considered pre-diabetic — their glucose level is acting irregular. Twenty-five percent of everybody over the age of 50 has diabetes. And 150 amputations are done a day because of diabetes. It is a leading cause of amputations. So, I really saw that there was a need in this market.



*"When you get a sock-ring imprint, even if you are not diabetic, what that is doing is slowly cutting off circulation."*

"Good circulation and proper footwear are critical," Meade said. "A lot of diabetic people know that they need to wear proper shoes, but they don't complete it unless they wear the proper socks. When you get a sock-ring imprint, even if you are not diabetic, what that is doing is slowly cutting off circulation. If you eliminate that sock-ring imprint, you are going to cut down on your chances of varicose veins and blood clots.

"Many diabetic people before wouldn't wear ribbed socks because they were afraid of the sock imprint from the ribbing, but with our socks, they don't have to worry about that. The socks come in men's shoe sizes from 7 to 12, in black, navy, khaki, charcoal gray, and white. The ladies socks range from sizes 4 to 10, in black, sapphire, merlot, orange, pink, and light blue [**\$9.99** a pair, or three pair for **\$26**]."

Meade says about half of his customers are not diabetic. "People suffering from nerve damage, neuropathy, are very sensitive to socks. But they can wear diabetic socks, and it's not going to hurt them. Diabetics shouldn't wait to start using these socks. They should work on prevention so the veins in their legs are kept in good shape. But, truly, everybody is in prevention. Everyone can make a really simple choice everyday in what they wear."

Meade says he gets a lot of customer feedback, almost all of it positive. "A lot of people tell us that their feet used to always feel cold, but our socks keep them so warm. That's because good circulation will keep your feet warm. Our socks allow good circulation; we don't have a very thick sock. It's a medium gauge. It's their own blood keeping their feet warm. Sometimes I get daughters saying, 'You got my mom back on her feet again,' Or customers who tell me that 'finally my feet don't hurt.'"

Sugar Free Sox also sells compression socks. "They work just the opposite," he explained. "The sock squeezes the leg. For people who have edema, the pooling of the blood at the ankles, the socks will push that blood back up and help reduce the swelling. So for pregnant women, people with varicose veins, waitresses, security guards, people on their feet all day, they won't have tired legs. I wear them for my week-long conventions when I am on my feet the whole time, and I do not have tired feet or sore legs at all because they are constantly pumping the blood. Compression socks run **\$12.99**; they hit right at the knee, and they come in black, brown, navy, and pearl."

Sugar Free Sox can be purchased at the online store [sugarfreesox.com](http://sugarfreesox.com) and also at Foot Solutions in Oceanside, Happy Feet in the North County Fair Mall, and Foot Comfort Store in Vista.

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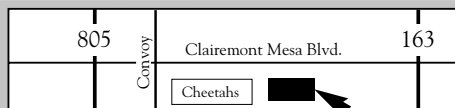
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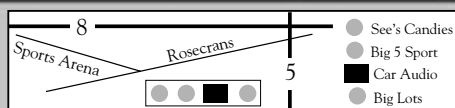
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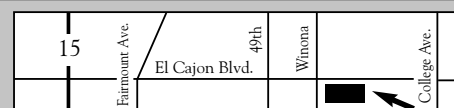
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# Crasher

## THE OUD COUPLE

by Josh Board

**I** was on my way to a belly-dancing party in Spring Valley while talking to a friend on my cell phone who said, "I would drive to Reno to see a bunch of hot belly dancers."

As it happens with many parties I crash, the house was easy to find because, while looking at road signs, I could hear the music from the street. But instead of following the usual hard rock or hip-hop sounds, this was Middle-Eastern belly-dancing music.

There was an air-hockey table inside the front door, and when I noticed several people in the kitchen watching the belly dancers in the adjoining dining room, I said, "Why is everyone in there when there's this great air hockey game in here?" A petite Iranian woman jumped up and said, "I'll play you a game." (It's not important who won, as my basketball coaches taught me, but I realized she'd obviously never learned to be a good sport as she gloated.)

After air hockey, I went into the dining room where there was a table full of ethnic



Top: Alexa's husband dancing; Bottom left: Ana dancing, and an oud player in the background; bottom right: Ana and two of her younger students;

foods (Italian food was represented by Little Caesar's pizza). The kitchen island was filled with alcohol and soda, but the kitchen was crowded with people watching the belly dancers, so I grabbed a Coke and headed to the back patio. There were young kids running around the back yard, one putting ice down another kid's shirt. A six-year-

It was a big house, and all its rooms were utilized. Upstairs, the dancers changed clothes. And downstairs, there was plenty of food, drink, and entertainment. One woman said

**I made the mistake of telling a woman next to me that belly dancing looked easy.**

old belly dancer was getting ready to perform. A few teens flirted with each other. The middle-aged guests were more interested in the food and dancers than in courtship rituals.

to me, "Have you ever seen more desserts in your life?" I felt bad when I saw a carton of ice cream melting, so I grabbed a bowl and a brownie and made a sundae.

As I watched the dancers, I heard someone say, "I think a few of the dancers have been eating too much of that ice cream. There are a few big ones." His friend said, "So what. They come in all shapes and sizes."

These guys and I tried to talk, but with the band playing, it was difficult to hear. I asked a few people the name of an instrument that one of the guys was playing and discovered it was an oud. I had never seen an electric one, and a lady nearby said, "I've never seen one so

rounded." When the band finished, I asked the guy playing it, Al, the difference between an oud and a guitar. "The oud has 11 strings instead of 6. It also doesn't have any frets on the neck. It originated around 1350 B.C." As Al and I talked, hip-hop played on the stereo, and we saw a few people belly dancing to it. I noticed that one of the dancers had a tattoo. I assumed that in the belly-dancing world the body was considered a temple, that tattoos were a no-no.

It was hot in the house with all the people packed in, and I moved nearer to the front door. A cop sauntered in, and I said, "You aren't here to break up all the fun, are you?" He smiled and said, "No. I just heard there was food and belly dancers." He walked in and talked to our hostess, Ana, and watched a few dances. Why can't more police officers be like that?

Ana, who moved to the U.S. from Mexico when she was seven years old, told me that many of the dancers were from Tijuana. She teaches several of them. I

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asked what age her youngest student was, and she said the six-year-old.

The air-hockey lady came over to gloat some more, and I gave her a hard time about the nail she chipped where the puck hit her. One of the musicians came over to talk to her. He played a percussion instrument. It seemed he had had a few beers, and from banging on those bongos, he was a little...aromatic. Of course, he was one of those guys who had to put his arm around me as we conversed.

During their performance, the musicians would chant for someone in the crowd, and that person would have to start dancing. When the belly dancers returned, I watched as several people in the crowd tried to mimic their moves. I made the mistake of telling a woman next to me that belly dancing looked easy, and she lectured me for 45 minutes.

After escaping her, I looked at photos of Ana and her husband. They had been married for several years, and I know it's bad manners to ask a woman her age, but Ana looked great for someone married for "a very, very long time." I discovered that belly dancers don't reveal their age because older belly dancers aren't as desired, and it's more difficult for them to

find work. I also wanted to ask Ana if her beautiful long black hair was real. I'm not sure if that's an appropriate question — I mean, it's not like asking if another body part is fake — but I refrained.

When a busty belly dancer started dancing, I

noticed the men watching and the women scowling. After midnight, a blonde woman named Alexa started flamenco dancing. She brought a board to set down on the tile floor. Earlier, when she was sitting outside with a guy, it looked as if she was about

to fall asleep, and I told someone it looked as if he was boring her to tears. Turned out he was her husband, and once they started dancing, they came to life. Their dance was exciting, and as they hopped around on the board, I kept an eye on the ceiling fan, which

seemed rather low — a disaster waiting to happen. When Alexa's feet stomped in succession, I asked the woman next to me "How many pairs of shoes do you think she goes through in a month?" "I don't know," she responded, "but at least

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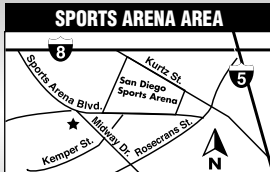


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— Sue Grafton

I don’t know why I was so surprised. I mean, I’ve been with him for four years — it was bound to happen sometime. But like getting your period for the first time, it’s impossible to know how it will feel until it happens to you. Just as I accepted the fact that a week of discom-

fort each month would make me a woman, I have embraced the idea that David’s parents are going to leave their little island and come to San Diego to meet my family, a prospect that (like my first cramps) both excites and terrifies me.

When David’s mother, Ency, first mentioned her desire to meet my family, I took it as one of those things someone says to be nice but doesn’t expect to be taken up on, like when the event planner David and I met at the Friar’s Club in New York said, “Look me up if you’re ever

in New Orleans, and I’ll take care of you!” But the subject came up again and again, and when she started throwing out calendar dates, it finally became clear that Ency meant business.

“I have only one request,” said David’s younger sister, Michelle, who makes her living as a glass artist in Seattle. “Please schedule the meeting so that I can be there. This is something I don’t want to miss.” Over the Thanksgiving holiday at David’s parents’ house, the ladies (Ency, Michelle, Katie, and I) were sipping wine and picking at leftover desserts in the kitchen when Ency made a passing comment about how she was looking forward to meeting my mother.

“If you really want to do this,” I told her, “you should be prepared.”

“I know, I know,” she said, in a rare post-entertaining and alcohol-induced state of extreme relaxation. “I am *de boont*.”

Once, in an attempt to illustrate to his parents the differences between his family and mine, David referred to the movie, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. “You see,” he began, “Barb’s family is like the Greeks, partying and roasting a lamb on the front lawn, and you’re like the reserved, extra polite family that brings the bundt cake.” Ever since that explanation, whenever Ency wants to apologize for her “bundty-ness” (like when she freaks out over a ring of water on her cherry wood cabinet or obsesses over what to make for dinner), she’ll say in her aristocratic Hungarian accent, “I know, I know. I am *de boont*.”

With wine and sugar fueling my tendency to exaggerate, I tried to paint a picture of a typical family gathering at my mother’s house. “Imagine six people all speaking really fast and really loud all at the same time, okay? That’s the ongoing din. When someone really wants to be heard, they’ll just speak *louder* than everyone else. You’re smiling, but I’m serious here.” Ency refilled her glass. “Yeah, you’re gonna need a lot of that when you come over,” I said with a laugh.

I continued, explaining that my mother’s method of making people feel at home is to treat them like one of the family. The “welcome” a first-time guest receives is

often delivered upon the doorstep as my mother, before saying hello, admonishes the new arrival for not having shown up sooner (whether or not the guest is actually late). If the house is not tidy, she will say in her thick Brooklyn brogue, “What’s ah mattah wid you, comin’ heah and makin’ such a mess?” Warm greetings like these are meant to put guests at ease — to let them know that short of dropping their trousers to shit on the dining table, nothing they say or do is likely to offend my mother, and even a repulsive act such as that would most assuredly be forgiven.

Ency’s husband, Robert, followed the laughter into the kitchen and asked what was so funny. I said I’d just been telling the girls about my family and then suggested that perhaps Ency might summarize for him. In her polite and euphemistic way, Ency said, “Barbarella says her family is...upfront.” Robert watched for a moment as we broke into hysterics over Ency’s polite synopsis and then, realizing he wasn’t going to be let in on the joke, he dismissed us by pushing the air with his hands in an “okay, forget it” gesture and returned to the other room.

Whereas the information my mother dishes out is raw, save for a liberal seasoning of salty expletives, Ency prefers to clean, cook, and garnish the facts until she deems them suitable for company. I have never heard anyone in David’s bundt-cake family

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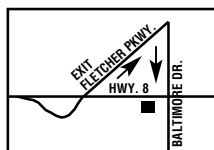
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burp. In my Brooklyn-bred Irish/Italian, lamb-on-the-lawn clan, gaseous emissions win awards.

My family is more comfortable with playful, antagonistic teasing than with polite conversation. My mother is direct, demanding, and controlling, but in a palatably humorous way. For example, if someone places a foot on Mom's table and she decides in a rare moment of furniture awareness that she'd rather not have it there, she'll say, "What da Hell, were you born in a barn? Take your Goddamn foot offa my table!" This usually achieves the desired effect, which is a laugh, followed by the swift relocation of the suspect foot.

David's mother, who is perpetually mindful of her furniture, takes a more indirect approach. If a be-shoed foot verges too close to one of her clean white cushions, Ency will simply focus her gaze upon the trespassing appendage

until its owner takes the hint.

As I imagine our parents' impending meeting, I see our fathers disappear into the TV room, where they loudly agree with a Fox News anchor-person. Robert regales my father with tales of life in Hungary under communism and Dad returns the favor by explaining to Robert the current state of the world in military terms. Meanwhile, over in the kitchen, my mother jokes to Ency that she should "make her own damn coffee." Realizing the miscommunication as Ency rushes to find a cup, Mom backtracks and says, "What da Hell are you doin'? Sit down, you're a guest, let me get it." They then retire to the living room, where they have a clear view of my nephews and niece running around the dining table and dragging a magic marker across the white carpet or the freshly painted wall.

Beneath their very dif-

ferent exteriors, however, Mom and Ency have a lot in common. They both strive, in their ways, to ensure the comfort of others; they love their children dearly and would do anything to see us happy; they are nervous and curious about meeting each other.

After I explained to my mother that Ency is a proper lady, one of good upbringing and acute attention to manners, she said, "So how do you want me to be? Phony-nice? Funny-entertaining?" It struck me that no matter how they behave, our mothers' intentions are all good — they only want to make a positive impression for the sake of the family, because through David and me, they *are* family. Perhaps my worry is for nothing. After all, our parents are who they are, and we love them.

"You know what, Mom?" I said. "Don't be anything other than yourself, and we'll all have a great time." ■



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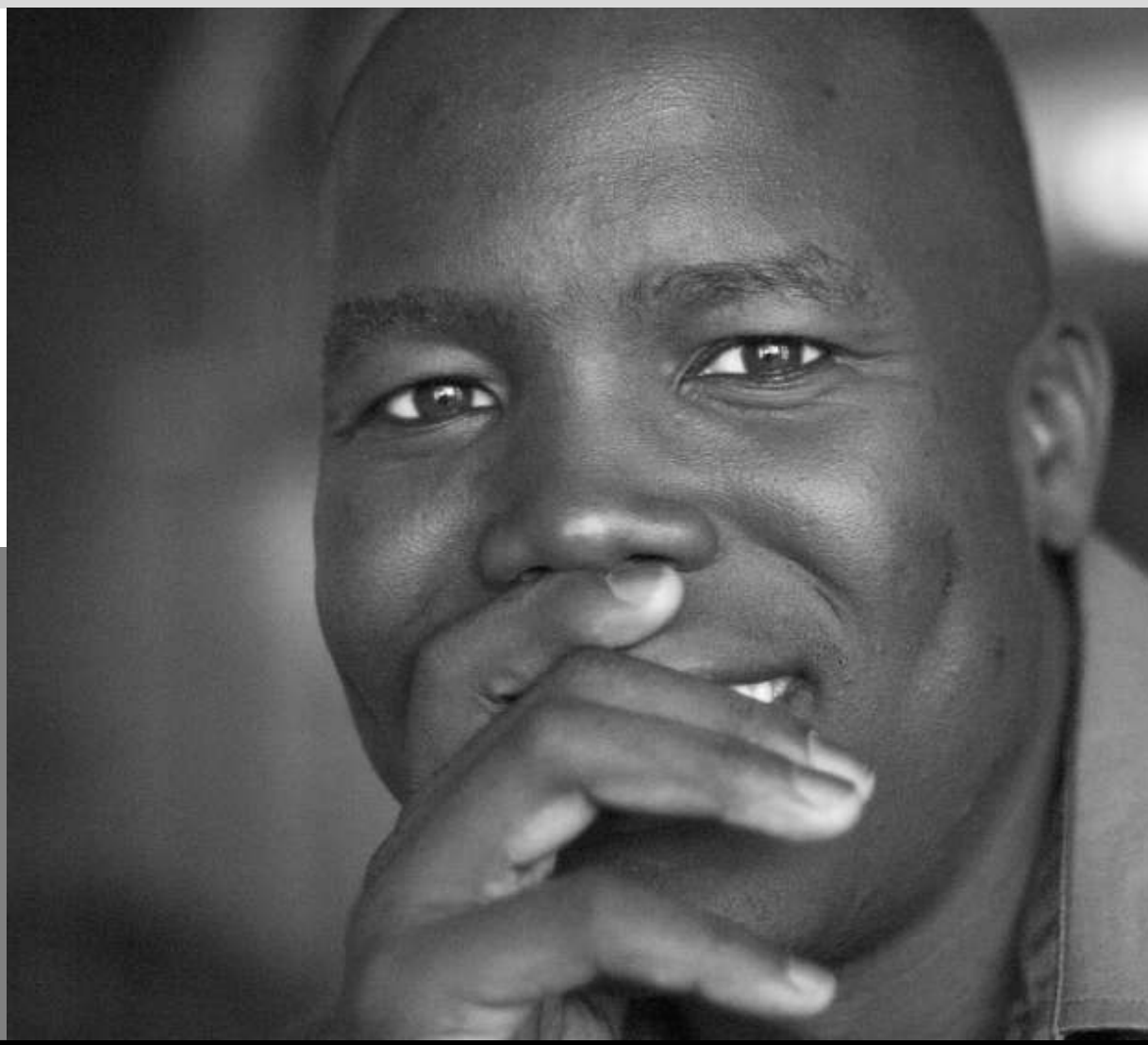
“Most of us couldn’t swim,” says Isaac. “It was really very deep and swollen because of rains. The currents were very, very fast. All the rivers were overflowing. We didn’t have boats. There was no bridge. The army started firing guns at us. Artillery, big machine guns. And that’s why many of us threw ourselves into the river, because we had no option. Out of the river you just get shot. I did not know how to swim, and I was scared to throw myself into the river and get drowned or be taken down by a crocodile. So I followed another group who were running along the riverbank. When I was not able



# We Have to Tell the Story

to cross the river, I got a bad feeling. And I sat down and I asked myself, ‘Is this it? Am I going to be able to make it?’ I thought at that moment that God must have a purpose for each one of us to be in the world, and I knew very well that some of us might die in that attack, and some of us would survive that attack.

“And at that moment my teacher — he had taught me English and math and science in Panyido, and he had walked all the way from Ethiopia with us — came



**“I’m sure being in a safe environment is very good for them and also gives them that calm space in which to deal with the deeper issues. [But] you can’t change your eyes.”**



*Nicodemus Lim*

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# Because We Survived



*Isaac Amol*

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back and held my arm and said, 'You can do it. Let's go.' I remember his name. It's Ariath. He knew how to swim, and he had a rope. The Ethiopians had no means to get across. They just kept firing from their side. So Mr. Ariath crossed the river and tied the rope in the branch of a tree on the other side and helped us to hold the rope and follow it to the other side of the river. Shells exploding, the river racing, crocodiles gathering, people crying, bodies floating. We were terrified. Where we were crossing, more than five crocodiles came to the surface, looking for boys to take down. I was so very scared. A big black crocodile that you cannot even imagine came up. We were barefoot, stepping through the rushing water stone to stone, trying not to slip. Anybody who slipped was lost. Our feet were so sore from the thorns we'd

walked on. But we made it. Mr. Ariath saved the lives of more than 1000 of us.

"And when I finally got myself out on the other side of the river, I really gave thanks to God for doing that to me. More than 1000 of us also died there that day. And I prayed to God that the other boys who didn't have a chance to make it out, who were shot and drowned or pulled under by crocodiles in the river, to save them in His kingdom and let them know that God is available to them."

Isaac leans back in the couch.

"And now, here we are here," he says, "in Coronado."

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"It was basically, originally, Kathy's idea," says Jerry.

"Well, we're both very involved in this," Kathy says.

We're sitting in the



Jerry and Kathy Moser

comfy little living room of the guest quarters at the rear of the Mosers' Coronado property. This is where they live these days, in the cottage behind their house. You look out across the lawn to a grand main residence.

"The Lost Boys live

there now," says Jerry.

"It was the best thing we ever did," says Kathy. "We had been going to move in here anyway, to remodel the main house. Then something happened."

It happened in November 2003, when Kathy read a profile in

the *Union-Tribune*. "It was about a young boy who was a refugee from Sudan. Well, not a young boy. He was at USD on full scholarship. And they did a very nice two pages about how he had come out of the war in Sudan and how he was [studying for] three Ph.D.s, something spectacular like that. And at the end of it they mentioned that there was a documentary film being screened at some of the libraries around town. Except there was only one showing left, and it was over in City Heights."

"And so I said to Jerry, 'I really want to go see this. Do you want to go with me?' Because I wasn't sure how [safe City Heights] was, and it was at night. He said, 'Sure,' and we went over to see this film. A young woman made this documentary following two of the Sudanese boys from the refugee camp in Kenya, and coming on

the airplane, and adjusting to life in America. It was very well done, quite humorous and very touching. There were 40 or 50 people there, and eight or ten Lost Boys too. And I had never heard of the Lost Boys of Sudan. I didn't know who they were, and I didn't know anything much about Sudan. So afterwards, we went up to one of the boys and just asked if there was anything we could do. He gave us a woman's name to call. And I called her. I said, 'Is there any way we can be of help?' and she said, 'Well, we're having a Christmas dinner in a couple of weeks.' And I said, 'I'm there.' And Jerry said, 'I'll come too.'"

That gathering, says Kathy, is where it all began.

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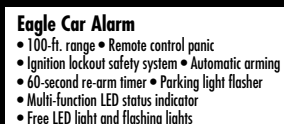
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kitchen all night. They had this Christmas program. People sang carols and they had a meal. Then one of the boys got up, and he said, 'Your Christmas carols are too sad, in English. We would like to sing some Christmas hymns in Dinka.'

"And when they sang these hymns, we just felt like crying. We were so very touched. They seemed so joyful, and they had so much faith, and we'd heard how

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"Jerry was a little...he wasn't so sure at first. I mean, you know, you're moving four strangers in, of a dif-

ferent culture. We didn't know them. We didn't know who would move in, so it was kind of a leap of faith. But we really prayed about it, talked about it for a couple of weeks, and decided to go ahead.

"I called this woman who also helps with them, and I said we'd like to donate our house to the Lost Boys for a year. So three of them came down to meet us. We liked them at once, and they took a leap of faith too, because they didn't know us, or if later we'd

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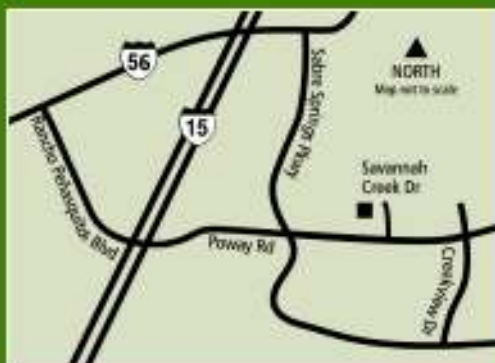
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say, 'I'm sorry, this isn't working out.' They were in a house in Linda Vista that had been cold in winter, and the rent was being hiked up. And they really could not pay the rent the way it was. They were getting some dona-

tions and help just to do that, because they're on school scholarships, and because of their scholarships they're only allowed to work ten hours a week, at school, on campus. It's minimum wage, and so they don't really have that

much earnings to cover gas and books and food, let alone rent."

"We moved out [to the alley cottage]," says Kathy. "We shuffled our furniture around, left the house pretty much furnished with dishes and

bedding for them. We didn't know if we were doing the right thing."

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It's a few days later. This time I walk straight to the main house, across rich grass, electric green in the

penumbra of mature firs whose size makes the two-story, Cape Cod-style structure look more modest than it is. Black shutters hide the brick frontage on either side of white-framed bay windows. Upstairs,

dormers punch out through the wood-shake roof. The place must be 50, 60 years old.

I knock on the front door. A tall young African opens up. Jacob Puka. He invites me in. A moment later, we're lounging in the couches of the dark, planky, well-used living room. Other Lost Boys wander in and out, or down the stairs, talking to each other or into cell phones, in English, and, I'm guessing, Dinka. "Yin ca leec, wok ben yok," says one. He winks. "That's 'Thank you' and 'goodbye.'"

They all seem to be tall, shanky, like basketball players, with broad faces, deep, wide-set eyes, and blue-black satin skin that makes for blindingly white teeth flashes when they laugh, which is often.

Everything is so casual-easy, I have to remind myself what these guys have been through. As Kathy Moser found out, they're participants in one of the most stirring modern stories out of Africa. Twenty years ago, they were all kids, five, six, seven years old, mostly boys, maybe 20,000 of them who escaped murder at the hands of northern Sudanese horsemen by fleeing into the bush. They knew their sisters, older brothers, and parents were being murdered or enslaved. Somehow, they organized themselves and over three months walked 1000 miles by night to Ethiopia. Then, when civil war broke out in that country, the boys, incredibly, wandered for months in the Sudanese desert before they reached Kakuma, a UN-run refugee camp in Kenya.

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vive, not by any means. By some estimates, half of them, perhaps as many as 10,000 boys, died along the way.

So to pop out of that nightmare bubble and wake up one morning in a luxury house in Coronado has to be as surreal as it gets. First, you'd think survivor guilt would set in. Then the explosive energy of rebirth, in a land where ethnic identity doesn't mark you for early death.

And above all, the feeling that this is a miracle, wrought by the Lost Boys themselves, the UN, the IRC (International Rescue Committee), the U.S. — and Jerry and Kathy Moser.

Jacob introduces the other Lost Boys.

"This is Nicodemus Lim, and Isaac Amol," he says. "Mamer, Mamer Ajak, is up working in San Francisco right now." Nicodemus Lim and Isaac Amol stand up

from the sofa to shake hands. I do too. My God. I feel like Alice after she took the "shrink" pill. And, of course, they're not boys anymore. They had to grow up quick 15 years ago. Now their bodies have more than caught up. They are young men, mid-twenties — though none is sure exactly how old, because Dinka culture didn't require IDs and passports and DOB registration.

The first thing you notice is how pleasant, polite, and blithe of spirit

they are. No suspicion, no closed faces, no Götterdämmerung anger simmering in the eyes. These guys seem genuinely happy and optimistic. Plus, they're assured, cell-phone-savvy, computer-literate, and, just four or five years after landing in America, advanced, educationally, heading now for bachelor's and other degrees and professional qualifications. Nicodemus studies information systems at Point Loma Nazarene University. Jacob is into medicine, taking a summer school

physics class, preparing for premed. Isaac is studying criminal law and justice. Mamer is completing his B.A. with a double major in business and international development.

We kid around a bit about living in Coronado. Nicodemus says, "Somebody asked me the other day at school. 'Where do you live?' I said, 'Coronado.' The guy said, 'Where?' And I said, 'Coronado.' 'Did you win the Lotto?' And other Sudanese people say to us, 'Now you *have* arrived

in America.'"

"What Jerry and Kathy have done is beautiful," says Jacob. "People are so kind here. Everybody wants us to succeed."

"Yes, we are very lucky," says Isaac. "God has been good to us."

Jacob says he thinks 4-5000 Lost Boys have made it to the States. "In San Diego there are 87, maybe 90 of us," he says. The window of opportunity closed after 9/11, when security shut down all immigration from that part of the world.

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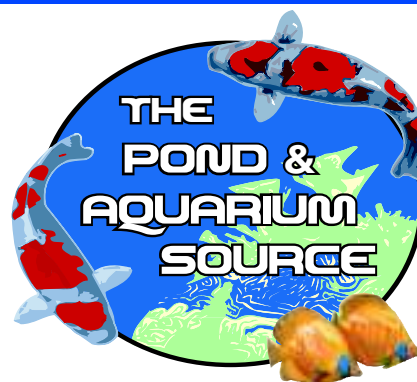
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He says education is important for most of them. "There are a lot of us at the community college right now. But at the university level, I think in San Diego there are five of us. Two of us are mostly finishing this year.

Me and Daniel [Daniel Akech James, not living in the house], who's at USD. He is majoring in math and philosophy. And I have just physical chemistry left. But all of us, me, Mamer, Nicodemus, and Isaac will be

graduating this summer. They'll have B.A.s. I will have my B.S."

You have to wonder how strange this consumer, Western, citified life must be for them. But they seem to have got it down with hardly a hic-

cup. They've mastered everything from driving the freeways, to handling shopping palaces like Wal-Mart, to credit cards, to cell phones, to the "Hey, dude!" culture and California's brasher, faster way of living.

And if their distinctive height, accent, and regal bearing make it hard to meld completely with the crowd, that's a coin with two sides. Jacob says they are seen as different from African Americans. "I don't know

what is behind it. But perhaps it's knowing that I don't have 200 years of bad history with [white America] burning within me. I think because I'm from somewhere [strange], they put on their best face. It'll be 'Oh what is Sudan like? What is going on there? What do you people enjoy doing?' And 'What is the culture like?'"

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I thought we'd launch straight into the terrible times during their famous "forced march" across Sudan to Ethiopia, and then down to Kenya. Instead, we're all seduced by thoughts of life before, when it was just family, animals, clan, river, seasons.

If you envisage Isaac and Jacob and Nicodemus and Mamer, in their pre-Coronado life, as belonging to a tall, pastoral people who live in conical huts on savannas filled with gazelles and lions and hyenas, you wouldn't be far off the mark. They lived in the valley that competes with the Great Rift as the place where man first evolved, where the legendary White Nile oozes into the world's mightiest papyrus swamp, the Sudd, where, till recently, life hadn't changed in millennia.

"My duty as a young boy was to take care of the calves, the young ones," says Nicodemus. "My dad and my older brother would take care of the cattle. Because there were, like, wild animals, especially lions, and it's very hard for a kid to watch out for those. The older people are the ones responsible for protecting the cows from being eaten. If they see a lion, they chase it out. And if the lion got lucky to kill one of the cattle, the whole village will go after it, hunt it down, and kill it if they can. Because they know it will come back.

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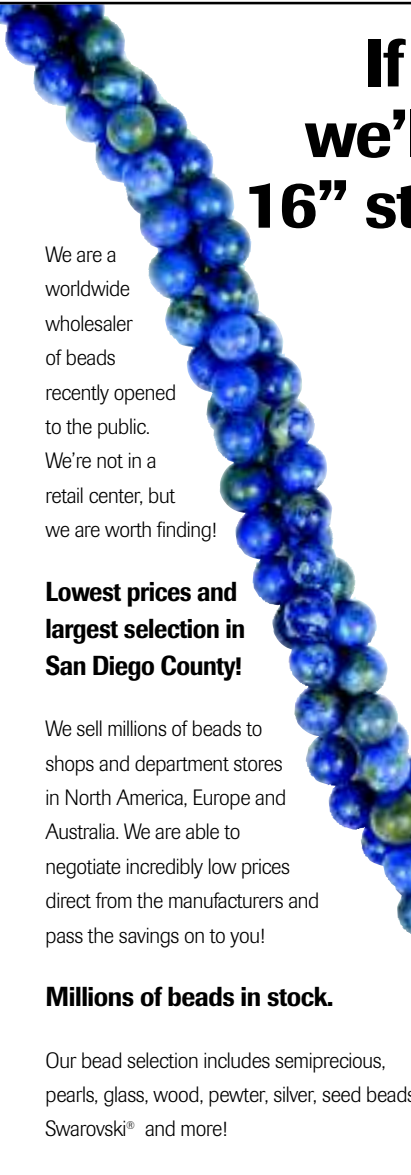
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the other side of a big canal diverting the Nile," Nicodemus continues. "And there were a lot of trees, wild animals, and at night you could hear all kinds of animals. The lions go, like, 'Whoo-who. Hu — hu hu hu hu hu hu hu.' "

He does a perfect imitation of a lion, going from a long G down to C like a foghorn, then trailing off in a series of grunts. Everybody cracks up.

"And the hyenas will go, 'Wooo-whoop! Woo woo-oo!'" Nico says.

"That's a good sound, Nicodemus!" Jacob says. "We'd scare them away by going, 'Woo — whoop!' back."

Everybody laughs again, that infectious clicky laugh.

"Even at the age of six, you had to learn the name of each cow," says Jacob. "You never count your cows, but our family probably had 500. Maybe 300. Like, one might be named 'Adoldit,' after the name of our village. If it was red we'd call it 'Alual.' If it's named after a cattle camp, like the camp that we have along the Nile, we'd call it 'Amayak.' This is what the men train you to know. The name of each cow, the color of each cow. You had to even know the different strings [ropes] they had to tie them down. Each rope for each cow. If you want to milk a cow, then you just go and call her by name, and she will get up. Then you will go and pass milk [milk her]."

"In summertime we — us boys and the men — would walk along the Nile away from the villages, out to, like, total isolation. Only cows, and people who depend only on cows, wild animals and wild food. But we mostly only survive on milk. And the boys and men would cross the Nile so that we could go to pasture. With all the animals. Line by line. Isaac's herd, my herd, Nicodemus's herd.

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They would tell me, 'It is your turn.' Then I would jump in the Nile and call one of my cows, the most experienced cow in the herd. You first will go into the water. Then the leader cow will jump in. Then your herds of cattle

will follow. But you'd have to watch for crocodiles. They sometimes attack. So in the beginning of January, we'd cross the Nile to the other side, to the west side, and spend the whole summer there: January, February,

March. At the end of March, the beginning of April, the rain starts. So we cross the Nile again, coming back home, because when it starts raining, the Nile gets flooded. We get plenty of water at the village. So we

recross and come back to the village, and you start farming. You start growing crops in April, May. Then June, July, August, September, October you start harvesting. We grow sorghum, we grow corn, we grow beans, we grow

ground nuts [peanuts]." The kids didn't have to help in the gardens. "Dad and Mum [he says "mum," in the English way] would wake up at 5:00 in the morning, go and start planting until...10:00. At 10:00,

then, my mum would come back home and cook, and my dad would remain in the garden cultivating. And around 12 or 12:30, we would come and have lunch and take a break for a while. Then around 2:00, he would go back to the garden. They would both go back to the garden and stay cultivating till around 5:00. Then my mum would come back to cook, and my dad would remain gone till about 6:30."

And, Jacob says, parents never had to worry about their children or feel they had to entertain them.

"Oh no. We lived in a community of relatives. So the next-door neighbors' children are mostly your cousins and nephews, like, 30-40 cousins together. Children entertain themselves. We used to have games. I don't remember the names of them in English. In one game we used a ball, and if you got hit by a ball, then you're out. And if you don't get hit, you're in. And in another game they would have, like, one person in one station, and a bunch of people at another station, and what you have to do is to tag somebody to join you, so that you build up an army.

"The only time we interact with elders is during the evening. And that's when they tell their stories. They will tell you how your clan came about, what you need to know about your tribe, and about your clan, and who are your relatives, and who are not your relatives, where can you marry and where can you not get married. Like, which clan is a good clan to get married into. Or 'That clan is related to us, so don't even think of [marrying one of their girls].' All the women and men know.

"And they'd tell stories. I remember a bunch of short animal stories. The cattle and the lion, the fox and the lion, and

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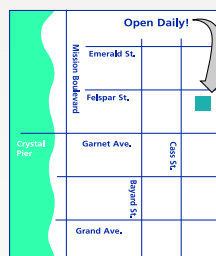
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the monkey and the lion. The monkey and the lion story is about the lion getting his paws stuck in the mud. The lion asks the monkey to come and help him, to drag him out of the mud. And the monkey says, 'I know I can help you, but you guys: If I try to help you now, you will turn and eat me after that.' And the lion says, 'No. Who could eat somebody who helps him?' And the monkey says, 'OK, grab my tail.' Then the lion grabs the monkey's tail and pulls himself out of the mud. So when he has dragged him out of the mud, the monkey tells the lion, 'Now I can go.' But the lion says, 'How can I let you go when I'm this tired? Where can I find something to eat?' So the lion eats the monkey."

Jacob says that now those days feel like a golden time, just out of reach. Yet one that was full of responsibilities. Even here, transported to the world's richest state, living in this exclusive enclave, Jacob is nostalgic for that other life. "We felt like we had everything."

Does that mean kids growing up in San Diego miss something?

"You miss a lot. Because I know the children [here] are born in towns, and the only thing they do is go to school. I have friends who, like now, are finishing in college with me, and they always tell me, like, 'Man! We have been going to school all our lives, and nothing else!' So I told them, 'Better to know life than school.'"

"Yes," Nicodemus agrees. "I think I'd take that opportunity if I could go back and live my life as a child in the way it was before the war."

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were caught in one of its convulsions.

"It was something that I'd never seen or heard," says Nicodemus. "A lot of sound, a lot of guns, killing, village houses burning, screams, smoke, flames.... As a child, I did not know whether there would be another tomorrow. I thought that was it. That was so frightening and terrible."

"When the war actually began in 1983, I didn't really know what was going on," Jacob says. "But in 1987, that was when I really knew something was wrong. When our village was attacked, I

was in the cattle camp, on the east side of the Nile, close to home, but I was not at home. But they moved from the village to the cattle camp, and they attacked people in the cattle camp in the evening. So that's when we ran to different directions. We were told that an attack would come, but we didn't know that it would be at that time.

"Me and my cousins ran together, but my older brother was out with the cattle. So he ran in a different direction. He ended up joining the SPLA [Sudan People's Liberation Army]. He joined because he wanted

to, not because he was forced to. He was killed. Even me myself, if I was old enough, I would have joined. But I was too young."

"It was horrible," says

"[Coming here must be] like going to Mars without your parents."

Isaac. "When we were first attacked, we started walking, looking for a haven, first, towards Ethiopia. That took three and a half months. We were children. On the way, we were attacked by

gunmen during the day, and during the night, we were attacked by wild animals. The lions would creep up as we slept. Have you ever heard a boy being taken by a lion?

You hear him cry just once. Because the lion grabs him by the throat.

"But we decided to hide ourselves during the day and walk during the night and risk lions attacking us. We were

learning about tough choices. We chose to face the lions, because they take only one person, whereas government gunmen could kill hundreds of us at one time."

In Ethiopia they found refuge, schools even, where they stayed for four years in Panyido camp, run by the UN. "We started primary education in Ethiopia," Isaac says. "You had to share one exercise book, and one pencil. When we left Ethiopia at gunpoint in 1991, I thought that if God gives me time to stay alive, and go somewhere, I will be able to go to school again. And I don't

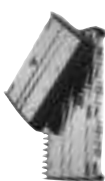
want to lose the book that I shared with the other people. So I [carried] my half-books and half-pencil all the way to Kenya. I had mine until 1999, when I got the chance to go to study at a Kenyan school. And I left my book and half-pencil at home in a box, and after I came back, I found the white ants had eaten them up, pencil, book, all. I was so mad."

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"For the next two weeks we were running, heading for the Gilo River [on the border with Sudan]. It was terrible. During the day we could get attacked by the Ethiopian army, and during the night we used to get attacked by wild animals. So many of my friends, some of my relatives, colleagues, and clan members were taken by lions. And always behind us, we heard gunfire. They captured so many of us. And those who were captured were taken to Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. None of them are alive today. Tortured. All of them died. These were children."

And this was when the Ethiopian army caught up with the churning tide of Sudanese boys and about 200 of the refugee-camp teachers who had fled with them to the Gilo River.

"More than 1000 of us died there," says Isaac. "I can never get it out of my mind."

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It was far from over, Isaac says. Months of suffering ensued, all through their time in the state of Equatoria, being chased down by the hired guns of the Ethiopian government or bombed by Antonov planes of the government in Khartoum. On the other hand, Red Cross officials started following the boys and dropping

food and water. And mosquito nets.

"Four of us had to share one mosquito net," says Isaac. "You can imagine: four for one net: the outside two would still get bitten by mosquitoes. The two in the mid-

dle could sleep. So we changed places during the middle of the night." It wasn't till a full year later, on August 31, 1992, after walking more than 1000 miles, that the survivors finally were allowed to enter the UN-

sponsored refugee camp of Kakuma, in northern Kenya.

But why did the Sudanese government chase them down — just boys — so ruthlessly? "They were worried, knowing that there were

so many children from southern Sudan," Isaac says, "and that the UNHCR [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees] was giving them an education, knowing that that education would help

them understand that war better and help them grasp a clear picture of the Sudan government."

Isaac had been baptized a Catholic in the Ethiopian camp. "But I never thought about God protecting me until I

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came to Kenya and lived in Kenya for nine years and then got the chance to come to the United States. That's when I one time said to myself, 'Why did God keep *me* alive?'

"A few months ago some people attacked my cousin Santino on El Cajon Boulevard. He was going to get a phone card. They wanted money. They stabbed him with a knife."

When other boys could not make it out alive?"

"And I came back with my answer: God has a purpose, to keep me alive. And that purpose was that God will give me a chance to get an education and send me back to help those who cannot help themselves back home. And that dream came true, and I did get a chance to get back to Sudan in 2005, over the summer, and I founded an orphanage for the children who are my age when I had to run from my home. So that was exactly why God kept me alive and what He wanted me to do, to guide me to those who cannot help themselves."

Isaac says the emotional toll on everybody in Sudan has been tremendous, not just the Lost Boys. "The war in Sudan affects every part of the Sudanese. They are

even talked to peers of mine back here. I tried to encourage them, if they can, to plan a trip together with me, back to Sudan to see if we can do some trauma workshops, try to counsel, and have people clear and cheer up their mind. But it's not just there. So many of us in different states of this country have the same problem."

Do the four of them ever talk about the emotional aftershocks, right here in the house in Coronado?

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## We Have to Tell the Story

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[despite] so much depression and so many problems. We sometimes get it together and sing a song and dance and play. We sometimes ask ourselves what gives us that depression, and we'll come up with songs and sing them together and relieve ourselves from painful moments and thinking about the problems."

"And we sometimes make some analysis about what we are going through and what we have at the moment. Like, when we had nothing to eat, we sat together and told stories of all us people, the stories that we have from long time ago,

from our elders. Doing that was a way to waste the time and forget about the hunger and having an empty stomach."

Does that depression still afflict him? "I might have a little bit of depression too, but it's not something that dominates my life," he says.

Sometimes, with that childhood experience always there, Isaac acknowledges, keeping the faith can be tough. "A few months ago some people attacked my cousin Santino on El Cajon Boulevard. He was going to get a phone card. They wanted money. They stabbed him with a knife. He was badly hurt. They left him on the ground, conscious, and ran away.

"After all he's been through! And by African Americans. I try to tell him, 'God is so powerful. He saved you and He kept you alive. This wound will heal.' But he can't work for three months. He was working as a waiter at Rancho Bernardo Inn. He didn't have Medicaid. Santino keeps saying, 'There's no safe place in this world.' "

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"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to an evening with the Lost Boys of Sudan!"

How well are the Lost Boys doing? In some circles, they have become bona fide celebrities.

It's happening this night in La Jolla. Neighborhood House is spon-

soring an evening to hear the three Lost Boy authors of a bestselling memoir (PublicAffairs Books) called *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky: The True Story of Three Lost Boys of Sudan*.

Polite applause rattles through the crowd. It's about seven. We're in a lantern-lit courtyard of the expensive Estancia La Jolla Hotel on North Torrey Pines Road. Guests mingle, cocktails and canapés in their hands, in a sunken garden surrounded by low bungalows, eucalyptus trees, and bougainvillea. A live band plays "Domino." Publishers and benefactors and people from the International Rescue Committee and Neighborhood House talk

earnestly with, yes, three actual Lost Boys of Sudan. Alephonsion Deng, Benson Deng, and Benjamin Ajak, also living in San Diego. They're here to spread the word and plug their book.

Somebody gets up with a microphone. She directs us toward an outdoor screen. We all gather round it as the face of CBS News' Bob Simon appears. He's standing in an African refugee camp. We're watching a replay of a report first broadcast on *60 Minutes* in 2003.

"Tonight we are going to tell you a story about Lost Boys.... Peter Pan was a Lost Boy who fought off pirates and crocodiles before flying off to Never-Neverland. In Sudan, thousands of

Lost Boys fought off dangers we can barely imagine and are happily flying off to a new life in the United States..."

The part that gets me is where Sasha Chanoff, an American working to prepare selected boys for emigration to the United States, tells Simon, "They [the orphaned boys] have a saying: 'Education is my mother and my father.' "

It takes a moment to sink in. That with no parents or village to give them a cultural identity and teach them survival skills, education would have to do the job of preparing them for the world.

At the end of the showing, people stand up, wide-eyed. Some wipe away tears.

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education began very, very early. And I think the answer to that question of how could they survive had a lot to do with early education."

Bernstein introduces Benson Deng. "He's the oldest. He's now 25. I think he was 7 years old in 1987, when his village was attacked in the middle of the night and he had to flee with two 5-year-old cousins in tow.

"Since he's been here in America, he worked at Ralphs for quite a while, until there was a strike. He goes to City College



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still, Grossmont now, and now he works at Waste Management Corporation. He runs their computer and digital-photography systems.”

Benson Deng is the first of the Lost Boys I’ve encountered who gives explicit voice to the emotional damage this experience caused.

“When I walked through the desert in 1987, at age seven, I’ve been wearing the underwear and barefoot. I still now feel the pain. It comes back all the time. It comes back, like the cruelest rage. They come back like a very bad dream. But I’m standing before you today. You have the question, ‘How could they survive and tell the message to these

same people?’ Well, not everybody there survived. A lot died. That’s why we have to tell the story, because we are the ones who are still alive.”

Judy Bernstein reappears.

“Before I introduce the next speaker, I wanted to let you know there are 100 Lost Boys in San Diego, and we have an education program fund through the IRC, and 70 of those 100 are still furthering their education. Which just shows you what a desire was planted in them early to be educated. All of them are working, and none of them are in jail, and I think that’s a really great record.”

Her introduction of Benjamin Ajak, Benson’s

little cousin, tells how some of the guys not on university scholarships are making out. “Benjamin,” Bernstein tells the audience, “was the cousin who walked with Benson. Since he’s been here, he also worked at Ralphs for a while. And he also spent six months on the movie *Master and Commander* down in Mexico, learning how to sail a ship and fire a cannon. And he came back and went to driving school and got a Class A license, and all last year he was driving an 18-wheeler all over the country, 48 states [applause]. But now, I’m glad he’s not. He’s going to be driving here in San Diego. So I’m thankful for that. And he’s going to City

College.”

The three speakers all tell of their struggle to deal with their childhoods while also struggling to make it in America.

Then it’s time to mingle. I tape these notes.

BARBARA: “I just got back from Africa myself on Monday night. I marvel at what they’ve endured to get here, and to do what they’ve done. It must be like living on another planet. I would like to know, how does one go about sponsoring a person? Because [coming here must be] like going to Mars without your parents.”

JIM: “I’m a retired teacher. I’m interested in the personal dynamics of

how they’re selected, how they adapt here, how they’re able to handle the requirements of working, supporting themselves, getting an education, their assimilation to the culture, and their ambitions. I mean, there’s the hurdle of psychological garbage they have to carry. It’s fascinating to me that these people have been stomped down, they lost all their contacts, and they come over here, they’re just on their own, and [yet] they’re able to assimilate, work hard, in the best tradition of immigrants.”

JOE: “I don’t want to be trite with my comments, but it’s not often in life that you have an opportunity to experience something of real

substance and courage. And it also shows how much we take things for granted in this country. That these kids think education is so dear. It wasn’t given to them. They had to fight for it. And it’s given to us here, but we don’t appreciate it. That’s what [affects me]. It makes you think about things.”

PAYSON STEVENS, a writer who lives in India: “In August 2001, I was sitting in JFK airport, and I noticed these boys come in. I went up and welcomed them to America. I became friends with Alephonsion. It’s unfortunate that since 9/11 they stopped taking in refugees from the Sudan. But these young men, it’s amazing to me, their

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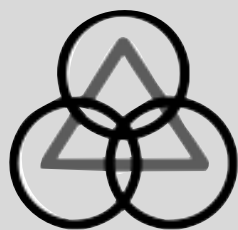
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- Do you have a family member diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease?
  - Have they become more confused?
  - Do they require closer supervision?
- Does their condition seem to be getting worse?

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## BIPOLAR DISORDER

### Mania

- Racing thoughts
- Increased activity
- Decreased sleep
- Increased spending

### Depression

- Sadness
- Lack energy
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feel restless or irritable

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

Some qualifications are:

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If you are eligible to participate, you will either receive study drug or continue your current regimen with close supervision. You may also be compensated for time and travel.

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Dr. Michael Berry at Covance  
San Diego



world that they've come from, and here they are sitting here in La Jolla. It's about as extreme as one can imagine.

"This evening is surreal," he goes on. "When [the Lost Boys] were extras in *Master and Commander*, I went down to Rosarito when they were down there. They introduced me to all these Hollywood types. And I'm thinking: these kids. Just two years ago were fighting to survive, and now they're in this high-rise hotel and acting in a movie. My wife and I have had Alepho over to many meals in our home, and we're always encouraging him to eat, because we knew the way they starved. And he always stops with just a very small plateful of food. And I say, 'Alepho, have some more food.' And he'll say, 'No, I've had enough. I know what enough is.'"

KAMLA KATUR, writer, Payson Stevens's wife: "I think that the problems that they faced is something they are going to have to deal with for the rest of their lives. I mean, just coming to America and having all this wonderful stuff happen to them, it's superficial, in a way. I'm sure being in a safe environment is very good for them and also gives them that calm space in which to deal with the deeper issues. [But] you can't change your eyes. It's like, now you've got a double perspective on things. And looking at all those experiences from this environment probably makes them even more horrible in some ways. Because as human beings we function through contrast. Here, they're always going to be expatriates. And I know what that's like. I'm an expatriate. You never quite rec-

oncile yourself."

Somebody's onstage again. "What we'd like to do in regards to the book-signing tonight, we're going to run two lines...If you have not purchased the book, as of yet..."

And then Alexis Dixon, who does PR for Neighborhood House, takes the mike. "Ladies and gentlemen, please enjoy. There's more music, there's more food, there's more wine, and a ton of books that make great Christmas presents...Enjoy."

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"I'm going to miss him, very much."

Jerry Moser coughs with emotion. Jacob is taking off for the East Coast, the first of the Mosers' Lost Boys to fly the nest. He's off to study with Dr. Bob Slaney in Annapolis to train as a physician's assistant spe-

## RESEARCH STUDIES

# Do you have diarrhea...after weight-loss surgery?

Have you had weight-loss surgery and are suffering from repeated bouts of diarrhea, bloating and abdominal pain? A 16-week research study is underway to evaluate an investigational natural medication derived from the bark sap of an Amazon rain forest tree for diarrhea-predominant IBS. If you have **abdominal pain, bloating and cramps associated with diarrhea** for at least 12 weeks, you may have Irritable Bowel Syndrome and may be eligible for this study.

### To possibly qualify:

- Females, at least 18 years of age
- Prior history of diarrhea-predominant IBS or symptoms including abdominal pain or cramps, bloating, and increase in frequency and loose consistency of bowel movements, and urgency for at least 12 weeks in the last year
- Weight-loss surgery in the past

### Participants may receive, at no cost, study-related:

- Exam and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Lab testing, endoscopy or X-ray studies, medication and EKG
- Compensation for time and travel

### If interested, call:

**The Medical Center for Clinical Research**  
**(619) 521-2841**

# Do You Or Someone You Know Suffer From Migraine Headaches?

If you are:

- Male or female, at least 18 years old
- Have migraine episodes lasting more than six hours
  - Able to spend one day in a hospital setting
  - In good general health
- Have had at least 3 migraines within the last 3 months

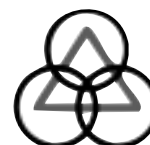
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- Study-related exams
- Investigational drug
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cializing in tropical diseases common in Sudan. Slaney's setting up a clinic there. "Jacob always said that most of the Lost Boys who died weren't shot or eaten, they died of preventable diseases," says Jerry. "It's a great opportunity, but this is going to be hard. Actually, we feel all four of them are like our children. Jacob usually comes back from school on Friday nights and sees us. So we've had a lot of good times at the end of the week. He's just a delightful guy. All of them are."

"It's way too fast," says Kathy. "We're not ready to see him go."

"But aren't you itching to get back into your main house?" I ask them.

"Not really," Kathy says. "We're just fine here [in the cottage]."

And the other three? All will be receiving their degrees come June. Probably this year will be their last in the big house.

"They're all going to put their learning to good use," says Kathy. "Isaac is planning to leave and go to Sudan for six months, to work there to develop the orphanage with this Sudanese priest who's helping all those orphan children. Isaac has already raised \$24,000, from the time he went back to Sudan last summer. They took it back in December, and they're drilling a well...for clean water for these kids, and they've bought school uniforms and blankets for them all, food. So they're giving back already, our guys. This Episcopal priest, Father Matthew, has no money, no finances, he's got 60 kids, and he's trying to take care of them by himself. When Isaac came back after visiting these kids, he told us, 'I saw myself all over again.' And his comment was 'I can no longer work for myself. I have to go back and help.' So he went on a trip to Atlanta. And Atlanta's people asked him to speak, and they

said, 'We'd like to help. We want to give money.' He went to Houston, and one of the baseball players on the Houston Astros gave him a check for \$10,000 and said, 'I

want to help you, and there are other people on the baseball team who want to help you. Money's not a problem. You let us know.'

"So Isaac came back

[to San Diego] with \$24,000 in pledges and set up a banking account for this Father Matthew in Nairobi and wired the money.

"And this was cute,"

says Kathy. "He saw a boy in the camp who he thought was very bright and who already was teaching all the younger kids. He looked to me to be 13 or 14 in the photo I

saw. But maybe he was a little younger, because they're tall. And Isaac said, 'I've adopted him. He's going to be my brother.' "

Mamer has been

## RESEARCH STUDIES

# There is hope...

**Pacific Sleep Medicine Research Centers offer hope, and help, for patients who suffer from a wide range of medical conditions. Transportation may be provided to qualified participants, and qualified participants may receive compensation for their time and travel.**



## Do you have trouble falling asleep?

**A research study is being conducted to evaluate two approved medications in an investigational use in the treatment of insomnia.**

If you have been diagnosed with chronic insomnia and experience difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep, you may qualify for participation in this study.

Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no cost and could be compensated up to \$2,750 for time and travel.

If you would like more information or think you may be eligible for this study, please contact the physician's office below.

## TYPE 2 DIABETES

### The Power of Two

**A combination medication may help lower blood sugar levels.**

If you're making healthier choices but your blood sugar numbers aren't coming down, maybe it's time to consider combination therapy. A clinical research study is evaluating an investigational medication containing two previously approved medications combined into one tablet compared to an FDA-approved drug used to treat type 2 diabetes.

**You may qualify if you are:**

- ☐ At least 18 years of age
- ☐ Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes for at least three months
- ☐ Taking oral medication for at least two months

As a qualified participant, you will receive all study-related care, diabetes supplies and active study medication at no cost, and you may be compensated for time and travel. Insurance is not required.

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- Reimbursement for time and travel

## Do you have trouble falling or staying asleep?



**Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is participating in a national research study of individuals who regularly have trouble falling asleep or awake and unable to get back to sleep.**

**Interested participants must:**

- Be 18 - 64 years of age
- Have trouble falling or staying asleep for at least 1 month

Study related care is provided at no charge, including a physical exam and investigational medication.

Qualified participants could be compensated up to \$1,350 for participation in this study.

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

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## Is Your Child Suffering from Bipolar Disorder or Schizophrenia?

If your child is suffering from bipolar disorder or schizophrenia, he or she may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study through Sharp Mesa Vista Clinical Research Center.

Currently enrolling:  
Child and Teen Bipolar Disorder (ages 10 through 17)  
Teen Schizophrenia (ages 13 through 17)

Participants will receive study-related mental health assessments, physical exams and lab services and investigational medication or placebo at no cost.

All telephone calls and visits are confidential and safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, please call the **Sharp Mesa Vista Clinical Research Center** at (858) 694-8350.

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having a spectacular year too. He has worked two summer vacations for the Omidyar Network, eBay founders Pierre and Pam Omidyar's charity arm. He so impressed them with the \$24,000 he raised among fellow Lost Boys for famine relief in southern Sudan that Omidyar matched the funds. Mamer, too, took the money over to Sudan himself. By the time he got there, they had enough food, so with villagers around the town of Bor, he decided to build permanent classrooms for schools instead.

Then over the summer of 2004, he interned in Washington, D.C., with Senator Sam Brownback, briefing him about Sudan, actually sharing Brownback's apartment, and even went to the White House. And all between studies at Point Loma University.

"People are saying

Mamer could become a real leader in Sudan," Kathy almost whispers.

"So he gets back home from all this," says Jerry. "And he starts school again. And they come into his classroom and they tell him that 'the dean wants to see you.' So he goes to the dean. And it's Randy Newcomb from Omidyar who's in the office there at the college. He said to Mamer, 'We want to offer you a job. Here's the plan: We have decided to commit, what was it, \$45 million?'"

"A huge amount. Millions, to Sudan, and that area of Africa," says Kathy.

"Now Nicodemus doesn't know this," Jerry says. "Mamer hasn't asked him yet, but — we call him Nico — Nico is a computer major. Mamer is going to take him with him to Sudan, and Nico's going to set up all the computer system pro-

grams if this thing happens. It's amazing. This thing with Jacob and the hospital and his training, he's going to be right back in-country.... Each one of them is already doing great things for their country."

Jerry sits back, to collect his emotions, and thoughts.

"We have learned a lot from them. They're very simple in the way they live their life, and as they share their culture with us, it makes me always, well, envious, because the culture is...there's something...you listen to them, and you go, 'That's right, that's how it should be.' And I think with [others], you don't have that feeling that you have with them. And so, in that sense, I think they have a longing for their own culture. Just to be back. I mean, the thing that excites us is that [this

### RESEARCH STUDIES

For Men and Women Who Suffer From...

## Genital Herpes

A 1-year clinical research study is underway to evaluate an investigational medication for genital herpes. Approximately 22% of adults in the United States are positive for genital herpes. Genital herpes is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases in the world. If you are a male or female suffering at least 4 episodes a year, over the age of 18 and in good health, you may be eligible.

To qualify you must:

- Have had 4 or more episodes of genital herpes in the past year (or 4 or more in the year before you started suppressive therapy in the past)
- Be a healthy adult 18 years or older

Qualified participants will receive:

- Examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs and cultures
- Compensation for your time and travel

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## HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS WANTED for CLINICAL RESEARCH



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# Autism Study

Today, as many as 1.5 million Americans are believed to have some form of autism and the number is on the rise.

If your child or adolescent has symptoms of or has been diagnosed with autism, is between the ages of 6 to 17 and experiences severe behavioral problems such as tantrums, aggression and/or self-injurious behavior, he or she may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study through the **Sharp Mesa Vista Clinical Research Center**.

Qualified participants will receive study-related mental health assessments, physical exams, laboratory services, and investigational medication or placebo at no cost.

All telephone calls and visits are confidential and safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

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# Are you overweight? Insulin resistant?

58 million people in the U.S. are overweight and the numbers are rising...

Profil Institute for Clinical Research is conducting a clinical research study to test an investigational drug in overweight people with insulin resistance. People who are overweight are more likely to be insulin resistant. This pre-diabetic condition can put you at higher risk of developing adult-onset diabetes and/or heart disease.

**You can possibly help yourself and others.**

Find out today if you have this condition. If you qualify, we are looking for volunteers to participate in a study lasting up to 4 weeks.

Volunteers must:

- Be overweight
- Not have diabetes
- Be between 18-55 years of age
- Be post-menopausal or surgically sterile, if they are women

Profil provides:

- Study-related care, at no cost
- Compensation of up to **\$5,210.00**  
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**Contact Profil today to find out if you qualify!**

For more info,

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# IS YOUR MIND WANDERING?

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU  
KNOW HAVE TROUBLE:**

- **Paying attention**
- **Staying organized**
- **Procrastinating**
- **Acting first and thinking later**

If so, you may qualify for a research study of an investigational medication for adults with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Qualified adults must be 18-60 years of age and will receive study-related medical care and medication at no cost. Reimbursement may be provided for time and travel expenses. Health insurance is not required.

**For more information, contact:**

UCSD Medical Center  
Dr. David Feifel  
**619-543-ADHD**



## Type 2 Diabetes Research

Dr. Robert Henry and his associates at the VA San Diego Healthcare System are looking for volunteers (both veterans and non-veterans) to take part in a research study evaluating the effects of an investigational drug not approved by the FDA being developed to treat Type 2 Diabetes.

Qualified participants will receive study-related care by board-certified providers, study-supplied drug, and a glucose meter with test strips to last the duration of the study at no cost, as well as up to \$3,570 in compensation for time and travel.

To qualify, participants must:

- Be above the age of 18
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Not be taking medication for your Diabetes

To learn more about the study contact Catherine DeLue at:

**(858) 552-8585 ext. 6740**



## Research Study for Chronic Constipation

### Chronic Constipation?

We are conducting a clinical research study for men and women who suffer from Chronic Constipation. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, have fewer than 3 bowel movements per week, and be able to complete a daily phone questionnaire during the study participation. All office visits, medical evaluations, and study medication or placebo related to this study will be provided at no cost to participants.

For more information on this research study or to find out if you may be eligible, please contact:

**Medical Associates Research Group**  
**858-277-7177**

house] is a place that gives them a little time to come and rest, in the sense that they haven't had to pay rent or utilities. And it's been a lot of help to them that way. And we've got to have this relationship with them with no agendas. There are no expectations other than just really loving them..."

"And we've got the best end of the bargain," says Kathy. "Why, hello, Mamer!"

Mamer appears in the doorway. He looks even taller in the modest proportions of the Mosers' cottage living room. He's popped over from the main house.

"I talked to my fiancée," he says.

That sets the room

atwitter. His fiancée's in Nairobi.

"Now where did she go to call you?" says Jerry. "Did she have a cell phone?"

"We have cell phones," says Mamer. "Her name's Aliet. It's a Dinka name. It means 'something planted ourselves.' Fullness, plenty, prosperity."

Mamer's mom over in Sudan (she survived the troubles) has plainly had a role in this.

"Well, they didn't really select," says Mamer. "It was not...I knew the girl already. And I...hoped she would be interested, and thank God she said she was interested. I went back with a cow, and she was interested in me."

It turns out his name, "Mamer," means "Brown Bull" in Dinka. Mamer didn't adopt a Christian name when he was converted, like the others. "My name is significant, because my dad gave a brown bull in marriage when he was marrying my mum. I'm his firstborn. It's a Dinka custom that you are named after a bull, or you are named after a grandfather. But I don't think that my grandfather was dead when I was born. They have to be dead to be named after them," he says.

Jacob appears. "I've just had exams: development of animals and immunology." He sits down.

Jacob's mom is alive,

## RESEARCH STUDIES

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Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute are working to develop treatments to help you quit smoking marijuana. This 12-week program involves medication.

For more information and to see if you qualify, please call **858-784-7867**

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for more detailed information.



## Attn: Heavy Drinkers

The Scripps Research Institute is conducting 3 investigational studies associated with drinking:

- Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment
- Heavy drinkers seeking treatment
- Drinkers with depression seeking treatment



For more information and to find out if you can earn compensation for participating in one of these studies, contact:

**(858) 784-7867 (STOP)**





# Volunteers Needed



## You May Be Compensated To Help Others.

Accelovance is seeking healthy volunteers for upcoming drug discovery research studies. Must be between 18 and 55 years old. Compensation for qualified participants ranges from \$225 to \$400 and is based on length of study, time and travel commitment.

Volunteers would be required to participate in 3 to 6 visits. Studies conducted at 5920 Friars Road, Suite 200, in San Diego. Study details available by calling us today.

**619.291.2845**

## MEN: Have You Been Diagnosed With Low Testosterone (Hypogonadism)?



**If you are 18-70 years young and have been treated in the past or are currently being treated for low testosterone (hypogonadism)**



You may be a candidate for a research study evaluating an investigational treatment with different doses of a male hormone.

For more information, call:  
**Center for  
Urological Research  
619-460-0595**

too, and he knows she's probably searching for a suitable bride for him. Finding her was a small miracle, after 18 years' separation. "I have a cousin in Uganda, and I asked him where my mum is. I told him to go to look for my mum, and his mum too. So he went back to the village in Sudan and found [them]. And he came back and said, 'I have found our parents who are left.' Because both our fathers are not alive. I sent him about \$150 to go and help them come to Uganda. So I received a call in the morning, Saturday morning. 'Your mum is here in Uganda.' I went to the store and bought a phone card, and I called. And my cousin picked up the phone, and he told me, 'Your mum is here, and you can talk to her.' So I said, 'OK.' Then he got the phone to my mum, and my mum asked me, 'Are you my son?' And I said, 'Yeah, it's me, mum.' And she told me, 'OK, if this is really you, then let's put the phone down, and let me pray first before we talk.' So I said, 'OK.' I told her, 'You can just pray and I will listen.' And she said, 'OK,' and then she prayed, and she was crying. And after she prayed she said, 'OK. I'm back.' And I said, 'OK.' And she told me, 'This is what I have been praying for, to speak to you before the war ends in Sudan, to let me know that you are alive.' Because on that Sunday was the day that the peace was to be signed. So we spoke on the same day that the peace was signed. So I told her now, 'We don't always know how God works, but what you have been praying for is now come true today.' And she started with a verse from the Bible. "You have been lost, and now you are found," and we thought you were dead, and now you are alive." ■

— Bill Manson

# PERIODS

**...Too Long?**

**...Too Heavy?**

**...Too Frequent?**

If your periods have increased in length, gotten too heavy, or seem to be coming far too often, a research study is underway using an investigational oral medication taken daily to address one or more of these issues. If you are over 18 years of age and struggle with any of these menstrual problems you may want to consider this research study.

### To possibly qualify:

- Be at least 18 years or older
- Have either heavy, long, or too frequent menstrual periods
- Not presently on oral contraception or willing to go off

### Participants may receive:

- Exam and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Study-related lab studies, sonogram, and mammography (if over the age of 34)
- Compensation up to \$1150 for your time and travel

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## BIPOLAR DISORDER DEPRESSION SCHIZOPHRENIA



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# IN THE LAND OF SHARED GUILT



Highway 163 as it passes through Balboa Park

**W**hy does San Diego's landscape look like a water-poor Eastern copy? It used to look a lot worse, back in the days when money was measured in cow hides and water was scarcer than Padres fans. Trees? Find a tree in San Diego in, say, 1860, and chances are you were standing in a creek bed gazing at a sycamore or a cottonwood; maybe an oak or some tree-sized willows, a California fan palm or a pine, but you weren't looking at a eucalyptus.

The first ones were planted in California in 1856, according to the *Sunset Western Garden Book*. The word *eucalyptus* comes from the Greek *eu*, good, and *kalypso*, to cover — as in a lid. This refers to the septals and petals in each tree, which fuse into a cap that falls off when the flower opens. Good-cover aptly describes what eucalyptus have been used for in the West. They grow everywhere, even if no one told them to. They were brought here for railroad ties, and failing that, they flourished. Over 50

species are listed in the *Sunset* book, and Elizabeth MacPhail's book on Kate Sessions (*Pioneer Horticulturist*) gives the mother of San Diego horticulture credit for popularizing a dozen different species. Local eucalyptus trees range from great beauties to filthy beasts. Any way you look at it, there's way too many of them.

A couple of years back I knew a big old *cladocalyx* (sugar gum) patriarch in Old Town State Park that once gave up a limb large enough to wipe out a group of

European tourists. The tree dropped its load in the early morning, scaring nobody but the feral cats and gray bunnies that take over the place while we sleep. Less than six months after the limb dropped, a horde of tree-trimmers were out there armed with chainsaws and snorkel lifts; like a bunch of gas-powered beavers on stilts, they chopped the crap out of the tree.

Eucalyptus is frigging everywhere in malevolent glory; our climate is a steroid tonic for most species. Landscape archi-

LOCAL EUCALYPTUS TREES RANGE FROM GREAT BEAUTIES TO FILTHY BEASTS.

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fects from down under are astounded by the size and scope of their brethren here; as exotics in California, the trees do stuff they'd never dare back home. Species of Eucs that would be in scrubby little *mallees* in Australia become hulking brutes here.

Until recently, there were no predators to weaken the Australian transplants. But the eucalyptus longhorn beetle got a visa in 1984 and began boring away. The beetle became so successful that citizens of Rancho Santa Fe hired entomologists to bring in a hired killer from Australia (a wasp) to lessen the destruction. (Unfortunately, it's not working.)

People love eucalyptus trees; they're the most



Tom Ham with oleanders

PHOTOGRAPH BY RANDY HOFFMAN

will grow in San Diego, and therefore almost everything does. But we have our favorites. The popular ones are that way because they make swell fences and require little attention.

If there's a single plant that'll send me over the edge, it's oleander. No good reason for a Nerium oleander in every third yard in San Diego, but look around and you'll find one. They're one of the dominant flowering plants visible as you drive the canyons. Come down the grade on I-15 from Escondido to North County Fair, and they form a flowering wall between the northbound and southbound lanes. Drive down San Diego Avenue or walk through the state park, and you'll see them turned into

flowering trees. There's an impressive group along the eastern shoulder of 805 north, from Balboa up to 52. People like them so much that horticulturists developed a dwarf version.

If you're looking for cheap botanical thrills, oleanders have many desirable qualities. They're tolerant of almost anything — heat, drought, bugs, bad soil, bad care, savage pruning (Caltrans must beat the oleanders on I-15 into submission with a mutant lawnmower), fire, earthquake, pestilence.... They're cheap, and they have flowers that come in white, red, pink, and shades in between. Oh yeah, they're poisonous, too. I remember when my father warned me about olean-

widely planted non-native trees in California and Arizona. Here in San Diego, they form the top of the floral canopy, infecting the skyline, barely leaving room for the occasional tall palm or fellow Aussies like melaleuca (they're like giant bottlebrush trees).

Blue gums (*E. globulus*) will do 100 feet; Manna gums (*E. viminalis*) will clear 100 feet; *cladocalyx* are in the 100-foot range. I like the damn things, but I think there's room in this city for botanical diversity.

Other species of tree are represented through-

out the county: liquidambar, jacarandas, magnolias, pines, cedars, ficus, peppers, corals, ashes, alders, olives, pitosporums, poplars, willows, boxes, and that hideous in-between, the cypress/juniper, which sprouts like a giant green phallus. Almost anything

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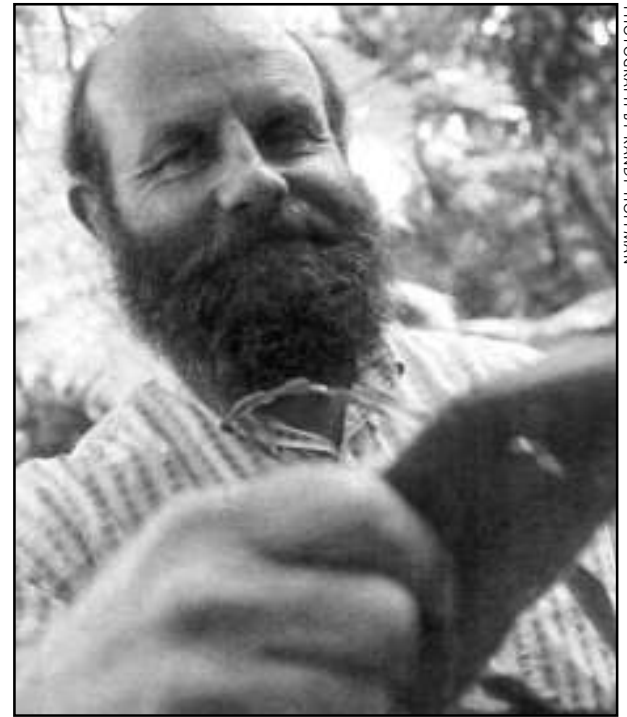
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der toxicity with a story about a little girl who died after she ate the pretty pink flowers. He told me with disdain in his voice, like, "Don't be stupid and eat shit that you know nothing about." He'd found out I liked to eat the berries off the Catalina cherry bush, and he feared I'd go for oleanders next.

We've become so habituated to certain plants that we can't see them anymore. Palms are like that; they don't stand out because they've been stereotyped by regularity. We crop them, cut their gray frond skirts off so we can see their naked trunks. Unlike the Victorians, who were known for covering piano legs with fabric because it was considered risqué to leave legs (inanimate or not) uncovered, we like to expose the trunks of our Mexican fan palms. Some would say it's because vermin live in the fronds, but I'd bet it has more to do with the South Pacific



Charles Coburn

and our desire to be around coconut palms. Coconut palms don't grow well here — too cold in winter — so we turn *Washingtonia robusta* into a fruitless equivalent.

The San Diego Historical Society houses a set of photographs that

occupy the back wall of their research archives. The series marks the beginning of the palm era, giving a visual lesson in downtown's landscape history. I spent an afternoon trying to figure out when a specific palm, a Canary Island palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), was

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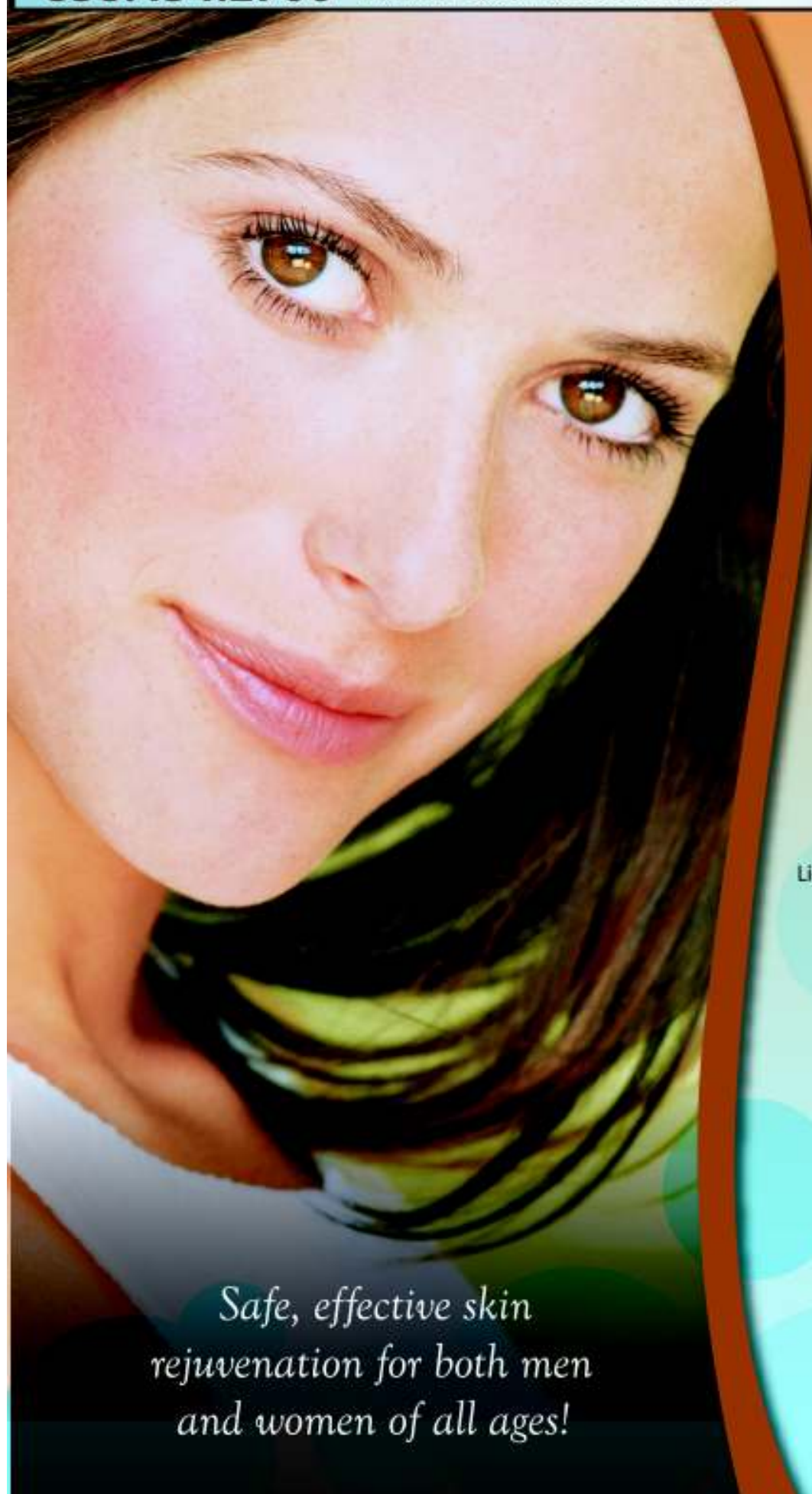


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planted and by whom. The photos, blown up to several feet, show a view of downtown looking across Beech and Ash streets and Sixth and Seventh avenues. The first picture is from 1873, then one in 1888, 1904, 1929, 1972, and one from 1990. According to the photos, the palm was planted sometime between 1888 and 1904 at what is now 620 A Street. And it's still there, only now, instead of standing proudly alone in front of the ginger cottage, it's surrounded by surly office buildings.

I assume the Canary palm was willfully planted, but many of the more common California fan palms are volunteers. One of those rare native trees, California fan palms will also grow anywhere. A crack in the sidewalk is a favorite spot for propagation. They're in the center dividers along our freeways, growing at the base of the J-wall. I've seen them growing on top of bushes; I've seen them grow out of the sewer. People know they're palms, so they leave them

to struggle on, no matter how ridiculous the scenario. My neighbors have a nice one growing out of

wise indifferent sod landscape. If you talk to people who love plants, who live

“STREET TREE PLANTING IN SAN DIEGO IS A MORE EXPENSIVE PIECE OF WORK THAN IN MANY OTHER PLACES WHERE THE SOIL CONDITIONS ARE BETTER.”

the center of their lawn. Unplanned and uncared for, the palm continues to grow, gracing an other-

plants, they tend to be stuck in their own gardens; the only reason they look outside is to pro-

mote their own views. We are a community that lacks what Tom Ham, senior landscape architect for Caltrans, calls an “intelligent force” that can direct our landscaping. If it doesn't grow without the help of thought, then it wasn't meant to be. In Texas, Ham says, people have the same attitude. “If God didn't put it there, then it wasn't meant to grow.”

Ham grew up with a foot in two cultures; his

dad's from Texas, mom's from the Philippines. He's sort of a jungle cowboy: he was wearing a Hawaiian shirt when I met him, and a pair of cowboy boots stood by his office door. (The boots were a gift from a maintenance worker who found them on a pedestrian overpass next to a pair of pants and a load of shit. The tagger they belonged to left in a hurry, and now the boots, which happened to be Ham's size,

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Ham said the Cabrillo Freeway that runs through Balboa Park

was one of the first of two landscaped freeways in the state (the other was the Pasadena Freeway). This was back in 1948-49, when we were freer with our water spending. Parklike set-

The sycamores planted in the grassy center median shade the road with their stature; near the Laurel Street Bridge, they're the dominant tree. You'll find a palm or two, some oaks,

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tings cost a lot of water; every canyon in San Diego can't be landscaped like the inland route downtown. Still, the road to Horton's Addition is a nice botanical accompaniment to San Diego's auticulture.

some shrubs mixed in. The Eucs are up on the sides, along with the pickleweed, the thick-fingered ice plant that's such a fixture on any highway landscaped before the droughts of the 1970s and '80s. That's when

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architects like Ham changed the way they did business.

Ground covers like pickleweed are heavy along the sides of these freeways. Pickleweed gained favor for its erosion-control benefits and its ability to bounce back when drivers sought alternate routes. Unfortunately, it no longer fits into Caltrans' low-water-use reality. Now you'll find *Acacia redolens*, lantana, prostate salvia, and shredded tree bark — or the dry, brown grasses that take over when bulldozed hillsides are left fallow.

Drive the streets behind Mira Mesa High School, and the failure of planned landscaping is apparent. It goes back to the days when these houses were built, when giant tracts of homes were landscaped en masse. I mentioned this to Bruce Asakawa, who has a Western Gardening show Saturday mornings on KSDO. He reminded

me that you don't have to go as far north as Mira Mesa; just look at Kearny Mesa or Clairemont.

Asakawa figured the cheapo development had its place in the postwar growth spurt that so affected San Diego. He hinted that today's buzz word is "sustainable landscaping," which, like the term "xeriscaping," natu-

natured advice to people with pet rhododendrons and azaleas. I turned the show off after an ad for Round-Up came on.

In 1974, the Marston family sponsored an advisory blueprint, written by landscape architects Kevin Lynch and Donald Appleyard, entitled "Temporary Paradise? A Look at the Spe-

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ralizes landscaping by using less water. What's natural for San Diego these days is sustaining sprawling growth. What we've actually sustained is the destruction of chaparral mesa after chaparral mesa. The day after we talked, I listened to Asakawa give good-

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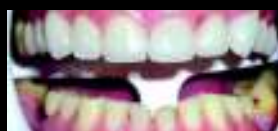
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“too fast,” they cautioned that the “people are unprotected from the sun. The plants struggle with drought and poor soil. The public spaces are barren; the resulting landscape is hot, arid, empty, and monotonous.”

Wide streets and empty yards, dingy lawns, cypress and oleander if you're lucky, even the big Eucs dislike the lots in Mira Mesa. Blaming the people who live there is

ridiculous. Inland development has bred problems that overwhelm our drought-challenged environment.

The emerging technologies for keeping plants alive with less water — and getting plants that don't require as much water — make all the difference. New buildings are landscaped with rock rose, acacias, salvia, sycamore trees, coreopsis, native irises, verbena, and tons of

mulch. Drip systems that sense the moisture content of the soil, matched with small lawns, equals reduced water usage and better foliage. All this takes money, thought, and community leadership. But for many San Diegans, it's easier to get out the trailer, mount up the jet-skis, and get the hell out of Dodge. As Asakawa says, “People don't want to be tied to their yards.”

Lynch and Appleyard

knew that growth was unstoppable; they hoped to provide some overarching intelligence to mollify the land rape. They lamented the destruction of Mission Valley, a living example of the failure of 1950s thinking, and suggested that the city erect a historic monument to the event. The reduction of Mission Valley into “a chaos of highways, parking lots, and scattered commercial buildings” attacked the landscape of the city and bashed its economy.

Mission Valley also happens to be palm tree central. Hotels like the Hanalei, the Handlery, Holiday Inn, the Regency, Quality Inn, the Town and Country, and businesses along I-8 decorate with dozens of palms, mostly the Mexican fan palm, which lends a subtropical character to the

region between I-5 and 163.

Ham told me that when he took a horticultural test for his degree, his teacher brought the class down to Old Town State Park because of the great diversity of palms. Canary Island palms

with the church for reverence and grace. Sadly, Ham reports, the trees have an incurable fungus, and many in the area are beginning to show signs of disease.

“The Palm Lady of La Jolla,” Teresa Yianilos, claims that landscape

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majestically frame the buildings along San Diego Avenue, marking the Spanish-styled church at Twigg's Street and San Diego Avenue like a sphinx guarding the entrance to a tomb. Watercolor painters match wits with the image; trees compete

architect Joe Yamada was the mastermind behind some of the most vicious palm-bashing this city has ever seen. Walter Anderson, Jr., who runs the landmark Anderson Nursery on Pacific Coast Highway, said he remembers a photograph in the *San Diego Union*, circa

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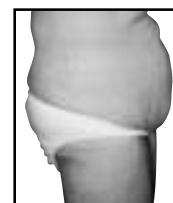
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1970, of Teresa standing on Harbor Drive between a bulldozer and a palm. According to Mrs. Yianilos, the era of the “northern climate advocate” began with the ascendancy (and, she says, monopoly) of the landscape architect firm Wimmer and Yamada. Harvard trained, Yamada was once awarded a prize for his design of Lindbergh field. In Yianilos’s words, his school of design favored “no horticultural basis.”

Harbor Drive, Yianilos’s big bugaboo, isn’t well regarded by many plant experts in San Diego. Besides Yianilos, Ham and Anderson both felt the ball was dropped when that area was landscaped. When



Mexican fan palms

visitors get off a plane from back East, the last thing they want to see is more stinking pines. Sub-tropical plants may not

be any more “native,” but they grow gloriously here, speaking a language closer to our southwest climate. For Yianilos, sub-

tropicals are sacred totems honoring a link to our Kate Sessions-influenced past. “You can’t have a botanical garden

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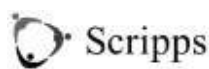
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The San Diego Floral Society's 1913 newsletter featured an interview with Sessions on the "tardiness of the residents of San Diego in preparing for the coming of Exposition visitors." Sessions noted that the 1912 "tree law" was accomplished, but no active work yet begun. "Street tree planting in San Diego is a more expensive piece of work than in many other places where the soil conditions are better. In consequence, the best work will progress slowly." The article ends by suggesting how the city could be quickly beautified and which plants should be used. "Lippia, geraniums, *Phlox drummondii*, pink and white oxalis, sweet allyssum, ice plant, Shasta daisy, gazena, petunias, heliotrope, English ivy, trailing lavender lantana and dwarf lantanas of separate shades, green and variegated vinca, roses, dahlias, penstemons, verbenas, pale blue morning glory, California poppy, Shirley poppy, Baby Blue eyes, marigolds, dwarf zinnias, nasturtiums, statice, mignonette, portulacca, scarlet flax, gaillardias..." — these shrubs and flowers were the quick fix for the years before the Exposition.

We've lost Kate Sessions's sense of mission and style. We've lost the sense of community that allowed the editors of *California Garden* to suggest their readers "work in our gardens...with something of the elevation of mind that we should take into our churches."

"Straight commercialism is killing the inner garden spirit," the January 1914 editorial begins. "We of this period have commercialized everything and are paying the penalty.... We don't know it, but we miss the heart of the garden; we are looking for the inner gate, but we pretend to think it is age they lack and go out and contract for an acre of cement

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walk, as something real solid to tie to."

Charles Coburn inhabits Sessions's old haunts at the San Diego Zoo. He started working there as a gardener in 1971. Now he's the senior horticulturist. His philosophy degree (one of many degrees) lends a thoughtful air to his assessments of San Diego's public gardens.

Coburn and his cadre of plant managers inhabit a small cinderblock building near the rear service entrance to the zoo. Next door is the orchid house, open the third Friday of each month. A meerkat exhibit fronts the road outside.

Inside, the place is drunk with polyglot plantings of bromeliads, ferns, cactus, aloe, and some boring impatiens. The most interesting plant in the courtyard between the orchid house and the horticultural center is a manioc tree with hand-like leaves.

We sat in his office, a

jungle of epidendrum orchids visible out the window. The poor man's orchid, they were donated to the zoo by some benefactor who'd encouraged the plants to grow over six feet tall. Their tiny red flowers formed a trail; they seemed to be marching up the wall of the building like a colony of

authority. "People are unconscious of plants, but they benefit from them in a big way."

Coburn thinks his best accomplishment to date has been making people more plant-aware. By displaying the unusual, the flowering, the scented, the power of combining plants and

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ants. Coburn mentioned that he had a meeting, but as he warmed to the discussion of the psychological powers of plants, the meeting disappeared. The phone, however, rang incessantly.

"Planted spaces are extremely valuable to people," Coburn said, speaking with evangelical

textures and colors, he has inspired the visiting public with possibilities for their own gardens. I admit that Tiger River, with its low-flow misters and lush jungle plantings, turned my head. I put a bunch of two-gallon-an-hour misters in my backyard, and under the spray I threw in a bunch of

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cymbidium orchids, bromeliads, hyacinths, epidendrums, fuchsias — whammo: tropical paradise. I can run the things for hours without running up my water bill, and the overspray has done wonders for the banana trees, guavas, papyrus, honeysuckle, bamboo, a kapok tree, even some of the drought-tolerants like blue hibiscus and salvia.

Coburn's goal is to build an Asian contemplation garden that reflects the diversity of Southern California's cultures. To bridge the gaps, he's going to get local talent to help interpret the space. He wants to avoid plant identification tags, the Latin codes demanded by floral exhibits. Coburn knows of no other zoo that has tried to create such a garden, and he hopes future visitors will leave with something sustaining. Still, he's aware that a gulf exists between plant-aware people and the unenlightened multitudes. "People say, 'Well, so what?' In terms of plants, if you can relate to their health and their well-being — economic and medicinal — that's of some consequence, some interest."

For example, few people consider how they're going to landscape their homes when they buy; a yard is rarely the main factor determining a purchase. The vicious cycle — uniform plant palette, copycat landscaping, economic reduction of nursery selection, uniform plant palette — reigns over the good intentions of many a San Diego landscape architect.

"I can look at a car, its engine, and I just don't see it; I don't resonate to that. Whereas I can look at a landscape and I can feel it, I can see it, I can see how it's going to be, I can visualize it."

Not everyone has the talent to see how a planted space will grow. But Coburn knows that his talent, while unusual, is not impossible to teach.

"It's like a lot of things," says Coburn. "You have to start some-

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"People have a fear of trying something new, a fear of failure, a fear of killing valuable plants, which is really unfortunate," says Coburn. "The attitude to be encouraged is, try to be responsible — don't just kill them off, but try it and learn, and by and large, it'll pay off."

Coburn runs a topiary business where he sells expensive, sculpted plants. His clients, knowing what that leafy giraffe

costs, become wary of touching their living statues. Plants need to be touched, fiddled with — you've got to physically relate to them. They are, after all, alive.

I conquered my own brown thumb fears the hard way: by doing in lots of plants. A couple of years ago, I killed some kangaroo paws, bought

My own jungle is attacking me now. Why I thought it would be a good idea to plant a coral tree escapes me. It's probably Tom Ham's fault: the first coral trees I saw in San Diego were planted by Caltrans on the western end of I-8, near I-5. Coral trees have a short lifespan in this climate. If you hack them back, they

"TO MAKE A NEW CORAL TREE,

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from the Wild Animal Park no less, and the memory has prevented me from trying the fuzzy-headed flowers again. A glorious red salvia covers their grave now. But if you plant ten plants and four die, the other six will pay you back for the losses. The plants you kill are avenged by the ones that live.

don't bloom too well. Keeping corals is like driving with the brakes on. They grow so big and so fast that they literally grow to death, splitting in half as their own weight breaks them. But don't worry if they die — to make a new coral tree, all you have to do is cut off a good limb and shove it into some wet soil.

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I think the druids have been guiding me, leading me deeper into their secret society of green-thumbed soothsayers, planting seeds in my unconscious. I had forgotten that I used to work in a building that belonged to Kate Sessions's nephew. About four years ago, Milton Sessions walked into the building at 2645 San Diego Avenue. He must have been 88 years old

then. He explained how the rooms had been laid out for the flower shop, how he'd brought the architect back from Spain to design it authentically. I thought he was pulling my leg, but I listened politely. I even opened up the office to let him have a peek. Like his aunt's beloved black acacias, which line Rosecrans Boulevard in front of the Naval Training Center, that afternoon Milton

Sessions was a dark old tree, standing unnoticed.

It doesn't surprise me that the trees have started speaking to me. Those eucalyptus, beaver-hacked and limb-dropping, contribute to my life with their convoluted beauty, their ivory trunks etched with graffiti cuts of recognition. I feel better knowing the ancient Eucs stand. Trees are our best hopes made real. ■

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drinks in him when you try to profess your self-proclaimed prowess at being an outstanding QMOW despite your multiple drug cocktails on your down-time.

Without hesitation and without any fake grandiosity — you were a disgrace to the uniform, and I thank my Maker that you are no longer a part of my Navy.

It's not your fault that you got kicked out, though, is it? It's one of your other druggie friends that dined you out, right? What if you had been assigned to a different port? What if your friend hadn't popped hot on a piss test? Yeah, there's a lot of what-ifs, huh? What if you were just responsible for your own actions?

It seems to me like you've never completed anything. You can't complete one hitch in the Navy. What is this story? Is it a chapter in a book you're hoping to write? Probably not. It's just a partial piece in a life with no direction and no center and nothing actually completed since high school.

I'm sure your father is beaming with pride.

And as for you, San Diego *Reader*, this is the biggest Navy town on this coast. How dare you put such a piece of vile swill on your front page?

These aren't engaging sea stories and are in no way a reflection of the men and women in uniform who are proudly serving and literally

dying for our country *every day*. Shame on you for giving this s\*\*\*bag a forum. You want to glorify complacency and negligence and illegal activity and besmirch the memory of every man and woman who has honorably defended this country. Great "reporting."

You want compelling sea stories?

I could tell you about the time in Dubai when I was still half in the bag from the night before, walking around the mall there, and a visibly pregnant woman in the full Arab garb, black dress, veil, and all walked by, and I looked at my shipmate Delgado and said, "That's the fattest Ninja I've ever seen."

I can tell you about shipmates who got guns pulled on them by Russian mafia overseas and the sailors subsequently beat their asses and still made it back to the ship the next day unscathed and right as rain. At least one of which was our Sailor of the Year.

I can tell you about BUD/S dropouts who spend their whole time at their next command trying to get tougher than the first time and go and try to be a SEAL all over again, knowing the arduous ordeal in store for them but still able to think and focus about nothing else because to them that's the only place to be.

I can tell you personally about being a Navy journalist and being on a gun watch in the Persian Gulf and being two handle pulls away from lighting up a dhow while protecting in-

tegral oil platforms that nobody's ever heard of.

I can tell you about making E-5 in two years, drinking like a sailor, and never getting into an ounce of trouble or compromising our mission or my shipmates, but maybe that doesn't read so well.

I can tell you about serving two tours in the Gulf and coming back stateside to San Diego and getting discriminated against for housing because everybody in this city thinks that because you're in the Navy, you're going to break your lease and get deployed tomorrow or something.

But my story is not really that noteworthy or interesting. There are soldiers and sailors and Marines and airmen who are chewing sand and seeing horrors and coming back never to be the same again, or worse, not coming back at all.

Where are their stories?

What I can't tell you about is empty place settings at the dinner table and sons and daughters that are never coming home and how it must rend their families' hearts to see you feature one s\*\*\*bag's feeble attempt to justify his behavior on the front page of your publication.

Why don't you feature San Diego's own Sergeant Peralta, who we picked up with our Amphibious Ready Group and who died in Fallujah saving his buddies, whose commanding officer was in near-daily conversations with the commandant of the Marine Corps to check on the status of his Medal of Honor citation. Where is his front page?

I know this is just a letter-to-the-editor submission. I *dare you* to print this e-mail in its entirety, but I know you won't.

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this country great. I may not agree with the joke of a story that Ollie has to write, but I will go to work tomorrow and defend his right to say it.

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**Shame On You, LT**

Regarding the San Diego RB LaDainian Tomlinson comments made both after the game ("Sporting Box," January 18) and yesterday. Would someone please remind "LT" what the term "gracious loser" means? Before he starts telling the New England Pats players that they are "classless" and are "sending the wrong message out to the kids" and to question the integrity of one Bill Belichick, a certain future Hall of Fame coach.

Perhaps he should instead look inward and focus in on why his team lost the game.

In fact, he should also offer the same advice to his teammates who have been pumping steroids into their bodies, getting shot during altercations, and holding rallies where Shawne Merriman can be heard saying he "will punch NE QB Brady in the mouth," not to mention the "Brady sucks" chant.

Apparently teams are no longer supposed to celebrate a huge victory in the playoffs for fear of offending the opposing team.

C'mon, LT, is this the NFL or a kindergarten class?

I know this won't get published, as we New Englanders were even locked out of San Diego's stadium,

but just had to convey my point.

Michael J. Masi  
Johnston, RI

**The Spanoses Fumble The Ball**

As an avid football fan, I would like to weigh in on the tragic Charger loss ("Sporting Box," January 18). I love football, I love the Chargers, and my father was a great football coach. I have never seen a more talented pro football team than this year's Chargers. Before the regular season was even over, the fat, fake, phony football frauds were flaunting their *new* stadium scam! I *knew* it was *bad luck*! I have seen this before. If *anyone* is responsible for this bad luck, it is *Alex* and *Dean Spanos*. They believe they, the richest in society, can socialize the \$1 billion cost of their new taxpayer-funded stadium onto the backs of average San Diegans. The problem with the Chargers is not the great team they have, the good coach they have, the great general manager they have; it is the loser owners they have! Alex and Dean *Spanos* are the biggest losers in *AFC history*! That is a fact! That is because they care *more* about ripping off the taxpayers than supporting the great talent that they have on this great Charger team! This time it cost the city of San Diego big-time. Not only in money but in momentum the great city of San Diego would have had if they had won. Admit it, San Diego, the Spanoses are *bad luck*.

Name Withheld  
via e-mail

**Bragging Rights**

I was very upset to see my teenage son bring a *Reader* up to me today to show me

an article in which your writer Ollie talks about how he smokes a glass pipe in a stranger's apartment ("Remote Control King," January 18). Now, I'm sure it's legal for you guys to brag about doing drugs in your articles, but can you put some type of warning or waiver on the cover, and that way this can be on the shelves next to *Playboy* and not where my teenage son can sit and read it and be encouraged to smoke methamphetamine. If you guys continue to put articles like this in your paper, I will go to every stand and I will pull them myself and throw them away.

Name Withheld

**Vicious Little Folk**

Re: "Dumb as an Editor," letter from Bob, San Diego (January 18). I would be more than happy to share with Bob and all the readers what the "Tomtin" (otherwise known as the ancestors of Santa's little helpers) were. The Tomtin were little men dressed in red (the color of blood), who were known to attack travelers on lonely forest roads. Vicious little vampirelike folk. Sadistic creatures, the Tomtin were associated, in Germanic folklore, with a number of ancient beings who were said to live even deeper in the forest, venturing out into the world of men only at certain times of the year. Whether Bob or the author of the article to which he refers had the spelling wrong, I don't know. But with the correct spelling, the Tomtin are not hard to research.

Tom Elliott  
via e-mail

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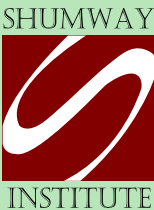
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article written by Joe Deegan, "Fox Canyon. A Park? A Road?" ("City Lights," January 11), is a bit confusing, misinformed, misleading, and the product of a great conspiracy theorist. There's *no* "ad hoc" committee overseeing the "Fox Canyon Neighborhood Improvements Coordination Meetings." There has always been a formal citizens' organization, the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, with a fully and legally instituted formal board, one that is elected by residents of Fox Canyon, and city staff meetings, from different and all departments involved in coordinating and overseeing the proposals' progress — way different!

We the residents of Fox Canyon want and need the Ontario Avenue street connected. We proposed it, and in 1999, we told so to then-candidate Jim Madaffer. Now a councilmember, Mr. Madaffer proposed to *us* the idea of including a park element to make the street connection a "more attractive and sellable project." Upon his constituents' relentless insistence, the councilman has tried to make his promise come through, and we commend and admire him for this. Isn't this the reason why city council members are elected?

Let me give you a simplistic example to explain the municipal shenanigans, if I may: you want and need to remodel your kitchen, but you have *no* money whatsoever. Then you ask Mother for a gift. Mother says, "Yes, but I'll give you the money only when you finish the kitchen." Since you have no money to start the job, you go to your sister and ask her for a loan to remodel the kitchen upon your mother's promise of a payback gift check. If the kitchen is not finished, Mother will not write the check, in this case, a grant. Now you owe the money to your sister. Since the Fox Canyon project is not going to be built, the money used for studies, street, etc., will need to be repaid, simple!

This is the predicament that Mr. Bob Otilie has put the city in, and our neighborhood along the way. By acting like the Spanish royal inquisitor, he has cost us a *lot* of money, time wasted, city staff reputation, and

tempers busted, and the suffering of our children, without a park, and the cost of seven boxes of confiscated documents. But the real sadness is that the needful community that proposed the projects once more is victimized by the lack of them.

Trung Du  
via e-mail

## The Other Side

I read with interest Stephen Dobyns's story on Henry Morones ("Border Angels," Cover Story, December 7). Yes, his name is really Henry.

Nicely written and well documented. Especially liked the part about Minutemen shooting four people and killing one. There is no investigation, Stephen. This "incident" is one of many figments of Henry's rather active and faulty imagination. I am referring these slanderous comments to our attorneys for review. Additionally, as a point of fact, our people are under strict orders to not touch any water stations. We observe that particular drop-off regularly, and in September, a Suburban with 15 illegals and \$10,000 cash was observed, reported, and apprehended. Not the first at that location, I'm afraid.

I'm sure you are interested in presenting a balanced viewpoint to your readers. You are welcome to join us at our field headquarters at Camp Vigilance in Boulevard (you drove past it on Shasta Way). While we cannot account for all of the more than 300 border-watch groups in the United States, I can address our group, the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps of California. We have nearly 2000 members here in California, and frankly, despite having logged more than 14,000 man-hours on the border this year, we have not seen Henry once since he appeared with members of MS-13 a year ago October at one of our border posts to harass us. We have not had one single incident, not one, where anyone on either side of this debate has been injured or harmed. We are the only civilian border-watch group that enjoys a mutually respectful relationship with the Border Patrol, Sheriff's Depart-

ment, and National Guard.

So if you want to see the other side, if you want to hang out with "racist vigilantes" (I am a diversity recruiter, by the way), please take a moment and give me a call. I'd be only too happy to show you what Henry conveniently forgot.

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Carl Braun  
State Director  
Minuteman Civil  
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## Humanly Fine

Thank you, John Brizzolara, for your courageous and compassionate article about living with your mentally ill son ("All of Us in This House," Cover Story, November 22). There is such a tremendous social stigma against mental illness; people don't want to talk about it, much less admit to having a mentally ill relative, as so many of us do. So that is where your tremendous courage comes in. And you haven't abandoned him; rather, you try, despite your own conflicted feelings and troubles. Your love really came through, and your caring, and I'm sure your son must feel that, at some level. You did not try to gloss over the hard parts. I truly appreciate that. For it's our own imperfections that make us human and bring a feeling of empathy. I just want to ask you to stop beating yourself up so much for connecting your son to fantasy. In some way, perhaps, you were trying to form a bridge between his world and the edge of whatever it is we call "normal," in that realm that belongs to magic and poetry. Somehow, you seem to strive to find beauty in your son's condition and also to help him to create beauty too. That is truly inspiring. You must be that inherently fine creation you allude to at your article's end. Forget the "humanly foul" stuff...you both, and your ex-wife too, are truly "humanly fine."

Mary Simon  
La Jolla

# Where the Grass Is Blue

Michael Cleveland in Carlsbad

I started playing the fiddle at the age of four," says Michael Cleveland. "I went to the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville, where they taught the Suzuki method — this guy from Japan, he invented this method of playing where it is taught mostly by ear."

Cleveland, who was recently named the International Bluegrass Music Association's "Fiddle Player of the Year" for the fourth time, will perform with his band at the Carlsbad Village Theatre on Sunday, January 28.

"The first music I remember ever hearing was bluegrass," says Cleveland. According to the bluegrass association, this music has two defining characteristics: instrumentation, in that it is "played on acoustic stringed instruments, including the mandolin, banjo, guitar, fiddle, string bass, and resonophonic guitar [which is made of metal and produces a much louder sound]" and vocal style, often including "multipart, high, lonesome harmony." The name was taken from the popular bluegrass band of the late 1930s, Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys.

"My grandparents started taking me to these open-stage events and jam sessions in Indiana," Cleveland recalls. "When I first heard a fiddle, I knew that's what I wanted to play." The only difference between a violin and a fiddle, he says, is the style of music played. "Classical players [on violin] are very precise when it comes to bowing. Every bow has to be in a certain place for the down bow and the up bow — you can't just play it at random."

In his article "Is That a Violin or a Fiddle?" for *stringsmagazine.com*, Gordon Swift writes that although fiddle music is sometimes faster than classic violin music, it is "technically less complex." However, the simple AABB structure, he continues, "opens up room for variations and impromptu embellishments; the fiddler's artistry lies in the nuance bowing and subtle variety with which these deceptively simple tunes are spun out."

Cleveland developed his fiddle-playing style by participating in jam sessions. "I went to all the festivals I could possibly go to around school," he remembers. His big break was when he was asked by Pete Warrick, banjo player for the band Hot Rize, to perform at an International Bluegrass Music Association awards show as one of the Bluegrass Youth All Stars. It was 1993 and Cleveland was 13 years old. That same year he was invited to play as country music star Alison Krauss's guest at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Much of Cleveland's inspiration comes from musicians who were before his time. "I'm a big fan of Benny Martin's fiddle playing. Chubby Wise was also a good fiddle player that I listened to a lot. I tried to incorporate a lot of their licks into my playing."

Benny Martin's "licks" include "a lot of fifths and double stops" — fifths meaning five notes apart on a scale. Double stops are two notes that are played at the same time. Martin was also a "long-bow player," which means he used all of his bow, rather than playing to the middle only, as did most "old-time fiddle players." Cleveland believes Martin and Wise were two of the first long-bow-style fiddle players.



Audie Blaylock and Michael Cleveland

"Chubby didn't play as many double stops, but he had a great tone and when he would play, he could make a note swell — he could play one note and make it sound full and rich and big as anything."

Cleveland has no other musicians in his family — his father is a truck driver and his mother is a nurse — but he attributes his success to his parents and grandparents. They made sure that he was able to attend every festival and jam session in which he was interested.

"I remember my dad telling me one time, 'Okay, we can do this as long as you want to do it, but when you get tired, you can quit.' My classical teacher would say, 'You need to make him practice three or four hours a day.' Of course I would practice, but it was not a consistent daily rou-

tine; I'd play for maybe five hours one day and none the next day. My dad would say, 'Well, if he wants to learn, he'll practice.' They were supportive, but if I ever said I was getting tired of it, that's it."

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

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## BAJA

**The Comedy** *El Gran Zobako en San Miguel el Chico* continues at Teatro del IMSS (Cárdenas Street and Boulevard Salinas) through January 28, at 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-631-0668. (TIJUANA)

**“Made in Tijuana,”** these 12 short stories by Fernando Picasso Rosales discussed, Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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

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**Hypnotists** Taurus do Brazil and John Milton return to Centro Cultural Tijuana for performances through January. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Monday–Wednesday, at 6 and 9 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, and at 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10–\$13 U.S. Find center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

## OUTDOORS

**Acacias**, festooned with myriad fluffy yellow blossoms, are brightening streetsides, freeway em-

## OUT & ABOUT

**“CALIFORNIA TRIPLE FEATURE”** exploring complexity of gender, Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, UCSD.

(SEE DANCE)



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bankments, and back-yard gardens throughout the San Diego area this month. Although many acacias are

native to subtropical regions, nearly all we see today in San Diego were introduced from Australia. Anza-Borrego's native aca-

cia (*A. greggii*) is the notoriously thorny “catclaw,” known by early desert pioneers as “tear-blanket” and “wait-a-minute bush.”

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**Volunteer Service Project** hosted by REI Encinitas and Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation, Saturday, January 27, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., starting at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Help restore trails surrounding lagoon. Free. Registration: 760-944-9020. (CARLSBAD)

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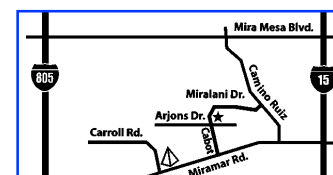
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## LOCAL EVENTS

**Rot Happens,** master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, January 27, 8 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

**Live Entertainment on the Lake!** See coots and migratory shorebirds performing their mating rituals during walk in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, January 27. Adventure starts at 8:30 p.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Trekking the Refuges,** view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Improve Native Plant Gardens** and restore habitat at Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve during San Diego and Chula Vista REI service project, Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m.–noon. Join volunteers at 301 Caspian Way. Free. Registration: 858-279-4400 or 619-591-4924. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Help Remove Invasive Plants** and refuse along San Diego River — from I-5 west to river mouth — with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m.–noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

**Habitat Restoration,** help San Diego Audubon Society enhance wildlife habitat by planting native plants, watering, weeding at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m.–noon. Free. Supplies, directions, required reservations: 619-682-7211. (VISTA)

**Achieve Peace on Earth** — enjoy rippling water of San Diego River, chirping birds, scented flora on guided nature walks set for Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, January 27, 28, and 31, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Bizarre Trees,** cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours

## OUT & ABOUT

**BOBBY MCFERRIN** with Voicestra, Sunday, January 28, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

(SEE IN PERSON)



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hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden, Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m., starting at Balboa Park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Bound for the Buttes,"** join Salton Sea ranger staff for 3.5-mile round-trip stroll to Bat Cave Buttes hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute on Sunday, January 28, 8 a.m.–noon. Explore ancient shoreline of Lake Cahuilla, tour "tail of the San Andreas serpent."

Pack lunch. \$35. Directions, reservations: 760-767-0446. (SALTON SEA)

**Fantasy Afoot,** explore Rancho Santa Fe with Walkabout adventurers on Sunday, January 28. Moderate-plus-paced, 2.5-hour walk over mixed up-and-down terrain starts at 9 a.m. at Via de la Valle and Cancha de Golf. Free. 619-231-7463. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Maintained and Natural Areas Blend** in San Dieguito County Park; explore chaparral habitats and

geological formations via extensive trail system with Canyoneers, Sunday, January 28, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Lopez Homestead History Hike,** visit small turn-of-the-century dairy farm, orchard, Old Road, remains of outbuildings during hike, Sunday, January 28. Outing starts at 3 p.m. at west-end staging area off Sorrento Valley Boulevard, one-half mile east of its intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**A String of Exceptionally Low Tides,** the third such episode in the calendar month of January, will be occurring next week: A low tide of -1.3 feet occurs at 2:07 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30. The tide drops to -1.4 feet at 2:41 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31. And on Thursday, February 1, the tide drops to -1.3 feet at 3:11 p.m. This same period also features extreme high tides of around +6 feet at around 7:30 a.m. Any strong ocean swells or a storm surge coinciding with these high tides could cause flooding of low-lying coastal areas. Periods of tidal extremes are primarily associated with the moon being at either full or new phase — in this case, the moon is nearly full (it is fully "full" on February 2).

**Hawkwatch,** visit Ramona's grasslands to witness winter migration of hawks, falcons, and ea-

gles during outings led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday through February, 9 a.m.–noon. Walks led by trained biologist. Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. Heavy rain cancels. (RAMONA)

## DANCE

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

**The Schomberg Galop,** an energetic set dance, is featured during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, January 26, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Guest instructor is Marc Casslar. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$2. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

**"California Triple Feature,"** new dance and performance exploring "complexity of gender through subjects as diverse as bullying, desire, loss, and life in outer space" presented by Sushi Performance and Visual Art and UCSD, Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, 8 p.m., in Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building (studio 3) at UCSD. Program includes *Division Street* by Liam Clancy, *The Further Adventures of Comrade Valentina* in *Deep Space* by Nina Haft, and Cid Pearlman's *small variations*. \$15 general. 619-235-8466. (LA JOLLA)

**"Viennese Nights: A Vintage Ball,"** Grand Pacific Waltz and Quickstep Orchestra plays waltzes, polkas, country dances, more for traditional 19th-Century ball hosted by San Diego Vintage Dancers in Balboa Park Club, Saturday, January 27, 7–10:15 p.m. Semi-formal or formal evening wear required; mid- to late-19th-Century ball attire encouraged. Nondancers welcome. \$30-\$35. Pre-ball dance workshop 1–3 p.m. (\$10). 619-286-5848. (BALBOA PARK)

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**American Latin and Ballroom Dancing**, Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dance-time Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. West Coast swing lesson at 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

**Turkish Dance Entertainment** by Sytaki and refreshments planned for membership appreciation night, Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Music follows by Eastern Exposure. \$6. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

**An Afternoon of Authentic Movement** promised by Jessica Radulovich and Eliana Lynne Uretsky, assisted by Jane Blount, Sunday, January 28, 1:30 p.m., at NTC Promenade. "Authentic Movement offers an opportunity to sense and follow movement/sound impulses that arise below thought, in the presence of compassionate witnesses." \$36. Required registration: 510-874-4955 (POINT LOMA)

**English Country Dancing** takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Callers are Judee and Chris on January 28. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

**Winter Dance Concert** showcasing a variety of styles presented by dance department at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, Wednesday-Friday, January 31-February 2, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$6, \$7. Find campus at 2425 Dusk Drive, 619-470-0588. (PARADISE HILLS)

## FILM

**La-Di-Dah!** Enjoy Woody Allen and Diane Keaton in (the now-30-year-old) *Annie Hall* when it screens for winter film series, Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**iCine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival** continues with documentary *Noche de Mariachis*, Friday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Film is salute to traditions of mariachi music. Free. 619-230-1938 x104. (SAN MARCOS)

**"Cataclysmic Abyss,"** Foundation Skateboards plans world premiere of its latest video offering, Friday, January 26, at Pacific Gaslamp Theatre (701 Fifth Avenue). Screenings begin at 7, 8, and 9 p.m. Free. 619-232-7523. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**"The Invisible Mexicans of Deer Canyon,"** a documentary examining migrants living in Del Mar/I-5 area, screens Sunday, January 28, 11:30 a.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Avenue). Director Carlos Frey will speak. Free. 760-720-1892. (CARLSBAD)

**"Sherrybaby,"** Laurie Collyer's new film starring Maggie Gyllenhaal — described as a "riveting reflection of womanly angst" — is showcased during Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, January 29, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth"** screening hosted by Zero Waste San Diego, Wednesday, January 31, 6 p.m., at Point Loma Library (3701 Voltaire Street). Discussion follows "on how local communities can help decrease the amount of greenhouse gas emissions through adoption and implementation of zero waste principles." Free. 619-838-3109. (POINT LOMA)

**Around the World in Film**, see *Flyboys* when ongoing Carlsbad Library film series continues on Wednesday, January 31, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with "behind-the-scenes features." Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**"Train of Life,"** this comedy-drama set in Central Europe during summer of 1941 is "both the story of a village drama and a suspenseful tale of great escape." See film and participate in discussion led by SDSU history professor Lawrence Baron, Wednesday, January 31, 6 p.m., at College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road). Free. 619-533-3902. (ROLANDO)

**"Confessions of a Thug"** is just one film screening for fourth annual San Diego Black Film Festival, February 1-4 at Horton Plaza's United Artists Theatre. Program boasts over 30 independent films in a variety of genres (including four world premieres), panel discussions, question and answer periods with filmmakers and actors. Tickets: \$8-\$10. 619-685-7215. (DOWNTOWN)

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roving Mars* and *Deep Sea*. "Fridays at the Fleet" promises *Lewis and Clark* (6 p.m.) and *Ring of Fire* (7 p.m.) on January 26. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

## LECTURES

**"The Art and Architecture of the Great Iranian Empires"** examined when Jenny Rose speaks for Asian Arts Council on Thursday, January 25, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Rose, associate professor and lecturer in Zoroastrian studies at Claremont Graduate University's School of Religion, plans an illustrated lecture on ancient crucible of civi-

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

Although it slices only six miles inland from the Pacific shoreline, Zuma Canyon harbors one of the deepest gorges in the Santa Monica Mountains — and it has the further distinction of never having suffered the invasion of a major road. Under cover of junglelike growths of willow, sycamore, oak, and bay, the canyon's small stream cascades over sculpted sandstone boulders and gathers in limpid pools adorned with ferns. These natural treasures yield their secrets begrudgingly, as they should, only to those willing to scramble over boulders, plow through sucking mud and cattails, and thrash through scratchy undergrowth.

On this challenging-at-times trek, you'll proceed straight up the canyon's scenic midsection, climb out of the canyon depths via a power line service road, and loop back to your starting point on a ridge-running fire road. The roads are shadeless, yet they offer great vistas of the canyon, the ocean, and the east-west sweep of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Note that winter flooding can render narrow parts of the canyon impassable, but such episodes are uncommon and short-lived. During spring, the stream flows heartily and there's plenty of greenery and wildflowers — plus more chance of exposure to poison oak and encounters with rattlesnakes.



The wilds of Zuma Canyon

Cross Zuma Canyon's creek, and turn left on the path going upstream. You'll pass statuesque sycamores, tall laurel sumac bushes, and scattered wildflowers in season. After about a mile's walk, the canyon walls close in tighter, oaks appear in greater numbers, and you'll notice a small grove of eucalyptus trees on a little terrace. A short while later, the path abruptly ends at a pile of sandstone boulders. Now you begin a nearly two-mile stretch of boulder-hopping (and possibly wading); two or three hours' worth, depending on the conditions.

The great variety of rocks that have been washed down the stream or have fallen from the canyon walls says a lot about the geologic complexity of the Santa Monicas. You'll scramble over fine-grained siltstones and sandstones, conglomerates that look like poorly mixed aggregate concrete, and colorful volcanic rocks. Some of the larger boulders attain the dimensions of midsized trucks, presenting an obstacle course that must be negotiated by moderate hand-and-foot climbing.

About 0.5 mile shy of the Edison service-road crossing, you'll pass directly under a set of high-voltage transmission lines — so high they're hard to spot.

A good starting place is the north end of Busch Drive, one mile from Pacific Coast Highway in the Point Dume area of Malibu. The fire road on your left, the Zuma Ridge Trail, is your return route. Take the path across the hillside to your right (east). You lose about 300 feet of elevation as you zigzag down to the wide flood plain issuing from the mouth of Zuma Canyon.

When you finally reach the Edison Road, turn left and follow it to the top of the west ridge. From there, turn left on the Zuma Ridge Trail and follow its lazily curving, downhill course back to the starting point. This and other dirt roads in the Santa Monicas that are closed to motorized vehicles are popular among mountain bikers as well as hikers.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

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**Difficulty:** Strenuous



lization. \$10 nonmembers. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**"John Q. Public and Citizen Jane:** Private Americans in the Political Domain" explores relationship of individual American citizens to their government at federal and municipal levels, through photographs, videos, and multimedia installations. Exhibition in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University includes lectures by participating artists Hasan Elahi on Thursday, January 25, 4 p.m., in Art 412; Pamela Vander Zwan speaks Saturday, January 27, 5:30 p.m., in room 100

of SDSU's Nasatir Hall (with reception following). Artist lectures continue with talk by Luther Thie on Thursday, February 8, 4 p.m., in Art 412, and Paul Shambroom on Thursday, February 15, 4 p.m., in Art 412. Series concludes with artist Martha Rosler, Thursday, March 6, in Arts and Letters 201. Free. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

**Brew at Home**, Ballast Point brewer Colby Chandler leads beginning brewing class, Thursday, January 25, 6 p.m., at Home Brew Mart/Ballast Point Brewing Company (5401 Linda Vista Road).

\$10. Reservations: 619-295-2337. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Marvelous Mushrooms,"** how do mushrooms reproduce? What is their role in natural world? Learn many "fun mushroom facts" during class on Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$32. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Turn Holiday Snapshots Into Works of Art** after photographer Matt Bamberg visits Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North) on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m. Seminar on art

photographs (bring digital camera) planned by Bamberg, author of *Digital Art Photography for Dummies*. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Filmed Collectors,"** independent film curator Scott Marks focuses on films "dealing with characters who are collectors" — *Citizen Kane*, *The Collector*, *Ghost World* — for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, January 26, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Images of the Bosque"** illuminated when Dr. Clifford Oliver presents "photographic safari" of

fly-out at Bosque del Apache for Audubon Society on Friday, January 26, 7 p.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

**"The Metropolitan Water District Growth** and the Environment in Southern California" examined by UCSD political science professor Steven Erie when Sierra Club meets on Friday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (3900 Vermont Street). Erie's latest book is *Beyond Chinatown: The Metropolitan Water District*. Free. 619-585-3773. (HILLCREST)

**Medicinal Uses of Plants and Animals** found in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve highlighted when Dr. Jacquelyn Wilson addresses Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m., at Valley Center Community Hall (28246 Lilac Road). Wilson is both an M.D. and homeopathic practitioner. Free. 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

**"Introduction to Shorebird Identification"** taught Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Learn to make sense of these busy birds through systematic field observations. Classroom introduction, fieldtrip to marshes and mudflats. \$33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Blending Perfume 101**, Andrea Kane leads class on Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Global Tesol College (1807 Robinson Avenue #201). Participants learn of essential oils and absolutes, how they are produced, "their individual therapeutic properties," create "a wonderful massage oil blend." \$125. Registration: 619-865-1354. (HILLCREST)

**Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov** showcased in multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m. (tickets distributed at 9:15), in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

**Karlovy Vary City Architect** Vaclav Kouba uses historic and current photographs of Carlsbad's sister city — seen recently in *Casino Royale* — to present tour of city, Saturday, January 27, 11:30 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Kouba will be joined by glass artist Radek Stehlik, displaying "unique molten artistry of the region." Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

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**Whistle-Blower** Daniel Ellsberg visits Peace and Democracy Action Group at First Unitarian Universalist Church to present "Truth-Telling in a Time of War: A Call to Civic Courage," Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. Requested donation: \$10. Find church at 4190 Front Street. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

**"From Chaos to Order"** — Reverend Patricia Paris plans lecture on Sunday, January 28, 10 a.m., at Pacific Church (11260 Clairemont Mesa Blvd). Paris was recently selected as one of "The 15 People to Watch for 2007" by the *Californian* newspaper. Free. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

**What Is the Potential for Geothermal Energy** production in San Diego? Don Albright answers this question and ponders geology of S.D. for Association for Rational Inquiry, Sunday, January 28, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

**"Nixon the Man — Nixon the President:** What His Biographers Didn't Tell You" revealed when Alexander Butterfield, Nixon's deputy assistant, speaks for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on Monday, January 29, 10 a.m., in Hojel Hall at Institute of the Americas, UCSD. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3409. (LA JOLLA)

**"Travels to Archaeological Sites** in the Southwest" examined by curator, museum historian Rose Tyson for 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, January 29. Hear tales of recent travels to Atlatl Rock, Canyon de Chelly, Casa Grande, Newspaper Rock. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

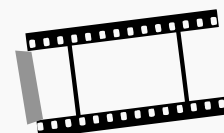
**Del Mar TV Production Class** covering "all aspects of studio production, lighting, cameras, audio," Monday and Tuesday, January 29 and 30, and Thursday, February 1, 6:30 p.m., at 240 10th Street (at Camino del Mar). \$90. Registration: 858-481-2882. (DEL MAR)

**Israel's Rabbis for Human Rights** was founded by author, scholar, and teacher Rabbi David Forman, who is also former director of Israel Office of the Union of Reform Judaism. Forman addresses moral ambiguities attached to these issues on Monday, January 29, 7 p.m., at Temple Adat Shalom (15905 Pomerado Road). Free. 858-451-1200 (POWAY)

**"Botanicals with a Flair,"** Linda Luisi presents drawing and painting instruction, Tuesday, January 30, 10 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Students work in their favorite media. \$30. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

**"Watchdog Journalism:** How the *San Diego Union-Tribune* Won the Pulitzer Prize" explained "in words and pictures" by investigative reporter Brooke Williams and "Metro" editor Lorie Hearn, Tuesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m., at Solana Beach Library (157 Stevens Avenue). Free. 858-755-1404. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Intro to Mountaineering** — crampons, boots, ice axes, essential gear — promised at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive) on Wednesday, January 31, 7 p.m. Techniques, precautions during glacier and backcountry winter travel, roping up with partners,



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## BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

**February 1-4, 2007**  
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• **Festival After-Hour Feb. 2 (10 pm)**  
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• **Meet and Greet Film Stars and Directors Feb. 3 (3 pm)**  
(Upper lobby of UA Theatre)

• **Awards Party Feb. 3 (10 pm)**  
(At Galileo 101, 201 J Street, Downtown San Diego)

• **Film Screening Dates & Show Times:**  
**Fri., Feb. 2 (5:30-10:30 pm)**  
**Sat., Feb. 3 (11 am-10:30 pm)**  
**Sun., Feb. 4 (11 am-1 pm)**

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## LOCAL EVENTS

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**Views on Colonial Kitchens** cooked up by Donna Derrick when Daughters of the American Revolution gather on Thursday, February 1, 10:30 a.m., at Admiral Baker Golf Club (2400 Admiral Baker Road). \$15 includes lunch. Reservations: 858-279-2677. (GRANTVILLE)

**"Dolls through the Ages,"** master dollmaker Maria Ray speaks for History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society and displays examples of "doll-maker's art" on Thursday, February 1, 1:30 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

**African-Based Women's Rights Activist** Molly Melching discusses improvements in infant and maternal mortality, reduction in female genital cutting, related topics during lecture on Thursday,

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February 1, 4 p.m., in UCSD's Robinson Auditorium (9500 Gilman Drive). Free. 858-822-2597. (LA JOLLA)

**"Mel Bochner: Drawing from Four Decades"** and "Jasper Johns' *Green Angel*" illuminated by Nikki Oder for Insight Gallery talk on Thursday, February 1, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Do Crime Victims in Mexico Find Justice?** David A. Shirk, principal investigator for Justice in Mexico Initiative, speaks to Sisters in Crime on Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). The Justice in Mexico Initiative is a binational research project focusing on rule of law and criminal justice in Mexico. Shirk's publications include *Slavery Without Borders: Human Trafficking in the U.S.-Mexican Context*. \$3. 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

**"Word by Word,"** 12th annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea at Point Loma Nazarene University convenes February 21-23. "A Conversation with Anne Lamott" — author of *Bird by Bird, Traveling Mercies, Operating Instructions* — starts at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, in Crill Performance Hall (\$15). Wesleyan scholars John Tyson, Tom Albin, Patrick Eby plan dinner and discussion of "Charles Wesley's Contribution to Our Spiritual Life," Thursday, February 22, 4-7 p.m., in Cunningham A/B (\$10).

New York Metropolitan Opera bass-baritone Brad Garvin presents "A Concert of Wesley's Hymns" on February 22, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall (\$15). Spend "An Afternoon with Eugene Peterson," author of *The Message Bible* and *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, Fri-

## OUT & ABOUT

### CONFESSIONS OF A THUG

San Diego Black Film Festival, runs Thursday-Sunday, February 1-4, at Horton Plaza.

(SEE FILM)



day, February 23, 2 p.m., in Crill (\$15).

Find Point Loma Nazarene University at 3900 Lomaland Drive. 619-849-2997. (POINT LOMA)

## IN PERSON

**Choy Lazada in Concert**, described as "one of the premier organists of our time," Lazada performs on Roland Atelier American classic organ at Desi's Music Center (within Piano Exchange, 1233 Camino del Rio South), Thursday, January 25, 10 a.m. Program promises tunes from "Broadway to Hollywood and everything in between." Free. Required reservations: 619-565-5400. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Smokey Joe's Cafe"** is current production for actors of San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, January 26-28. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$7. Find campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. Showtimes: 619-475-8556. (PARADISE HILLS)

**"Brooklyn Boy"** — Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Donald Margulies's most recent play is presented in "concert-style preview," Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Adat Shalom (15905 Pomerado Road). \$25. Reservations: 858-451-1200. (POWAY)

**The Cherryholmes** bluegrass band performs for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (at Fallbrook Union High School, 2234 South Stage Coach Lane). Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

**Fingerstyling and Chapman Sticks**, guitarist Muriel Anderson performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Thursday, January 25; Chapman stick performer Tom Griesgraber opens. Tickets: \$15, \$20. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORTH PARK)

**"Laugh Out Loud,"** a stand-up comedy night benefiting Hop-

scotch Network, Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m., at Comedy Store (916 Pearl Street). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

**Boston Performance Poet** Elizabeth McKim reads from her forthcoming book, *Elizabethheridge*, Friday, January 26, 7 p.m., at Expressive Arts Institute, NTC Promenade/Liberty Station (2820 Roosevelt Street, studio 204). Book focuses on her ten-year relationship with acclaimed poet Etheridge Knight. Free. 619-239-1713. (POINT LOMA)

**Jazz Concert** with music by Mike Wofford and Holly Hofmann Quartet, Friday, January 26, 7 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). \$20 tickets include wine and cheese reception. Reservations: 760-753-5786 x810. (ENCINITAS)

**An Evening of Mystery!** Theresa Schwegel (*Probable Cause*) and classic noir mystery author Megan Abbott (*The Song Is You*) visit Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss their books on Friday, January 26, 7 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**The Jesus "Chuchito" Valdes Quartet** plays for Jazz at the Point series, Friday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene College (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

**"Untamed and Insane,"** Technomania Circus and blacklight show, Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Murrugun and Dr. Techno present "most original bizarre sideshow, circus, and blacklight entertainment." \$20. 619-220-8663. (NORTH PARK)

**Timeless Celtic Music** on tap when Chieftains take stage at California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Friday, January 26, 8 p.m. Find center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. Tickets: \$45-\$58. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Conversations Among Friends,"** John Stowell and Rick Helzer plan "evening of intuitive and interactive jazz music" at Museum of Making Music, Saturday, January 27, 7 p.m. \$15. Find museum at 5790 Armada Drive. Reservations: 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

**The Psalmist Hour** convenes for performances by independent artist Josh Damigo, songstress and poet Jervae Anthony, poet and ac-

tor Chris Montelongo, poet Nikki Skies, Saturday, January 27, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). MC is Danny-Boy. \$10 at door. 866-815-6550. (NORTH PARK)

**Singer, Songwriter, Pianist** Bill Cantos plans concert on Saturday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Cantos — whose new CD is entitled *Love Wins: New Standards for the New Millennium* — will be joined by Peter Sprague, Bob Magnusson, Duncan Moore, Tommy Aros, Mari Falcone. \$35. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

**Handmade and Built From Scratch** — Rudy Palos and company debut album *Pedazos* onstage "for the first time," Saturday, January 27, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). \$5. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Sketch on the Rocks,"** improv sketch comedy show by Comedy Under Construction, Saturday, January 27, 8 p.m., in community room at Clairemont Town Square (4731 Clairemont Drive). \$5-\$10. 858-550-8088. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Comics That Kill 12: Don Knotts** — Man, Myth, Legend" presented by Stuart Paap, Quartez, Georgia Van C, Bob Murphy, Amadeus, Jason Bang, Saturday, January 27. Stand-up comedy starts at 8:30 p.m. at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). \$6. 619-263-3335. Not suitable for those under 14. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Local C.P.A. and Author** Wayne A. Label speaks about his new book *Accounting for Non-Accountants*, discuss fraud and ethics, answer questions on Sunday, January 28, noon, at Del Mar Library (1309 Camino Del Mar). Free. 858-755-1666. (DEL MAR)

**Former White House Staffer** and thriller author Karna Small Bodman discusses using her insider information while writing *Checkmate*, Sunday, January 28, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**"The Terror"** author Dan Simmons discusses, signs his book on Sunday, January 28, 4 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**Who's the Fiddle Player of the Year?** It's Michael Cleveland, planning concert with Flamekeeper featuring Audie Blaylock, Sunday,

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# Reading

## Hairstyles of the Damned



By Joe Meno  
Punk Planet Books (an imprint of Akashic Books), 2004, 270 pages, \$13.95

**FROM THE COVER:**  
The riotous exploits of a Catholic school malcontent and a punk rock girl fond of brawling and brevity.

**WHAT THE CRITICS SAID:**  
"Coming-of-age tale with a punk-rock edge.... This gabby, heartfelt, and utterly believable take on adolescence strikes a winning chord."

— *Publishers Weekly*  
"Well-observed, often laugh-out-loud funny.... Prime nostalgia for 30-somethings." — *Chicago Tribune*

Joe Meno

"The sweetness and sting of adolescence." — *Entertainment Weekly*

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**  
Joe Meno, 32, has published five books of fiction: *Tender as Hellfire*, *How the Hula Girl Sings*, *Hairstyles of the Damned*, *The Boy Detective Fails*, and a short story collection, *Bluebirds Used to Croon in the Choir*. He is a tenured professor at Chicago's Columbia College and, intermittently, a playwright. Meno writes for *Punk Planet* magazine

and has published his fiction in periodicals ranging from *McSweeney's* to *Alaska Quarterly* to *Gulf Coast*. In 2003, he won the Nelson Algren Award for short fiction.

**A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:**  
Joe Meno has a new novel out, *The Boy Detective Fails*. But what I want to talk to him about is his third book, published two years ago, *Hairstyles of the Damned*. Because it's behaving...oddly. In the five selling seasons since it

first appeared, more and more copies of it are sold. It has managed to attract a readership that's actually growing. Now the folks who made the Academy Award nominee *Lost In Translation*, starring Bill Murray, have acquired screen rights to *Hairstyles* and created a film script that is buzzing. Foreign publishers are buying book rights, too. And *Hairstyles of the Damned* is inching across that line from pop phenom to cult classic as its tenth printing approaches. Joe Meno, its creator, is reaping rewards, but success

didn't come easy.  
"I was amazed: you published your first novel at 24?"  
Joe Meno laughs. "At the time, it didn't seem that amazing. I was so naïve, I thought everyone wrote a book at 22 and got it published."  
He was an undergraduate at Columbia College, Chicago, and halfway through his first novel when he met *Atlantic Monthly's* fiction editor, Michael Curtis. Curtis led to Boston agent Charles Everitt, who placed the

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"To me, writing is exactly like being a musician. The keyboard is a keyboard. You sit in front of it and you practice and practice. You play that thing."

January 28, 5 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets for this bluegrass concert are \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. 858-679-1225. (CARLSBAD)

**Tim Flannery and Friends in Concert**, the musician and former Padre baseball player, base coach, and broadcaster plans concert on Sunday, January 28, 6 p.m., at Christian Church of Lemon Grove (6970 San Miguel Avenue). Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 for kids 12 and younger. 619-465-1888. (LEMON GROVE)

**Bobby McFerrin** with Voicestra — an ensemble of 12 singers — take stage on Sunday, January 28, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). McFerrin is winner of ten Grammy Awards. Tickets: \$45-\$65. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**Bliss Dance and Mantra Music Concert** with yoga instructor/recording artist Wade Imre Morissette, Sunday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). \$20. 206-325-1493. (NORTH PARK)

**Folksinger** John McCutcheon performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Sunday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

**Author** Tom Clavin discusses, signs *Halsey's Typhoon*, Monday, January 29, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Merging Poetic and Musical Sound**, Mary Leary reads from her work, accompanied by guitarist Kevin Berg, Monday, January 29, 8 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Open readings follow (sign-ups at 8 p.m.). Hosted by Larry Dossey. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Author** Lauren Sullivan discusses and signs *Give Wings to Your Dreams*, Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, 858-618-1814). Free.

Busy on Tuesday? Sullivan also appears Wednesday, January 31, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North,

619-295-2201). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN, MISSION VALLEY)

**Local Author** Taylor Wilshire reads from and signs his novel, *The What-If Guy*, Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Faculty Piano Recital** by Paul Kenyon, Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

**Winter AuthorFest** slated for Wednesday, January 31, 12:30-2 p.m., at UCSD Bookstore (9500 Gilman Drive). Discussions and book signings by authors Tom Basinski (*No Good Deed*), Taylor Wilshire (*The What-If Guy*), Phoebe Chongchua (*If the Trash Stinks, Take It Out!*), Linda Yo (*Asian Slim Secrets*), Derek Torres (*The Unofficial Guide to Windows Vista*), and Aezukhail (*Victim of Destiny*). Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

**Jazz and Poetry Filtered Through Handel**, the Beatles, and Thelonious Monk when Nancy Turetsky (flute), Lori Kinkel (cello), and Bert Turetsky (contra-

bass) perform for Concert Hour series, Thursday, February 1, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**Pomerado Saxophone Quartet** plays Bach, Gershwin, swing and jazz favorites for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on February 1, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Conflicts of Religion with Science** and democracy examined in local author Louis Perry's book *Jefferson's Scissors*. Perry visits Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347) to read from and sign books on Thursday, February 1, 7:30 p.m. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**"DrumStrong,"** concert of traditional Japanese drums and West African *djembe* presented by San Diego Taiko and Sene Africa, Thursday, February 1, 7:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door, free for those under 12. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

**Astronaut and Science Mentor** Sally Ride visits Warwick's Books to sign and read *The Mystery of Mars* on Thursday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Guitarones, Jaranas, Baja Sextos!** Enjoy "An Acoustic Evening with Los Lobos" on Thursday, February 8, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Expect classic Los Lobos tunes, material from new CD *The Town and the City*, traditional folkloric songs from Latin America. Tickets for this ArtPower concert are \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

## SPORTS

**"Double Exposure: The Many Lives of Figure Skaters,"** Olympic figure skaters including Jamie Salé, David Pelletier, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Michael Weiss, Alexei Yagudin, Todd Elredge, Yuka Sato, many others take the ice at ipayOne Center on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$110. 619-224-4171. (SPORTS ARENA)

**Rides to Suit Every Rider!** San Diego Bicycle Club's "world famous" Saturday rides start every Saturday — rain or shine — at 8:30 a.m. at 8715 Via La Jolla Drive (in parking lot at La Jolla Village Square). Fast rides, core training, and development rides offered. Helmets mandatory. Free. 619-522-0058. (LA JOLLA)

**Legends of the Future Pro Wrestling** presents "Primetime" on Saturday January 27, 7 p.m., at Veterans Civic Memorial Hall (136 Chambers Street). Scheduled to appear: Tommy Wilson, Shawn Riddick, the Dynamics, the Drunken Luchadores, more. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$13 at door. 619-249-1463. (EL CAJON)

**Double Loop Super Express Ride** hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, January 28. Expect moderate hills, fast pace on ride starting at 8:30 a.m. behind McDonald's in Tierrasanta Shopping Center. Riders cruise east to Santee, loop back around in figure-eight pattern. Snack stop at 60 miles. 858-974-4871. (TIERRASANTA)

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**Steel Pulse** Feb. 16  
**Sprung Monkey** Feb. 16  
**Harlem Globetrotters** Feb. 16, 18  
**Art LaBoe's Valentine's Love Jam** Feb. 17  
**Supercross** Feb. 17  
**Bunny Wailer, Eek-A-Mouse, Culture** & more Feb. 19

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## Christina Aguilera

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**Taste of Chaos** Feb. 21  
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**Lila Downs** Mar. 2  
**Snow Patrol** Mar. 3  
**Doodlebops** Mar. 4  
**My Chemical Romance** Mar. 13  
**Pat Metheny** Mar. 23  
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**"Celtic Woman"** May 7

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March 1

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# Reading

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finished novel (*Tender as Hell-fire*) with editor Dana Albarella at St. Martins Press in New York. When Ms. Albarella moved to a new imprint at HarperCollins, called Judith Regan Books, Joe Meno followed her and signed to publish a second book, *How the Hula Girl Sings*.

Meno came to writing through music. "Writers want to find the button on their keyboard that will make them better writers," he says. "Writers are head people. Intellectual. They want to think themselves into being better writers. It's just not possible. Musicians are in their bodies. To me, writing is exactly like being

a musician. The keyboard is a keyboard. You sit in front of it and you practice and practice. You play that thing."

The music died at Judith Regan Books. "Joe, you dis her pretty severely in the 2004 acknowledgments of *Hairstyles*," I quote: "You suck it: Judith Regan. Badly. And all you other bad publishing corporations. Be ready, the end is nigh."

"I don't feel regret about it either," says Meno.

"It's kind of prescient, actually, given what's happened."

"In light of recent events," laughs Meno. Namely, Regan was dismissed by her employer Rupert Murdoch for her tirade after being stopped from publishing the ultimate celebrity kill-and-tell tome by O.J. Simpson, hypoth-

esizing how he might've done it, if he did, which he didn't. "At *what* point," Meno exclaims, "do you think that's a worthy venture?"

"The Regan imprint," he explains, "was run totally at her whim. Any input from me was completely ignored — the cover, the release date, touring. My fellow writers on the list were film star Bo Derek [the babe in *10*] and 6'2" 300-pound pro-wrestler Mick Foley, who has action figures of him. Resources of time and money were limited. If it was between me and Bo Derek..." Joe sighs. "So many different ways, I lose."

Regan Books gave the pulpy, noirish *How the Hula Girl Sings* a look that had nothing to do with the novel, but one the firm thought would appeal to

female consumers. "Books as magazines," says Joe Meno, "geared toward women who did their reading at the gym. And gossipy celebrity biographies, that was also Judith Regan's baby. Remember, she'd started at the *National Enquirer*."

His requests, he says, for help even in setting up additional readings were dismissed. "The publicist said to me, 'You should only read once in each city.' Even Chicago? This is my hometown! This is where I'm from. So I started booking readings behind my publicist's back."

"Say more."

"I had grown up with punk music, and I was distrustful of the commodification of music. I was a lot more savvy about the music and film industries." Meno pauses.

"I guess I was just naïve to think a book is different than a...gym shoe."

"I guess I was just naïve to think a book is different than a...gym shoe. I know we live in a capitalistic society, and you're selling your art. I have no problem with that. But the way you sell it should reflect what the book is about and the respect you have for literature. A cover that had nothing to do with the book — this struck at the heart of my

disappointment. I took it really personally."

I sit back; Meno is rolling: "In the '80s and '90s, all the corporate publishers were either bought by larger, international conglomerates or they made imprints out of one another." The diminution of the writer is what he thinks resulted. He's not alone.

ety riders on Sunday, January 28, starting at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch in Bonsall. Free. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Meander Along the Coast** with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Sunday, January 28. This 30-miler starts at 9 a.m. in Glen Park (2149 Orinda Drive), heads north through Cardiff and Encinitas, reaches Carlsbad, and heads back along "some less-traveled streets." Bring money for lunch near finish. 760-753-3002. (ENCINITAS)

**2007 USA Steinlager USA Sevens International Rugby Tournament** promises competition between teams from 16 nations playing 44 matches, February 10 and 11, at Petco Park. Rugby Sevens games played on traditional-size field with only seven players per team. Matches begin at 10 a.m., with final matches beginning at 1 p.m. Tickets: \$35 general per day. 619-682-3407. (EAST VILLAGE)

**"Nothing Like It Tour,"** Harlem Globetrotters play their brand of basketball at ipayOne Center on February 16 and 18. Games start at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$16–\$135, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

## SPECIAL

**Help Paint the San Diego River Mural** being created by artist Julia CR Gray, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. daily through January 31 at Linda Vista/Morena trolley stop parking

lot (adjacent to Friars Road). Beginners and experienced artists welcome to join sketching, painting. Free. 619-297-7380. (LINDA VISTA)

**Fruit Tree Propagation** techniques discussed as part of annual scion exchange hosted by California Rare Fruit Growers on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Members, guests bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees to exchange, for distribution. A cutting is a scion if it is to be grafted onto another tree. Bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees, to trade and share. Free. 619-226-6469. (BALBOA PARK)

**"God Save Us from Religious Fundamentalists!"** Discuss your reaction at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street) on Thursday, January 25, 7 p.m. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**House Beautiful Home Show** at Del Mar Fairgrounds, January 26–28. Hours of consumer show with products for the home opens at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 800-999-5450. (DEL MAR)

**Sail on an America's Cup Yacht** at 11 a.m. on weekends through February 25, departing from "A" dock at San Diego Marriott Marina. The *America* sailing adventures head out in search of migrating whales. \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for those 12 and younger. Reservations: 800-644-3454. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Hidden San Diego"** by native San Diego painter Monique Straub is on view Saturday, Jan-

uary 27–Friday, March 9, at Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3280. (SAN CARLOS)

**Health and Wellness Fair** with health and safety exhibits, fitness demonstrations, snacks, bicycle checks, weight-loss discussion by Dr. Nick Yphantides (*My Big Fat Greek Diet*) slated for Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., at Encinitas Community and Senior Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Free. 760-943-2260. (ENCINITAS)

**All Hands on Deck!** Take taste of 18th-Century shipboard life when topsail schooner *Privateer Lynx* and *Hawaiian Chieftain* visit Oceanside Harbor through Sunday, January 28. Dockside tours offered 9 a.m.–noon on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28; battles offered those days between *Lynx* and *Spirit of Dana Point*, 1–4 p.m.

Tours are \$8 general for both ships, free for kids 12 and under. Battle sails are \$55 general, \$30 for kids. Reservations: 866-446-5969. (OCEANSIDE)

**Books to Good Homes**, used book sale, Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

**The Food and Water Bowl XV**, cat agility competition on tap during annual Cat Fanciers Association Cat Show, with 450 show cats from 41 recognized breeds of cat on hand for competition, along with "household pets," January 27 and 28, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show cats on display, adoptable cats, vendors. Show begins at

10 a.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. on Sunday, closes at 5 p.m. both days. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 for children, seniors, military, free for those under 6. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

**Another Postcards for Peace Project** will be completed when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets, Saturday, January 27, 11 a.m., in community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Current issues of peace and justice discussed, actions considered. Free. 619-574-7674 or 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

**Third Annual Grape Bowl** — wine-tasting event benefiting Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad, Saturday, January 27, 2–5 p.m., at Carlsbad Wine Merchants (5814 Van Allen Way, suite 155). \$50 per person (for those 21 and older). 760-729-0207. (CARLSBAD)

**North County Forum** presents Mike Byron discussing, signing his new book, *Infinity's Rainbow: The Politics of Energy, Climate, and Globalization*, followed by question and answer, Saturday, January 27, at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Documentary *Iraq for Sale* will be screened. Social hour with pizza at 3 p.m., program at 4 p.m. Free. 760-758-2410. (VISTA)

**30th Annual Robert Burns Supper** honoring memory of beloved Scottish poet, Saturday, January 27, at Town and Country Hotel (500 Hotel Circle North). Traditional Burns ceremony with "Immortal Memory" by Jeanne McDougall, Burns poetry and song,

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Judith Regan bossed around and browbeat her staff. Meno's editor left without notice, unable to stand it any longer. Regan Books promptly dropped plans to issue a soft-cover edition of *How the Hula Girl Sings*.

Enter Dan Sinker, famously creative editor at *Punk Planet* in Chicago, and Johnny Temple, the much admired and respected publisher of Akashic Books, his small independent press in Brooklyn. Both are intimately involved with the music business: Sinker as editor of the preeminent punk rock magazine, Johnny Temple in his other career as half of the unusual bass-guitar duo in the rock band Girls Against Boys, and as bass player with New Wet Kojak. The two wanted to collaborate on a new imprint at Akashic and came up with Punk Planet Books. Joe Meno was to be its first author. With a modest printing of 4000 copies — in paperback, to appeal to younger habits — *Hairstyles of the Damned* debuted in 2004.

"That is one of the great titles," I volunteer. "Like *Cowboys Are My Weakness*, or *French Lieutenant's Woman*. And the jacket rocks. The cover is perfect." "Our big meeting for the cover was...Dan Sinker and I went skating at the Skate Park in Chicago. We were 30 and had to take a break every so often to breathe. He asked what I wanted. I said just the back of my friend Meghan Galbraith's head wearing headphones," and her short hair, a shocking pink. Pirate Signal International executed the idea perfectly, and the most arresting cover was born. Joe Meno toured 36 cities. Joe Meno read. "I worked my butt off." *Hairstyles* was reviewed on radio, online, in print. Johnny Temple had appealed to Ses-

salee Hensley, Barnes and Noble's formidable fiction buyer in New York. She loved the book and its look and played her hunch, picking it for prominent display and promotion in their new-writers sections. The chain sold an amazing 16,000 copies. Two years later they've sold 36,000, and Akashic's sales are more than twice that. A wonderful success even publishing conglomerates would covet. "Johnny was great," Meno remembers. "It's amazing to see, years later, how successful a book can be without a sales and marketing department. It was an amazing experience. It was like the '80s, when bands like Dead Kennedys and Minor Threat decided to have their own labels, because there was nothing out

## "Johnny and the Minor Threat guys knew each other in high school in D.C."

there anybody wanted to hear. Richard Nash at Soft Skull Press, Sinker at *Punk Planet*, Johnny Temple at Akashic...they all come from that world of punk music. Johnny and the Minor Threat guys knew each other in high school in D.C." "These indie publishers," he says, "are putting out strange, edgy books unlike anything the

megafirms are doing. They're trying to bring independence and independent judgment to book publishing." "And Johnny Temple has issued [in paperback] the book you were so mad at Judith Regan about." "Yes!" Joe Meno exclaims. "*Hula Girl* lives." — Juris Jurjevics

**Wood Tapping for Kids** (aged 7–12) taught Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Participants will learn to make a planter box using fundamentals of wood tapping and paint. \$15. Reservations: 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON)

**Old-Time Fun**, head to Old Town San Diego State Historic Park for fun on Saturday, January 27, starting with parade (10 a.m.) around plaza by volunteers in authentic period costumes. There will be booths with crafts and activities for kids, historical displays, food samples from Dutch oven bake-off contest. Free. 619-850-4856. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

**How Big Is a Whale?** Find out when San Diego Natural History Museum hosts "Whale of a Tale," Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m. Listen to sounds of whale communication, learn how whales have adapted to life in sea over millions of years. For kids in grades one–three. \$15. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Round-Robin Chess Tournaments** planned through June for those from kindergarten through 12th grade at La Colonia Community Center (715 Valley Avenue). Series one is Saturday, January 27, 2:30 p.m. Points awarded at each tournament, with overall winners determined after June 23 competition. Preregistration is \$27 per tournament, or \$140 for all six tournaments; space-available day-of-tournament fee is \$30. 760-721-4400. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Lacrosse Clinic** for those in grades five–eight sponsored by Pacific Ridge School on Sunday, January 28, 1–3 p.m., at Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Parents will "learn about athletics programs in independent schools"

while kids take part in interactive lacrosse clinic. Admission is free; some lacrosse sticks provided. RSVP: 877-843-4424. (LA COSTA)

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**"A Disneyland Adventure"** hits ipayOne Center for performances January 31–February 4. This Disney on Ice production hosted by Mickey and Minnie Mouse considers what happens when the Incredibles take a family vacation at Disneyland.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish), and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

## MUSEUMS

**Chinese Historical Society and Museum**, "Threads of Love: The Art of Chinese Needlework" showcases a collection of Chinese embroidery from late Qing Dynasty and early Republican periods. During Ming Dynasty embroidery artists became daring and began using non-silk materials such as lace, paper, and hair. Embroidery has progressed from practical functions to an artistic form.

Through March.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

**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)

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

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

**George White and Anna Gunn Marston House**, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill,

the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

**J.A. Cooley Museum**, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886–1915, "some classics and a concept car." Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard; 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

**Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum**, housed in a historic

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

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, why does every body produce "mushy, oozy, crusty, scaly, and stinky gunk"? Find out in "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body." Exhibition uses animatronics and imaginative exhibits to explore ways a body's biology does what it needs to do to keep us healthy. Closes Sunday, April 29.

"Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May), "Aging for All Ages," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Archaeological Center**, "A Letter from the Ocean Hotel: Victorian Lady Traveler's Adventures in San Diego, 1888" includes glassware, dishes, bottles, personal items dating from late 1880s that were excavated from a block in East Village area downtown in 2002.

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

**San Diego Hall of Champions**, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

**Museum of San Diego History**, career of local artist is highlighted in "Belle Baranceau: The Artist at Work." Baranceau was "one of the foremost expressionist painters of the 1920s and 1930s" who moved to San Diego in 1933 and received assignments from the WPA. Two of her murals are still in their original locations at Balboa Park Club and La Jolla post office. Exhibit provides broad overview of her career, look at her creative process. Through Tuesday, May 29.

"Nikkei Youth Culture: Past, Present, Future" includes photographs, documents, school yearbooks, military medals, clothing to illustrate children's and teenagers' activities from early 1900s to present day. Exhibit includes look at experiences of Japanese-American youths living in World War II internment camps. Through Monday, March 5.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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### CLASSICAL

**Piano and Flute Music** by Beethoven and Mouquet performed by Cho-Hyun Park and Sunah Park-Jong from South Korea “by way of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Texas” for Concert Hour series, Thursday, January 25, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**Who's the Reigning King of the Violin?** Classical violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in concert, Thursday, January 25, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$60–\$75. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

**Electroacoustic Contrabass Meets Laptop!** Electroacoustic contrabassist Mark Dresser and percussionist/ laptop performer Raz Mesinai collaborate in performance, Thursday, January 25, 8 p.m., in Calit2 Black Box Theatre, Atkinson Hall, UCSD. Mesinai's score for short film *The Projectionist* won the Clive Davis “Excellence in Music in Film” award. \$8 general. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**“Baroque Splendor,”** chamber music ensemble Camarada celebrates the baroque with “one of Bach's greatest concerti,” the “D Minor,” in concert on Friday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Also on tap: Bach's “Suite No. 3 in C Major,” selections by Vivaldi, Couperin, Telemann. \$25. Concert is repeated on Sunday, February 4, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). 619-231-3702. (MIDDLETOWN, LA JOLLA)

**Red Priest**, described as “an edgy early music ensemble” hailing from the United Kingdom, performs for Barbara and William Karatz chamber concert series on Friday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Ensemble “has redefined the art of baroque music performance.” \$35. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Selections by Poulenc, Debussy, Prokofiev** promised when pianist and Musical Merit Foundation winner Kristina Jacinth performs for Music at Founders' Hall series, Friday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Diego (1036 Solana Drive). \$10. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series** commences with concerts of Schubert compositions performed by Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio, January 26–28. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$42. Events on Sunday include reception at 5:30 p.m., concert at 6:30 p.m., at Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Ciela); \$50. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

**“Mozart and the Age of Enlightenment,”** conductor Nuvi Mehta, pianist Angela Cheng, and San Diego Symphony present Light Bulb Discovery concert, Friday, January 26. Mehta and company explore question of to what degree Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart influenced or was molded by ideas, events of Age of Enlightenment. Mozart works include “Symphony No. 32,” “Piano Concerto No. 12,” and “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik,” along with pieces by Handel and Haydn. Concert begins at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15–\$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Harmony of Invention,”** principal players of Bach Collegium San Diego perform recently discovered J.S. Bach aria “Alles mit Gott” with soprano Anne-Marie Dicce, January 27 and 28. Program

includes pieces by Purcell, Vivaldi.

Partial program presented on Saturday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street); offering. Full program slated for Sunday at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street); \$20 general. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. 760-715-7956. (DEL MAR, LA JOLLA)

**Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces**, the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart's “Magic Flute Overture,” “Jupiter” from “The Planets” by Holst, “Symphony No. 5” by Tchaikovsky, and “Serenade for Strings” by Dvořák for ongoing series. Concerts offered on Saturday, January 27, 7 p.m., at St. David's Episcopal Church (5050 Milton Street) and Sunday, January 28, 7 p.m., at First Baptist Church of San Diego (5055 Governor Drive). Offering. 619-235-8067. (BAY PARK, UNIVERSITY CITY)

**The “Stunning” Emerson String Quartet** plays Beethoven's “String Quartet in F Major,” Carl Nielsen's “At the Bier of a Young Artist,” “Five Movements” by Anton Webern, and Schubert's “String Quartet in D Minor (‘Death and the Maiden’)” for ArtPower concert on Saturday, January 27, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Quartet has won six Grammy Awards. Tickets: \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**San Diego Youth Symphony** convenes for concerts on Sunday, January 28. “Showcase Series” begins at 1 p.m. with performances by Debut Strings, Concert Strings, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Wind Ensemble, and the Symphonic Orchestra.

An “Ovation Series” concert begins at 5 p.m., with San Diego

Youth Symphony and Philharmonia, as well as Mark Teplitsky — winner of organization's Concerto Competition — performing the Jacques Ibert “Flute Concerto.” Tickets to these Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) concerts are \$10, \$15 for students/seniors; \$20, \$25 general. 619-233-3232. (DOWNTOWN)

**Guest Organist** Ty Woodward plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, January 28, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**French Twist**, rich French musical traditions explored by pianist Peter Gach and soprano Mary Jaeb in “Chanson, from Concert Hall to Cabaret,” Sunday, January 28, 2 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concert in “conversational format” includes music by Bizet, Debussy, Edith Piaf, Eric Satie. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

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**“Invocations and Evocations,”** Noise at the Library series continues with concert on Sunday, January 28. Program boasts pieces by Earle Brown, three open-form works from late 1970s, Michael Nyman's “Bell Set No. 1,” “Inlets for Amplified Conch Shells” by John Cage, Stuart Saunders Smith's deconstructed pop song “Notebook,” two works by composer/Bang on a Can clarinetist Evan Ziporyn, more! Events commence at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street) with preconcert

talk 2:30 p.m., followed by concert at 3 p.m. \$17. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Religioso/Diabolique:** Eastern Mysticism in Music,” piano concert by Cecil Lytle, benefiting Rebecca E. Lytle Memorial Scholarship at Thurgood Marshall College, planned for Sunday, January 28, 3 p.m., in UCSD's Faculty Club. \$40. 858-534-0263. (LA JOLLA)

**Opera in Solana Beach!** Tenor Aleksandr Agamirzov, mezzo-soprano Susana Poretsky, pianist Irina Bessonova present pieces by Verdi, Puccini, Lehar, Donizetti, Bizet, others on Sunday, January 28, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Event begins with reception at 4:30 p.m., followed by concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17 in advance, \$20 at door. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Musical Merit Competition Winners** take stage for mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 29, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Jazz and Poetry Filtered Through Handel**, the Beatles, and Thelonious Monk when Nancy Turetsky (flute), Lori Kinkel (cello), and Bert Turetsky (contrabass) perform for Concert Hour series, Thursday, February 1, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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## GALLERIES

**Artist** Terry Farrel and students have work on exhibit in inaugural show at TBorn Originals, with reception on Saturday, January 27, 4 p.m. Find gallery at 800 Grand Avenue, suite B-5, 760-720-1801. (CARLSBAD)

**"Heart to Heart,"** ninth annual show featuring "affairs of the heart" opens with reception on Saturday, January 27, 5 p.m., at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). See work by 30 artists in a variety of media through Saturday, March 24. 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

**"John Q. Public and Citizen Jane:** Private Americans in the Political Domain" explores relationship of individual American citizens to their government at federal and municipal levels, through photographs, videos, and multimedia installations. Exhibition in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University opens with

illustrated lecture by participating artist Pamela Vander Zwan, Saturday, January 27, 5:30 p.m., in room 100 of SDSU's Nasatir Hall. Lecture is followed by reception for artists in gallery, 7-8:30 p.m. 619-594-5171. Closes Wednesday, March 7. (SDSU)

**Communication Is the Theme** in "Works by Jennifer Bennett and Robin Bright" on exhibit through Thursday, February 15, in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Meet the painters during reception on Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum,** "The Migrant Project: Contemporary California Farm Workers," with photographs and text by Rick Nahmias, offers "in-depth journey detailing the lives and struggles of today's California migrant farm workers." Work focuses on all aspects of migrant stories, including personal lives, family members, women's issues, creation of community.

Basic human emotions explored in paintings and mixed-media creations by Anna Zappoli Jenkins in "Where Do You Store These Dreams." Hugo Heredia's "Broken Chandeliers" boasts large-scale sculptures combining glass and metal in "impossibly intimate and beautiful configurations."

"Memoria del Hombre: A Muerto de Todos Retrospective" is a site-specific installation of "objects left behind over the

12-year span of the installation." Exhibitions close on Sunday, January 28. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum,** "Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100," draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist's 75-year career. By Zeisel's accounting, she's designed more than 100,000 objects for home and table. She was the first designer in this country to produce an all-white dinner service and first to teach ceramics as industrial design for mass production rather than as handcraft. Closes Sunday, June 10.

"Of Gold and Grass — Nomads of Kazakhstan" focuses on important archaeological discoveries, including those in 1998-1999 at frozen burial site of Berel. Exhibit includes gold, silver, and bronze artifacts fashioned into small animal forms along with their stories of recovery, overview of the history and culture of Kazakhstan, and mythology of the Steppes. The art objects are being shown in the U.S. for the first time. Through Sunday, April 22.

The first university furniture design class in California was offered in 1948 by SDSU professor John Dirks, whose "elegant architectural sculptures combine various woods and acrylic." The retrospective "John Dirks, Sculptor" continues through Sunday, February 11.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,** "Modern American Masters," in Jacobs Building, runs through Wednesday, February 14. Exhibit features major modernist paintings by Frank Stella, Andy Warhol, Barnett Newman, Clyfford Still, and Hans Hoffmann.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date, on view through Sunday, May 27. Finnish video artist Eija-Liisa Ahtila presents *The Hour of Prayer*, a short tale about attachment and death based on the artist's own life. The material is split into four parts, story has been edited to unfold on four screens. Through Sunday, May 27.

Richard Wright, an artist from Glasgow, Scotland, created two site-specific works in Strauss Gallery of the Jacobs Building during his August and September 2006 residency at MCASD. They're on view through Sunday, September 23.

"Cerca Series: Amy Adler" and "Cerca Series: Glenn Kaino" continue through Sunday, February 4. Adler creates art fusing processes and outcomes of photography and drawing; she's exhibiting 12 large-format pastel drawings on canvas "based on a series of photographs Adler took of a young filmmaker directing Adler as the protagonist in her film." Kaino will create installations dealing with issues of individual versus group identity and aesthetic style as a form of social commentary.

See key sculptural works from permanent collection gathered in "Material Actions." All of the selected pieces "give the sentient

body in action a central position in their artistic discourse." Closes Sunday, January 28.

Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,** "TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyper-real spaces." Closes Sunday, May 13.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**Museum of Photographic Arts,** images by contemporary

artists addressing issues of narrative showcased in "Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now," continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Moffat, Gavin Hipkins, Pip Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapetrou, Nikki S. Lee, Jem Southam, and others was curated by Merry Foresta, director of Smithsonian Photography Initiative.

"Rebels and Revelers: Experimental Decades 1970s-1980s, Gifts from the Joyce and Ted Strauss Collection," showcases images by Thomas Barrow, Barbara Kasten, John Pfahl, Jo Ann Callis, Arthur Taussig, Ivan Pinkava, Barbara DeGenevieve, Leland Rice, and Ruth Thorne-Thompson, others. Exhibition highlights photography's move beyond traditional black-and-white documentary school of artists like Ansel Adams to more expressive, personalized imagery. Closes Sunday, May 6.

"Woman: A Celebration," also running through May 6, includes photographs of women by celebrated photographers such as Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ruth Orkin, August Sander, Mary Ellen Mark, Hiroshi Himaya, others.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Timken Museum of Art,** permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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## MUSIC SCENE

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**Record-Store Blues** The El Cajon Warehouse closes its doors forever tonight. One insider says that its managers will likely be transferred to

Norm Leggio. "I was seriously thinking about getting out altogether. But I started thinking about what I could do. I haven't had a real job since I was 18.... I thought maybe I'll work for the House of Blues. I put shows on now and then. Then I thought, 'I love boob. Maybe I'll get a job managing a strip club.' I love

in half. He plans to ask for between \$300 and \$500 per month for each space. "I already have bands asking to move in," says Leggio. "You can't get a better creative vibe than practicing in the back of a record store. If I rent to a cover band, hopefully they can buy a CD from me to learn a song."

Leggio has hosted in-store concerts at Blue Meannie since he took over the store in 1995. The last Blue Meannie show is this Saturday at 1 p.m. Appearing will be Asesino (members of Static-X and ex-members of Fear Factory) and both bands that Leggio plays drums in: Broken Foundation and Brick Bath.

— Ken Leighton

**Hard Corps Rap** "Fuck George Bush I want my homies back/ I'll go to war with anybody if they can give your boy dat/ Then to top it all off when Katrina popped off/ I was in the military with no days off."

Those "Real Life" lyrics (from the recent album *So Southern N da West*) were

written by former Camp Pendleton Marine Dominique Duncan (a.k.a. Yung Sip). He and the three other soldiers in hip-hop group SouthuNoyz share six Combat Action ribbons and four Global War on Terrorism medals. Each man has served two eight-



COMBAT-TESTED: 3-THIRDS AND YUNG SIP

PHOTOGRAPH BY DEREK PLANK

month stints in Iraq, yet Duncan is the only one who's ever taken a bullet.

"I got shot in the back with a .38," says Duncan. "It was in my gang-banging days. I decided to join the Marines to get away from the troubles. Where I'm from [Hattiesburg, Mississippi] there aren't too many opportunities. You can work in a kitchen somewhere, or you can hustle."

All four members of SouthuNoyz are from different towns in the South. They were a group for a few

months before being asked in 2005 to appear at the "Rockin' the Corps" concert that featured Kiss, Ted Nugent, and Destiny's Child. SouthuNoyz's first CD, *Mason-Dixon Movement*, which had been sold on base, drew the attention of the show's producers.

"We had only played one show before, and here we are in front of 60,000," says Sgt. Maurice Collins (a.k.a. 3-Thirds). "We got to backup Ja Rule." Although SouthuNoyz is interviewed on the Rockin' the Corps DVD, their performance segment with Ja Rule isn't featured.

"I heard they had some legal problems, that they didn't get legal clearance to use [Ja Rule's song] 'New York,'" says Collins. "Originally, Ludacris was supposed to play, but he was banned from military bases for cursing. Then it was supposed to be Nelly, but something happened with him. Then Ja Rule got in the mix. It would have been better for us if it had been Ludacris or Nelly, since they are from the South."

Kerry Pless ("7-K") was honorably discharged a year ago. Corporal Brian Thomas ("Noyz") and Collins will be

in the Corps until 2009. Collins will soon be deployed overseas for a third time.

— Ken Leighton

**Jungle Rules** "Maybe Guns [N' Roses] canceling the two local shows is why we're getting a bigger turnout lately," says Dust N' Bones singer Richard Gwaltney.

"[Last month] we were contacted through MySpace by this indie record company who wanted us to play a Christmas party for them in Hollywood at the Vine Bar.



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THIS AXL (GWALTNEY) SHOWS

[The guy] told us we'd be paid, we just had to bring our own equipment.

"So we show up, and this place has a 65 max occupancy, but there are over 200 people in this tiny club. There's a drunk Santa, people are going crazy.... They stole our bottle of Jack that the bar gave us.

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the inside track

other stores but that many employees will be out of a job. In the early '90s there were 23 Warehouse stores countywide; after today there will be one in Escondido and one in Del Mar.

El Cajon's Blue Meannie record store, meanwhile, recently faced a similar fate.

"Christmas ended up okay, but I was shitting myself the first two weeks of December," says store owner



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LEGGIO STAYS AFLOAT

Little Darlings in Spring Valley."

Leggio eventually decided to open band-rehearsal rooms; to do so he'll divide his 3000-square-foot building

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We finished our set and the dude took off; we never got our money. We could barely get out of the club because this crap hole only had one door.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Teenage Wastrels** The four members of the Four Kings attended Point Loma High when they got some unexpected attention in 2003.

Singer/guitarist Andrew Bent says, “A friend of a friend told us that he really liked our band [then named Innerlimit], that his father owned Signature Sound, and he was starting a record label and he was interested in meeting us.”

Signature Sound is the Kearny Mesa studio that has recorded blink-182, P.O.D., Switchfoot, and Jewel.

“Our producer was Joe Marlett. He’s worked with the Foo Fighters, Dave Grohl, and Queens of the Stone Age.” Bent says the band’s five-song EP “...was a really good record. But we didn’t know what we were doing. We were 16 and 17. We had no idea of the business end of things....

“Our productivity was crap. We acquired girlfriends. We got lazy.... [Signature Sound owner Luis Arteaga] is a very conservative Christian man. We’re kind of a bunch of partiers. He dropped us. Last year we started gaining our senses. We knew that we had a good thing, but we were wasting our time and not doing anything with it.

“If you want a top-of-the-line recording, you have to spend at least \$10,000. We got

that the first time, but because we had a hookup, we only had to spend a sliver of that. The main reason we didn’t go back to Signature Sound [last year] was because we couldn’t get the same deal, and it was out of our price range.”

So the band (by then renamed Four Kings) turned to Love Juice, a bargain studio in Riverside.

“We got 124 hours for



FOUR KINGS RECORD ON A BUDGET

\$600. But we ended up with something adequate. I’d say you get a good bang for your buck at Love Juice. It’s literally a mom-and-pop operation. The studio is in their home. They brought us in their house and gave us a home-cooked meal.”

The nine-song product from Love Juice is titled *Classic Masquerade*.

— Ken Leighton

### Carbon-Neutral Rock

Anne Tropeano, manager for San Diego roots rockers Tapwater, recounts a stroke of good luck the band had while on a recent five-month tour:

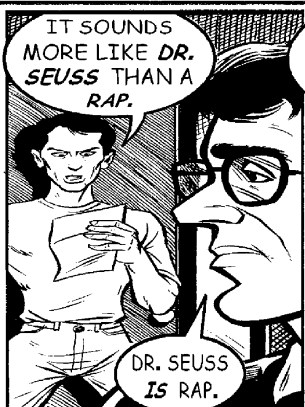
“We were touring through Georgia and someone recommended a booking agency called Degy to me,” wrote Tropeano in an e-mail. “I contacted the agency and a guy named Chad agreed to accept a press kit in person from us. We were excited and decided to bring our acoustic

## OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: GOLDEN TRACK STUDIO

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instruments in to serenade him. We drove out to the office, only I did not realize that the booking agency rented space from Tree Sound Studios.

“When we walked in, we were blown away. The place was gorgeous. Gold records from big names like Elton John, Whitney Houston, REM, Sevendust, and Outkast hung on the walls.... We played it off and asked for Chad. When he came down I introduced myself, handed him the press kit, and told him we’d like to give him a taste of some live music, if he didn’t mind. He said, ‘Sure, why don’t you come back here.’ So he took us into the next room, and our jaws hit the ground.

“It had a living room with pool table, a totally decked-out kitchen with granite counters, beautiful wood cabinets — the place was awesome. He offered us some beer from the local SweetWater brewery, which they kept on tap. Chad said, ‘Hey, wait a second, let me get [studio owner] Paul [Diaz], he’ll want to hear this.’ We looked at each other [thinking] who’s Paul?

“They both came back,

everyone introduced themselves, and then Paul said, ‘Hey let’s go into the studio, it will be more comfortable there.’ He took us through this gorgeous hallway and into the studio. And again, we couldn’t believe what we saw: a giant recording room with a bazillion-channel mixer, all hardwood fixtures, [and a] grand piano off to the side.

“We found out later this was voted the number-one recording studio in 2005 [and] is entirely carbon neutral and draws half its power from methane gas created at a local landfill.... We took a deep breath, smiled, and played our best ‘Spring Jubilee.’ Apparently



TAPWATER: METHANE-EMPOWERED

they dug it because Paul said, ‘Hey, I just got this new microphone. Would you like to get some of this down? I need to break it in for my trip next week.’ We ended up staying around five hours,

getting about eight or nine songs down. It’s a one-track recording, and he mixed us by placing the guys certain distances from the mike. At one point, Paul said, ‘I’d be happy to give you this recording. You can use it for whatever you want... just put my name on it.’”

On January 27, Tapwater plays at Pete’s Place in La Mesa.

— Edwin Decker

### All I Wanted for Christmas...

“I didn’t really know what I was doing,” says Seventh Soldier singer Hyun Soo of his recent attempt to book a tour for his band.

“I found this guy on MySpace, Captain Grind Me Booking, and he said he would get us six tour dates in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado.

We got him to lower the fee from \$725 to \$300, so we were stoked. We had to plan it around my school schedule, so we booked shows during Christmas break, with our friends the Hoedown coming along.”

“Two weeks before [the tour] is supposed to start, this guy is lagging. He hasn’t given us a contract yet... then the

Hoedown decided to back out; they didn’t believe we’d break even.” The Seventh Soldier did its own number crunching and came to agree. “With the van mileage, I figured it would have [cost] \$1000 per band.... My family was willing to put some money into it because they felt that this would be a worthwhile experience.

“The guy never came up with a contract, though, so we ended up backing out too. Everyone had already arranged for time off from



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### ROAD-READY SEVENTH SOLDIER

their jobs, so we ended up sitting around bored for two weeks.”

The Seventh Soldier plays February 2 at Adams Hall, in the College Area.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# Mash the Media

*"Let me just say that the 91X vs. 94/9 feud is very real and leave it at that."*

Scott Pactor runs the local-centric music blog Cat Dirt Sez. "I average 90 visits a day," he says. His write-ups frequently praise the Casbah, Brick by Brick, and the Beauty Bar. He expresses little love for Soma and the Epicentre. "As a fan, having suffered through shows at both venues, they just suck, and it's sad that national touring acts that want to do all-age shows have to play there because there's no viable alternative."

He says the majority of feedback from site visitors involves his harsh words for the local press. "I've tried to ratchet back on the media criticism of late, except for 91X and the *Union-Tribune*. Let me just say that the 91X vs. 94/9 feud is very real and leave it at that." Regarding local print publications and their coverage of the local music scene, Pactor prefers *CityBeat* over the *Reader*. "I prefer 'Locals Only' to 'Blurt' because it tends to be more positive."

## BEST LOCAL MUSIC BLOGS?

1. *chickrawker.com* ("Specializes in local radio analysis and national alt-rock and indie rock.")
2. *sddialedin.blogspot.com* ("Blogger Rosie goes out, like, every night of the week and knows tons about local music and musicians.")
3. *blogsandiego.com* ("They're affiliated with Lou's Records, and they do a good job reviewing indie records.")

## BEST NONLOCAL MUSIC BLOGS?

1. *this.bigstereo.net* ("It's the stereogum.com for electronic music.")
2. *fluokids.blogspot.com* ("Mostly in French — tops for electronic music.")
3. *corykennedy.blogspot.com* ("A 17-year-old club kid and model from Los Angeles who dates Vincent Gallo.")
4. *gerardvsbear.blogspot.com* ("This

guy basically clowns Blogger Nation every day, and he makes me laugh hard.")

## FAVORITE 20TH-CENTURY POLITICAL MOVEMENTS?

1. Communism ("As in Russia and Eastern Europe. Is there any question about this? Does anyone not miss the old USSR?")
2. Maoism ("Great art, great iconography.")
3. Civil Rights movement ("A worthy cause, happened in America.")
4. Zionism ("Represent!")

## MOST IMPORTANT DIY/PUNK SCENES?

1. London, late '70s ("I understand that there were many antecedents to the punk movement and they happened in many places, but, seriously...")
2. Los Angeles, late '70s/early '80s ("Something I never appreciated until I actually moved down here is how vibrant the art and music of Los An-

## LISTS

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Scott Pactor

geles have been for the longest time.")

3. New York, late '70s ("I hate New York, but whatever.")
4. Oakland, California, '90s ("Hard to believe that bands like Green Day, AFI, and Rancid all got their start playing 924 Gilman Street, a run-down East Bay venue.")

## WORST BANDS STILL MAKING MUSIC?

1. Incubus ("I find their return disturbing.")
2. Red Hot Chili Peppers ("Do I actually have to listen to this band for the rest of my life?")
3. Cute Is What We Aim For ("Haven't actually heard them, but the fact that they hang out with

Fall Out Boy and Panic! at the Disco is enough for me.")

## THE CLASH OR THE SEX PISTOLS?

"Both bands are still on the air, but, you know, the Sex Pistols only have one real album, and I like that."

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THIS WEEK'S  
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THURSDAY

**Dionne Warwick:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January 25, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

**Muriel Anderson:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**FRIDAY**

**The Chieftains:** California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 26, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

**Slayer:** Soma, Friday, January 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Brian Wilson:** 4th & B, Friday, January 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Joe Louis Walker:** Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, January 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

SATURDAY

**Pennywise:** House of Blues, Saturday, January 27, and Sunday, January 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Bill Cantos:** East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, January 27, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

MONDAY

**Everclear:** House of Blues, Monday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

TUESDAY

**G Love & Special Sauce:** House of Blues, Tuesday, January 30, and Wednesday, January 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

WEDNESDAY

**Jake Shimabukuro:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 31, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

UPCOMING  
CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

**Air Supply:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 1, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

**The English Beat:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Jack's Mannequin:** Soma, Friday, February 2, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Jaguares:** House of Blues, Friday, February 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Julietta Venegas:** House of Blues, Tuesday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Livingston Taylor:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, February 8, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Maná:** ipayOne Center, Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Bob Weir:** House of Blues, Friday, February 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Venice:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Roots:** House of Blues, Monday, February 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Common:** House of Blues, Tuesday, February 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Pepper:** House of Blues, Wednesday, February 14, and Thursday, February 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Todd Snider:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Sound Tribe Sector Nine:** House of Blues, Friday, February 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Bob Schneider:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Steel Pulse:** 4th & B, Friday, February 16, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Dave Alvin:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, February 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Goo Goo Dolls:** Pala Events Center, Friday, February 16, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**"Valentine's Love Jam":** ipayOne Center, Saturday, February 17, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**"San Diego Brazil Carnival":** 4th & B, Saturday, February 17, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Cradle of Filth:** House of Blues, Sunday, February 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Neko Case:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Pete Yorn:** House of Blues, Monday, February 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**"Tribute to the Reggae Legends":** ipayOne Center, Monday, February 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Gomez and Ben Kweller:** House of Blues, Tuesday, February 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Robert Earl Keen:** 4th & B, Tuesday, February 20, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**"Taste of Chaos" with the Used, 30 Seconds to Mars, Senses Fail,** and more: ipayOne Center, Wednesday, February 21, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Joe Walsh:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Willie Nelson:** Pala Events Center, Wednesday, February 21, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Cheap Trick:** 4th & B, Thursday, February 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Michael Franti & Spearhead:** 4th & B, Friday, February 23, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Meat Loaf:** Pala Events Center, Friday, February 23, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Guttermouth:** 'Canes, Saturday, February 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**John McEuen:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, February 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**lan Tyson:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, February 27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**"Texas Songwriters Show" with Lyle Lovett, Joe Ely, John Hiatt, and Guy Clark:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Wednesday, February 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

MARCH

**The Who:** ipayOne Center, Thursday, March 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Christina Aguilera:** ipayOne Center, Friday, March 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Snow Patrol:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, March 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

**Samite:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, March 3, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Musiq:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, March 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**The Dropkick Murphys:** House of Blues, Monday, March 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Ozomatli:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Robert Randolph:** House of Blues, Saturday, March 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Willy Porter:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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**My Chemical Romance:** ipayOne  
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**EPMD:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday,  
March 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue,  
Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Eric Clapton and Robert Cray:**  
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3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-  
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**Alejandra Guzman:** Pala Events  
Center, Thursday, March 15, 5 miles east  
of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Dave Stamey:**  
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday,  
March 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal  
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**Byron Berline:**  
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March  
18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal  
Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Badly Drawn Boy:** House of Blues,  
Wednesday, March 21, 1055 Fifth  
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Killswitch Engage:** Soma, Friday,  
March 23, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard,  
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**Rod Stewart:** Cox Arena, Saturday,  
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**Boney James:** Spreckels Theatre,  
Wednesday, March 28, 121 Broadway,  
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**Jeremy Camp:** House of Blues,  
Wednesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth  
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Cowboy Mouth:** Belly Up Tavern,  
Wednesday, March 28, 143 South Cedros  
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Switchfoot:** Soma, Saturday, March  
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#### APRIL

**Josh Groban:** ipayOne Center, Friday,  
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**Brand New:** Soma, Friday, April 6,  
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**Relient K:** House of Blues, Wednesday,  
April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.  
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**Fu Manchu:** The Casbah, Friday, April  
13, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego.  
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**The Mother Hips:** Belly Up Tavern,  
Saturday, April 14, 143 South Cedros  
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**Moenia:** House of Blues, Wednesday,  
April 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.  
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**Huey Lewis & the News:** Pala  
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**Gwen Stefani:** Coors Amphitheatre,  
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**David Wilcox:**  
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, April  
27, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal  
Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Blonde Redhead:** Belly Up Tavern,  
Friday, April 27, 143 South Cedros  
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

#### MAY

**Richard Marx:** Viejas Casino  
DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May  
4, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-  
5400.

**Fairport Convention:**  
AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 11,  
4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.  
619-303-8176.

**The Be Good Tanyas:** Belly Up  
Tavern, Friday, May 18, 143 South  
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-  
8140.

**Chayanne:** ipayOne Center, Saturday,  
May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard,  
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#### JUNE

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**Brass Rail:** Fridays, *Element*, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DJ Ciel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

**The C Lounge:** Sundays, *Liquid*, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass with residents Calculon, Knottyboy, Frizz, and more. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

**Club Montage:** Wednesdays, *Club Thizz*, hip-hop, reggae, and drum 'n' bass. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego. 619-294-9590.

**The Flame:** Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

**Gaslamp Tavern:** Thursdays, DJs Billie Knight, Tek, and guests spin true hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Billie Knight spins Tavern music. Sundays, DJ Tek spins '80s. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

**Habana Restaurant:** Saturdays, *Adventuras East*, salsa, merengue, and cha-cha with David Garcia and David Suave. 10 p.m. 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011.

**Honey Bee Hive:** Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions*, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass with DJs Walkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

**Inferno Young Adult Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

**Jack's Lounge:** Fridays, *Enjoy Fridays at Jack's*, deep funky house music with DJ Misha and guests. Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

**Kadan:** Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**The Kava Lounge:** First Saturday of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

**The Kensington Club:** Wednesdays, *Lowdown*, metal to old skool to classic rock to hip-hop with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

**Landlord Jim's:** Sundays, *Sunday Soulcial*, DJ Buddha serves up old soul, R&B, and positive hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 1546 Broadway, downtown. 619-233-9998.

**Mission Valley Resort:** Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo Lounge*, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha with Da Wizzrd. 8 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 hits. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

**San Diego Sports Club:** Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electropop, and '80s. Second and fourth Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Barry Weaver, Edgartronic, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

**Shooterz:** Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**Whiskey Girl:** Fridays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Saturdays, DJs Marc Thrasher and Famous Dave mix music videos. Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

**The Whistle Stop:** First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Atlanta's **Black Lips** are notorious for their debauched onstage antics, like stripping off their pants and slapping their guitar strings with their penises. That says a lot about the band. It also says a lot about them that their records often sound as if they play their instruments that way in the studio, too.

The band's upcoming *¡Arriba Tijuana!* was produced by Rocket from the Crypt/Hot Snakes/Sultans honcho John Reis, and said production duties apparently consisted of little more than setting up a microphone or two while the Black Lips played in an echoing shack with a rowdy audience and a mariachi band wandering around. It says a lot about

the Black Lips that this may be the perfect way to record them. And I suppose it says something about me that I really like this album.

Not to be confused with Black Lipstick, the Black Keys, or the Black Angels, the Black Lips come from that school of garage rock that believes that the music's crappiness is essential to its appeal. Adherents to this school may listen to the four-CD *Nuggets* box set, but they prefer the much more obscure and harder-edged sounds on the *Pebbles* and *Back from the Grave* compilations — on vinyl, of course.

While many bands following this philosophy play fast, simple songs that aren't far removed from '70s punk, the Black Lips mine a more psychedelic vein. Often they sound like the infamously messed up Brian Jonestown Massacre, but even more messed



BLACK LIPS

up. In fact, enterprising filmmakers could have the next *Dig!* on their hands if they just followed the Black Lips around with some cameras.

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BEACHES

**Bahia Resort Hotel**, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international/pop standards.

**Bar Leucadian**, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Red-Handed*, classic rock. Saturday, *Custard Pie*, classic rock.

**Beaumont's**, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Thursday, live music. Saturday, *the Elevators*, blues/jazz.

**The Calypso Cafe**, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *the Rick Ross Trio*, jazz. Monday, *Cactus Twang*, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Maldonado*, flamenco.

**'Canes**, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Forty One Sixty*, *Terra Incognita*, and *Free Air*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Cash'd Out*, *the High Rolling Loners*, and *Married by Elvis*, country rock. Saturday, *Stranger*, *J-Irie*, and *the Mayan Kings*, reggae.

**Ché Café**, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Kite Flying Society*, *the Vision of a Dying World*, and *Old Man Hands*.

**Clay's**, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Live jazz.

**Cody's La Jolla**, 8030 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Roy Resnikoff*, light classical piano/show tunes. Friday and Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Dick Koenig*, jazz guitar. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Stefani Stevens*, jazz piano. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Joe Cardillo*, acoustic jazz-rock.

**Del Mar Plaza**, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

**Dreamstreet**, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Higher Minds*. Friday, *Tandemoro*, *Earthshine*, and *Catatonic*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Audkik*, *One Theory*, *Aghori*, *the Dead Serial Killers*, *the Warned*, and *the Basics*, rock. Wednesday, *Cirkus*, *Crimson Night*, and *Dark Possession*, metal rock.

**E Street Cafe**, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Paige Aufhammer*.

Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Byron Hudson*, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *William Ames*. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *John January* and *Brothers Nazrat*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Justin Froese*.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly.

**Kaito**, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Zac Harmon Band* and *Mystery Train*, blues.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Sunday, blues jam with *the Blues Brokers*.

**La Scala**, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

**La Valencia Hotel**, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

**Leana Bistro and French Pastry Cafe**, 5550 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-454-9094. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Forecast Jazz Duo*.

**The Lodge at Torrey Pines**, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Lobby: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

**Manhattan Restaurant**, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0700. Friday and Saturday, *the Joe Marillo Jazz Trio*.

**Pasquale on Prospect**, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *the Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras* and *Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

**People's Food**, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 6 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

**Porter's Pub**, 500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. 858-587-4828. Friday, 8 p.m., *Genius of Soul*, hip-hop/soul jazz.

**Portugalia**, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Trece de la Suerte*, salsa/Latin.

**Riley's**, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Sunday, 5 p.m., *Big Slim*, blues jam.

**710 Beach Club**, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Stain Glass Satins*, rock. Friday, *Dazed N Confused*, Led Zeppelin tribute band. Saturday, *Afroman* and *Higher Mindz*, hip-hop. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *the Hi-Lites*, *Rice Rocket*, and *the Pedatones*, rock.

**Shooters Bar and Grill**, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/pop/Latin/standards.

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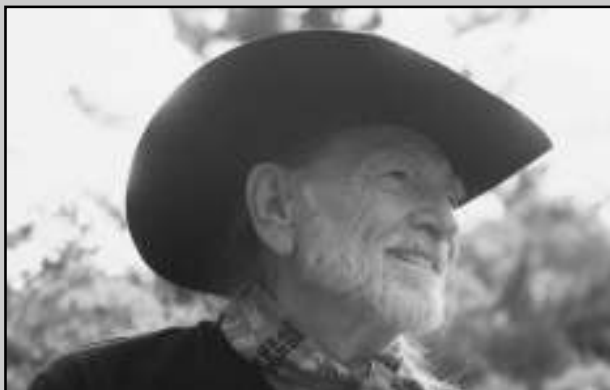
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### BEACHES

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**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *the Citizen Band*, rock. Saturday, live band.

**Tower Two Beach Cafe**, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., live music.

**Tropicoso**, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Thursday, 10 p.m., *One Drop*, reggae/punk.

**Turquoise Cafe**, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Jazzilla*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., live world jazz.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Outlaw Nation*, reggae/hip-hop. Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Shockwave 4*, 8 p.m., *Mike Watt, McRad, the Smiles Project, Leiana*, and *Frontside*, indie/rock/punk. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Patrice Pike*, rock/indie/acoustic. Wednesday, *Mike Dillon's Go-Go Jungle* and *Club 33*, experimental/funk/jazz.

### DOWNTOWN

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

**Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)**, 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Brenda Panneton*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Mariachi Real de San Diego*.

**Busalacchi's Ristorante**, 3683 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-0119. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Standard Jazz Trio*, straight-ahead jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Cynthia Hammond*, jazz.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Black Lips, Her Grace, the Duchess, the Husbands, and the Atoms*. Friday, *Avail, the Draft, and Hostile Combover*. Saturday, *the Bloody Hollies, the Powerchords, and Ari Shine*. Monday, *Bob Wayne and the Outlaw Carnies, Waxy, Ricksha, and Hostile Combover*. Tuesday, *the Followers, Royal Campaign, the Oaks, and the Dirty Legs*. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Hammer, Charley Horse, and Chelsea Smiles*.

**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

**Croce's Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *David Patrone*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers*

*Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy and the Bluesmen*, blues.

**Dakota Grill and Spirits**, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop piano.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos and His Quintet*. Friday, 8 p.m., *B3, Bari, and Guitar*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Christopher Hollyday and His Quartet*, jazz. Sunday, 8 p.m., *the Fishtank Ensemble*, folk/acoustic/roots.

**Dizzy's**, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos and His Quintet*. Friday, 8 p.m., *B3, Bari, and Guitar*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Christopher Hollyday and His Quartet*, jazz. Sunday, 8 p.m., *the Fishtank Ensemble*, folk/acoustic/roots.

**Dublin Square**, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, live music. Friday, *Sligo*, traditional Irish music. Saturday, *the Whooligans*, Irish folk.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Brian Wilson and Al Jardine*.

**G5-Georges on Fifth**, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

**Gaslamp Tavern**, 868 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-3339. Tuesday, *Fishbait*, country. Wednesday, *Mark Fisher*, classic rock.

**Henry's Pub**, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Groove Sessions*. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**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., *Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco/Top 40. 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*, dance/Top 40.

**Martini Ranch**, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*. Friday, *the Fremonts*. Saturday, *Michele Lundeen*. Sunday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Monday, *Blue Largo*. Tuesday, *Chris James and Blue Four*. Wednesday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*.

**Princess Pub and Grille**, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**Jake Shimabukuro** has been compared to Eddie Van Halen. "I try to take his philosophy," he says from his home in Hawaii, "and apply that to the ukulele." But Jake says the real credit for his lightning-fast rave-ups goes to Bruce Lee. "The thing about Bruce Lee was that he didn't believe in wasting energy." That influenced Jake, who admits he knows nothing of martial arts, to apply a muscular economy to his own strumming technique. "I could get a lot more speed and endurance, and I could play things a lot faster than people normally would on the instrument, just by that simple philosophy."

The ukulele is a sweet-sounding miniature guitar with strange tuning and a tiny fretboard that gets cranky when you try for

speed on its four strings. What Jake does, given the instrument's massive limitations, is almost heroic. He defeats the tendency of the ukulele to want to be a thing only for lullabies and sappy three-chord love songs. In Jake Shimabukuro's hands, the ukulele is a weapon with limitless possibility.

"I remember when I first started experimenting with effects pedals and electric-guitar amps and all those things, and people said, like, you can't do those things with ukulele," says Shimabukuro. "It's got nylon strings, it's too small, and it's not [tuned] in the right range."

Shimabukuro travels with a full rock band sometimes, and he also performs solo (the shows are completely different). Has he ever crossed over and tried out a standard six-string guitar? "I know a few chords," he laughs. "I can play 'More Than Words,' but that's about it." Jake is hooked on ukulele.



JAKE SHIMABUKURO

He expresses a need, in terms usually reserved for athletics, to break free from the traditional souvenir aesthetic reserved for the instrument and make significant music. He wants to take it to the masses. The real test, I suppose: Can he make the ukulele cool?

**JAKE SHIMABUKURO, Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 31, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$17.**

**Rock Bottom**, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Live pop/rock/disco/dance.

**Samba Grill**, 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil*, Brazilian jazz.

**Sevilla**, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday and Tuesday, live salsa.

**The Shout House**, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

**Voz Alta**, 1544 Broadway, downtown. 619-230-1869. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Rudy Palos and Jimmy Freitas*, instrumental hip-hop.

**The Westgate Hotel**, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: All music is piano. Thursday and Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince of Piano*, pop/jazz/standards. 7 p.m. to midnight, *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz/standards. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, pop/standards/Broadway. Monday through Wednesday, *Peter Prince of Piano*.

**Whiskey Girl**, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *DaGroove*, rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher and DJ Famous Dave*. Sunday, *DJ Danimal*. Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ Thrasher*. Tuesday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*, a Dave

Matthews Band tribute act, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave*.

**Worldbeat Center**, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Chuchito Valdez Jr.*, Afro-Cuban jazz.

**Xavier's Bar and Grill**, 750 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-233-0517. Thursday, 10 p.m., *SweetSize*, alternative/funk.

### SAN DIEGO

**AcousticMusicSanDiego**, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *Muriel Anderson*, solo acoustic guitar.

**The Aero Club**, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

**Albie's Beef Inn**, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information.

**The Alibi**, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Live rock/indie/alternative.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Chris and Harold*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat and Joe and Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

**Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)**, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Corrine May*, pop piano.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Damnation*, rock. Friday, *Lessons from Zeke, the Paper Dolls, Riboflavin, and the Material*, rock/alternative/punk. Saturday, *Dirty Frank and Gish*, rock/grunge. Wednesday, *Just Like Jenna and Stratosphere*, rock.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Moving Units*. Friday, *the Future of the Forestry*. Saturday, *Longstay* and *Luke Kinney*.

**Etta's Place**, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

**The Filling Station Pub and Grill**, 9522 Miramar Road (corner of Black Mountain Road), San Diego. 619-578-0757.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery**, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live reggae/blues/rock.

**Harry's Bar and American Grill**, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

**Hot Monkey Love Cafe**, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday live bands. Sunday, salsa. Wednesday, jazz.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge:

Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Metro*, '80s dance. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Joe Louis Walker*, blues. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, smooth jazz. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Nathan James and Ben Hernandez*, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Glen Fisher and Jimmy Molidure*, jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Rockola*, classic rock.

**The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

**In Cahoots**, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Republic of Letters, a Scribe Amidst the Lions, and Silver Sunshine*, indie/rock. Saturday, *Earthless, Genghis Khan*, and *Orange Sunshine*, alternative/psychedelic rock.

**The Lafayette Hotel**, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. L Bar and Grill: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

**Lestat's Coffee House**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jessica Sonner, Melissa Larkin, Michele Lewis, and Nathan Welden*. Friday, *Curtis Peoples, Ernie Halter, Saba, and the Weight*. Saturday, *Royal Campaign and the Cash Kings*. Sunday, *Greg Friedman, Marina V.*, and

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## SAN DIEGO

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Wednesday, *the Citizen Band*, rock, and *Paul Curren.*  
**Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom,** 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Victoria Rose Trio*, vintage jazz/swing/rock.  
**Martini's Bar and Grill,** 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Johnny Different, Zombie Surf Camp, Firethorn,* and *Drop Joy*, rock. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Grand Canyon Sundown, the Dead Pigeons, Soul Ablaze, and Yesterday's Paper*, folk rock/jam band/funk/alternative. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Dirty Madame*, rock/alternative/blues.

**The Ould Sod,** 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

**Pal Joey's,** 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Rhythm Red*, classic rock.

**The Prado Restaurant,** 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle-Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

**Red Fox Steakhouse,** 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Eddie Rossi and Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the David Shaw Duo.*

**Rosie O'Grady's,** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Band of Goodmen*, alternative/pop/rock.

**San Diego Sports Club,** 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Music is rock/indie/alternative rock. Thursday, *Greg Vaughan* and *Ronny North*. Friday, *Goodbye Blue Monday, Low Cloud Cover,* and *Daysleeper*. Wednesday, *the Fascination,* the *Hot Toddlies,* and *Trentalange.*

**Scolari's Office,** 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative.

**Second Wind,** 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Stone Wolf*, classic rock.

**Sogno Di Vino,** 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

**Soma,** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/alternative rock/metal. Friday, *Slayer* and *Uneathr.* Saturday, *the Wages of War, Murder, the Intrusive, Imperil, an Irony Massacre,* and *Life or Death.* Tuesday, *Of Montreal* and *the Blow.*

**Tio Leo's,** 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Oh! Ridge*, rock. Saturday, live band.

**Tio Leo's Lounge,** 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, live band. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Black Bone Collective*, electric blues. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band.*

**The Tower Bar,** 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Monday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**Tutto Mare,** 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

**Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Tara Jo* and *Rory Corbin*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Kirsten Proffit, Tim Pahlen, Jessica Scooner, Chris Torres, and Shaun Barrows.* Saturday, *J. Turtle, Joe Cardillo, Zen Boy and Karma Girl, Will Edwards,* and *21 Grams.* Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble.*

**Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant,** 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the B-3 Four* featuring vocalist, *David Mosby*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, jazz.

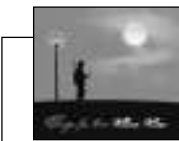
## NORTH COUNTY

**The Alley,** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

**Belly Up Tavern,** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Carbon Leaf*, pop/rock, and *Toby Lightman*, acoustic/rock/soul. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Super Diamond with the Cured* on Friday, and *Randy Fontaine and the Swingers* on Saturday, pop/rock/jazz. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Tim Reynolds and the White Buffalo*, acoustic/rock. Monday, 8 p.m., *Daughtry.* Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Jake Shimabukuro* and *Todd Hannigan*, acoustic.

**Boar Cross'n,** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, *George Svoboda*, classical guitar.



## >hometown CDs

BY OLLIE

**Album:** *Tango for One* (2006)  
**Artist:** William Wilson  
**Label:** GuitarSounds  
**Where available/price:** Earth Song Bookstore in Del Mar for \$16.99. Online at Amazon.com (\$15.99), WilliamWilson.com (\$15.95), GuitarSounds.com (\$15.95), and iTunes.com (\$9.99).  
**Band:** William Wilson (guitar)  
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**Website:** [www.williamwilson.com](http://www.williamwilson.com)

Aside from a minute of violin and a bit of ban-doneón (an instrument similar to an accordion),

*Tango for One* is all acoustic guitar played expertly by William Wilson. The soft parts are quiet and the passionate

parts are spirited.

Most of the tracks are what you'd expect from a tango album, although I'm surprised at the pace of some of the songs; they are melancholy rather than fiery, strutting tunes.

Two musicians wrote all of the songs: Alberto Ginastera, and Ástor Piazzolla, prominent Argentinean composers in the early to mid-20th Century. Ginastera is mainly known for making piano or string-quartet music, and Piazzolla is best known for his bandoneón.

If the songs William chose were written for other instruments, I couldn't tell. The tracks sound well suited for his acoustic guitar.

You don't have to be a classical guitar or tango afi-



William Wilson

cionado to enjoy this CD. The music isn't pretentious; it would be perfect for Sunday brunch or getting drunk on Mexican wine.

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**Molly Malone's,** 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., *Sweet Deal*, covers/original rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Cash'd Out*, pop country.

**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.

**Ocean House,** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, *the Undecided Band.* Saturday, *Boogie Nights.* Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing. Wednesday, open mike, blues.

**Surf N'Saddle,** 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Giant Peach.* Saturday, *Hayesfield.* Wednesday, open mike.

**Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant,** 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

## SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

**Buon Giorno Restaurant,** 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *Stage 4* or *Mikan and Friends*, jazz.

**The Butcher Shop,** 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

**Cafe LaMaze,** 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian,* and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

**Caffe Salotto #1,** 2240 Otay Lakes Road, EastLake Village. 619-421-8674. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Paul Ingram Trio*, 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 and Dave Lindgren.* Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson.*

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Ray Briz.* Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West.* Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *John Cain.*

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**The Manhattan Lounge**, 400 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-422-6641. Friday and Saturday, *Stone Wolf*, classic rock.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill**, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *4-Way Street*. Friday, *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Saturday, *4-Way Street*. Sunday, *Jim Moore*. Monday, *Tommy Price*. Tuesday, *Taylor Harvey*. Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*.

## EAST COUNTY

**Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)**, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Music is acoustic/folk. Friday, 7 p.m., *Monty McIntyre*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Steven Ybarra*, folk.

**Dirk's Niteclub**, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge**, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Zone 4*, classic rock.

**Fannie's Nightclub**, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Crime Squad*, *Reggie Push*, *Young Eighty*, and *J. Dub*, hip-hop. Saturday, *One Thread*, *the Crust*, *Altered Time*, and *Fuzz Huzzi*.

**Pete's Place**, 8330 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-464-9535. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Manganista* and *Tap Water*, indie/rock/reggae.

**Renegade Inn**, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Johnny*, country.

**Second Wind**, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

**Tommy's Italian Restaurant**, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Franco Z and Friends*, swing/standards.

**Wagon Wheel**, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Live country music.

# Calendar BANDS

## ALTERNATIVE

**Aghori**: Dreamstreet

**Anchors for Reality**: The Jumping Turtle

**Ari Shine**: The Casbah

**The Basics**: Dreamstreet

**The Black Lips**: The Casbah

**Catatonic**: Dreamstreet

**Celaphtopsy**: The Jumping Turtle

**Chelsea Smiles**: The Casbah

**Daysleeper**: San Diego Sports Club

**The Dead Serial Killers**: Dreamstreet

**Devourment**: The Jumping Turtle

**The Dirty Legs**: The Casbah

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**The Duchess**: The Casbah

**Earthless**: The Kensington Club

**Earthshine**: Dreamstreet

**The Fascination**: San Diego Sports Club

**The Future of the Forestry**: Epicentre

**Genghis Khan**: The Kensington Club

**Goodbye Blue Monday**: San Diego Sports Club

**Guttural Secrete**: The Jumping Turtle

**Her Grace**: The Casbah

**The Hot Toddlies**: San Diego Sports Club

**Inherit Disease**: The Jumping Turtle

**Jezebel**: The Casbah

**Luke Kinney**: Epicentre

**The Kite Flying Society**: Ché Café

**Longstay**: Epicentre

**Low Cloud Cover**: San Diego Sports Club

**Manganista**: Pete's Place

**The Material**: Brick By Brick

**The Moving Units**: Epicentre

**Ronny North**: San Diego Sports Club

**Of Montreal**: Soma

**Old Man Hands**: Ché Café

**The One Theory**: Dreamstreet

**Orange Sunshine**: The Kensington Club

**Our Beloved Hero**: The Jumping Turtle

**Republic of Letters**: The Kensington Club

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **The Fijis**

Song: **"Best of Me"** (from the CD *Illusion*)

Heard By: **Richard Flood**, La Mesa



Richard

It definitely had a Metallica feel to it in the beginning with the guitars. It crossed over a little bit into a Green Day influence. It was pretty good. There aren't a lot of songs really like it. It wasn't "cookie cutter" like a lot of other songs nowadays. [The lyrics are] basically about determination. It would probably be a pretty good running song [or] to listen to while you're working out.

Artist: **Loss of Control**

Song: **"Call it Freedom"** (from the CD *Disconnection*)

Heard By: **Justin Klein**, College Area



Justin

They kind of remind me of Kings of Convenience. They're pretty good. It was mellow. The lyrics were kind of complicated, and they unfolded about this guy's relationship with his girl and how talking didn't get him anywhere. At the same time, [the singer] did a couple of clichés, like "cat got your tongue." I think it's good background music if you're just kickin' it.

Artist: **Gaskins N' Gunner**

Song: **"Long Gone Momma"** (from the CD *Back on Track*)

Heard By: **Jessie Milano**, Mission Beach



Jessie

They're really bluegrass-y, so that's pretty cool. It just makes you move; it's good. You can tell it's good, quality music — not just slapped together. They know what they're doing. I liked the guy's voice — it's really low. I liked the banjo in the back. It did give a blues and bluegrass [feel] to it. [I would listen to that song] definitely outside, at a barbeque, in the sun.

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**Unearth**: Soma

**Greg Vaughan**: San Diego Sports Club

**The Vision of a Dying World**: Ché Café

**The Warned**: Dreamstreet

**Mike Watt**: Winstons

**Yesterday's Papers**: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

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**Altered Time**: Fannie's Nightclub

**The Atoms**: The Casbah

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**The Condemned**: The Jumping Turtle

**Crimson Night**: Dreamstreet

**The Crust**: Fannie's Nightclub

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**5 Miles High**: Game Time Tavern

**The Followers**: The Casbah

**Forty One Sixty**: 'Canes

**Free Air**: 'Canes

**Frontside**: Winstons

**Fuzz Huzzi**: Fannie's Nightclub

**Gish**: Brick By Brick

**Hat Trick**: The Jumping Turtle

**The Hi-Lites**: 710 Beach Club

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## BANDS

### ROCK

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**Johnny Different:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Joneslagger:** The Jumping Turtle

**Just Like Jenna:** Brick By Brick

**The Justin Brothers:** Galley at the Marina

**Knifemill Disintegrator:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Lanterns:** The Casbah

**Leiana:** Winstons

**Lesson from Zeke:** Brick By Brick

**Life or Death:** Soma

**Me and Him:** The Jumping Turtle

**Metro:** Humphrey's

**Murder:** Soma

**Night Shift:** Carvers

**9 lb. Hammer:** The Casbah

**The Oaks:** The Casbah

**Oh! Ridge:** Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

**One Thread:** Fannie's Nightclub

**The Paper Dolls:** Brick By Brick

**The Pedatonones:** 710 Beach Club

**Patrice Pike:** Winstons

**Pope Benedict:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Powerchords:** The Casbah

**Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort

**PsychoActive:** The Jumping Turtle

**Red-Handed:** Bar Leucadian

**Resilience:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Restricted:** The Jumping Turtle

**Rhythm Red:** Pal Joey's

**Rice Rocket:** 710 Beach Club

**Ricksha:** The Casbah

**Rockola:** Humphrey's

**Royal Campaign:** Lestat's Coffee House, The Casbah

**Sender Receiver:** The Jumping Turtle

**Serious Guise:** The Kraken

**Shockwave 4:** Winstons

**Sight Unscene:** The Jumping Turtle

**Gone9:** Second Wind (Santee)

**Slayer:** Soma

**The Smiles Project:** Winstons

**The Sons of Bordertown:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**Soul Ablaze:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Stain Glass Satins:** 710 Beach Club

**Startosphere:** Brick By Brick

**The Stilettoes:** Henry's Pub, Dick's Last Resort

**Stone Wolf:** The Manhattan Lounge, Second Wind (San Carlos)

**Sweet Deal:** Molly Malone's

**Tapwater:** Pete's Place

**Terra Incognita:** 'Canes

**The 3rd:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Two Miles Band:** The Jumping Turtle

**Undecided:** Ocean House

**Uptown Groove:** Dirk's Niteclub

**The Wages of War:** Soma

**Waxy:** The Casbah

**Bob Wayne and the Outlaw Carnies:** The Casbah

**WFO:** The Jumping Turtle

**The White Buffalo:** Belly Up Tavern

**Brian Wilson and Al Jardine:** 4th & B

**Zone 4:** Don's Cocktail Lounge

### POP / TOP 40

**PTrak Armenta:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Gil Barron:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Carbon Leaf:** Belly Up Tavern

**Corrine May:** Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

**Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorn Restaurant

**The Disco Pimps:** Dick's Last Resort

**James East:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Mark Fulton:** Pasquale on Prospect

**The Good Times:** Henry's Pub

**Jimmy Lavello:** Dakota Grill and Spirits

**The Love Rangers:** The Alley

**Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House

**Makai:** Humphrey's

**Reaganomics:** Jimmy Love's

**The Soul Revue:** Jimmy Love's

**The Stepping Feet:** Whiskey Girl

**Super Diamond:** Belly Up Tavern

### JAZZ / BIG BAND

**Burnett Anderson:** Cafe LaMaze

**The Archtones:** Croce's Jazz Bar

**Big Mo:** Del Dios Bar and Grill

**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado

**B3, Bari, and Guitar:** Dizzy's

**The B-3 Four:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

**Sammy Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze

**Gilbert Castellanos and His Quintet:** Dizzy's

**Sandy Chappel:** Cafe LaMaze

**Club 33:** Winstons

**The Credit Union:** Ocean House

**Mike Dillon's Go-Go Jungle:** Winstons

**Edo Brazil:** Samba Grill

**Nick Fiore:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Glen Fisher:** Humphrey's

**Randy Fontaine and the Swingers:** Belly Up Tavern

**The Forecast Jazz Duo:** Leana Bistro and French Pastry Cafe

**Franco Z and Friends:** Tommy's Italian Restaurant

**Karen Giorgio:** The Westgate Hotel

**John Guilino:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Cynthia Hammond:** Busalacchi's Ristorante, Pasquale on Prospect

**The High Society Jazz Band:** Tio Leo's Lounge

**Christopher Hollyday and His Quartet:** Dizzy's

**The Paul Ingram Trio:** Caffè Salotto #1

**Insight:** Jimmy Love's

**Keith Jacobsen:** Lafayette Hotel, Del Mar Plaza

**Barbara Jamerson:** Humphrey's, Hotel del Coronado

**The Jazz 101 Band:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Jazzilla:** Turquoise Cafe

**Chris Klich:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**Dick Koenig:** Cody's La Jolla

**Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado

**Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel

**Stellita and Dave Lindgren:** Hotel del Coronado

**Peggy Lloyd:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

**Fran Loskota:** The Westgate Hotel

**The Joe Marillo Jazz Trio:** Manhattan Restaurant

**Masterpiece:** Jimmy Love's

**Jerry Melnick:** The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe

**The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar

**Mikan and Friends:** Buon Giorn Restaurant

**Jimmy Molidure:** Humphrey's

**David Mosby:** Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

**Mystique:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Jimmy Love's

**Mike Nelson:** Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

**The New Standard Jazz Trio:** Busalacchi's Ristorante

**Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Dan Papaila:** The Lodge at Torrey Pines

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# Breakfast with The Birds

*"I have the soup every time. That's every week, for ten years!"*

I hear birds a-twittering.

Is it in my head...or that old barn of a building?

It's coming from the building, all right. San Ysidro Feed and Supply. Curiosity killed the cat, but I have to go see. Inside, it's a sight any cat'd go ape for. Cage after cage of birds. Parakeets, budgies, squawkers, all in cages swinging between the bags of feed, hay, fertilizer.

"Lot of folks hereabouts love birds," says Tom, the owner. His mom started this store in 1934, but the actual structure was built in — whoa — 1885, to house horse-drawn carriages for U.S. Customs agents. That's San Ysidro all over. Half the houses going up the hill date back a century. "Little Landers," California's first Back-to-the-Earth commune hipsters, built them around 1910. I swear, it's the Brigadoon of San Diego.

"How can I help you?" says Tom.

"Uh, know a breakfast place?" I ask. I've just walked up from the border, and that's a good mile.

"You're nearly there," he says. "Don Félix. Keep going another half block."

So a minute later I'm passing under a huge pine tree that shelters the old (1850!) San Ysidro hotel. Then, almost next door, here's this little tile-roofed cream stucco place with a red-and-yellow sign. "Don Félix Café." On the windows, they've painted "Family Restaurant." It has that same

small-scale, country feel as the San Ysidro hotel.

Inside is cream walls, black chairs, blue-topped tables. Ten of them. Families fill up two, little old lady sits sipping soup alone at another. Two Border Patrol officers also sip veggie-filled broths nearby.

I sit down at a window table. Sun's filtering through the lettering on the pane. Guy hurries up and hands me a menu, then heads off. He's a one-man band, dropping off menus, menudos, soups, chile rellenos, tortas.

I'm checking the menu when a handsome woman sits down at the table next to mine.

"¿Caldo?" asks the waiter guy.

"Caldo," she says.

Hmm. I see *caldo de res* (beef soup, with rice, chips, and tortillas) is \$5.95. Could maybe manage that. But I've gotta watch it, 'cause I've just come from Mexico, where I spent about 12 bucks on a carton of cigarettes for my buddy Franky. That's limited my funds, like, critically. The good news is that the most expensive item on the menu is \$7.50. Most dishes are around four, five, six.

I ask the guy for a coffee (\$1.25). He brings it out with creamer and sugar. Sweetener? Forget it. Not the Mexican way. I see they have a \$2.99 breakfast special, but only between eight and ten on weekday mornings. Like, ham and eggs, or chorizo, which I love, or cactus, which is good, and good for you.

The standard *desayuno* ain't bad either. Machaca and eggs with rice, beans, and corn tortillas is \$5.50, ham and eggs is \$4.25, eggs with *nopales* — the cactus — is \$3.95. Among the lunch items, burritos run between \$2.25 and \$3.50, a chicken enchilada is \$4.75, and a chicken *ranchera* quesadilla is \$6.95.

The on-the-run waiter guy — I never do catch his name — is back. "The *caldo* is pretty good," he says. But that \$5.95 price tag is pushing it. Gotta keep trolley money alive. Even so, I almost fall for the other soup on the menu, a *merequetengue*, which is like *caldo* but with cactus added. Maybe that's what the Border Patrol guys are eating. I'd have it just because of the name, which — I ask — various people think means, like, "you deserve what you get," or "mess of potage," or "whatever's to hand."

But I play it safe and order the chorizo — spicy pork sausage meat — mixed in with scrambled eggs. It comes with beans and cheese sprinkles and rice, and three tortillas, for \$3.95. Right after, natch, the guy brings the *caldo* out to Raquel, the gal next door. Oh man. Huge. Steaming, in a traditional three-legged pot, a *molcajete*, bulging with chunks of beef, corn on the cob, onions, green beans. That would have stuffed me and then some.

"They're famous for this," says Raquel. "I have it every time. That's every week, for ten years!"

An older guy, Carlos, is chowing down on *nopales* *itos con huevos*. "Yes, the *caldo* is great," he agrees.

"I've been having it for 20 years. But they've been serving it longer. Don Félix has been here 30 years."

Sigh. While I'm waiting for my food, I get up and cruise the walls and check out the historical pix they have. Funny thing is, right above the Border Patrol guys' table, a 1927 photo shows two old jalopies halted by signs saying "US Border Patrol. Stop." "US Officers check equipment," says the caption. Another shows the actual border. A big sheltering tree, a single border pole, and one lonely car. "Simpler times," says one of the officers.

My chorizo comes and I dive in. Way good. Spicy dark flavor, but it doesn't set a wildfire in your mouth. Still, with the hot tortillas and beans and rice, and a nice drip of hot sauce, it does the trick. And, at \$3.95, what a deal.

I ask Raquel what work she does. She says she has a stall at the San Ysidro swap meet. She arranges everything for girls' *quinceañeras*. "I decorate gift pillows for them, engrave their scepters, their ceremonial cups, and I dress the *quinceañera* doll — their parents' last gift of childhood — in a dress like the one she will wear...it all costs anything from \$350 to \$650. It is very important for Mexicans."

Huh. Love it.

I swear I'll be back for the *caldo*, and for a *merequetengue* — just so I can say I have.

Up the street, a lady is reaching up with a sucker-tipped stick to change the peso rate outside a *bureau de change*. "Up or down?" I ask. "Down," she says. "But tomorrow? Who knows?" ■

**The Place:** Don Félix Café, 143 W. San Ysidro Boulevard (at Via de San Ysidro), 619-428-9144

**Type of Food:** Mexican

**Prices:** Breakfast special (M–F, 8:00–10:00 a.m.), ham, eggs, rice, beans, corn tortillas, \$2.99; chorizo and eggs, or cactus and eggs, same price; daily menu, machaca and eggs (same sides), \$5.50; ham and eggs, \$4.25; chorizo and scrambled eggs, \$3.95; cheese and bean burrito, \$2.25; carne asada burrito, \$3.25; chicken enchilada, \$4.75; chicken ranchera quesadilla, \$6.95; merequetengue (cactus soup), \$5.95; caldo de res (beef soup), \$5.95; menudo (Thursday–Sunday only), \$5.95

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# Mexico's Tuscan Spirit

*"It's kind of a geographical expression of how I'd love my life to be!"*

Eileen Gregory didn't set out to open a popular restaurant/inn/spa/winemaking operation in Baja wine country and, in so doing, aid and abet the transformation and revitalization of the region. Together with her husband Phil, she set out to buy a weekend home, someplace they would eventually retire to. And, initially, they set out to buy it in Argentina. "I was working in London, Amsterdam, and Los Angeles," says Eileen. "When 9/11 happened, I decided I didn't want to spend my life on aeroplanes any longer. I gave up my businesses, and we sold our place in London."

Argentina looked great until the Gregorys realized that it would be an 18-hour flight to their weekend getaway — "We wouldn't be able to go very often, and if we did, nobody would come to see us!" A friend and colleague at Fox, who had spent time at the studio's Rosarito facility, suggested Baja wine country — though he couldn't remember the name of the region. At least he knew the place existed. A real estate agent in Puerto Nuevo had never heard of such a thing — "and this was just three years ago." But she was willing to look on the Gregorys' behalf, and in a few weeks, they were poking around the Valle de Guadalupe, looking for just the right little patch of land.

What they found was just right, but it wasn't

little — 30 hectares instead of the intended 5. But, says Eileen, "It just spoke to us. It was as though the decision was made for us. Within five minutes, we said, 'We'll take it.' We both fell in love, and we've never looked back." Not even

when the government turned down their request to purchase the land. "The lawyer said, 'Don't worry. Just form a Mexican corporation, and then the Mexican corporation buys the land.' The only caveat was that if we were going to put a residence on it, there would need to be a commercial

reason." So was born Las Brisas del Valle (soon to be renamed La Villa del Valle).

"The idea is for it to have the feeling of having once been somebody's country pile, now turned into a commercial inn." Someplace that made you feel "that you were guests in someone's fabulous country estate. A personal, intimate experience" — there are only six rooms — "based around a restaurant. It's kind of a geographical expression of how I'd love my life to be." One of Eileen's former businesses was a "conscious-living TV cable channel," based in Amsterdam and carried across Europe. "We did things like yoga classes, cookery classes, organic gardening. We did some original programming, and we looked all over France for an old chateau we could turn into a place for doing all of these things. This turned out to be kind of a mini-mini version of that."

Now, there's a yoga studio/art studio/special functions room down by the pool. The vineyards are coming on; Phil's first vinous efforts, made from purchased grapes, are in the bottle. And the gardens are in full swing. "We have our own organic vegetable garden," says Eileen. "Our own free-range chickens. We grow our own lavender. We have our own olive trees, our own fruit orchard. We make our own jam, we make our own biscuits, we make our own granola and breakfast bread. And we make our own olive oil. What we don't have, we buy locally. Our meat comes from organic growers in Sonora. Our fish is freshly caught from the waters off Ensenada. The idea is that, as far as possible, everything is fresh, and not only grown organically but grown locally as well."

And it's mostly possible. Says Eileen, "Like most other wine-growing regions, there is an innate appreciation of natural, local-grown products and for treating the land with respect. Agribusiness is not really what happens here. The winemakers here are very much small and artisanal" — at least, the winemakers of Baja's Third Wave, of which the Gregorys are a part — "and the people we buy stuff from tend to be the same. We get our chorizo from a woman down the road who makes it herself. There's a guy who makes cheese using recipes his grandfather brought over from Italy."

It might sound like a bit of country gentrification, but Eileen views it as more restorative than anything else. "I think everything that's created rises out of what was here originally. It was a wine-growing region, and it was a big olive oil region." (A gargantuan and defunct olive orchard stretches in seemingly endless rows not far from



La Villa del Valle (formerly Las Brisas del Valle)

the Gregorys' property.) "The olive trees became a crop that wasn't really economically viable, so people started digging them up to plant crops that they could make money from. That's how we got lots of 20-year-old olive trees; ranchers were just getting rid of them. Our goal is to stop that from happening; it would take a long time to re-establish olive groves once they had been abolished. It's the same with the vineyards. There was a time when grapes were just not productive in an economic sense, so people started ripping out old grapevines and planting alfalfa. Our goal is to be as supportive as we can of the infrastructure that exists and then give an opportunity for other things to happen."

She envisions a cottage industry that will make use of pruned olive wood, as she's seen in other olive-rich regions. Also, a growing belief in the goodness of local product, so that people in Mexico will choose a Mexican olive oil over one marked "Italian" or "Spanish." "I'd like to see the place develop enough so that it can take advantage of what used to be here." And it looks as if she may get her wish. "One of the things that amazed us was the fact that [when we found it]

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Winewise (and perhaps otherwise as well), she says, "I think that we're probably what Napa was 50 years ago — 'Why would you buy California wine when you could buy French wine?' There's a big marketing campaign that needs to happen, and I think that with the burgeoning middle class in Mexico, it will happen. I don't want you to think that I'm hoping that this will become a Napa Valley. I don't think it will, and I think it would be a disaster if it did. To me, Napa Valley is Fantasyland, and this is Frontierland. I love that it's Frontierland, but I see that it will change. The whole of Mexico is changing. I would like to think of this place as being a

Mexican Tuscany, where all the local traditions are held intact but everybody's enjoying a modern lifestyle."

Next week: Phil's take. ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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### NORTH COASTAL

**A Little Moore Coffee Shop** 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billy" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two

French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo." It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

**Azafran** 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

**Beach House** 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a light-house-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the

genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

**Charlie's by the Sea** 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

**Kim's Restaurant** 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleas-

ant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

**Le Bambou** Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of "ground shrimp on sugar cane" so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and "Star of the Sea" curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

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**Meritage** 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

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**Oceanside Cafe** 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from

bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the Dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

**101 Cafe** 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

**Samurai Japanese Restaurant** Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen,

advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — N.W. (5/05)

**Sbicca American Bistro** 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$4 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

**Swami's Cafe** 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind

sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

## NORTH INLAND

**Bernard'O Restaurant** 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (6/04)

**Cabana Cove** Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

**The French Market Grille** 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambiance is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine)

but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

**Hernandez' Hide-Away** 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

**Jimbo's, Naturally!** 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B. (10/04)

**Mille Fleurs** 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woese. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds

are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

**Onami Japanese Restaurant** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

**Wine Sellar and Brasserie** 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

## LA JOLLA

**Cafe Japengo** The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

**Cliff Hanger Cafe** Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

**Roppongi** 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative *bento* boxes as well as sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations a must at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

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**Sky Room** Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. (Closed for renovations, set to reopen December.) The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

**MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS**

**Bali Thai Café** 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goreng* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/06)*

**Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant** Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st

floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

**Korea House** 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

**Nijiya Market** 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

**Pampas Argentine Grill** 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch

(mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

**THE BEACHES**

**Baleen** Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

**The Bar-B-Que House** 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 9:30 p.m. weeknights; 10:30 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Island Prime** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — *N.W. (5/06)*

**Kono's** 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists

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come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

**Mardi Gras Cafe** 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

**MZM Seacoast Bistro** 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the

gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

**Sapporo Japanese Restaurant** 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**Antique Row Cafe** 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular

lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Asia Cafe** 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

**Magnolias** Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W. (2/05)*

**Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli** 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with

pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

**Pizzeria Luigi** 1137 25th Street (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

**Sang Dao** 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-tries: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Tioli's Crazy Burger** 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/06)*

**Vagabond Kitchen** 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (7/06)*

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Brothers Family Restaurant** 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/04)*

**Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs** 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**D.Z. Akin's** 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, break-

fast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Fix Me a Plate Cafe** 9168 Fletcher Parkway (next to Souplantation), La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffées are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skippy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break between on weekends). Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (2/06)*

**4.0 Deli** Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Jasmine Bistro** Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W. (5/04)*

## FAR EAST

**Kountry Kitchen** 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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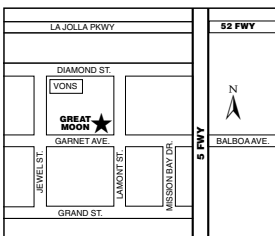
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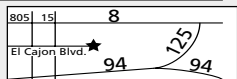
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**The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory** The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Arrividerci Italian Restaurant** 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and-white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (7/04)

**Berta's Latin American Restaurant** 3928 Twigg's Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland,

spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

**California Cuisine** 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

**Chilango's Mexico City Grill** 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it's real because there are no "combo plates" on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists — for instance, the delectable *chiles en nogada* features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sirloin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The "Yucatan salad" with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with *chile pasilla* sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave "wine." Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate, entrées half-price on Monday. — N.W. (9/05)

**Crest Cafe** 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn

down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**Indian Princess** 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincipally sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — E.B. (1/06)

**Kazumi Sushi** 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

**Kung Food Express Cafe** 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a "100-percent plant-based menu," give their food waste to farmers to compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a "live" food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One great-looking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avocado. Also good are the dishes using steamed quinoa — the Incas' mother grain — plus curried veggies, and beans with Soyrizo. Nice courtyard with native grasses, climbing vines, white umbrellas. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

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**The Mission** 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). “Urban assault food for a revolutionary people,” say the wait staff’s black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their “conscientious cuisine” is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the “Chino-Latino” dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

**Ortega’s, A Mexican Bistro** 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group’s first north-of-the-border venture. You’ll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega’s, the lobster isn’t deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean’s best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W. (8/05)*

**Picasso Spanish Restaurant** 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern

Spain, but these aren’t the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

**Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom** 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It’s colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you’re eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghournmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

**Whole Foods Market** 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods’ prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the green chili and cheese polenta, the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it’s like American stuffing, but it’s couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods’ vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

**Acqua Al 2** 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn’t a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they’re chef’s choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. “Tastings” of sal-

ads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

**Anthony’s Fishette** 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony’s Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: “hand battered treasures,” like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/06)*

**Buon Appetito** 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest’s Arriverdici, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine “Nouvelle Italian,” blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

**Buster’s Beach House and Long-board Bar** 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there’s a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu’s actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay’s waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy “Short Board” pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy “paella” (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio

table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W. (7/03)*

**Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine** 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don’t miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadi*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/05)*

**City Pizzeria** 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There’s a cultural war going on here. “City” has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family’s secret for 75 years. Try the “Ranch Chicken” pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don’t tempt you, there are eleven other “specialty pies” every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

**Confidential** 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose “small plates” many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as “sceney” crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2

a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W. (6/06)*

**Croce’s Restaurant and Jazz Bar** 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. “Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée” at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D. (10/05)*

**Crudo Restaurant** 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-398-2974. *Crudo* refers to the Italian version of sushi, but that’s not on the menu at this flashy eatery-cum-nightclub, a partnership between Italian restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and disco maven Mike Viscuso. Nope, the raw fish here is Japanese-fusion sushi and sashimi, with some excellent, creative “party rolls” (like the Green Hornet and the Crudo roll) and a delightful, shareable sashimi “plateau” — a mini-encyclopedia of fish and garnishes. Fusiony appetizers, noodle or rice bowls, and baroque, high-end entrées fill out the list. Having a bite before the disco opens buys free entry to the lounge. Short wine list at high markups; numerous sakes (mainly by-the-bottle only) at high-to-ridiculous markups; full bar. Want quiet? The dining patio in front is sheltered and serene. Disco Wednesday through Saturday night. Dinner nightly. “Bowls” and simple sushi inexpensive, otherwise very expensive. — *N.W. (4/06)*

**Dussini Mediterranean Bistro** 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It’s still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably

authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend diners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/06)*

**House Of Blues Restaurant** 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-299-2583. Best thing HOB did was *not* tear down Woolworth’s old sidewalk canopy. Now it shelters their streetside café, where you can just do coffee and people watch, or get into their Southern-inspired cuisine. This is a classy joint, with heavy flatware, big white cloth napkins, and solid china plates and cups. Can a fellow on a tight budget afford to eat here? Yes and no. Meaning, for a song you will find great chicken gumbo mixing it up with andouille (Cajun) sausage and okra in traditional brown roux with French bread, or skillet-baked rosemary cornbread with maple butter, or their delicious sweet potato fries. But you’ll need bigger notes to finance the all-beef Blues Burger with cheese and fries or the luscious baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes. Value dessert? The white chocolate-banana bread pudding with Jack Daniel’s crème anglaise, whipped cream, and a “caramel halo” will have you singing with the angels — not the blues. Open daily, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

**LC’s Prime Steakhouse** 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less “old boys’ club” than most of its kind — it’s quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged “Jewel in the Crown” Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. “Escargots alfredo” is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything’s à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and F. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — *N.W. (8/05)*

**McCormick & Schmick’s** Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate spe-

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cialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early diners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — *N.W. (10/05)*

**Patty's Fruitland** 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

**Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine** 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B. (12/01)*

**RA Sushi** 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the de-

licious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

**Red Pearl Kitchen** 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W. (4/06)*

**Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano** 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**The Barbecue Pit** 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming

here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/06)*

**Bino's European Coffees and Crepes** 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Galley at the Marina** 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

**Point-Point Joint** 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want

healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**Primavera Ristorante** 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambience early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

**Rhinoceros** 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since

the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

**Vahida's Healthy Choice** Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevapchichi* are made

like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/06)*

**Zorba's Family Restaurant** 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*



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**El Rincón del Oso** Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

**El Taurino Steak House** Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo*

(cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (9/04)*

**La Petite Café** Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

**Lonchería La Poca Lucha** Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish),

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**Salón Azteca** Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

**Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo** Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is

pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (8/04)*

**Super Antojitos** 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/20)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**Chipotle** 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* out-

standing. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — *N.W. (10/05)*

**Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant** 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brickly drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B. (11/03)*

**The Living Room Coffeehouse** 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. In-

expensive. Additional locations (different management) in Hillcrest, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B. (10/00)*

**P. F. Chang's China Bistro** 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/06)*

**Star Of India** 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

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# In a Tailspin

*Ace manipulates events for easily earned emotions.*

One of the unwritten rules of theater: never let the audience get ahead of the story. If they can anticipate where you're going, you've lost them. Coughing bouts break out. Programs crackle. Chins nestle on the palms of hands. Although the Old Globe's musical *Ace* tries to corral you into the moment with one epic emotion after another, you can see what's coming long in advance.

## REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

*Ace* tells two stories. But they're the same story told twice: young intrepid lad falls in love with flying and with a woman, at the same time. She becomes pregnant. He goes off to World War I. He gets shot down. Dies. A son grows up fatherless. Learns to love planes. Falls in love with a woman. She becomes pregnant. He goes off to World War II.

*Ace* is set in St. Louis, 1952, where a third fatherless son, ten-year-old Billy, must go to a foster home because his mother, for vague mental stability reasons, isn't working out. His parents, clones of June and Ward Cleaver, try but fail to win his love. Then at night, as Billy rubs a model P40 Flying Tiger plane, a World War II ace takes him back in time on "the traveling thing." Act One tells the story of John Robert, WWI pilot shot down in combat; Act Two tells the story of his son, Ace, a WWII pilot, shot down in combat, who, it turns out is — three guesses. Or are you way ahead of me?

Families torn apart, parentless children, deaths before their time: these are life-changing, even life-shattering, events. The musical's sketchy plot,

however, never takes them beyond the generic. *Ace* manipulates events for easily earned emotions. One-dimensional characters *stand* for a feeling or a problem, and little more: one mom's depressed, another's controlling, another's inept (women don't fare very well in the musical, come to think of it); the ace pilots gaze heroically at the heavens and sing soaring songs of conquest.

Or song, actually, since they all sound practically the same. Richard Oberacker's music rages to uplift. Notes and phrases always ascend, as if to imitate flight, and sometimes out of a singer's range. If the musical had just one song like this — "I Know It Can Be Done," belted with Power of Positive Thinking conviction by Darren Ritchie, for example — it would be stirring. You'd leave the theater determined to honor all of your New Year's resolutions. But every song rockets into the upper registers at full volume — determined to *move you*. The result, by Act Two, is auditory overload so pummeling you may not notice that, in the end, *Ace* has resolved almost every contradiction in the known universe.

In the midst of the din, and possibly because he's doing the opposite, Noah Galvin gives a mesmerizing performance. As young Billy, Galvin doesn't seem to be acting. It's as if, instead of time traveling, the real Billy rubbed the Flying Tiger model and ended up on the Globe stage instead. *Ace* tries to engulf the audience. Galvin brings them in, with subtle facial expressions and minimal body language. Billy is genuinely con-



Ace

**Ace**, book and lyrics by Robert Taylor and Richard Oberacker, music by Richard Oberacker

**Old Globe Theatre**, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

**Directed by Stafford Arima**; cast: Noah Galvin, Traci Lyn Thomas, Lisa Datz, Betsy Wolfe, Duke Lafoon, Darren Ritchie, Michael Arden, Ian Brininstool, Maddie Shea Baldwin, Heather Ayers, Gabrielle Boyadjian, Gabrielle Stravelli, Susan Kokot Stokes, Kelli Barrett, James Judy, Richard Barth, Danny Rothman, Kevin Reed; scenic design, David Korins; costumes, Marie Anne Chiment; lighting, Christopher Akerlind; sound, John H. Shivers, David Patridge; choreographer, Andrew Palermo; music director, David Kreppel

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**Heart of a Dog**, by Mikhail Bulgakov, adapted by Frank Galati

**Mandell Weiss Forum**, University of California, San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla

**Directed by Charlie Oates**; cast: Ryan Shams, Brandon Taylor, Milly Fite, Michelle Diaz, Lorene Eve Chesley, Rufio Lerma; lighting, Hong Sooyeon; sound, Christian DeAngelis

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## THEATER

fused and hurt. Galvin's performance almost makes the musical worth seeing.

Gabrielle Boyadjian does a nice turn as young Emily, a "beanpole" outcast who wears round Harry Potter glasses and loves mysteries. Dressed like Donna Reed, Betsy Wolfe stops the show with "Make It from Scratch." Amid a cloud of flour and a spillway of sodium, Billy's foster mother Louise tries, and fails, to bake Toll House cookies.

For the '80s and '90s, Broadway musicals had a calling card: the Big Effect — be it a falling chandelier or hovering helicopter. For a musical about flying, you'd expect not necessarily Baron von Richthofen swooping down in his red triplane with the sun at his back, but at least a vivid, theatrical representation of flight. David Korins's set has a two-tier platform, rearstage, that resembles the wings of a biplane. But when the pilots take to the skies, director Stafford Arima and choreographer Andrew Palermo ground them with unimaginative miming: running in circles, crouching and turning, pumping their hands for machine guns — like kids playing in the back yard.

Everyone involved with this project should take a walk from the Globe across Balboa Park to the Aerospace Museum. Once inside, they should look up and meditate on the machines — many originating in San Diego — people used to fly. There's more awe in the sight of John J. Montgomery's fragile *Evergreen* glider than in all of *Ace* put together.

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To stage Mikhail Bulgakov's 1925 novella about transformation, *Heart of a Dog*, UCSD director Charlie Oates turned the Mandell Weiss Forum theater around: the audience sits on the stage; actors perform on-stage and in the house. Chase scenes down the aisles, and pratfalls far and near, are a hoot. As is Frank Galati's adaptation.

Professor Preobrajensky's a urologist who specializes in "re-



*Heart of a Dog*

juvenation" — improving the sex lives of his clientele, the fading bourgeoisie in revolutionary Russia, with implants (not all are successful, however, as the man with green hair attests). What if, he speculates, he could "hypophysic" a dog into a human? He tries, transplanting the pituitary gland and testicles of a man into a scraggly mutt. But, the professor and his aides are quick to learn, the human subject was a "filthy scum," stabbed to death in a barroom brawl, with the "vilest human heart you could find." After the dog learns to walk and speak — his first word is "saloon" — he becomes not just a mega-jerk but a candidate for public officialdom (the USSR refused to publish *Heart of a Dog* when it came out; it's a wonder they didn't "disappear" Bulgakov, given his bitter counterrevolutionary critique).

Sharp ensemble acting frames the performances of Brandon Taylor, as the snobish Preobrajensky, a Dr. Joseph Mengele *avant la lettre*, and Ryan Shams as the dog/man Sharik, one of the grimmest, grossest, and funniest creations in recent memory. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### Ace

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### Don Quixote

The San Diego Rep's world-premiere adaptation of the Cervantes novel is wildly uneven, often tedious, silly, tonally confused, and thesis-heavy. The three-hour show feels as if it's been cut down but needs much more. Paul Magid, of the legendary Flying Karamazov Brothers, wrote the script. He pits competing dreamers against each other: Quixote (a Christian fanatic who, were he alive today, would invade Iraq) and Cidi Hamete Benegeli, an intrusive narrator who dreams of a tolerant world. Magid's moral earnestness is the show's most moving element. But his emphasis makes Quixote too one-note. Even an actor of Peter Van Norden's considerable talents can't nudge the don beyond mere infantile xenophobia. He's never noble. Just nuts. The Sam Woodhouse-directed production has gems: giants on stilts (some of whom Quixote slashes in a fit of madness); Willie G's Sancho Panza doing a rap number; Don Pedro's famous puppet show, performed by fruits and vegetables; the four Karamazovs juggling (and being funniest when one fumbles a club). But most scenes have a sameness — Quixote turns goofy, people get hurt; Quixote, dazed, rises anew to concoct another mess — and the best parts, which revisions would probably eliminate, are the interludes. That's when the Karamazovs fly. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH

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### Dracula

Coronado Playhouse presents Bram Stoker's classic about the blood-hungry Count. James Gary Byrd directed. The production features an original score by Eric Scot Frydler.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

### Fiddler on the Roof

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about tradition and Tevye, a dairyman in the Russian village of Anatevka. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 1; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

### Happy Endings Are Extra

Diversions Theatre presents the U.S. premiere of Ashraf Johardien's comedy-drama about "a woman who loves a man who loves a rent boy." Rosina Reynolds directed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

### Heart of a Dog

Reviewed this issue.

MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, THROUGH JANUARY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

### Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

Joey and Maria tie the knot in "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater." HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY, 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

### Master Harold and the Boys

To commemorate Black History Month, Community Actors Theatre stages Athol Fugard's award-winning drama about the human cost of apartheid. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, OAK PARK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, THROUGH FEBRUARY 25; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

### A Moon for the Misbegotten

Jonathan McMurtry's excellent performance in Eugene O'Neill's wistful tragedy resembles Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*. McMurtry plays

the pugnacious Phil Hogan, crabby drunk and father of Josie and three abandoned sons. Like Mercutio, as long as McMurtry's onstage the North Coast Rep's production's funny and brimming with life. McMurtry makes the other actors — especially Karla Kash's otherwise unassertive Josie — better and has great sport giving Richard Baird's T. Stedman Harder, pompous aristocrat, his comeuppance. But when McMurtry leaves the stage for the crucial third act, in which Josie and Jamie Tyrone slowly form a *pieta* in the September moonlight, the production falls flat. Kash seems to shrink and David Anthony Smith's hale and dapper Tyrone doesn't even approach the dissipation of a man with "one foot in the grave from whiskey." Smith gives a rigid, linear effort — one word or gesture at a time — and never captures the fluid sorrow of the character based on O'Neill's drunken, guilt-crucified brother, James Jr. O'Neill asked for a run-down, rock-strewn farm, and Marty Burnett delivers, as do costumer Jeanne Reith's faded cottons. Michael Paolini's consistently awkward lighting, however, casts actors' shadows on Burnett's blue sky and, to frame a scene dramatically, jumps from sunshine to darkness in a jiff. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

### 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 AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

### Night Watch

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Lucille Fletcher's suspense thriller in which Elaine Wheeler sees dead people in an empty chair. Sherrie Coburn directed. POWPAC THEATER, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

### Pig Farm

Greg Kotis's agricultural comedy ("the pigs are restless down on the farm") plays at the South Coast Rep. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JANUARY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

### Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Joe Turner's Come and Gone

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grass-roots Greeks" did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: Floyd Gaffney directs *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*.

### Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; *JOE TURNER'S COME AND GONE*, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AND 6, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

### 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 play-

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ers 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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**2006 in Review**

Black Kat Theatre presents its second annual “living newspaper” “look back on the year that brought us Pluto’s demotion, no liquids on airplanes, and continued violence in the war in Iraq.” Tisha Tumangan directed. 2820 LYTTON STREET, POINT LOMA, THROUGH JANUARY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-971-0441.

**Win, Place, or Die...My Jockeys Are Killing Me!**  
Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith’s interactive “race-track romp.” It’s opening weekend

at Upson Downs, and the Thor-oughbred Club’ll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.


**Yellowman**

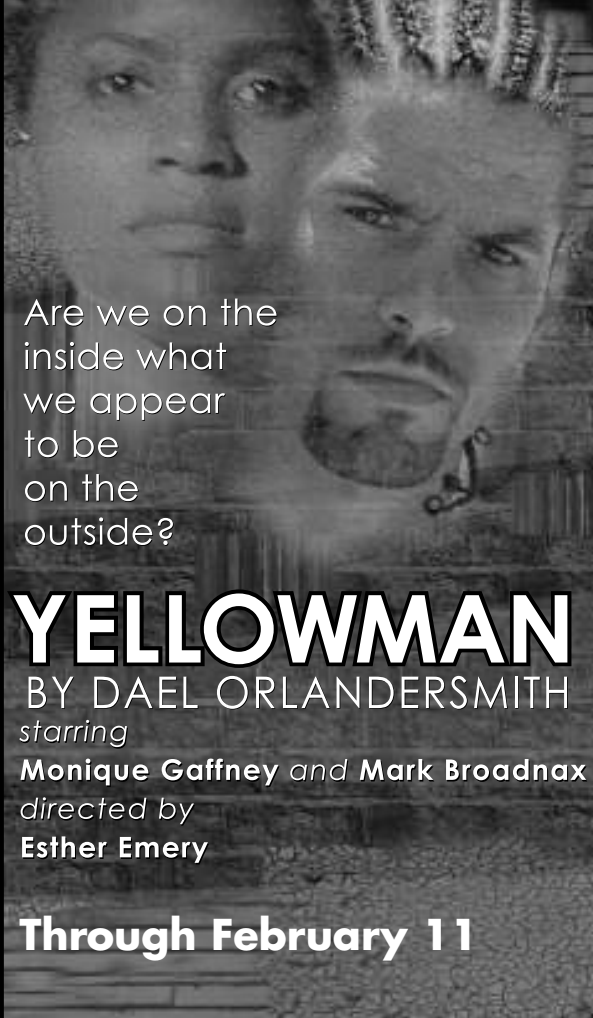
“I don’t want to let anyone off the hook,” playwright/poet Dael Orlandersmith said in an interview. Her drama looks at “internal racism,” the rift between light- and dark-skinned African-Americans, and shows that “the people who have been enslaved” have taken on “the very bias that’s been done to us.” *Yellowman* follows the lives, and love, of Alma, a large, dark woman, and Eugene, a “high yellow” (light-skinned) man. The play moves from their childhood to the promise of marriage. Throughout they encounter differences of skin that encircle, and eventually destroy, their bond. Orlandersmith writes a tough poetry that never sounds “poetic” or preachy and weaves scenes solely from words, not stage directions. For Cygnet Theatre, talented director Esther Emery and a crack design team build visual pictures and movement

from the language (Nick Fouch’s set, a beige wall of corrugated tin and brick, has a wide slash across the center, within which Eric Lotze’s lighting blazes South Carolina sunshine and NYC cold). Everything, including Veronica Murphy’s subtle costumes and George Ye’s equally subtle sounds, enhances the text. The playwright might object that Monique Gaffney and Mark Broadnax are much younger than the ages she asks for (Alma’s supposed to be around 40, Eugene, 45) but couldn’t object to their fine performances. Each plays several characters, vividly, and traces the growth of Alma and Eugene with exactitude. The result resembles Greek tragedy: how the sins, or in this case the prejudices, of the fathers can ruin not just the innocence, but also the very lives, of the young.

*Critic’s pick.*

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Nada más concluir el partido de la final de la Conferencia Americana que ganaron los Potros por 38-34 a los Patriots de Nueva Inglaterra gracias a la gran labor del mariscal de campo Peyton Manning, las casas de las

apuestas lo vieron como la clave para que su equipo pueda ser campeón.

El argumento de los expertos en apuestas es que Payton es mucho mejor mariscal que Rex Grossman, de los Osos, muy criticado por su estilo de juego y decisiones durante los partidos.

Las casas de apuestas de Las Vegas, que mueven cientos de millones de dólares durante el Super Bowl, ya tienen establecidas todo tipo de apuestas para el juego del 4 de febrero.

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## Revelan acoso

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

Si alguien conoce en carne propia el infierno y pesadilla que representa estar encerrado en el Centro de Detenciones de Inmigración en Otay Mesa, es Camal Marchabeyoglu, que vivió por dos años los maltratos e irregularidades del lugar.

El ex interno de ese penal narró las terribles experiencias que los reos de ese centro

sufren a diario por violaciones al código penal.

En julio del 2005 Diario San Diego fue el primer medio impreso en denunciar las anomalías que sucedían en el Centro de Detenciones de Inmigración de Otay Mesa. Maltratos, golpes y hasta muertes son el pan de cada día para extranjeros detenidos.

Lo anterior fue avalado por el reporte de una auditoría federal dado a conocer la semana pasada.

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## Quedó a deber

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Una larga espera, habló mucho, pocas canciones y una sensación de que todavía no olvida los problemas que le trajo el ser parte del clan Trevi-Andrade ante la justicia mexicana, es la que dejó el sabor de Gloria Trevi por su paso por el club gay Montage en San Diego.

Por lo menos hasta ahora, los conciertos multitudinarios, los grandes escenarios para bailar y moverse que Gloria Trevi pisaba, quedaron atrás.

Sin embargo, la cantante asegura que en este año regresará para volver a cantar en esos escenarios lle-

nos en donde su público la aclamará.

Fue un concierto breve ante tanta espera y expectación por su show, muchas palabras, promesas y canciones dedicadas para todos aquellos que la han señalado y hecho daño y con la promesa que este año llenará estadios y grandes escenarios.

"Yo sé que han hablado cosas horribles de mí... que me dijeron que era una mala mujer... ¡tan buena que estoy!" dijo con su peculiar estilo la cantante mexicana.

La Trevi anuncia que será en este año cuando regrese a los conciertos masivos a Tijuana y San Diego, entre otras ciudades.



## Arrancan bien

Las Águilas del América anotaron tres veces en nueve minutos y sumaron un gol al final, suficiente para iniciar con el pie derecho el Torneo Clausura 2007 goleando 4-1 al San Luis. Por el América, que se convirtió en el primer líder del certamen, convirtieron el mexicano Duilio Davino, el paraguayo Salvador Cabañas y el mexicano Cuauhtémoc Blanco.

Por San Luis, el uruguayo Sebastián Abreu falló un penalti que le bajó la moral a su equipo.

En otros resultados de la primera jornada Monterrey venció 1-0 al Santos Laguna, con gol de Santiago Baños, y Morelia, 3-1 al Atlante con dos goles de Fernando Arce y uno de Ignacio

Carrasco. Las Chivas del Guadalajara iniciaron la defensa de su campeonato empatando a un gol con los Diablos Rojos del Toluca con golazo de último segundo de Ramón Morales en un tiro libre.

El Torneo Clausura 2007, cuyo campeón se decidirá en el mes de mayo, tendrá su segunda fecha este fin de semana con los partidos Chiapas-Querétaro, San Luis-Morelia, Atlante-Cruz Azul, Veracruz-Pumas UNAM, Pachuca-Monterrey, Tigres-América, Atlas-Tecos, Toluca-Necaxa y Santos Laguna-Guadalajara.

Por otro lado, la edición 48 de la Copa Libertadores de América comenzará el próximo miércoles, día 24 de enero en México.



## Tiene suerte

Un hombre cayó desde el piso 17 de un hotel y se desplomó por 16 niveles hasta que chocó con un alero, que le salvó la vida aunque sufrió varias lesiones.

Joshua S. Hanson, de 29 años y oriundo de Blair en el estado de Wisconsin, fue llevado a un hospital. Policías y bomberos dijeron que tenía múltiples fracturas y lesiones internas.

El hombre seguramente tuvo a "un ángel en su hombro o algo así", dijo el teniente de policía Dale Barsness. "Es un tipo con suerte".

De acuerdo con un informe de la policía, Hanson y dos amigos regresaron de una noche de copas la madru-

gada de ayer y cuando el elevador llegó al piso 17, Hanson corrió por un pasillo breve hacia una ventana de doble cristal que se extendía del piso al techo, indicó Barsness.

Al parecer perdió el equilibrio, se proyectó contra el cristal, lo rompió y cayó unos 90 metros hasta que se impactó con el alero del primero piso. La ventana tenía doble cristal y una barra de seguridad, dijo Tom Mason, gerente general del hotel Hyatt.

La policía informó que Hanson estaba consciente y hablaba cuando fue retirado del alero. "Esto nunca antes ha ocurrido", señaló el director del hotel Hyatt.

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# Cops and Others

*The only deflation in it is the thought of how unimaginable this sort of thing would be in the Hollywood of today.*

It's a challenge to stay unspoiled after *Children of Men* and *Letters from Iwo Jima* on successive weeks. Many a week out of the year, *Le Petit Lieutenant* would doubtless be a sight for sore eyes. A taut, tough, gritty, realistic French *policier* (no background music to pump it up at any point), it picks up the title character at his graduation from the police academy and doggedly follows him to his first assignment as a plainclothesman in Paris, to the receipt of his first gun, to his first corpse, first autopsy, first case, an unglamorous mugging and murder likely committed by a couple of lowlife Russian immigrants. The straight-ahead, flat-footed narrative, however, conceals an odd, awkward, tricky structure. Every now and then the film veers off from our eager young rookie (Jalil Lespert) onto a private detour with the *soi-disant* "Madame Supercop" (the biggest name in the cast, Nathalie Baye, in an economically eloquent performance), a respected veteran, daughter of a "Monsieur Supercop," back on the streets after two years at a desk job while she bat-

tled alcoholism. Somewhere in the middle, right when the case takes on a new urgency, the focus switches entirely to her, with the Little Lieutenant removed to the sidelines, although keeping his claim on the film's title through his significance to his replacement protagonist, just the age her son would have been had he not died of meningitis in childhood. Not in any degree "super," Madame Cop shows herself to be all too human.

The balance, in the early stages, between these two characters could have been more deftly handled by the (over here) unknown director, Xavier Beauvois, who also plays a supporting part as a Right-leaning cop; but the case itself, continuing to plow straight ahead, is satisfyingly worked out with rising stakes, rising suspense, rising emotion. The only deflation in it is the thought at the back of your mind of how unimaginable this sort of thing would be in the Hollywood of today, as opposed to the Hollywood of half a century ago. It would now need to be injected with enough extra voltage to electrocute itself. The film,



*La Petit Lieutenant*

fortunately for me if not you, carries over on Friday, the 26th, into a second week at the Ken Cinema. Landmark, the parent company, a couple of weeks ago sent out notification that the scheduled opening date of January 19 was pushed back to January 26, and then, when I was ten minutes from last week's deadline, notified me that the opening date was moved forward

again to the original date of January 19. Sure fooled me!

*Venus*, written by Hanif Kureishi and directed by Roger Michell, is an abortive Pygmalion tale about a septuagenarian one-time matinee idol ("You're famous?" "A little bit") who takes an interest in the hopeless would-be model and, in the meantime, ill-natured caregiver for her gay

great-uncle, an old thespian crony of our Pygmalion figure. Some of the senescent sexuality has some interest in it for us, too, as we might expect from the indelicate writer of *My Beautiful Laundrette*, *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, *My Son the Fanatic*, and (also directed by Michell) *The Mother*. And yet, for all the outward thorniness, the film is a ball of mush at heart. Peter

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O'Toole, as the dried-up ham, gives a wearily bluffing performance that nevertheless seems to have won over the critics. Always prone to a heavy stress and a lurching cadence in his delivery of lines, a kind of vocal galumph, he is now more ponderous and harder-breathing by half, going for the Henry Fonda Oscar — i.e., the sympathy vote — and even, around the nipped-and-tucked hollowed-out eyes especially, looking a bit like late Fonda, a shadow of his former self (a “gorgeous” glamour shot from his salad days will remind us) or more accurately a cruel caricature of his former self. It is good to report that Vanessa Redgrave as his ex-wife continues to age beautifully, without taking extreme measures, and that she has still got a spark, a mere five years younger than O'Toole at the age of seventy this next Tuesday, the 30th. Young Jodie Whitaker, in her screen debut as the Galatea figure, makes a pebble-sized splash.

*The Hitcher* undertakes an exten-

sive re-write of the 1986 road-movie thriller of the same name, altering but not eliminating the truck-pull pièce de résistance, the tearing of limb from limb. What emerges from the overhaul is a no-fun Spring Break for a collegiate Cute Couple harassed by a homicidal highway menace (supernatural or just supersilly?) against whom the New Mexico cops are as helpless as though they were up against the Terminator. What it tells us is nothing more than how rapidly time marches on. We seem to have come to the point where a young filmmaker today (Dave Meyers, a music-video guy) can reach back into his youth, no further than the mid-Eighties, and hold up as a screen classic such a complete pièce de crap. (The recent remakes of *Black Christmas*, *The Hills Have Eyes*, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* reached back at least to those golden olden days of the Seventies. But it's a new year.) That very word, as it happens, issues from the car radio when a distant deejay introduces “a classic from David Soul,” albeit an artifact of the Seventies, “Don't Give Up on Us, Baby.” Without any question this is meant as a joke, though it's hardly a bigger joke than an

awestruck remake of *The Hitcher*.

My overriding reaction to the Golden Globes, insofar as they are considered a “forecast” of the Oscars, was that not only was 2006 not a very good year for movies, it was not even a very good year for the particular sorts of not very good movies that the Oscars traditionally palm off as bests. The winnowed-down nominations announced on Tuesday bore this out. Of course, one route to respectability remains open, provided the Academy give its top award to a film in Japanese. The handicap of foreign-language films up until now has been that they're always made by foreigners.

February, right around the corner, means one thing for certain (besides the Oscars, that is): the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, the 17th Annual, February 8 through 18, spread around among the AMC La Jolla 12 (principally), the UltraStar Mission Valley 7, the UltraStar Poway 10, and the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. For the full schedule of documentaries (always more of those), fiction films, featurettes, and shorts, go to [www.lfjcc.org/sdjff](http://www.lfjcc.org/sdjff) or call 858-362-1348. ■

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**Alpha Dog** — Another occasion to be shocked, *shocked*, at the behavior of America's youth, specifically drug-dealing middle-class SoCal white kids who have embraced a black gangsta ethic (“Chill out, dog”). A true-crime wallow, with the names changed to protect the exploiters; long-drawn-out; overacted like mad. Emile Hirsch, Justin Timberlake, Anton Yelchin, Ben Foster, Shawn Hatosy, Bruce Willis, and, donning a latex fat suit for the epilogue, Sharon Stone; written and directed by Nick Cassavetes. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Apocalypse** — Evidently Mel Gibson is in it only for the barbarity. Scouring the globe, roaming the pages of history, he has alighted here on the illuminating example

of the Mayan people, past their civilized peak, where a happy, peaceable, practical-joking tribe of jungle dwellers (sample joke: the prescription of a red-hot herb as a *topical* fertility drug, so that the duped hubby must, in full view of the guffawing villagers, hop around buck naked and plunk down his burning loins in a water trough — wait, it gets even better — and his wife must pour a pitcher of water down her gullet) is cruelly set upon and rounded up by a storm troop of fearsome, bloodthirsty, bone-in-the-nose killjoys in search of sacrificial offerings to their god Kukulkan. A paradise, in other words, no less than turn-of-the-13th-century Scotland in *Braveheart* or 1st-century Palestine in *The Passion of the Christ*, where Gibson may indulge his appetite for mayhem, persecution, torture, martyrdom. (The nine-tenths-naked natives enable him, further, to indulge his lesser appetite for homoeroticism.) The English subtitles and the no-name cast might almost lead you to believe, were it not for the telltale slickness and the Gibsonian slo-mo for dramatic stress, that you're watching a product of, say, the Guatemalan New Wave or the Undiscovered Belizean Cinema. At the very least, the film should do nothing to fan the flames of Gibson's suspected and substantiated anti-Semitism. And at the next least, the last-minute arrival on the scene of Christianity is not openly — and politically incorrectly — applauded. That might be the film's one and only instance of restraint. Rudy Youngblood, Dalia Hernandez, Jonathan Brewer, Morris Bird. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Babel** — Communication problems the world over. An American tourist is struck by rifle fire in Morocco, arousing erroneous worries of terrorism. An illegal-alien nanny drags along the two towheads in her care to a Mexican wedding, and runs afoul of the Border Patrol on their return. And a horny pantyless deaf-mute Japanese girl can't get a man, any man, to take an interest in her. These three storylines are fashionably “interlocked” (anyone who can recognize the voice of Brad Pitt over the telephone will immediately know the connection between two of them), and the film strategically ends in the same place, from a different point of view, as it begins, coming full circle. The illusion of complexity, for all that, could scarcely be more transparent. Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu, much in the manner of his *Amores Perros*, achieves depth only in the way that a hero sandwich achieves it; and it achieves length — almost two and a half hours of it — in the same way as a footlong at any Subway shop. Tenuous in construction, slack and sluggish in pace, sketchy and far-fetched in plot, the film does nothing to justify its epic length or its cosmic ambitions. (The Mexican storyline, particularly weak, goes nowhere until it goes bananas: a series of decisions so bad as to forfeit all sympathy for the characters, let alone for the storyteller who compelled the characters to make the decisions.) With a somewhat calmer camera than his norm, however, the director does some nice scene-setting, some impressionistic documentation of the locales, to help realize his goal in sheer duration. With Cate Blanchett, Adriana Barraza, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, and Rinko Kikuchi. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

**Blood and Chocolate** — Agnes Bruckner as a teenage werewolf, with Hugh Dancy and Olivier Martinez, directed by Katja von Garnier.

(CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/26)

**Blood Diamond** — Serviceable action-adventure despite frequent interruptions for sermonettes on human rights and capitalist wrongs. The ripped-from-the-head-



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lines story (yesterday’s headlines: civil war in Sierra Leone, 1999) features the stock figures of a self-interested soldier of fortune, in league with slaughterous rebels and unscrupulous jewellers, an engagé foreign correspondent, and a hapless native peasant enslaved in the diamond mines and separated from his family, all united on a treasure hunt for a priceless buried gem, “a pink,” big as a walnut. Without the politics, the strong-arm manipulation of emotions would be inexcusable. Or rather, more clearly inexcusable. It’s still inexcusable even now. (The on-screen standing ovation at the final curtain is an uns subtle elbow-in-the-ribs to the moviegoer.) Behind the op-ed posturing, the film roughly resembles a middle-period, middle-drawer Robert Mitchum vehicle, except that Leonardo DiCaprio, affecting an acceptable Afrikaner accent, is no Robert Mitchum. For all his recently acquired bulk, including the heftiness of his credits in Martin Scorsese’s oeuvre, he remains too boyish to be a persuasive action hero: Robby Bensonitis, let’s call it. Jennifer Connelly, meantime, is both capable and decorative as the journalist. And the only thing keeping Djimon Hounsou from total sympathy is the sanctimony in which his director, Edward Zwick, enwraps him. All three, along with their Dark Continent environs, are nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by Eduardo Serra. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan** — For anyone who heretofore hadn’t encountered the character on HBO, Borat Sagdiyev will need an introduction. He is one of the personas of British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen on *Da Ali G Show*, a Kazakh TV reporter dapperly dressed in a dove-gray suit, bristlingly mustachioed, blissfully sexist, superstitiously anti-Semitic, and not yet toilet-trained (he splashes water on his face from the commode in his New York hotel room, takes a doggy-style dump in the bushes of a public park, jerks off in front of a Victoria’s Secret display window, and so on), ostensibly dispatched to America to shoot a documentary for home consumption — a built-in excuse for bad camerawork. Scripted scenes, or at any rate pre-planned scenes, primarily involving Borat’s obese and camera-shy producer, Azamat Bagatov (Ken Davitian), secondarily involving a slightly less obese African-American call girl (Luenell), and presumably also involving the proprietors of a Jewish B&B (how can we be sure?), alternate with unscripted performance-art pieces, so to call them, in which assorted innocents, dupes, patsies, and joke-butts are lured into the gag unawares. These unrehearsed bits, no doubt more compelling, more riveting, more nerve-racking than the planned-out parts, naturally give rise to thoughts of their comedic antecedents and analogues: *Candid Camera*, the practical jokes on a Dick Clark *Bloopers* special, MTV’s copycat

moral concerns — to say nothing of legal ones — that far overshadow artistic ones. Can, as an example, an Alabama minister’s wife — bluntly insulted for her dearth of pulchritude — be safely assumed to be less of a human being than our fearless guerrilla artiste, or has the latter’s sexism perhaps crossed over, there, from fiction into reality? Any diversion afforded by such thoughts is all to the good, because the general impression of the film, right down to the spottiness of its laughs, and regardless of whether staged or not, is amazingly similar to that of your average Will Ferrell comedy. In a word, over-the-top and high of the target. Directed by Larry Charles. 2006.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

**Casino Royale** — Taking the title from Ian Fleming’s first James Bond novel, the 007 franchise approaches the opportunity of a new James Bond as the opportunity of a new beginning. The new Bond, Daniel Craig, is not just another pretty face, in fact is a pretty craggy face (Craiggy face, perhaps that should be), and it can pretty well express itself in the bargain. Granted, noises were made about a similar rollback toward reality when Timothy Dalton came on board; and even in the midst of the reign of Pierce Brosnan, noises were made about toughening up his act. These proved to be only noises. The new noises are more. The obligatory pre-credits sequence, in black-and-white and sprinkled with flashbacks,

shuns spectacle in favor of blunt brutality; and the action to follow seems to be under no compulsion to “top” all previous action. While Judi Dench reprises the role of “M,” Bond himself has only just been promoted to double-0 status (a new beginning for sure) and has yet to earn his boss’s trust. There is no equivalent of “Q” and his cute presentation of the gadgets *du jour*. There is no casual bedding of “Bond girls,” and the one romantic relationship (with the enigmatic, darkly eyelined Eva Green) attains an emotional weight beyond even the all-the-way-to-the-altar affair of *On Her*

*Majesty’s Secret Service*. The hero’s lame quips and puns, meantime, have thoroughly been expunged from the script. And “I don’t give a damn” is his response to the bartender’s inquiry as to whether he’d like his vodka martini shaken or stirred. All these changes are definite improvements. And yet, and yet, and yet.... The action, even if somewhat scaled back under the one-time Bond director Martin Campbell (*Goldeneye*, the beginning of the Brosnan Bonds, but scarcely a *new* beginning), is still more than sufficiently cartoonish. The plotting is skimpy. The whole thing runs on far

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too long. And then there's the fundamental question: if you want to do an alternative to James Bond, why call him James Bond? Why not put him out to pasture where at his age he belongs? Mads Mikkelsen, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Giannini. 2006.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Catch and Release** — Romantic comedy with Jennifer Garner, Timothy Olyphant, Sam Jaeger, and Kevin Smith, written and directed by Susannah Grant. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/26)

**Charlotte's Web** — E.B. White's barnyard children's story, a friendship fable about the promise of a spider to save a spring pig from the smokehouse. Sweet sentiment soured by the cacophonous Cultural Diversity of the animal voices (British sheep, Southern cows, African-American geese, New York City rat, Julia Roberts spider, and so on) and the mundane visuals. With Dakota Fanning in live-action, Dominic Scott Kay, Steve Buscemi, Oprah Winfrey, Cedric the Entertainer, John Cleeese, Kathy Bates, and Robert Redford in voice-over dubbing, and Sam Shepard in narration; directed by Gary Winick. 2006.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Children of Men** — The basic idea — from a novel by P.D. James, a departure from her detective fiction — of a world-wide plague of female infertility, even though not at all original (see *The Handmaid's Tale*, as a prime example), remains nevertheless a potent metaphor for that science-fiction staple, the End of the World; and the film can thus sensibly refrain from hashing over the significance of a miracu-

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lous pregnancy in England, as inexplicable as the plague itself, eighteen years after its onset in 2008. A potent metaphor, that, for Hope, even Faith. (The young black woman's deadpan protestation of virginity is of course only her own little joke. What she is carrying is not the Second Coming of Christ so much as that of Adam. Or, as it happens, Eve.) Because the world went so fast to hell so near in the future — "Only Britain soldiers on" — the film is not overburdened with production and special effects. It shoulders just sufficient texture and detail for an illusion of reality: the unswept litter and uncollected trash in the streets, the electronic animated billboards, the pirated artworks preserved for no one's edification at the Tate Modern, the gratis government-issued suicide kits (brand name: Quietus; ad slogan: "You Decide When"), the concentration camps for illegal aliens, etc. There is really not much in the way of a story — underground dissidents squiring the expectant mother through chaotic countryside to an offshore rendezvous with a shadowy do-good organization known as the Human Project — but Clive Owen, the principal squirer, an uncommitted merce-

nary, has the ideal demeanor for the grimness of the mission; and the trek is nothing if not eventful, a mild word for an itinerary that includes three virtuoso action set pieces. If the camera sometimes calls attention to itself with its showboat mobility, and at one point with its blood-spattered lens, the staging of the action is always thorough and thought-out. As, for that matter, is the staging of the nonaction, in particular the hero's interplay with his ex-wife (Julianne Moore) and an aged flower-child friend (Michael Caine), abubble with emotional undercurrents. Director Alfonso Cuarón's moderation in the use of close-ups, a rarer and rarer thing these days, disdains the easy way out. With Chiwetel Ejiofor and Claire-Hope Ashitey. 2006.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Curse of the Golden Flower** — The reunion of filmmaker Zhang Yimou with his one-time muse and leading lady, Gong Li, over ten years after their personal falling-out, post-*Shanghai Triad*, makes this film into a real "event," and the actress brings to it an inner fire to outglow even its molten-lava color scheme. In addition to which, the director's dynamic visual style demonstrates exceptional weight, balance, timing, and agility. In short, exceptional command of the screen. Watching his shots fall into place is a little like watching the piece-by-piece construction of a palace. Or temple. Nothing humbler would quite do justice to a tale of courtly and amatory intrigue (Tang Dynasty, 10th Century) that aspires to Shakespearean, even Sophoclean, tragedy. Without dispute, the film is somewhat talky and slow, but if it's preferable nevertheless to Zhang's *Hero* and *House of Flying Daggers*, the reason in large part would be precisely the long postponement of the gravity-defying martial arts. Defying, that is, of not only Newton's sort of gravity but that of Shakespeare and Sophocles as well. Once the battles break out, they severely damage the sense of seriousness, although never the sense of style. With Chow Yun-Fat. 2006.

★★★ (MIRA MESA 18)

**The Departed** — Martin Scorsese's career-changing turn to the overblown epic, a turn marked by *Casino*, would seem to be a course difficult to reverse. *Kundun* ... *Gangs of New York* ... *The Aviator*.... And now even a trashy light diversion, adapted from an average-length Hong Kong action film, will get dragged out to two and a half hours — this despite the delivery of dialogue at the machine-gun tempo of a hopped-up auctioneer (or of Scorsese's own casual conversation), and despite, too, the mere semblance of speed imparted by the free-associative cutting and the incongruous rockabilly beat of the background music, whenever the filmmaker isn't trot-

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ting out his collection of rock-and-roll oldies. The convoluted plot verges on farce: an upwardly mobile underworld spy in the Massachusetts State Police (Matt Damon, raising his eyebrows in an ostentatious show of innocence) and a downwardly mobile police spy inside the mob (Leonardo DiCaprio, giving himself away with his meat-cleaver worry line) both become involved, first as clients and then as suitors, with a *Harper's Bazaar* idea of a psychotherapist (Vera Farmiga, she of the prow-like cheekbones, life-raft lips, blue-lagoon eyes). Not even the take-no-prisoners crescendo of gore toward the end, jolting though some of it is, can pull the movie back from the farcical brink. And Jack Nicholson, as showy an actor as Scorsese is a director (when he's only in it for the money, anyway), plays the mob boss at a pitch barely below his *Batman* Joker. With Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Ray Winstone. 2006.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; FROM 1/26)

**Dreamgirls** — Broadway backstage musical — not, that is to say, backstage on Broadway but backstage in Motown — charting the breakthrough of R&B into the pop mainstream in the Sixties, more specifically the rise of a girl group called the Dreams (rhymes with Supremes), and attendant heartbreaks, breakups, downfalls, and assorted other banalities. True, a musical can get away with a banal storyline if the music is good, but these Broadway-ized soul tunes are as insipid as they are incessant. It seems it's not easy to write another "Where Did Our Love Go?," another "Come See about Me," another "My World Is Empty without You," another "You Can't Hurry Love." And the one familiar number, the one unforgettable number, the big abandonment solo of former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson (big voice, big figure), screams out for earplugs if not a muzzle. Neither is it easy, evidently, to be another Aretha Franklin. Beyoncé Knowles looks glamorous enough as the Diana Ross diva who metamorphoses into disco queen Donna Summer (under the Svengalian guidance of the Berry Gordy stand-in, Jamie Foxx); and the period clothes and hairdos — something near a beehive on Eddie Murphy when we first meet him, higher and higher than Jackie Wilson — are enjoyable as expected. Writer and director Bill Condon, who adapted the screenplay for *Chicago* but whose own directing credits run to *Gods and Monsters* and *Kinsey*, shows it's not easy to be Stanley Donen. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Epic Movie** — Spoof of Hollywood blockbusters, with Kal Penn, Carmen Electra, and David Carradine, co-written and co-directed by Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/26)

**Eragon** — A teenage boy, a telepathically talking dragon, a captive princess, an evil king, a sorcerer, an oppressed populace, a rebel band, and a first-time director schooled in CGI (Stefen Fangmeier, who surely ought to have cut his teeth on a vampire film). Altogether, a snigger when not a snore. With Ed Speleers, Jeremy Irons, Sienna Guillory, John Malkovich, Robert Carlyle, Djimon Hounsou, and the voice of Rachel Weisz. 2006.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Freedom Writers** — Make-a-difference true story about an idealistic young English

teacher at an "integrated" high school in Long Beach, where she brings peace and harmony to her fractious classroom (she appears to teach only one hour per day) and seemingly also to the community at large: the gang violence peters out dramatically as she takes the students on a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance, and distributes copies of *The Diary of Anne Frank* purchased out of her own pocket. The positive attitude and right-mindedness of the film, or at least the enthusiasm and resolve of Hilary Swank in the lead role, are disarming if not shaming. And Imelda Staunton puts up pitiable resistance as the rule-bound department head, a very human heavy. With Patrick Dempsey, Scott Glenn, John Benjamin Hickey, April Lee Hernandez, Deance Wyatt, Mario, and Pat Carroll; written and directed by Richard LaGravenese. 2007.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Good German** — A nostalgist's *film noir*, one more black-and-white postwar thriller, over a half-century tardy in its arrival, for the buff who has run through *Crossfire*, *Cornered*, *Notorious*, *The Stranger*, *Berlin Express*, and *Captain Carey, U.S.A.*, among numerous others, and who still has a hunger. Reassuring archaisms, such as the 4:3 aspect ratio for the opening credits (afterwards widened only to 1.66:1, it looks like) or the blatant rear-screen projection behind a stationary moving car, coexist uneasily with latter-day liberties in matters of sex and profanity. Steven Soderbergh, who had dabbled in black-and-white before (most of *Kafka*, most of his sequence in *Eros*, but never till now whole hog), knows where to place the low angles and inky shadows, though he doesn't know so well how to maintain pace and flow. George Clooney, who also had had black-and-white experience in his self-directed *Good Night, and Good Luck*, fits right in, thanks to his "classical" movie-star good looks, scuffed up a bit in repeated beatings; and Cate Blanchett, as a Berlin prostitute with a presumed-dead but intensively sought husband, seems to be able to adapt herself to anything, including the German language with English subtitles. Tobey Maguire, Beau Bridges, Jack Thompson. 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

**The Good Shepherd** — Espionage epic, reasonably described by one blurbist as "*The Godfather* of CIA movies," but only if you are satisfied to retain all the pretentiousness of *The Godfather*, right down to the oppressive underillumination, and do without any of the enlivening pyrotechnics. (Despite those subtractions, the movie still comes to within ten minutes or so of *The Godfather*'s nearly three-hour duration.) Tremendously unentertaining, it slogs back and forth in time, beginning with, and regularly returning to, the Bay of Pigs fiasco and fallout, but retreating back as far as the protagonist's college days as a Yalie and an inductee into the Skull and Bones secret society in 1939 (and even, in a psychoanalytical flashback-within-a-flashback, as far as his boyhood and his father's suicide in 1925), and then working its way forward toward 1961 in incremental jumps. Second-time director Robert De Niro, who also has a small sedentary role as the protagonist's espionage mentor, may have convinced himself that the back-and-forth time shuttle (not to mention the Cuban connection) would transform this also into *The Godfather II* of CIA movies. But this, unlike that, is a single-generation narrative, and the continual interruptions in the storytelling serve little other purpose than to thwart any suspense. And since the block-of-wood Matt Damon hardly ages a day in twenty-plus years (nor does Angelina Jolie in the unaccustomed role of a neglected wife), our best hope to avoid confusion as to where we are on the timeline is to differentiate between his many eyeglass frames. Alec Baldwin, William Hurt, John Tur-

## SEEN ON DVD

### FERRUCCIO FURLANETTO

Italian bass singer playing the title role in San Diego Opera's *Boris Godunov*

Director James Ivory's *The Remains of the Day* was able to create an incredible atmosphere. It also has a great cast of actors that includes Sir Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, and Christopher Reeve.

Director Stephen Daldry's *Billy Elliott* creates a dramatic, amusing, and sometimes very comic movie in which Jamie Bell plays an 11-year-old British schoolboy who unexpectedly decides he wants to be a ballet dancer.

*Fellini's Casanova* (with Donald Sutherland in the title role) is simply a piece of pure genius.

*THE REMAINS OF THE DAY* (England) 1993, Sony Pictures  
List price: \$19.94

*BILLY ELLIOTT* (England) 2000, Universal  
List price: \$14.98

*FELLINI'S CASANOVA* (Italy/USA) 1976, Umbrella Entertainment  
List price: \$28.98 (PAL format)

turro, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon. 2006.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Happy Feet** — Computer-animated message movie about the pressure of conformity and (separate message) the plunder of nature, more specifically about a species of pop-song-singing penguins, into whose midst is born a "different," an aberrant, tap-dancing penguin (try, if you can, to put the pudgy trudging birds of *March of the Penguins* out of your mind), and about a runtier breed of Latino penguins, some menacing seabirds, a scary seal, a couple of humongous orcas, and a race of "aliens" who are not computer-animated at all. The interface with these aliens near the end is moderately mind-blowing, if only from a mixed-media standpoint, but the alleged alienness of the human race would carry more rhetorical clout if the penguins hadn't all along been borrowing so freely from its popular culture. (The natural state holds no accommodation for vintage rock-and-roll.) And you cannot feel entirely happy about a happy ending in which it's suggested that humans might show more respect for their fellow creatures on the planet if only the fellows would learn some nifty dance steps. Although the direction by live-action man

### LOTFI MANSOURI

Former general director of the San Francisco Opera and director of *Boris Godunov*

*The Shop around the Corner* stars the enchanting Margaret Sullavan and a young, charming James Stewart. But most important, director Ernst Lubitsch is one of my idols and inspirations. The phrase "Lubitsch touch" summed up his sophisticated style.

In the process of creating something — such as making a film, putting on a play, or producing an opera — a community of people develops into a microcosm of life, with conflicts, laughter, tears, pain, love, hate. Friendships and liaisons are formed; telephone numbers exchanged. The project finishes and the community disperses. On to other projects; numbers and addresses are forgotten — POOF! *Day for Night* captures all this.

*The Leopard*, directed by Luchino Visconti, is a brilliant epic dealing with life's transitions and the passage of time within the world, a country, a family, and a personal life. Visually one of the most beautiful and sumptuous films ever made.

*THE SHOP AROUND THE CORNER* (USA) 1940, Warner  
List price: \$19.98

*DAY FOR NIGHT* (France/Italy) 1973, Warner  
List price: \$19.98

*THE LEOPARD* (Italy/France) 1963, Criterion Collection  
List price: \$49.95 (three discs)

George Miller has some nice touches and clever angles, the action, approximately 60mph faster than the action in his Mad Max movies, is approximately 65mph too fast. With the voices of Elijah Wood, Brittany Murphy, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, Anthony LaPaglia. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**The Hitcher** — Reviewed this issue. With Sean Bean, Sophia Bush, Zachary Knighton, and Neal McDonough; directed by Dave Meyers. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Holiday** — Writer and director Nancy Meyers arranges an Internet home exchange, for two weeks at Christmastime, between two wounded women desperate to get away: a London newspaper columnist (Kate Winslet) with a cozy cottage in Sur-

### VALERY RYVKIN

Conductor of *Boris Godunov*, *www.sdogera.com*

*Babette's Feast* is one of those masterpiece movies. It's about what it means to be an artist and how that transcends our existence — and that of people around us.

Then, in case some of us get too idealistic about our artistic aspects, *Waiting for Guffman* is a great movie to bring us down to earth. Christopher Guest's great ensemble is absolutely brilliant in this gem of a film.

*Moonstruck* is one movie my family and I can watch at least as often as *It's a Wonderful Life* or *Casablanca*. For someone like myself who lived in New York for 20 years (including my student days), this is one of the most atmospheric and touching films imaginable. The fact that there is a bit of an operatic element is just an extra bonus.

*BABETTE'S FEAST* (Denmark) 1987, MGM  
List price: \$14.98

*WAITING FOR GUFFMAN* (USA) 1996, Turner Home Entertainment  
List price: \$19.98

*MOONSTRUCK* (USA) 1987, MGM  
List price: \$19.98

rey, and a Hollywood trailer-cutter (Cameron Diaz) with a modernist mansion in Beverly Hills. The agreed-upon date of "tomorrow" initiates a pattern of time-compression that effectively removes the action from the realm of the real world. But then, Meyers does not seek to inhabit the real world. Underneath her superficial smooth talk, she's really just a seductive dope peddler, chumming up to her susceptible sisters on the subject of romantic disillusionment, and then hooking them on the same old delusions — the grooved path, greased wheels, and phantom obstacles en route to Mr. Right. The film, at best, is a testament to the dearness of the dream. The sample of the trailer-cutter's work — an imaginary action thriller starring Lindsay Lohan and James Franco — is dead funny: the two stars running straight at the camera and away from a mushrooming fireball, the male star diving sideways in slo-mo with two guns blazing. But the fantasies wherein she sees her own life in terms of a movie trailer never really take flight. Meyers's affection for Golden Age Hollywood — chiefly funnelled through the character of Eli Wallach as a widowed Oscar-winning screenwriter grumpily resisting a lifetime-achievement award from the WGA — is doubtless genuine, but our agreement with her must stop short of her persistent hints



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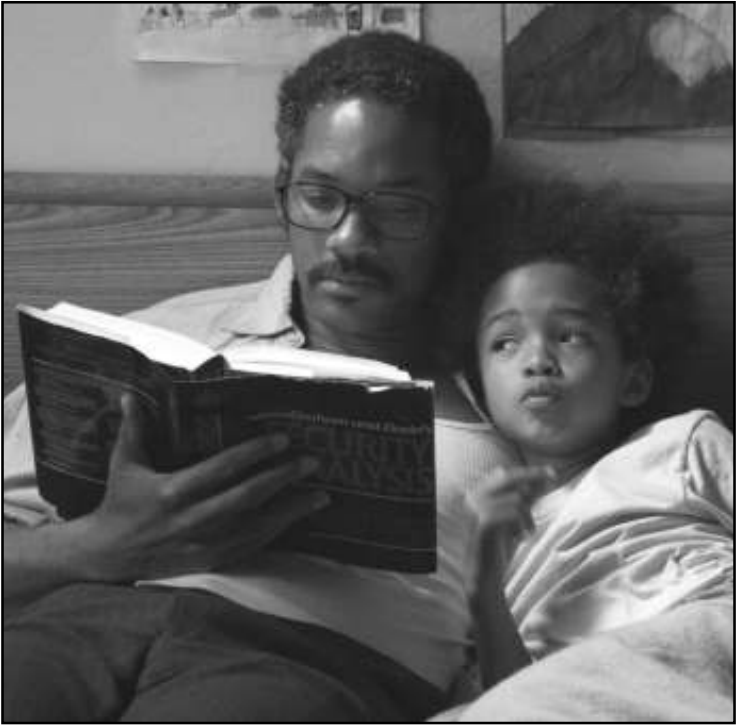
that she herself should be painted golden. With Jude Law, Jack Black, Rufus Sewell, Edward Burns. 2006.  
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

**The Last King of Scotland** — The self-conferred title of Ugandan strongman, and madman, Idi Amin Dada, a facile role for Forest Whitaker, who pitches into it with gusto. The true central character, however, is a fictitious young Scottish doctor (James McAvoy), the President's personal physician, "closest advisor," illicit lover of Wife Number Three, and all-around trivial distraction. With Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson, Simon McBurney; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2006.  
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Letters from Iwo Jima** — The second part of Clint Eastwood's Second World War diptych, the Japanese-language, Japanese-perspective counterpart to *Flags of Our Fathers*, an exercise in empathy whereby the filmmaker re-examines the same subject, the costly Battle of Iwo Jima, from the opposite side of the firing line. For an American production to attempt to view an American war through the eyes of the other guys — to attempt to portray the sameness, the oneness, of fighting men on whatever side — is in itself nothing new. It is, by one gauge, as old as the prototypical antiwar film, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, although that one, or any of its suc-

cessors (*A Time to Love and a Time to Die*, *The Blue Max*, etc.), didn't attempt to do so in the other guys' native tongue. In addition to which, any number of films have attempted an internal balancing act, our side and theirs, sometimes even permitting the others to speak in their own tongues (*The Young Lions*, *The Enemy Below*, *Hell in the Pacific*, *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, etc.). More, then, than in the opposing-viewpoint angle or the foreign-language angle, the uniqueness of *Letters* lies in its distinction as part of a matched pair, an external balancing act if you will, sharing numerous points of intersection with *Flags* while sharing no actual cast members. (The momentous flag-raising on Mount Suribachi now rates as no more than a speck in the distance.) The singularity of *Letters*, paradoxically put, lies in its complementarity. It is much more a straightforward battle film than its predecessor, which was more a memory film of battle and had as much to do with the after-effects as with the immediate effects, filing away the warfare as indelible mental snapshots. Too, it comes across as a bit preachier than *Flags*, where the filmmaker, with firmer footing on home turf, may have felt freer to let you draw your own lessons, may have felt less necessity to show his personal "understanding." Nonetheless, it offers a useful, a purposeful, a further refinement of his evolving views on violence. And if it runs the risk of collapse under the cumulative weight of his solemnity (four and a half hours over the course of two movies), the risk proves to have been a risk worth taking, a risk rewarded. Ken Watanabe, Kazunari Ninomiya, Tsuyoshi Ihara, Ryo Kase, Shidou Nakamura. 2006.  
★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; SAN MARCOS 18)

**Night at the Museum** — *Jumanji*-esque



The Pursuit of Happyness

jumble of special effects, in which all the exhibits at the Natural History Museum in New York City come to life after dark. This allows for a lot of, frankly an excess of, variety: Lilliputian cowboys and Roman soldiers who tie down the new night watchman like Gulliver; a mischievous monkey who pees on him, pickpockets his keys, and engages in a Three Stooges-style slapfest with him; a T-rex skeleton who wants to play fetch; a talking, bubblegum-chewing Easter Island head; Attila and some Huns; some lions, an elephant, a zebra, a rhino, and so on. It also allows for logical mix-ups whereby, for example, the wax figure of Teddy Roosevelt knows full well he's a wax figure of our twenty-sixth President, while the wax figure of Sakajawea is regarded as the actual, taxidermized Indian maid, a boon to the tour guide who is writing a dissertation on her. Director Shawn Levy oversees one decent cinematic moment, the contrasting views of the Lilliputians letting the air out of the tires of a van at the loading dock, an action which at close range looks as if they're trying to plug a hole in

the fuselage of a jetliner at 30,000 feet, while from a distance it looks as if all is calm. Mickey Rooney has a nice little role as a truculent security guard forced into retirement (addressing his replacement variously as "Hotshot," "Hopscotch," "Butterscotch," etc.), and Ricky Gervais, of the British *The Office*, shows off his narrow range to good effect as another embarrassing boss, the high-handed museum director ("Control your young, please"). Ben Stiller, on the other hand, shows off his own narrow range at great length in the lead role, and Robin Williams (the wax Teddy) and Owen Wilson (toy cowboy) are instantaneously tiresome. With Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke, Bill Cobbs. Steve Coogan. 2006.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SAN-

TEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Notes on a Scandal** — Two thespian heavyweights, Cate Blanchett and Judi Dench, going toe to toe, battling to a draw. The scandal, as it comes to light, is the illicit and illegal affair of a married-with-children, thirty-something art teacher, Blanchett, and a fifteen-year-old male student (Andrew Simpson), a ripped-from-the-headlines affair made perfectly plausible if not comprehensible. What doesn't come fully to light, except to the voyeuristic viewer, is how a self-deluding lonely old lesbian history teacher, Dench, attempts to use her knowledge of the affair to her own advantage, again perfectly plausible if not exactly politically correct. Both of the women are individuals, not representatives, and they're played that way. The drama gets a bit overwrought toward the finish, and Philip Glass's phone-it-in musical score is no asset, but all in all a compelling effort. With Bill Nighy and Phil Davis; directed by Richard Eyre. 2006.  
★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Painted Veil** — Somerset Maugham's middlebrow brew of sin and redemption among colonial Brits in mid-Twenties China, where a brave bacteriologist but vindictive cuckold (Edward Norton) drags his faithless spouse (Naomi Watts) into the midst of a cholera outbreak in the backcountry. The spiritual growth of the flighty wife ("When love and duty are one," counsels the Mother Superior at the local orphanage, "then grace is within you") will restore sufficient happiness to the union, not long before its tragic end, that the husband can stop plastering down his hair and go fluffy. Directed by John Curran (*We Don't Live Here Anymore*, also featuring Watts), this follows after at least two other screen treatments of the novel — the better known of which is one of the lesser Garbo vehicles — and, for all its location shooting and its air of "independence," it's still stiff and stuffy. Much of that is intrinsic to the original author, and some of it's imported through the stagy British accents of the stars. With Liev Schreiber, Toby Jones, and Diana Rigg. 2006.  
● (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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**Pan's Labyrinth** — Guillermo del Toro, the migrant Mexican filmmaker, returns to the place and time of his Spanish Civil War ghost story, *The Devil's Backbone*, more precisely post-Civil War, mid-WWII. He centers on a preadolescent girl (wide-eyed, plump-lipped Ivana Baquero) chided by her nine-months-pregnant mother (Ariadna Gil, very intense) as too old to be still filling her head with the “nonsense” of fairy tales, especially since she has moved beneath the roof of her wicked stepfather (Sergi López, campily over the top), a Francoist martinet busily stamping out rebels in the woods, who has little tolerance for a child of another bloodline but is eager to get his leather-sheathed hands on his biological baby in his wife's womb. Much more welcoming of the little girl is the mythological faun (real or imagined?), the guardian of the off-limits garden, who identifies the newcomer straight off as the prodigal daughter of the King of the Underworld (what are the odds?). Del Toro, almost in spite of himself, is not altogether guiltless of conventional, parental, puritanical strictures against fairy tales. In his scrupulous, perhaps overscrupulous, balance of dark fantasy and brutal history, tilted (politically, diplomatically) a little toward the latter, he leaves nothing to chance. He establishes the Importance of his theme through the unassailable realm of Fascists and freedom fighters, and he connects that world to the parallel universe of fairy tales in a way that can best be termed didactic, academic, studied, possibly stifling. He makes a case. He does not make magic. Far more than *The Devil's Backbone*, the film that keeps coming to mind, always to this one's disadvantage, is Victor Erice's *Spirit of the Beehive*, 1973. That one, having in common a post-Civil War backdrop and a gullible little girl, made very much the same points, together with others, and made them more subtly, more ambiguously, more poetically; made them, moreover, while Franco was still in power; and made them without recourse to special effects beyond a Halloween get-up of Frankenstein's monster. Del Toro never lets his special effects here, some of them pretty tacky and icky, take over to the same extent as in his comic-book Hollywood movies (*Blade II*, *Hellboy*), but a mere black-gloved sadist, even with an open gash on his cheek, has a hard time holding his own against an arbo-real goat-god, an insectile pixie, a featureless humanoid with eyes in the palms of his hands, an obscene giant toad, a Tim Burton-esque airless sunless tangled landscape, and so forth. 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18)



Stomp the Yard

**Le Petit Lieutenant** — Reviewed this issue. With Nathalie Baye, Jalil Lespert, Roschdy Zem, Antoine Chappey, and Jacques Perrin; directed by Xavier Beauvois. ★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/1)

**The Pursuit of Happyness** — The attainment of sappyness. A hand-to-mouth

San Francisco salesman — of portable bone-density scanners, an unnecessary luxury item — lands an unsalaried competitive internship at Dean Witter, but not before his wife walks out on him and their five-year-old son (“Did Mom leave because of me?”). The star is the amiable Will Smith, but the director is Italian, Gabriele Muc-

cino of *The Last Kiss*, which might inspire certain types of filmgoers to draw analogies to the Little Man humanism of De Sica and Company. The poignance, to be sure, is commensurately unrelenting (pushing through to schmaltziness), but the only real grit is in the graininess of the digital image. And the emotional payoff — this isn't post-war Italy, after all — comes in the form of a cash jackpot. Jaden Christopher Syre Smith, Thandie Newton, Brian Howe, James Karen, Dan Castellaneta. 2006. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Queen** — A spot of simulated Royals-watching, ably guided by the seasoned Stephen Frears: a satisfying, if unsurprising and unrevealing and unimaginative re-enactment of what must have gone on behind closed doors in the week after the death of Princess Di, in specific the diplomatic efforts of the newly elected Tony Blair to compel the Royal Family (“a bunch of freeloading, emotionally retarded nutters,” in the view of Mrs. Blair) to behave like human beings: “Will somebody please save these people from themselves?” Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen embody Her Majesty and the Prime Minister to two T's. In support of them, James Cromwell at least looks the part of Philip, but plays only one note, and Alex Jennings is a bit short in the snout (in complete contrast to Cromwell) but is otherwise credibly dyspeptic as Charles. The plentiful humor, out of deference to history and living persons, is very mild. 2006. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GALAXY 6; HILLCREST CINEMAS;

LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Rocky Balboa** — The sixth installment in the *Rocky* series (despite the absence of a Roman numeral to remind us) comes thirty years after the first one and sixteen after the fifth. It will stand as a serviceable definition of “retarded.” Written and directed by its sixty-year-old star, Sylvester Stallone, it wants nothing but to turn back the hands of time. Oh, Stallone may, in observance of auld lang syne, put his sanctified screen wife into the cold hard ground (“woman cancer”), and thus restrict Talia Shire, still listed in the credits, to youthful flashbacks. But what man, after all, with washboard abs and with veins bulging in his shoulders and biceps, could abide to be saddled with an old bag his own age? He can always get an eyelift, dip into the hair dye, put on the same hat, run up the same steps to the same music, replace the old Ugly Duckling with a younger Ugly Duckling (Geraldine Hughes, no spring chicken, but nonetheless a quarter-century his junior), and if the script says so, if wishful thinking wishes it, he can still give as good as he gets in a risible “exhibition match” against the current undefeated, but unrespected, heavyweight champ (former light-heavyweight champ, Antonio Tarver). Skill vs. Will, it's billed as, and no chance to mistake which is which. By rights, of course, Stallone ought to have taken over the Burgess Meredith role and left the fighting to, say, Hilary Swank. The glaring irony of it is that, while the on-screen Stallone is supposed to be the personification of heart and desire, the off-screen Stallone can only have been motivated by the thing that motivates his on-screen opponent and supposed opposite: lust for a big payday. Burt Young, Milo Ventimiglia. 2006. ● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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### CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

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**Blood and Chocolate** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 7:25, 9:50; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:45, 7:30, 10:10 Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:45, 7:15, 10:10; **Children of Men** (R) Fri., Sun. (2:20) 7:35; **The Departed** (R) Fri., Sun. (1:45) 5:15, 8:30; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:25, 8:20; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:30, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri., Sun. (1:30) 4:50, 8:25; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:05) 4:50, 10:00; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri., Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (11:35, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri., Sat. (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40;

**Volver** (R) Fri., Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45

### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri., Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:25, 10:10; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. (2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **Babel** (R) Fri., Sun. (2:15) 5:35, 8:45; **Blood and Chocolate** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri., Sun. (2:05) 5:30, 8:40; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Code Name: The Cleaner** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (1:35) 7:05; **Déjà Vu** (PG-13) Sat., Sun. 5:20, 8:30; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (2:25) 5:40, 8:35; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (2:00) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; **The Good German** (R) Fri., Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri., Sun. (2:40) 4:55; **Happy Feet** (PG) Sat., Sun. (2:35); **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (3:55) 9:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri., Sun. (2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. 7:20, 9:45; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri., Sun. (2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
**Apocalypto** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 6:50, 9:50; **Borat** (R) Fri. (12:55, 3:05, 5:10) 7:25, 9:30 Sat., Sun. (12:55, 3:05) 5:10, 7:25, 9:30; **Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 4:10) 7:15, 10:20 Sat., Sun. (12:50) 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; **Char-**

**lotte's Web** (G) Fri., Sun. (11:55, 2:20); **Children of Men** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 7:10, 9:40 Sat., Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:10, 9:40; **The Good Shepherd** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri. (12:35, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00, 9:15 Sat., Sun. (12:35, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:15; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 6:45, 9:35; **Little Children** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. (3:50) 10:15; **Perfume: The Story of a Murderer** (R) Fri., Sun. (12:40) 7:05; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:15) 7:20, 10:00 Sat., Sun. (1:05) 4:15, 7:20, 10:00; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri. (12:15, 1:00, 2:45, 3:35, 5:15) 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15 Sat., Sun. (12:15, 1:00, 2:45, 3:35) 5:15, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05, 9:55 Sat., Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; **We Are Marshall** (PG) Fri. (4:40) 7:30, 10:25 Sat., Sun. (4:40) 7:30, 10:25

### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**Catch and Release** (PG-13); **Children of Men** (R); **The Departed** (R); **Dreamgirls** (PG-13); **Epic Movie** (PG-13); **Freedom Writers** (PG-13); **The Hitcher** (R); **Night at the Museum** (PG); **Notes on a Scandal** (R); **Pan's Labyrinth** (R); **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13); **Smokin' Aces** (R)

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**Babel** (R) Fri. 1:55, 5:00, 8:05 Sat., Sun. 10:55, 1:55, 5:00, 8:05; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R)

Fri. 2:05, 5:10, 8:15 Sat., Sun. 11:05, 2:05, 5:10, 8:15; **Miss Potter** (PG) Sat. 7:10; **The Painted Veil** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat., Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35 Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4:25, 9:35 Sun. 11:15, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35

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#### Mira Mesa 18

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#### Fashion Valley 18

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Sun. (10:55) 1:20, 3:55; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:40) 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **The Holiday** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 6:25, 9:30; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:30) 2:45, 6:05, 9:20; **Miss Potter** (PG) Sat. 7:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri., Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 12:35, 3:40, 6:50, 9:40; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri., Sat. (10:35) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00 Fri., Sat. (10:35) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00 Sun. (10:35) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:20, 9:15

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)  
**Children of Men** (R) Fri., Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Departed** (R) Fri., Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri., Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat., Sun. (10:30); **The Painted Veil** (PG-13) Fri., Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri., Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)



comedy with Ryan Reynolds, Jeremy Pivens, Ray Liotta, Andy Garcia, and Ben Affleck, written and directed by Joe Carnahan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-

CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/26)

**Some Like It Hot** — In the later stage of Billy Wilder’s career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (*Love in the Afternoon*, *Irma La Douce*, *Avanti*), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (*One Two Three*, *The Fortune Cookie*, the Ray Weston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in *Kiss Me, Stupid*). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag (among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longer-lasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Mon-

roe. Curtis’s Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn’t bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960. ★ (BIRCH NORTH PARK, 1/25, 7 P.M., AND 1/28, 2 P.M.)

**Stomp the Yard** — Musical drama starring Columbus Short as an L.A. street dancer enrolled in an Atlanta university, directed by Sylvain White. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-

COS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Venus** — Reviewed this issue. With Peter O’Toole, Jodie Whittaker, Leslie Phillips, and Vanessa Redgrave; directed by Roger Michell. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/26)

**Volver** — Almodóvar adds to his familiar sour comedy and mock melodrama the new element of an apparent apparition, a mundane ghost, a flutulent phantom, blended in with the familiar elements in uncertain tone. He shows nary a trace of the erstwhile “bad boy,” nothing now but a good, good boy, devoted to mothers in particular, reverential of females in general, the Spanish

George Cukor. (The cadaver in the freezer, male, is but a further sign of his respect and his awe.) The result can be recommended to the well-trained legions who are willing to meet this filmmaker seven-eighths of the way. Even the foot-draggers must concede that it’s deftly staged and well acted, and that Penélope Cruz, beyond acting well, shines like a star. Or more descriptively, a heavenly body. Carmen Maura, Lola Dueñas, Yohana Cobo, Blanca Portillo. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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2:15, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10 Sat., Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:45 Sat., Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:45; **Charlotte’s Web** (G) Fri. (11:20, 2:05, 4:40) Sat., Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:40; **The Departed** (R) Fri., Sun. 7:00, 10:25; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:20, 10:40; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat., Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **Eragon** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25 Sat., Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:25; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:55 Sat., Sun. (11:05,

2:00) 4:55, 7:50, 10:55; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:15) Sat., Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:15; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:25 Sat., Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:25; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:15) 7:05, 7:55, 9:45, 10:35 Sat., Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:15, 7:05, 7:55, 9:45, 10:35; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat., Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Pan’s Labyrinth** (*El Laberinto del Fauno*) (R) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:20 Sat., Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. 9:55; **The Pursuit of Happyness**

(PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 2:00, 5:05) 7:55, 10:45 Sat., Sun. (11:10, 2:00) 5:05, 7:55, 10:45; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. 7:15, 9:50; **Smokin’ Aces** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:10, 10:50 Sat., Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:25, 8:10, 10:50; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30 Sat., Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

### LA MESA

**Grossmont Center**  
*Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)*  
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**Rancho San Diego 15**  
*2951 Jamacha Road*  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri., Sun. 7:55, 10:50; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:50) Sat., Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:50; **Babel** (R) Fri., Sun. 7:10, 10:30; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat., Sun. (12:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Charlotte’s Web** (G) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) Sat., Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:35; **Children of Men** (R) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:25) 8:05, 10:45 Sat., Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45; **The Departed** (R) Fri., Sun. (11:40, 3:05) 6:30, 10:00; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 8:00, 10:20 Sat., Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:45, 8:00, 10:20; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40 Sat., Sun. (12:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:40; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:20) 7:50, 10:10 Sat., Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 4:10) 7:05, 9:45 Sat., Sun. (12:10) 4:10, 7:05, 9:45; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 6:50, 9:50; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:25 Sat., Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 4:55, 7:35, 10:25; **Smokin’ Aces** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35 Sat., Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat., Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Volver** (R) Fri. (12:20, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat., Sun. (12:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

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**Santee Drive In**  
*10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)*  
**Alpha Dog** (R); **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated); **Night at the Museum** (PG); **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13)

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

**Chula Vista 10**  
*Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)*  
**Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri., Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 4:45); **Babel** (R) Fri., Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:30) 7:45, 10:45; **Blood and Chocolate** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (10:45, 1:00,

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**Palm Promenade 24**  
*770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)*  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; **Apocalypse** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:05) 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 10:05; **Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:10) 12:25, 2:35, 4:45; **Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. 3:50, 6:50, 9:55; **Blood and Chocolate** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50); **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40; **Children of Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 5:30, 10:30; **The Departed** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:05, 1:05, 3:15, 4:10, 6:30, 7:25, 9:45, 10:40 Sun. (10:00) 12:05, 1:05, 3:15, 4:10, 6:30, 7:25, 9:45; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 12:10, 1:00, 2:30, 3:20, 4:45, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:30, 10:45; **Eragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:30; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 12:55, 3:25; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Pan's Labyrinth** (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50; **Rocky Balboa** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 9:35; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 11:10) 1:45, 3:00, 4:20, 7:05, 7:50, 9:50; **Volver** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:45) 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

**Rancho Del Rey 16**  
*East H Street (619-216-4707)*  
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## IMPERIAL BEACH

**South Bay Drive-In**  
*2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)*  
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## NORTH INLAND

### CARMEL MOUNTAIN

**Carmel Mountain**  
*11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)*  
**Babel** (R) Fri.-Sat. 6:50, 9:50, (12:05, 3:20) Sun. 6:50, (12:05, 3:20); **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 10:15, (1:00) Sun. 5:00, 7:30, (1:00); **The Departed** (R) Fri.-Sat. 6:45, 9:55, (12:00, 3:10) Sun. 6:45, (12:00, 3:10); **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:25, 7:25, 10:15, (12:50) Sun. 4:25, 7:25, (12:50); **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:30, 7:55, 10:25, (12:30, 2:50) Sun. 5:30, 7:55, (12:30, 2:50); **The Hitcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:10, 7:20, 9:40, (12:25, 3:05) Sun. 5:10, 7:20, (12:25, 3:05); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 5:05, 7:40, 10:05, (12:10, 2:45) Sun. 5:05, 7:40, (12:10, 2:45); **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:25, 7:45, 10:10, (12:40, 3:00) Sun. 5:25, 7:45, (12:40, 3:00); **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:20, 7:35, 10:05, (12:20, 2:55) Sun. 5:20, 7:35, (12:20, 2:55); **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:35, 7:15, 10:00, (12:45) Sun. 4:35, 7:15, (12:45); **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:30, 7:05, 9:45, (12:55) Sun. 4:30, 7:05, (12:55); **Volver** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 7:30, 10:20, (12:15) Sun. 4:45, 7:30, (12:15)

## 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)*  
**Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:00; **The Departed** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 2:00, 4:45) 7:45; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:15, 7:30; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat.-Sun.

(10:30); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

## POWAY

**Poway 10**  
*13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)*  
**Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15); **Babel** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Departed** (R) Fri. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 8:00; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

## SAN MARCOS

**San Marcos 18**  
*1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old*

*California Walk (760-471-3711)*  
Call theater for program information

## VISTA

**Vista Village**  
*Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)*  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 8:00, 10:45; **Blood and Chocolate** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:10; **The Departed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 7:10, 10:15; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 10:00; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:10, 5:40) 8:10, 10:35; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:45) 6:50, 9:50; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 10:15; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:20, 9:45; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:35, 4:10) 6:45, 9:30

## NORTH COASTAL

### CARLSBAD

**Plaza Camino Real**  
*2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)*  
**Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00, 5:00) 8:00;

**Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 5:25, 8:10; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:10, 9:10 Sun. 7:10p.m.; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:45)

## DEL MAR

**Del Mar Highlands 8**  
*El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)*  
**Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15); **Babel** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Departed** (R) Fri. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

**Flower Hill 4**  
*2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)*  
**Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:15,

1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Miss Potter** (PG) Sat. 8:00; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15; **The Painted Veil** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00

## ENCINITAS

**Encinitas 8**  
*220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)*  
**Casino Royale** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50 Sun. 12:20, 3:30, 6:40; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:45 Sat. (10:15) 1:05, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:15) 1:05, 4:05, 7:00; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 Sat. (10:20) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15 Sun. (10:20) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri. 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10 Sat. (10:25) 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05 Sun. (10:25) 12:40, 2:55, 5:20, 7:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri. 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30 Sat. (11:00) 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. (11:00) 2:00, 5:00, 7:45; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:25 Sat. (10:55) 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25 Sun. (10:50) 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:00; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20 Sat. (10:50) 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 5:10, 8:05; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00 Sat. (10:35) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10 Sun. (10:35) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15

**La Paloma**  
*471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)*  
**Borat** (R)

## LA COSTA

**La Costa 6**  
*6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)*  
**Babel** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **My Little Pony: A Very Pony Place** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:45; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

## OCEANSIDE

**Mission Marketplace 13**  
*College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)*  
**Arthur and the Invisibles** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 10:05; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:20) 6:30, 9:30; **Charlotte's Web** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 6:40, 9:50; **Happily N'Ever After** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:55; **Happy Feet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 8:00; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:05, 4:40) 5:25, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 6:50, 9:40; **The Pursuit of Happyness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:00) 6:35, 9:25; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:45) 6:55, 10:00; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:30) 6:45, 9:45

**Oceanside 16**  
*401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)*  
**Alpha Dog** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 7:05; **Apocalypse** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:55) 9:40; **Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 7:20; **Blood and Chocolate** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Blood Diamond** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 7:10; **Catch and Release** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; **Children of Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:40, 10:10; **The Departed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 6:45, 9:55; **Dreamgirls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 6:50, 9:45; **Epic Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 1:55, 4:00) 6:00, 8:15, 10:20; **Freedom Writers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:15; **The Hitcher** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:40, 5:45) 7:50, 10:05; **Letters from Iwo Jima** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 8:10, 10:40, (12:05, 5:25) 2:55; **Pan's Labyrinth** (El Laberinto del Fauno) (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 7:45, 10:25; **Primeval** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 10:10; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (4:05) 10:35; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30; **Stomp the Yard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:35

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AMC  
LA JOLLA 12  
I-5 at Nobel  
858/558-2AMC

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MIRA MESA STADIUM 18  
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East H Street &  
Tierra Del Rey  
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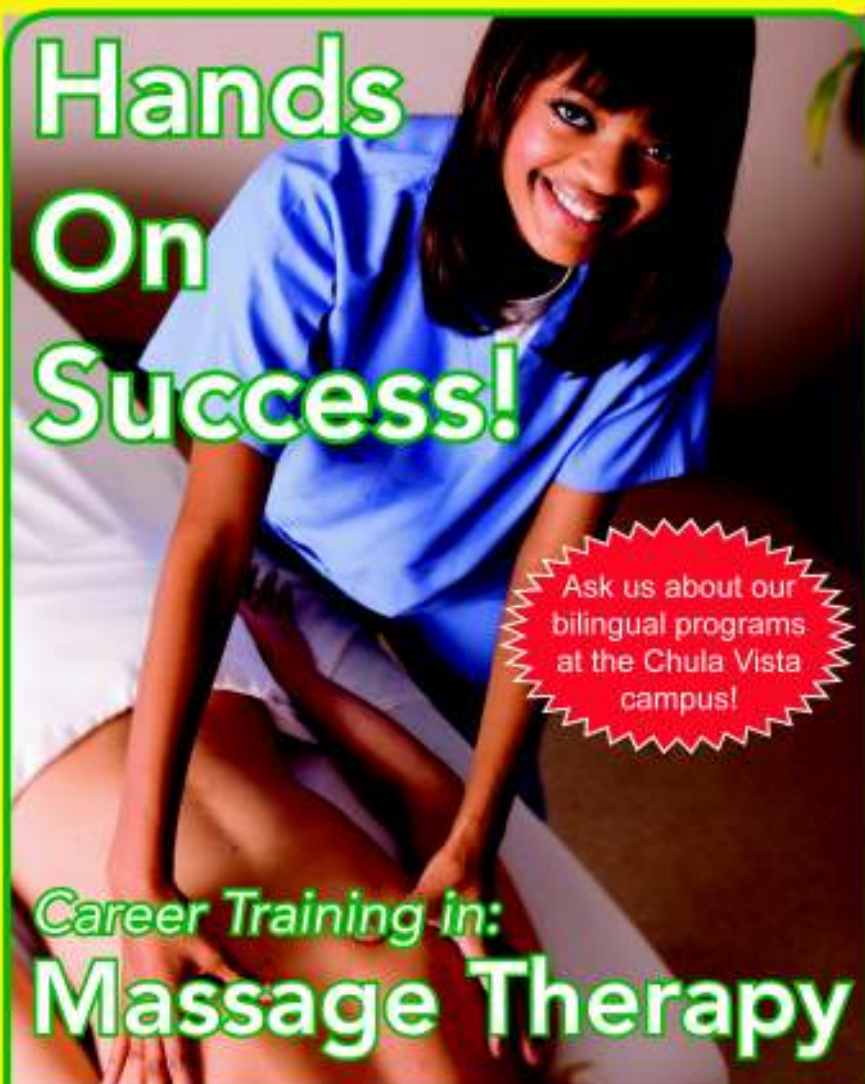
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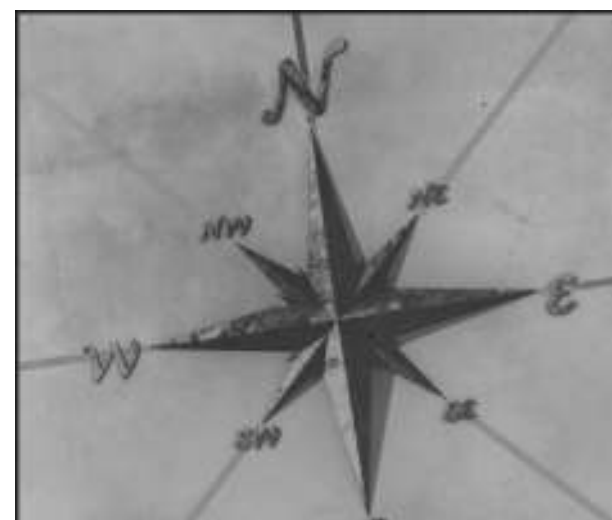
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### Across

- '60s war zone, for short
- "That was no surprise"
- Strong dislike
- Sch. with a Providence campus
- Supreme Ross
- Salon color
- Cookie holder
- Hinder
- Skim milk?
- 1941 Betty Grable musical
- Station along Route 66
- Rival of NY and BOS, on baseball scoreboards
- Actress Long
- 1997 film that features a Joseph Fourier math equation
- Teri Garr's role in "Young Frankenstein"
- "\_\_\_\_, Brute?"
- Got in
- Bad spots?
- 1979 disco hit
- Talk in front of an audience
- \_\_\_\_-Caps (candy)
- Support
- Years ago
- What the first three letters of 20-, 28-, 36- and 45-Across become when read on their own
- "Golf Begins at Forty" author Sam
- TV's "Kate & \_\_\_\_"
- Antiquated
- Gandhi, for one
- Butcher shop buys
- Blue state?
- Alternative to bottled
- Caroline, Baby James or Georgia Brown, in three song titles
- Avg. level

### Down

- Spice depicted on Grenada's national flag
- Melodious, to Bach
- 1957 Gold Glove Award winner Minnie
- "\_\_\_\_ Anything" ("Oliver!" song)
- City on the Dneiper
- Archibald of the NBA
- Cabinet dept.
- Friendliness
- "Rats!"
- Consider
- Q45, e.g.

- Italian article
- "Welcome" site
- Doze (off)
- Bettor's slip
- Keen on
- "Son of \_\_\_\_!"
- LPGA phenom Michelle
- Not Rep. or Dem.
- Airport near JFK
- \_\_\_\_-slipper
- Some NFLers: Abbr.
- They may be bridged
- Open \_\_\_\_ of worms
- Blameless
- Society page word
- DCC + DCC + DCC
- Workplace for an RN
- 34
- Carrier to Oslo
- Out of action
- Clamor
- Standards of perfection
- Tipler
- How corn is planted
- Leopard's smaller cousin
- Nice way to feel
- "Mary \_\_\_\_ little ..."
- Not busy
- Nobelist Wiesel
- One, in Wiemar
- Cheep accommodations?
- MAX rival
- "Delta of Venus" author

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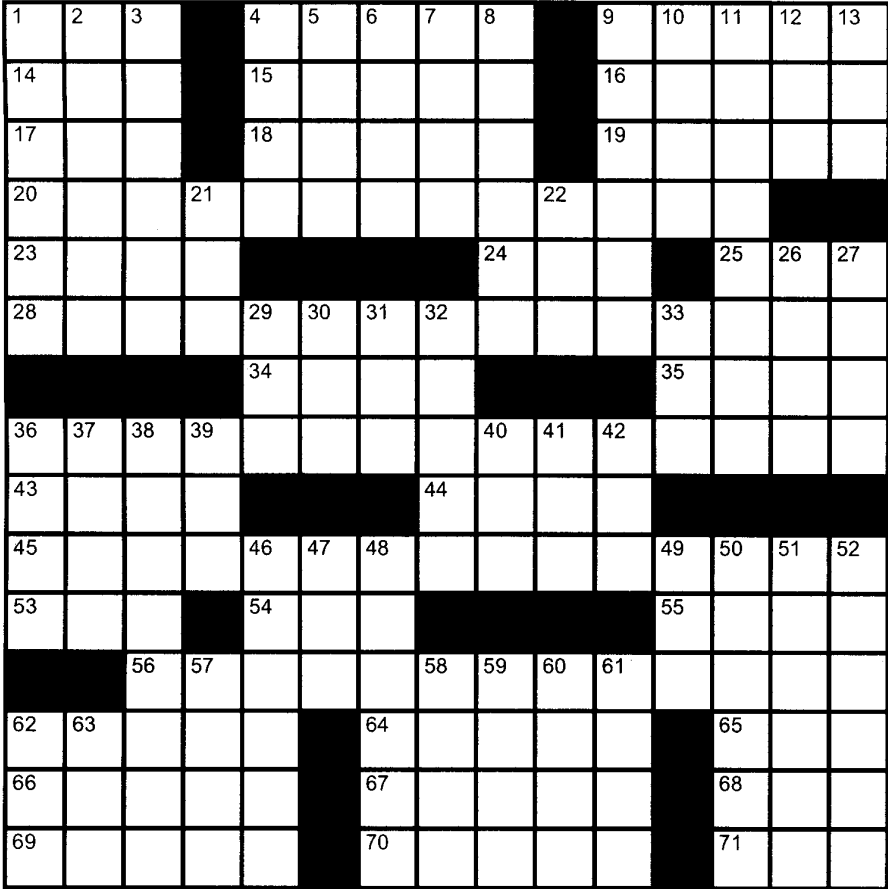
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**, San Diego, let's hope it's a good one, without any fear. Peace, brothers and sisters!

**JAPAN SAYS** Americans freedom is not free. Are you making payments, nothing over \$5 Sugar Babies. God bless Americans, to each their own affections.

**MANKIND TO CHOOSE**. His own pathway, his own decision to make... Individual by individual. Either he joins the Christ forces or the dark forces-- There is no in-between... Ashter.

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Michael Moriarity  
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Well, never. Oh, wait. When a cop pulls you over, you say it. Just a few weeks ago I did. I got pulled over and had a broken taillight. And I may have been speeding, but who knows. When he came to the window, I addressed him as “sir.” And, I don’t know if it was that bit of showing respect and being nice, but I did get out of the ticket.



Garrett Johnson  
Marketing consultant  
Fletcher Hills

I might say it now joking around, if one of my friends is dressed up to go somewhere. When I moved out here from Vegas, I used to say it quite often. I was a banquet server, and it was part of my job. Prior to that, I guess I said it when I felt it was appropriate. At my company now, I’ve said that a few times and they actually don’t like it. They don’t think it’s personal enough. We’re like family there.



Andrew Becerra  
Marine  
Oceanside

Every day. I always address people as “sir” or “ma’am,” even my daughter. I didn’t say that before I got into the military, so I guess they put me in the habit of doing that. It’s just the first thing out of my mouth now. My stepmother is always correcting me, though, when I call her “ma’am.” She doesn’t like it.



Pauliana Dreyfuss  
Wedding consultant  
North County

When I was in the Coast Guard, it was required. I hated every minute of that. I don’t normally address people that way. As a child I was supposed to do that as well. My parents made me. They also said we were only supposed to speak when spoken to.



Mike Mangini  
Law student  
Downtown

In court. It was five months ago. I was there for an open container in the car. We got out of it, though. I said “sir” to the bailiff and also to the judge. We were pulled over for loud music in the car, and the officer asked what we were drinking. We said Dr. Pepper and whiskey. He said he was young once and understood but that he’d have to give us a ticket for that, though.



Emily Thornbury  
Waitress  
San Diego

I am from Georgia, so if someone’s even 30 seconds older than you, you address them as “sir” or “ma’am.” I actually started saying that more as I got older, I guess. I never really did that as a child. And I do it now because of my job, too.

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**COLLEGE AREA.** \$795 rent. \$600 deposit. Upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry. Parking lot. No pets. At 6735 El Cajon Boulevard #B-7. Agent, 619-299-8515.

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**COLLEGE AREA.** Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath in senior community, 55+. Air conditioning, courtyard, washer/dryer, parking, vaulted ceilings. \$999/month. 619-368-9410. www.innoreventerprises.com.

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**COLLEGE AREA.** \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, laundry, patio. Gated, covered parking, pool/spa. No pets. Section 8 OK. 5885 El Cajon Boulevard. 858-277-6502.

**CORONADO.** \$1200/month. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath lower unit. Laundry. Off-street parking. Pet OK. 543 F Avenue. Manager. 619-574-8038.

**CROWN POINT.** \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs, clean, quiet, small complex, Bay view, laundry, parking, storage, dishwasher. 4072 Crown Point Drive. Call Agent, 858-483-2844.

**DEL MAR.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1995 and \$2295. Ocean 1 block! Washer/dryer/free cable. Gated, nonsmoking community, pool, spa, sauna. 201 Fourth Street. 858-481-9585; mikeatla@aol.com.

**DEL MAR.** From \$2200. Vacation rental: 1552 Camino Del Mar #601 (almost oceanfront). Call for seasonal rates. Some ocean views. Interior laundry. Also 3 bedroom, 2 bath detached home: 667-A Hoska Drive, \$3200; long-term lease. Other properties available. Free rental/buying information by e-mail. Pictures at [www.SanDiegoRealtor.com](http://www.SanDiegoRealtor.com). Kohn & Burke, Inc., 858-755-8580.

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**DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH.** \$500 deposits! 1 bedrooms from \$1270. 2 bedrooms from \$1500. 3 bedrooms from \$1905. Pets welcome, up to 100lbs! Ocean views! Private patio/balcony. Resort-style pool, party-size Jacuzzi. Lighted tennis courts. Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.solanahighlands.com. Toll free: 1-888-637-8571. <http://www.sdreader.com/rent/1057>.

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**DOWNTOWN, EAST VILLAGE.** Lowest priced! New 2 bedroom condo. 1-block to Petco. Ceiling-floor windows, gym, secure parking, washer/dryer. \$1795. Owner/agent, 858-538-9100.

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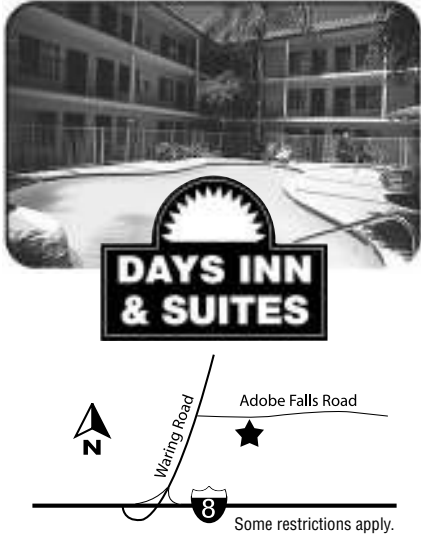
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LEAD STORY

— At the December ceremony in Najaf, Iraq, in which U.S. commanders turned over control of the city, Iraqi commandos took the stage carrying frogs and a rabbit and soon were eating the animals raw in a show of feral manliness. As U.S. personnel looked on apprehensively, one Iraqi cut open the rabbit's belly, screamed, snatched its heart in his teeth, and passed the bloody carcass down the line, with each commando taking a bite. According to a *Baltimore Sun* dispatch, locals said that Saddam Hussein's special forces used to do similar things, but with snakes, dogs, cats, and wolves.

Ironies

— Parents of some Castro Valley (Calif.) High School girls, led by aggressive county judge Larry Goodman, have waged a campaign to oust the school's girls' basketball coach, Nancy Nibarger, claiming that she insufficiently valued their daughters' skills in team tryouts. In October, school officials, in a compromise, created a committee to pick the team, but that committee, too, found the complaining girls not worthy enough. Several of the parents vowed to continue seeking Nibarger's dismissal.

— More Ironies: (1) Doug Milliken was elected treasurer of Colorado's Arapahoe County in November on a promise to help families protect their property from foreclosure. (Colorado had the country's highest foreclosure rate for most of last year.) However, on Nov. 6, Milliken was served foreclosure papers that cited debt of \$253,624 on his home. (2) California's Golden State Fence Co., which has a contract to build part of the United States' barrier on the Mexican border, agreed in December to pay fines totaling nearly \$5 million because it had been employing illegal immigrants.

Compelling Explanations

— (1) Floyd Kinney Jr., 49, pleading guilty in Northampton County, Pa., in December to indecent assault on two young girls, blamed the incidents on his wife's obsessive bingo habit, which

he said took her out of the house "three, four times a week." Said the judge, "Some people, when their wives aren't home, decide to clean the living room." (2) Kevin Sutherland, 45, arrested in Salt Lake City in December for downloading child porn on his office computer, told investigators that he personally would "never" access child porn but that he has been diagnosed with multiple personalities, one of which is a 16-year-old boy ("Casey") who likes to look at pictures of girls his own age.

— Numerous witnesses saw Michael Stone charge into the parliament building in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in November, armed with bombs, a knife, and a handgun. After he was wrestled to the floor, he was charged with trying to kill separatist leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, who were inside. However, in December, Stone said everything he did that day was merely "performance art replicating a terrorist attack." A credulous reporter for the *Belfast Telegraph* applauded Stone's "use of mixed media and everyday materials," which he said "show[ed] imagination."

Latest Civil Rights

— Charles Littleton, 22, was defiant after being Tasered by police when he resisted efforts to remove him from a Saginaw (Mich.) City Council meeting. He said he had to stand up for his right to wear his Los Angeles Dodgers baseball cap, despite a rule banning hats for men inside. "It means more than just a hat," he said. "It's like my crown. It's like asking a king to remove his crown."

— IBM fired Vietnam veteran James Pacenza from his job at a research facility in East Fishkill, N.Y., because he had logged on to an Internet chat room at work after being told not to. However, Pacenza responded with a \$5 million lawsuit in November, claiming that he is "addicted" to chat rooms as "self-medication" for his post-traumatic stress disorder. IBM said it does accommodate illnesses, but was not aware that Pacenza's obsession amounted to one.

— Monacan High School (Richmond, Va.) art

teacher Stephen Murmer was placed on leave in December and then fired in January for his extracurricular work painting with his posterior (dousing his backside with paint and rubbing it onto the canvas). Though he had taken steps to work under a different identity, he was exposed in a video that circulated on the Internet and was thus forced to go public. Murmer said he is contemplating an appeal and added, "I'm certainly proud of the ass painting."

Things You Thought Didn't Happen

— (1) Britain's Darts Regulatory Authority announced in November that professional darts player Robbie "Kong" Green had been suspended for eight weeks after a positive drug test (marijuana). (2) The Federation of Black Cowboys, of Brooklyn, N.Y., with 35 members and 45 horses, lately must do its riding on city streets in traffic that was not a problem until urban sprawl enveloped their Cedar Lane Stables, according to an October *New York Times* profile.

Least Competent People

— Some British and German drivers have over-relied on their cars' satellite-navigation devices, according to a December Reuters dispatch. A 53-year-old German man thought the device's instruction to turn "now" meant not at the next corner but right that second, and he crashed into a building. Another followed instructions but ignored a prominent "closed for construction" sign and plowed into a pile of sand. Said an exasperated German auto-club spokesman, "It's not as if people are driving in a tank with only a small slit to see out." ... In November, an ambulance in London went 400 miles to make a 20-minute trip, and in May another took 90 minutes to take a crash victim to a hospital 10 minutes away, both due to faulty "sat-nav" programming.

— Burglar Sheldon Reece, 32, was shot in the abdomen by homeowner Abel Sisneros in Fort Worth, Texas, in December. According to a report in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, to enter the house, Reece had to disregard two signs outside:

"Warning. Nothing inside is worth risking your life for. Owners of this property are highly skilled to protect life, liberty and property from criminal attacks" and "No trespassing. Violators will be shot. Survivors will be shot again."

Committing Malpractice on a Man's Best Friend

— In October, the Rhode Island Supreme Court entered a final judgment for Charles "Chick" Lennon, 68, against the manufacturer of a penile implant he had received in 1996 but which remains somewhat erect. (He says he has to wear a fanny pack to conceal it.) He had originally won \$750,000 for his pain and humiliation, reduced to \$400,000, but then back up to \$950,000, which he is scheduled to receive. In Chicago, dozens of men have sued Dr. Sheldon Burman after having their penises deformed in lengthening surgeries, according to lawsuits reported by the *Chicago Sun-Times* in September, even though Burman said he stands by his original methodology, involving vacuuming and stretching (on which he is said to be self-taught). ... Blake Steidler, 25, of Reamstown, Pa., who said he received botched penis-augmentation surgery, was sentenced in November to almost five years in prison for mailing a bomb to the surgeon.

Use What You Have

— (1) Police in Sydney, Australia, arrested 19 people in a two-family street fight in January and, according to Sydney's *Daily Telegraph*, confiscated "knives, baseball bats, metal poles, planks, branches, cricket bats, pick handles, screwdrivers, golf clubs, curtain rods and glass bottles," as well as hammers and machetes. (2) Chytoria Graham, 27, was arrested in Pittsburgh in October after a fight with her boyfriend, culminating in Graham's grabbing the couple's one-month-old son by the legs and using him to clobber the boyfriend.

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# BACK WHEN

## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

Now that I am no longer querying and probing, the strangeness of this situation hits me full. I am sitting in a monastery, in a sound-proofed room with a gate of bars thrown open, trying to down a hefty tuna sandwich while these hermetical nuns in medieval costume watch me, smiling.

—“A SEPARATE PEACE,” *Connie Bruck,*

*February 3, 1977*

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

David Antin is wrong when he says the lack of studio space for undergraduates is not the fault of the faculty of UCSD (“Today’s Subject Is Tomorrow’s Art,” January 21). The fact of the matter is that the main purpose of the UCSD art department is to support and cultivate the permanent interests of the art department faculty no matter what.

How so? You might ask. The evidence is this: Every little maneuver, every little intrigue they may pull will never hide the fact that they alone stand responsible for deceiving utterly a UCSD community with real needs.

—LETTERS: “EVERY LITTLE INTRIGUE SEEMS TO

WHISPER UCSD,” *Leslie Kienholz, January 28, 1982*

### Twenty Years Ago

Michael Copley is smiling. The 39-year-old son of the late James Copley — who until his death in 1973 owned and operated the *San Diego Union* and the *Tribune* — has finally found the perfect work for himself. As president of a company called Off-the-Wall Products, Michael Copley brought into existence a digital clock lodged in the shell of a baseball or tennis ball, whose alarm is silenced when the ball is thrown against the wall.

—CITY LIGHTS: “CLOCKED AT 39,” *E.J. Rackow,*

*January 29, 1987*

### Fifteen Years Ago

I’ve always envied the ease with which boys form rock bands. Based on all the interviews with guys who claim they didn’t know how to play guitar prior to forming their group, you’d think the entire United States of America was made up of musical geniuses. “We didn’t know how to play,” members of these bands say in unison. “We borrowed our instruments from our friends. We learned some chords, we went to the garage, and voilà!” Nirvana.

Following these steps to stardom takes

incredible arrogance and complacency — qualities most women, taught early to attract as little attention to themselves as possible, do not have in abundance.

—“OH, ARE YOU THE CHICK SINGER?” *Gina Arnold,*

*January 30, 1992*

### Ten Years Ago

I was not a born surfer but came to images of myself flashing over blue water, the sun overhead, when I was nearly 16. That year surfers loping down the halls of my high school incited in me the purest envy. They were not the scholars on their way to Ivy League colleges nor the championship jocks ready to sign professional contracts; but at an age when style is everything, the surfers had mucho beaucoup. And if adolescence is indeed a time of greedy conformism, I had it bad: I wanted the surfer’s golden sun-quenched tan. I wanted the surfer’s blond hair. I wanted to wear midnight black sunglasses and smear greasy white zinc oxide over my nose and lips. I wanted a wet suit you had to peel from your body like a banana skin.

—“EACH WAVE SHINES LIKE A DIAMOND,” *Hawkins*

*Mitchell, January 23, 1997*



San Diego Reader, January 29, 1987

### Five Years Ago

The time has come to include in this column the place actually called TGI Friday’s. If I was going to do this, I figured I’d get there about 1 a.m., just at last call, when humanity is at its most vulnerable, pathetic, obnoxious, and meanly comic. But if commenting, much less expounding, on the obvious is a tiresome and unoriginal misdemeanor, shooting fish in a barrel is certainly closer to a felony.

—T.G.I.F., *John Brizzolara, January 24, 2002*

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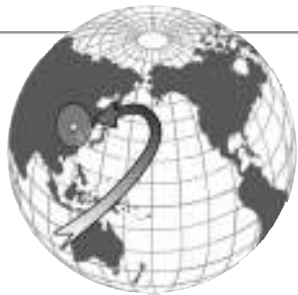
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## DEATH OF A CYNIC

I'm happy. And it makes me feel pathetic on a very fundamental level.

I'm a cynic, okay? I don't know what emotional or accessorized state you base your self-image on, but until now, it's been important that when the proles look at me, the ancient instincts coded into their DNA during the Ogle-ithic period vibrate with the subliminal knowledge that I find everything twice as annoying as they do. I trained myself to sleep with one eyebrow in the raised and locked position in case anyone felt compelled to talk to my attractively drooling self. Seriously, if you haven't tried the Sneer-Loom ultra combo shoot-down, you haven't even begun to maximize your scoff potential. Kendra's Gaming Tip of the Day: On your Emotendo controller, press left, left, up, down, A, and "FINISH HIM!!!" flashes across the air in huge red letters.

Using three or more exclamation points indicates mental instability, studies say.

Yeah, yeah, yeah, I was covering up a deep layer of insecurity, or an inability to interact with people who dance with glow sticks, by knitting a steel-yarned sweater of self-inflicted Social Outcastery around my gooey fruit center. Get yourself a cookie. But now I find this comforting, aloofier-than-thou cocoon unraveling on me. All the way unraveled, even; I tried my hate-you face on for size the other day, and I just couldn't do it. It didn't reach the eyes. Against all norms and all odds, I'm in love.

I mean, come *on*. Love is the universal rallying point of everyone with a stick hovering within a five-mile radius of their ass. Eye-rollers have been given a veritable carte blanche to pass out PDA-specific disgust like Wolverine passes out Awesome. My favorite Valentine's Day memory to date involves zombie movies and a trip to the Holocaust museum. You say bitter, I say better, because in China, the girlies learn one valuable lesson: kick 'em out at 5:00 a.m. or buy yourself a vibrator.

When it comes to international romance, and discounting the unshaved women factor, Beijing is not exactly Paris.

Nowhere in this city do cherry blossoms flutter down to petal ancient temple walkways. Oh, and it turns out geishas and samurais are Japanese. Beijing is such a transitory place that the good boys are always leaving in two months, while the bad ones will be here for so long that you're basically guaranteed a good ten years of being forced to awkwardly hug them in bars. Warning: Communist countries can't make chocolate. Run, run, run away.

Now, see here, according to official-looking statistics that I think I might have read somewhere, there are around one billion Chinese and 100,000 foreigners in China. We know that there are slightly more Chinese men than women, thanks to all the little haystacks of girl babies abandoned in cornfields, and we'll just take liberties here and cut the foreign population into equal halves, so we're looking at around 550 million Chinese men and 50,000 foreign guys available for point-by-point dissection. My unquestionably accurate breakdown continues:

\* Half of them are married: 225 million to 25,000

\* At least half of those left think Franz Ferdinand is listenable: 112.5 million to 12,500

\* Way more than three-fourths of those live in cities other than Beijing: 28.1 million to 3125

\* A third of the foreigners are nonsmokers and wake up with obnoxiously fresh breath: 1031

\* 99 percent of the Chinese guys' mothers will hate me: 281,000

\* Venereal disease is a fact of life: 238,850 to 876

\* Children both under and over 18 are out: zero to 470

\* The English are afraid



of cunnilingus: 370

\* Brazilians have better taste in textiles than I do: 270

\* Nordic guys are too big to slap around: 170

\* I'm guessing there are 170 un-herped, 20- to 30-something men in Beijing who are ambivalent about marriage and have radtastic moms. But 169 of them don't speak English or Chinese. Which brings us down to 1. One. Uno. *Yi ge*.

I found him. He's as bad at math as I am. My cynicism looks like Beirut.

The last eight months of public *kissy kissy* have officially disenfranchised me from the ranks of the sarcas-

tic. The only people I can still sneer at convincingly are the old guys who've substituted actual erections with purchasing power. No one blames the panty-loads of wasp-waisted Chinese girls that fling themselves at inflated Western executives whose 17 divorces are made invisible by favorable exchange rates. That's not a geographically specific epidemic. I, too, would lend out my vagina for a passport from a country with good plumbing. Hell, I'm easy, I'll go down for a cinnamon roll, but my melt-your-heart dream dates don't involve fluttering my eyelashes after a recital of golf scores over the past three decades.

I've done it. I've been there. You spend the whole night suppressing the urge to scream, "I wasn't born yet!"

I was perfectly satisfied sitting around in sweatpants watching Mandarin soaps while picking pomegranate seeds into a bowl. But when you've got a guy who stares drunkenly into his microwaved couscous and says, "I'm eating tiny pasta. Tiny, tiny pasta," there's no going back. Kyle Page Schaefer, if you ever want couscous when the store's closed, I'll grate up noodles for you. For the rest of your life.

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**TALMADGE/COLLEGE.** \$750. 1 bedroom upstairs unit. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, on-site laundry, storage closet. No pets. Optional parking. Available 2/1. 4492 Estrella. 858-538-5013.

**TALMADGE/COLLEGE AREA.** \$760. Move-in special! Upper quiet 1 bedroom, new carpet/paint. Walk-in closet. Laundry. Parking. Gated. 4475 50th Street. 619-582-9672.

**TALMADGE/COLLEGE.** \$850. Spacious, 2 bedroom apartment. Off street parking. Be at 4442 Winona Avenue #3 at 5pm or call 619-287-4011.

**TIERRASANTA.** \$1525. Large 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. 2 parking. Yard. No pets. Nonsmoking. Washer/dryer hook-ups. New paint. Dishwasher. 10838 Caravelle Place. Juno. 619-275-3455.

**TIERRASANTA.** \$1950. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. 2 car garage. Washer/dryer. Newer inside. Community pool, spa. Edgepark Way. Agent, 619-692-4121.

**TIERRASANTA.** 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath in Portofino community. Ask about special! Newer carpet/paint, covered parking, gas fireplace. 5151 Abuela Drive. \$1850. 619-793-4010, 619-851-7986.

**UNIVERSITY CITY.** Senior complex, 62+, \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice unit with Pergo flooring. 825 square feet. Underground parking. Laundry on site. No pets.

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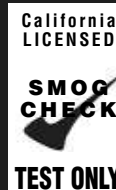
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# BLOG DIEGO

POST DATE: January 17, 2007

POST TITLE: Chokin' on a blog roll

This blog started out as a school project (set up a WordPress and tweak the branding) that I didn't want to waste, so I started using it to pimp my YouTube show. Right now, the success of this show is the most important thing to me. It's literally creating itself as it goes, because its time has come. The Internet is ready for the first online "virtual venue" where you can see bands from all over the world perform, and I've got to suck it up and follow through before someone with more money and resources than I have beats me to the punch. Focus, Daniel-san, best karate still inside.

I'm gonna go paint the fence.

POST DATE: January 12, 2007

POST TITLE: Somethin' for yer ass

Well, we've come a long way since...I don't know, *sometime* back in '06, and it looks like the little seed we've sown is about to bear fruit in a big way. What started out as a simple idea I had for YouTube has somehow morphed into a sonic nuclear bomb that we're going to go ahead and deploy on Saturday, February 3. The420channel is officially detonating this bitch at our newly acquired musical "home away from home," Molly Malone's in Ramona, CA. You're probably wondering, "If this is such a big deal, who's going to be playing the

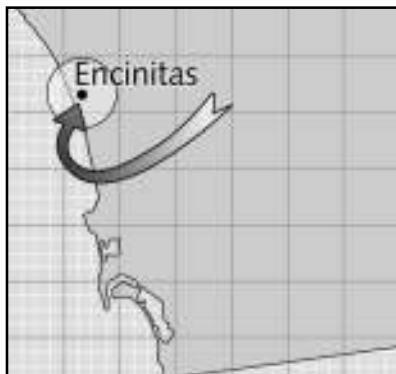
night of this so-called bombing you speak of?" Dig this: The main attraction of the evening? It's fuckin' Cirkus from SWEDEN. That's right, bitches, we said CIRKUS FROM SWEDEN. They're a totally kick-ass '80s-style glam band that's got a front man who thinks he's David Lee Roth.

It's funny how things happen, ya know? My original concept for the music segment of our show was to provide local musicians with a vehicle to get them exposure on the Internet. With Molly's on our side, it seems that this thing is taking on a whole new identity. Yeah, we're going to provide for local musicians, just like we planned, but this thing is quickly going the other way in that bands are finding us from all over and lining up to get on board. Hmm...Guess this Internet thing isn't a fad after all.

POST DATE: December 11, 2006

POST TITLE: Beck in a box...just add water

If you're just joining us, a couple of us here at The420 were invited to a private taping of a "mini" Beck performance at The Nissan Live Sets Stage at Fox Studios in L.A. It was a closed set taping for



what appeared to be a joint venture between Nissan and Yahoo for their online webcast advertising machine. After some considerable discussion/debate, here are our thoughts: Yes, we watched the show, but we were also watching the *production* of the show at the same time. We were not impressed.

Strike 1 — They wanted to film

crowd reaction shots with lighting other than what would be used during the actual performance. To facilitate that end, we were treated to some fat old man in a headset standing on stage saying, "Yeah, pretend I'm Beck." Cheesy. I understand that for the shoot it had to be done in this fashion, but there's no way in hell we were going to cheer for "old grizzly" the way we would for Beck. Give us SOMETHING to work with, please.

Strike 2 — The show was being shot in hi-def (umm...for webcasting?) and the tapes were only 30 minutes long. We were all just settling into the groove (Beck included), and all of a sudden a voice comes over the PA telling us we need to stop for a tape change. Here we are at Fox Studios and they couldn't double up on cameras to prevent such a momentum killer? I realize there are costs involved with this but...

Strike 3 — There was a Q&A session during the first tape change

when Beck answered some questions that seemed hand-picked to serve somebody else's ulterior motives. In fact, Beck was visibly uncomfortable with the whole scene. He's right on when it comes to performance, but he was like a nervous kid shufflin' his feet when they put that lame-ass Q&A on him. We would have thought that they would have let him in on the questions in advance so he could do a little prep, but it kinda looked like he was hearing them for the first time. He's not a stand-up comic, so asking him to make somebody's retarded question interesting doesn't seem fair. It all boils down to this simple truth: In the eyes of Nissan and Yahoo, Beck is no more than a product designed to help them promote their goods and services. It was strange to see someone that WE think so highly of treated this way. Welcome to the music industry.

All said and done, we had a great time, and it was cool to see Beck and his band up close (and free of charge!), but the whole process killed the magic. I felt dirty with corporate stink after I left, and I couldn't help but be a little angry at the fact that Yahoo handed out a couple of mini-DV cameras to the audience to no doubt "leak" on YouTube. Multi-million dollar studio...and they hand out DV cams to compete with the likes of us on The420channel.

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"No."

I gather her things from my bedroom, put her razor in her purse, put her blanket on top, and walk it out to her at the gate.

Her face is wet. Her makeup is running in long black rivers from her eyes.

We grind through the conversation like it's our last. It is.

We're at the white steel gate. She's holding her things in bundles in her arms. Is this it? Do I say, "Come inside. Let's talk," or do I let her go for good?

The argument drags until I say, "Good bye, Rhianna." I lean in, try to kiss her, but her lips won't move because her face is frozen in the rigor mortis of crying, and her cheek is wet against my nose. I say, "You meant a lot to me."

I turn back. The gate closes behind me, and I walk the 50 miles to the front door of my apartment. I can hear her crying, "No. Please. Come back. No."

In my apartment, I feel sick. I turn on the TV and push it loud.

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This is the commercial where a group of Kia salesmen in red ties dance around and sing the "So long. Farewell. Auf Wiedersehen. Goodbye" song from *The Sound of Music*. What? You dancing nimrods! It's a car! You're creeping me the hell out, and as a selling point, dancing, singing salesmen are about as effective to get me into a store or dealership as "Free rattlesnake bites with every purchase!"

**HOW IT'S MADE**

**DISCOVERY 5:30 P.M.**

*How It's Made* is so cool. The show goes into great detail about production lines, gluing machines, vacuums that open this thing, which spins around, drop in some plastic beads, fluff

this up, and *bang!* out the other end comes shooting a bottle of dish soap or golf balls or jet skis. I don't understand most of it. I'd easily believe it if the announcer said, "Here is where the unicorns add magic dust, and at this end the toilet paper is wrapped in plastic by elves."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

**LITTLE BEAUTIES: ULTIMATE KIDDIE QUEEN SHOW-DOWN**

**VH1 9:00 P.M.**

I was a child beauty queen. Let me tell you, it's not all glamour and glitz. Oh, those days of getting my lipstick just right, costume changes, and dance practice, or the long afternoons under the hot lights of a photo shoot... "But, I'm a boy," I said once. "Shut up and get in your evening gown!" It was tough then, but I think it built a lot of character.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: WRATH OF THE DRAGON GOD**

**SCIFI 9:00 A.M.**

I was never much into the fantasy stuff. I was a comic-book kid: *The Punisher*, *X-Men*, *Spiderman*, those kinds of things. Comic books are cool. Dragons are for dorks. Look at Wolverine! He has metal claws. That's cool. You dragon doofuses could learn a thing or two about being cool from a cool comic-book guy like me.

THE HAWKING PARADOX

**DISCOVER 8:00 P.M.**

Oh, good. I haven't hit my geek quotient for the week, and a show about Stephen Hawking should put me right on target. I might microwave some popcorn for this. I rarely indulge in snacks that can get lodged in my retainer, but what the hell, right? You only live once.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**FORT KNOX: SECRETS REVEALED**

**HISTORY 8:00 P.M.**

I can't imagine what security devices could be in place to stop me. On my red bicycle, I'll be faster than the guards on foot. Even if they have cameras, I'll still be in my Lone Ranger mask. The sight of my silver six-shooter should have them trembling. I won't have any bullets; I wouldn't want to hurt anyone. I'll need to get a new backpack to hold the gold bars while I make my escape. What could go wrong? Who's with me?

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

**LIVE AT THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS WITH MELISSA RIVERS**

**TVGC 9:00 P.M.**

I drank too much Jägermeister last Saturday night. If you've never been through this experience yourself, let me tell you that Jägermeister is both the devil and better than a shot of ipecac for making a body go "number three." All day Sunday, I worked to get the headache to go away and to relieve myself of the baboon-butt taste I'd built up in my mouth. Still. I'd rather do that again than watch this show.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

**GENIUS SPERM BANK**

**DISCOVERY 8:00 P.M.**

Excuse me? I don't want to sound weird or anything, but I'm oddly intrigued. What could this possibly be about? It certainly can't be about the, uh, "process of harvesting." What could fill this half hour? Damn it, Discovery Channel. You've got me.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

**AMERICA'S BALLROOM CHALLENGE**

**PBS 8:00 P.M.**

I've got a challenge for you, PBS. Show something interesting. Anything, really. Stop your fund-begging, give back the money you get from the government, put a hold on all the British sitcoms about old people and early-20th-century mystery programs, and show something that would be even slightly entertaining to anyone without patches on the elbows of their brown corduroy blazers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**TOP DESIGN**

**BRAVO 7:00 P.M.**

Dear Lord, help me. I've only just now recovered from *Top Chef*, *America's Next Top Model*, and *Project Runway*. I'm sure my friends will set up a *Top Design* night so we can sit and sip wine and yell catty things at the TV. I don't know if I can handle back-to-back seasons of aesthetic-sense craft shows. I'm burnt out. I need some *A-Team* and Budweiser to counteract the Pinot Grigio and "making color work with texture."



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# T.G.I.F.

I decided I was big enough now to do some damage if I just clocked her with a right hook.

By John Brizzolara

The Specialist, known in certain circles as Rocker Nutley Bugspray, said that she was willing to bet that recurring nightmares about my mother would recede, then fade, shortly after Mom's death almost two years ago. This was partly true in that it seemed to be so for a while; but lately they've returned with a vengeance. Happily, I did not take the bet — which was that I'd have to go back to a shrink if they did.

Lately, winter nights have been cold enough to evoke a childhood in Illinois. I have reached for blankets, turned on the heat — after having found it — and caught wraith-like trails of my breath at the open window at two a.m. This is the hour just before the onset of unwelcome dreams. Dreams that can appall you with the distasteful venom you have harbored in the pit of your id, the ones you thought you had trashed, deleted, sent to that recycle bin on the desktop of your sunnyboy consciousness.

This morning, a Friday, I awoke with cinema-sharp images of being restrained (my right arm) as I attempted to "beat the bejesus" out of old Mom. That was her phrase for maternal corporal punishment, "I'll beat the bejesus out of you!" Whatever that is, her method clearly did not work as my bejesus-inspired peccadilloes continued to land

me before the great judge and executioner. M is for many things...and murder was among them in a few enthusiastic attempts on her part.

In last night's dream, old Mom was about to exact some pound of flesh or other from my younger brother, Paul, who died in 2003, preceding her into the great beyond by a year and a half. Paul was a shirtless kid (he could never keep them on) and trying to slip from her clutches with little success. With the aid of rapid-eye-movement sleep, I simultaneously decided I was big enough now to do some damage if I just clocked her with a right hook, wondered why I had never thought of it before (after all, I'd been an adult for some time), and let fly, even as a character I did not recognize but gathered he was some sort of uncle, caught my wrist in mid-throw. I had the certainty that had it landed, Mom (or Biggy, as Paul and I called her after some cartoon show featuring villains Biggy Rat and Itchy Brother) would not be getting up for a while.

Cut to: The dream suddenly changed settings and I was aboard a leaking, gaily colored rubber raft with my shirtless (again) brother, both of us paddling furiously toward a near shore. We were on a lake, undoubtedly Round Lake in Illinois where we lived for some years as kids. Looking behind me, I saw that limousine-sized waves both followed us and at the same time, seemed frozen. Behind them were terraces of water, not unlike waterfalls, but again, oddly frozen. The dreamscape was in heavy oils or acrylics of cerulean, the water a sickly green and black. We made it to shore easily enough, and that was pretty much the end of the dream. Even half asleep, I knew that the menacing but escapable water was a Jungian representation of emotion, arrested, but waiting.

Seated at the edge of the bed Friday morning, I asked myself if that intended blow was tantamount to murderous design. Did I mean to kill her in the dream? This was certainly a reversal of the Freud/Sophocles thing. Oedipus killed his father and married (did he actually marry? I'd have to check again) or say, "did" (or wanted to "do") his mother. I was in a state of roiling confusion and guilt. Questions plagued me, not the least of which was, if Oedipus actually did marry his mother, who paid for the wedding?

My brother and the raft were a kind of surreal, Technicolor recreation of an incident in March of some year in the mid-'60s. My brother had swum out in the freezing water to climb aboard a raft my father and I had made from

heating-oil drums and wood plank-ing. After a winter of ice and thaw, the anchor chain had snapped and my brother was carried out to deep water on choppy white-caps. I swam after him and gave it up halfway across the mile-in-diameter lake. Instead of swimming the other half-mile, I stroked to shore and ran. I arrived at the spot the raft was washed ashore pretty much as Paul zipped up his shorts after taking a leak. He grinned merrily.

For years I tried to transmogrify the story into life-saving heroics on my part, but I could never get Paul to buy it. In fact, he was more in danger of catching pneumonia (if you really can get it that way) than drowning.

I think I'll start a dream journal again to document these things for the inevitable return to some shrink's couch. I'll call it "Murder in My Heart for My Mom" and hope it lends a little levity to a humorless demon down there.



The author as Oedipus

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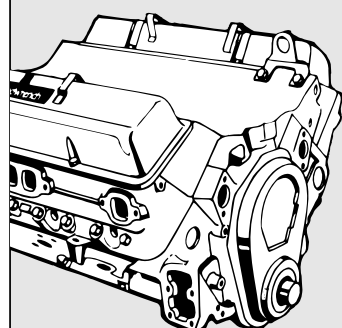
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