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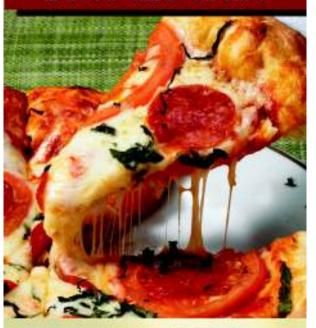
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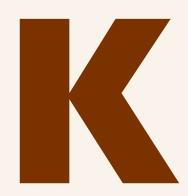
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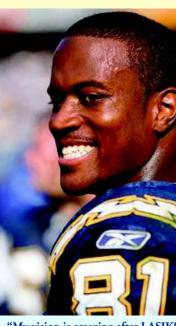
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Myron and Thelma's bad tax day

Wealthy car dealer **Steve Cushman** has been in the news about his port commission appointment battle with **Laurie Black**, daughter-in-law of the late



Steve Cushm

del Coronado hotel mogul and U.S. ambassador to Switzerland, M. Larry Lawrence, whose disinterment from Arlington National Cemetery prompted by discovery of his phony war record turned out to be one of Bill Clinton's smaller scandals. At the same time, a Coronado couple once employed aboard his

company's lavish yacht has been celebrating a victory over the Internal Revenue Service. In a decision entered February 22, the U.S. Tax Court ruled that the IRS had erred when it levied a \$6869 penalty against **Myron** and **Thelma Struck** for allegedly underpaying a total of \$34,345 in taxes on their combined income of \$82,768 in 2001 and \$71,063 in 2002. "For approximately 27 years, from 1975 through early May 2002, Myron was employed full time as a yacht captain for owners of private yachts," according to the ruling. "Thelma also was employed on the yachts as a chef and stewardess.

"Beginning in 1991 through May of 2002, Myron and Thelma were employed on a yacht that was owned by Cush Automotive, a California company, and that was operated primarily in foreign territorial waters. Each year, Cush Automotive paid Myron and Thelma a salary, their living expenses while on the yacht, and their vacation travel expenses back to the United States. When underway, every 4 hours Myron would note in a log the yacht's longitude and latitude coordinates. Except for approximately 2 weeks when on vacation in the United States, and even when docked in foreign ports, Myron and Thelma lived on the yacht."

The court noted that "a review of the log coordinates...performed by personnel of the U.S. Navy" was used to develop charts mapping out how many days the couple was in foreign waters and how many days they spent in U.S. territory, which in turn was used to help determine whether their claim of a "foreign earned income exclusion" from taxes was valid. The data traced their whereabouts until they gave up working for Cush.

"On December 20, 2001, Myron and Thelma left the yacht in Costa Rica and flew to the United States for their annual 2-week vacation," the court said. "On January 4, 2002, Myron and Thelma returned to the yacht in Costa Rica. On May 6, 2002, Myron and Thelma docked the yacht in the harbor in San Diego, California, and retired from working on yachts."

The IRS claimed that the Strucks couldn't prove they had been out of the country for the requisite 330 days a year (330 days in any consecutive 12-month period) and even questioned whether the period they spent in the air flying back and forth to Costa Rica could be counted as time out of the country, but the court held otherwise. "We find Myron's testimony to be credible. Furthermore, Myron's testimony was corroborated. The yacht was docked in Costa Rica for the entire month of December 2001, and Myron's testimony regarding petitioners' travel to the United States in December 2001 was consistent with Myron's testimony that his vacation each

year in the United States lasted only 2 weeks." Reached by phone this week, Thelma Struck said the fight with the IRS had been so stressful it gave her husband shingles; she added that Cushman was fully supportive and helped them retrieve crucial log records from the yacht.

Peorian's plea A chain of Midwest papers is the rumored buyer of the *Peoria Journal Star*, put on the block by **David Copley** to pay his late mother **Helen**'s estate taxes, reports blogger **Billy Dennis** in his Peoria Pundit. "GateHouse Media owns the *Pekin Daily Times*, the *Canton Daily*



Ledger and a bunch of other Illinois newspapers I recognize as being once owned by

my former employer, American Publishing Company," writes Dennis. "I have no first- or even second-hand knowledge about how GateHouse operates, but if it resembles APC in any way, shape or form, look for drastic and continuous cuts in staff, look for reporters to be given two byline per day quota, look for reporters to be handed cameras and told to provide their own 'art' for their stories. In fact, look for cost cutting to take on overwhelming importance." ... Meanwhile, the Torrance Daily Breeze, recently sold by Copley to the Hearst Corporation in a complicated deal that ultimately will place it into the hands of Dean Singleton's MediaNews Group, reports that Copley has arranged to sell the newspaper's former headquarters on Torrance Boulevard for between \$14 and \$16 million. The property is to be purchased by the nearby Little Company of Mary Hospital and developed into medical office buildings.



A fine fine The San Diego State University Foundation, which has changed its name to the San Diego State University Research Foundation, has been involved with more than its share of unsavory political practices in an unending search for big government grants. There was

Bill Lowery, the ex-GOP congressman turned lobbyist whom the foundation hired to help it snag millions of dollars in "homeland security" grants. That was thanks to Lowery's close friend and fellow Republican, San Bernardino congressman Jerry Lewis, who quietly tucked the foundation's bequests into bills in the form of "earmarks." Now comes the California Fair Political Practices Commission, which has accused the foundation of failing to file a "major donor" statement disclosing two contributions totaling \$12,500 it made in the first half of last year to "Californians for Higher Education, Proposition 1D," the multibillion-dollar ballot measure approved by voters last June. The fine, agreed upon with the nonprofit foundation in a stipulation to be heard by commissioners next month, won't put much of a dent in the foundation's treasury. The fine is just \$400.

— Matt Potter

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Wee Folks Get Caught

By Don Bauder

Service sends out a news release warning Americans that unscrupulous tax

preparers may use dirty tricks to lower their clients' income taxes. The preparer may wind taxes, penalties, and interest—and maybe spend time behind bars too.

Bully for the Internal Revenue Service. Taxpayers should get these annual warnings of the "Dirty Dozen" fraudulent techniques employed by tax preparers. Trouble is, it's the wee folk who need such advice. As "Queen of Mean" hotelier Leona Helmsley observed correctly, "Only the little people pay taxes." There is a fine line between legal tax avoidance and illegal tax evasion, and America's richest citizens and largest corporations cross that line with impunity,

Leona Helmsley with help

up in the hoosegow (as several San Diegans have), and the taxpayer, who is ultimately responsible for his or her own return, may have to pay back

most prominent and supposedly respectable law firms, banks, accounting firms, and brokerage houses.

As Charles Rossotti, head

from the

of the IRS from 1997 to 2002, noted in his book *Many Unhappy Returns*, the federal tax agency that he inherited was "like a police department that was giving out lots of parking tickets while organized crime was running rampant."

It's still that way and may be worse. The IRS admits in its 2007 news release that offshore hanky-panky by corporations and the wealthy continues to be a problem. I'll deal with that in later paragraphs.

One of this year's Dirty Dozen tricks is the misuse of trusts. Unscrupulous tax preparers urge clients to transfer assets into trusts, promising that income, estate, or gift taxes can be lowered. But some trusts don't fulfill the promises, says the IRS, which has 150 trust investigations now under way. Last October, a federal judge here sentenced Susan E. O'Brien to ten years and five months in prison. Her codefendants, Robert Richard Evans and William Dean Cook, got 78 and 24 months, respectively. She and Evans had been selling trusts that concealed income from the IRS. The three had used one of Evans's trusts to conceal many years of income of Dr. Kevin Marie Scoggin, owner of San Diego's

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I Did It, Arrest Me

By Ernie Grimm

n May 17, 2006, San Diego Police homicide detective Robert Donaldson was thumbing through cold-case files looking

for something that might warrant reopening an investigation: a bit of physical evidence, blood maybe, that modern forensics could use to identify the killer in a decades-old murder case. At about 11:30 a.m., the phone rang. On the other end, Donaldson recalls, was "a guy that identified himself as Peter Jacob Johnson, and he told me that he had information on a homicide case that occurred sometime in 1978, 1979, or 1980. He asked me if the case was still open. I told him that until he provided me with additional information, I would be unable to tell him. And Johnson then told me that he remembered that the victim was a white male, around 20 years old, and his first name was Robert."

It was all pretty vague, and Donaldson says, "I was kind of skeptical. Here's this guy, what is he fishing for? I didn't understand what this guy was really up to. Then Mr. Johnhe didn't know the make or model."

That got Donaldson's attention. "Then Mr. Johnson asked me again if the case were still open. Well, I told him, I didn't know, that particular case didn't ring a bell, and I told him that I would have to do some research on the case and get back to him. And Johnson stated that he lived in Oklahoma City, and then he gave me his cell phone number. He didn't want to tell me his home address, but he said I could always call him back on his cell phone."

mation Johnson had given him and dug into the unsolved murder cases from 1978, 1979, and 1980. "I think it was two days later," he recalls, "at about 9:30 in the morning, I am in the office when I get a call, and I remember the voice of Peter Johnson. He asked me if I had located the case he had told me about in our telephone conversation a couple

Donaldson took the infor-

in an alley off of Murray Ridge Road.'

Gone was any skepticism Donaldson harbored toward Johnson. "Now I knew," he says, "this was a suspect. I mean, no one would know these details."

Turns out, Donaldson had

already pulled the case Johnson described in their first conversation. It was sitting on his desk when Johnson called the second time. Donaldson flipped it open and saw that the victim, Robert Spencer, "was age 19, which fit Mr. Johnson's description. The date of the case was September 17, 1978, the day Spencer's body was found in the trunk of a vehicle at 2900 Murray Ridge Road in the alley," all of which fit Johnson's description but all of which was published in San Diego Union reports on September 18 and 19 of 1978. What wasn't in the Union reports, but was in the case file, was the caliber of the weapon — .38 — and the fact that Spencer had been shot behind the right ear. Also in the case file was an interview police had conducted in the days following the murder. The subject: Peter Jacob Johnson. Police had talked to Johnson the day the body was found because he was known to be a friend of Spencer's.

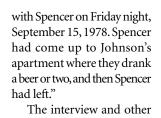


Donaldson's office

son says, 'The victim had been shot in the head, and he was found in the trunk of his car in the Kearny Mesa area of San Diego.' Then he goes on to describe the car, which this guy Robert was found in, as a mid- or late-'60s model, but

of days ago. And I said, 'I am still looking into it, still working on it.' And then Johnson tells me just out of the blue, 'I did it. I shot him in the back of the head, behind the right ear, with a .38 handgun.' Then he says, 'The body was found

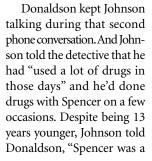
According to court documents, Johnson told police that "he thought he had met Spencer about two or three weeks before, and [he] knew that Spencer lived in the apartment below him. Johnson admitted that he had been



police work didn't produce enough evidence to charge Johnson with the murder. Nearly two years later, police received a message from Idaho that offered a possible explanation for the unsolved murder case. "In May 1980," court documents state, "SDPD received a teletype from the Boise Idaho Police Department. The teletype advised that a Donald Allen Young, who was currently in custody for a shotgun homicide in Boise, had also been fingered by an anonymous and unconfirmed source as a participant in one or more homicides in California during the months of September and October 1978. One of these incidents involved the death of a young male adult whose body was allegedly located in the trunk of a vehicle in San Diego. Based on this teletype, SDPD detectives investigated Donald Young as a suspect in the murder of Robert Spencer. Detectives developed information that Donald Young and the victim Robert Spencer had been acquainted with each other, had attended the same high school [in Idaho], and had worked together. However, the detectives were unable to develop any actual evidence (beyond mere suspicion) that Young had murdered Spencer, and

they never interviewed Young

as a suspect."



No one knows if Johnson's contention that Spencer was a child molester is true or not. Donaldson says Spencer was never accused or convicted of molestation either in San Diego or Idaho.

Robert Donaldson

Donaldson asked Johnson why he had decided to unburden himself 28 years later. "He



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kind of friend [of Johnson's]. He knew him in the drug world."

Johnson, Donaldson says, continued "volunteering details about the shooting. He said they were going to a local bar right around the corner from where they were living. 'I am in the back seat, the victim was driving in the front seat. I had him pull over to the side of the road.' Then Johnson confronts him, Spencer, as being a child molester. And all of a sudden Johnson just shoots him one time. And then Johnson gets in the driver's seat, drives to the alley, and then puts Spencer into the trunk. It sounds like Johnson lured Spencer into the car so he could do this. It was an execution."

basically told me that he had been out in Oklahoma for about 6 years, and he said he was involved with a woman out there and he wanted to come clean for this woman. But we went out there, and we interviewed a lot of people and couldn't find anybody that said he was involved with a woman. So I don't know if that was another reason or he just said that. But I think he just wanted to clear his conscience. And I really believe & that he was just tired. He was Desirable had no % job, had no money as far as we could tell. He was homeless, and that was his motivation. ≦ He didn't say that, but I believe that was his motivation. He just had nowhere else to go. He

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Grand Animal Hospital. In addition, O'Brien and her colleagues stashed Scoggin's money in offshore accounts and maintained bank accounts in nominee names. And O'Brien evaded her own taxes.

Another 2007 Dirty Dozen technique is abuse of charitable organizations and deductions. This can happen when a taxpayer moves assets or income to a tax-exempt charity but maintains control over the loot. Last September, William Robert Bradley, one of the founders of the bankrupt Metabolife International, was sentenced to six months in

the pokey and told to pay the IRS \$6 million in back taxes, penalties, and interest. Among several things, he used a purported charity, the Bradley Foundation, fraudulently. The foundation was only to be used for charitable purposes. But in January 2000, Bradley loaned \$2 million to Metabolife. Half the loan came from the foundation. To conceal this caper, the \$1 million check was falsely entered as a "donation" on the foundation's books. Around the same time, Bradley financed another loan to one of his enterprises with \$4.3 million from the foundation.

Another Dirty Dozen trick this year revolves around claims by extremist groups that the 16th Amendment, which permitted the federal income tax, was never properly ratified; that wages are not income; that paying taxes is voluntary; and that paying taxes violates the 1st, 4th, and 5th amendments. These fallacious arguments are trotted out by militia groups, white supremacists, members of the so-called common law cult, and the like. Southern California, including San Diego, is a haven for such groups. An outfit called "We the People" used such arguments. In June of 2005, Gregory Karl of Solana Beach got 20 months behind bars for his role in the tax dodges; Willie Watts and Teresa Giordano of Murrieta got three

On February 16 of this year, Saleh Mahmoud Zahran (aka Mahmoud Saleh Akel, Missa Ahmad Akel, Maysa Ahmad Zahran, and Mausa Ahmad Abide) was charged by the U.S. attorney with tax, Social Security, and Medi-Cal fraud, among other things. As a tax preparer, he allegedly abused the earned income credit to help his clients. The earned income credit is a refundable income tax credit favoring low-income workers.

On February 9 of this year, German Castillo, a selfemployed tax preparer, was sentenced to five months in custody for claiming false deductions for his clients. In addition, he didn't report income he received from his own business, noted the U.S. district court judge.

LIGHTS

The IRS warns people to be very careful selecting tax preparers. Does that mean you should go to the bluechip accounting firms? Nope. They're among the worst offenders. KPMG, the big firm that so piously refuses to bless the City of San Diego's 2003 audit, almost got criminally indicted two years ago for selling phony offshore tax dodges to the superrich. Some of its former executives have been criminally indicted, and KPMG faces civil lawsuits over its blatant tax dodges. If the firm had been indicted, it might ultimately have been wiped away, as the accounting firm Arthur Andersen was. The Andersen firm had been the accountant for Enron, San Diego's Peregrine Systems, and other frauds.

While the IRS is chasing down small-time tax-preparation crooks, massive tax evasion is rampant through offshore entities. On August 1 of last year, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations released a report, "Tax Haven Abuses: The Enablers, the Tools and Secrecy." It's 370 pages and not easy reading — but eyeopening. It cited a report noting that \$11.5 trillion of the wealth of the world's superrich is stashed in offshore havens. That's about one-third of their total wealth.

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At the hearing of the investigations subcommittee, Senator Carl Levin, Democrat of Michigan, said that the law "should assume that any transaction in a tax haven is a sham." Amen.

The subcommittee probed some offshore deals by prominent American entrepreneurs now under investigation by government agencies. Their enablers included Wall Street's Lehman Brothers, Bank of America, and renowned law firms such as Morgan Lewis & Bockius, Cravath Swaine & Moore, and Jones Day.

Blue-chip corporations set

up offshore operations that are useful in tax avoidance and evasion. In the 1950s, corporations anted up 28 percent of federal revenues; now it's 11 percent, even though profits are a much higher percentage of the total economy. It's called "profit laundering," notes investigative reporter Lucy Komisar. Entities are created so that profits appear to be earned where taxes are low, while losses are shifted to places where taxes are high. According to the publication Tax Notes, more profits of U.S. companies are reported to have been earned in tax havens than in the areas where the companies actually do business. Offshore banking centers constitute 1.2 percent of the world's population but hold 31 percent of the assets and 26 percent of the stocks

according to Komisar.

The subcommittee noted

of American multinationals,

that hedge funds, most of which are based offshore, are exempt from U.S. anti-money-laundering laws. Tax avoidance by hedge funds is legal. Last month, top government officials recommended that these hedge funds remain essentially unregulated.

As Rossotti wrote, the IRS "picks on the little guy" over niggling sums while "largely overlooking an ocean of money hidden in business entities for which the owners, rather than the businesses themselves, were supposed to pay taxes." As the subcommittee pointed out, taxes dodged by the aristocracy have to be paid by the little people.

But the moneybags skirting their taxes are backing politicians financially. So Congress does nothing.

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thought that, because it happened in 1978, he would get maybe five years in prison, and when he came out he would be 65 and eligible for Social Security."

He thought wrong. Sentencing guidelines at the time of the murder called for a life sentence. On May 24, 2006, Donaldson flew to Oklahoma City with another detective and arrested Johnson. "He knew it was coming," Donaldson says. "He had sold and given away what little he had, and he signed his car over to a friend. He knew he was going with us. There was no surprise."

What was a surprise, at least to Donaldson, was the fact that Johnson took the case to trial instead of striking a plea bargain with the district attorney's office. Another surprise was that on November 29, 2006, Johnson testified on his own behalf, against his public defender's advice. Once on the stand, Johnson denied murdering Spencer. "He said," recalls deputy district attorney Jeff Dusek, "that he was down on his luck in Oklahoma, didn't have any money, didn't have any place to stay, was living out of his car. So he decided that he had to confess to this first-degree execution murder so he could have a place to stay for maybe three years or so. And California would house him and feed him, and the federal government would give him Social Security while he was in jail. So he would have some money when he got out after three or four vears."

Though there were other witnesses for the prosecution who corroborated the fact that Johnson knew Spencer,

Johnson ended up being chief witness for both the prosecution and the defense. Jurors had to decide whether he was telling the truth on the stand or during his tape-recorded conversations with Donaldson. "Yes," says his public defender, John Thomas, "it came down to that. And a lot of facts that came out in his phone calls were damaging to say the least."

On November 30, Peter Jacob Johnson was found guilty of first-degree murder. He was sentenced January 20, according to 1978 guidelines, to life with the possibility of parole. Thomas says he won't be eligible for parole until 2014. But he says, "Normally, you don't get parole the first time your name comes up. But he has some health issues. And the prison system has a tendency to overlook precedent and kick people out when they are sick, because it's expensive as hell to keep them in."







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Comments from Reader Website

"Vegas Quickies," City Lights **Published February 28**

Posted by Irene Nagy Dessewffy on 02/28/07 @ 6:04 p.m.

After the wedding, I had sev-

eral long telephone conversations with Tina Nova... She told me how happy she was, how fortunate to find such a loving man who could be a father to her son and "since she has no mother" she would love to ask me to help her with her gown and actually plan the wedding. She said that the wedding must be beyond first class. There would probably be around 400 guests many of them very famous personalities. She knew that I have many years of experience in the bridal industry and that I had planned many celebrity events. She told me to keep the wedding a secret until she had the chance to properly announce it to her social and scientific community. How can a woman in her position behave this way and continue to keep the important positions she

Author's response: Irene: In our interviews, you related these things, but there are space limitations in any column. If the matter gets to court, some of the items you mentioned might become issues. Best, Don Bauder

"Dirtier, Rougher," Blurt **Published February 28**

Posted by Steph Forsythe on 02/28/07 @ 3:41 p.m. I had to comment on the poor proofreading/editing job of Ken Leighton. Very Sloppy. "Digital sounds glossy and overproduced and really shiny," says Vinyl Radio guitarist Keith Hilton. (((((("The Smashing Pumpkins' Siamese Dream had, like, over 100 guitar tracks. It's a colossal disappointment when you see them live and you don't see a hundred guitars...))))))) Wouldn't you put a set of end quotes right there?

Editor's response: We adhere pretty closely to guidelines in Chicago Manual of Style. The 14th edition (guideline 10.29) states that "If a passage consisting of more than one paragraph from the same source is quoted and is not set off as an excerpt, quotation marks are used at the beginning of each paragraph and at the end of the last paragraph. That is, quotation marks are not used at the end of any paragraph in the quotation except the last one. (This practice is also followed in presenting the dialogue of a single speaker that extends over more than one paragraph.)"

Posted by Steph Forsythe on 02/28/07 @ 3:42 p.m. And Who said this? "When digital came out, it made things a lot more efficient; it made it super easy to overdub and fix every little thing. Every time you rerecord over a tape, the quality diminishes a little; it gives you more of a sense of urgency. With digital you can go back a thousand times. [Rocket From the Crypt singer/producer] John Reis has a three-take rule; he says it should never take more than three takes to do a song. I subscribe to that." Since there are 3 people quoted in this article, who knows who said that? I assume it's the guy who owns the studio, but the reader is led to believe it's the same guy who was talking about The Smashing Pumpkins.

Editor's response: Ditto Chicago Manual of Style guideline 10.29.

Posted by Steph Forsythe on 02/28/07 @ 3:42 p.m. And Now Back to first grade with another misuse of quotations. "There was talk that some of what was redundant might go away. But I'm not redundant." He says "Cross Country" is geared for ((((((("...sensitive, singer-songwriter, Americana [artists]. We skew towards hell-raising, beer-drinking, and monster trucks; there is no need for me to worry.")))))))))?????? This is the reader right? I feel like I'm reading 944 or

something. Finally where is the consistency: "outlaw country" and Outlaw Country in Italics. Which is it? You might want to send Ken Leighton back to High School, cause he might fail that English 101 course he's taking. What a joke!

Editor's response: The single incident of quoting "outlaw country," there Mojo Nixon is referring to the genre of music, not directly to his Sirius program. Steph, I am happy to have you as such a close reader - no cap, no italics! — of "Blurt." — Robert Mizrachi

Posted by cat dirt on 02/28/07 @ 8:51 p.m.

hey comments cool. steph foysyth is giving you the business! fifty on their heels recorded on tape last year,

Diary of a Diva **Published February 28**

Posted by fred on 03/1/07 @ 2:18 p.m.

For a long time I thought it was my wife's problem when we were minutes late, or not early enough to some event we chose to go to, ie. church, parties etc. It really was tough on her and my kids, because I was very intense or angry when we couldn't get there early enough, or God forbid, we ended up late (even though nobody cared but me, not even God cared). I ended up with alot of anxiety. A tight chest etc. So, she got me Wellbutron. The anxiety is gone, I don't stress. I'm easier to live with most of the time. I can let things go without that tightness... That's it from another solution-oriented male reader of your column.

"The Best Players in the World: Filipinos and Pool" **Published February 28**

Posted by Skip on 03/3/07 @ 4:24 a.m.

I grew up in San Diego, but haven't been back regularly for over 25 Years... I now live in Germany, but this article (sent to me from my brother Jim) brought back fond memories, although I would have loved to have read the names of those 15 great white sharks he mentioned... Is Max still alive?? Say Hi to Mike Defino from me... I miss SD so much! Great story! Greetings from Europe, Oo, Oo!

Posted by Anonymous on

03/4/07 @ 3:12 p.m. Finally something positive on filipinos. I think the last filipino that was on the Reader was Andrew Cunanan who was a serial killer that killed Versace and left the filipino status in a negative way.

Crush **Published February 28**

Posted by Chris on 03/4/07 @ 7:49 p.m. Matt... thanks for sharing your notes from Jeff Morgan's lecture. Look forward to the followup next week.

Tin Fork Published February 28

Posted by MOtes on 03/4/07 @ 10:52 p.m. Your bad Ed...El Indio and not having the quesadilla with beef? Used to get them after early morning Jet Ski outings on Mission Bay before the crowds showed up. Huge flour tortillas with pedestrian cheese...it was the somewhat greasy shredded beef flopped in the middle that made them the food of the Gods...dammit! Now I'm hungry!

Crasher **Published February 21**

Posted by Nacho Daddy on 03/4/07 @ 4:30 p.m. 1. Cheese is NEVER small talk... NEVER! 2. I was there, and I really liked this article. The party was spread across three rooms, and alcohol only lets me be in two rooms at one time, so this covered all my bases for me. I really like the Party Crasher, but sometimes, I get the feeling that the writer really has his hands tied about what he writes. ("If it wasn't for those meddling kids...")

Sheep and Goats Published February 21

Posted by Michael St. James on 03/4/07 @ 7:37

Doesn't the Episcopal Church believe anything Christian any more? It might be a good time to review the 10 suggestions (Ex 20) Or the 39 maybes in the back of our book of common prayer. MikeInMinnesota miken0wdm@aol.com

Enquiring Minds

I have just completed reading Don Bauder's gossip

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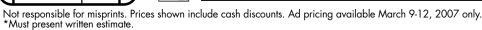
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I know this [M.A. web archive] page is almost ten years old, but in the last several years, since the FCC was basically dismantled by Bush and the younger Powell, all commercials are louder and with more volume than the programming. Last night with the Oscars, all ten of our guests commented — loudly, because they have to be heard — about how this is happening to them all the time. The kids did too. As a veteran of the business, I don't believe that it is just the recording engineers for the commercials. This is an easy one to fix, though. It just takes a lot of people complaining about it.

— Iohn Bollinger, via e-mail

John wins our medal as People's Hero of the Great Revolution. And, he's the first of our M.A. online commentators to make the jump to print. He's commented on a question we answered about why the TV commercials always sound louder than the programs. And since ten years in techie time equals a century in ordinary-people time, it's probably worth a revisit.

Unfortunately the situation has hardly changed at all. If anything, it's gotten more complicated. The basics are still the same as they were ten years ago. The law limits the volume of an audio transmission by a TV broadcaster — that is, the power level (modulation) used by their transmitter to wing their programming into your house. The audio signal moving from, say, one of those news trucks to the station's transmitter goes through several steps at the TV station, each with its own limiters and compressors designed to keep the audio signal within legal limits by the time it's transmitted. Commercials (and some selected programming comedies louder than dramas) can bypass this with some audio sleight-of-hand with signal compression. Our last line of defense should be the broadcast, cable, or satellite service transmitting the signal to us, but apparently that's easier said than done.

This next part is worth quoting. From the director of engineering at a local TV station: "Researchers have found that what people are usually talking about when they complain about audio levels is the big difference in aural density and just annoying content. Cal Worthington and that trailer about the latest thriller movie, when viewed on an audio scope, can have exactly the same peak voltage as a calm, vocal-only interview, but you hear it as louder because it's dense and complex, filled with irritating mid-high-frequency material and layered with music and booming and heavily compressed speech. The dilemma for broadcasters is how to maintain the original dynamic range so that a pin drop sounds like a pin drop while allowing a crescendo to sound like a crescendo, all the while not irritating people with commercials meant by their creators to be loud."

Yes, Dorothy, sneaky commercial producers know that a compressed signal carrying a blast of dense, high-frequency sound will get our attention. When the Oscar programming switched to the commercials, did everyone start talking? Mocking the presenters? Making catty remarks about their clothes? Well, advertisers who've paid three trillion dollars for a 30-second spot can't have that. You must pay attention to them! And they know how to get you to do it. The only other thing that seems to attract the attention of TV viewers is prolonged silence, also used occasionally by advertisers to get us to look up from whatever's distracting us.

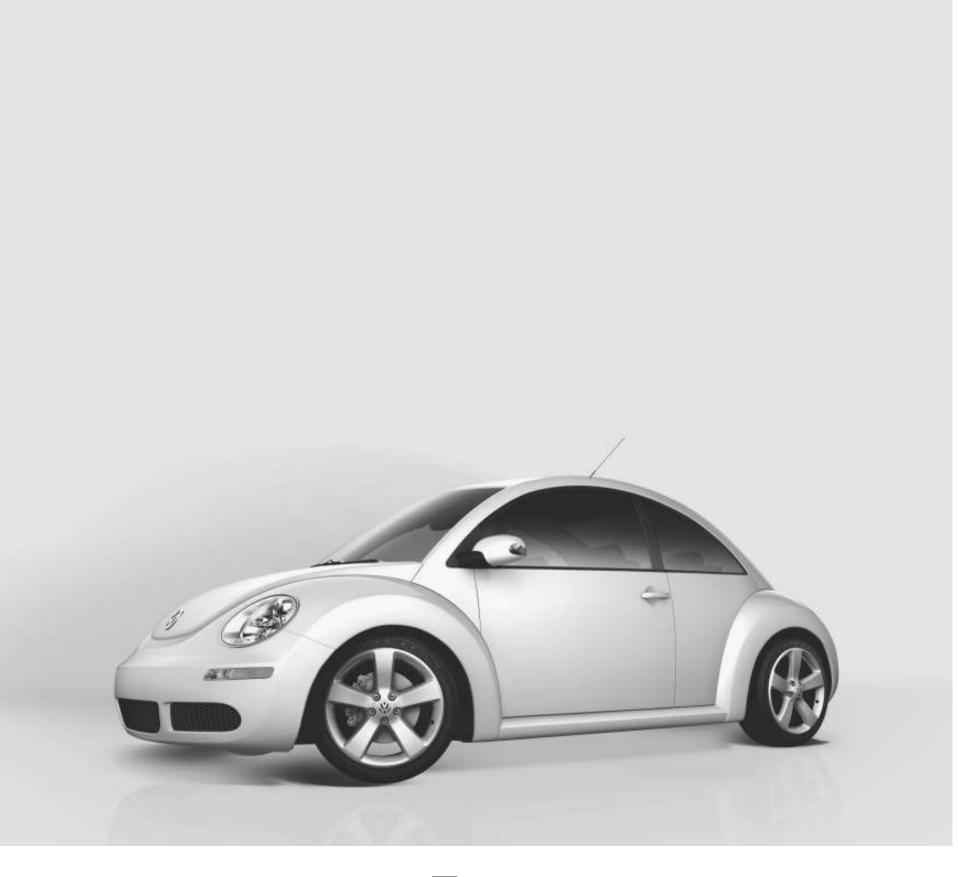
New digital channels have complicated matters and might account for the increase in complaints to the FCC about "loud" TV commercials. Again we quote, "Typically these stations have computers that simply switch between sources [programming to commercials, back to programming] without regard to audio levels.... Usually, because the commercials have been dubbed carefully [at the station], all comes out okay. Sometimes, though, levels don't match well, and the [master control] operator [at the TV station] may or may not even have control of those audio levels to make a quick adjustment. Sometimes that operator is controlling the commercial insertions of 2 or 4 or, in the case of cable systems, 30 or 40 channels at a time. Do you think he or she is going to adjust the audio level on each one? HA!'

Ha! indeed. So, legally speaking, the peak level of program content is no higher than the peak level of the commercials, though commercials might sustain that peak for 10 or 15 or 30 seconds and can compress the audio signal so the result on your TV sounds louder. And if TV stations can't?/won't? be more careful about ear assaults, what can we do? How about buying one of those high-end HDTVs and check the remote for the audio setting called "Night" or "Limited." This will reduce the dynamic range of sound that reaches your ears and presumably reduce Cal Worthington and (Grandma's favorite) Billy Mays to a purr.

Or wait for the appearance of a new technology from Dolby Laboratories, the Dolby Volume. It's based on their research into human hearing and is supposed to even out the peaks and valleys in perceived loudness automatically. They hope TV makers will start including it in their

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Columbus Muscle Forks Rule

'm wandering the floor of the North American Handmade Bicycle Show, an acre of mom-andpop bicycle manufacturers. The ambience is low key, PG, small scale, nonpolluting, sincere enthusiasm. So, you can understand why the bomber hooked me. I'm referring to a huge, blown-up poster — must be five feet across by three feet high — that shows a B-2 bomber parked in a wheat field with big purple mountains in the background and a bicycle parked on the bomber's wing. Wheat field. B-2 stealth bomber. Purple mountains. Bicycle. Somebody is crazy.

I walk up to Kevin Smeltzer, program manager for Roark Custom Titanium Bicycles. Smeltzer, 47, is average height, has short auburn hair, is clean-shaven with a 1 percent body-fat body; think Lance Armstrong's older brother. I say, pointing at the poster, "What's with the bomber?'

Smeltzer winds out the company line, "Roark Welding and Engineering has been around 55 years. It started as a job shop and evolved into an aerospace company. A lot of what we work on, we're not even sure what it's for because we're subcontracted by subcontractors. We developed a knowledge and expertise in aerospace, particularly titanium products. Eleven years ago we developed a titanium [bicvcle] frame.

What is missing from this picture? Perhaps the concept, Why? I move closer to the poster, ask, "Who came up with the idea, 'Let's build

"The original program manager, Woody Collins, was an avid cyclist and also our quality control engineer. His dream was to build custom bikes using our aerospace knowledge.

"And if you take a look at this [we both move closer to the B-2 bomber], we've built parts for that exact same aircraft. This bike here," Smeltzer points to the bicycle parked on the B-2's wing, "is the very first bike we ever made. That's 001. Then you've got the New Zealand mountains with an actual wheat field from Indiana. The concept is, 'What we make flies.'

B-2 bomber, first bike, Indiana wheat fields, New Zealand mountains, and What We Make Flies. Now, we should add breakfast cereal. Something organic.

"We're a worldwide product and everything," Smeltzer says. "And from there [a bike on a bomber's wing], we've moved forward with aero tubing and adding couplers for triathletes who want to travel with a custom made, custom designed, titanium frame. The whole bike will break down and fit into a travel case."

I nod, guessing that this is good. "What's an aero frame?

"What you see right here [I am directed to a Roark bicycle attached to a bike stand] is our aero frame. It has an aero tube, aero down tube with a rear wheel cut out. We're able to tuck the rear wheel in to the seat tube for the most aerodynamic possibilities."

I grunt agreeably. It does look good though. Looks like about 1/2 inch of the back tire fits inside the seat tube. Very cool. "What's changed in custom-bike building over the last ten years?

"Were able to dial in the exact measurements, the reach, the drop, the saddle height, in order to address, exactly, what the customer is looking for."

"He comes in for a fitting?" (Sir, do you dress right or dress left?)

"Exactly," Smeltzer says. "Now, does the individual get a few measurements and then poof — eight weeks later a frame arrives at his house, or is he really working with the company, interacting with the program manager on component choices and the frame design with the design engineer? We address his riding style, his riding habits, any physical limitations he has, and why he needs or wants a custom-made frame.

"How much?"

"We have, basically, three frame options. One is \$2675, one at \$2975, then our upper end, the full aero model, is \$3950. Now, the individual who wants couplers, that's a \$1500 upgrade, but they get all the tools and the travel case.

Pointing to the bike on the bike stand, I ask, "What does this guy cost?"

"His component selection is all campy. He has the Look Keo Carbon Pedals and the Columbus Muscle Fork in the front, which is all carbon. He has the Cinelli Ram Limited Edition handlebar, which, again, is all carbon. He has a U.S.E. carbon aerodynamic seat post. He's got the Physique carry-on saddle and an aerodynamic wheel set. Zipp carbon-fiber water-bottle cages and the Zipp carbon crank arm. MSRP on this bike is about \$9400."

What does a \$10,000 bicycle look like? Well, since you asked, it looks nice. It looks different than a \$500 Trek, although I couldn't tell you right off the bat exactly what the difference is. The paint seems different, subdued blues and reds and greens. The tires seem wider and others narrower than a Trek's. The frame is sleeker, simpler. If I had all the money I wanted, plus an extra \$10,000,

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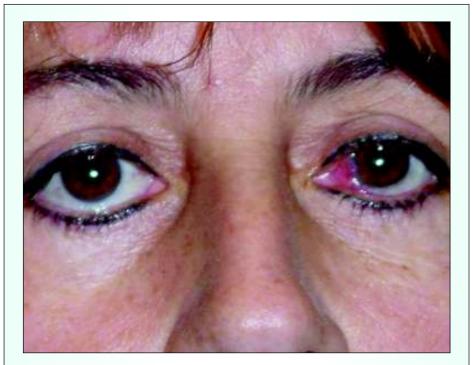
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Tim Mayfield stood at the pulpit, ringed about with

congregants before and musicians behind - perhaps a hundred choristers fronted by a small orchestra. The organ sounded out, and he led everybody in song: "O perfect redemption, O purchase of blood/ To every believer the promise of God/ The vilest offender who truly believes/ That moment from Jesus a pardon receives."

A second song, introduced by a woman who spoke over a softly chanting chorus: "Praise is our constant offering to God. We bring the sacrifice of praise in all circumstances, not because we understand or do not question, but because we trust and obey." Two men took up the melody: "Just praise the Lord/ He can work through those who praise him/ Praise the Lord/ Our God inhabits praise/Praise the Lord, for those chains that seem to bind you/ Serve only to remind you/That they drop powerless behind you when you praise

Him." The song was a showstopper, with two modulations and layer upon layer of chorus, horns, winds, piano, and drums sounding behind the men's voices. Hearty applause followed.

Mayfield set the scene for the reading from Scripture, describing how Peter, before entering the temple, healed a man lame since birth by commanding, "In the name of Jesus the Nazarene, walk!" A crowd gathered round, and Peter took the opportunity to preach. A younger man took the stage and spoke Peter's part in dramatic fashion, spot-lit and without a script:

'Men of Israel! Why are you amazed at this? As if by our own power or piety we made this man walk? The God...of our fathers has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned.... You disowned the holy and righteous one and asked for a murderer to be granted release.... It is on the basis of faith in the name of Iesus that this man...has been strengthened.... Therefore, repent, and turn to Him, that your sins may be wiped away."

Another hymn, one Pastor Keating used to begin his preaching, standing amid the congre-

gation: "That's, like, my favorite hymn. Of all the names for the Lord...my favorite title is 'Friend of sinners,' because am I the only one whose life is a wreck sometimes?" He raised his hand, and many in the congregation nodded and followed

Keating used Peter's sermon to highlight "five key elements of effective preaching" and relate them to the congregation's preparation for celebrating the Lord's Supper, "a critically important event...an opportunity to remember what the Lord did when His body hung on the cross...to honestly evaluate our lives...to come clean."

The elements: 1. The honoring of Jesus. "Did you come this morning to exalt Him? Did your choices this week exalt and honor the Lord Jesus?" 2. The confrontation of sin. "What have you done? Have you lied, cheated, stolen...been jealous, spiteful, proud, arrogant? Who hasn't? Only a sinner needs a savior." 3. The power of faith. "Do you really believe?" asked Keating, citing the Gospel of John: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." "We know

that these representations are not His body and blood; they're just bread and juice. But when we understand by faith that the moment we said 'Yes' to the Lord Jesus, we partook of His body. We consumed Him; we took Him in. He became a part of us.... The moment we believed in Him risen from the dead by faith, we drank His blood, if you will. His blood cleansed us — our insides, our hearts. We were made new; we were forgiven.... At the communion table, we have a chance to say, 'Yes. That reality experienced so many years ago, that's true today." 4. The response of repentance. "You've got to change your mind. This table will do nothing for you if you're not really sorry for what you've done." 5. The blessed benefits. "So that your sins may be wiped away.' Who doesn't need their sins wiped away"—washed off by the blood from



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Christ's side?

After communion, Keating said, "As you leave this place, remember that the Lord goes with you. You don't leave Him here.... Whatever it is you do this week...do your very, very best to please

What happens when we die?

"Death, in the Bible, is separation," said Keating. "Physical death is the separation of the material from the immaterial, where the soul of a person leaves. Spiritual death is the separation of the immaterial from God. At the moment of physical death...the person goes to a place of judgment.... I believe in heaven; I believe in hell.... Those who believe in Christ are saved, and there's a judgment for the works they have done. Rewards are given in heaven.... The Bible speaks of crowns. Those who do not believe in Christ are separated into a place of torment, and then, ultimately, will be separated for all eternity in hell. So believing in Christ is really important."

— Matthew Lickona

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-EVE KELLY

My husband Patrick has been dreaming of the sea. After blazing through all 20 Patrick O'Brian Master and Commander novels in 10 months, he began to throw out wild statements such as, "I decided we're going to sail around the world." He was quite serious, and so was my refusal. Last week it was, "Let's take a week and sail down to

take a week and sail down to
Cabo, just you and me."
You'd think after all
these years of marriage he would realize that he didn't
marry an adventurous sea woman.
A firm ground
underfoot suits me
just fine. But I understand the man needs to
sail. So I thought I would
surprise him with a sailing class. And
maybe this summer, he and his brother could
take a weekend and sail to Catalina.

I spoke with Scott Lowry, director of sales and marketing for Harbor Island Yacht Club (800-553-7245), about lessons for Captain Patrick. "Our school teaches a curriculum called American Sailing Asso ciation, commonly known as ASA. It is the most widely available curriculum. The standardized curriculums are offered in schools all around the country, and people [who take them] can get certified at a variety of levels. The levels technically correspond to the size of the boat. So you start off at beginning sailing levels in smaller boats, and as you gain experience, you start sailing larger and larger boats and you get ongoing certifications. You have a logbook, and because it's a standardized curriculum, you can take this experience, which is documented in the logbook, and go to other charter organizations around the world. The Caribbean and the Med are really popular these days. So when you go to charter a boat in the Caribbean or anywhere else, the charter organization knows exactly where you stand [skill-wise].'

Lowry filled me in on some class details. "The ASA curriculum is geared primarily toward adults. A mature 15- or 16-year-old we would accept into our school, but that has to be on the judgment of the parents. For a beginner, they would

be sailing a 22-foot sailboat. Ours are called Capri 22s. They're built by Southern California boatbuilder Catalina Yachts. The boat can hold up to six people. That is the smallest type of boat that schools teaching adults generally use. The

boat is called a keelboat. They have big lead keels on the bottom to keep the boat from tipping over. Most students are apprehensive in the beginning wondering whether or not they are going to get wet or whether the boat will flip over. So we use the kind of boat that can't flip over."

I know Patrick would never take time from work to take sailing classes. Not to worry, Lowry said, "We teach our introductory class on a weekend. You come down here for Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 to 3:00, both days, and at the end of the weekend you are

"Sailing is a lifelong endeavor for lots of people."

certified to sail boats up to 25 feet in length without supervision. It is not a huge investment of time to get going. Sailing is the kind of sport where you can learn it in a weekend and can spend the rest of your life learning more. Sailing is a lifelong endeavor for lots of people. There is a lot more to learn as you start sailing bigger and bigger boats. Maneuvering a bigger boat requires more experience because the boat coasts longer, it stops slower, and the bigger boats have more systems on board that you need to know how to run.

"There is also more to learn as you start setting your sights on broader horizons. Our folks that finish this class sail primarily around San Diego Bay, which is a large sheltered body of water with very friendly conditions. As you start venturing out onto the Pacific Ocean, taking trips over to Catalina Island, and then

thinking about sailing to places like Mexico and Hawaii, there is a lot more to learn."

How is ocean sailing different?

"In Southern California, not a lot different," he answered. "The waters that we sail in here in the Pacific Ocean are a fairly sheltered part of the ocean. Southern California is shaped in a big hook, and the Channel Islands act as a

kind of a natural breakwater. So out of all the oceans anywhere, it is a very mild patch of water, and it provides an excellent training ground."

What are the popular boats?

"At our club, the 22-footers, the boats that people learn on, and the Catalina 290, which are just under 30 feet. They are popular because they are easy to handle, but they are a big enough boat and have enough amenities that you can go out day sailing around the bay and be happy."

Lowry said Patrick and his brother could mix sailing certification and vacation with "a Learn to Sail vacation. It's five days, and you live aboard a 32-foot Catalina, and it includes two classes: the first ASA class that we talked about, and the second class, the basic coastal cruising. And the whole weeklong deal, and certification for two people, which is a private class, is \$1695.

That includes your accommodations and two levels of sailing certification for two people."

Lowry says you can set up the Learn

to Sail vacation with a trip to Catalina, and

sail home on your own. This was just the gift I was looking for; something to appease

Patrick's sailing appetite.

Lowry added one last detail. "If you join our sailing club, which is a lifetime membership, \$399, it includes this first ASA 101 basic class that we have been talking about, and you get discounts on all the ongoing classes and rental of boats. The class for a nonmember costs \$350. The second class that you take, ASA 103, as a member costs \$350, nonmembers pay \$475."

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by Barbarella

Sweatin' with the Oldies

The word aerobics came about when the gym instructors got together and said, "If we're going to charge \$10 an hour, we can't call it jumping up and down."

— Rita Rudner

hin mats were laid out in neat rows on the carpet. Ambient music played on a portable stereo that sat on a ledge in front of the mirrored wall. Illuminated only by the hazy morning light filtering through the few

Trying not to imagine what kind of
marooned mammal
I must have looked
like, I allowed my
body to mimic my
animal friends and
lifted my
appendages.

small windows near the ceiling, everything in the room took on a bluish cast. I swore I could smell wax crayons, milk, and cookies, tangible nostalgia of kindergarten nap time. I chuckled inwardly as I looked around at the other women (most of them at least 30 years my senior), recumbent on their mats and mused, *They call* this *exercise*?

I'm generally not one for exercise classes, mostly because I don't belong to a regular gym (my fitness guru is a body builder named Charlie, a brickhouse Bostonian who advocates bench presses and barbell squats over reps of the grapevine with extended jazz hands). When we visit David's parents on Martha's Vineyard, I attend the gym near the miniature airport as often as I can get a ride. So far, I'd made it almost every day of this spontaneous February trip. Because it gives me a break from my strenuous routine and a chance for some OT with my man's mother, I am always eager to accept when Ency invites me to join her for a class. A few days before, we had danced barefoot on a hardwood floor during "Balletone" -"low-impact aerobics with plenty of pretty pointed toes, long graceful arms, and pirouettes." I barely broke a sweat.

This pilates stuff

promised to be even less strenuous. Our instructor, in loose black short-pants and a leotard top, resembled a retired ballerina. Even standing still she was the picture of grace and agility. "Lie back with your knees raised and your feet pressed flat on the ground," she ordered. Her tone was surprisingly forceful, more drill sergeant than kindergarten teacher. "You don't need to look at me. I'm not talking to your eyes; I'm speaking directly to your brain, which is then communicating to your bodies." Mmkay, whatever that means, I thought, and lifted my head so that my eyes, acting as the quality-control inspector for my brain and body, could make sure my posture was congruous with the rest of the lounging ladies.

Prior to class, I'd hopped on an elliptical trainer for 15 minutes, which is nowhere near long enough to get my blood pumping. At least four days a week, I pull-push-jog on one of these heart-motivating machines for 45 minutes with the resistance level cranked up to "running in sand." The only reasons this truncated jaunt sizzled my insides were because I had chosen the machine that was bathed in direct sunlight and selected the "emergency warm-up" play list on my iPod, replete with one spastic gabber track after another. Now seated, the first satisfying drop of moisture gathered at my hairline and dribbled down the side of my face.

Obeying the pilates Nazi's next command, I extended my right leg and held it a guesstimated three inches off of the floor, an

easier version of the leg raises I do at home. I spent a moment hoping that the grandmas wouldn't injure themselves trying to keep up with me.

As we switched legs (bending the right and extending the left), I remembered my sister Jane's synopsis of the pilates class her friend Marissa had once dragged her to. "It was a waste of time," she'd told me. "As far as I'm concerned, it's just not as efficacious as cardio or weights. It's a nice adjunct, if you have that kind of time, but I don't need to be *stretched*."

I looked around the room and realized I'd missed an order — all legs and arms were aloft. The ladies had transformed into turtles stranded on their shells, limbs akimbo, crawling on air as if that might help. Trying not to imagine what kind of marooned mammal I must have looked like, I allowed my body to mimic my animal friends and lifted my appendages.

"Now lift your back and reach! Your spines should be off of the floor, you should feel that on your tailbone, hold it! Down, exhale, and lift! Inhale and hold it! Down, exhale, again, and lift!" My ass was the only part of my body resting on the floor. After 20 seconds of holding everything else up, an ache of steadily increasing intensity seized my abdomen, and I could hear myself panting. I looked to my left, where Ency appeared relaxed and unstrained. Her eyes were closed, her breathing was even, and most of her body levitated above her mat.





We were commanded to roll on our sides, but not too quickly; our muscles were to sense each millimeter of deliberate movement. Ecstatic to have relief for my midsection, my slow roll was more of a fast flop. A folded blanket was handed to me, on which I was told to rest my head. *Finally, a nap.*

"Your waist should not be touching the ground!" This, of course, from the deceptively nicelooking woman with whom I was falling in hate. She walked around the room, poking her nimble fingers under women's waists. When she reached mine, she said, "Off the ground, off! There, now that's better! Ladies, the only parts of you that should be touching the ground right now are your hips and your shoulders. Now, inhale deeply...and lift both of your legs." What? I was balanced awkwardly on my left side; lifting my legs off the mat would require the bottom half of my body to defy thousands of years of skeletal evolution.

I was about to argue that only a fish could flip its bottom half in such a manner when, to my astonishment, I watched from behind as Ency effortlessly executed the move. "Now," the instructor commanded, "Move forward...and hip back."

"Excuse me," I said, realizing too late that my unsettled voice would shatter the serenity of the room. I craned my neck to find our torturer. "What does that mean, 'hip back?" I didn't intend for

it to sound snide. Miss
Maleficent glided to my
side, placed her hand on
my hip, and gently pushed
it back. "Hip back," she
said softly, her irritated
expression barely masked
with an encouraging smile.
"Now for the other side!
Aren't you glad you only
have two?" There were
murmurs and grumbles
and giggles at this. I managed to grunt a mixture of
all three.

The blue hair to my right was facing my direction. I'd spoken with her briefly before class had begun. She had just returned from an African safari. She had to be at least 70, and she was thick around the middle. I felt compelled to perform beneath her calm gaze. I held my legs as high as I could, almost as high as hers, and then it happened. A stab of white-hot pain shot up my hamstring and into my gluteus maximus; I instinctively catered to the cramp by dropping my legs and stretching out.

"Small movements; keep them *small*," said our instructor, her tsking eyes on me alone

When class was over, I was exhausted and sore, my jellied legs barely able to make it down the stairs.

"What did you think?" asked Ency, who, I later learned, grew up competing in gymnastics. I didn't know what to say, so I just looked at her and raised my brows in helplessness, an action that proved there was, in fact, a part of my body that didn't hurt. "Don't feel bad," Ency said. "After you've been doing this for 55 years, I'm sure you'll be able to keep up."



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The Well-Traveled

want to understand what should be an uncomplicated question: Where does that food — displayed in unrepentant quantities at supermarkets, fast-food chains, soup-and-salad lines come from? Baker is a svelte, chestnut-haired woman with the most sensible eating habits you'll ever envy. She's your food conscience. Once a week, Baker escorts the weight watchers and the diabetics, or anyone on a doctor-prescribed diet, through Vons. She lectures them about caloric density and sodium concentrations so they'll unlearn their shelf behavior. I like it that her high diet IQ is sauced with wit: "A food has nutritional value only when you eat it." As we go through the doors, she reminds me that before we can know what people eat and where it comes from, we must evaluate how it's presented. The first thing we see — we're in the Vons on Bernardo Center Drive, which is warehouse-big and airport-busy and



feels no different from the Vons in Chula Vista or Santee — is the soft light. In the past year, most of the Vons markets in San Diego have received a lighting makeover, harsh fluorescents replaced by nonglaring canned or recessed lights, along with homey touches of fruit in out-leaning bins, a fake-wood slatted floor, and an almost mulchy feel, at least in produce.





back to San Diego. Happens every day. That's how the distribution system works."

The barnlike come-on is accented with the warm smell of baked goods, produce's neighbor. "It used to be," Baker says, "if you shopped the perimeter of the store" — the perishable meats, fruits, and vegetables on the sides and rear, not the canned and packaged foods of the inner rows — "you'd be

fine." (Is it Vons' idea to confuse us: health/junk, diet/binge? Are confused shoppers impetuous buyers?) Across from the donuts (big sign: "At Vons a Dozen is 14") and muffins ("not healthier than a donut," Baker says, "just a different version of cake"), we pause at a stand of mandarin oranges, carroty bright

in their bags of green netting. She swivels back to the muffins, whose tins are mostly empty: "One of these is 400 calories. That's not bad — unless you're a diabetic or pre-diabetic." In the U.S., there's 21 million of the former, 40 million of the latter: that's one in six Americans. Baker stresses that with obesity, fatigue, and diabetes epidemics, the American life expectancy rate, rising steadily for a century and now standing at 78, may for the first time begin to fall.

People's food judgments, she says, are more fantasy than uninformed. Sure, we're all drawn to organic, but "it's a marketing tool; you can slap the designation on anything, but it's not any more nutritional."The biggest blunder for Baker is that people don't (or won't) think about the quantity of what they eat. Food labels, she laughs, "have great information. But people still have to be trained to read them. They seldom look at the portion



Janice Baker

size. They see a macaroniand-cheese frozen dinner, 250 calories per serving, and they think the whole box is one serving. They should be multiplying 250 by 2.3." Cooking directions scare people, she says. "Since they can buy a convenience product like Chef Boyardee, they think it's too hard if it's a raw product." To make

regular oatmeal is the same thing as instant. But a raw food, in their hounded minds, means that it "takes too long to cook."

Baker steers me to the aisle of packaged rice products, food she hates. We survey lots of friendly-faced boxes: Uncle Ben's; Ricea-Roni; Pasta Roni; 10-Minute Success Rice. Elbowing the rice dishes are pasta dishes such as Kraft Macaroni and Cheese Dinner with Scooby-Doo shapes. These boxes, which take up the top six of seven shelves, gleam Las Vegas gaudy. Baker says that they "wouldn't be prominently placed here," at eye level for adults and kids in carts, "if they didn't sell." Such

Frankenfood is a synthetic mélange: Enriched Macaroni Product, Wheat Flour, Niacin, Ferrous Sulfate (Iron), Thiamin Mononitrate (Vitamin B1), Riboflavin (Vitamin B2), Folic Acid, Cheese Sauce Mix, Whey, Milkfat, Milk Protein Concentrate, Sodium Tripoly Phosphate, Citric Acid, Sodium Phosphate, Lactic Acid, Milk, Yellow 5, Yellow 6, Enzymes, Cheese Culture (many of these ingredients are organic compounds derived from corn). Pasta packages with added sauces are "majorly packed with huge doses of sodium," Baker warns. "A tsunami of kidney disease is coming." In time, as the kidneys strain to filter out excess sodium, they break down, resulting in high blood pressure and an overworked heart. On the bottom shelf is the commodity itself: Safeway brand California long-grain brown rice. It's washed but otherwise unprocessed. A raw food in a plastic bag requires cooking, not microwaving.

A food with the lowest profit margin, but with the highest nutritional value, always finds the lowest shelf.

Confirming this, a few steps farther, are the raw legumes — pinto, navy, split — basic food in generic array, also outlawed to the bottom shelf. A one-pound package of great northern white beans is 99 cents. "You can't get any better than that," Baker says. "Beans are one of the most perfect foods: protein, the cholesterol-lowering fiber, no fat, no sodium. One of these packages could feed several people for several days. Anytime someone says that eating healthy is expensive — you can't pass that one off on me."

Though Baker's been decrying the health dangers of packaged foods and our penchant to make such choices, she's also suggesting what should be but is not obvious: none of the food we've examined in an hour at Vons is local. Few





of us, when we think about food, think "origin." Labels like "product of USA" or "organic USA" are no help. Vons's source for its food is massive warehouses, with shrink-wrapped products stacked to the ceiling on pallets, in Pleasanton, California. (Vons, a subsidiary of Safeway, has more than 300 stores in Southern California.) And before that? The Central Valley? Mexico? At my neighborhood Vons in Clairemont, I ask the produce chief — he's stacking, with cartoon swiftness, a bin of yellow onions, "product of Peru" whether any of the produce is local. He shakes his head at a tempo half as fast as his hands pyramid the fruit. If it were, would it be labeled? Another shake no.

Despite the fact that San Diegans live in an ideal climate for growing food growing more than we do now, that is, which would mean irrigation systems and reconverting the river valleys to farms and orchards — we follow the national norm: from source to mouth, food grown in America is shipped an average of 1500 miles. For Baker, the worst part is that this shipped-far food has lost all its nutrition because, in order to travel those 1500 miles, the food often must be processed and preserved for its life on the shelf. What's replaced the nutritional elements of food are nonnutritive sweeteners and chemical additives that add bulk, taste, and preservatives. If the food were nutritious, it would be less processed, and, as a result, it would be local — or, at least, raised and harvested regionally and seasonally. Baker and I sit down to discuss how, in cities and towns of the world, green grocers still take deliveries of fresh food daily; they sell the fish, the broccoli, the pears to people who soon consume them. Such sellers, however, barely exist in America anymore. Nor is there much authentic regional cooking. Southern, coastal, Western cuisines, boasted of on some menus, have been re-engineered or

homogenized with fat-ridden substitutes. Baker says that the closest San Diego gets to a regional diet is Mexican cuisine. "You've got the beans, the corn tortillas, the chiles, the spices very heart protective. It's a great diet when proteins

complement each other."

In the American diet, with 90 percent processed foods (such as Uncle Ben's) and 10 percent raw (longgrain brown rice), it's easy to conclude that most of us seldom eat fresh food. Our main diet is synthe-

sized corn and soybeans, the staples of processed food. These two crops, in the form of starches and sugars, account for the majority ingredient in processed foods, from Twinkies to veggie burgers. A soda is 100 percent corn by-product; a McDonald's chicken nugget is 56 percent. The average American consumes a ton of corn per year in processed food or in meat from U.S. cows, which are almost entirely corn-fed, not grassfed. Since corn and soy-

beans are grown by huge industrial farms, the food processing industry rarely deals with local or small farmers. Monoculture crops are rooted in heavily fertilized soil and laid out in tractor-friendly rows on huge farms. In Iowa, 72

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something that I thought would make a difference. About a month after being discharged, a life-changing event occurred. My wife, Jennifer (who was not my wife at the time), injured her back on the job. She's a veterinarian and was injured while restraining a large dog that did not want to be restrained. She called me and asked if I could take her to her chiropractor. She was in such bad shape that I had to literally carry her into the chiropractor's office. She was in tears, unsure if she could even work again because the pain was so bad. And she had trained a very, very long

time to become a veterinarian. Well, to make a long story short, fifteen minutes later she actually walked out of his office with almost no discomfort. At that point I completely changed direction in life and decided that Chiropractic was the way for me to go. So I decided to go to school and become one.

A few years later, after moving to San Diego, she reinjured herself. This time it seemed much worse. She saw orthopedic surgeons and neurologists, all of whom recommended surgery. I told her that if she was going to be married to a chiropractor, she had to at least consult with one before deciding on surgery. I was still in school at the time, so I got a referral from one of my instructors and away we went. She saw another chiropractor and decided on a chiropractic course of adjustments. Within a week she was back to her old self. She is able to continue her job. She can bowl, hike, lift weights, and do all the things that people with back injuries often cannot do. The dog in the picture is mine, and, yes, he receives chiropractic care. He gets chiropractic care, my wife gets chiropractic care, my son gets chiropractic care, and so does our cat!

It's funny how life works. Years ago I was carrying my soon-tobe wife into a chiropractor's office, and now I have people carried into my own office. People don't come to me just for back problems either. They come in to see me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, and athletic injuries, just to name a few.

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percent of the farmland is given to corn and soybeans; 80 percent of the food Iowans eat is imported. Today, industrially grown and processed corn and soybeans, even in their organic incarnation—think cows in feed lots or chickens in half-mile-long pens eating corn and soybeans raised without pesticides—supply the \$438 billion food industry its primary stuffing.

A study from the Journal of Food Composition and Analysis says that Americans get one-third of their calories from junk food. "We are a nation of people," the report notes, "who are simultaneously overfed and malnourished." (Why

the overfed American is so hungry is a question that nutritionally adjusted food products are not answering; perhaps it's a cultural disorder that centers on the underfed national soul.) Janet Baker has her own twist on why processed food dominates. "We are programmed," she says, "to seek out high-sugar, highfat foods. It's a survival mechanism. If you get the fat and the sugar, you have more energy and live longer." She says that the sensation receptors on our tongues respond immediately to sugar and fat. "We're programmed to have aversions to bitterness as a sign of poison. What brought us to today is that our ancestors knew how to seek out high-sugar, high-fat foods." In the human past, however, it mattered less to our health if the food was high in fat and sugar. For one, primitive people rarely ate meat and its fat; for another, their food, by necessity, was seasonal and varied. "And, for centuries," Baker says, "we survived with this food because people, doing physical labor, worked off the calories they consumed."

The real reason why nonnutritious food dominates is the economic efficiency of our system of food processing and food distribution. This tentacled structure is examined as

part of Michael Pollan's Omnivore's Dilemma. To analyze America's favorite meal, Pollan looks at the "blizzard of information" that McDonald's publishes about the "ingredients and portion sizes, calories, and nutrients" in every dish it serves. The company reveals the composition of each food (some items have more than 40 ingredients) but carefully avoids identifying origins. (There's no federal requirement to list source as part of a food's identity.) But Pollan has tracked down its route with Holmesian deduction: "It comes from refrigerated trucks and from warehouses, from slaughterhouses, from factory farms in towns like Garden City, Kansas, from ranches in Sturgis, South Dakota, from food-science laboratories in Oak Brook, Illinois, from flavor companies on the New Jersey Turnpike, from petroleum refineries, from processing plants owned by Archer Daniels Midland and Cargill, from grain elevators in towns like Jefferson," Iowa, and from fields of corn and soybeans that farmers plant, mostly from genetically modified seeds.

Grocery stores and fastfood restaurants sell processed foods; percentage amounts are hard to determine but are between one-half and two-thirds of

their sales. So where does the rest of the food come from? I asked Vons and Albertsons, the top two food retailers in the county, but neither returned my calls. Terry O'Neil, director of public relations for Ralphs, the third largest, did. He notes that his store, of which there are 30 in the county, buys its produce from all over the world. Meat and poultry come mostly from within the state. Supply and demand is key. "In the world of produce," O'Neil says, "the consumer wants to be fed that apple, that orange, those grapes, those strawberries, 12 months out of the year. To meet the demand, you

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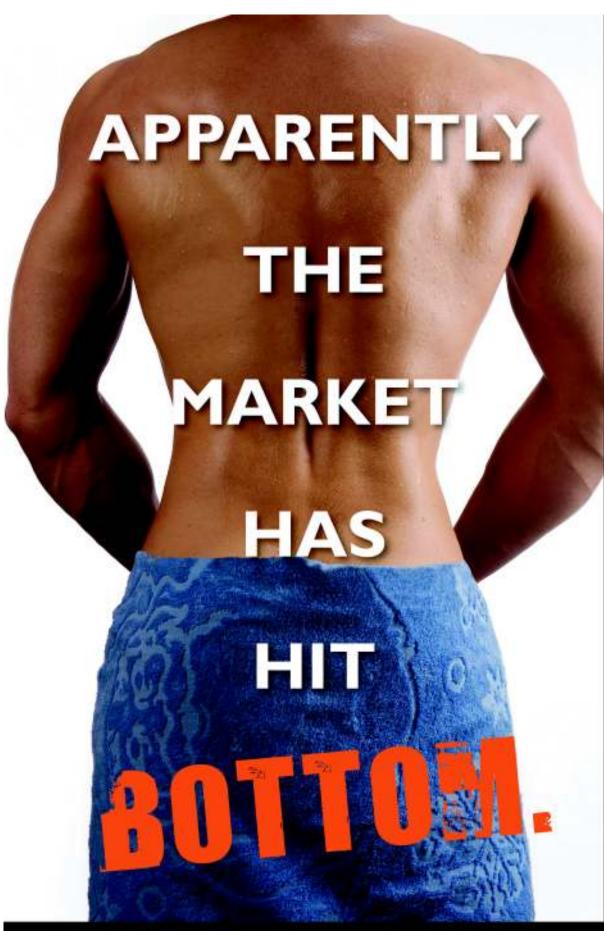
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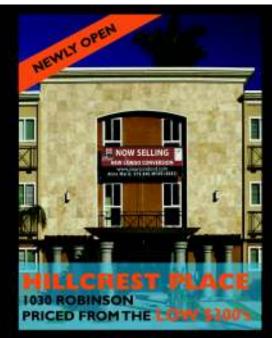
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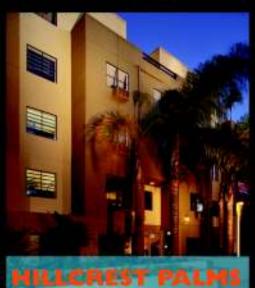
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have to follow the seasons." Fruits out of season here "in other parts of the world are not." Thirty years ago it was different. "Now, consumers demand we have the same apple, the same orange" in any season. Is Ralphs committed to buying from local farmers? "We always look local first — 'local' meaning the state of California—then nationally, then internationally." O'Neil says that depending on the area, there is a call for local products, such as wines in San Luis Obispo. But he knows of no similar demand in our county for a local food. He believes that customer diets "are changing. The trans-fats, low sodium, etc. You'll notice the increasing selection of organics, another result of consumer demand. That section has grown tremendously." O'Neil says Ralphs advertises "California grown." A special product, like persimmons, Ralphs will identify as San Diego County grown. "Typically this would be a unique item

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to our area that has cachet with the consumer."

The counterargument to consumer-driven demand is that Ralphs and other megastores have trained shoppers to expect food out of season — by supplying it. As one local food advocate put it, "I don't think 'consumer demand' has its roots with the consumers but has its roots with the distributors and

their marketing who want to make a lot of money on it. You can get a real nice price for food flown in from other parts of the world." So long as the petroleum costs stay "low."

There's a basket of reasons why San Diegans' food doesn't come from around here. In addition to the distribution system that favors

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shipped food, the dearth of green grocers, the global supermarket that stocks any product anytime, the chief local reason is the county's housing development during the last 50 years. Housing has removed most places where dairy, vegetable, and citrus farms once thrived. One critic of this commandeered local farmland is Mel Lions, a founding member of San

Diego Roots, Sustainable Food Project. He tells me one morning over coffee (a necessary import) that agriculture and husbandry were prominent in San Diego's past. Lions, 51, wears a ball cap tucked tight on his head. He moved to San Diego when he was 3 and recalls growing up in the South Bay. In Lions's childhood, local dairies were common, as were produce wagons that rang their bells the way ice cream trucks do now in the neighborhoods. As a child, he loved his grandfather's peaches; as an adult, he quit eating store-ripened fruit: they couldn't hold a candle to the peach in his memory. "Why would anybody buy this stuff? I remembered what it tastes like when you pick it off the tree, a concept that carries over to all your food. If something is picked unripe weeks ago, refrigerated in a box, shipped a thousand miles, gassed so it ripens up, goes to the produce aisle, and sits there waiting for me to come and

get it — I'm not getting anything out of that."

In 2001, Lions became a committed foodie. For a time he had worked at Good Faith Farm, a small-scale organic spread in Jamul, across the valley from a proposed Indian casino. It was a very profitable business, located "in an idyllic little valley that had been farmed for 100 years. The best restaurants in San Diego were buying their produce." The farmers who leased the property put out a call: the owner was selling and they needed someone "to buy the farm and the 160 surrounding acres. It was being bought by a developer for McMansions and a polo field." To stop the sale, Lions and others organized, hoping to raise \$6 million. But they couldn't collect the money in time, and the farm was lost. Lions and friends regrouped as San Diego Roots to bring awareness of food security to the public, to assist local farms with harvesting and selling, and to help consumers

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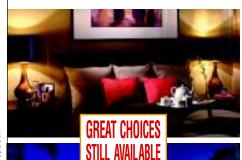
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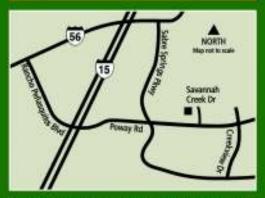
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understand where their food comes from. "If we're buying our food from farther and farther away, at some point—if we've gotten rid of all the local farms—then we're going to be in trouble. If we can't get the food over the mountains or by boat from Chile, then we're going to go hungry."

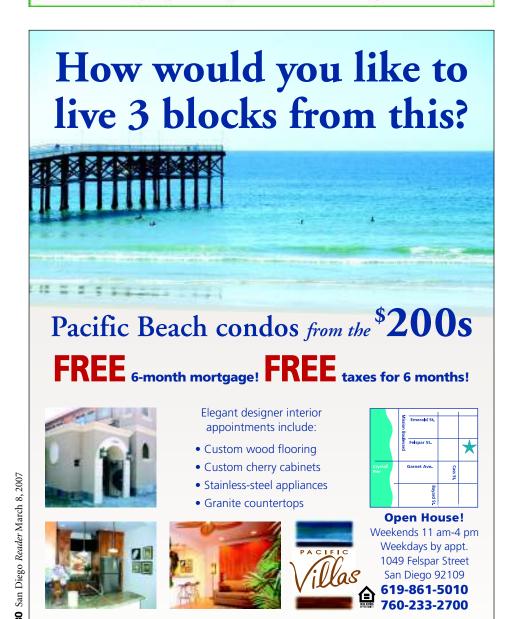
Preserving traditional farmlands is the central political issue for foodies. "It may not be an issue in our lifetimes," says Lions, "but in the next generation, as the oil gets scarcer, we won't be able to ship it; we'll have to grow it here." There's enough water in Mission Valley, Otay Valley, and Tijuana River Valley to grow large tracts of food. But without soil, the prospects dim. "It takes thousands of years for those valleys to develop their alluvial soil — and it can be destroyed in an instant. It takes a generation of no growth for the soil to become sustainable. By 'sustainable' I mean soil

that pulls its nutrients from the air, which is done with bacteria and microbes and things that are in living soil—not dead dirt, which is what industrial agriculture has brought us." No, he says, three million locals cannot eat all the avocados or strawberries grown here. But some of those farms "I give away lots of food, and they love it. San Diego celebrates the lawn; but you know you'll spend more time on your lawn than you will on a garden." He waxes fondly about his garden's freshness, "I pick it raw and eat it or I cook it. Locality has a lot to do with flavor, nutrition, vital-

We've gotten so used to eating this high-quality, high-taste, high-nutritional food that if we had to buy lettuce in a regular store, we couldn't eat it."

can be replanted with other crops. Also, with drip irrigation, greenhouses offer the potential for year-round vegetable gardens.

Lions has grown his own food in urban gardens, front-yard tracts that neighbors marvel at flowers, vegetables, herbs. ity within the food itself." Garden food, he says, "is not picked for shipping; it's picked for eating. At its peak flavor. Nature's got this wonderful method of making flavor and nutrition and ripeness all come together at the same moment in time. If we can optimize





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"I've come to understand," he continues, "the connection between food, passion, and life. If my body is feeding on the best stuff, then my vitality changes. As we've gotten farther away from fresh food, our passion levels have dropped as a country. We have less time to do the passionate things, and we eat worse, and it takes our energy level down, and we have to work harder — it's a cycle of suppression that's infused our society. I think our health and survival are hinging on this — bringing back control of our lives, the quality of our food, our relationships with each other."

The San Diego County Farm Bureau, a farmeradvocacy group that tracks the monetary value of everything planted and harvested locally, says there's lots of food grown close to home. With 6000 local farms, agriculture is the fifth-largest industry in the county, using about ten percent of the county's land. Agriculture contributes \$1.4 billion to the local economy, which includes nursery and flower crops. (The data about crop numbers and dollar values is compiled by the San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures.) Two-thirds of local farms have nine or fewer acres. Most farms are family-owned and -operated, though most farmers do not sustain themselves by raising crops. Family farming doesn't pay a lot, so many supplement their income. Along with a handful of egg ranches in Ramona and a robust countywide poultry industry, San Diego has only a few mom-and-pop dairy farms where cows are concentrated. Calves raised in the backcountry are shipped to CAFOs, or combined animal feeding operations (which militant vegetarians label animal death

camps) in Arizona, central

California, and Imperial County, where the feedlots are thriving with some 325,000 beef cattle. Range land for grazing cattle locally is possible, but not without more rain.

The executive director of the farm bureau, Eric

Larson, who works out of an Escondido office, has a background in farming. Though he still owns his own place, "It's leased out, so I can't say there's any dirt under my fingernails." I ask Larson — whose exacting words are crisply uttered —

what becomes of San Diego's food, half of which is citrus, once it's harvested. "Those crops," he says, "are produced in volumes that are much too great to depend on the local market. So we have traditional packing houses in San

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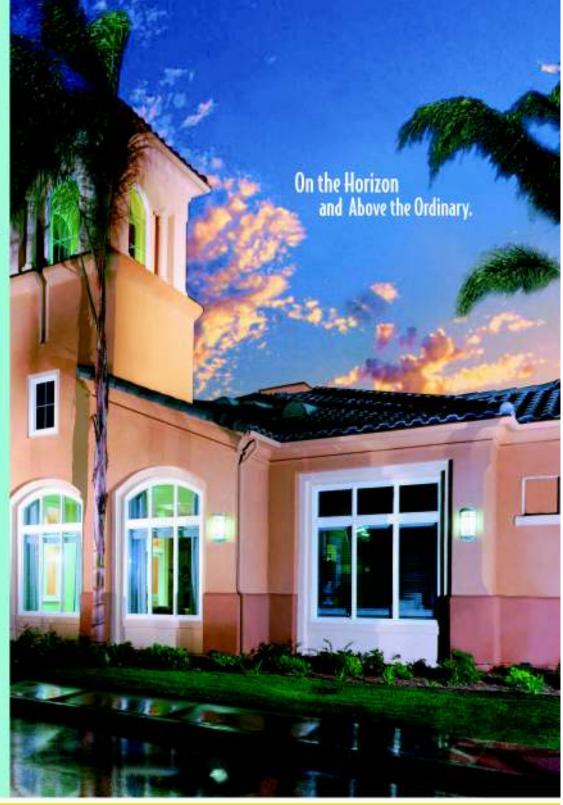
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That's how the distribution system works." Larson says that with the consolidation of retail groceries, this warehousing system is growing larger.

Local farming is expensive because of the high cost (\$600 an acre-foot) for water. This means that local growers must raise products with a high dollar value per acre. In the nation, San Diego County is number 1 in producing avocados, number 7 for poultry, number 8 for strawberries, number 9 for grapefruit, and number 16 for fruits, nuts, and berries. Though fruit and nut crops have more than twice the value of vegetable crops locally, vegetables are twice as efficient in their per-acre value. You can grow a lot more vegetables than you can avocados on an acre. Among other foods produced here are tomatoes, lemons, mushrooms, tangerines, cucumbers, and squash. Waterdemanding, flatland crops like cotton, wheat, corn, alfalfa, don't do well in hilly

San Diego County where the soil is rocky and sandy. San Diego's crops, Larson says, "are water-intense, landintense, input-intense, and labor-intense. They don't lend themselves to largescale farming where you put a guy on a tractor and go plow 600 acres."

As for organic grow-

bureau, "sold to wholesalers who in turn sell it to markets all the way from San Francisco to New York City." A few stores like OB People's Market sell local organic produce, as do the many farmers' markets. In addition, Larson defines local as "the new organic," in opposition to industrial,

She elevates the idea of what the academy is doing. "This is not about leaving school to work at McDonald's. Many don't know that chefs can make \$100,000."

ers, the county has more than 300, more than any other county in the country. Local organic produce includes oranges, grapes, and avocados, plus cherimoyas, loquats, and persimmons. The majority of local organic produce is, according to the farm

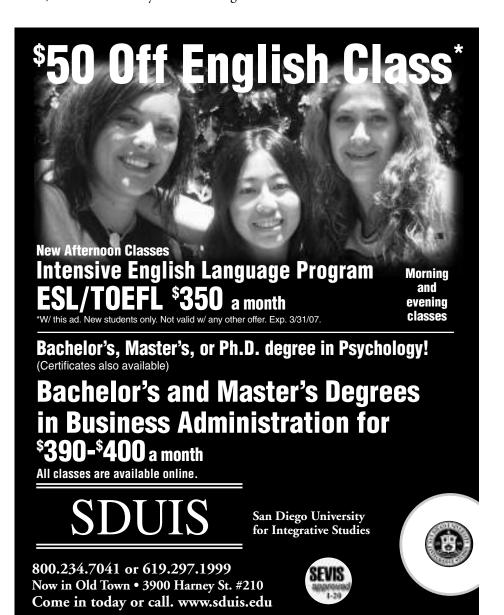
monoculture food. "You can't screw around with local: either it is or it isn't."

In the farm bureau's eyes, is local worth evangelizing for? Larson says local farmers struggle with that: water costs and immigrant labor and exotic pests are much knottier issues



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than bringing food directly to local buyers. But he believes "we'd be foolish to ignore" the San Diego and Los Angeles markets. "If it's sold locally, the farmer has integrated the marketplace closer to the customer; he's getting more money for it because there's fewer people in the distribution chain." His estimate is that farmers get up to 40 percent more by selling directly to the customer. "It's important to sustain agriculture in San Diego County. It's an important part of the economy. Even if we set the economic value aside, look at the open space farmers are maintaining. The successful farmer is the best hedge we have against urban expansion. As long as he's making money, he'll stay in the business — and he'll encourage his children as well. He didn't get in the business as a land speculator; he got in business as a farmer. One way to keep farmers here is to take advantage of this massive marketplace in Southern California through the local chains, getting consumers to look for local products. We have 30 farmers' markets; why not 60, why not 90, why not 100?"

One local chain that buys locally is Henry's Marketplace. Leigh Needham is the company's regional marketing manager; her bailiwick includes 15 stores in San Diego County and a dozen in Orange County. Henry's (it was originally Henry Boney's store, which began in 1943 with Boney selling peaches from his truck bed) was bought by Wild Oats in 1999. (In late February, Whole Foods bought Wild Oats; media spokeswomen for Whole Foods and Henry's say that it's too early to tell whether Henry's stores will be rebranded or whether some stores will be consolidated or closed.) As an entry-level health-food store, Henry's sells "natural" foods — no artificial ingredients or preservatives, though they do sell products with that eye-blurring list of additives. Wild Oats, whose stores are throughout the west but are not in San Diego, carries only natural and organic products.

Needham tells me that during strawberry season in March, 85 percent of the strawberries they buy are county-grown. Eighty percent of their total sales is food products, bulk, frozen, dairy, produce; and 30 percent of their total is produce. The majority of produce is local. "Depending on the time of year," Needham says, "whenever we can get a local product," that is, from California,

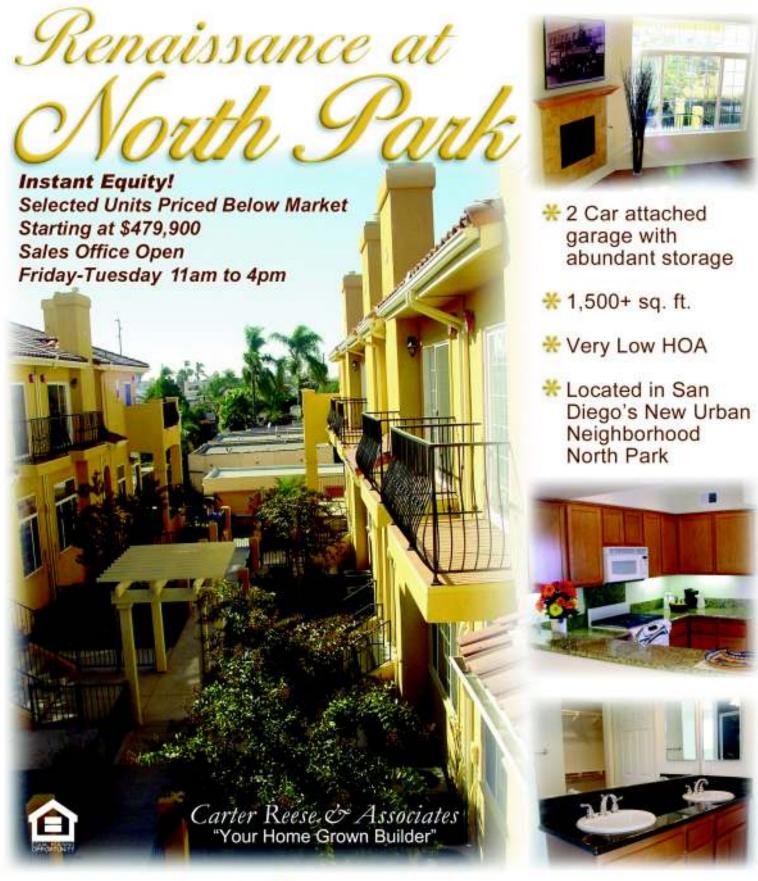
"that's the option we take." The company buys more than 1200 locally produced items from more than 540 farmers in California. Upwards of 80 percent of their produce is from Southern California. Last summer, Henry's began its "Choose"

Local" campaign, small blue labels placed around the store that identify food grown here. Posters — with "CA Grown" — resemble the old blue-and-yellow California license plate. "Grower profiles" feature farmers: one example is

Organic Distributors, "a family-owned farm that grows sprouts, wheat grass, micro-greens, and edible flowers."

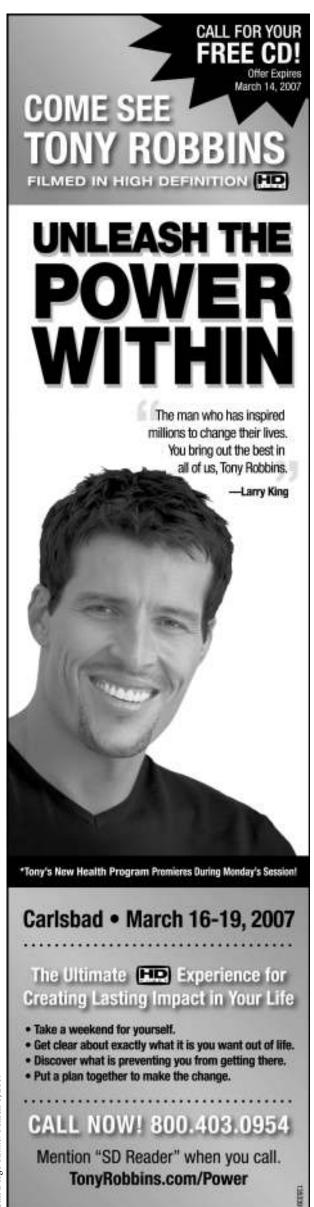
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At the farm bureau, Larson also wants local labels. "The consumer has



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a right to know whether the product has been produced offshore or not. We've been stymied by the marketplace on that. The thinking is that the consumer will choose the local avocado, the back-to-the-localis-better argument." Larson is trying to get the bureau's logo — San Diego Grown 365 — out of the planning stage. He predicts that when consumers buy products with that logo, they'll be supporting more than sustainable agriculture; they'll be supporting open space, better air, and the local economy.

The one food that monopolizes locally grown is the avocado. San Diego's avocado crop and market continue to expand. According to the farm bureau, the fruit's value has more than doubled from 1995 to 2005. The county has 35,000 acres, mostly the Hass variety, with an annual value of \$251 million. This is, says Eric Larson, 40 percent of the U.S. avocado market. "But no one grows them in San Diego County with the idea, 'Gee, I'm going to sell them right here.' You'd go out of business; there'd be too many." Three million San Diegans can't consume our avocados? I ask. Larson retorts, "We need 300 million people" — the U.S. population — "to consume the avocados grown here."

After the local avocado is picked and processed, it's sold without local identification, unless it's bought at a farmers' market. County growers face stiff competition from Mexico. As of February 2007, Mexican or Chilean avocados can sit, unmarked, in a bin with avocados from Fallbrook or any California grower.

It's part of a NAFTA-based policy to let food move between our state and other countries. Today, Larson says, "San Diego owns the California market." He has no idea what mixing their and our Hass avocados portends. "We have 35,000 acres of Hass avocados; there are 350,000 acres of Hass avocados in Michoacán, Mexico. They could squash us pretty quick. It's an unknown. There's nothing we produce in San Diego County that can't be produced somewhere else in the world. And food products flow pretty freely across









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One of the county's big growers and distributors is Del Rey Avocado in Fallbrook."Del Rey Bob" Lucy, one of three partners, is a harried, fact-churning fruitseller. Every ten minutes, it seems, his phone rings with a query or order. At the south end of Fallbrook's Main Street stands Del Rev's fatigue-green warehouse, where they've packed and shipped the fruit for more than 40 years. Three times a week trucks unload avocados at one end, which emerge at the other end in white or brown boxes to be stacked on pallets and shipped to Ralphs, Vons, Albertsons, and Henry's, each having its own refrigerated warehouse and distribution chain. A conveyor line, like the surface of a spring creek, routes and weighs and stickers ("Product of California") each fruit; young women then place them onto purple cardboard racks, two layers deep in boxes. The trucks bringing the fruit in are from local growers, from state growers (avocados prefer the moderate coastal temperatures from San Diego to the southern Salinas valley), and, during winter, from Mexican and Chilean ships. The last wait offshore in Long Beach until Bob and a few other strategic buyers give the order.

Del Rey farms 600 acres of its own avocado groves. Lucy says they pick "beginning in December, all the way to Labor Day. Nine months a year." In 2006, Del Rey grew 600 million pounds of fruit, 7 percent of the California market. (Californians eat 40 percent of California avocados; Texans, 20 percent.) The main competitors are from Chile, Mexico, and a West Indian avocado grown in south Florida, which shares little of the high oil content of a California Reed or Hass. The tree, which can live for more than 40 years, produces fruit continuously. Lucy says it's possible "to top the tree and make them teenagers again — instead of old farts." An avocado tree blooms

from February to April and grows its fruit through the hot, dry California summer. In late fall, the growers begin their "size pick." The Hass avocado is picked in seven sizes. Those avocados that have, in December, reached 8 ounces are picked; two or three months later, those at 8 or 10 or 12 ounces are picked; and so on. The time to pick for the highest oil content is in the summer.

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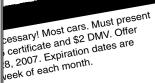
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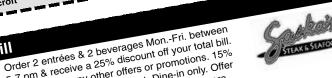


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them 12 months a year." I'm curious how Del Rey is protecting its investment as a grower by mixing regional and international trade. Selling avocados yearround is to his advantage: when California trees are dormant in winter, Lucy makes money packaging

and distributing Latin fruit. He's not cannibalizing his business, he says; he's keeping people eating. He does worry that foreign pests, from some fruit he imports, "will destroy our groves." But, overall, he approves of the quality — and the wholesale price - of Mexican and Chilean avocados. What about labeling? "I go back and forth on that," he says. "It's a good thing as a consumer. But we don't want to play the 'race card,' in which it may be seen that we're making a slant against the Mexicans or the Chileans.'

Lucy agrees that local fruit is fresher and that buying local supports the county's economy. "We're selling fruit all over the United States," mostly through Sysco, a nationwide food distributor to restaurants, nursing homes, hospitals, and more, "so we

get better returns for the local grower." He acknowledges, though, that his ability to move avocados determines everything. To get the best return, he artificially fast-forwards the fruit's ripening. The avocado is placed in a 68-degree 'banana room," which is

full of ethylene gas, a natural growth regulator, that the fruit produces on the tree. The avocado no longer ripens in your fruit basket after you buy it. It's "pre-conditioned" at Del Rey before it's bought. It's eaten sooner and replaced by another avocado sooner.







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Lucy says it's worth remembering that "if you're a mom-and-pop operation and you have 20 acres of a healthy avocado farm, you need the Vons and the Albertsons and the Stater Brothers to buy your product." I ask Lucy where he buys his avocados. Other than helping himself to a box from the banana room, Lucy shops at Major Market, a couple of blocks away,

because he knows the proprietor and wants to support the fruit in the community. He looks for his generic PLU sticker. Yes, the avocado he buys was probably grown locally, processed at his packing house, shipped to Irvine, then brought back to Major Market. "You can't go from farm to store," he says. "It just doesn't happen that way." A Hispanic worker in

the warehouse tells me that he buys his avocados at El Tigre, a Mexican market, which is right next door and which buys its fruit from Los Angeles, which got its avocados from you guessed it.

The main venue for buying local food is the farmers' market. Of the 27 markets certified in the county, the largest takes place in Hillcrest every Sunday. There, lining Normal Street beside the Department of Motor Vehicles, is what looks like, from a distance, a gypsy caravan, white tents with pointy roofs. Along its midway, one finds vendors selling crafts, clothing, cooked foods, wheat grass, bedding plants, herbs, and flowers. Though it's called a farmers' market, only seven farmers sell each week. Still, their stalls are the primary destination for many shoppers. On the blazingly warm Sunday following Thanksgiving, David Larson, the market originator and organizer, tells me that the majority of the market's sales are fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Using an "honor system," growers present a tab for what they sell to Larson and pay a small percentage as a fee. Most participants have been here the ten years the market's been open. Most sell out. They're hardly roughing up local supermarket sales, Larson says. "Hillcrest is a mature community, retail-wise. Our benefits the market offers the community overall outweigh any competition with retailers." Shoppers come from a three-mile radius: "They feel a sense of partnership in the market, they know the farmers, they feel a sense of family; a lot of our success is based on that."

The gypsy quality of the seven local growers rests in their homemade signs

pomegranates, black tomatoes (containing high levels of cancer-fighting lycopene), and orange watermelons, all of which he calls his "high-end, designer, boutique stuff. I bring my 'A' game here." Much of what he sells from his 12-acre farm are "heirloom" plants. Heirloom means the plant is openpollinated one year, so its

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healthy crops in California sunshine, their straw hats, their overalls, their aging vans. In front of one stand, a customer palms a softball-sized Reed avocado. The grower, from Budwood Farms, organic produce from Fallbrook, loads boxes for people picking up their weekly orders. Dennis Stowell from Tom King Farms of Ramona has set out organic winter squash,

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Barry Koral, who has a "subtropical fruit farm" in Vista, is putting out a box of sweet limes. "These are a healing food. If you have a sore throat, five of these will heal you faster than any doctor's prescription." I ask Koral, who, I discover, is iconoclastic and tetchy, whether he's an organic grower. He begins a lengthy lecture: "We can't call our farm 'organic' because 'organic farm' is a phrase used by the government. To be organic you have to register with the govern-







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come through the Hillcrest market twice a year, checking that what the farmer has said he'll raise is what's for sale. "They have to inspect us, and we have to keep records, all kinds of red tape. We" - Koral and his Swedish fiancée — "just

take the food directly to the people. They know the quality of the food by looking at it — it's amazing." The lime he hands me is plump to bursting. "They're not going to find it at Trader Schmo's."

Foodists believe in con-

suming raw foods; they believe that people are healthier by eating less processed food. Koral calls himself" a pioneer, a visionary in getting us back to the farm." Vons won't buy his food; Henry's, he says, "doesn't pay very much and basically buys number-two quality. They buy in large quantities in L.A. I've been playing this game for a long time." Koral loves the "European atmosphere" of the farmers' market, finding it "a great opportunity for people to come out of their

homes and shop in spirit with others. It's a very free atmosphere. It's outside. It's unencumbered by the box of the big store. And you have a personal relationship with the person selling you the food."

Spending a morning at the farmers' market with a tape recorder means discussing food politics with activists from revolutionary-named food groups like San Diego Food Not Lawns or Slow Food USA San Diego. One foodie I meet is Michael Wangler, a geography teacher from El Cajon. During his summers, Wangler manages one or two small-scale farms in the county. Small-scale farming, he says, has survived "because they have a niche. There's no way to compete with large-scale farms that are industrialized, heavily mechanized, and have subsidized energy, water, and labor, not to mention price supports given to big farmers for basic crops like corn and milk. There's no way to compete with that kind of efficiency." Wangler says that a large-scale farm can be defined as "anything that uses intensive inputs — a lot of fertilizer and fuel to make the product. Plus, the product is not sold locally, but wherever the highest price is: New Zealand, Japan, New York." The worst part of monoculture farming, Wangler notes, besides lost flavor and nutrition, is how it harms the environment. Large-scale "thinking may get you short-term profit, but there's long-term consequences." Wangler says the problem goes beyond global warming. By tapping into the "fossil fuels and the fossil water"—the great aquifers that are nearly spent — "we are going to have to import water," even to the wet places like the Midwest.

Does Wangler know where his food comes from? "Yes, I would say 90 percent. The fruits and vegetables. The grains, I generally know where they're grown in the United States. But San Diego County is

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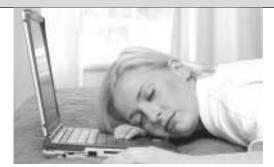
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heavy, long-lasting menstrual cycles

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The Well-Traveled **Tomato**

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not a place to grow grains. I don't mind having grains and beans, things that are not perishable, imported from other parts of the country. They have long shelf lives; they don't require intensive levels of energy to get them here, to be flown in as you would fresh strawberries from Chile. The focus needs to be on fruits and vegetables. I make it a point to grow what I can in my garden." Instead of bagging a head of lettuce at Vons, "I'm much happier going into my garden and picking the salad for the night's meal. You talk to these farmers," Wangler continues, "and they'll say they picked their produce yesterday, maybe this morning. Quite frankly, for my family, we've gotten so used to eating this high-quality, high-taste, high-nutritional food that if we had to buy lettuce in a regular store,



Mel Lions

we couldn't eat it."

And then there's Barry Logan, from La Milpa Organica, a five-acre organic farm five miles north of Escondido, who's sold at the Hillcrest market for years. Veteran grazers scarf

up his salad mix by 10:00 a.m. Logan's intense brown eyes have that clear dedication of the inspired activist. He sets up shop at four weekly farmers' markets, delivers to ten restaurants, and boxes food for 15 individuals who pick it up at his farm. That's it. He can't

RESEARCH STUDIES



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Qualified participants will receive:

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produce any more food. Even a plethora of smallscale county farms supplies only two percent of the food San Diegans eat. I find out how true this is on a Saturday morning visit to La Milpa. Logan bought his spread five years ago; in that time, he's terraced and layered the farm with organic compost.

The efficiency of La Milpa is phenomenal. Logan says that for an Iowa corn farmer, it costs about \$1950 per acre to plant, and the farmer grosses \$2000 per acre, a \$50 profit. "To have a decent lifestyle," he says, "you've got to have 1000

acres." Logan's planting and maintenance costs are very low (his big expense is water), so "I'm making about \$30,000 profit per acre." Why the difference? The tractor. The Iowa corn farmer must plant wide rows to accommodate the tractor; Logan plants things very close together and harvests by hand. If anything, he's as much a grower of soil as he is a grower of crops. On any farm, plants suck up soil nutrients. On conventional farms, the plants imbibe chemical fertilizers, which are added to the soil to compensate for the same crop being planted

year after year. At La Milpa, even though the plants have feasted on the untreated soil, Logan still re-mineralizes the soil with powdered rock dust from the Four Corners area. One raw foodist, whose gustatory pores have no equal in Logan's experience, believes the rock dust is La Milpa's secret.

Lying a quarter mile east of I-15, the farm is, Logan says, "blessed with a nice little microclimate." He's between the ocean and the warmer inland valleys, so "it's a little warmer in the winter and a little cooler in the summer," though the

RESEARCH STUDIES



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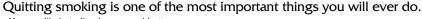
18-65 years of age.
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You may qualify if you are:

- Diagnosed with schizophrenia Between 18 and 65 years old
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- Have not been hospitalized for schizophrenia in the past 3 months

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Do You Get Anxious in Social Situations?

Do you:

- Get very NERVOUS around people?
- Fear being the center of attention?
- AVOID going to social events and meeting new people?



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site can freeze. The way to control the voracious bugs (after an infestation, the arugula looks as if it's been sprayed by a shotgun) is to move things around every planting season, to plant borders that attract beneficial insects, and to spread ladybugs everywhere. "The best way to deal with the bad bugs," he notes, "is to maintain healthy soil and biodiversity."

This is not what industrial agricultural does, Logan says. Logan's centenarian grandmother, who recently died, was a farmer. "When she was born, all agriculture



was organic. Pesticides and natural-gas fertilizers hadn't been invented yet. This nonorganic agriculture is really only 60 years old. And it'll soon be coming to an end. Because petroleum input costs are getting so expensive that they will make pesticide and petrochemical inputs really expensive. It's kind of a flash-in-the-pan agriculture. One of the things we're trying to do here is to relearn a farming way that's sustainable and feeds lots of people. I don't know how to do that yet." Logan talks as one who's convinced mega-farming's demise is near and will bring radical changes. "How do we reorganize our society in a postpeak-oil world? One of the ways you could do that is to have lots of little farms, people feeding each other. More urban farms where food is grown on very small patches of ground everybody's a food producer. San Diego is a tough

place to have big farms. Because of the water issue. We behave as if it's a rainforest."

Half of La Milpa's sales come from a salad mix that is astoundingly robust: there are 30 different kinds of greens in his mix."We grow our salad as tender, softleaved lettuces, different varieties, colors, shapes, in greens, greens with speckles, oak-shaped leaves, romaines, spicy leaves. We grow four different kinds of beets, different kales and different chards, mustards, wild greens, basil, sorrel, turnips, radishes, eggplants, arugula, dandelion." This biodiversity is key for Logan. If a farmer grows only one crop, he says, the failure of that crop wipes the farmer out. Because La Milpa supports some 150 plant varieties, "I can have spectacular failures, which I do"last year's garlic was decimated by rust — "mixed in with spectacular successes" — a bed of toma-

RESEARCH STUDIES

BIPOLAR DISORDER DEPRESSION SCHIZOPHRENIA







Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling subjects into inpatient and outpatient studies. Eligible participants will receive all study-related care at no cost, and will be reimbursed for time and travel.

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Attention:



Men and Women Age 55+



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toes that is "so productive that I can meet my expenses for the week."

Logan mentions Michael Pollan's critique of Whole Foods in The Omnivore's Dilemma, a book rapidly becoming the bible of the slow food movement. Pollan charges the successful retailer with diluting "organic," a term once suffused with environmental value, by buying designer foods from the global marketplace and guzzling fossil fuels in the process. Because of the fallout from the book, Whole Foods has said it will alter its global purchasing and hunt down

local produce more rigorously. San Diego's Whole Foods produce manager called Logan to order food, but in the quantity they wanted, Logan says, "I couldn't give it to them."

During her free period, Morse High School art teacher Bridget McConnell, a sandy-haired ball of energy, is surveying the school's organic garden. She's recalling, hand to heart, her satisfaction with the kids' effort. About 40 kids and McConnell began the garden in February 2005 with donated soil; today,

only bent stalks and weed piles remain of what had been row upon row of carrots, onions, zucchini, sweet peas, broccoli, tomatoes, Swiss chard. The kids tended and harvested vegetables, herbs, flowers, and citrus trees; they also shredded and composted waste. Now, in midwinter, not much is alive except fava beans and basil. Their fenced-in plot (to keep out the squirrels and gophers) lies within a fenced-in campus.

With us is Sara Smith, who teaches culinary arts, a job-training program where kids learn food prep and cooking. "Their idea

RESEARCH STUDIES

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- A healthy woman
- Age 18 to 45
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- A non-smoker

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of lunch is chili cheese fries," Smith says, whose denim apron goes from neck to knee. Incredibly, such food is still being served in the cafeteria, though its days are numbered. The junk they eat — and the junk that's for sale in the surrounding stores of this largely Filipino neighborhood of Skyline — has made many kids fat, some slapped with diabetes. Health concerns are critical at Morse. The enrollment of 2800 is half Filipino, a group that accounts for, according to Smith, "nearly half the incidence of juvenile diabetes" among

the kids at Morse, in part because of the preference in those families for fried and fatty food. There's no farmers' market in Skyline; the kids don't get many fruits and vegetables at home, despite the nutritious "ethnic" dishes some families do eat. Smith believes exposure to healthy food will change their habits. "I march my kids down to the garden, pick the basil, and make pesto or homemade pasta," she says. As we talk, three students, two wearing down-stitched, sports logo'ed jackets, lug in a can of kitchen scraps: potato peels, eggshells, lettuce, coffee grounds, pineapple, and melon tops. Gardens, of course, take time and effort — watering, weeding, bug-tending, composting. The kids can get dirty, McConnell says, and not everyone wants to. "They come to school dressed up all cute."

McConnell, whose lapel button reads "Morse Garden Club: We're Dirty," is one of the drivers behind the wheel of a new curriculum: teach kids where food comes from. She leads Terra Nova, a 300-student academy, a high school within a high school, which specializes in environmental

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science, culinary arts, and nutrition. One spur for this program is new California legislation: because of the epidemic of type-2 diabetes, the law requires the sale of junk food and soda on campus to be phased out. The Hungry Tiger, a campus restaurant, and the cafeteria will have to provide lunches restricted to fewer than 400 calories per serving. Smith tells me that the kids will design "healthy snacks as an academy project." Smith and her student chefs "make a couple kinds of homemade soup every day." One student, she says, removed the trans-fat from the campus's top snack, the Tiger muffin. Smith mentions what other schools are doing. One program in West Oakland, California, has high school students helping to grow and harvest food at six communitybased gardens and selling the produce from a van that tours the neighborhood in the afternoons.

One of Terra Nova's curricular projects is to use an issue like food and health and link it to the academy's classes that month. Last fall, when Terra Nova catered a staff luncheon for 200 centered on a "harvest theme," they used only organic food, "including Paul Newman potatoes." English teachers had kids write essays on Thanksgiving motifs in the style of Puritan writers; American history tied American agricultural policy to the 2006 November election; and art classes did observational drawings of the garden and displayed them.

Is there resistance in Skyline toward such a green-thumb focus, which some parents might construe as politically motivated by teachers and staff? McConnell says the sad part is not so much opposition as a lack of parental involvement. About Terra Nova, one group of parents groused that they wanted 'more for our kids than learning how to plant flowers and flip burgers.' You have to take that as an important consideration," McConnell says. "The parents may have had menial jobs, and that's not what they want for their kids. And rightly so." To counter their concerns, she elevates the idea of what the academy is doing: "This is not about leaving school to

work at McDonald's. Many don't know that chefs can make \$100,000."

A farm table, of course, is the freshest place to eat. In San Diego, a few restaurants, such as Nine-Ten in La Jolla and Spread in North Park, emphasize menus with farm-table freshness. Another is Café Cerise, a downtown lunch-and-dinner bistro on Sixth Avenue. It's an elegant setting: a very old building (for 50 years it was a health-food store; before that, according to legend, a nefarious dance hall). Its wood floors have been refurbished: a wide stairway leads to an upstairs bar that wraps around like

a horseshoe. The proprietor is Jason Seibert, a 40-year-old, stocky, affable native who opened his café 3 years ago; his last stint was executive chef at Wolfgang Puck's Spago Maui in the Four Seasons Resort. A

RESEARCH STUDIES

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slow food advocate, he returned to San Diego to handcraft the entrées, the breads, the tarts, the salads, the soups, the pâtes, nearly all based on local and seasonal foods.

Seibert seats my partner Suzanna and me. He hands us the lunch menu; lunch and dinner menus are different, he says. "We build it every day, depending on what's available." To assemble what he calls a basic "French-style country cuisine, some California cuisine, but really simple country food," Seibert receives deliveries daily and shops four farmers' markets weekly: Coronado on Tuesdays, Chula Vista on Thursdays, La Mesa on Fridays, and Hillcrest on Sundays. He rolls a large flat cart and buys copiously

from local growers. He also buys from a Henry's or a Whole Foods, when necessary. But, he says, "I can tell the difference when the food is from the farmers' market: the broccoli is sweeter, the cabbage is more real. Food has identity; it's not just a product to put in a box and use later." He says he could make a menu and plasticize it, train his cooks and sous chef to follow it with robotic regularity. But the "fun of working" with local produce clearly excites him.

Down the lunch menu of 14 items we go. The first is "grilled A&W Farms emu with pomegranate vinaigrette, baked polenta, rainbow chard, and fennel." "The emu," Seibert says, "came from Santee, the pomegranates came from

Steve White's farm, the chard from Barry Logan's La Milpa." He keeps going. "The potato purée is from Sage Mountain, the green beans from Valdivia farms in Oceanside, the Caesar salad and romaine lettuce is grown locally, the eggs are from Ramona, the persimmons are grown locally, as are the beet greens and the beets, the arugula, the Reed avocados, the squash blossom, the basil, the strawberries — the dayboat swordfish is harpooned locally, the eggplant came from Oceanside, the rosemary oil came from the rosemary in my back yard, the tomatoes are from Valdivia, the fava beans and the chanterelle mushrooms are from Oregon but there are people cultivating these

mushrooms here. There's

something in everything that came from right down the street." It's astounding: all this food is local and fresh and available in December. Seibert says 70 percent of what he serves is San Diego grown; even more so in the summer when the abundance balloons.

Seibert thinks no one in the city is as locally focused as he is. "When you standardize the menu, you have to follow that menu whether it's in season or not, whether it's available or not, you have to get it somewhere." Most restaurants work with frozen foods or what's on Vons' shelves. Too few have farmers who deliver. He believes his food is "far superior" to that of most eateries because of its raw ingredients; many of

his customers, he says, dine at Café Cerise for that reason. Though he serves organic, healthy, nutritious local food, he has avoided such appellations in ads or on the menu. "I felt that if people liked the food, they'd come back. I didn't need to promote it as anything; I felt that was obnoxious. I'll promote it by discussing it with you. Otherwise, it turns into a slogan."

Time to order. Suzanna gets the emu. I, a vegetarian, want a cup of eggplant soup with focaccia croutons and rosemary oil and the oven-roasted tomato and picholine olive tart with shaved chanterelle mushrooms and herb salad. It takes time for our meal to arrive. Cooked from scratch, the way it should be. And it is superb — presentation and taste. My eggplant soup, the vegetable from Oceanside, tastes creamy but has no cream; it's made from puréed eggplant and

onions, spiced with a sharp rosemary oil. The tart's filling is not egg-hard but a gooey solid, while the salad has that just-picked woody tang, gathering sweet grass, arugula, and spinach for its kick. Suzanna's emu, broiled medium-rare to a violet red, is, she says, "tender like roast beef and tastes nothing like fowl."

Before leaving, we notice a line drawing on the wall: it's the portly Seibert, in Hitchcockian profile, with chef's coat and tube hat, his left hand grasping the neck of a turkey, his right clutching a cleaver. A friend drew it, he says, to emphasize Seibert's nearness to the food he prepares and eats. I ask whether he knows where the food he eats comes from. "On Thanksgiving, I went to La Milpa, hung a turkey, killed it, and plucked it. Then, I took it home and cooked it. Yeah, I know." ■

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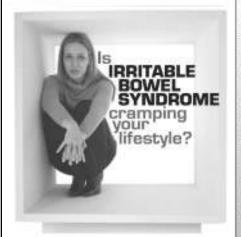
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t has been several months since the passing of my grandmother. I cannot remember everything I did the day I received the news of her death, but what I remember most about my grandmother were the events that occurred in the month prior to her passing.

She was diagnosed with lung cancer and sent to a convalescent home during treatment. The center was a typical old folks' home with faded pink floral walls, chipped wood railings, and scuffed linoleum flooring. My grandmother had a room to herself at the end of a long hallway. Room 114 had walls that were unpainted in some areas and chairs that were molded into the shape of a large man's butt. What room 114 never had was the silence and loneliness often felt among the aging in a convalescent center.

My grandmother was busier than she had ever been when she was well. Family from Oregon drove down; we danced and sang around her bed, the small room growing hot with ten bodies in it. The family was loud, obnoxious, and probably provided the most entertainment her fellow residents had had in a long time. She enjoyed having so many people around her and cherished the sound of laughter. However, the calm moments meant more to

I would visit her with my mother during the hot June afternoons, looking over her and keeping her comfortable in the heat. I would give her massages everywhere I could, relieving her of pain caused by the cancer. I cherished

these moments; it gave me peace, knowing I was doing something purposeful, something that contributed to her comfort. These moments taught me what was important.

My grandmother died on July 5, 2006. She lost her battle with lung cancer quickly, but her family had won. We won an intimacy that would have never developed if she had not brought us together during her illness. We have gained a deeper understanding of life, love, and family that will grow once we stop mourning the death and start celebrating her life.

— Erin Bradley, Rancho Bernardo H.S.

ive years ago, Jose C.
Fejeran, my grandfather, died. I was about

12 years old then and was only half a semester into seventh grade. School had just ended for the day, and my sister and I were walking home. About halfway there, Jesse, a close friend of the family, pulled up next to us. He said that my mom had asked him to pick us up and take us to the hospital. We knew that Tata (that's what we called our grandpa) was going to have surgery soon and, knowing my mom, she probably wanted the family to be there together.

As Jesse drove closer to the hospital, I started to feel apprehensive. I started asking him questions. "How did she sound? Is he in surgery yet? Are we almost there?" His answers were short and vague, qualities befitting one who did not want to be the bearer of bad news. We finally arrived, and I saw my dad make his way toward us. His deliberate gait was replaced with a somber trot. He placed his arms around my sister and me and held us close to him. "Tata," he said,

"passed away. He went peacefully."

As we walked to the hospital's viewing room, I started thinking about his life. I imagined him as a guardsman assigned to protect the governor's palace on Guam in the 1940s. I saw him defending the capital on December 8, 1941, the day the Japanese troops invaded Guam. I could see him working in the rice fields in the hot South Pacific sun under the watchful eye of Japanese troops.

I fast-forwarded decades later to my fourth-grade field trip to the War in the Pacific Historical Museum. I remember seeing a picture of some of the surviving guardsmen. There, standing alongside his compatriots, was my grandfather. I remembered watching him weep at the war memorials for the friends and family that were not as lucky as he had been.

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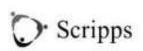
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> – Joe Fejeran, Mt. Miguel H.S.

andy?" Holding her frail hand, I repeated again, "No, Granny, it's me... Casey." "Oh, hi sweetheart," she replied. I shifted her covers to make her warm again. She had been bedridden for months, an unfamiliar state for such an independent woman as my great grandma Anna Lee. She passed away on September 30, 2006.

Over 96 years of life might have been an indication that the end was near, but I didn't expect her to die. I expected at least two more weeks, or maybe even two more months. I guess even that amount of time wouldn't have prepared me.

I hate funerals. I've only been to three: a friend's, a great-uncle's, and my great grandmother's. My great grandmother wanted to be buried alongside her family in Arkansas, so we said our good-byes at the Clairemont Mortuary before my grandpa flew her up. She didn't look like herself, which in a way made it easier for me.

My great grandmother had given me numerous antiques a few months before she died. A pitcher reminded me of a story she told me. She told me that being lefthanded during her time was considered "the devil's work or hand." She told me her left hand would be smacked whenever she used it to read or write during schooling, which caused her to be ambidextrous. It created a bond between us because we were the only left-handed people in the family.

Looking back, time seems to have been taken for granted. I wish I had spent more time with her, found out more about her life. Now I have only the strained memories and photo

albums to quench my curiosity about the fruitful woman she was.

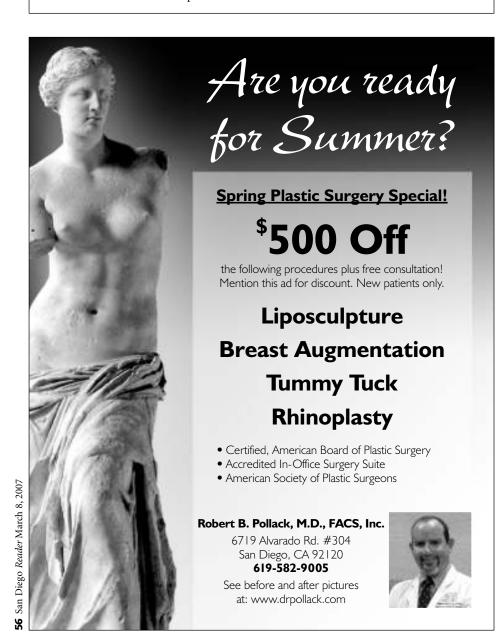
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I've never been that close to my extended family. All the family I know well lives in the same house with me: mom, dad, and sister. I've never really known my grandma, grandpa, stepgrandpa, aunt, uncle, cousins. We'd go back to Alabama once a year or once every two years and say hello to everyone, but that was the only interaction I'd ever have with them.

Two years ago, my grandmother died. She had been sitting in her living room watching TV with my uncle when she stopped breathing. The paramedics came and resuscitated her, but by that time, her brain had been deprived of oxygen for so long that she fell into a coma and was essentially brain-dead.

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my aunt and cousins. Within ten minutes of my mother going into my grandma's room and seeing her, talking to her, and making peace, my grandma passed away. It was a shocking event for my family. My grandmother was an energetic, seemingly healthy, and lively old woman. She had an herb store that she'd go to every day, and everyone was shocked that she outlived my step-grandfather.

What happened after my grandmother's death is one of my fondest memories. Even though it was sad, she died in Alabama, and we got to experience genuine Southern hospitality. The day after we arrived, neighbors and other extended family members started to pour into my grandparents' old home, bringing with them fried chicken, cakes, homemade baked beans, macaroni and cheese, pulled pork, you name it; probably the best food I've ever had.

It wasn't just the food that made it a good memory. My mother, sister, and I were only in Alabama for a few days, but in that time, my sister and I got to know our cousins and other interesting family members. In the South, especially in a small town, everyone is related to everyone. I was meeting tons of new family members; little old ladies

would come up to me and tell me they were my fifth cousin once removed, and that they remembered my mother when she was a baby.

My grandmother's death and funeral were, in an odd way, fun. We met so many new family members. I think that's exactly how my grandmother would have wanted it.

— Laurel Popplewell, Madison H.S.

fter basketball practice in eighth grade, I jumped in the car, ready to tell my mom of the new play I had learned. I began talking away, but realized something was wrong when I looked at my mom's

tear-streaked face. The car fell silent, and she told me news that made everything else seem insignificant. My grandpa, "Big Lee," my hero, my role model, my favorite childhood playmate, was gone forever.

I don't remember much of that night, but I remember seeing my dad cry really hard for the first time. I remember sitting in my room alone, replaying my memories with Big Lee. He was the only one who seemed genuinely excited to take me to the park and watch me play on the monkey bars. He participated in my games in which I made up fantasy worlds. Even my parents didn't do that. He seemed

to enjoy every minute we spent together.

One time he took me out to a movie I really wanted to see, just him and me. Afterward, we broke my grandma's rule and went to the bakery next door to get cookies before dinner. As I got older, I could talk to him for hours about everything from politics to basketball. He was extremely smart, funny, considerate, and athletic. I always appreciated what a great grandpa I had, but I didn't realize how many other people respected him until his funeral.

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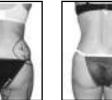
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sour-milk kisses goodnight. My sister, buried beneath a Day-Glo paisley bedspread matching mine, quiets or whispers to the cat. Mom-breath lingers on my upper lip, both comfort and disquieting

mystery. My eyes are

riveted to the door-crack of hallway light, my ears strain for low murmurs in the living room. I hold my breath so the air sound won't muffle what might be footfalls in the shag-carpeted hallway. I wait in a state I later come to think of as suspended animation. I wait until Daddy's silhouette fills the door frame. What remains of him now is in my then: his silhouette. My waiting.

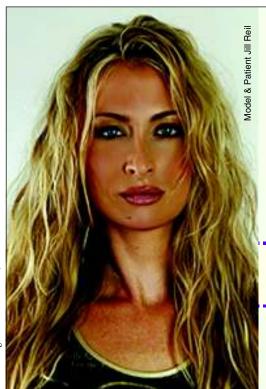
"Lie still," he says. He presses the sheet around my sides with brisk chops of his hands. His dress-shirt sleeves are rolled up to the elbows. Coarse black hairs are pasted to forearms warm and moist from dinner dishwashing. His big hands leave a dampness on the sheet. I thrash

from side to side, kick my legs against the mattress. I giggle: ashamed, pleased. "Settle down," he says, or "What a giggly girl you are." He leans toward me, bares his white teeth, threatens my plump peach cheek with a bristly chin. I pull my body to soldierly erectness, every

muscle stiff with some nervous tension I can't discharge. He folds sheet border over blanket, pulls it taut, tucks it around my shoulders so tight I can't move. He tucks it in with exaggerated attention. Making fun of it.

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He plays too rough. He pretend-suffocates me with a pillow. He tickles, he wrestles, not knowing that by the time laughing becomes crying, he has gone too far. Apologies come too late.

Once he dislocates my arm at the shoulder socket. We are playing "Ring Around the Rosie" and I, excited by the impending punchline, fall down too soon. As I fall, he jerks up on my left arm. An accident, certainly.

When I am older, old

enough to have body hair, old enough that he drives me to school some days - my sister in the passenger seat, me in the back — he reaches a hand around behind his seat to pinch hair on my calf. He does this when I least expect it, when I am craning forward to eavesdrop on front-seat conversation. It pleases me, to know he is thinking of me while talking to someone

He is a big man, slow and wide-hipped. When he lathers up my hands at the bathroom sink before dinner, my fingers can't span his palm. Years later, his hands still measure nearly twice the size of mine. His fingers are so thick that his wedding ring slips easily off my

thumb — we discover this at a family dinner, when he puts it there so I can admire its new stone, one-half carat.

My women friends, shown his picture, tell me my father is handsome. He fell once when he was a kid, breaking his nose. And when he was 16, his father punched him there, breaking it a second time. The deviations in his septum add an extra plane to his nose, a sloping, triangular field below the bridge on the left side. His skin is swarthy enough from California-sun-since-birth that his mother forbids him to wear a mustache, for fear he will be mistaken for a Mexican. (And he still obeys.)

As a child, I hide from my exasperated mother in his

closet. His polyester suits, smelling of Old Spice and menthol cigarettes, are satiny against my face. I wedge both my feet into one of his leather oxfords. These he often polishes while I watch. Sometimes he invites me to contribute saliva to the spitshine. I drop it from my full height, missing the target. He laughs. He buffs away at the leather, lips compressed, staring intently, finishes with a flourish and slap — more making fun. As if he doesn't know what else to do. how to be serious.

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if to dislodge insects that may have crawled inside. Jokes involving farmers and cow chips. Words like "teeninesy" for small and for damn it, "dad burn it."

He dropped out of UCSB to marry my mother, worked on the railroad — I find out in 1994, he was the last man in California trained to run a Union-Pacific steam-driven train engine. He finished his degree at a city college, went to work for an insurance firm. Then

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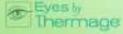
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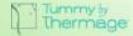
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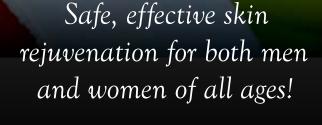
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On my sister's ninth birthday, she and I are at home alone and the phone rings. It's a lady from the phone company, asking for him. She leaves the message that the telephone at his new address — an apartment in a suburb, and why a phone company lady reveals this to a nine-year-old girl is still a mystery — has been installed.

After that, there is more waiting. We wait for our parents to make decisions. We wait for our father to move out. Then, we wait for him to call. We wait for him to visit. I wait, in suspended animation, for my father's appearance, for the big rescue. I wait for 30 years.

I remember him in profile, as he drives the car.

Sometimes he shuts his nearside eye, so that I will think he is driving with his eyes closed. When my sister or I notice, we shout at him to stop. This joke is best on curving mountain roads in the Cuyamacas or heading to snow parties in Idyllwild or Big Bear. He takes the straightaways fast, not braking for the hairpin curves until after I have gripped the armrest and slammed my feet down as if the pedals were under them, sucking my breath in sharply between clenched teeth.

My fear seems to amuse him. He raises his hand fast behind his shoulder as if to strike me, then brings it down slow through the air to pinch my cheek instead. He laughs. He also laughs when, pitching us a softball, I flinch, raise my arms, and get hit in the face. Several times he has to talk me down from trees I've climbed. Crossing creeks on logs or stones, climbing rocks, I freeze in my place (fourth in line behind Mom, Dad, Sis). He tries to move me with nonchalant coaxing, commands, the threat of abandonment. Nothing budges me until he returns, takes my hand, directs me to step on top of his feet. I ride him out of the creek. My feet are on top of his feet. My hands are in his hands.

He moves north. He drives all over the San Joaquin

Valley, threading through little towns in clean leased cars, selling insurance. He sells it to farmers and ranchers, equipment salesmen, blissless older couples in suburban outposts who moved to California for their health. His cars are always clean, except for a tinge of spearmint gum and stale cigarette smoke (he permits himself two a

During our visits — a week in summer and Thanksgiving or Christmas — he takes us on the road with him for one day. The three of us play "20 Questions" or he tells stories about places passing by outside the car windows: who owned an old oil derrick, how much acreage

a rancher sold off to a commercial developer. In the silent parts of the trips, when we, engine-lulled, rock our heads against the plastic seats, he sings. He sings "Red River Valley" and "Water" and "Genevieve, Sweet Genevieve." On bleak stretches of road and my memories include endless bleak stretches of road — I watch out the side window. If it is nighttime, I watch my reflection in the glass. In my head I make up stories about the girl trapped in the glass. I'm there with him in the car and I'm still waiting for him, even though he is sitting a foot from my left

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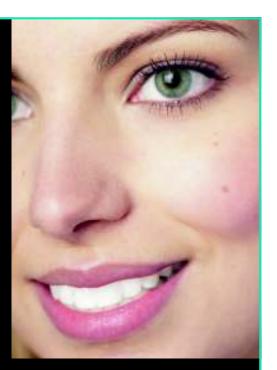
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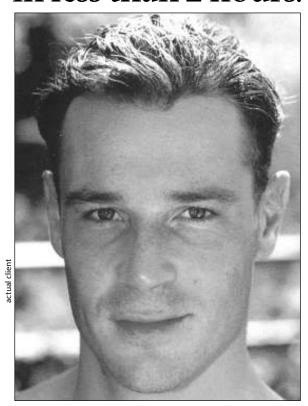
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Dad's car, I watch the grapevines flipping past, punctuated by telephone poles, or vast, low, shiny fields of lettuce. I see bits of cotton fluff that have strayed to the cracked dirt ditches lining the highway. We stop to pick cotton. My sister and I run over ankle-twisting ruts between bushes, prick our fingers on the wood-like spikes of cotton boles. He gives us a paper bag, the lunch sack from our sandwiches (American cheese for us, salami and peppers for him). We stuff the bag with cotton flowers, which poke right through the paper. He stands sentry by the car parked, tilted, off the asphalt. He will not venture into the fields when called.

We clean the cotton boles of their oily seeds and sharp, woodlike crowns. We do this sitting cross-legged on the floor of his furnished bachelor apartment in some small, flat town, far away from San Diego, hours and hours by plane and car, too far to run back to. This is in the summer. It is too hot to play outside, so hot that there are no sounds, no smells, only the faint hiss of insects. We stay inside. The apartment's cinderblock walls, painted motel green, remind us of an igloo. It's about that cold, too.

We are far away from our life — what we will come to think of as our real life,

which has diverged from his. We wear batik cotton wraparound skirts or jeans, no bras. We scent our almostfurry pits with patchouli oil. We meditate, attend tabletippings, channel spirit guides. We conceal from him beliefs in creative visualization, teletransportation, out-of-body experiences, and sexual freedom. Our mother screws around and does drugs, scream-cries at him on the phone for the late child-support checks that pay our rent. That is what we are away from, sitting crosslegged on his igloo floor. We are on the other side of it, stranded in a place we don't

Our father is off selling

insurance, polyester leisure suit, white shoes, and all. He has the car (white Ford, beige plastic interior). His apartment is on a barren street two blocks from a fenced field of burnt grass; the nearest store is a mile away; the outside air temperature is 100 degrees. We write each other letters, sitting crosslegged on the shag, for hours. In our letters we assume the characters of grande dames, ancient, wealthy, and vain. Each successive letter begins with a more elaborate salutation. The content of the letters — competitive descriptions of villas in Monte Carlo, affairs with chauffeurs, diamond necklaces — becomes more antagonistic. The rivalry between our ladies reaches fever pitch. Then something happens. The essence of our play erupts — we're at each other's throat, throwing things.

My sister walks off down the cement sidewalk, stops a block away. "It's too hot to go anywhere!" She starts crying. We walk back into the dark, cool box. She sits on the couch and cries. I go into the bedroom and cry. Dad will bring us lunch: whitebread sandwiches, chips, cans of soda — now exotic to our rice-and-steamedvegetable palates.

Within a couple of years, I am once again craning forward to hear front-seat car conversation. His sly hand

sandiegolasercenter.com 619-299-4440 or 888-SD LASER (888-735-2737) travels back between the seats; his fingers encounter smooth calf. When he tries to pinch, the fingers slide off my shin; he laughs. He catches my eye in the rear-view mirror. He shares the joke with his new wife. Our stepmother is a petite, childlike Southern woman, like his mother but unlike mine. "I reached back to pinch the hairs on her calf, and there weren't any," he says to her. She beams at my sister and me, leggy and crowded in the back seat. "The girls are growing up," she says. Game Over.

We first shave our legs during this summer visit. Although my sister is older, a real teen, the habit is new to her, too — in our real life,

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leg hair and arm hair bleach to softness at the beach. I begin shaving, as I will begin many habits, at the prompting of my new stepsister. We follow her lead, confused and grateful. She provides the template with which to negotiate our father's nebulous life. She is the Artful Dodger to our Oliver Twist. One day she says, "Let's shave our legs." I watch her shave her legs. She is stretched out in the big bathtub in the spacious bathroom with the matching daisy-embroidered towels in our father's new house. They have bought and remodeled the house.

Our stepsister shaves with a bright-colored, plastic girl's razor, carefully sliding its head under a gold chain ankle-bracelet she never removes. We debate how much to shave — above the knee? midthigh? We marvel over the numbness of flesh shaved with a novice's heavy hand.

The stepsister is the older of our two new blonde stepsisters. We met her for the first time in the parking lot of Sea World. A photo shows us ranked in a Bradyish row, four ponytailed girls in white knee socks, stiff A-line dresses. In the car, our father cautioned us about the older of the girls, the one who is my age. "Be nice to Tammy," he said. "She is special." She is beautiful, and she is a bully.

During this and subsequent visits, it becomes clear that my father and his wife, while cautious not to interfere with our mother's authority, worry quietly over her "lifestyle." To fill in the gaps of our mother's inattention, our stepmother takes it upon herself to offer structure and a woman's touch. In our Christmas stockings one year, my sister and I find Playtex brassieres in cardboard boxes. (Back home, even though we are so young, my sister and I laugh at this conservatism.) Our stepsister Tammy also provides an enthusiastic example. Over the years, we learn from her, on our visits to our father: how to apply makeup, to shoplift, to smoke cigarettes and pot, to dance popular dances, to make a car "spin doughnuts"; to memorize the lyrics of Aerosmith, ZZ Top, Black Sabbath; how to French kiss, to give a hand job, to run away.

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vious home in a new context. A Danish modern end table, an old leather easy chair, the Magnavox stereo with which our father had surprised us a couple of years before, which had occupied the table by the picture window next to the couch in our living room, was now treated by my stepsisters with more familiarity than we ever had a chance to establish.

This familiarity extends to our father.

And he, the dead husband of my childhood, retreats. He intercedes between his wife and Tammy. We are quiet visitors, standing in the back of the room when cars squeal past the house and boys whisper to her — and us — through the windows, when the phone rings and a boy tells my father that Tammy was "devir-

ginized" at a house party. The issue for him seems to be Tammy challenging his authority. My sister and I are not the issue; he has given us up.

We take our new bad habits home with us, but they slough off like our summer tans. We view our father's losing battles with Tammy in isolated frames. One summer visit, there is a police whistle hanging by the phone, to be blown whenever "calls for Tammy" come in. Tammy herself calls us periodically, begging to come live with us because our mom is "cool," reporting the worst blowups — her mother attacking her in rage, leaving broken fingernails in her hair; my father driving her to the city for an abortion; the dreadful fiasco with the Christian youth counselor.

Each time we visit, there are new rules, explained by Tammy, about where she is forbidden to go and whom she is forbidden to see.

he tells us our former stepmother would like to see us. "She thinks," he says in a rare moment of candor, "she has something to prove." Our

We learn from her: how to apply makeup, to shoplift, to smoke cigarettes and pot, to dance popular dances, to make a car "spin doughnuts," to memorize the lyrics of Aerosmith, ZZ Top, Black Sabbath.

Dad conducts his divorce from Tammy's mom with the same even tone he uses to inform us of job and address changes. The next time we come to visit him,

former stepmother greets us at the door in a leotard and tights, fully made up, smoking a cigarette. She has lost weight. Later in the day, we meet Tammy by the side of the high school and smoke a joint. Tammy tells us her mother has become a speed freak and is having an affair with the dentist for whom she works as a hygienist. And our former stepmother herself, giggling, tells us how she prepared a special cement when her rival, our father's new love, came in to have a filling replaced.

In my father's apartment, there is no evidence of life. No receipts, wrappers, crumpled Kleenexes or letters, books or magazines. The room is an assembly of smooth, unbroken surfaces: imitation woodgrain tables, plaid couches, shag carpets. He keeps a plastic vase of plastic flowers right in the center of the rented Formica dining table. He keeps big lamps with tall beige shades centered on

side tables by the couch, by the bed. In the drawer of a table next to the couch, I find a Polaroid of a woman. She is lying on the couch, smiling and red-pupiled. The photo is taken from between her feet.

On our visits we are deposited into these air-conditioned boxes, where we wait for him to come home for lunch, if he is not driving out of town that day, or to come home for dinner. No longer connected by our stepsister to some kind of social life, we have even less to do. We swim quietly in an apartment complex's deserted pool. We lie on chaise lounges, crying, while chlorine evaporates off our skins. We read, lying on a couch in the dark and sterile box. At the end of our visit, he drives us to the

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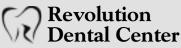
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When he marries again, to the woman in the photograph I found, my sister and I drive up for the wedding. We speed up the coast highway in our first car, a '63 Valiant, eight-track tapeplayer blaring. We cut inland, wind through low hills in the dark, spend the night in a fallow field.

I spend the next 20 years waiting for him to rescue me. He stays with his third wife, who is a small and ladylike child of the South. As was his second wife. As is his mother. He visits me

once, when I'm living with the least impressive of a string of boyfriends. He looks around our dingy apartment, stuffed with his mother's old furniture. His face is blank. All day, the blankness of him assaults me. For our lunch out together, I wear a dress that is too tight and sheer. I realize this when he offers me his jacket against a nonexistent breeze. He is in town to make a deal with business partners in Poway. Fourteen years later, I find out he almost moved to Poway.

My life goes on. We remain distant. But my history with him is like a current running under my skin, infusing everything I touch. I finally face up to it despite myself and come to the conclusion that I must let go. I let go the way you let go of anything you've been clinging to — in increments so small they can hardly be measured. It isn't a matter of forgiveness or recompense; it is a matter of moving on.

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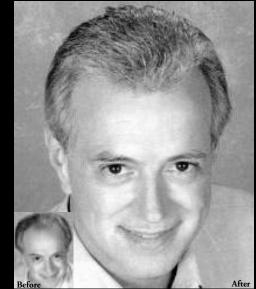
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and weather. His tone is diplomatic, descending to sentimental when the past is mentioned. Our tenuous détente is often derailed, jams up with his grief, his uncomprehending embarrassment, and my anger, my 30 unanswered years of resentment betrayed by an ill-chosen word. Every few sentences he mangles a syllable; he admits he's working on a glass of wine. I worry that he's turning into his hard-drinking parents. I don't remark on it. We have learned, in recent years, to make efforts for each other.

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She intends this as a touching demonstration of his affection. I am torn by the thought of my father seeing my big stomach, breasts, and thighs.

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My father sits in the den with me for a while, then prepares dessert for us and takes my stepmother's in to her. When he returns to me a half-hour later, I feel so tired that I tell him goodnight. He says, "I thought we could talk for a little bit," and I say, "I am so tired. How about another time?'

On the evening of the third day, I go out to the pool patio for an after-dinner cigarette. I stretch out in a chaise lounge, sip white wine chilled by ice cubes, which I block out of my mouth with my teeth. At dusk, the air has cooled enough to make this activity a relief. I am not thinking, "I hope Dad comes out to join me," but when he does, I am pleased.

He lies on the lounge chair next to mine, crosses his ankles. The ice cubes in his glass tinkle and break up in the heat. We watch vast flocks of birds high overhead, black specks speeding south over pink mist, astral blue. Dad speculates they've been feeding on the crops in the north during the day. It could be the beginning of the fall migration.

He asks me about my sister's marriage. I tell him her husband's an alcoholic. Then he says something about regrets. He says something about how he "wishes things had been different" and that he knows that things went the way they went between us because of "decisions he made at certain points in his life."

I say, "What do you

He says, "Well, how I never broke away from my parents."

He says, "The one thing I regret is, I should never have agreed to let your mother take you away to San Diego. I should have fought her for custody, if that's what it took."

I had fantasized about hearing my father apologize or express remorse for the past thousands of times. My adolescent rebellions, suicidal gestures, my endless swinging from man to man like Tarzan through trees, all courted his mea culpa. Of course it is offered now. Of course, it is because I have given up needing an apology from him that it is finally, freely offered. In the wake of it, I don't feel bitter triumph but sad, realizing how he hurts for what he did. And it changes everything. ■

— Susan Norris



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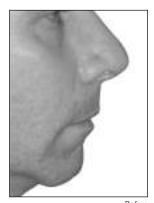


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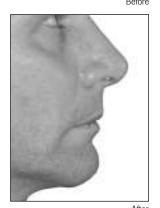
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LETTERS

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column, "Vegas Quickies" ("City Lights," March 1), concerning Dr. Tina Nova, and I am writing to express my complete disgust with your publication and Mr. Bauder.

What a shame that a journal that professes to provide important information to the community has stooped to the level of becoming a gossipy tabloid.

I have known Dr. Nova personally and as a business colleague for many years. Why not write a story about how she codeveloped the PSA test for prostate cancer and the lives she has helped to save as a result? Why not write a story about her work in support of science education in our schools? Perhaps even a story about her commitment to supporting stem cell work in California as a member of the ICOC, all on her own time?

Mr. Bauder and the Reader do a disservice to your readership in attempting to become an imitator of the National Enquirer, but you certainly open yourselves up to an entirely different level of intelligence in your readership with such articles.

> Joseph D. Panetta President & CEO **BIOCOM**

Nova is former chairperson of BIOCOM, a life science industry association. — Editor

Gawkers' Paradise

I'm not sure I'd call it a new low for the Reader, but certainly "Vegas Quickies" ("City Lights," March 1) must be the nadir of Don Bauder's career. Bauder's always been tough on big shots, but you'd at least expect some veneer of public interest.

This voyeuristic account of someone's personal crisis — or drunken mistake or whatever happened in Dr. Tina Nova's Vegas debacle — holds absolutely nothing for the public, unless you consider an opportunity to gawk at and humiliate a successful and attractive woman a laudable objective.

Just because the public has access to divorce records and lawsuits does not mean they all hold a compelling public interest. Bauder was unable to demonstrate how this incident has any bearing on anyone or anything besides Nova and the jilted boyfriend.

Furthermore, the sneering tone in which Bauder announces the number of times Nova has been married is telling. I wonder how many times in his half-century (or so) career he's reported the number of marriages his male subjects have had. I've read Bauder a long time, and I don't recall ever seeing any stories of a male executive jilting a woman and causing her emotional distress. I can't imagine! Why would anyone care beyond having fodder for malicious gossip?

This article was nothing but a dig at a woman who had the audacity to succeed in a man's world, and it's a disgrace to the career of someone who purports to be a serious journalist.

> Rachel Laing via e-mail

Laing works in public relations for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

— Editor

Thirty-Five Years Leash-Free

Re "Make Room for FIDO" ("City Lights") in your March 1 issue: Mike Singleton, who worked on the Fiesta Island General Development Plan, complains about a "continuous barrage of negativity from dog owners." My memory tells me that both Fiesta Island and Ocean Beach's Dog

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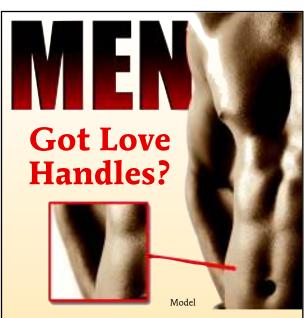


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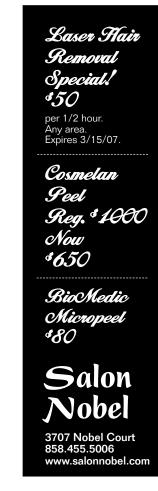
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Robert A. Shumway, M.D., F.A.C.S. 9834 Genesee Ave., Suite 225 La Jolla, CA 92037 www.shumwayinstitute.com Beach were declared leash-free in 1972. So along comes Mike Singleton with his condescending remark: "I have made so many efforts at helping you all out." And "You are all starting from zero acres." What? We have zero acres after 35 years of legally taking our dogs to Fiesta Island?

Negative? Is it negative to do what many dog owners refuse to do?

We're talking about people doing the right thing and exercising their dogs. That's positive, and it's too bad more people don't do it. Most of the dogs on my street rarely leave their owner's property and are unsocialized and miserable. They spend their time barking and getting fat. In my 50 years of living in San Diego, I've had to complain about barking dogs at least half a dozen times. Those are dogs that people get as burglar alarms, not companions. Do these people give a rat's a** about their dog's well-being?

We're talking about those who believe in exercising their dogs and those who don't. So far as I know, San Diego Animal Services requires that we feed and water our dogs and give them rabies shots. But nobody requires that we exercise our dogs. This is despite the overwhelming fact that exercise reduces the





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The threatening, bullying behavior of Mike Singleton is disgusting. As for Bob Ottilie, chair of the Mission Bay Park Committee, his belief that "dogs don't mix well with children" is nothing but crap. What an uneducated human he is. Why we let such people have anything to do with dogs is beyond me.

> Helen McKenna Clairemont Mesa

Boondoggie

Why is the City planning on spending \$100 million to \$200 million to develop Fiesta Island when it is already used by large groups of established users and is now meeting the recreational needs of many San Diego citizens ("Make Room for FIDO," "City Lights," March 1)? In my opinion, any money allocated for this project can be much better spent repaving our potholed streets, modernizing our traffic-clogged intersections, and managing our sewer and water rates, which mayor after mayor has raised.

A city council resolution of June 11, 2002, states there "continues to be an unmet recreational demand by the public for areas where dogs can legally be off-leash." Is this how the City addresses the unmet recreational demand? By reducing the area of the largest off-leash site in San Diego?

Little do we know why this project has even surfaced now, considering that the general plan was drafted in 1994 and nothing has been done since. Obviously no funding is immediately available. And where did the money suddenly come from to pay for a landscape architect? Why didn't the Land Use and Housing Committee decide first if it even wanted to move forward with the development of Fiesta Island at this time? Somebody put the cart before the horse.

And I am baffled by the concept of planting more turf in the desert. No doubt nice green grass against the water makes a lovely postcard background shot. After all, there are already acres of grass in Mission Bay Park that remain empty most of the week. This development must really be for the tourists, their RVs, and their boats. Or to satisfy some arcane park policies on the percentage of leased area to overall park space, allowing more commercial development within the park boundaries.

I hope that the statements attributed to the chairman of the Mission Bay Park Committee and the head architect were made in the heat of the moment. The former appears totally prejudiced against dogs. And, in my opinion, the latter's petty reaction to strong lobbying is counterproductive and unprofessional. It is just plain dumb to put a road through the middle of the proposed leash-free area, cutting it to pieces — that should be self-evident.

Let's improve our roads, water mains, and neighborhood parks and not waste money on this boondoggle. Christian Winkle Pacific Beach

War Made Easy

This is with regard to Mimi Kotner's e-mail "Parade of Lies" (Letters, March 1). I'd like to add to her reading list for Jerry Gross War Made Easy, by Norman Solomon, which is, if anything, even more of a damning indictment of our imperial military policies than Chalmers Johnson's *Sorrows of Empire*.

Michael McAllister San Diego

No Accidental **Parents**

So-o-o-o, Mr. Bruce Johnson. In your February 22 letter to the Reader in regard to Barbarella's rant about unruly children and unresponsive parents, you've made some, uh, interesting points.

Apparently, when you were acquiring your dual master's degrees in zoology and philosophy, you missed a couple of important lectures. For instance, the one where they mentioned that most animals that engage in sexual reproduction (i.e., breeding) are also observed to be engaging in homosexual activity; otherwise, you'd perhaps rethink the "fact" that "["breeders" are] the normal ones." In the wise words of Dorothy Parker, "Heterosexuality isn't normal, just common."

I personally have ceased common usage of "breeder" as a shorthand for heterosexual, given the gay baby boom of recent years. You see, since gay people can "breed" too, it isn't really an effective pejorative.

But on a related subject, let's also remind ourselves that gay people very, very rarely have children by accident; heterosexuals do it all the time. And these unwanted pregnancies (excuse me, the "unborn," to quote your term) often end in termination; ergo, heterosexuals, the "normal ones," are almost exclusively to blame for abortion.

But should these accidents of bad planning be brought to term, they're foisted upon all of society by people who are all too often ill-prepared for parenthood and the "hard work and...sleep deprivation" that it entails. And everyone pays for it. Your appeal for tolerance is certainly intriguing in this light — I guess we're expected to tolerate parents who neglect and/or abuse their children? Those who believe they're entitled to privilege, or at least homage, based upon the fact that they used their sexual organs one way rather than another? Toler-

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ant of the children who turn to drugs or crime or any number of social ills because their ill-informed, ill-equipped, and ill-planning parents made the choice to keep them?

Gotta love those "normal" people like you, Mr. Johnson.

Phillip Steele via e-mail

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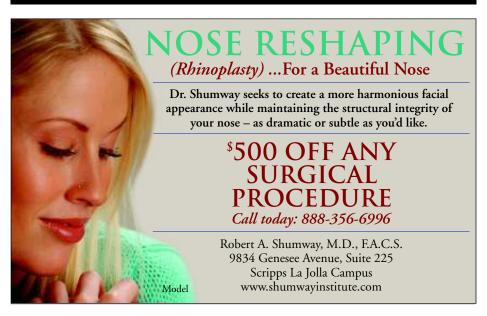
I noticed a letter from a Rita Abraham (March 1)

that said she liked Barbarella and Ollie. Since they both have such different writing styles, and there are so many other writers, what's the deal? Does she not like Bauder? Or Matthew Alice? I wondered if this was perhaps a friend of Ollie and Barbarella's, since I know they are friends. I checked Rita's MySpace page, and she is friends with Barbarella and Ollie. I also noticed a person named Verilium, who's

also a MySpace friend and has sent a number of letters to the *Reader* making fun of writers while praising Barbarella and Ollie. Seems kind of unprofessional for them to have friends writing letters praising them. Shouldn't that stuff be reserved for their MySpace comments?

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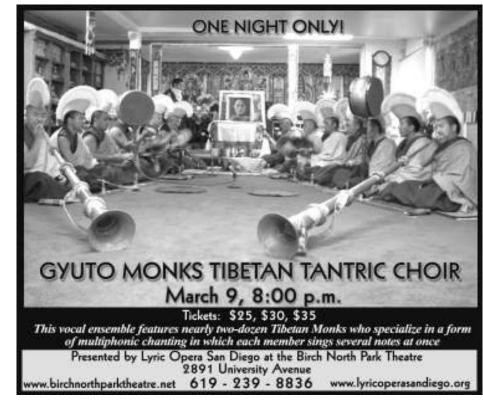
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Film in the Age of YouTube and Vlogs

t all started when the cost of producing video dropped way down," says Ben Cote, "digital media guru" for DIVX, an online digital media company. "People had access to things like home video cameras. Avid, a big [film editing] program used in the film and television industry for years, was expensive

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and hard and only available to people who could pay \$50,000 for a copy. Now there are smaller programs and

versions, like iMovie from Apple, or products from Pinnacle [a division of Avid] — thirdparty video applications that are affordable and

Cote will participate in the REEL TALKS

panel discussion, "Online Cinema: Film in the Age of YouTube and Vlogs" (video blogs), on Saturday, March 10. The panel discussion is part of a workshop series hosted by the 2007 San Diego Latino Film Festival.

Cote says that with the tools available today, filmmakers can find their audience through their audience. He cites as an example the film Four Eyed Monsters, which debuted at the Slamdance Film Festival two years ago. The filmmakers, Cote explains, produced two episodes a month, which they posted on a website that they created for the film.

"They involved the audience on the website, building a buzz. Through that they were

able to do some screenings locally in various cities by asking their audience, through this website, 'Would you like to see this? Where are you located?' Once a certain amount of people in a certain zip code responded, they would rent a theater in that area and sell out the theater."

The filmmakers are working on getting the film to DVD, but fans can already purchase the feature film direct-to-download. "Eventually, I do think DVDs will become obsolete," says Cote. He recently observed a friend's 18-month-old child send photos via a Blackberry. "These kids growing up won't own physical copies of their media, they will download everything directly. Personally, I love it. I hate CDs. I'm very rough with my CDs. They always break and crack. My wife

just bought me a couple that you can't buy on digital download. I put them on my computer, I throw them in a closet, and I never look at them again. They just take up space."

Cote believes that those who are wary of purchasing items they can neither see nor touch are in need of a paradigm shift. "I have older neighbors who are still confused by letterbox [widescreen]; they want to know why they can't see the whole picture." Cote is sure that people like his neighbors "will swing the way of digital when they see the convenience, the

Once a really good user experience comes into play and appears in the marketplace, I think the resistance will abate.'

Cote says that for nearly every imaginable subject, there is an audience, and he describes the number of categories as infinite.

"For filmmakers, that's great. There are already fan pages for people who like roller-skating films. They may not have [videos] on their site, but someone can make a film and post it there, and there's already an interactive community to reach out to.'

How might a growing online cinema presence affect Hollywood movies? "They're not going to die out completely," answers Cote. "But they will adapt and change. So many movies will need those huge \$100 million budgets. No one is going to create the next Superman with a video camera in their bedroom. [Hollywood] will be able to make more pictures with smaller budgets and use online tools and online communities to help market to their audience better."

Cote notes that Hollywood is releasing Spider-Man 3, Shrek 3, and Pirates of the Caribbean 3 at the start of this summer. "This is kind of a statement of where they're at," he says.

Novice filmmakers can produce a film with very little capital. High-definition cameras are available for \$1000, and basic movieediting software comes free with most new computers. "It levels the playing field, allowing smaller filmmakers with smaller budgets to create great films, and the audience is given more choices for what they want to see.'

The major cost of making a film, Cote says, is time. "Doing a regular vlog is a lot of

work; it takes time to shoot and edit. You'll see more regular blogs occasionally feature a video here and there." Cote estimates that of his friends, 85 percent have blogs, and 40 percent of those people have vlogs. "Of the 40 percent, 90 percent are doing it full time, or that's what they want to be their full-time job, so they're spending full-time hours on it. It's a time-consuming thing to create that media."

DIRECTOR

— Barbarella

Online Cinema: Film in the Age of **YouTube and Vlogs** Panel discussion workshop at the San **Diego Latino Film Festival** Saturday, March 10 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. UltraStar Mission Valley Cinema, **Hazard Center 7510 Hazard Center Road Mission Valley Cost: \$15 general admission** Info: 619-230-1938 or www.mediaartscenter.org



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"Ellas de Letreando," women in universal literature explored by Mayra Luna, Sandra Bello, Patty Blake, Vianka Santana, Esmeralda Ceballos. Event begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tecate Score Baja 250 with more than 325 cars, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs competing on 216.23-mile course runs March 9-11, starting in Ensenada and finishing in Santo Tomas. Drivers have nine hours to finish. 818-225-8402. (ENSENADA)

Alejandro Casona's Play Prohibido Suicidarse en Primavera presented March 9 and 10 at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Curtain rises at noon, 8 p.m. on Friday, 5 and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$10, \$25, \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636, (TUUANA)

"Rosa Chillante," Mónica Mayer's new book showcased Friday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636.

Bridal Expo planned Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, 11 a.m.–8 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tiiuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente), 011-52-664-681-7000.

Panda in Concert, Saturday, March 10, 11 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: 619-734-2333.

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Ely Guerra in concert, Tuesday, March 13, 9 p.m., at Box Underground, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$15, \$18. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Cuatro Para Tango, César Olguín and his bandoneon, Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Teatro Universitario. 011-52-665-654-2402. (TECATE)

OUT & ABOUT

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OUTDOORS

Mexican Coral Trees or "naked corals" are showing their stuff this season by bearing and baring scarlet, flamelike flowers on the tips of their twisting, leafless branches. Commonly planted as park and freeway landscaping, this and other species of coral are blooming along state route 94, Interstate 5 through Oceanside, along Harbor Drive near the airport, at the San Diego Zoo, on the lawns in front of San Diego City College downtown, and on the San Diego State University campus. The bloom mav continue into late spring, when the naked corals will cover themselves with eight-inch-long leaves, just in time to provide shade for the warm months.

The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park normally flowers best this month, but the lack of substantial rainfall over the past two or three months spells a likely lackluster performance. Most of whatever scant blooming you can find will take place in the bottoms of ravines and canyons, where flowing water gathers and has a chance to sink in the porous ground. For the latest update on the season's bloom, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's special wildlflower hotline, 760-767-4684, for a recorded message. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

The Big Dipper, an abbreviated version of the larger constellation known as Ursa Major (the Great Bear), hovers nearly straight overhead during evening hours from March through June. The seven stars of the dipper — all but one classified as "second magnitude" in brightness - can be distinctly seen on clear evenings, even from light-polluted city locations. The two stars at the end of the bowl of the Big Dipper point downward toward a lone, second-magnitude star: Polaris, the North Star, which perpetually marks the direction of

Search for Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, 8-10 p.m., in MiraCosta College baseball field (One Barnard Drive). Free, 760-757-2121 x6506. (OCEANSIDE)

March Madness (on the Lake),

see "crazy coots, eager egrets, and daffy ducks" displaying for females during guided walk on Saturday, March 10, in Mission Trails Regional Park. Outing starts at 8:30 a.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281, (SAN CARLOS)

Expert Birders from San Diego Field Ornithologists lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, March 10, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Beach Cleanup at Cardiff State Beach hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper on Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-758-7743. (CARDIFF)

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Tend California Native Plants,

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Whale-Watching Trip leaving Oceanside Harbor in search of migrating grey whales and dolphins, with a seabird expert on board, Saturday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. Hosted by Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center. \$25. Reservations: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Scat Happens! Follow in footsteps - and droppings - of coyotes, bobcats, mule deer, other animals with trail guide in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, March 10, 11, and 14, 9:30-11 a.m. Find park at One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Native Plant Walk in Chula Vista's Rice Canyon Nature Preserve. Learn to identify common native plants with California Native Plant Society, Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. Guide will also discuss Native American plant uses. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water. Meet at parking lot on Rancho del Rey Parkway directly across from Discovery Park. Free. 619-656-8669. (CHULA VISTA)

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Stargazing in the San Pasqual Valley, Saturday, March 10, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (16666 San Pasqual Vallev Road). Oceanside Photo and Telescope co-hosts event, geared for beginners, which begins at 6 p.m., concludes around 11 p.m., weather permitting. 760-737-2698 or 619-884-5527, Free, (ESCONDIDO)

"The Stars Belong to Everyone" is subject when "Desert Skies" lecture series by astronomer/photographer Dennis Mammana continues on Saturday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center amphitheatre. Program followed by telescopic viewing of night sky (weather permitting). If you'd like, bring binoculars, flashlight covered with red cellophane to preserve night vision, \$15 general, free for those younger than 12. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Pacific Daylight Time, or "daylight saving time," starts on Sunday morning, March 11, at 2 a.m. No time is "saved" by advancing our clocks by one hour. This sneaky trick in civil time is designed to rouse us out of bed an hour earlier so that we can enjoy

what seems to be an extra hour of daylight before the sun goes down. Daylight saving time, when applied to the months of longer daylight, has been proven to save significant amounts of electrical energy.

Vegetation and Views, naturalist Rick Paul leads occasionally strenuous four-mile hike to explore diverse plant population in Daley Ranch, Sunday, March 11. Adventure begins at 9 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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"Hypothetically She Would Find Her Here," Leslie Seiters and Rachael Lincoln perform this piece by Seiters on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, 8 p.m., in ENS-200 (dance studio) at San Diego State University. Program includes work-in-progress Incidental Fear, with dancers Dina Academia, Justin Morrison, Amanda Waal. \$15 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

"Alastic Forever — Dance On!" dance production sponsored by Jeremy M. Parrish Memorial Dance Scholarship Fund on Saturday, March 10. Program includes performances by Deep Rooted, Unity Dance Ensemble, LaDiego Dance Theatre, more. Curtain rises at 2 and 8 p.m. at Educational Cultural Complex (3434 Ocean View Boulevard). \$15. 858-268-0789. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Bulgarika Balkan Band performs music of Bulgaria, Saturday, March 10, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Singing workshop with Donka Koleva (4:30-6 p.m., \$10), Greek dinner (6:30 p.m., \$10); concert (8 p.m., \$15). 858-278-4619. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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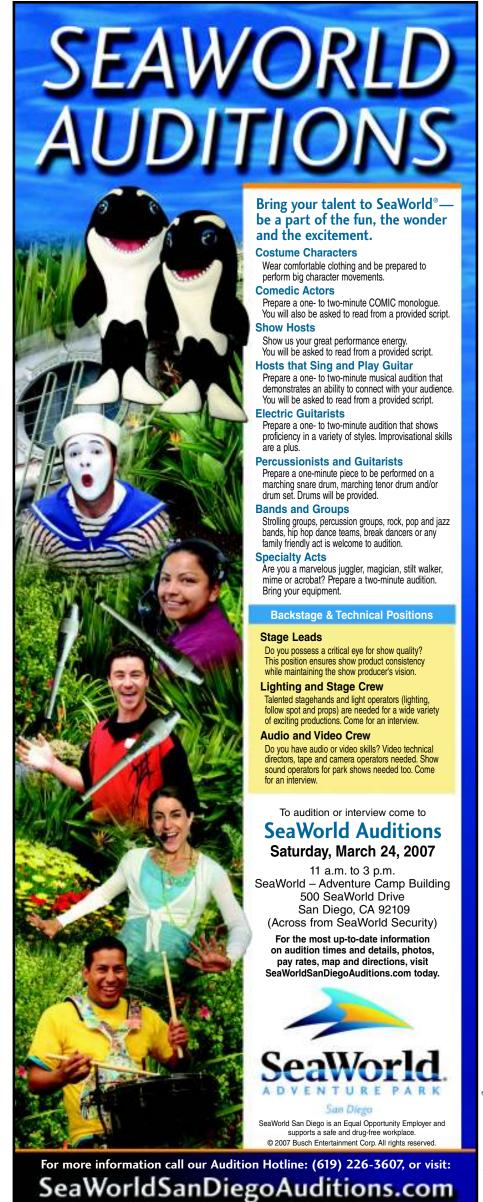
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American Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. Night club two-step lesson at 8 p.m. \$7; first time free, 619-275-3533, (BAY PARK)

Belly Dancing with Sarasvati Modern Tribal, Saturday, March 10, 9 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). All ages. Free admission. 619-265-7287. (COLLEGE AREA)

Luna Flamenca in Concert, flamenco dancer Lakshmi Basile and her Luna Flamenco dance company in concert with Luis Peña, 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street); \$25, \$35. "Fiesta Casera" presented at 2 p.m. (\$35 fee includes lunch). Reservations: 858-488-4200, (PACIFIC BEACH)

Sunday Zapateado, Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances from different states of Mexico each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Take in dances from Oaxaca, Mexico, on Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m. Free, 619-235-6135, (BALBOA PARK)

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Navigating by car to the starting point, southwest of Julian, is invariably complicated, no matter which route (of several) you choose. I'll describe a relatively straightforward way for most San Diego city residents: Drive east

on Interstate 8 and take the Highway 79 exit near Descanso. Go 1.3 miles north on 79, and turn left on Riverside Drive. Continue 0.6 mile to the main crossroads (post office, etc.) of the hamlet of Descanso. From there take Oak Grove

Drive 1.6 miles to the intersection of Boulder Creek Road on the right. Follow Boulder Creek Road north for 13.0 miles (first half paved, then dirt) to a hairpin turn where unpaved Cedar Creek Road joins from the west. Park there, taking care not to block traffic, and be sure to post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your car.

From your parking spot at the hairpin turn, follow the remains of an old ranch road (not Cedar Creek Road) due west for 0.7 mile to a saddle and trail junction, where a side trail to Three Sisters Waterfalls descends to the left. If there's been any recent rain, you'll plainly hear the whispering sound of the falls, which lie beyond the next ridge to the south and down in the gorge of Boulder Creek.

Ignoring the possible side trip to the falls, press on by climbing west along a brushy hillside for another 0.5 mile. You then start descending into a vale shaded by live oaks. After 0.4 mile of descent on an increasingly poor old road/trail, you'll notice a shallow draw to the left (on ahead lies an old stock pond, and possible sites for trail camping). Leave the trail at this point, or near here, and work your way southwest, through brush and over boulders, to the ridge some 300 vertical feet above. Once atop the boulder-strewn ridgeline, take note of the heart-stopping dropoff to the

south. Peering over the edge, you look down upon a silvery thread of water making its way amid the tree-lined gorge of Boulder Creek.

Eagle Peak's true summit, with a hiker's register on it, lies about 0.2 mile farther up the ridge, beyond a couple of false summits. After you've had your fill of the view, head back the way vou came - or by any other route down the hillside that

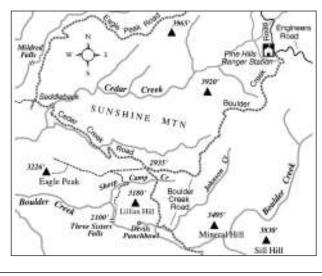
might look promising.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathwavs 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.

EAGLE PEAK

Get an eagle-eye view of the Julian-Ramona area from atop

Distance from downtown San Diego: 55 miles Hiking Length: 4.2 miles round trip **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous



per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

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)

FILM

San Diego Latino Film Festival runs March 8-18 at UltraStar's Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard

Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Program boasts more than 185 films from Mexico, Cuba, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Guatemala, Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Spain, U.S.; Latin animation; Youth Visions screenings; Cine Gay Showcase with theme of family life. Also planned: workshops, "guest direc-

Tickets: \$9 general for screenings, \$5-\$30 for concerts, parties. Showtimes, details: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Sharks: Stewards of the Reef." film and discussion at Birch Aquarium at Scripps on Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. New documentary chronicles plight of

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tropical sharks. David McGuire, associate producer of Trillium Films, and Enric Sala, marine biology professor, will participate in discussion of film project following screening. Free. Required reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

"Blow-Up," Michelangelo Antonioni's first English-language film (1966) screens Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

Surrealist Luis Buñuel's movie Belle de Jour (1967), starring Catherine Deneuve as a housewife with a secret life, is presented for winter film series, Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7.858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

The German Film Sophie Scholl — The Final Days (2005) screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, March 9. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. English subtitles. (CARDIFF. OCEANSIDE)

"Mars Rocks," documentary screens for general meeting of Mars Society, Friday, March 9, 7 p.m., in studio 106 of Art Union Building (2323 Broadway). Free. 619-723-3456. (GOLDEN HILL)

"The Night of the Ad-Eaters," Alliance Française and La Bastide Restaurant present "evening revealing the world's hippest, funniest, most creative, and surprising television and cinema advertisements from around the world." Screenings begin at 5 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, in Salomon Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Uncut and uncensored. English subtitles. \$10. 619-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

Saps at Sea Tent, local chapter of Laurel and Hardy fans meet to watch Wrong Again with live organ music by Russ Peck, Saturday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church (3902 Kenwood Drive). Also, see The Music Box, It's a Gift, The Balloonatic. \$6. 619-417-9032. (SPRING VALLEY)

The "Spiky Cautionary Tale" Kill the Poor screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800, (DOWNTOWN)

"The Ground Truth" — film following six Americans "who heeded the call for military service in Iraq" screens Monday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., hosted by Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization and San Diego Activist at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Discussion follows. Free. 619-225-1083. (OCEAN BEACH)

Al Gore's "Traveling Global-Warming Show" — a.k.a. An Inconvenient Truth — will be shown at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Wednesday, March 14, 5 p.m. 619-236-5800. Admission to see the Academy Award-winner is free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Life Is Beautiful," UCSD professor Pasquale Verdicchio introduces the Academy Award-winning film and leads discussion following screening, Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m., at House of Italy (across from Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Film stars Roberto Be-

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nigni, who won Oscar for his role. Free. 858-831-1717. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Hurricane on the Bayou, Coral Reef Adventure.* "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *The Living Sea* (6 p.m.) and *Wolves* (7 p.m.) on March 9. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990–2005" illuminated by docent Doug Burgess during Insight Gallery talks at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, March 8, 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Islam and Muslim Women in South Asia" examined by Professor Farzana Shaikh, Thursday March 8, 7 p.m., in San Diego State University's Aztec athletic auditorium (on 55th Street). Shaikh is author of Community and Consensus in Islam: Muslim Representation on Colonial India and Islam and Islamic Groups: A Worldwide Reference Guide. Free. 619-594-7328. (SDSU)

"Jusour wa Kusour: The Work of Doris Bittar, 1989–2007" illuminated by artist Bittar on Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). Exhibition featuring paintings, photographs expressing Bittar's reflections on cultural landscape of Middle East and her family's history in the region. \$5.760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Art, Architecture and Ecology: New Collaborations for Changing Environments" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Renowned video, installation, performance artist Martha Rosler speaks on Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Rosler's work in "public sphere ranges from everyday life — often with an eye to women's experience — and the media to architecture and the built environment." Find Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street, 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Re-Considering Georgia O'Keeffe," University of Kansas art history professor Charles Eldredge reconsiders "novel work from one of America's most well-known and loved artists, as well as the remarkable acclaim her life and art continue to generate more than 20 years after her death." This docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 9. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Renowned Artist, Writer, Critic John Miller speaks for MCASD/UCSD 2007 Russell Lecture, Friday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$5.858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Awaken the Heart of Intelligence" — Joseph Chilton Pearce appears March 9 and 10 at Waldorf School of San Diego (3547 Altadena Avenue). Pearce (author of books including *The Crack in the Cosmic Egg, Magical Child*) will discuss "development of intelligence in children, spiritual aspects of humanity...latest research on the emotional foundation of learning," more. Lecture on Friday, 7 p.m. (\$20); workshop on Saturday runs



9 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (\$45). Registration: 619-957-9573. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Nature Writing: Bring the Wild Close to Home" presented by nature writer Jan Daniels in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West), Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. Writing exercises focusing on personal observation, expanding vision, more. \$30. Registration: 619-660-0614.

Calling All Boaters! Seminars on "your boat hull, water quality, and invasive species" planned by University of California Sea Grant Extension Program, Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m., at Sun Harbor Marina (5000 North Harbor Drive). Free. 858-694-3414.

"Translucent Visions" curator D. Scott Atkinson on hand for gallery talk on Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m., at California Center for the Arts Museum, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Included in gallery admission. 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

"Trees in the Water-Conserving Landscape" illuminated by arborist Leah Rottke, Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Tree selection, watering, maintenance, best species for our climate, \$8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Edward S. Curtis and Horse Capture," George Horse Capture — great-grandson of Horse Capture, who was photographed by Edward S. Curtis at beginning of 20th Century - explores "contemporary Native American perspective on the photographer and his methods," Sunday, March 11, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. \$15. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Crisis in Babylon!" Author Jeff Archer divulges "facts about Iraq," its history, background of American involvement, and discusses his books including The Mother of All Battles when Humanist Fellowship meets on Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m., at Gen Lai Sen Restaurant (1065 Park Boulevard). Bring money for food. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

"Choral Montage: Choral Masterpieces, American Folk Music, Spirituals, Musical Theater' promised when San Diego Master Chorale performs Sunday, March 11, 4 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista (915 Paseo Ranchero). Offering. 619-656-2525. (CHULA VISTA)

What Are Inkle Looms, and what are their uses? Find out when Bill Rafnel speaks for Palomar Handweavers' Guild, Monday, March 12, 9:30 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church (845 Chestnut Street). Free.

Workshop involving simple plain weaving with multicolored warps follows (noon-3 p.m.); \$40 fee (you must have an inkle loom). 760-749-4903 (ESCONDIDO)

"Wildscaping Your Garden" is topic when horticulturists Chris and Trish Meyer speak for San

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

EDWARD S. CURTIS and Horse Capture, San Diego Museum of Man, Sunday, March 11.

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"Realizing a Clean Energy

Future" presented by Ron Sims

of Kings County for climate

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Natural History Museum. Free.

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Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, March 12, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Plant forum follows. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

"Beyond Killer Bees," explore natural history of region's native and nonnative bees, learn about wasps, flies, beetles "that make a living killing baby bees." Class - at San Diego Natural History Museum on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. — covers bee biology, behavior, conservation. \$20. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Changing Clouds in a Changing Climate" is topic when Joel Norris reviews what scientists now know about connections between cloudiness and global warming based on observed changes in clouds over the last several decades for "Perspectives on Ocean Science" series, Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

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The Skinny on Alstroemerias and other ornamental plants when horticulturist Liz Youngflesh of Garden Glories Nursery speaks for Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, March 14, 10 a.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Free. 619-223-3315. (POINT LOMA)

Church Records in Ireland?" Mary Russell answers question when Irish Interest class of British Isles Genealogical Research Association gathers on Wednesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m., at Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free, 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

Illustrator Steve Gray is guest speaker when Southern California Cartoonists Society meets on Wednesday, March 14, in lunch lounge at San Diego Blood Bank (440 Upas Street), \$2. Potluck details: 619-921-1936. (HILLCREST)

"From Logan Heights to the Heights of the Word: A Conversation with Juan Felipe Herplanned Wednesday. March 14, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Herrera is author of books including Crashboomlove, Laughing Out Loud I Fly, Featherless, others. Signing follows. Free. 619-594-1103. (SDSU)

"India's Neglected Styles: South Indian Painting" examined by Robert J. Del Bonta for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, March 15. Del Bonta is an independent scholar specializing in south Asia. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

West Coast Responses to Global Warming examined by Oregon governor Ted Kulongoski, Thursday, March 15, 12:30 p.m., in UCSD's IR/PS Robinson Auditorium. How can scientific knowledge be put to use developing

Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Free. 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN) "What Aids Can I Use to Find

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March 15, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly

858-534-0491. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Editorial Cartoonist Steve Breen visits Warwick's Bookstore to read and sign Stick during "Jammies and Bedtime Story Night," Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. Reading followed by "an adult chat," bedtime snacks for kids. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Literary Reading by Laura Elrick (Fantasies inPermeable Structures) and Rodrigo Toscano (To Leveling Swerve), Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., in Grand Salon (room 113) of M. Gordon Clarke Field House at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Reading is free, parking is not. 760-750-8077. (SAN MARCOS)

"American Shaolin" signed, discussed by author Matthew Polly, Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway, 858-684-3166). Free. (MIRA MESA)

Vista Author Michael Lawrence Vincent signs his novel The Prophet of San Marcos Dump, Friday, March 9, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way). Free. 760-726-0764. (OCEANSIDE)

UCSD Poets Eileen Myles (Sorry, Tree) and Ali Liebegott (The IHOP Papers) read from their work, Friday, March 9, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Book (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Humorous Vampire Novelist Mario Acevedo signs X-Rated Bloodsuckers, Friday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). He'll be joined by humorous crime novelist Tim Dorsey signing Hurricane Punch, Free, (CLAIREMONT)

Writers Ink Center hosts reading by Jim Miller - celebrating release of his novel Drift — Friday, March 9, 7 p.m. Jazz trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos accompanies reading; art on display by Perry Vasquez, Kim String Fellow, Jennifer Cost. Free. Find center at 710 13th Street, 619-388-3554.

Gvuto Monks Tibetan Tantric Choir in concert, Friday, March 9, 8 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Gyuto monks have been chanting since 1474; each monk sings not a single note but an entire chord. Tickets: \$25, \$30, \$35. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Smart Suspense! Author T. Jefferson Parker signs his new novel, Storm Runners, Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m., at Book Nook (129 East Hawthorne Street). Book is set in Fallbrook. Free. 760-731-2665. (FALLBROOK)

San Diego Mystery Author Michele Scott joins Sisters in Crime Los Angeles chapter president Sue Ann Jaffarian for an afternoon of mystery, Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m., at Mysterious

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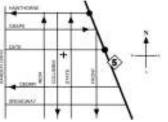
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Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Scott will sign *Silenced by Syrah*, Jaffarian is on hand for *The Curse of the Holy Pail*. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"Orchestrated Words," spoken-word/poetry event, Saturday, March 10, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). "The language art will be enhanced by a classical string quartet which will include piano, violin, standing bass, and guitar." Featured poets: Ant Black, Philip Dane. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-861-8696. (ESCONDIDO)

Share Cookies and Conversation with mystery author Joanne Fluke, who visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign *Key Lime Pie Murder*, Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Noel Jewkes Quartet performs for winter jazz series on Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free tickets issued at 1 p.m. at door. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Jazz Mardi Party presented by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego boasting clarinetist Bobby Gordon and the Wholly Cats, Sunday, March 11, 2:30 p.m., at Musician's Union Hall (1717 Morena Boulevard). Swing and jazz dancers welcome. Open jam with invited students and guests: 4:45 p.m. General admission: \$12. 619-229-1610 or 760-602-0839. (BAY PARK)

Second Sunday Poetry Series with Billie Dee and Mary Leary, Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street).

Open reading follows. Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Known for Her "Luxuriant Alto Voice," Liv Johnson plans concert of blues, ballads, folk, country, jazz standards, Sunday, March 11, 4 p.m., at La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (IA MESA)

"Finding Your Voice," this "night of music, magic, and memories" produced by Roby Warren, Sunday, March 11, 5 p.m., Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$10.760-432-6454 (CARLSBAD)

Vietnamese Diva Night is Sunday, March 11, 5 p.m., at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets start at \$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Singer-Songwriters Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Sunday, March 11, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Willy Porter performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20.619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Poetry and Art at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. UCSD professor, author Eileen Myles performs, and SDSU professor Mark Freeman screens his film *Poetry Live(s)*. Open mike follows; local artists who bring both visual art and poetry are given preference on

the open mike. \$5. 619-957-3264, 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Airs, Jigs, and Reels! Irish Session Band performs traditional Irish dance music in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day on Monday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Listen for Irish flute, pennywhistle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, accordion, *uilleann* pipes. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Open-Mike Poetry Readings, Monday, March 12, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616.

San Diego Poetry Slam continues Monday, March 12, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

Fantasy Author Tad Williams signs Shadowplay, Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Duo Montagnard — Joseph Murphy (saxophone) and Matthew Slotkin (guitar) perform music from all continents, jazz-influenced, living American composers, and standard repertoire transcriptions in concert, Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Eating Between the Lines: The Supermarket Shopper's Guide to the Truth behind Food Labels" discussed, signed by author Kimberly Lord Stewart, Tuesday,















March 13, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Gilbert Castellanos and the Latin Trumpet Summit perform for KSDS-Jazz 88's Jazz Live series, Tuesday, March 13, 8 p.m., in Saville Theatre at City College (14th and C streets). \$10. 619-388-3037. Concert may be heard broadcast live on KSDS, 88.3 FM. (DOWNTOWN)

Alaska Crime and Thriller Author Dana Stabenow signs A Deeper Sleep, Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The "Concert King of the Philippines," Martin Nievera plans concerts Wednesday-Friday, March 14-16, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Also performing: Jenevi. Tickets: \$50, \$75. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

From Paris, Improvising Musicians Le Quan Ninh (percussion) and Frederic Blondy (piano) perform for Concert Hour series, Thursday, March 15, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Alejandra Guzman in Concert, Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.,

Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets start at \$45, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

First Annual Oceanside Jazz Festival, hosted by Frequency (newly formed MiraCosta College vocal jazz ensemble) with performances by jazz choirs at Palomar College, Cypress College, Grossmont and Southwestern Colleges, and Epicenter from Cal State Northridge, Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive), \$10 general, 760-795-6815, (OCEANSIDE)

Standup by Stephen Lynch whose credits include three CDs, a Comedy Central special, Tony Award nomination for acting in The Wedding Singer on Broadway - Thursday, March 15, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Lynch will perform "new songs and old favorites." \$29.50. 619-235-9500. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Youth in Paradise Walk benefiting San Diego County Foster Youth, Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m., at Lake Miramar (10710 Scripps Lake Drive). Registration: \$25. 619-757-9599. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Clash at Clairemont," PacSun and Mission Valley YMCA unleash new "PSX" vert ramp at Krause Family Bike and Skate Park (3401 Clairemont Drive), Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Donated by ESPN's X-Games, "PSX" is "largest outdoor vert ramp on West Coast." Expect to see athletes including Tony Hawk, Mat Hoffman, Andy Macdonald, Jamie Bestwick, Bucky Lasek, Kevin Robinson, others, music by Agent

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

GYUTO MONKS

Tibetan Tantric Choir, Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, Friday, March 9.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Orange. \$10 admission fee includes food, demonstrations, entertainment. 619-279-9254. (CLAIREMONT)

Tony Gwynn Classic slated for Saturday, March 10, starting at 3 p.m. at Petco Park. Organizers plan two separate college baseball games — University of San Diego versus Oklahoma, followed by SDSU versus Michigan. Tickets: \$40, \$45, \$60, good for both games. 619-295-7000. (EAST VILLAGE)

Long Stretches Without Traffic Lights! Two challenging uphill climbs! Join Sierra Club bicyclists for 40-mile adventure starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, in Miramar Lake parking lot, heading to Lakeside. Bring money for mid-ride snack stop. 858-483-5877. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Professional Lucha Libre! Rey Misterio Sr., Hijo de Rey Misterio, Septiembre Negro, Mortiz, many other wrestlers perform Sunday, March 11, 5 p.m., at Blanca's Fiesta Hall (1770 Palm Avenue). Tickets: \$20 adults, free for children. 619-977-4323. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Del Mar Criterium Series. Swami's Cycling and Raceplan Coaching and Racing sponsor

"community-oriented event centered around fast-paced cycling" at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Races take place on Wednesday, March 14 and 28, 2-6 p.m.; and Saturday, April 7, 8:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. Vendor booths, skills-building classes "for racing and riding," more. Free admission for spectators; fees to compete. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

Dressage Affair runs Thursday-Sunday, March 15-18, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free admission, parking. 858-518-4128.

Tough Enough? SoCal Scorpions are holding open tryouts for their Women's Professional Football League team, Saturdays, March 17 and March 24. Details: 877-717-8464.

SPECIAL

"One Book, One San Diego" — Sonia Nazario, author of Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother talks about her research experiences retracing the 12,000-mile expedition on Thursday, March 8, at KPBS Copley Telecommunications Center (5200 Campanile Drive). Nazario joined by Isidro Ortiz from SDSU's Chicana and Chicano studies department and Olivia Ruiz of cultural and ethnic studies at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte and USD for immigration discussion. Reception at 6:30 p.m., discussion at 7 p.m. Free, 619-594-2106.

USD Spanish professor Ruben Murillo leads discussion in Spanish of Nazario's book at Beckwourth Library (721 San Pasqual Street) on Saturday, March 17, 1 p.m. Free. 619-527-3404. (LOGAN HEIGHTS, SDSU)

"Understanding Islam in Today's World," it's topic for P&R Discussion group, Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Tenth Annual Golf Fest, March 9-11, with exhibitors, presentations, clinics, seminars, hitting cages, and more, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: 10-6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$10 for adults, kids 12 and under free, 858-586-1210, (DEL MAR)

Gem Faire, March 9–11, with over 80 dealers offering jewelry, gems, beads, minerals, crystals, more, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Jewelry repair, classes, demonstrations. Weekend pass: \$5. Hours: noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. 503-252-8300. (DEL MAR)

"Pistolas y Rebozos: Seventh Annual International Women's Day Celebration" promising music by Pistolera and Pearl, poetry and performance by Olga A. García Echeverría, Sara R. Eslava, Maria Figueroa: art by Yolanda Lopez, Screening of Randy Vasquez's film Testimony: The Maria Guardado Storv. Celebration starts with film screening at 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 9, followed by performances at 6 p.m. in Saville Theater, San Diego City College (14th and C Street). Free. 619-434-9036. (DOWNTOWN)

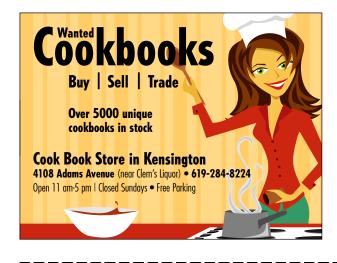
"Nature's Bounty," exhibition of fine art by"Different Strokes" members Barbara Siegal, Joan Grine, Carol McClure, Carole Patton, Alice Rathbone opens on Saturday, March 10, at Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3280. Closes Friday, April 20. (SAN CARLOS)

Open Folding Day is slated for Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum - North County, in conjunction with exhibit "Paper Transformed." Members of Origami San Diego instruct guests in simple origami forms. Included in regular admission. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. Reservations: 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club plans annual show and sale on March 10 and 11 at Army National Guard Armory (304 Park Avenue). Dealers selling rough rock, finished stones, jewelry, tools, rock-related products. Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission:













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Reading

The Intention Experiment: Using **Your Thoughts to Change Your** Life and the World



By Lynne McTaggart Free Press/Simon and Schuster, 2007, 288 pages, \$26

FROM THE BOOK JACKET:

The Intention Experiment builds on the discoveries of McTaggart's first book. The Field, which documented discoveries that point to the existence of a quantum energy field. It presented a picture of an interconnected universe and a scientific explanation for alternative medicine, spiritual healing, and extrasensory perception. The Intention Experiment updates the scientific evidence and

invites the reader to join in an international group experiment.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

"The Intention Experiment rests on an outlandish premise: thought affects physical reality. The book is also an invitation to worldwide experiments that you can participate in with a conference in March 2007. Plus she quotes some interesting research on experiments designed to affect past events (Praying for Yesterday); her own voodoo experiences (The Voodoo Effect), i.e., negative thoughts are stronger than the positive ones; and compassion with techniques such as Tonglen and work by Konstantin Korotkov, a pioneer researcher on measuring life force/chi/auras." – Feng Shui News

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Lynne McTaggart, a former investigative reporter, is an awardwinning author of five books, including *The Field*, which has been published in 14 languages. She is also codirector of Conatus, which publishes some of the world's most respected health and spiritual newsletters, including What Doctors Don't Tell You and Living the Field. She lives in

London with her husband and their two daughters.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE **AUTHOR:**

"What is 'intention'?"

"If you've ever felt someone watching you, experienced a psychic intuition, focused your mind by meditating, prayed for healing, benefited from taking medicine and discovered it was a placebo, employed biofeedback therapies, then you've probably experienced 'intention.' Intention is a directed thought, a thought aimed at something or someone with the goal of influencing something physical. It is using your consciousness to change something in physical reality. Intention manifests itself as electrostatic and magnetic energy. Thoughts are 'things' too."

"Is it psychobabble or something...real?"

"Intention? It defies con-

ventional logic at points, but, yes, it's actual. There was a very serious book years ago about quantum physics, which is its base. Cleverly, every chapter was chap-

"You published a book six years ago entitled *The Field:* The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe. It was a precursor of this one. Now there is this phenomenon called The Secret that is sweeping through the country. It started as a CD and then became a book touted on the front page of USA Today and the front page of the Style section in the New York Times."

'Yeah, this is very much in the air. The Intention Experiment is the science behind that. How it works. And it's an invitation to participate in an international group experiment at the end of this month (theintentionexperiment.com), which we're conducting worldwide and focusing our intentions

on experiments set up for us on Museum Island in Hombroich, west of Dusseldorf, Germany.

"The Field attempted to interconnect alternative medicine (which you're very involved in), spiritual healing, ESP, psychic intuition, and collective unconscious. The Intention Experiment does as well, but the experimenting and thinking about this has much evolved."

'Definitely. Once upon a time, hypnosis was a vaudeville entertainment. Today it's an accepted medical tool. Professional athletes are taught visualization to improve their performance. People talk about their circadian rhythms. Doctors urge patients to try meditation and recommend biofeedback therapies. A lot of what were once thought odd and revolutionary are now perfectly acceptable concepts and

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\$2 general. 760-216-8971 or

760-743-0809. (ESCONDIDO)

Travel Fair hosted by Wild Women Travel, Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at San Diego Travel Group (9710 Scranton Road, suite 300). On hand: travel providers highlighting women-only trips, as well as for couples and families. Free. 800-800-7583. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Which Canine Most Resembles Its Human? Find out at 12th annual Ugly Dog Contest, Sunday, March 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Many dogs expected to compete in 14 categories including ugliest dog, best mutt, cutest pup, best trick, best St. Patrick's Day costume, more. Tickets: \$8 general, \$2 for those 12 and under; competing canines charged \$6 per category. 858-755-5913. (DEL

Marston Ladies of the House **Tours** offered in honor of Women's

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Montgomery Gentry Apr. 14

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Ricky Martin Apr. 22 **ZZ Top** Apr. 23

Brian McKnight Apr 24

Brand New Apr. 6

Chicago Apr. 15

History Month, Sundays, March 11-25, 1 p.m. Tours focus on women of Marston family, their accomplishments, goals, dreams. \$8 general. Find Marston House at 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-232-6203 x129, (HILLCREST)

Call for Volunteers, North County Humane Society plans volunteer orientation, Monday, March 12, 10 a.m. Find society at 2905 San Luis Rey Road. Free. 760-757-HELP. (OCEANSIDE)

Tea by the Sea, fundraiser for Center for Community Solutions boasts keynote speech by feminist icon Gloria Steinem, Wednesday, March 14, 2 p.m., at Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. \$75. Reservations: 858-272-5777 x120. (DOWNTOWN)

Mutt Mingle for St. Patrick's Day at Muttropolis stores, Thursday, March 15, 5–7 p.m. Bring your own breed! Mutt mingling, trainer from West

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The World Trade Organization and free trade...will they lead to a more peaceful world? You decide, discuss with P&R Discussion group, Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH

Ranunculus Rainbows, the Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 13. Visitors may stroll pathways through 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$9 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 for children 3-10. Exit I-5 at Palomar Airport Road, head east for two blocks, turn

Arcade Fire Apr. 26

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Vince Gill May 11

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left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)

Witness the Gray Whale Migration during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions daily through April 1. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$27 weekdays, \$30 weekends for adults, \$15 for those 4-12. Registration: 619-234-4111.

Herb Festival and Tomatomania! Eleventh annual festival and spring plant sale, Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230

Quail Gardens Drive). Lectures, demonstrations, herb walks, herbal products on offer. \$10 general. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Easyriders Bike Show Tour 2007 hits San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive) on Saturday, March 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Over 100 custom



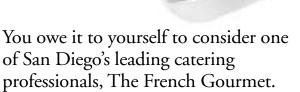
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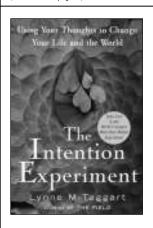
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Opening Day April 6

Reading



treatments. The effect of the brain on physiology is accepted today. But intention is new on the scene."

"You're actually talking about something like psychokinesis then.

'Yes, that's exactly what I'm writing about. Mind over matter. The idea that your con-sciousness can affect physical matter.'

v-twin motorcycles compete for honors; live music, fashion show, more. Admission: \$16 general, \$7 for those 6-12, 800-962-9857. (DOWNTOWN)

"According to Stephen King, we can make arrows fly into our mothers.'

Lynne laughs. "That's a scary thought. But the scientific basis for intention is serious. The idea that consciousness can affect physical matter may seem extraordinary to us, who grew up in a Newtonian universe filled with discrete objects that are separate and final, that can't be changed unless you freeze them, burn them, or give them a swift kick. A world where things exist independent of one another. Classical physics. But then along comes quantum physics, which says there is an odd and constant dance that goes on between subatomic particles in all of the universe. That they pass energy back and forth constantly, creating virtual particles or waves that go to the farthest reaches of the universe. This is all wave information, and waves go on to infinity. So we are basically connected to the furthest reaches of the cosmos."

'So this new science of quantum physics is suggesting everything is connected?"

"Totally. And we are all part of this giant energy field on which we are exerting a subtle influence all the time, that we are in a giant web of this underlying energy, and we are constantly beaming out and receiving information through it. In the subatomic world of quantum physics, physical matter is not so solid or stable or separate. It's more like unset Jell-O. Boundaries blur.

"Sounds like *The Matrix.*" Lynne laughs again. "It

"So, I know why, instead of tuning into weather reports, you call up the U.S. Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration websites to check on the storms in outer space."

'Yeah. Storms out there are good for intention."

"In the book, you say this interconnection of all the atoms is called 'entanglement.' You also say that subatomic particles are less particles and more waves that go on into infinity. Quantum physics is also challenging the speed of light as ulti-

mate, the idea that nothing is faster. Scientists are finding entanglement in our bodies, between stars, in the zero point field - the energized space between things. Do you think people we know as psychics are able to access these fields that interconnect everyone and everything?"

"Yes. It could well be they're tuned into this energy."

"Is intention a gift or a skill?"

"There are people who have greater gifts. There are extraordinary pianists, for instance, but everyone can learn to play the piano. The skill is to learn how to affect wisely. People are very interested in the idea that thoughts are things and can be transmitted to create a physical effect."

"You say there is no such thing as nothingness. Or space. What then is there?"

"There is energy. Charge. The empty space is heaving with subatomic energy. Nobel physicist Richard Feynman once said that there was enough energy in a cubic meter of space to boil "In the subatomic world of quantum physics, physical matter is not so solid or stable or separate. It's more like unset Jell-O. Boundaries blur."

all the oceans of the world."

"It almost sounds like the solution to all our fossil fuel problems is locked away in subatomic physics."

'That's exactly what some eminent scientists have been funded to work on, this zero point energy, for rocket propulsion among other things.

"What is a biophoton?"

"All living things dribble out tiny emissions of light - biophotons. These light waves - faint radiations - cause proteins and cells to coordinate activities, for

instance. So we are all sending out biophotons. Except multiple sclerosis victims exude too much light. They are drowning in light. Dr. Gary Schwartz looked at what happens when healers send 'healing intention,' and he found that they were streaming out biophotons through their hands.

"I was impressed by what you said about cancer victims."

"That they emit fewer and fewer photons, almost as if their lights were going out?"

"Yes."

- Juris Jurjevics

FOR KIDS

14th Annual Carlsbad Multicultural Arts Festival, continues through Friday, March 9, at locations around Carlsbad, Dance, music, storytelling, and theater from the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe. Locations:

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Centro de Información (3333 Harding Street), Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive), Harding Community Center (3096 Harding Street), Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street), and Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Details: 760-434-2904.

"The Three Pigs and Other Funny Tales" presented by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, March 11, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Ireland Rules! St. Patrick's Day Show by Big Ioe Productions, March 14-18.

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

"Have Tale Will Travel," Young Audiences of San Diego performance with storyteller, guitarist, singer Peter McBride on Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Workshop follows per-

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Editorial Cartoonist Steve Breen visits Warwick's Bookstore to read and sign Stick during "Jammies and Bedtime Story Night," Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. Reading followed by "an adult chat," bedtime snacks for kids. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Louis Sachar's Sideways Stories from Wayside School is current production for actors and crew of San Diego Junior Theatre, continuing through March 18 in Casa del Prado Theater. Expect the unexpected! For all ages. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on March 17 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8-\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA

"Racing to the Rainbow Live!"

The Wiggles hit the stage in Cox Arena at San Diego State University on Friday, March 9, at 3 and 6:30 p.m. The Wiggling includes Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wiggly Dancers, others. Tickets: \$18–\$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SDSU)

The Musical Disney's Beauty and the Beast is presented by I*Company Youth Theatre, March 9-25, at

David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, book by Linda Woolverton. Show features 68 children. Tickets: \$12.50 children, \$16.50 adults, Show times, reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA IOLLA)

The Musical Snoopy! presented by Pacific Children's Theatre, March 9-11 (and March 16-18), at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street), Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 4 p.m. on Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays, Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 kids. 619-920-2838. (MISSION HILLS)

"Do You Didgeridoo?" Make this aboriginal instrument with plastic pipes, molded beeswax, painted symbols during family program, Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$55 per parent/child pair. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Local Author Janie Lancaster signs Julie and the Lost Fairy Tale, Saturday, March 10, noon, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road). Free.619-216-0182. (CHULA VISTA)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Build a Sled Kite during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, March 10, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA

"Pirates Don't Change Diapers," author and illustrator David Shannon reads and signs his new book, a companion to How I Became a Pirate, Thursday, March 15, 4 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free.





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Tell Me a Story

We see the dead Anna's legs from the calf down, stretched on blinding green grass.

W.S. DI PIERO

'd wager that even sophisticated viewers of photography sometimes have to remind themselves not to imagine what preceded or ensued from what Henri Cartier-Bresson called "the decisive moment," when the scene before the lens

is fixed in time. The American psychologist William James gave us the phrase "stream of consciousness" to describe how awareness doesn't click along frame by frame

but streams unstoppably, even in sleep. In 1895 — photography was invented in 1839 — the Lumière brothers, Auguste and Louis, invented a projector that showed, on a sprocketed filmstrip, a motion picture of workers leaving a factory. The invention of movies simply piqued the impulse to probe the "before" and "after" of still photography. The contact sheets of modern photographers like Robert Frank, Diane Arbus, and Lee Friedlander illuminate the decision-making process: which moment from a succession of moments is the chosen one?

Photographers have for many years experimented with stills as storytelling mechanisms. Over 20 years ago, Duane Michals was making multi-paneled autobiographical photographic sequences underscored by handwritten commentary. A much younger generation of photographers has pushed this sort of thing into new territory, and some of their discoveries can be seen in Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now, a big and diverse exhibition at the Museum of Photographic Arts. The 50 images (by 12 artists, many quite young) exploit fable, motion pictures, fantasy, and other storytelling resources. Their work has a built-in tease that lures us to extend in our imaginations the negative time and imagery unrecorded but implied by what the artists allow us to see.

Some of them follow the lead of a slightly older generation of image-makers, like Jeff Wall and Gregory Crewdson, who use film crews and actors to stage elaborate, complicated tableaux, which they print in huge, color-saturated formats. The Australian Polixeni Papapetrou, who lives and works in Melbourne, is represented in *Tell Me a Story* by pictures from her series

"Haunted Country," which draws on the lore of children lost in the Australian bush who die or go mad. It's also autobiographical: when Papapetrou was young, she wandered off from a friend's cabin, became disoriented in the wilder-

ness, and spent several desperate hours trying to find her way back. For "Haunted Country," she took her own two children to places like Hanging Rock (the location of

Peter Weir's 1975 movie about lost children, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*), costumed them in vaguely 19th-century garb, and blocked out scenes of children who find themselves in what seems to be an enchanted but terrifying place. Papapetrou makes no attempt to override the artificiality of the setups. The children look stiffly posed; they're *acting*, as if manipulated by a director not very good working with child actors. They "gaze" or "slumber" or "look lost." The photographer, however, knows exactly what she's doing: the out-of-scale, disorienting, menacing landscapes give us a palpable sense of innocence in peril. Her images look like folktale illustrations.

The American Melanie Pullen, born in 1975, is one of the strongest artists of her generation. Her series, "High Fashion Crime Scenes," mixes the grisly and the gorgeous, the actual and the imagined, in images whose provocations go way past their initial shock value. She uses actors and scripted preparations to craft crime scenes based on vintage photos from the Los Angeles Police Department and the county's coroner's office. Some pictures are cropped so that we see only a part of the victim's body (reminding us of the fascination with abomination that TV shows like CSI tap into), as if it were found by accident or else but there as an occasion for meditation on the volatility and danger of chance. In the pastorally titled Anna and the Grass, we see the dead Anna's legs from the calf down, stretched on blinding green grass, velvet scarlet pumps on her feet, those greens and reds recalling all of life's vivacity. The picture titled Miyake pushes point-of-view to another extreme: the foreground of a long, deep-focus shot of Union Station's underground is filled, Brian de Palma-like, with the collapsed



By the Yarra 1857, 4, 2006 (from "Haunted Country" series), Polixeni Papapetrou

Woman: A Celebration and Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park

Woman is on view through Sunday, May 6; Story is on view until Sunday, May 13. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

body of a gorgeous, stylish young woman, blood spilled and pilled under her head. I was so vexed by my own fascination with the awfulness of this sort of grisly beauty that the longer I lingered before the image, the more I felt like a guilty thing exposed, but I think that this kind of taunting vexation, this scrutiny of one's own moral assumptions about what's beautiful, is exactly what this artist intends.

The German Barbara Probst doesn't imitate other photographs or movies. She's creating her own hybrid form. In the series included in *Tell*

Me a Story, she cants actual movie imagery into repetitive, identical images of herself looking at her wristwatch. She splices film moments, in other words, into the field of time the entire image composes: all time stops while she checks her watch, as if timing an exposure. The pictures include, as sidebars or backgrounds, the French actor Jean-Pierre Léaud and a shot of the Golden Gate Bridge from Vertigo; a car exploding in flames (a frame — I'm trusting my infirm memory here — from Costa-Gavras's movie Z); another image foregrounds her in front of the



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mimes' tennis game in Antonioni's *Blow-Up*, while another more or less puts her *in* an Antonioni movie: she photographs her own eyes and brow in extreme close-up to resemble Monica Vitti's look in *La Notte*.

Most of the artists in Tell Me a Story happen to be women, so it's cozy and apt that a couple of rooms away is a tightly edited show of photographs of women titled Women: A Celebration. What that says is what you get: Women everywhere! The images celebrate, they don't editorialize or peddle an agenda. The pictures are by the famous (Lisette Model, Julia Margaret Cameron, Robert Doisneau), the lesser known (Constantine Manos and Luis González Palma), and the legendary, ubiquitous "Anonymous." They're spread all over time and place: Cameron, 1869, England; Model, 1946, Coney Island; Palma, 1989, Guatemala. And the content? Manos captures the hopelessly aggrieved image of an African-American woman weeping at the funeral of a nephew killed in Vietnam; Bruce Davidson catches a couple closedancing to a jukebox in a Chicago bar; George Seeley, in The Burning of Rome, made in 1907, woozily evokes two maidens clinging to each other while in the background Rome, or something, seems to be burning. The Seeley is pure pictorialism, early photography trying to imitate the brushy tonalities of painting, and its smudged, languorous style is a world apart from Elliott Erwitt's smart, stark, un-sentimentalized 1953 portrait of a mother and child in a New York tenement. Women sorrowing, kicking up their heels, laboring, performing, nur-

turing — they're all here. Except that some of them aren't. The book MoPA showcases with the pictures, as if it were the exhibition catalogue, isn't that, quite. Many photos in the book aren't in the show, and some photos in the show aren't in the book. Book and show both merit a good, hard look, but buyer beware. I was sorry not to see Graciela Iturbide's great shot of a traditionally dressed Mexican woman walking the desert with a boom box dangling from her hand. It's in the book, though, as is Ruth Orkin's sassy American Girl in Italy, 1951, in which a young woman strolling past a corner café in long skirt, shawl, and sandals, like an American-type Artemis, eyes cast down, provokes the full range of rude physical stupidities — crotch-grabbing, open-mouthed swooning

males are capable of.

There's a not-so-hidden dialogue going on between this show (where you can see photographers reacting to how others represent women) and the other, which features women artists skeptical of what they might call the "fetishizing" memorialized in Woman: A Celebration. Critical contestation among artists is healthy. It keeps them (more or less) honest. In time, other photographers will take issue with the work in Tell Me a Story. That'll be the day.

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GALLERIES

on the events section.

"1000 under 50 — Watercolors On and Off the Wall" opens with reception for artist Prudence Horne, Friday, March 9, 6 p.m., at C.J. Kuhl Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard #208). Horne encourages "patrons to buy one of the 1000 small watercolors right off the wall, thus deconstructing and altering the installation and creating a new work of art." 619-922-2303. Through Saturday, April 7. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Gallery Artists 2007," more than 25 artists have work included

in group show opening with reception on Friday, March 9, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). Continues through April. 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Shining Stars in the Seasons of Art," group show with work in variety of media continues through Friday, March 30, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Reception for artists: Friday, March 9, 6 p.m. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Pulp Vomit," exhibition of paintings by David Russell Talbott and Dark Vomit opens with "Ray at Night" reception on Saturday, March 10, 5 p.m., at Fish Out of Water Gallery (2925 Lincoln Avenue). Closes Saturday, April 7. 619-296-9786. (NORTH PARK)

Forged Metal Works by John McDavid may be viewed through Thursday, April 12, at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Show opens with reception during Ray at Night events, Saturday, March 10, 6 p.m. 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

"Sculpture, Screens, and Scrolls," sculptor Pamela Earnshaw Kelly and painter Liane Collins have exhibition opening with reception in conjunction with Ray at Night, Saturday, March 10, 6 p.m., at ZTA Gallery (3956 30th Street). Through Friday, March 30. 619-528-1199 or 760-757-7382. (NORTH PARK)

"The Wave," exhibition of limited-edition surf images picked by "master lensman" Warren Bolster and oil paintings by Lorrie Blackard and Maria Repke opens with reception, Saturday, March 10, 6 p.m., at Centerlight Gallery (5490 La Jolla Boulevard, suite A). Through April. 858-456-8188. (LA JOLLA)

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

Photographer David Fokos will be on hand for exhibit of more than 20 pieces, Saturday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Bartram Gallery (7874 Girard Avenue). 858-459-9797. (LA JOLLA)

57th Annual Juried Art Show hosted by Carlsbad Oceanside Art League continues through Sunday, April 1, at C.O.A.L. Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101). Awards reception is Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m. 760-434-8497. (CARLSBAD)

"Birth, Death, ReBirth" by Wes Bruce opens with reception on Monday, March 12, 5 p.m., in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Also opening: "White's," Lindsey Johnson's senior exhibition. Close Friday, March 16. 619-849-2396. (POINT LOMA)

"Hothouse," exhibition of work by Eleanor Miller, Nancy Sansom Reynolds, Will Robinson, and Barbara Rogers continues through Sunday, April 1, at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Meet artists during reception on Thursday, March 15, 6 p.m. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

"A Sound and Light Show," Wendell Kling's sculptural light-projection machines transform Kruglak Gallery "into an environment of animated kaleidoscopic fantasy" beginning with reception on Thursday, March 15, 6 p.m. Find MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery in student center at One Barnard Drive, 760-795-6657. Closes Thursday, April 12. (OCEANSIDE)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor" examines, "through a selection of more than 130 watercolors, the variety of subjects these artists explored over the years." Paintings include landscapes, cityscapes, animal studies, figurative genre, fruit and floral still-lifes. Mexico.

"Personal Connections: An Intimate Portrait of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker" boasts "selection of personal photographs taken from the collection of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker," documenting life and times of these American watercolor artists.

Printmaking is a creative process known for its abundance of materials, processes available creating a wide range of effects; it is "in a constant state of renewal, experimentation, and innovation." Select artists from San Diego & North County Printmakers have work on view in "Following the Paper Trail: Exploring the Art of Contemporary Printmaking," highlighting different techniques, styles. On view: collection of lithography, monoprints, etchings, collographs, intaglios, aquatints, linocuts, and woodblock prints.

"Mi Corazon Escondido (My Hidden Heart)" by David Avalos focuses on life in contemporary Escondido. Avalos worked in collaboration with county artists, poets, activists, and residents to transform everyday objects into art works suitable for chapels, flea markets, museum galleries.

All of these exhibitions close on Wednesday, July 4. 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 Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum - North County, "Paper Transformed," exhibition made up of "Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses" and "Origami — The Art of Paper Folding" from Mingei's permanent collection continues through Saturday, July 21. For "Crowning Glory," Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. "Origami" boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,

"Morris Louis Now: An American Master Revisited" offers a "critical re-examination of this influential painter's legacy." Exhibit boasts 27 canvases produced from 1951–1962, with examples from three significant bodies of Louis's work. Artist is said to have "played an essential role in shaping postwar American art." Closes Sunday, May 6.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date. 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.

"Cerca Series: Héctor Zamora," on view through Sunday, May 6, includes site-specific installation by Mexico City-based artist. Zamora's piece, entitled *Specular Reflexions*, consists of "application of two layers of two-way mirror film on all 16 gallery windows, creating a surface that functions both inside the Museum as well as outside the gallery."

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.

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

"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.

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, Pipo Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapaetrou, 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)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Jusour wa Kusour: The Work of Doris Bittar, 1989-2007" continues through Sunday, April 1. The title translates as "A Bridge and a Chasm" — solo exhibition featuring paintings, photographs expressing Bittar's reflections on cultural landscape of Middle East and her family's history in the region. She was born in Baghdad to Lebanese parents, and she spent her childhood in outskirts of Beirut. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art,

"Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005" features approximately 200 photographs by Leibovitz, including family photographs and portraits of public figures such as Colin Powell, Nicole Kidman, Brad Pitt, Merce Cunningham, Bill Clinton. Photographs provide glimpse into range of subjects captured by Leibovitz. Exhibition encompasses work Leibovitz made on assignment as a professional photographer, personal photographs of her family and close friends. Closes Sunday, April 22.

"Mel Bochner: Drawing from

Four Decades" tracks continuity of the New York-based conceptual artist's various experimentations through four decades of artistic practice. Closes Sunday, March 18.

Jasper Johns' "Green Angel: The Making of a Print," also closing March 18, was donated by the artist. Along with the Green Angel etching, Johns donated "a complete set of 17 proofs" demonstrating creative process surrounding the work.

"Tastes in Asian Art," continuing through Sunday, May 20, introduces new and rarely exhibited works, exploring "diverse tastes of different social groups" — the imperial ruling class, scholars, warriors, common people, features separate section devoted to religious art, section dedicated to Persian art. For further information, call

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.

619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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CLASSICAL

Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series continues with all-Beethoven concerts, March 9–11. Concert pianist John Lill plays "Sonata in C-Minor," "Sonata in C (Waldstein)," "Sonata in F," "Sonata in F Minor (Appassionata)."

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$42. On Sunday, concert at St. Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street) begins at 2 p.m.; \$35. Head to Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Ciela) for recital at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday; \$50. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (LA JOLLA, LA COSTA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

R i m s k y - K o r s a k o v ' s "Scheherazade" may be heard when Jeremy Kurtz (bass) and San Diego Symphony present "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts March 9–11. Also on program: Weber's "Oberon Overture," "Concerto for Bass Viol" by Harbison. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20–\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804.

Violin Students of János Négyesy plan concert in UCSD's Mandeville Recital Hall, Friday, March 9, 8 p.m. Free. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

The Tenor and the Organist — Patrick Riggs (tenor) and Carol Williams (civic organist) present concert on Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"With People of Every Time and Place," Carthage Choir performs Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Concert features the "Kyrie" and "Gloria" of Mozart's "Grand Mass in C," "Past Life Melodies" by Sarah Hopkin, anthems and motets by Tye, Sweelinck, Jennings, Whitacre, Manuel, Hopkins, and Sandström, arrangements of folksongs and spirituals by Burkhardt, Shaw-Parker, and Hogan. Offering. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

French and Russian Composers provide theme for lecture/recital by pianist James Gary for winter/spring concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Sunday, March 11, 2:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

"Spiritual Festival 2007," African American Music Foundation and Christ United Chancel Choir present concert featuring Spirituals Community Choir and local solo artists Michael Morgan (bass), Mary Jade (soprano), Dale Fleming (soprano), Cecil Lytle (piano). Free event slated for Sunday, March 11, 4 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church (3025 Fir Street). 619-239-2346. (SOUTH PARK)

U.S. Naval Academy Men's Glee Club in concert, Sunday,
March 11, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Ensemble is 50-voice a cappella choir. Offering. 858-729-5520.

The Duke University Choir performs music from 16th–21st Centuries in concert on Sunday, March 11, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Powerful Vocal Duets promised when Bella Sorella takes stage for mini-concert at noon on Monday, March 12, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Ensemble members are sopranos Susanna and Nova Jimenez, pianist Shinobu Kameyama. Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"The Spring Sonata" by Beethoven and pieces by Schubert, Toselli, and Massenet may be heard when violinist Stanley Wang and pianist Miho Gary perform Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668 (DEL MAR)

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 Sunday, March 18, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Road). Offering. 619-235-8067. (BAY PARK, LA MESA)

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Vaulted Existence

Crawdaddy! rock magazine, launched by Encinitas author Paul Williams in the mid-'60s, has been sold to Wolfgang's

online rock magazine.

"We are fans of the original Crawdaddy! and the way in which Paul and other authors wrote about the music," says managing editor Jocelyn Hoppa. "It made a tremendous amount of sense to us to borrow from the past and try to build on the publication's legacy."

the inside track

Vault, online music-history merchandisers.

"They bought it lock, stock, and barrel," confirms Williams, "I couldn't afford to publish it on my own anymore, so it's nice to see that it will live on." The original incarnation of the magazine (first published in 1966) and the '90s-era, subscription-only version are included in the sale.

The first critically oriented rock-music publication, Crawdaddy's in-depth reporting earned Williams the "godfather of music journalism" nickname. During his original tenure with the magazine, Williams managed to appear on recordings by the Doors, the Beach Boys, and John Lennon. (Williams was in the room for Lennon's "Give Peace a Chance" recording.)

Wolfgang's Vault, which purchased the entire contents of late concert promoter Bill Graham's archive in 2003 for a reported \$5 to \$6 million. had intended to start its own

Williams, in poor health in recent years, will remain on staff as advisory editor. Plans are for Crawdaddy! to reemerge as a weekly online music magazine beginning in May. Past issues will be archived on the site, giving readers a chance to browse early articles by such writers as Richard Meltzer, Jon Landau, and Sandy Pearlman.

— Bart Mendoza

Tijuana Steel "We just did a metal show at Tilly's," says Sergio Carlos, who plays drums in San Diego's Parasitic and Tijuana's Armagedon. Carlos says TJ bars such as the Hard Rock Café, Sotano Rita, Box Underground, and the Voodoo House are increasingly hosting metal shows. No TJ bar regularly hosts live metal, but certain promoters rent out venues every other month or so and book both U.S. and Mexican metal bands.

"My band played El Foro [formerly the Jai Alai Palace] in October with Rata Blanca

from Argentina. It was the first time I know that El Foro ever had a metal show.'

Carlos, who lives in San Ysidro, recognizes the risk involved with taking band equipment into Mexico. So, he has a method to ensure he comes home with his kit.

"What vou do is on the way down you go into secondary [inspection] on the U.S. side. You get all your stuff itemized and registered, then you make a U-turn, get back in line, and then go into Mexico through the declaration line. You have everything registered, and they leave you alone." As far as shakedowns go, Carlos says, "I've never given them one penny. I told them, This shit is mine: it is not yours to keep.'" (Carlos

Carlos maintains that TJ cops are no more corrupt than American police.

speaks Spanish.)

"I just heard about the cop from El Cajon who would do chicks in the back seat. In Tijuana they do it differently. They get the money and then the money gets them [prostitutes]. Having money is what best works to their benefit.'

— Ken Leighton

Not Looking for Billions Creepy Creeps Rule No. 1: Taunt the crowd. While

wearing Creepy Creeps chic (mariachi outfits, caveman drag, or spacesuits), the band likes to get a rise out of its fans.

"We heckle them," says

Warshaw. "Every time we play, we explain that this is a dance party. Usually no one dances at the beginning of the show, but by the end everyone goes nuts.... Two of us were in the original [early-'90s] lineup of the Locust."

guitarist Dave "Creepture"

Creepy Creeps Rule No. 2: Don't touch the dancers. During the eight years they've been playing "creepy surf music,

is always some complete rookie who takes things the wrong way. The girls are there to encourage a dance party, not to go home with every drunk asshole who thinks they like them.'

Creepy Creeps Rule No. 3: Ignore the digital age.

"We only have vinyl records. If someone wants to buy our music at our shows, they have to go buy a record player.

RPM single]. They pressed 600; they got 300 and we split the other 300 with the Widows, who were on the flip side."

The British label Inka put out the Creeps' self-titled 12-inch album. "They put out a limited edition of 500 colored vinvl discs. Only 250 made it to the U.S.



alleviates the problem with downloading music. It keeps vinyl alive.'

Creepy Creeps Rule No. 4: Never go into debt.

"We don't owe anybody anything. If you want to help the band out by putting out our music, fine. Green Door Records and Skateboards helped us with our 7-inch [45 records, and then we call it a day. They don't owe us and we don't owe them. People fuck up by owing other people billions of dollars. We're not looking to have billions of

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Chambered, Ready...Hold Fire? EMI

Music is the London-based company that owns Capitol Records. Two months ago, after EMI chairman Alain Levy claimed that the CD format is dead, he was fired. A month later, as it was announced that Capitol would be merging with EMI sister company Virgin Records, Capitol president Andy Slater was fired and 13 positions in the Capitol and Virgin promotion departments were eliminated.

The Orange County band Saosin records for Capitol. In a recent L.A. Times feature on the band, the paper noted that "Many of the band's label team was let go in the wake of the Capitol merger." Saosin bassist Chris Sorenson was quoted: "The way the music industry is right now, things just aren't as abundant."

In a financial statement released last month, EMI projected that its recorddivision income will fall 15 percent this year following "an unprecedented level of market decline" due in part to "...an exceptionally high level of product returns [from stores]." Disappointing recent sales by Robbie Williams and a Beatles compilation were blamed.

Where does this leave Reeve Oliver, the local trio that was supposed to have its debut Capitol CD released in January? (Capitol announced in December that the CD's release would be delayed until June.)

Reeve Oliver manager Dan

Field did not respond to requests for comment. An employee of Capitol's A&R administration department says, "There have been a lot of changes, and we're not really sure what is going out still. We really don't know what is happening right now.

- Ken Leighton

Too Rude to **Document?** "Marc and his group of scary-looking punkrock friends [would] cruise the streets of downtown San Diego wearing armbands which read F.O.N.O., Friends of No One," recalls aspiring filmmaker Carl Schneider. He refers to punk artist Marc



RUDE BONDED WITH MISFITS Rude, who drew countless local-concert flyers and record covers for the Misfits, the Offspring, L.A. Guns, and Battalion of Saints (a local band Rude also managed).

Schneider is shooting a documentary about Rude, who died five years ago this week "from failed health and not a drug overdose as rumored," according to a statement by Schneider on his website. Schneider says he's spent over three years filming interviews with nearly a hundred of Rude's contemporaries.

Rude helped run Dead or Alive concert productions, which brought punk acts such



as Black Flag, the U.K. Subs, GBH, and the Subhumans to San Diego in the early '80s. "He was promoting the

shows, getting the halls, permits, dealing with cops, who would always try to shut them down," says Schneider. "As for the bands who played at these shows, he always redcarpeted them, giving them a place to stay at after the show. A cool example is when the Misfits came down, he had them stay at his house, served them spaghetti dinner, then partied with them afterwards. A year later, he did the cover of their Earth A.D. album.'

At least one local in on the city's early punk scene is dismissive of the unfinished documentary.

"It might be overblown," says Rude's onetime business partner, Clay Colgin. "I started Dead or Alive.... I pulled Marc Rude into it because we needed someone who had connections with groups in L.A. Marc was a promoter, he was a cool dude, and he was a nefarious asshole.... All of us have our good side and bad side, and Marc struggled with that. I don't know if that's enough to justify [a movie].'

Colgin notes that no documentary update has been posted online in over six

months. "It's been years [in production] but I don't know if the film is really happening or not.... I'm not a big fan of Carl's, he's been very uncommunicative.

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: HOUSE OF BLUES

Schneider has acknowledged in interviews that the last time he spoke with Rude was 1994, almost eight years before his death.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Shocked by Bad Tacos

"I moved to New York in 1999 and immediately was in shock by the fact that I couldn't find good Mexican food," says San Diego native and Pistolera front woman Sandra Velasquez. "How hard is it to make a good taco? That's when I realized how much Mexican people, food, and music were a part of me when it wasn't there anymore.'

Two years ago, the singing lefty guitarist Velasquez with cousin Ani Cordero on drums — formed Pistolera (Spanish for female gunslinger). The rocking neoranchera quartet includes Maria Elena on accordion and (sole male) Inca B. Satz on bass. New York City's top Spanish daily (El Diario) and the New Yorker have noted Pistolera's appearance on the scene. The band's debut

album, Siempre Hay Salida, released in November, is currently in the top five of CMJ's Latin Alt Chart.

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paperwork and escorting undocumented workers to the INS building to turn in their forms.... She was always on

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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USD High grad Velasquez fondly recalls seeing all-ages shows by Sonic Youth, Mudhoney, and Clikitat Ikatowi. She also played (keyboards, in locals Tripod Mac and the Wife), eventually earning a music degree at Cal Arts. Yet, she says it was her mom (immigration and human rights attorney and law professor Lilia Velasquez) who gave her bearings early

"At age 13 my mother put me to work in her law office...helping political asylum applicants fill out

latest on immigration. She would leave the country once a month to be part of a delegation of people that were investigating or reporting on human rights conditions in other countries....'

This Friday Pistolera performs at SD City College as part of a free day-late International Women's Day celebration.

— David Stampone

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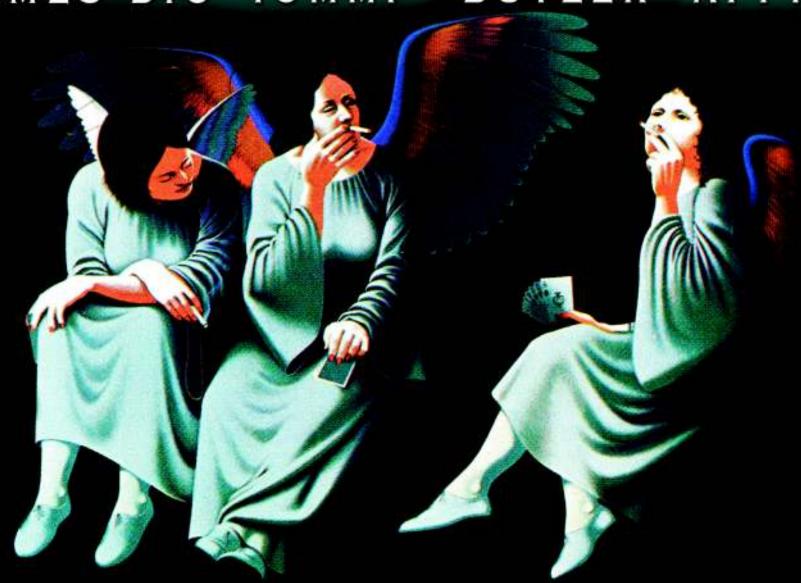








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an Diego singer/songwriter Danielle Lo Presti has written and recorded music for VH1, the Lifetime Network, Clear Channel, and the 1996 movie *The Nutty Professor*. In 2000 she went guerilla-style and founded her own indie label, Say It Records,

which has released three CDs from Danielle Lo Presti and the Masses: *Dear Mr. Penis Head, 22 Mountains,* and *Outloud.*

and signing the e-mail list."

'Burning Down the House.'

BEST GIG?

WORST GIG?

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Sometimes getting a decent mix, sometimes get-

ting folks to come to a gig in a new city, sometimes

getting folks to move beyond just enjoying the

show to the actions we love to see: buying CDs

"San Diego Indie Music Fest '04. Opening for

David Byrne was great — people were receptive, lined up to buy CDs — but they wouldn't

let us use the whole band because Byrne used all

of Humphrey's inputs but four, not just for his

band but for the nearly naked marching band

from San Francisco he had join him onstage for

"A 'Take Back the Night' gig at University of

Redlands that was so cold we couldn't feel our

hands or any other part of our bodies. The audience was so bundled you could hardly tell they were people. It was freezing, the sound sucked, and there was hardly anyone there. No, no...there's a much worse one: New Year's Eve

about five or so years ago in Santa Barbara, playing for a room full of trillionaires. Had never worked for this bandleader before, knew no one on the bandstand. He calls

'Respect' at midnight, Oprah comes out with Steadman, along with everyone else in the room, and it was a complete train wreck. Bass player didn't know the changes — to 'Respect,' one of the most overplayed covers in the history of man! Leader's trying to shout them across the stage to the guy, the rest of the band's trying to hang on, Oprah's a foot away from me in this teeny place, and all I can think is no matter what I do right now, nothing is going to keep me from being associated as part of this band that sounds like absolute poo-poo."



"I've sung for Steven Spielberg, Hilary Swank, Clint Eastwood, David Foster...then there's studying music theory with my (then) friend Eric Bishop, now Jamie Foxx, in college, and his very many brushes that made any real studying challenging."



Danielle Lo Prest

EARLIEST MEMORY?

"Dancing with my mom to Stevie Wonder and Barry White in the living room of our little house in Clairemont."

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Robert Randolph: House of Blues, Saturday, March 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Razorlight: The Casbah, Saturday March 10, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

SUNDAY

Willy Porter:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, March 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Patty Griffin: 4th & B, Sunday, March 11, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-

MONDAY

Richard Thompson: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, March 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481

TUESDAY

My Chemical Romance: ipayOne Center, Tuesday, March 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

WEDNESDAY

EPMD: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

Eric Clapton and Robert Cray: ipayOne Center, Thursday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-

Alejandra Guzman: Pala Events Center, Thursday, March 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 15, 143 South Cedros

Enanitos Verdes: House of Blues. Gaslamp, 619-299-2583.

Dave Stamey:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday March 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Clipse: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140,

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.

Kris Delmhorst:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Wednesday, March 21, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Kenny Wayne Shepherd: Viejas Thursday, March 22, 5000 Willows Road. Alpine. 619-445-5400

Killswitch Engage: Soma, Friday, March 23, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

The Whispers: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, March 23, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Rod Stewart: Cox Arena, Saturday, March 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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Earth, Wind, and Fire: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, March 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Pierre Bensusan:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Monday, March 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Boney James: Spreckels Theatre, Wednesday, March 28, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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

Aterciopelados: 'Canes, Wednesday March 28, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Lily Allen: House of Blues, Friday, March 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583

Unwritten Law: 4th & B, Friday, March 30, 345 B Street, San Diego

Sevendust: House of Blues, Saturday, March 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp

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De La Soul: 'Canes, Friday, April 6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Geoff Muldaur:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, April 7, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

April 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583

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Relient K: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583

Toots & the Maytals: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 12, and Friday, April 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Fu Manchu: The Casbah, Friday, April 13, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Dieg

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Montgomery Gentry: Viejas Casino 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

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Ricky Martin: ipayOne Center, Sunday, April 22, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

ZZ Top: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, April 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

Brian McKnight: Spreckels Theatre, Wednesday, April 25, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Sean Lennon: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Stephen Marley: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. Mute Math: House of Blues Thursday, April 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

Gaslamp, 619-299-2583. Arcade Fire: Spreckels Theatre,

Thursday, April 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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.

Fall Out Boy and +44: Coor Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

ZZ Top: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, April 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Regina Spektor: House of Blues, Sunday, April 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ghostface Killah: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

MAY

Damien Rice: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, May 1, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Melissa Ferrick: The Casbah, Thursday, May 3, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355

Richard Marx: Vieias Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May



BY DAVE GOOD

The Nice Boys, as a name for a hard-kicking rock band, fails the test. They have clearly spent long hours perfecting that '60s/'70s grainy image and sound, right down to the stage equipment, the big hair, and the fashions. But as children of the '60s, we made decisions on whether or not to buy an album based on trivialities like the coolness of the band's name, the coolness of the cover art. and whether or not the album would make you cooler by owning it. Schoolyard alliances were formed based on such choices as the Shadows of the Night, the Stones, the Who, the Seeds, the Standells, the Music Machine, the Small Faces, the Sonics, the Doors, the Animals. You'd risk getting punked or even beat up saving you listened to a band with a name like the Nice Boys.

But if you can get past that name, the band is a hoot. The Nice Boys listening experience is like unwrapping a bunch of musical presents from the past. Every song on their eponymous CD is a smiler, from the nostalgic impact of riffs not heard in years to the sizzle and grind in their performances.

The Nice Boys were born of hard luck: In 2003, Portland, Oregon, guitarist Terry Six was riding in a

van with his bandmates from the Exploding Hearts. By most accounts, the Hearts were a promising band with a punk-flavored sound. The van flipped, killing all of the band members but Six. Almost one year later, after an extended period of recovery, he returned to music with the Nice Boys, rounding off the punk edges of his former band and replacing it with a blend of power pop, a muscle-bound



adulation of garage rock, and an assumed attitude. "You know nice boys don't play rock and roll," goes the old Rose Tattoo song (and possible inspiration for the name). "Nice boys don't play rock and roll / I'm not a nice boy, and I never was.

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Tish Hinojosa:

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Chayanne: ipayOne Center, Saturday, May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Charlie Daniels Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, June 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580

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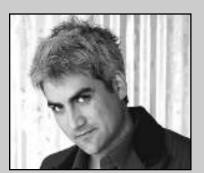
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Brass Rail: Fridays, *Element*, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DJ Ciel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

The C Lounge: Sundays, *Liquid*, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass with residents Calculon, Knottyboy, Frizz, and more. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown.

Club Montage: Wednesdays, Club Thizz, hip-hop, reggae, and drum 'n' bass. Sundays, first floor, Klub Retro, nu wave, synth-pop, and new romantic; second floor, Underworld, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 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, Mixtage 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 Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Second Saturday of the month, classic and underground



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Pity Yale University. A couple of years ago, one alumnus lost a presidential election he should have won, while his victorious opponent — also a Yalie — is now commonly and credibly derided as the worst to ever hold the office. Its famous a cappella singing group, the Baker's Dozen, was recently involved in a violent altercation in San Francisco. Then there's the decline of *The Gilmore Girls*, just as Rory is about to graduate.

Someone had better alert Yale's longsuffering public relations office to alum **Hrishikesh Hirway**, who performs as One AM Radio. One of his songs made it into a recent TV commercial for Pontiac, and his new album, *This Too Will Pass,* is a work of beauty.

It's also very sad. Hirway tours with a band, but *This Too Will Pass* is the product of one guy with a mellow voice and a broken heart, an acoustic guitar, a few other instruments, and some computer homerecording software. Hirway worked on it while surfing friends' couches in between relationships and family dramas. It was made in a state of isolation, it's about states of isolation, and it's

meant to be listened to in states of isolation. "The Echoing Airports," easily the most upbeat song on the album, begins, "I go to airports/ Wait by the gate for arriving flights/ I go to airports/ to watch the lovers reunite." But before long, Hirway is going there "to remember all the mistakes we made."

ONE AM RADIO

Yale staffers may have a hard time twisting that line into positive PR, but they should give it the old college try. One AM Radio gives them something to be proud of.

ONE AM RADIO, Ché Café, Monday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. 858-271-4000. \$6.

hip-hop, funk, and breaks with DJs Frantik, Thumbprint, and Pnutz. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe: Saturdays, Candy Shop Young Adult Nightclub, DJ'd hip-hop, R&B, dirty South, and live music. 8 p.m. 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-469-4113.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 9 p.m. to

1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Jack's Lounge: Fridays, Injoy 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.

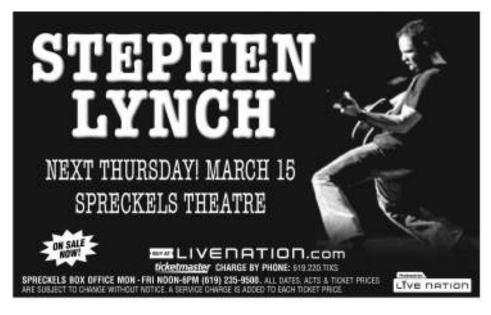
The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Lowdown*, metal to old skool to classic rock to hip-hop with DJs Buddha and

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, Manho 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.



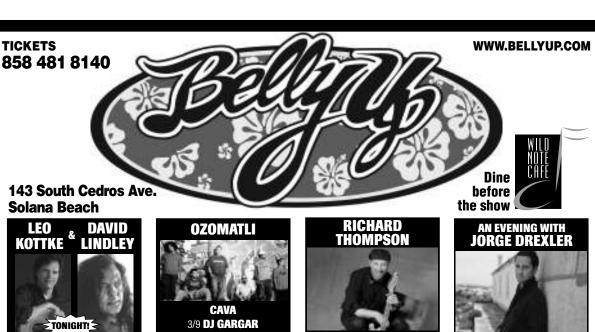
























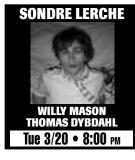


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Riley's Sports Bar: First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic, and industrial. 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

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. Third Saturday of the month, Club de Sade, gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep. 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.

South Park Bar & Grill: Fridays, disco, funk, and electro with DJs Riddles and Rudy Palos. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696—0096.

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.

CLUBS BY AREA

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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, the Stone Senses, reggae/rock. Saturday, Diego's Umbrella, acoustic/Latin.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live blues/jazz/reggae nightly.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Ovals of Cassini, the Micromaniacs, and the Midwinters. Friday, Hed Pe, Mower, Unset, and One Theory. Saturday, Damage, Inc. and Monsters of Rock. Wednesday, Etched in Stone, Every Thirteen Days, and Medius.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, 8 p.m., Fifty on Their Heels, the Muslims, the Sundelles, and Zerox. Sunday, Behind Enemy Lines, Born/Dead, Doomsday Hour, and Bumbklaat. Monday, 7:30 p.m., the One AM Radio, the Red River, and Daysleeper.

Clay's, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Live jazz.

Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 4 p.m. to



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Album: Contrary to Popular Belief (2006)

Artist: The West Indies

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Songs: 1) Intro 2) Wake and Arise 3) Whoopsst! Whoopsst!

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Band: Defcon 5 (MC), Doug Masters (MC), Adamnt (DJ) **Website:** http://www.westindieshiphop.com

Extra info: The West Indies are scheduled to play Dream Street in Ocean Beach on March 18.

The MC work is a little better than standard. Their voices are relaxed even at

a lightning pace. The lyrics are typical for street-cred-worthy hip-hop: calling out other hip-hop artists, abstract poetry, and a dash of corporate mistrust. Occasionally there's a clever turn of phrase, such as in "Whoopsst! Whoopst!" The title and lyric are the spelling of the noise made by someone describing a fight; the "whoopsst!" is a rushing of breath that mimics the sound of a punch landing. If you've heard someone describe a scuffle, you can imagine the accompanying hand gestures to go along with the sound effect. To include it in a song about fighting is brilliant.

While the vocals and writing are above average, the DJing is remarkable. In a bold move, they've included instrumentals on the album that display a lot of talent from Adamnt. The scratching, track selection, and mixing of old



The West Indies

movie lines and commercials are all excellent.

This is raw, traditional hip-hop: no singing, scratch heavy. If you're a fan of Cut Chemist, Jurrasic 5, or Blackalicious, you should find a live show or get a CD.

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6:30 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, Drevin, hard rock. Friday, the Triumphant, the Return of Rockford, Dirty Madame, Shine Tribe, and Sendra, alternative rock. Saturday, Higher Minds, Trayler, Jesse Plack, and Angela Neve, hiphop/rock/acoustic. Wednesday, Right Above the Platypus.

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., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Melissa Vaughan*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Alyssa*

Jacey. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Steve Ybarra, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Julie Mack.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, Skelpin, Irish folk. Saturday, 10 p.m., the Bank in Black, rockabilly. Wednesday, the Clachan Brothers, Irish folk.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Ripper*. Friday, *Ronnie Nash and Gene'o*, rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues/rock. Sunday, the Blues Brokers, blues jam.

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, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Will Faeber*, *Greg Pardue*, and *Gary Peek*, smooth jazz.

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.

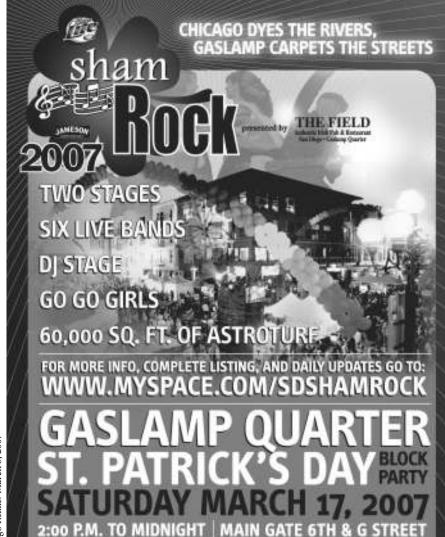
Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

Ortega's Tamaleria, 4993 Niagra Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

Pacific Beach Bar and Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, live reggae.

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.



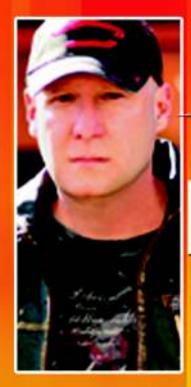
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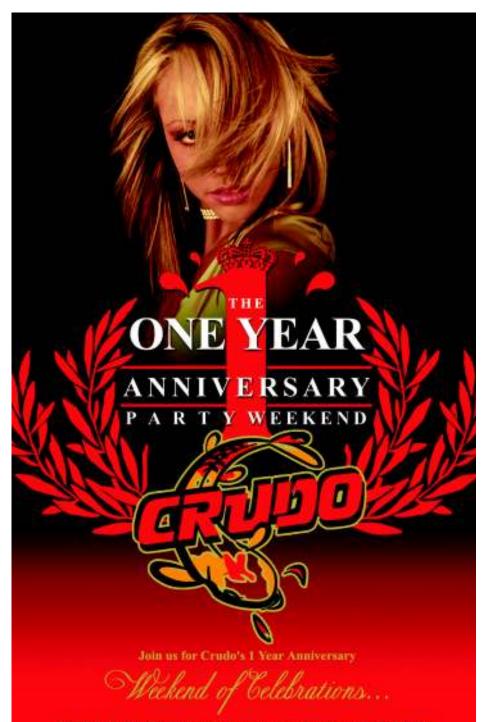


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People's Food, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 6 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

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.

Tapenade Restaurant, 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-551-7500. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Greg Pardue and Forecast*, jazz.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/R&B.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, the Nards, rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Red Channel Revue, 9 p.m., the Stoney Dudes, rock. Wednesday, Guitar Jones.

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.

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.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, the LeperKhanz and Suffer the Heat, punk. Friday, Delta Nove, Agave, and the Mayan Kings, funk/rock/Latin. Saturday, Divided by Zero, Unset, Split Finger, and the Big Dame Hunters, rock. Monday, Mitch Budd, rock. Wednesday, Lojic, Animal Style, the Flux Theory, and Four Kings, reggae/rock/hip-hop.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Afro*

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Omega, dub/rock/alternative, and Tap Water, rock. Friday, DPI, the Gizzards, the Stitches, and Broken Bottles. Saturday, call club for information. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock.
Tuesday, Apoc, the Green Brothers, and Brendan B., hip-hop. Wednesday, the Ska-talites and Better Chemistry, ska/reggae.

DOWNTOWN

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*,

Borders Books and Music

(Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., Terry Matsuoka. Saturday, 8 p.m., Tim Dismane. folk/rock.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Brave Monster, Sweetness, the China Clippers, and Autotonic. Friday, Big Business, Earthless, the Long and Short of It, the Portals, and Get Your Death On. Saturday, Razorlight and Mohair. Sunday, Diplo and Bonde Do Role. Monday, Do Make Say Think and the Berg Sans Nipple. Tuesday, 400 Blows, Qui, and Triclops.

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, Fuzzy and the Bluesmen. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, Sue Palmer.

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. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Scott Carter Duo. Friday, 8 p.m., Blue Rockit. Saturday, 8 p.m., Cousin Bud. Sunday, the Disco Pimps. Tuesday, Dregs of Sada. Wednesday, Private Domain, unplugged.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m.,

Paul Seaforth, Peter Sprague, Bob Magnusson, and Duncan Moore, jazz. Sunday, Ian Tordella and His Quartet, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, *Patty Griffin*, folk/rock/alternative. Sunday, *the Stepping Feet*, Dave Matthews tribute band.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, Groove Sessions. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, Anberlin, Bayside, Meg and Dia, and Jonezetta, rock/pop rock/indie. Saturday, Robert Randolph and the Family Band and Ryan Shaw, rock/soul. Wednesday, the Expendables, the Dirty Heads, and Dog Boy, rock/hip-hop.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., live disco/pop/dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., to 11 p.m., to 11 p.m., to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Thursday, live band.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Shelle Blues. Friday, Soul Diego. Saturday, Family Style. Sunday, Chet Cannon. Monday, Blue Largo. Tuesday and Wednesday, the Bayou Brothers.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano. 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, *Primo*, salsa/Latin. Tuesday, *Piece by Peace*, jazz.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Live contemporary/jazz/standards.

SAN DIEGO

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Sunday, *Willie Porter*, acoustic.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

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, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Monday, *Pat and Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Paul Brown*, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., *Kim DiVine*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is heavy rock/metal/punk/rockabilly. Thursday, Hitman, Johnny Blaze, 3rd Degree, E.O.S., and Tech. Friday, Needle Mouth, Lesson in Pain, Audkik, and Shallow Point.
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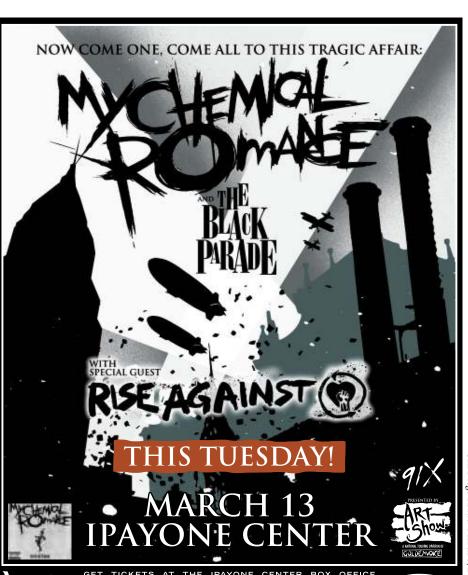


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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Rick Lyon, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

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The Lafavette Hotel, 2223 El Caion Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-2101. L Bar and Grill: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz saxophone. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Elevators, blues/soul/rock

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Josh Wright, and Tara Jo Oliver.

North Park Vaudeville Theatre 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. 619-647-4958 Friday, 8 p.m., the Here, garage rock/pop

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-276-5637. Friday, 8 p.m., Roses on Her Grave, Flight to Athena, Mother Grundy, and Socketseven, rock/alternative/blues. Saturday, 9 p.m., Canobliss, One Inch Punch, Vindaloo metal/alternative/rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., Dave Gilbert and Sonny Derin, acoustic/blues. Monday, 8 p.m., Mystery Train, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Sickpills, Autotonic Butterface and Limousine. rock/new wave/punk. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Iade Fox, alternative/blues/rock,

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Aver Normal Heights, 619-284-6594, Friday, Sara Petite, folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish iam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., Night Shift, classic rock.

The Prado Restaurant, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle

Prego Ristorante, 1370 Frazee Road (Hazard Center), Mission Valley. 619-294-4700, Monday, the Jaime Valle/Rob Thorsen Jazz Duo.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, the Ed Repisi Duo. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., Shawline

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego, 619-531-8887, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz/Latin

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Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Saturday, Side Jobz, classic rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park 619-542-1462. Friday and Saturday, live usic. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Jazz Rand

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Saturday, Skull Kontrol, the Prayers, and Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La

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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,

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022 Thursday, 8 p.m., Leo Kottke and David Lindley. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., Ozomatli, Latin/hip-hop/rock. Monday, 8 p.m., Richard Thompson and Eliza Gilkyson. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Jorge Drexler and Gregory Page. Wednesday, 9 p.m., EPMD and People Under the Stairs, hiphop.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hiphop. 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, 8 p.m., Blue Largo, jazz/blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., Jennifer Cunningham, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., Derrick Boess, folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., Winterhawk, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Donnis Trio, acoustic.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, Nite Hawk, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, Streetheart, classic rock. Tuesday, Mike

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Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-489-4800, Friday Big Rig Deluxe, country. Saturday, Mellisa and the Monkey Bites, folk.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Z-Bop, jazz.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday, 5 Miles High, rock. Saturday, Shockwave 4,

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill, 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-436-3162, Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Flounders, beach rock.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Friday, Poison Cuts, the Pullouts, Chaz, and the Zombie Boys. Saturday, Fairfield Fats, Kaura, the Blevies, Negative Filter, and Sasquatch. Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Iatea Kid, the Carcinogenics, Hat Trick, and Grandma Fingers, 7:30 p.m., Hemlock, My Ruin, Discord, Under the Stone, Audkik, and Brick Bath. Wednesday, live bands

Le Papaguyo, 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-944-8252. Friday, 9 p.m., Louisa West and Jimmy Patton

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Mike Gardner, acoustic rock/folk

McCabe's Beach Club. 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439 6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Rangers, country

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, Flashback, rock. Saturday, Empire State and the Atoms, hard rock.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, Trunk Monkey, rock. Saturday, Help, Beatles tribute band. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to p.m., the Cradit Union, swing. Wednesday, open mike, blues.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., the Fourth Wall, alternative rock/funk/blues.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach, 858-755-9474, Friday, Mellisa and the Monkey Bites, folk Saturday, Giant Peach, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., 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.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, Stage 4 or Mikan and Friends,

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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

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Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday and Saturday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Fall Guys. Friday, Harmony Road. Saturday, Mystique, jazz/R&B. Sunday, Tommy Price. Monday, Taylor Harvey. Tuesday, David Houser. Wednesday, 4-Way Street.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., Hargo, contemporary folk. Saturday, Ricky Ruiz,

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway. Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Zone 4, classic

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Joey and the Stingrays, classic rock/oldies, country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Hustle Mania*, hip-hop. Saturday, Fuzz Huzzi, Sidekick Lounge, and One Thread, rock.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jenning turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *the Sundance Band*,

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One Theory: 'Canes

The Pillars of Autumn: Soma

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The Portals: The Casbah

The Pullouts: The Jumping Turtle

Bayside: House of Blues

The Big Dame Hunters: 710 Beach

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The Sword: Brick By Brick

3rd Degree: Brick By Brick

Tragedy and Triumph: Soma

The Triumphant: Dreamstreet

Under the Stone: The Jumping

Yearlong Disaster: Brick By Brick

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ROCK

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Agave: 710 Beach Club

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The Atoms: Molly Malone's

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Danava: Tower Bar The Disco Pimps: Dick's Last Resort

Divided by Zero: 710 Beach Club

Dog Boy: House of Blues

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Dregs of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Drevin: Dreamstreet

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Empire State: Molly Malone's

The Exit Theory: Chasers Cocktails The Expendables: House of Blues

Fairfield Fats: The Jumping Turtle

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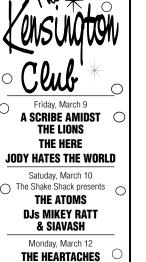
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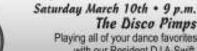
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LONG HAIR AFFAIR

by Josh Board

thought winter would be the perfect time to write about the "Summer of Love." That was the theme of a party that Pat and Gene hosted to celebrate their 40 years of marriage. They got married in 1966, before Gene was shipped off to Vietnam. (Talk about a honeymoon!)

The anniversary party was in La Mesa at a VFW hall. In the parking lot, people compared outfits. Some of the friends didn't recognize each other in their wigs and hippie attire. I overheard several people say, "Oh, it's you!" As I watched people getting out of their cars, I realized that not everyone was dressed in '60s outfits and that several people wore rock Tshirts as their costume — the Stones, Pink Floyd, The Who, Led Zeppelin. One guy painted a peace symbol on his T-shirt, which made the cannon in front of the building seem odd.

I met a guy in a suit and tie who looked like Al Gore. My date said, "I think he's 'the man." He was standing near the bathrooms at the entrance, and

we asked him if he was "the man." He smiled and said, "I'm over 30. And, so, you can't trust me." Someone with tie-dye pants walked by him and said, "You commie pig!"

The inside of the hall was decorated in the '60s theme. There were peace flags near the this '60s theme party; the guy who painted his body is in the middle; Bottom right: This guy had both sides of himself painted

quests drenched in patchouli oil. Some couples wore Mardi

Gras beads or outfits that appeared more "disco" than

"I still have the belly and swollen feet I had back then."

stage and tie-dye sheets hung on the walls. The tables had tiedye tablecloths with incense burning on each. The aroma filled the room and enhanced the '60s vibe, as did the several "hippie."

Other outfits, however, were impressive. One guy dressed in white was the image of Timothy Leary.

While searching for the

that it was Gene on guitar. They started to play the intro of a Country Joe and the Fish song, which I recognized as the one Country Joe played at Woodstock saying, "Give me an f," but instead of spelling "fish," they spell another f-word. Of course, with children present, Gene and his band didn't spell

Ballad Mongers, and I noticed

As Pat entered the hall, the band started playing an instrumental. She held a bouquet of about a hundred flowers and walked through the room tossing them to the crowd.

When all of the flowers were thrown, we sat to watch the band, but I couldn't help checking out the people coming in because their outfits were interesting. One guy wasn't wearing a shirt and had painted his body. He had an American flag on his chest and on his back, the message "Make Love, Not War."

A woman at a nearby table had a sign on her back that read, "61, 63, 65, 67, 69, and counting." The people around our

food, we came across a commotion near the bathroom. I thought someone had smuggled in pot but discovered that two women were locked in the ladies room. A crowd was trying to figure out how to get them out. Not being a locksmith, I continued toward the grub. At the food tables I commented that the brownies looked like they had pot in them. A woman walked by and said, "No, it's spinach. Someone did that to be funny."

A band took the stage, the



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table spent 20 minutes trying to figure out what that meant. It was an IQ test that our group was failing. "They are odd numbers starting at 61, and they skip a number. It should be simple enough to figure out," I offered. In the end, I went over and asked her what they meant. "Oh, well, this was my maternity dress in the '60s. Those are the years I had my children. I still have the belly and swollen feet I had back then."

A few people rolled fake over-sized joints that they were carrying around. I tried to talk to one guy who was holding a joint, but we were standing next to someone who kept yelling song titles to the band. Along with the '60s tunes, the band played Elvis Costello's "Peace, Love, and Understanding," which is not a '60s song, but still a great

The married couple got up to speak, but I was near the back of the hall and

couldn't hear everything that was being said. At one point, everyone laughed, and I asked a person next to me what was said. "She said that their marriage has lasted 40 years because of a lot of pot and a lot of sex."

A guy walked through the door wearing tight yellow pants and a white shirt. The guy I was talking with said, "Is he going to a '70s party or a '60s party?"

I decided to move

closer to the stage to hear what the couple was saying about their life together. They spoke of camping trips they took together and skits they put on, some of which they would perform later in the evening. As Pat was telling her stories, Gene played guitar accompaniment for her.

I saw a guy wearing blue jeans that had white blotches around them. I asked him if he made them. "Yeah. My sister used to make these all the time. I just tried to remember how she did it."

I saw a guy who resembled Richard Dreyfuss. He was wearing a Who T-shirt with a vest over it and a bandana on his head. I began to wonder how many of these people were wearing clothes that they have in their closets...not costumes.

As my date and I made

our escape before the family talent show, we stopped by the ladies room to see if the two women had found a way out. We didn't hear any screaming or pounding, so we assumed they did. ■

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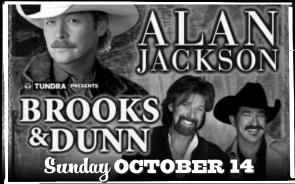












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The Road to Oz

What's huge, loud, strange — and smart enough to catch the eye of every passerby? American travelers gravitate to Australians the world around, but do all those street-strollers giving Bondi the eye even realize that it's an Aussie restaurant?

On a warm Saturday afternoon, one of the sidewalk patio tables was occupied by a middle-aged couple taking their two pet chinchillas out for lunch in a red canvas stroller. A service window from one of the bars opens out to provide drinks to the patio-sitters — and it caught as many double takes as the silky little rodents. Behind the patio, a long, tall, tinted window running nearly the length of the restaurant lets diners watch the street while the street gets a peek at the interior. Once the weather warms up, the whole front will be open, to create one huge, merry, open-air restaurant-bar.

The decor combines natural and high-tech elements, a pretty fair visual signifier of presentday Sydney. Two large bars, each sporting multicolored taps spouting Aussie craft beers, face each other at opposite ends of a long, semidivided room. (There's a third bar in there, too.) The south bar sports wavy, hanging red-andwhite tubes (I think they're lamps) that vaguely resemble sea anemone tentacles. A couple of semiprivate dining rooms are set off by silvery sculptures depicting baobab trees. Streaky hardwood and bluestone make up the floors, the tables are wood and unclothed, and near the front are cable-hung "pods" made of giant rattan Aboriginal-style fish traps, with small benches, low cocktail tables, and hanging globe lamps — to be grounded as needed or lifted to the ceiling to provide more floor space as the bar scene heats up. Small lighted screens display ever-changing blackand-white photos of rural Australia, providing most of the illumination in the larger dining room in back. If you're seated close to the glassed-in kitchen, you may actually have enough light to read your menu.

A call from Sheila, the flying nurse from Oz, prompted a gathering of the posse. After months of trade previews and "rehearsals" as a private dining venue, Bondi (pronounced Bond-eye, like Sydney's famous beach) had finally opened to the public, seven months post-due. Cheryl, Sam, and I joined her for lunch. We'd been waiting eagerly. Australia has become one of the world's



REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

great centers of avant-garde cuisine, where French, Asian, and native ingredients mingle creatively on the plate. The chef, Christopher Behre, had worked at one of those futuristic restaurants, and I was hoping that Bondi would be a local outpost of that movement.

"Nao, it's not like that," said Sheila, in her crisp-nasal Down Under accent, looking over the lunch menu. "This is more like

our regular upscale pub food." That is, the menu reads like Cal cuisine, except that the trout is Tasmanian, there's barramundi in the seafood pot stickers and wattle seeds in the desserts — and you may need your own Sheila to translate your waiter's heavy Southern (Pacific) accent.

We started with raw Pacific oysters. New Zealand's oyster season had just ended, so these were magnificent Hood Creeks from Washington State, with a mouth-filling creaminess. "They taste almost like Kumamotos, but much bigger," said Sam. Neither of the accompanying sauces was worth applying. A golden chive-and-ginger sauce needed more ginger and more depth (e.g., a bit of soy), while a heavy smoked tomato may-

onnaise was interesting but wrong in the context. (It goes better with fried food.) Sheila ordered Jantz Brut, Australian champagne, for the oyster course, and it was a perfect pairing. All the Aussie wines we tried that afternoon were worthwhile.

Got a new wine country to explore

"If you want to taste Australian food, you must try bush dukkah," said Sheila. It's a spread

of ground nuts, sesame, and Middle Eastern seasonings — "from when Egypt brought the camels to Australia," the waiter cryptically explained. (Actually, they were Afghans building a railroad across the central desert.) Sharing the plate were olive and almond tapenade, extra-virgin olive oil, and grilled ciabatta bread. You dip the bread in olive oil and sprinkle on the dukkah seasoning mix. The spices were subtle, dominated by lyrical Australian river salt — the same one mentioned (in the comparative salt tasting printed here several months ago) as "the Nicole Kidman of salt." The tapenade, too, was tasty and enjoyable, if not so exotic.

And of course no voyage to Oz would be com-

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PICK HITS: Pacific oysters on the half-shell; beef pies; tempura prawns; barramundi and shrimp pot stickers; grilled Tasmanian ocean trout; macadamia and apple "pie"; cheese plate.

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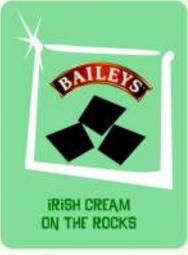
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plete without a taste of "Beef party pies with tomato sauce." A portion brings two small meat turnovers in a thin, crisp crust, with a savory, beefy-tasting filling. (The beef used here is from Aussie grass-fed, hormone-free cattle.) "These are perfect, the real thing," said Sheila. As for that "tomato sauce," it's Australia's version of ketchup, and at Bondi there's a bottle on every table. But it's not at all like American ketchup, but lighter, sweeter, with much less vinegar — rather a treat. "Last time I went back to my home town, Adelaide," said Sheila, "I'd been in the States for so long I'd forgotten the lingo. I or-









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dered a pizza with tomato sauce, and they gave me a funny look but went ahead and brought me a pizza covered with this stuff. Yick!

Pot stickers filled with a gentle-tasting paste of shrimp and barramundi were cooked tender with crisped edges. The oysters' mild chive-ginger sauce reappeared, still craving soy. Until then, grazing at Bondi was rewarding, but when we didn't specify the doneness on the mini-lamb cutlets, the default proved wretchedly well done. The small rib chops were served with a likable "chutney" of diced apples, dates, and mints, but the meat was desiccated. "Tastes like something my mom used to cook," said Sheila dourly.

Since we still had wine in our glasses, we ordered the Australian cheese plate with fruit bread, almonds, and sliced pear. Good move: The Seal Bay triple-creme Aussie Brie is luscious, a Gruyère impersonator is fine — and the velvety Roaring Forties blue cheese is spectacular, closer to a worldclass Gorgonzola than to an ordinary bleu.

Returning for dinner (with Sheila's well-traveled neighbor Kent subbing for Cheryl), it was Rugby Night at Petco, and in Oz. One bar was occupied by a mob of young males — chanting, shouting, jumping up and down. The other, coeducational, was equally thronged. "Is this...?" I asked Sheila. "Yes, quite." Of course, we couldn't hear each other, but yes, we were undergoing an authentic Australian pub experience, recreated by a combination of Aussies and rugby-lovin' locals. The evening's diners ranged from large extended families with tots crawling on the floor to senior couples, but the bulk were males with 'tude and backward ball caps. Of course, not every night is Rugby Night.

The grazing continued. A salad of spanner crab (from an Australian species) offers loose, sweet crabmeat with cress, mint, candied ginger, and long thin slices of papaya clothed in a lemon-myrtle aioli dressing. This is not the bitter-flavored myrtle of the Mediterranean, but citrus, with a flavor like lemongrass. It contributed to a

light, pleasing dish. Tempura tiger prawns are not exactly "tempura," since the coating is minimal and not puffed-up like true tempura batter. The meat is naturally sweet, and alongside are pea shoots, mashed avocado, and the smoked tomato mayo (better here than with oysters), all adding up to an amusing Asian-Aussie-Mex flavor combo.

"I had a suspicion," said Sheila, when our main courses arrived, "this place would be better for appetizers than entrées." She was eyeing a large char-grilled rack of lamb, where the char was not only on the grill but all over the lamb. Every surface of the three double-rib chops was black. "Tastes like they used an old, dirty Weber," said Kent, "which is strange because it's a brandnew restaurant with new equipment." Under the soot, the meat was medium-rare as ordered, and we did like the sweet-potato cake that came with it. In the future, the chef promises, the charring will be less overwhelming.

Our best entrée featured grilled Tasmanian ocean trout fillet, its coral flesh resembling a delicate salmon. It was cooked just tender, and we liked its roasted potato salad, frizzle of leeks, and the minimal sauce of parsley and roast tomatoes. The accompanying asparagus was flavorless, though, like end-ofseason crop — odd, because the local season had just begun. Maybe they were Chile's (or Australia's) tag ends.

Barramundi, an Australian sea-bass species, is a fine fish when well treated. Sorry to say, here it was not. It was cooked until dry throughout and (with no menu warning) dusted with hot cayenne. The accompanying corn fritters and corn salsa were spicy, too, leaving only a spinach-like pile of soft-cooked arugula for relief.

Paperbark smoked pork chop: date stuffed with munthari berry and rosemary sauce" sounded intriguing. While subsequently searching Google for information about the ingredients, I found a nearidentical recipe, "Pork Fillet Smoked in Paperbark with Munthari Compote," on the website of a major Australian

food exporter carrying these very products (www.cherikoff.net). In fact, Bondi's chef and Vic Cherikoff, the exporter-chef, once collaborated on a dinner. and this is an adaptation of the result. Paperbark is the Australian melaleuca tree, best known as the source of tea tree oil. The Aborigines had many uses for its soft, papery bark, including wrapping food for cooking — much like parchment paper. Here, the chef sets the pork in a wok and sets fire to the bark wrapping, then cooks it covered, like Chinese teasmoked duck.

We ordered our pork medium-rare ("rosy"), and it arrived medium-well. It was a thick chop, didn't taste especially smoky, and we couldn't find the date stuffing in the dark. It did have a light sauce of the tangy berries. Alongside was a fresh blend of artichoke leaves and mashed potatoes, and a fiery orange colloid that we finally identified as carrot purée spiked with cayenne.

The Pavlova is the national dessert of Australia, invented in honor of Russian prima ballerina Anna Pavlova when she toured that country dancing her signature piece "The Dying Swan." It's supposed to be a baked meringue shell shaped like a swan's body, with a hollow center holding seasonal fresh fruits and whipped cream. Sheila was quite distressed at Bondi's Wattle Seed Pavlova: It wasn't hollow but a solid hunk of meringue with some soft, sweet stuff at the center (perhaps just unset meringue), a separate scoop of praline cream (whipped cream with finely minced toasted nuts), and another pile of assorted fresh berries. It wasn't a deconstructed version, but an unconstructed one. "When you eat it together, it tastes like a Pavlova," Sheila said, "but it's not a Pavlova when it's all in pieces like this. I want the chef to put it together for me in the proper proportions, I don't want a do-it-yourself kit." (It is, the chef told me later, easier for the staff to plate this way, given the huge numbers of dinners they're plating every night.) Wattle seed, by the way, consists of deeply toasted, fineground seeds of the native

wattle plant, whatever that may be, and supposedly tastes like a combination of coffee, hazelnuts, and cocoa. (The owner of the food-export business cited earlier claims credit for its invention in this form.) I can't say I perceived all these flavor subtleties — the meringue tasted like meringue.

Other than Pavlova, most desserts are outsourced to a contractor who makes them following the chef's recipes. Charming and unpretentious, if a bit mislabeled, the macadamia and apple "pie" wasn't a pie but a light, warm pudding topped with cooked apple slices and accompanied by a scoop of cinnamon-andvanilla ice cream.

Wild lime brulée was served cold, its bruléeing evidently completed long before. It tasted like melted chewing gum, but the accompanying lychee sorbet was lively. And a small double-chocolate ganache tart with bittersweet chocolate syrup was intense. Warm, poached pear slices suited it elegantly. Its accompanying "wattle seed cream" was dense and heavy - wattle seeds, the chef told me later, are themselves a thickening agent, like cornstarch. Alas, the weighty texture cloaked the flavor of the

still-mysterious seeds. This review does come early (although several web reviewers were earlier), so some aspects of the restaurant are still in their primitive stages. Service is friendly but can be discombobulated, and waitstaff can't answer every question about the food. Plating can be ungainly — we had to spin the pork chop to make the cuttable side available to a right-handed knife. For a week, there were problems getting through on the main telephone number. The restaurant is going to make a bundle anyway, just because it's the right party place in the right party-hearty location. And given the vibes, the food is the right stuff, too. Graze, nibble, sip, or gulp, just don't get too earnest about it. It's Oz, man.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Australian-born Christopher Behre is from Sydney. "Twenty vears ago, at 16, I decided I didn't want to go to school anymore. I was working in a restaurant as a dishwasher, and then worked as a waiter, but I noticed that the chefs were paid more money and generally had a much better time, and I decided that's what I wanted to do. Working in the kitchen, we'd spend all day at the beach and come in at three in the afternoon...

"I worked in kitchens for about three years, and then I went to culinary school in New Zealand, where my family's from, which at the time was developing a new culinary program for the Southern Hemisphere. Prior to that, all the culinary-education programs were based on the ones in London — which didn't really relate to food in the Southern Hemisphere. On Christmas Day in Sydney it's 40 degrees [centigrade, over 90 degrees Fahrenheit], and you're down at the beach having a barbecue, so the glazed ham and the roast turkey don't really work. After that program, I went back to Australia and worked my way from apprentice upward."

In 1995, he went to work (for three years) as executive sous-chef for the renowned Tetsuya Wakuda, a founding father of Australia's avantgarde fusion cuisine. "Then I went to Shanghai and worked in a hotel over there," he recalls. "Came back to Sydney in 2000 for the Olympics and opened up the W Hotel. Tetsuya approached me again he was, in conjunction with the chairman of Millennium Hotels, opening up a restaurant in London, and he convinced me, and I opened up his restaurant in London. Then I became corporate development chef Millennium Hotels worldwide, and that's how I came to the States — opening restaurants for them in New York and L.A. Then I pulled out from the group and opened Cinch Restaurant in Santa Monica and ran it for three years. That's how I met the guys behind Bondi, who've all had extensive experience in the hospitality industry in Australia, although this is their first international venture."

The physical construction

of Bondi was as costly as it looks, "but it was a good investment, because this Bondi is actually a pilot venue, a good training ground for us to open up other venues." That is our Bondi is likely to be the first of a nationwide chain, where the sous-chefs are actually in training to become the chefsde-cuisine at future branches. "There's a certain amount of integrity and substance behind it. There's a reason for everything we did. There was a lot of thought behind it, including the food we serve and how we serve it, how we plate it and the ingredients that go with it. To have it come out fresh and the flavors come out on the plate, to do the food justice as much as the venue. The brief that I was given was, we wanted casual dining that reflected an Australia palate, what would be served in a bar and kitchen back

"For instance, at breakfast we have ricotta hot cakes with caramelized bananas and lime, the lightest breakfast we have in Australia. We have our paninis very common because of our Mediterranean immigrant heritage, not to mention our fantastic coffee that the Italians brought to Australia. And the fantastic grass-fed beef we ship over. We have a huge country, the size of the States, but with only 20 million people, so there's no pressure to rush food to market. We don't have to cram our cattle onto feedlots or use growth hormones. We have plenty of grass for them, and they can grow at a natural pace. We're using your local produce, organic when possible, and it's fantastic, and your local organic pork, but we really like to showcase our Australian seafood, and of course we use as many native Australian products and Australian artisan products as possible.

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"We have been using spoons and forks since the present king's grandfather."

h, ma'am, I need chopsticks." It's one of those moments. We try not to look at the guy who said it. Hank leans across the table.

"Chopsticks?"

"Chopsticks, dude. But not a word, okay? What does he know?"

'He knows how to insult a Thai," mutters Hank. "Like, he's never learned that Thais use spoons and forks, not chopsticks?"

"Look, no big deal."

"Bet her nose is out of joint." "Tell you what: We'll ask the

owner. Loser pays for this meal, okay?"

We sit staring at the ceiling, trying not to look at The Guy Who Asked For Chopsticks. Hank's brought me here because it's near the video place where he gets digital stuff for his job. Actually, the restaurant's cute. They have a small rose garden outside, plus ferns and plants inside, and two almost human-size manohras, I think they're called, mythological dancing ladies who are also birds, holding a gong between them with an incense burner at their feet. And whoa, great Thai friezes on the walls: historical scenes, hand-sewn, showing people growing silkworms and selling fruit at the floating market.

You'd never know this was once a Taco Bell. The long, dark-cushioned wall benches look classy, and chairs are solid, tropical wood. The tables have brownish linen tablecloths, glass on top,

rosy-colored paper place mats on top of that. When the waitress comes, she brings nice heavy flatware and cloth napkins.

She also points out the special lunch menu. It does that Thai thing of charging the same for ev-

ery dish, depending on what "meat" you put with it. So if you have vegetarian, or mock chicken, or mock duck, it's \$5.95. Wow. Can't complain. That buys you, say, mock duck with green curry, coconut milk, eggplant, bamboo shoots, basil, peas, and carrots, plus

fried veggie spring rolls, fried won-ton, house salad, a pile of rice, and soup of the day. Same for massaman, the mild curry with potato, veggies, and peanuts in coconut sauce. Or panang curry. Or, like, pad see ew, rice noodles with broccoli, garlic, and egg. If you want real chicken or BBQ pork or beef or roast duck, it's a dollar more at \$6.95; with calamari or shrimp, \$7.95; with scallops, \$8.95; and with assorted seafood, \$10.95.

They have 20 lunch specials, plus two \$8.95 chef's specials: ho mok, which is shrimp, green shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in a red curry sauce, plus rice and soup; and the "Flavor Thai Basket," jumbo shrimp and chicken on top of crispy noodles, with green peppers, cashew, and bamboo shoots.

Now another waiter comes up. Prakit. Hank's onto it before Prakit even twitches his pencil. 'Number three, mixed vegetables, and scallops.'

Well, waddaya know. Hank's getting adventurous. Of course, he'll pay \$8.95 for the scallops privilege. For me, candidates are curry fried rice, panang (because of the sweet curry that comes with it), green curry (because it's mainly eggplant, say no more), and massaman curry.

Massaman wins because, okay, it's the potatoes. I just like them with curry, and the peanut and coconut sauce. I order it with roast duck (\$6.95) to experiment a little. Of course, it's not gonna be spicy-hot. Down at the bottom they have the one-pepper, two-pepper, three-pepper heat code, and massaman doesn't even rate one.

First comes the soup, and hey: it's tom yam, my all-time favorite, hot, with lemon grass, mushrooms, onion and chili and lime. I love it when it comes with prawns in a charcoal firepot (I see that's \$9.95 in the regular menu).

This comes in a bowl, but it's nice and spicy and full of flavor. Then the plates come. Big china ones, and man, mine looks so enticing. The wontons, the rolls, the orangey massaman curry in the middle with the veggies and duck pieces and peanuts, the salad with peanut sauce, and that snowy pile of rice. It tastes rich, in a sweet, coconutty way. I'd love to have a Singha beer with it, but instead I get a Thai condensed-milk coffee (\$2.25)

At the last moment, Hank decides he needs

more. He orders an appetizer of fresh spring rolls (\$5.95). They come on an arty square plate, four of them, stuffed with lettuce, carrot, cucumber bits, and tofu. Hank gets a sweet-and-sour sauce, plus a peanut sauce. Not my thing, but Hank's happy.

"Good fresh stuff," he says. "That's what counts."
"We don't make our food hot, because of American tastes," says Pachara Pongsamart, the gal at the cash register, when we go up to pay. She turns out to be the owner, along with her husband Prasert Noosaeng. "But just ask, and we make it as hot as you want. Like that massaman curry you had. 'Massaman' means 'Muslim,' and it's food of the Muslim south. They like it so-o-o hot."

"You gonna ask, or do I have to?" says Hank. "We're arguing," I tell Pachara. "The guy next to us asked for chopsticks to eat his curry with. Is that an insult to Thais, or no biggie?'

Pachara laughs. "Well, we have been using spoons and forks since the present king's grandfather. But we're Thai! We're easygoing. We just want people to enjoy themselves. If that means giving them chopsticks, no problem!"

"A tie," I say.

"A Thai?" says Hank.

"No. The bet. It's a tie. Call it a Thai tie. So Dutch, right? Chop-chop.'

"Stick it," Hank mumbles. ■

The Place: Flavor Thai, 4768 Convoy Street, 858-268-3750

Type of Food: Thai

Prices: All lunch specials priced according to meat: vegetarian, \$5.95; chicken, pork, beef, duck, \$6.95; calamari or shrimp, \$7.95; scallops, \$8.95; other seafood, \$10.95; selections include green curry with coconut milk, eggplant; massaman curry with potato; panang curry; pad see ew (rice noodles with broccoli, garlic, egg); spicy noodle (rice noodles with basil, green, red peppers, egg); curried fried rice; praram (broccoli, carrot, peanut sauce); ho mok (shrimp, green shell mussel, calamari with veggies in red curry sauce), \$8.95; evening dishes usually \$2.00 more **Hours:** 11:00 a.m.–3.00 p.m., and 5:00–10:00 p.m., Monday–Friday; midday–10:00 p.m., Saturday–Sunday

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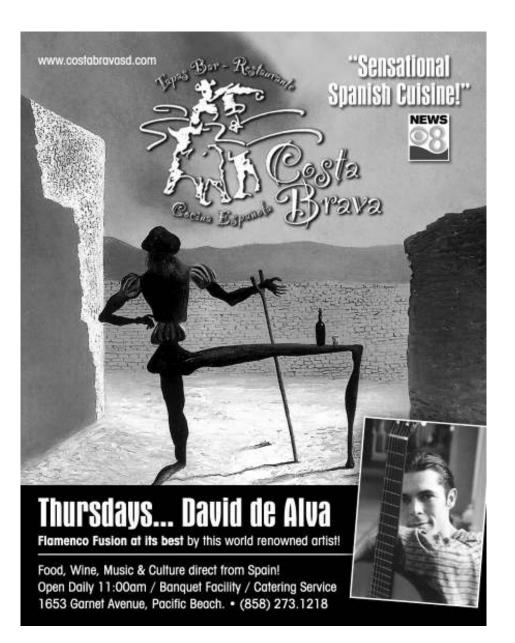
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Sniff, Sip, Spit

"I don't want you to smell a two-by-four; there's bad and good oak. Good oak is sweet."

ou're all super-palates, you know," said Jeff Morgan to the crowd gathered in the San Diego Art Institute's Palette dining room. "If you weren't super-palates, you wouldn't be interested enough to sit here and lis-

ten to me talk about how to taste wine." Morgan — winemaker, author, teacher, and former West Coast editor for *Wine Spectator* magazine — was running a tasting/class on how to taste like a pro, hosted by the San Diego chapter of the American Institute of Wine & Food. He had finished

taking us through a preliminary rundown of How to Evaluate (primary: body, texture, acidity; secondary: aroma, flavor, finish). He had given us tips on sniffing, sipping, and spitting. Now it was time to put our noses to the rosé: Morgan's SoloRosa, a blend of pink wines made from Atlas Peak Sangiovese and Lodi Merlot. "What do you smell?" he asked the roomful of super-palates.

"Strawberries," came an immediate reply.

"Okay, strawberries. What else?"

"Apricots," said someone else.

"Apricots? Okay — well, could be. Nobody's ever wrong. If you think you smell it, you probably do. We don't all taste the same; not everybody has the same sensitivities. Some people have receptors that pick up apricots more easily. I don't tell people that they're wrong. I get strawberries too, and I get a hint of citrus."

On to the sipping and spitting. "This is what we call serious rosé," said Morgan. "It's got flavor, it's got concentration. But let's talk about body. Would you say this is a full-bodied, lush wine?"

"No!"

"No. This is a light-bodied wine. It's very bright and fresh on the palate. My mouth feels bright and zippy; you can feel that acidity. What do I taste? Now I'm really getting that citrus — grapefruit and lemon. And I still taste it.... It's long on the finish. That's

a 91-point wine to me — okay, a 92, because it's my wine. If you want to give it an 89, that's all right. It's not an 85, which it's been scored, but Bob Parker gave it an 88, and I'll live with that. Scores are crazy. They're great when you're hitting high, because it helps you sell wine. But it's so subjective — it's all over the board. So let's not worry too much about scores."

Next we tried Morgan's reserve rosé, made from straight Sangiovese. "We found it so intriguing that we kept a small portion back; we didn't want to lose it in the blend. I'm trying to show you that all pink wines do not taste alike." He sniffed: "I get a little more red fruit in this, not so much citrus."

I suggested an herbal note. "Maybe," he replied. When we tasted, he noted that the wine was "a little bit richer, with a little rounder acid-

ity.... It reminds me more of a red wine; the first one reminded me more of a white. I'm getting more raspberry-cherry flavors, and the finish is a little softer...I can still drink this with all sorts of foods — even a steak, if I didn't feel like having a red wine that night."

(Wine and food pairing was to be the second part of the evening—then, we would be allowed to swallow. For now, however, it was sip and spit. "I want to commend you on your self-control, your restraint," said Morgan. "You're not drinking, you're spitting, and I appreciate that. When I was a much younger man, I was a pourer for Kevin Zraly's Windows on the World wine class. He would tell people to spit, but after two or three hours, it was a riot in there. I appreciate your attention and your willpower.")

We sniffed and sipped on, through a bone-dry domestic Gewürztraminer made under the ZMOR label. ("Everyone thinks, 'Oh, Gewürztraminer, that's a sweet wine.' Good fresh acidity but thick and rich on the palate and long on the finish...") Then a basic Pinot Noir from Cartlidge & Browne. ("Very cherry-driven; I wouldn't say there was a lot else...if you're going to force me to give scores, it's a good 85, 86 kind of wine. Very, very nice wine, and it's a great deal" — \$15.) Finally, we arrived at Morgan's showpiece: the Covenant Cabernet Sauvignon he produces in partnership with Leslie Rudd.

"This is the 2004. Let's smell it."

"Oak" was the first descriptor called out.

"Damn straight you smell oak, because I'm paying \$1000 a barrel, and I want you to smell some oak. I don't want you to smell a two-by-four; there's bad and good oak. Good oak is sweet; it'll give you a little crème brulée aroma, or coffee." (It's worth noting that after a bit, the oak stepped into the background where it belonged.)

"Licorice.



Jeff Morgan

"Currants."

Morgan was pleased. "I'm biased, but in my opinion this is a great wine — and in the opinion of some great critics and some other winemakers. I wasn't trusting myself — you get so close to your wine that it's hard to have an objective opinion. I went and got a hold of all my favorite Cabernets..." "Which Cabernets?" asked the audience. "I didn't have Harlan, because I couldn't find the same vintage. But I had Colgin, Grace Family, Screaming Eagle, Switchback Ridge, Gemstone, Raimey, 100 Acre.... We had a blind tasting with 15 sommeliers, winemakers, a couple of masters of wine. The one that came out on top was the Gemstone. Second was Switchback Ridge. I think three was Colgin. Then, tied for



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fourth, was Covenant and Raimey. That said to me that at least I was on the right track."

A brief discussion of price — "\$28 is expensive for a rosé, but it's not expensive... there are a lot of \$35 Chardonnays out there that shouldn't be.... The prices are often connected to what it cost me to make the wine" — and we were given leave to drink as the cheese platters came out. "Don't touch the cheese and fruit!" warned Morgan. Then he softened. "You should do exactly what you feel like doing; these are only guidelines. But let's just talk about cheese and wine. Most cheeses are higher in acidity and have fruity, nutty components. I would say that high-acid white wines would go best. Red wines are much more difficult to pair with cheese — except for Port with very rich, aged cheeses like Cheddar.

The idea of high-acid wine for high-acid cheese illustrated a general principle. "Similar styles of foods tend to pair well with similar styles of wines. It's a very vague sort of proposition, which means you can really enjoy lots of wines with lots of things." (The principle even admits of its opposite: pairing through contrast.) "You can have one dish that you love work out well with different wines. If you love roast chicken with garlic, try it one week with a Gewürztraminer, another week with a rosé, another week with a red wine. They will all work, but the dish will change — the wines will highlight different elements." Case in point: our slice of game hen. "The Gewürztraminer is really fruity, and the game hen is pretty salty — fruit and salt work well together. The Cabernet goes well with the rosemary on the game hen. And the Pinot

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NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Cafe 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and "Beach Benedict" with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Moroccan crabcakes" and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive.

— N.W. (6/05)

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are wel-

come). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/01)

El Q'ero 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numer ous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommo-dated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

Firefly 251 North El Camino Real (at Mountain Vista), Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dun-geness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (8/06)

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Offering surf and turf by the sea, Jake's not only hugs the oceanfront, with a patio overlooking the waves, but has a smaller patio next to Powerhouse Park, with its fragrant mimosa plants, where you can walk off the calories A branch of the well-known Hawaiian chain, Duke's, Jake's' fare is competently cooked, if not inspired. The seafood may flaunt fusion-y, sugary touches, while steaks are Prime or high-grade Choice. Portions are huge — the tasty Dungeness crab cake appetizer is sizeable enough for a substantial lunch, offering loads of crab and little filler. Location is very popular with locals and tourists both, so reservations urged for any meal, essential for the à la carte Sunday brunch. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Lunch and brunch moderate, dinner expensive. N.W. (11/07)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb—the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed relleno batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary rendi-tions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Pacifica Del Mar Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of lowpriced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard cat-fish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. "Pacifica Dine-In" offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive.

Paradise Grille Flower Hill Promenade, 2690 Via de la Valle (at I-5 offramp), Del Mar, 858-350-0808. There's a new blossom unfolding at the Flower Hill mall, as chef Justin Hoehn hones his mixture of Caribbean, Polynesian, and California coastal cuisines. Creative house-made flatbread serves as a canvas for a wide range of imaginative toppings. Appetizers are witty — grilled skewered shrimp are coated in Rice Krispies and calamari tempura misto includes batter-fried lemon slices, a surprise substitute for the standard lemon wedges. The pistachio-coated salmon entrée arrives precisely cooked to or-der. Other entrées include guava-glazed pork ribs, horseradish-seared ahi tuna, and short ribs braised in plum wine. The wine list is long and eclectic. Most desserts come from Opera Bakery, and they're quite good for outsourced sweets. Weekend brunch menu is painfully tempting: Brioche French toast, flatbread with gravlax, crabcakes Benedict, even jerk chicken sandwiches. Open for lunch and dinner weekdays, brunch and dinner on weekends. Expensive. — N.W. (8/06)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumber-jacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various top-pings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "man-hole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing



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about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too; try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Savory 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager's approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. N.W. (12/03)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/02)

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by**the-Sea)** 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. – *E.W.* (6/98)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn. 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kavsen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambiance. Dinner nightly; Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (11/05)

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory albondigas soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner, Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This pho (soup) place of the brothers

Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to de-light Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Also, enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, yeal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casualelegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschool ish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a wellseasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on ship-board, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many healthconscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

LA JOLLA

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, Over 400 more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com



turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. E.B. (1/04)

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chefowner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice

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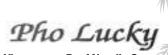
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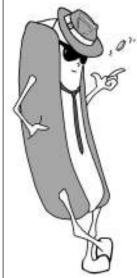
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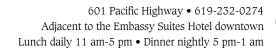
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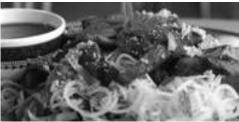
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of house-made layer cake. Moderate. - N.W. (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temptattoos on their arms serving you. But tations of uter arms serving you. There at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a fill-ing breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pan-nwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded ciabatta and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal piccata, and bistecca (a grilled ribeye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch also available Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. -S.M. (7/04)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try

skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or albalou polo (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.), plus imaginative Lev-antine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is ropa vieia ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the

Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy yuca con mojo (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Mon-day through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638, Holein-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-inthe-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, mansize-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient lo mein (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-andsour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/02)

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county.
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claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, satays, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are ten-der and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (stuffed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in. This little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-footlong, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles. oup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open 10 a.m. to midnight; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/05)

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys

swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608, "Ovsters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and mochi (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven." Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just allyou-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. E.B. (4/05)

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Mid-western chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

THE BEACHES

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boule vard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from from New Zealand, So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to "Bare Li'l Lamb" burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/05)

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and açaï, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular feijoada stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," prato feito ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a Southern "Low Country" accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive.—> — N.W. (5/06)

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey



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atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet tout de suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gin-gered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouill-abaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne beurre blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared inhouse. Bakery and breakfast daily; no lunch or dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely picante. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-youcan-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus "over 150 items daily." Certainly they have great surfn-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (unagi-zushi). It tastes salty vet caramel-y too. Eelicious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/05)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee **House** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

People's Organic Foods Co-op

Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environ-mentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. ëCourse, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner ("serious" breakfasts daily except Tuesday and Thursday). Inexpensive. E.B. (9/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the toro, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sitdown meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. -

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driv-ing south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

La Fachada 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. The 24-hour restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great *Caldo Siete Mares* and *Vuelva a la Vida*, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive.

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted owner and executive pastry chef Beryl Ann Byrd and executive chef Marcello Alvarez offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be in-consistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable in-ternational wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida:* "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from W. 1. sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03) **Phoenicia** 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on — look for a window the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for 'diak kvai coffav dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast, Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in

doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, wellmarinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Jimmy's 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santhrough the gloadness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fash-ioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa be-forehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — E.B. (4/05)

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a buildyour-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned





this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *F.R.* (4/05)

Taste of African Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/05)

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes* of *Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive.

— F. B. (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently chang-

ing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception. execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin filings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/02)

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (con-

crete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry—luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. Optional valet parking \$5. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

Golden Dragon, The Asian Bistro 414 University Avenue (just east of Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese "dive." Now

the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef "Miss Songsri" (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss "Atomic Hog's Wings" (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named "Jumping Jarvis." The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. —

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "ichi-ban" means. Open daily until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with

shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (5/04)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding aushak (spring onion ravioli) and mantu (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamorda chalow, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/02)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007.

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Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rus-tic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky shashlik (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly (service until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Moderate. -N.W. (1/04)

Sushi Itto 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* —

the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (8/05)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes sea-sonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Satur-day and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. - N.W. (6/01)

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classywhite table cloths, linen napkins - but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakee*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like spanakopita (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter - all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Bud's Louisiana Food Shoppe 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chefowner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood

bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupacupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/05)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, gua-camole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for

tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza spe cializes in alta cocina, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy, Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. – N.W. (1/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite















charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (12/02)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-rid-den stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive.

N.W. (10/01)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations - seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day?

Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Mediterranean Cafe and **Lounge** 1352 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash), downtown, 619-515-2233 or 619-325-1900. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a sheesha water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven days. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (2/06)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave nue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi, which can come with a four-cheese sauce on request. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W. (4/00)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches steak sandwiches, and especially spitini veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This

large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork - a fatfest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. N.W. (10/04)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian rodizio: skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread in-cludes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of feijoada, the national dish slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarianfriendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs,

and a vibrant, sweet-sour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W. (12/00)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. - N.W. (2/01)

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli, Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401 (Also at 7822 Broadway Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-433-0678; and 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-585-0136.) Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her

theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old fa-vorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner Full bar Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix - hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the haupia cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/00)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no sur-prise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including adobo pork, pancit, and lumpia. Diniguan, a Filipino

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specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the sapin sapin (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet saba banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — E.B. (9/04)

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add en-trées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. E.B. (12/01)

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Sum-mawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut), and tom yum (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious panang coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/06)

Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 roadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned Moonstruck Italian, Lunch and dinner







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Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the saté, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender farang tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (9/00)

BAJA

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Cien Años Calle José Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety

of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; vou're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass - the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with souphors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu in serts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. -E.B. (3/05)

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats

aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Bajagrown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. - N.W. (4/03)

La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of tryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like Star Wars creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill charro food for wellto-do charros. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut filete cabreria, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — E.B. (10/04)

Malecón de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides - superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. - N.W. (11/02)

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classi-cally trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, localgrown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and antojitos, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar,

English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with lowmoderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W. (11/02)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Vallev) — just to watch your neighbors eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — *E.B.* (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flamebroiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usu ally is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taque ria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials

buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/03) Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits

2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street). National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fastfood translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird - flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)



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JEFF SMITH

wo of the most useful books I've read about theater: Moss Hart's Act One and Michael Shurtleff's Audition. Hart's concerns playwriting, not the craft so much as the tenacity it demands. He wrote one a year for ten years. Noth-

ing. Number 11 got a bite — from none other than the great George S. Kaufman. Hart assumed the sail'd be smooth after that. Not so. The pair revised almost every word.

For decades, Michael Shurtleff was a legendary casting director, working for David Merrick and Bob Fosse (who said, "I know no man I trust more in the theater") and later with his own company, Casting Consultants. Shurtleff died January 28 in Los Angeles. He was 86.

"Casting director" is a misnomer, since Shurtleff neither directed nor cast a production. He would recommend actors for roles - often an unknown he saw in a studio performance, at a cabaret, or a bit part Off-Off Broadway. "The casting director suggests," Shurtleff wrote. "It's his job to know a lot about a lot of actors, so he can advise and present to the director the best of the existing possibilities."

Because he went to every show on and off Broadway, averaging 10 to 12 a week, and kept a mental Rolodex on literally thousands of performers, Shurtleff probably discovered more famous actors than anyone — but could never take credit. "If he's clever, a casting director makes a discovery," as Shurtleff did with Bette Midler, Gene Hackman, Jerry Orbach, and Lily Tomlin.

Then he devises a situation that enables the director or producer to think they found the new talent.

Shurtleff discovered 18-yearold Barbra Streisand singing in a

Greenwich Village dive. He got her to audition for David Merrick on the last day, in a time slot he'd carefully chosen for effect. She came in late, raccoon coat and a jawful of gum. She began to sing. Stopped. Took out the gum and stuck it under her chair. Then she sang and "mesmerized" everyone — except Merrick, who took Shurtleff

"I told you I didn't want ugly girls in my

"But she's so talented," said Shurtleff. "Talented schmalented."

"It wasn't long after that Mr. Merrick was pay-

ing her five thousand dollars a week to do Funny

Shurtleff also can't take credit for discovering Dustin Hoffman (though Shurtleff got him the role for The Graduate), Ben Vereen, Elliott Gould, and Robert Redford, who labored under "a cus-



D.J. Sullivan, Michael Shurtleff

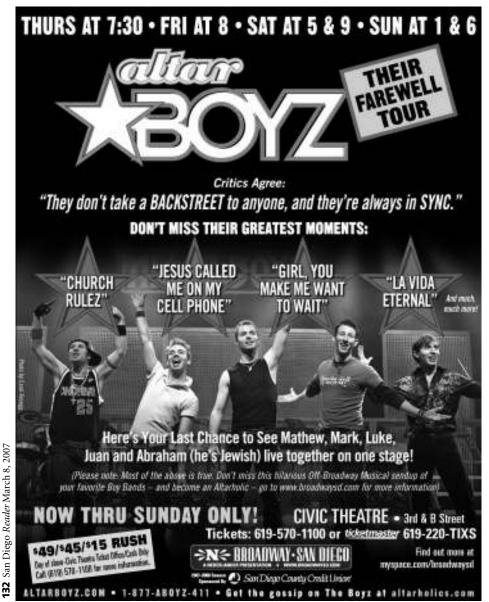
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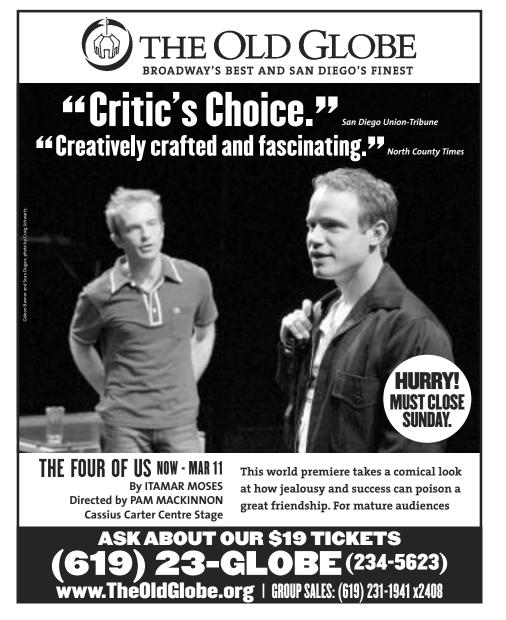
Merrick needed a leading man for Sunday in New York, a Norman Krasna comedy. Merrick held days and days of auditions, but no one felt right. As he'd done with Streisand, Shurtleff scheduled Redford late on the last day of casting, "so by then the director and the playwright were ready to consider an unknown, even if he was a blond. Redford got the part.

"Michael was my mentor and best friend for

30 years," says San Diego acting guru D.J. Sullivan. "He's the one person who changed my life totally." Even when she disagreed with him, "and I did, somewhere down deep you knew he was

"Michael loved actors," says Sullivan, adding it would practically break his heart to watch talented ones audition badly. Sullivan recalls Shurtleff begging producers to see a young man with incredible promise. But the man did cold readings as if he had trouble with the words. So







Michael Shurtleff

for an important audition, Shurtleff allowed him to memorize his lines. Sullivan: "It's the only time Michael ever did that. The actor was Robert DeNiro, and he never had to audition again.'

Moss Hart's book is about tenacity. At bottom, so is Audition. "Perhaps you feel that Robert Redford would have made it sooner or later," he writes. "Not true. The woods are filled with those who missed, frequently because they weren't persistent or disciplined or driven, but sometimes because they were never in the right place at the right time.

"Luck aside, the reason a lot of talented actors don't make it is because they don't work hard. I would hazard that 85 percent of them don't. Sadly, most of them don't know this about themselves. They daydream of being an actor, confusing desire with discipline."

Shurtleff wrote Audition not as the last word on acting, but as a way to open the gate ("you won't get what you want," but "you will be considered for what you want"). Much of what he says concerns those one or two minutes under a solitary worklight, before a table - coffee cups stuffed with dead cigarettes — behind which lurk strangers with notepads. He advises: take the other side, always fight for something, be memorable (Streisand, it turns out, wasn't chewing gum when she stopped singing; she mimed sticking a wad under her seat: it was part of her carefully rehearsed performance). But the book's 12 "Guideposts" also apply to acting in general, to job interviews, and to improving communication skills.

In an article entitled "Using Michael Shurtleff's Book Audition to Help You Write Fiction," Timothy Sexton recommends the chapters on Opposites and Importance for giving characters dimension and drama.

I'd also recommend the chapters on Relationship and Humor. Shurtleff had been working with visiting English director Noel Willman. After three weeks of auditioning, Willman asked, "Don't American actors have any sense of humor?" When Shurtleff realized the answer was no, he decided "to begin teaching actors how to audition.

"Humorless acting is the dreariest kind," Shurtleff writes; "it's the hallmark of soap opera performing." He defines humor not as jokes but an attitude toward the world and looked for it even in serious scenes, because without it they're "unlike life." He adds, "I've never seen a great or star actor who did not have humor."

I would also recommend what he says about wit (page 130 in the Bantam paperback), his three-sentence chapter on "Simplicity," and, most of all, his pep talk, though it applies to "civilians" as well: "I advocate to all actors, and to every director and writer and designer: Never be a passive audience. That's for civilians. Your job every time you go to the theater, every time you go to the flicks, every turn on of that television set, is to put yourself in the shoes of those people who are acting, writing, directing. Find ways you can contribute to make what you're seeing better than it is.

"Every day, learn. Learn enough so that you can do good

Shurtleff's friends and former students are "gathering" this Sunday, March 11, between three and six p.m., behind the Skylight Bookstore, 18161/2 Vermont Avenue, in Los Angeles. "Michael wanted a gathering, not a memorial,' says Sullivan. "He said if there was any solemnity or singing of hymns, he'd come down and smite us all." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

The Adoption Project: Triad

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Altar Boyz

A touring production of the popular Off-Broadway musical about a "heavenly guy-group" comes to the Civic for a one week run. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MARCH 11: THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRI DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. 619-570-1100

Au Revoir, Cyrano

Vanguard Productions presents the world premiere of Robert Landis's comedy, based on Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac. Landis

WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET (CORNER OF TALBOT AND CANON), POINT LOMA, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, THROUGH APRIL 1; THURS DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

Because of Cain

Community Actors Theatre stages the world premiere of Earl Hamilton Jr.'s drama about "truths, lies, friendship, and revealing secrets.' COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, OAK PARK, THURSDAY, MARCH 15 THROUGH APRIL 15: THURS-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

Patio Playhouse stages Kander and Ebb's popular musical about the Kit Kat Club, decadence, and the rise of the Third Reich. Deborah Zimmer directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 1D, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 1: FRIDAY AND SATUR-

DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

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2:00 P.M. 760-746-6669.

Poway Performing Arts Company presents Stephen Sondheim's musical about Robert. On his 35th birthday, he contemplates his confirmed bachelorhood.

POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 9. THROUGH APRIL 1: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Crimes of the Heart

Think you've got a lock on suffering? Think no one can scale your pinnacle of pain? Meet the Ma-Grath sisters. A permanent cloud, maybe even a hurricane, storms on their every move. They, in turn, hold nothing back. A pop culture injunction of the early '80s (Crimes won the Pulitzer Prize in 1981) was "get in touch with your feelings." And the sisters do: with all of them, no matter how giddy or grotesque.

Beth Henley's comedy-drama comes at you like waves, in sets of three. For New Village Arts, director Dana Case and a top-notch cast turn the play's quirky rhythms and sudden, Chekhovian silences into plusses: you watch life - sometimes zany, sometimes tragic, often funny — just brim over. As the three MaGraths, Kristiane Kurner, Jessica John, and Amanda Sitton craft completely different women who are sisters nonetheless. Kurner's Lenny is an abandoned ship. Meg, whom John expertly keeps just this side of a whirlwind, tells Lenny to be her own woman: "Have some parties. Go out with strange men." Sitton's impressive as young Babe, as innocent as she is gothic (Babe shot her husband, Zachary, because she didn't like his looks). Performing on a humble lived-in set, wearing appropriately drab costumes, and aided by a solid supporting cast, the trio builds arias of feeling. The MaGrath sisters are hemmed in from all sides. And though they won't get all their

Hazlehurst, Mississippi, sky — they may be graced with what Robert Frost called "a momentary stay against confusion. Critic's pick. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCIZE, 2460 IMPALA

DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH MARCH 18 (NOTE: CRIMES OF THE HEART RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH ANTON CHEKHOV'S THREE SISTERS); THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

Electricidad

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SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, THROUGH MARCH 18; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M 619-594-6884

The Farnsworth Invention

La Jolla Playhouse's Page to Stage New Play Development Program presents a workshop production of Aaron Sorkin's drama about Philo T. Farnsworth, the invention of television, and the legal battle between Farnsworth and David Sarnoff of RCA ("one of the great tragic examples of legal and industrial force combining to crush a rightful patent owner"). Des McAnuff directed. POTIKER THEATRE, LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, UCSD THEATRE DISTRICT, THROUGH MARCH 25; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUN DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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.

The Four of Us

A sketchy tale told in a jazzy manner. David and Ben were aspiring writers. Then Ben's novel wins the lottery: agape reviews, foreign translations, film rights. Success doesn't change him; it changes David. A lot. Playwright Itamar Moses borrows from Tom Stoppard's play The Real Thing (some scenes are "real," but which ones?) and from Harold Pinter's Betraval, which moves backward in time. In

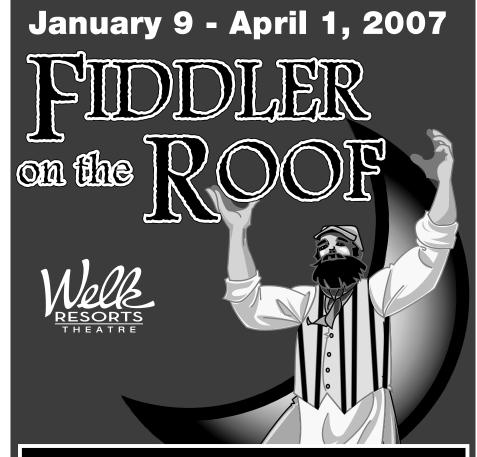
nonlinear leaps, Moses displays a technical virtuosity that shows why he's been hailed as one of America's top young authors. Were the story told in a more straightforward manner, however, and if the actors at the Cassius Carter weren't so watchable, interest might wane. Performing on a black floor with a patent-leather shine, and aided by two scene changers (who watch the proceedings and might be the early Ben and David), Sean Dugan and Gideon Banner resemble a savvy comedy team, or halves of the same psyche. Dugan's David is scattered, lacking confidence, always overflowing (and a mite over-the-top at that). Banner's self-contained Ben veers toward inscrutability (serious inscrutability: it would have helped to know what his novel was about, since both Ben and David often function more as rhetorical figures, as parts of a pattern, than characters). Under Pam MacKinnon's smart, unfussy direction, the duo deftly combines different acting styles: Banner suggests; Dugan ital-

Worth a try.

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Glengarry Glen Ross

Willy Loman wouldn't last ten seconds with this crowd. The real estate salesmen in David Mamet's comedy-drama don't die, like Willy, and maybe that's their curse. They exist in a Darwinian pressure cooker and are so desensitized that savage four-letter slurs just bounce off them, as if the words were understated truths they've known all along. 6th@Penn's production has



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some suspect choices: the weaker characters are just that but should be fighting for something too. Nonetheless, this is one of the company's best efforts in years. Jonathan Dunn-Rankin's Shelly "the Machine" Levine and Jonathan Sachs's Ricky Roma bookend the piece as the once and current Alpha Male: Levine desperately crawling from the slime into the light; slick Roma certain of his MVP status. And Dale Morris excels as Dave Moss, a frothing pit bull who chews up and spits out the two-locale set Morris designed Uncredited period costumes define status by shirt color, or the lack. Another smart choice: 6th@Penn brought former San Diegan Bryan Bevell back to dramaturge (would he were here to stay). The salesmen's motto is ABC, "always be closing." At one point Glengarry will sell you a bill of goods, and you'll buy, proving one of Mamet's key points: sales pitches come in all kinds, and don't think you're im-

Critic's pick.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MARCH 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Graduate

OnStage Playhouse presents Terry Johnson's adaptation of the Calder Willingham/Buck Henry movie. Daniel Zisko directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, THROUGH APRIL 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

If The Shoe Fits

Coronado Playhouse stages Matt Thompson's farce about an allegedly foolproof murder. Thompson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, THROUGH APRIL 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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Marat/Sade

The Old Globe/University of San Diego graduate theater program presents Peter Weiss's monumental drama: the Marquis de Sade stages a play about the assassination of Jean-Paul Marat, performed by asylum inmates. Sabin Epstein and Robert Barry directed. UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, STUDIO THEATRE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, THROUGH MARCH 23: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-260-2727.

The Matchmaker

In Thornton Wilder's comedy, source of the musical Hello, Dolly! it's as if everyone is a balloon, filled with repressed emotions. A trip from Yonkers to Manhattan sets feelings free (for example: Cornelius Hackl is 33; he wants to have an adventure that will include "kissing a girl"). Cygnet Theatre's gifted director Sean Murray has done a retro-staging; instead of locating a period play now, he does the reverse: he puts Matchmaker in its period, the 1880s, scenic designer Sean Fanning creates a wondrous music hall set (with striking, one-point perspective drops for each act), and the actors perform in a broad 1880s style. This is how they would have done it. And most of Murray's cast has a lark, especially Sean Cox (doing bowler hat tricks, sporty vaudevillian moves, and even a spit-take, as Cornelius Hackl) and Amy Biedel (who shines as Mrs. Irene Molloy, a milliner out for just one adventure). Jason Connors and Rachel Van Wormer team with Cox and Biedel and create rollicking, highspeed farce. On opening night, the leads didn't match this energy: Sandy Ellis-Troy got much of Dolly Levi but had yet to internalize the famous matchmaker completely, and David Gallagher's odd Horace Vandergelder seemed in a different play, doing pseudo-W.C. Fields takes and straining to be an endearing villain. One shouldn't take Jeanne Reith's costume designs or Eric Lotze's lighting for granted, but it's easy to: their work is so consistently apt. As Malachai Stack, Antonio "T.J." Johnson stops the show with one of Thornton Wilder's great soliloquies: while all around him run amok from convention, Stack urges the audience to nurse only one vice at a time. Worth a try.

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Ion Theatre opens its second full season with Maria Irene Fornes's drama about a young, impoverished woman yearning for a fuller life. Claudio Raygoza directed. ACADEMY OF THE PERFORMING ARTS. 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, MIS-SION VALLEY, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, THROUGH MARCH 25; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-374-6894.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags") National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "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; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999

The Odd Couple

Vista's Broadway Theatre opens its 2007 season with the popular Neil Simon comedy about bipolar apartment-mates. Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROAD-WAY (DIRECTLY BEHIND THE AVO PLAY-HOUSE), VISTA, THROUGH MARCH 25: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

late August Wilson what "Grassroots 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),

Readings of August

Come and Gone

Wilson's Plays: Joe Turner's

The San Diego Black Ensemble and

Cygnet Theatre could do for the

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, TUESDAY, MARCH 13 (SPACE TBA), AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS. CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

Restoration Comedy

The Old Globe Theatre offers Amy Freed's romantic comedy. Set in 17th century London, the play follows the travail of Worthy, Amanda, and her dissolute husband, Loveless. John Rando di-

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, MARCH 8. THROUGH APRIL 8; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" - on Fridays - is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SAT-URDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M.

The Secret Garden

There's "something wrong inside" Misselthwaite Manor, where the midnight wind goes "wuthering." Everything, not just Master Archibald's large garden, is walled off. Nothing dares to bloom.

Frances Hodgson Burnett's 1911 novel joins a survivor, young Mary Lennox, with imaginary invalid Colin; they circumvent the rules of their elders and banish gloom. Lamb's Players' production of the musical adaptation begins and ends with Deborah Gilmour Smyth's bell-clear singing voice, like a radiant candle in darkness, inviting us to "Come to My Garden." Smyth sets a tone of enchantment that makes it easier to overlook a somewhat lumpy book (and what feels like four "eleven o'clock number hour" numbers when the climax beckons). Strong voices run throughout the cast: David S. Humphrey's hunchbacked Archibald, Randall Dodge's quasivillainous Neville, and Mike Bucklev's Albert. That's the same Mike Buckley who designs sets for Lamb's and has done a beautiful job here - pointed gothic windows, roseate, see-through screens (which allow the play's chorus of "Dreamers," who may be ghosts, to waft in and out). As has Nathan Pierson's evanescent, gobo-rich lighting, Jeanne Reith's costumes, and a sharp five-piece band. Director Robert Smyth gives the evening a gentle flow (having scene-changers often exit down steps centerstage is a brilliant idea; like the ghosts, they just disappear). Smyth also had the smarts to encourage a leavening effect: to prevent the evening from becoming too breathless, young performers Allie Trimm (Mary) and Austyn Myers (Colin) play bickering brats.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 11; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun."

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The Tavern

Palomar Performing Arts stages George M. Cohan's "lighthearted mystery," in which a murder occurs at a Tavern. Cast members also perform an Oleo Vaudeville. Pat Larmer directed. HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD. SAN MARCOS, THROUGH MARCH 11; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150, X2453.

The Three Sisters

New Village Arts' opening night performance of Anton Chekhov's masterpiece had a "maybe in a week or two" feel about it. Some parts - especially the trio of sisters, played by Kristianne Kurner (Olga), Jessica John (Masha), and Amanda Sitton (Irina) — were outstanding. But the production, and much of the acting, lacked nuance and dimension, and at times verged on shrill: Wendy Waddell's Natasha — who restores order on the Prozorov estate, although it's the wrong order - shouldn't be just a one-note shrew; John Garcia's Solvony and Tom Zohar's Andrei both too monotonal; other roles cling to a single trait. Francis Gercke's direction adds imaginative touches, as when everyone suddenly breaks into song around the piano, but lacks fluidity. Brian Friel's translation is lively, but he built it around long confessional monologues that lag the pace of scenes. Characters talk as if they



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Worth a try.

STUDIO SPACE AT JAZZERCISE INC.. 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH MARCH 18. (NOTE: THE THREE SISTERS RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH CRIMES OF THE HEART: FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES, CALL 760-433-3245.)

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's an-



The Matchmaker

niversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid.

There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and

the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Two for the Seesaw

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages William Gibson's tale of lonely souls who meet in 1950s Manhattan: an "uptight Midwesterner" and "an impulsive product of the

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The Uneasy Chair

Captain Josiah Wickett tells us he's found a "cool and distant intimacy" at the boarding house at #15 Telfair Circle. But the Captain, like his landlady, Miss Amelia Pickles, talks more clearly in asides to the audience - of Evan Smith's Victo rian comedy - than he does to the onstage characters. Most of the two marital boondoggles that follow stem from literate people unable or afraid to articulate feelings, so they back into situations that direct assertion could have avoided. Of course, those few occasions when they do get them into even more grief. The Uneasy Chair is lengthy (and the third act really recalls Robert Anderson's absurdist I'm

frequent, often hilarious, cameos by Craig Huisenga (at one point playing a barrister arguing both sides at a trial) give the North Coast production comic appeal. Rhianna Bashore and Christopher M. Williams do capable work as Alexandra and John, who escape wedlock though married (the playwright has dim views, at best, of the institution). I think I caught Robert Grossman, a talented actor, on an off-night; as the Captain he sputtered many lines and threw director Brendon Fox's stopwatch-precise timing off. Marty Burnett designed a candystriped Chelsea drawing room enclosed by a bright red curtain. Paloma H. Young's costumes define not only the periods (which change with a different portrait of Queen Victoria on the wall) but the characters' financial status. And Chris Rhynne's expert lighting includes a footlit stage and stark, high-def, 21st-century effects. Worth a try.

Herbert). A sparkling performance

by Lynne Griffin, as Amelia, and

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Win, Place, or Die...My Jockeys Are Killing Me!

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith's interactive "racetrack romp." It's opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club'll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT

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Killer on the Loose

The director has thinned out his customary pea-soup atmospherics.

he big question that hovers over *Zodiac* is not, Who's the Zodiac Killer? Nor is it, How did he elude capture? Nor, What ever became of him? None of the above. The big

question is, Why does a movie about him have to be two hours and forty-five minutes long? Without a doubt,

the movie has a subject of interest, the unsolved serial murders that gripped the Bay Area throughout the Seventies, and it has also an angle of interest, the differing degrees of obsession with the case on the part of a team of homicide detectives (Mark Ruffalo, Anthony Edwards, unsuitably lightweight and skittish, both), a substance-abusing crime reporter on the San Francisco Chronicle (Robert Downey, Jr., smirkingly typecast), and a moonlighting political cartoonist on the same paper (Jake Gyllenhaal, suitably lightweight), and it has finally, as the cherry on top, a person of interest, if you will, a demure Chloë Sevigny in the evolving role, over the years, of the cartoonist's blind date, steady girlfriend, wife, and ex-wife. Neglect of Chloë Sevigny

earns him top honors for obsession.

Nevertheless, two and three-quarters hours are a lot of time to spend on red tape, red herrings, and dead ends. Just as it was hard in *Breach* to drum

up suspense when we know beforehand that the prey is in the bag, it's still harder to drum it up when we know

he'll never be in the bag. (A police benefit screening of Dirty Harry, a fictionalized treatment of the case, will serve as an internal rebuke, and the lead detective's rueful, wistful invocation of "due process" will be a feeble rebuttal, a poor excuse to have not got his man.) Since we know from the opening credits, if from nowhere else, that the movie is based on a book by this selfsame cartoonist, Robert Graysmith — and in essence the real story of the movie is the story of writing a true-crime best-seller — there is not even any suspense over whether his mountain of research will ultimately make it into print. The book, to be sure, puts forth a theory as to the killer's identity, and its author mouths a catch phrase which might well be



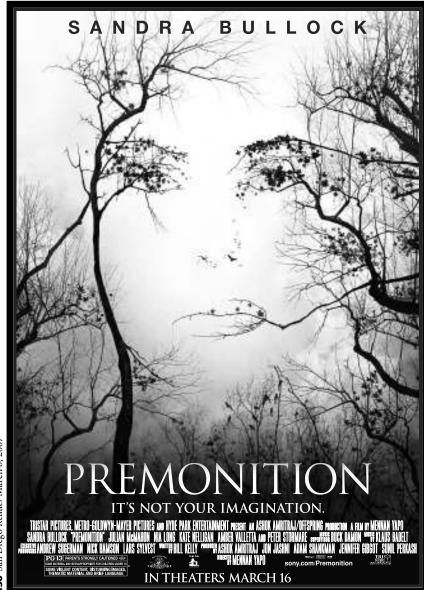
Zodiac

the movie's own: "Just because you can't prove it, doesn't mean it's not true." (As catch phrases go, not quite the equal of Dirty Harry's "Do you feel lucky?" or his subsequent "Make my day.") David Fincher, the director previously of *Alien 3* and *Seven* and *The Game* and *Fight Club* and *Panic Room*, relishes a couple of the killings, as well as one near-miss, in a

way that seems to violate the point of view of the movie; but he has thinned out his customary pea-soup atmospherics, and toned down his trendy stylistics, and gone very light on the period detail (a few pairs of sideburns here or there, not a squiggle of psychedelia nor a whiff of flower power), giving the case a creeping and creepy timelessness. These were wise

choices. A movie this lengthy did not need to be any thicker.

The Host is a South Korean creature feature, a tad overlong and a bit wavery in tone, yet very well made on the whole, and especially well made in its computer-animated creature, a two-legged, amphibious, carnivorous, whale-scale fish, with a toothy Venusflytrap mouth. (Blame it on the



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Americans, Scott Wilson specifically, dumping toxic chemicals from a U.S. Army base into the Han River.) The first sight of the beast, hanging batlike from the underside of a bridge, is as real as unreal can be; and director Joon-ho Bong mixes up a marvelous variety of views of the thing, far enough in the squinty distance to defy belief, and close as an express subway hurtling past the platform a few feet in front of your face. The shot of the beast vomiting up a pile of bones in its sewer lair is a certifiable highlight. There are curious touches of pratfall comedy, from which the fish itself is not immune, slipping and rolling on unsteady land legs. And the narrow focus on one family's search for a carried-off little girl (there's scant evidence of a widespread hunt for the monster) threatens the movie continually with sentimentality, and at the end, when all surviving family members must get in on the act, threatens it with silliness. You might wish you could take the movie a little more seriously, but you can be quite content to take it playfully. It is booked for the next week exclusively at the Ken Cinema, the multiplexes' loss.

Wild Hogs, directed by Walt Becker, is a middle-age-crazy road comedy about four Cincinnati suburbanites who head out for Los Angeles on their recreational choppers, hoping to reclaim their freedom as well as their manhood, coping along the way with weak prostates, a gay cop (horrors!), an angry bull, and an angrier gang of pseudonymous Hell's Angels. None of the four is crazier than the matchmaking chemist who put together as bosom buddies Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, John Travolta, and William H. Macy, respectively bearing the imprint of the TV sitcom, the comedy club, the Hollywood mainstream, and the idiosyncratic "indie." Their common bond on this occasion boils down to their evident interest in a paycheck and their evident uninterest in whatever they have to do for it. Travolta works cheerfully, and Macy works hard. Fans of the latter in particular (I count myself among them) can safely take a pass. Fans of Allen and Lawrence, on the other hand, will be better prepared for the level of entertainment. The belly-crawling level.

Days of Glory, a vague renaming of Indigènes, or Natives, has a point to make about the debt of the French to the North African volunteers who, despite second-class treatment, helped liberate their "motherland" from Nazi occupation, a debt ignored at the time and still today. The point is made frequently and clearly ("We're changing the destiny of France. Things must change for us, too"), but seldom entertainingly. Filmmaker Rachid Bouchareb, of Algerian descent, depends overmuch upon current social and economic inequities to add piquancy to the routine troop maneuvers, on and off the battlefield. He exercises tighter control only once the Arabs have been whittled down to a final four, trying to hold on to an Alsatian village till the arrival of reinforcements. All throughout, Patrick Blossier's cinematography is exemplary, keeping the wide-screen image clean and tidy while working in nearmonochrome, normally a slippery slope into mud and mush.

Miss Potter update: just in the past week, in separate announcements, the rescheduled release date was confirmed as Friday the 9th, then postponed, then reconfirmed as the 9th, then postponed again. (Always great doing business with the Wein-

stein Company.) The new date is either the 23rd or the 30th or don't hold your breath. I might find this really, really annoying if the movie mattered to me. In the meantime, let me remind you that the San Diego Latino Film Festival gets underway tonight, the 8th, at Hazard Center. You can count on it.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Amazing Grace — An old-school screen biography (or hagiography) of the English abolitionist, William Wilberforce, who spearheaded the anti-slavery movement in Parliament from the late 18th Century to the early 19th, a long, slow struggle against the forces of entrenched economics. On the virtuous side of every issue - in favor of free education, opposed to animal cruelty — and an eligible bachelor to boot (and in Welsh actor Ioan Gruffudd, a broodingly handsome one), he is obviously a man we should be better acquainted with, and in that sense the movie performs a public service. The higher sense in which a movie may perform a public service, however, is by being a good movie; and a rightminded one about such a clear-cut and long-established right is apt to lack a little something in tension. To have dramatized this story in, say, 1807 would have been a different matter. From two centuries' dis-



Amazing Grace

tance, it plays as not so much a drama as a ceremony, a consecration, appropriately culminating in an on-screen standing ovation, followed by an editorial eulogy, followed by a sitting ovation. Under the experienced directorial hand of Michael Apted, the movie is well dressed and well decorated and well acted (Michael Gambon, Ciarán Hinds, Albert Finney, Bill Paterson, Rufus Sewell, Romola Garai, Benedict Cumberbatch), and yet the "artfully" faded image looks all too literally like the ashes of

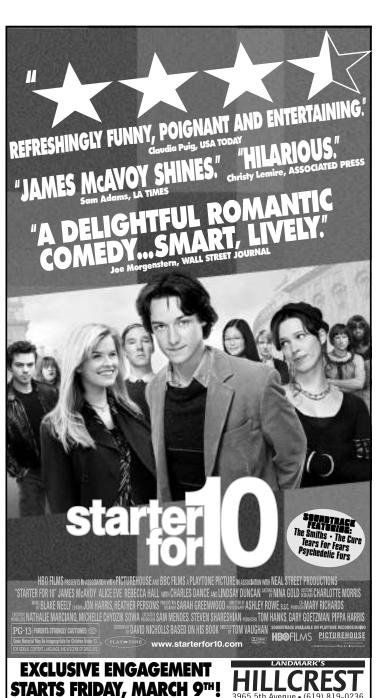
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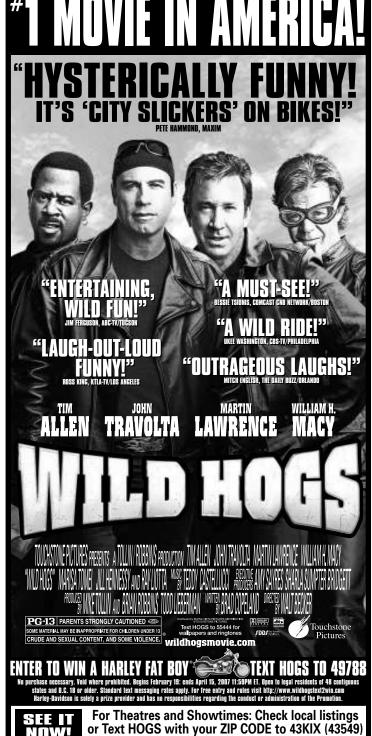
time, 2007.

The Astronaut Farmer — Even if you knew nothing else about it, the title alone would prevent you from getting sucked in by the film's opening image, a silhouette of a horseback rider on the crest of a hill at sunrise, an evocation of a complete screen mythology and a prompt of happy moviegoing memories. The full light of day, alas, reveals an absurdist vision of a

mounted spaceman, a "space cowboy" as he will mandatorily be labelled on the television news, or more prosaically a Texas rancher named Farmer, who has clung to his dream of space travel long after he dropped out of the NASA training program — "If we don't have our dreams, we have nothing" — and accordingly has hocked the ranch in order to build a private rocket ship in the barn. Though his family unconcernedly humors him, and his neighbors shake their heads ("He's more of an astro-nut if you ask me"), and the feds finally step in to trample the dream, the character is clearly intended to be an inspiration rather than a caution, a neo-Capra Little Man played with holy-fool earnestness by Billy Bob Thornton, albeit without the personal magnetism of a Jimmy Stewart or a Gary Cooper, in fact with a reptilian repellence distinctly his own. That notwithstanding, he's a much squarer creation he, and the movie around him — than we've grown accustomed to expect from the filmmaking team of the twin Polish brothers, Michael and Mark, of Twin Falls Idaho and Jackpot and Northfork. The mainstream insistently beckons. And these certified oddballs, while ostensibly lionizing an oddball, do so in suits and ties. Virginia Madsen, Tim Blake Nelson, Bruce Dern, J.K. Simmons. 2007.

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Because I Said So — Relationship comedy, high-strung, low-stooping. As a meddlesome mother determined to marry off her third daughter, Diane Keaton is required to be both irritating and irresistible. She half succeeds. First half of the equation only. Although not without a certain slouching charm, Mandy Moore ("Actually, I love to sing") comes in more for pity than sympathy. With Gabriel Macht, Tom Everett Scott, Lauren Graham, Piper Perabo, and Stephen Collins; directed by Michael Lehmann. 2007.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Belle de Jour - One can easily get lost in the tricky business of signposting the episodes as "real" or "fantasy" in Buñuel's account of a frigid bourgeois housewife's moonlighting at a swank Parisian brothel. (Sunlighting, actually: she's not Belle de Nuit.) The subtitlist for the original U.S. distributor came to his own dubious decisions, and switched to italics whenever he felt he was in the fantasy realm. The voices, of course, provide no such guid-

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ance. And nor, in any other way, does Buñuel, directing in his most unflappable and understated manner, and bundling up cozily in the luxurious color images of Sacha Vierny. In a sense, whether "real" or "fantasy" hardly matters; it is wholly a Buñuel movie, and there are some marvelous moments in his fetishistic, underclothes-sniffing vein. The narrative becomes rather too facile, and too like the anecdotalism of gristmill "nudies," when it capers from one screwball client to another at the brothel; but the total effect is nonetheless slippery, teasing, insinuating. With Catherine Deneuve, Genevieve Page, Jean Sorel, Pierre Clementi, Francisco Rabal. 1967.

★★★★ (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SAN DIEGO, 3/8, 7 P.M.)

Black Snake Moan — Writer-director Craig Brewer wriggles at the far edge of the socially acceptable, and he does so with some of the fearlessness of the exploitation filmmakers of the Sixties and Seventies: the title itself distinctly echoes Blacksnake, the contribution of Russ Meyer, "King of the Nudies," to the racial discourse. Except that today the fearlessness faces tougher scrutiny, not the friendly reception of a specialized audience in a fragmented market, at the corner of the public eye, but right out in plain view, smack in the middle of the mainstream. That would seem to demand an even greater fearlessness, if the filmmaker didn't exercise some self-



restraint, draw back from the edge, hedge his bets. The central image of the film (and, in a demurer version, its poster) is that of a battered and bruised young white woman in crop top and cotton bikini panties, chained at the waist on a thirty-foot tether, in the cabin of an old Southern black man, an ex-bluesman with gold teeth and the dome of Disney's Uncle Remus. But please don't misunderstand. It's for her own good: "I aim to cure you of your wickedness. The film takes its own sweet time to show how she ended up, in her clad-only condition, bloody eye, bloody nose, bloody lip, at the side of the road in front of that cabin; and it doesn't blanch at the seamy details in the life of this desanitized Daisy Mae, this archetypal Town Slut. When the two paths have finally crossed, there's no need to ask

why a black man of that generation would not immediately call the police. Instead, he does what he sees as the Christian thing, nursing her back to health himself; and the chain around her waist is but a logical, if innovative and provocative, extension. The film can thus indulge, practically guilt-free, in assorted bondage imagery (to say nothing of inverted slavery imagery), and it is littered with suggestive poses suitable for the cover of a Torrid Paperback, more than enough of these for the Complete Works of Erskine Caldwell. Despite the depth and warmth of the relationships, despite, too, the palpable pity for the emotionally and intellectually handicapped, and despite the reverent, and on one occasion rowdy, celebration of the Southern blues tradition, the film never really transcends its trashiness. It

2007 ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION

wallows in it. With gusto. Samuel L. Jack-

son, Christina Ricci, Justin Timberlake.

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Breach — With his follow-up to Shattered Glass, director Billy Ray has made a good start on a pet theme, the human, or peculiarly American, proclivity for deceit. The first, you will recall, told the factual story of the fabricating journalist, Stephen Glass, of *The New Republic*. This second tells the factual story of the dissembling FBI double agent, Robert Hanssen, the bureau's selfstyled expert on the Soviets and secret bedfellow of them, the architect of "the worst breach in the history of U.S. intelligence," in the intemperate words of the colleague commissioned to seal the breach. The factuality cuts two ways. It curbs the extravagances of the James Bond branch of espionage capers, but it also curbs the excitement, the thrills. With the traitor's arrest a foregone conclusion (a preludial clip of John Ashcroft on television provides reassurance rather than, more usually for a member of the Bush administration, an invitation to hiss), the film becomes more a character study than a cloak-and-dagger operation; and because of the nature of the character - a devout and ostentatious Catholic (lapsed Lutheran), a vigilant paranoid, a humorless megalomaniac, a pompous pontificator, a private pervert it devolves into an accumulation of oddities and crotchets, inescapably more mirthful than suspenseful. We can never really understand the man, but we can revel in him. Chris Cooper, Ryan Phillippe, Laura Linney, Kathleen Quinlan, Gary Cole, Dennis Havsbert, 2007.

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Bridge to Terabithia — The children's story by Katherine Paterson brings together two junior-high pariahs, a picked-on "artistic" farmboy, solitary brother of four sisters, and a new girl next door, imaginative daughter of two novelists, and sends them off into a woodsy fantasyland of their own making, across the creek on a rope swing. Happily — just as a change from the likes of Pan's Labyrinth and The Chronicles of Narnia - it's always clear that the fantasyland is only a fantasy, but that won't protect it from unsightly computer-generated giant trolls, jumbo flying squirrels, armored dragonflies, etc. And even though these are pretty well contained - in time as well as space — the sandpapery surface of the image is a constant irritant. (Director Gabor Csupo, an animation man whose credits run from early Simpsons to feature-length Rugrats, is making his live-action debut.) All of this is almost worth putting up with for the brave bit of struggle, late in the day, with issues of male infidelity (sure, the boy knows who his best friend is, but he nonetheless cannot harness a crush on his comely music teacher, Zooey Deschanel), guilt, loss, remorse. The struggle doesn't last long, but it's painful. Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb, Robert Patrick, 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Days of Glory — Reviewed this issue. With Jamel Debbouze, Samy Naceri, Roschdy Zem, Sami Bouajila, and Bernard Blancan; directed by Rachid Bouchareb. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)



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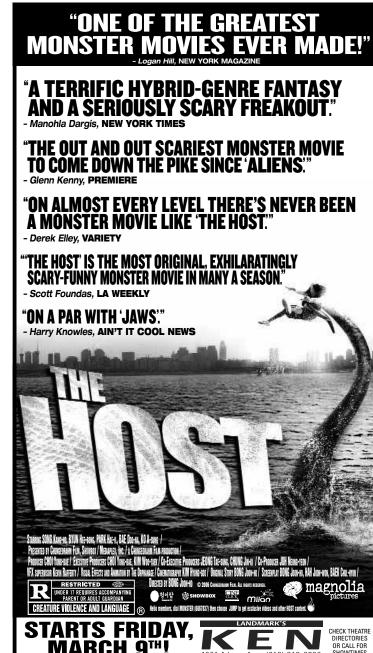
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Dreamgirls — Broadway backstage musical — not, that is to say, backstage on Broadway but backstage in Motown charting the breakthrough of R&B into the pop mainstream in the Sixties, more specifically the rise of a girl group called the Dreams (rhymes 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 unforgotten 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, Bevoncé 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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Ghost Rider — Yet another Marvel Comic turned unmarvelous movie, about an Evel Knievel motorcycle daredevil (Nicolas Cage, with a black divot of a hairpiece) who has sold his soul to Mephistopheles (a bouffant Peter Fonda), though he flees his responsibilities as "the Devil's bounty hunter" and continues to pursue his chosen vocation. One of his stunts has him jumping the length of a football field over churning helicopter blades, "from field goal to field goal." No fewer than three different people employ that expression — "from field goal to field goal" — and you can only wonder why none of these actors, or else, in consideration of the collaborative nature of the medium, one of the producers, or the assistant director, or the script girl, or the best boy, or somebody, couldn't have spoken up to the writer and director, Mark Steven Johnson, and said, "Mark Steven, I'm not the writer here, but you know, they're really not called field goals, they're called goalposts." Not that that would have fixed the movie. It starts off with one of those patience-taxing prologues which keeps you waiting twenty minutes for the star to appear, and which offers in his place a youthful incarnation that looks nothing like him. (At least the love interest is given a mole on her cheek to match that of Eva Mendes.) Even after that, the star tends to disappear whenever the action, so to speak, heats up, his head to be replaced at such times by a flaming skull (ooohhh!). And the action itself is of course not only cartoonish but a literal cartoon. The general effect is soporific - despite the fact that the Son of Satan (Wes Bentley), whose touch turns men to ash, is out to conquer the world - and the only counter to that effect is the ticklesome effect of the lame-brained dialogue. 2007. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MAR-KETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

God Grew Tired of Us — Christopher Quinn's documentary on the Lost Boys of Sudan, refugees of the civil war there, a few of whom are followed to the United States where they attempt to make a new home. A vast subject, covered skimmingly yet intimately: the eating of a pat of butter as if it were cheese, the hesitant first steps on an escalator, and so on. (Thoughts of Borat

might sometimes come to mind.) The English subtitles for accented English are as much a distraction as a help. Narrated by Nicole Kidman, 2006.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/8; LA JOLLA VILLAGE,

Hannibal Rising — Soft on cannibalism. But after all, Hannibal Lecter has made a lot of money for Hollywood, a powerful argument for clemency. Mostly boring and senseless, the prequel to The Silence of the Lambs (and Hannibal and Red Dragon) busies itself with mitigating circumstances Surely any reasonable man can understand why another man — a WWII orphan grown up - would want to eat the men who ate his little sister, especially if they were Nazi collaborators at the time and white slavers now. The French actor Gaspard Ulliel makes a poor substitute for Anthony Hopkins, though he just might make the grade as a sub for Crispin Glover. With Gong Li, Rhys Ifans, and Dominic West; directed by Peter Webber. 2007.

(PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Host — Reviewed this issue. With Kang-ho Song, Hae-il Park, Doo-na Bae, and A-sung Ko; written and directed by Jooh-ho Bong.

★★★ (KEN, FROM 3/9)

An Inconvenient Truth — A documentary for the Don't-Blame-Me-I-Voted-for-Gore crowd. It has a nominal director, Davis Guggenheim, but it's Al Gore's show, a self-described "slide show," or illustrated lecture, and not really a movie, to do with the causes and effects of global warming. This is laid out explicitly as less a political issue than "a moral issue," and laid out, tacitly, as a doomsday science-fiction scenario (think The Day after Tomorrow, think Waterworld, or if you're a reader, think The Drowned World or The Kraken Wakes), with a wealth of facts and figures for substantiation. "I've been trying to tell this story for a long time," remarks our lecturer, who estimates that he has delivered the presentation a thousand times around the globe, "and I feel as if I've failed to get the message across." Thus the movie. A new medium, a new conveyance. Needless to say, the identity of the messenger will by itself be enough to persuade a large fraction of the public to stay clear, on the presumption that all he wants to do is to take away from their annual stock dividends. They will miss an interesting, entertaining, and alarming show, 2006.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/14, 6 P.M.)

The Last King of Scotland — The selfconferred 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.

 \bigstar (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIS-SION VALLEY 20)

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 successors (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,



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MACSD's Teen Producers Project (TPP) offers local youth from underserved neighborhoods the opportunity to produce videos about what's happening in their lives and communities. Working for TPP has exposed me to great youth-produced work. I recommend Barrio Logan: Youth Voices - Community Stories, TPP's collection exploring and documenting important issues in Barrio Logan. In purchasing the DVD, not only do you learn about San Diego, Chicano Park, and Barrio Logan, but you also support local kids.

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As the special guest curator of the San Diego Latino Film Festival's first Cine'mation program, I wish that I could tempt readers with a short list of Spanish-language animation that they must add to their collections. They certainly exist but unfortunately, the imaginative storytelling and animated wizardry of Spain, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico. and Peru somehow never seem to find a way to DVD for our region. So until the animated films playing at this year's festival break through to the mainstream, we'll have to be content with the lovable Latinos voiced by Cheech Marin (the low-rider car Ramón) in Pixar's Cars; seek out the late WB's iMucha Lucha! (which may well be the forefather of Nickelodeon's new show El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera that plays at this year's film festival): or settle in for kiddie fun with the ever-lovable Dora, the Explorer. iViva Cine'mation!

SCHOOL DAYS (USA) 2007, Paramount Home Video List price: \$16.99 *iMUCHA LUCHA!* — *HEART OF* LUCHA & THE RETURN OF EL MALEFICO (USA) 2002, Warner List price: \$9.98 CARS (USA) 2006, Walt Disney List price: \$29.99

DORA, THE EXPLORER: MUSICAL

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 aftereffects as with the immediate effects, filing away the warfare as indelible mental snapshots. Too, it comes across as a bit preachier than ${\it Flags}$, 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

★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Lives of Others — The bad old days of the Berlin Wall and the Big Brother tactics of the GDR secret police, the Stasi. The case in point: a Party pooh-bah has the hots for a celebrated stage actress and, to clear the way, orders some dirt dug up on her playwright boyfriend, an apparently loyal socialist of spotless reputation despite his openly subversive friends and despite, too, his openly snooty manner. Ulrich Tukur, so memorable as the conscience-stricken Nazi of Amen, is good again in the less complex and less sympathetic role of the bureaucratic brownnoser who heads up the investigation. But the better role and better performance belong to another Ulrich, last name Mühe, coincidentally the conscienceless Doctor Mengele of Amen, now playing the relentless bullet-headed interrogator charged to carry out the dirty work, taking it all in (including the indiscretions of the

higher-ups), giving nothing away, keeping his opinions to himself, eventually keeping his findings to himself as well, crawling a long way out on a limb. Martina Gedeck and Sebastian Koch as actress and playwright have some complexity, too, to complement and compromise their outward artiness. Watching it all unfold is more than passably interesting, if not particularly to look at (nauseously green), and even though the run-on epilogue is rather cumbersome. The new-name filmmaker bears a name befitting the monocle-brandishing antagonist in a Viennese operetta, Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck, 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Messengers — Hollywood directorial debut of the Hong Kong twin brothers, Danny and Oxide Pang. Routine hauntedhouse hijinks, unrelenting and undiscriminating, at a "run-down" farmhouse (to say the least) in North Dakota, with a flock of crows flown in from Bodega Bay out of Hitchcock's The Birds. Kristen Stewart, Dvlan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller, John

Corbett. 2007.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Music and Lyrics — Enough laughs in the first few minutes to sustain two or three average screen comedies: a music-video parody of the signature tune of a British bubblegum group of the Eighties — "Pop Goes My Heart" by Pop!, from beginning to end — with Hugh Grant shimmying, shaking, and pogosticking in a long-hair wig. Cut to the present, when he's "a happy has-been," finished with songwriting ("It's so time-consuming"), content to re-do the oldies for class reunions, amusement parks, whoever will have him. But then the world's hottest female soloist (a dimpled blond newcomer named Haley Bennett), a Madonna-esque amalgam of Eastern religions and Western decadence, commissions him to write her a song on spec — she's indebted to Pop! for helping her through her parents' split at age seven — and he begins an impromptu collaboration, and romance, with his temporary plant-waterer, Drew Barrymore. These are two actors with polished acts, and they both seem to be playing up to their own fan clubs rather than each other. The energy falls off right around the midpoint, but writer-director Marc Lawrence has his own sort of polish, and the image maintains a constant sheen. With Brad Garrett, Campbell Scott. 2007. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME



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Night at the Museum — Jumanji-esque 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Norbit — Screamingly unfunny comedy featuring Eddie Murphy in a dual role as a lisping four-eyed nerd and his fat browbeating wife, wearing walrus-weight latex. Eek! With Thandie Newton, Eddie Griffin, Terry Crews, Marlon Wayans, and Cuba Gooding, Jr.; directed by Brian Robbins. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-CONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS CINEMAS: 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-chil-

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) 300 (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:45, 2:10) 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:55, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (11:30, 12:50, 2:10) 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:55, 9:45; **The Astro-** $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{naut Farmer} \ (PG) \ Fri.\text{-Sat.} \ (12:00, 2:50) \ 5:15, \\ 8:00, \ 10:25 \ Sun. \ (12:00, 2:50) \ 5:15, \\ \textbf{8:00, } 10:25 \ Sun. \ (12:00, 2:50) \ 5:15, \\ \textbf{8:00, } 10:15; \\ \textbf{Black Snake Moan} \ (R) \ Fri.\text{-Sun.} \ (11:35, 2:05) \end{array}$ 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; Bridge to Terabithia (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:15) 4:35, 7:10, 9:25; Ghost Rider (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:15; Music and Lyrics (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 4:40, 7:20, 9:35; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:20) 4:30, 7:35, 9:50; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:35) 5:25, 7:30, 9:30; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:50, 12:30, 2:00, 2:55) 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 3:00) 6:55, 10:10 Sun. (12:45) 4:10, 8:15

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15 701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

300 (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 2:45) 4:40, 5:30, 7:30, 8:20, 10:20; **Babel** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:25, 7:50; Black Snake Moan (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45, 2:30) 4:35, 5:20, 7:20, 8:10, 10:20; Blood Diamond (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 5:05, 8:15; Breach (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Bridge to Terabithia (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:10) 4:20, 5:25, 7:45, 10:15; Dreamgirls (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 5:45, 7:40, 8:30, 10:30; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; **The Number** 23 (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; **The Number**23 (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **Zodiac**39 (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 2:40) 4:30, 6:15, 8:00, 9:40

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Amazing Grace (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 6:45, 9:30; The Astronaut Farmer (PG) Fri.

(12:25, 2:50, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; The Last King of Scotland (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:35) 6:40, 9:25; Letters from Iwo Jima (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 6:50, 10:05; The Messengers (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:20, 4:35) 7:05, 9:20 Sat.-Sun (12:05, 2:20) 4:35, 7:05, 9:20; **Music and** Lyrics (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:35) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Norbit (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; Reno 911!: Miami (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:10, 5:30) 7:35, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:05, 3:10) 5:30, 7:35, 9:40; **Smokin' Aces** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; The First Emperor Encore - NCM Event (NR) Sun. 1:30; The Ultimate Gift (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:20) 6:55, 9:45; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05 Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Days of Glory** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:15, 9:45 Sat.-10:45, 4:15, 9:45; The Last King of Scotland (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat. Sun. 10:55, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Lives of Others** (R) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 8:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 2:00, 5:00, 8:10; The Painted Veil (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:35, 7:00; The Queer (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:50, 7:20

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

0733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00; San Diego Latino Film Festival

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) **300** (R) Fri. (11:00, 11:40) 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 3:35, 4:15, 4:55, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50, 11:50 Sat. (11:00, 11:40) 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 3:35, 4:15, 4:55, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50 Sun. (11:00, 11:40) 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 3:35, 4:15, 4:55, 6:3; **The Astronaut** Farmer (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:10; Because I Said So (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:35, 10:15 Sun. 1:30, 7:30; Black Snake Moan (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:25, 4:25, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:55 Sun 1:25, 4:25, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:45, 4:20, 7:25, 10:35 Sun. 1:45, 4:20, 7:25, 10:35; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:35, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20; **Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:40; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00 Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 1:30, 2:45, 5:30, 7:30, 8:15, 11:00 Sun. 12:05, 2:45, 4:35, 5:30, 8:15, 10:15 Sun. 12:05, 2:45, $5{:}30,\,8{:}15;$ The Last King of Scotland (R)Fri.-Sun. 6:55, 9:55; The Messengers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:40, 9:35; Music and Lyrics (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; Norbit (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; The **Number 23** (R) Fri. 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:05, 10:45 Sat. 12:20, 2:50, 8:05, 10:45 Sun. 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:05, 10:40; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 2:25, 3:05, 5:25, 7:05, 7:55, 10:20 Sun. 2:25, 5:25, 7:05, 7:55, 10:20; The First Emperor Encore - NCM Event (NR) Sun. 1:30; The Last Mimzy (PG) Sat. 5:30p.m.; The Ultimate Gift (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:50, 7:35, 10:30; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 1:10, 1:55, 4:00, 4:45, 6:50, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:20) 1:10, 1:55, 4:00, 4:45, 6:50, 7:40, 9:40; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 11:45) 2:30, 3:20, 6:05, 7:00, 9:45, 10:40 Sun. (11:05, 11:45) 2:30, 3:20, 6:05, 7:00, 9:45

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) **300** (R) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri. 4:45, 7:30, 10:05 Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:05 Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 7:30; **Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50 Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50 Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10 Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 4:50, 7:10, 9:35 Sat. (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:10, 9:35 Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:10; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sat. (12:20,

2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00,

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **The Host** (R) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) The Lives of Others (R) Fri. 1:55, 5:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:55, 5:00, 8:00; **Notes on a Scandal** (R) Fri. 4:00, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 10:30, 4:00, 9:35; **Pan's Labyrinth** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; **The Queen** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; Starter for 10 (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:35 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05; Volver (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 6:50

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00. 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Dolphins (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. 10:00a.m.; Hurricane on the Bavou (Not Rated) Fri, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Wolves (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00; Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

105 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **300** (R) Fri. (1:25, 2:30) 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sat. (11:45, 1:25, 2:30) 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:45, 1:25, 2:30) 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (12:10. 2:40) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Bridge to Terabithia (PG) Fri. (2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:30 Sat. (12:00,

2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:20; Ghost Rider (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:35, 7:25, 9:55 Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:35, 7:25 9:55 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:35, 7:25, 9:50; Music and Lyrics (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:40; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10 Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:00; The Number 23 (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35 Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Wild Hogs (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:55, 7:40, 10:15 Sat. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:40, 10:05; **Zodiac** (R) Fri. (2:50) 7:00, 10:30 Sat. (11:55, 3:25) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (11:55, 3:25) 7:00, 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) 300 (R); Bridge to Terabithia (PG); Ghost Rider (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway hetween H and I (619-338-4214) **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:30, 300, 10:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Ghost Rider (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Norbit (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; The Number 23 (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 6:00, 10:45; Pan's Labyrinth (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 3:15) 8:15; Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30): The Ultimate **Gift** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Wild Hogs (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

Palm Promenaue 24 770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) 300 (R); Amazing Grace (PG); The Astronaut Farmer (PG); Black Snake Moan (R); Breach (PG-13); Bridge to Terabithia (PG); Daddy's Little Girls (PG-13); Ghost Rider

dren, thirty-something art teacher, Blanchett, and a fifteen-year-old male student (Andrew Simpson), a ripped-fromthe-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 Evre. 2006.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Number 23 — Numerological thriller puts a lot of ingenuity into ferreting out that combination of digits. It begins on February 3 (i.e., 2/3), flashes back to December 23, points out elsewhere that the numerals in 9/11/2001 add up to twentythree (you might get fourteen or 2021, but try again), and on and on. A full-blown obsession along these lines gets going when a chance chain of events leads the protagonist to a novel that bears the same name as the movie, a slender, self-published softback in pica type. Reading it, he begins to notice strange parallels between his own life and the plot of the novel, a pastiche of the hardboiled crime thriller, re-enacted on screen in lurid installments, the protagonist of the movie doubling as the protagonist of the novel, enveloped in desaturated colors, computerized landscapes, every known device of heightening the artificiality. The hero's obsession, aside from any display of bad taste on his part, takes him irreversibly down a path of increasing ridiculousness (he determines the novelist is a real-life



The Host

murderer and that he himself is the man to bring him to justice), and director Joel Schumacher fails to achieve a sufficiently persuasive tone to cover for it. Not the least of his problems is his lead actor, Jim Carrey, the Plastic Man whose ability to "stretch" himself has proven to be strictly physical. Which is to say, he shows more elasticity in an Ace Ventura comedy than in The Truman Show or The Majestic or Man on the Moon or Eternal Sunshine of the Spot-

less Mind. With Virginia Madsen, Logan Lerman, Danny Huston. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VIL-

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. • (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Pan's Labvrinth — 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 be-neath 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, bal-

(PG-13); Hannibal Rising (R); The Messengers (PG-13); Music and Lyrics (PG-13); Norbit (PG-13); The Number 23 (R); Pan's Labyrinth (R); Reno 911!: Miami (R); The Ultimate Gift (PG); Wild Hogs (PG-13); Zo-

Rancho Del Rey 16 *East H Street (619-216-4707)* **300** (R) Fri. (11:15, 12:10, 12:55, 2:05, 3:45, 4:25, 5:10) 6:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:05, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 12:10, 12:55, 2:05, 3:45) 4:25, 5:10, 6:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:05, 10:50; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 7:25, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:25, 10:35; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:10) 7:10, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:30) 6:55, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:30, 6:55, 9:25; **Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:50) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:50, 7:45, 10:25; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:40; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:10, 4:35) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:10) 4:35, 7:30, 10:10; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 6:50, 9:35; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:25; **The Number 23** (R) Fri. (11:25, 1:55, 4:20) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:20, 7:05, 9:55; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri. (12:35, 2:45, 5:00) 7:55, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 5:00, 7:55, 10:45; **The Ultimate Gift** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 10:00; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 4:55, 7:35, 10:20; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30

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Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35) 4:45, 7:25, 10:15 Sun. (12:35) 4:45, 7:25; **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45; Black Snake Moan (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15 Sun. (12:25) 4:50, 7:35; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (12:40) 4:35, 7:20; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.

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ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:20, 1:05, 2:10, 3:25, 4:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:10, 10:45; Amazing Grace (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55; The Astronaut Farmer (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:35); Black Snake Moan (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:20) 7:35, 10:30; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:15, 10:25; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:30) 6:55, 9:35; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:40; Music and Lyrics (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00; **Night at the Museum** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 6:50, 9:40; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:45, 10:35; **The Number 23** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:05) 7:20, 10:10 Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 10:10 Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 7:20, 10:10; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 10:20; The Last Mimzy (PG) Sat. 6:30p.m.; The Ultimate Gift (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 4:00) 7:10, 10:05; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:30, 10:15; **Zo**diac (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

Mission Road (760-945-8784) 300 (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 7:00; **Pan's Labyrinth** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom** Festival (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); Wild Hogs (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45

POWAY

Poway 10

way Road (858-646-9423) 300 (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00; The **Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:15) 6:00; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:30; Breach (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 4:30); Bridge to Terabithia (PG) 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; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (1:45) 7:15; Pan's Labyrinth (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; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:45) 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (3:45) 8:30; **Strawberry** Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); The Ultimate Gift (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:15; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) 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; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:30)

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San Marcos 18

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8:10, 10:20; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15) 7:05, 7:45, 9:35, 10:15; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 12:10, 2:50, 3:50) 6:40, 7:20, 10:10, 10:40 Sun. (11:10,

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05 Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:30; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35 Sun. (12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:15; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420) 300 (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:15) 6:00; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) 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; **Chost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15; **Pan's Labyrinth** (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; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:45) 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (3:45) 8:30; Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); Wild Hogs (PG-13) 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; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **The Lives of Others** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; Music and Lyrics (PG-13) 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; **Volver** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) $\textbf{Pan's Labyrinth} \ (R)$

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221) **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45

Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sur (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; Bridge to Terabithia (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; Music and Lyrics (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:45) 7:15; **Pan's** Labvrinth (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; **Strawberry Shortcake: The Sweet** Dreams Movie (NR) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); Wild Hogs (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) , 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30,

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790) 300 (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:00, 2:55, 4:00) 6:00, 7:00, 9:20, 10:05; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:40; Bridge to Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 6:40, 9:40; Bridge to Terabithia (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 6:45, 9:35; **Daddy's Little Girls** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 12:55, 3:25, 3:55) 6:30, 7:05, 9:30, 10:00; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:50) 6:55, 9:50; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; Reno 911!: Miami (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 1:00, 2:40, 3:30) 5:20, 6:15, 7:55, 9:20, 10:30; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:55) 6:20, 9:45

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 12:10, 1:40, 2:20, 2:50, 4:20, 5:00, 5:30) 7:00, 7:40, 8:10, 9:40, 10:15, 10:45; **The Astronaut Farmer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:25) 7:15, 9:35; **Black Snake Moan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:45, 10:25; **Breach** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:10, 4:50) 7:20, 9:55; **Bridge to Terabithia** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **Ghost Rider** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:25) 8:00, 10:30; **The Messengers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:35, 3:50) 6:00, 8:05, 10:40; **Music and Lyrics** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55, 5:10) 7:30, 10:05; **Norbit** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50, 4:10) 6:50, 9:30; **The Number 23** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:45) 6:05, 8:20, 10:35; **Reno 911!: Miami** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20) 7:35, 9:45; Smokin' Aces (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:15) 7:50, 10:10; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30, 5:05) 7:25, 9:50; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:25) 6:45, 10:00

ance 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 arboreal 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.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GALAXY 6; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA PALOMA: PALM PROMENADE 24: POWAY 10)

The Queen — A spot of simulated Royalswatching, 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



Music and Lyrics

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,

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Reno 911!: Miami — Big-screen blowup of Comedy Central's latter-day Keystone Kops, in an ill-fitting mockumentary format. The cheap, bleached, digital image is

fully worthy of the crude humor. With Robert Ben Garant, Thomas Lennon, Kerri Kenney-Silver, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Niecy Nash, Cedric Yarbrough, Carlos Alazraqui, Mary Birdsong, Nick Swardson, Paul Rudd, and an unbilled cameo by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson; directed by Garant. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Smokin' Aces — Callous and smartypants action thriller in the Tarantino mode, or better, Tarantinissimo, revolving around a horde of free-lance bounty hunters and hit persons (a lavishly pierced and tattooed heavy-metal trio, a couple of black lesbians, a scar-faced master of disguise in Mission: Impossible latex, among others) in competition to cut out the heart of a Mob-connected Vegas headliner, Buddy "Aces" Israel, now under the safeguard of the feds. Writer and director Ioe Carnahan, easing up on the heel-grinding naturalism of Narc, though not on the finger-snapping tempo, is serious only about that most frivolous thing, tricking the audience at the end, and about that most mindless thing, spraying the audience with bullets and blood. The large cast includes Jeremy Piven, Ryan Reynolds, Ray Liotta, Andy Garcia, Ben Affleck, Peter Berg, Martin Campbell, Matthew Fox, and Alicia Keys, of whom none has so much as a snowball's chance.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Starter for 10 — Collegiate comedy from the U.K., with James McAvoy, Alice Eve, Rebecca Hall, and Charles Dance, directed by Tom Vaughan. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/9)

300 — Zack Snyder's adaptation of the Frank Miller graphic novel on the Battle of Thermopylae, with Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, Dominic West. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MAR-COS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 3/9)

Volver — Almodóvar adds to his familiar sour comedy and mock melodrama the new element of an apparent apparition, a mundane ghost, a flatulent 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 seveneighths 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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Wild Hogs — Reviewed this issue. With Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, John Travolta, William H. Macy, Marisa Tomei, and Ray Liotta; directed by Walt Becker.

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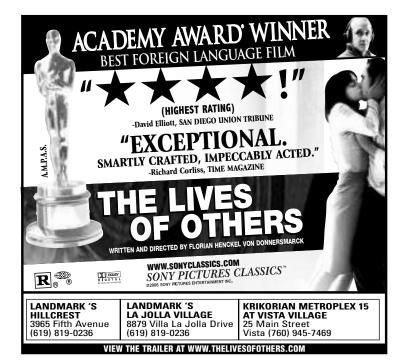
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Celebra Hugo

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Diario San Diego

Después del silbatazo que marcó el final del encuentro entre México y Venezuela, Hugo Sánchez sonrió y dijo: "Cayó el primero".

El entrenador de la Selección Mexicana de futbol se refería a su primera victoria como timonel del conjunto Tricolor.

"Este es el primer triunfo de muchos más que deben de venir si trabajamos y mantenemos una actitud positiva", comentó Sánchez.

El estratega admitió

que el triunfo de 3-1 sobre Venezuela no lo dejó del todo conforme.

"Tuvimos un muy buen primer tiempo pero en la segunda mitad nos confiamos y eso no debe de suceder", subrayó,

La Selección Mexicana de futbol continuará sus juegos de preparación el 24 de marzo en la ciudad de Monterrey enfrentará a su similar de Paraguay y el 28 de este mismo mes enfrentará al seleccionado de Ecuador en el Coliseo de Oakland, California. espectáculos



Buena tortilla

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

El talento y creatividad de los latinos continúa dando de qué hablar para bien.

Ahora le toca el turno a la directora mexicana Judy Hecht con su primer largometraje "Tortilla Heaven" que se presentará esta semana en el Festival de Cine Latino en San Diego y a nivel nacional el 16 de marzo en todos los cines.

Tortilla Heaven está

basada en una historia real, de esas historias que suceden a diario en los pueblos y en las ciudades.

En lo alto de las montañas Sangre de Cristo, en un minúsculo pueblo al Norte de Nuevo México, apareció la imagen de Jesucristo al casi quemarse una tortilla.

Para su directora, Judy Hecht, Tortilla Heaven está basada en la corriente literaria del realismo mágico llevado a la pantalla. san diego



Lo defienden

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

El Capitán del navío en el que viajaba Francisco Arellano Félix aseguró que la detención del capo de las drogas fue realizada dentro de aguas territoriales mexicanas.

Edgar Omar Osorio fue liberado tras haber testificado en la corte federal de San Diego, que la captura del "Tigrillo" se realizó a unas 8 ó 10 millas de Cabo San Lucas, México.

De acuerdo al capitán del yate 'Dock Holiday', donde se produjo la captura, el día de la detención elementos de la Guardia Costera le ordenaron dirigir la embarcación fuera de territorio mexicano.

Después de permanecer detenido como testigo material por seis meses en una cárcel federal de Arizona, el juez Larry Burns ordenó la libertad de Osorio el 26 de febrero, y fue deportado a México por la garita de Nogales, Sonora, a pesar de la oposición de la defensa de "El Tigrillo".





Bola de cultura

Conocido popularmente como 'La Bola', el Centro Cultural Tijuana (Cecut) es un espacio idóneo para adentrarse en la cultura mexicana y de Baja California.

Con casi 25 años de ofrecer otra alternativa cultural en una de las zonas de mayor dinamismo económico de Tijuana, como lo es la Zona Rio, este espacio para la cultura, las artes y el esparcimiento se muestra como un simbolo de Tijuana.

Con más de un millón 300 mil visitas anuales, de los cuales el 30 por ciento provienen de las escuelas de la ciudad de Tijuana, este espacio ofrece todo lo necesario para que en familia se pueda disfrutar, aprender y contem-

plar diversos aspectos de la cultura mexicana.

"En el Cecut encuentras cosas muy interesantes, algunas de ellas permanentes como el Museo de las Californias, que en un lapso de una hora, que es lo que puede durar el recorrido, se pueden llevar una idea muy clara de la historia de la península de Baja California. Este museo estă cumpliendo siete años y empieza con las pinturas rupestres durante un recorrido cronológico y termina con una Baja California, una Tijuana del Siglo XX", explicó la directora del Cecut la licenciada Teresa Vicencio, quien ha sido ratificada al puesto por otros seis años.

Entra en vigor nueva ley

Ley polémica

tijuana

Diario San Diego

Casi el 10 por ciento de los adolescentes encerrados en el Consejo para Menores Infractores, la prisión para menores de edad en Tijuana, cumplen condenas por delitos graves como homicidios y secuestros.

Según Luz María Félix Figueroa, presidenta del Consejo Tutelar, hasta diciembre del año pasado tenian 22 adolescentes recluidos por asesinatos de una población total de 270 menores de edad.

En los últimos seis años nunca la cifra de crimenes de adolescentes ha disminuido, incluso la participación de menores de edad en delitos graves como homicidios y secuestros se ha incrementado, de acuerdo a cifras

de la misma institución.

Pese a esta situación, los delitos de alto impacto cometidos por menores de 18 años ya no son sentenciados, según una nueva ley.

La semana pasada entró en vigor en Baja California y el resto del País una nueva ley para adolescentes.

La nueva legislación impedirá que autoridades castiguen a menores de 14 años y sólo puedan juzgar a adolescentes entre los 14 y los 17 años, pero únicamente por delitos del orden común, siendo la pena máxima un año de encierro o tratamiento.

Los menores de edad quedarán exentos de penas por delitos graves como secuestro, homicidios y narcotráfico, según la nueva ley.



Habrá confusión

Residentes de la región de Tijuana-San Diego temen que el próximo cambio de horario que dará inicio en San Diego el 11 de marzo traerá confusión y problemas en actividades cotidianas.

Debido a que el horario de verano no se hará en sincronía con los horarios en Baja California, ni el resto de la República Mexicana, miles de personas se verán afectadas.

En un sondeo realizado por Diario San Diego se encontró que la mayoría de las personas habían escuchado del cambio de horario pero no tenían la certeza de que fuera algo oficial o de cuando entraria en vigor.

La mayoría de los entre-

vistados dijeron que este cambio es injusto para los residentes de Tijuana pues deberán de adaptarse a dos horas diferentes.

Para algunas personas la incongruencia en horarios afectará principalmente a los sectores laboral, escolar y el comercial.

Autoridades aduanales de San Diego indicaron que extenderán una hora el horario de las líneas sentri en las garitas de San Ysidro y Mesa de Otay para que existan menos contratiempos debido al cambio de horario.

"Ya sé que mis trabajadores van a llegar tarde, porque muchos de ellos no están enterado del cambio de hora", dijo Gustavo Ramírez, dueño de un negocio de reciclado en San Diego.

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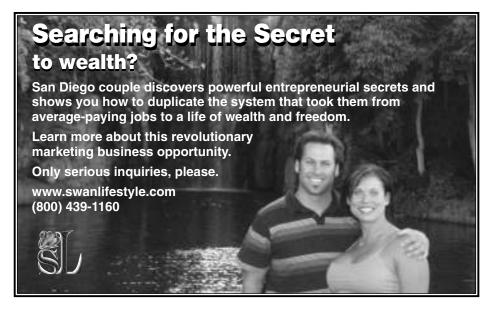
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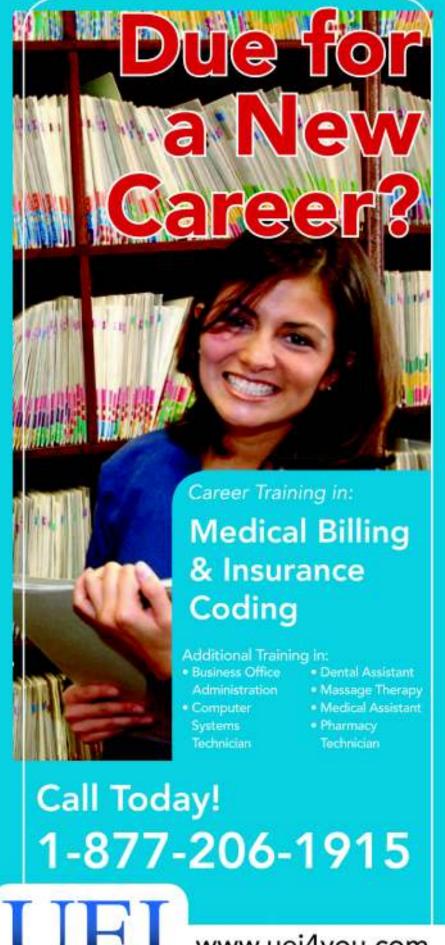
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Drafter

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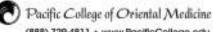
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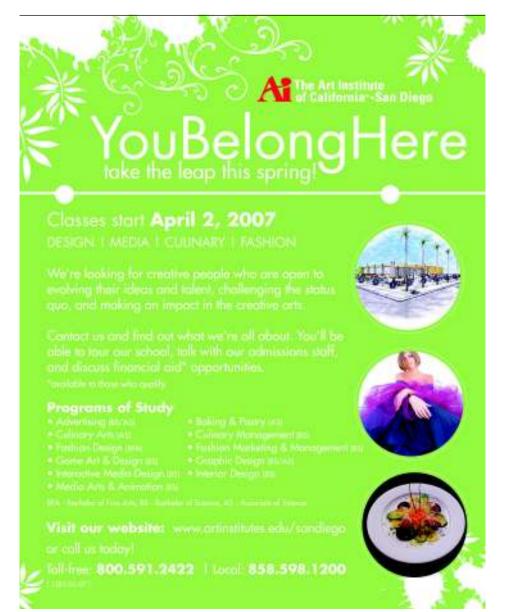
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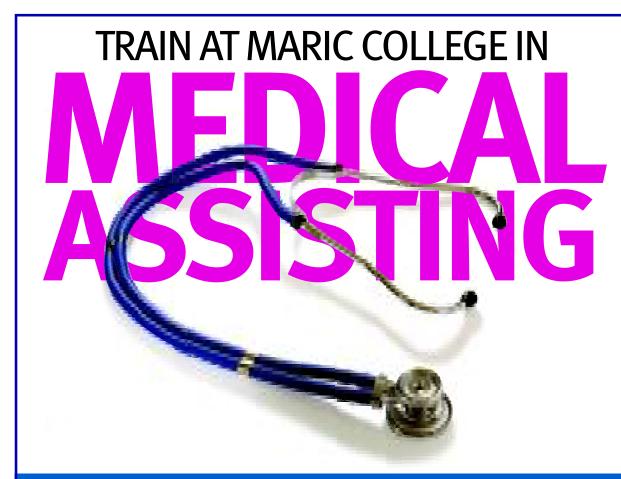
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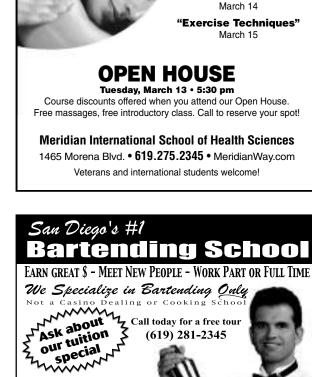
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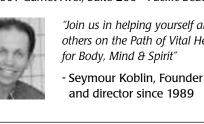
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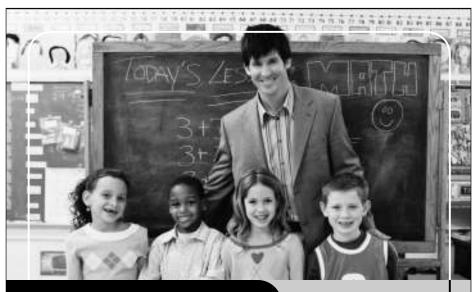
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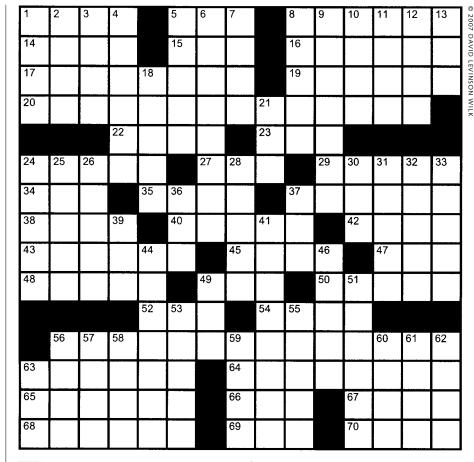
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- 2. "Whoops!" 3. Carry
- 4. Murky
- 5. "Shrek!" author William
- 6. Judge in 1990s news
- 7. Short race, for short 8. Oliver of fiction
- 9. Southwestern capital
- 10. Chew like beavers do
- 11. Gillette razor
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- 13. Law enforcement hgrs.
- 18. Delta of TV
- 21. "A mouse!"
- 24. Looking forward to 25. Where Ali upset Foreman in
- 1974 26. Muscle
- 28. Military vehicles
- 30. CD-
- 31. Neighbor of an Afghan
- 32. Its national anthem asks "How can one count the blessings of the Nile for mankind?"
- 33. Wal-Mart rival
- 36. Arch city: Abbr. 37. Dept. store stuff
- 39. Begin, with "off"
- 41. It's not inherited
- 44. Executive's aircraft 46. Stackable snackables
- 49. Madison's home: Abbr.
- 51. Playwright Eve
- 53. ____ Janiero 55. Several Norwegian kings
- 56. Penlight batteries
- 57. Order in the court
- 58. "The Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine 59. Baseball's Martinez
- 60. Land of shamrocks
- 61. Arrow poison
- 62. End-of-the-week cheer
- 63. Fr. title

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
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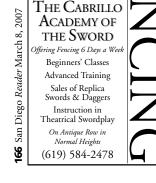
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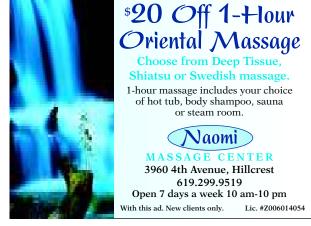


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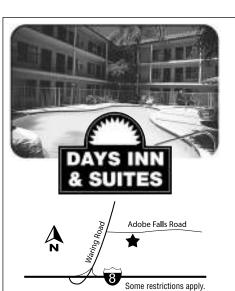
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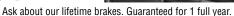
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He eventually comes home and tells me that he's going to spend some time alone. The whole time I've been with him, there was never a day when he wanted to be alone. He hates being alone. Then this goes on for a few days.

So I stop him as we're leaving the house and say that we need to talk. He tells me that he needs a break, that he needs some "alone time." Yeah, right. Do I seem that stupid? Then he lays this big lie on me, which I believed at the time. I cried my eyes out every day after that because I loved him so. I mean, hard core.

I wanted to talk every day about the breakup. Why did it need to be a breakup? He just said, "I'm tired of you wanting to talk. Get over it." This happened for weeks. He started leaving the house more often, talking on the phone more. Mostly speaking in Spanish, and I don't understand español. I'm Mexican, but, sorry, I fell asleep in that class.

He was in the shower one day, and I saw that his wallet was thicker than usual, so I took a peek. There was a Denny's placemat with "I love you" written back and forth on it, like a conversation. Guess who? Him and his ex-girlfriend! They went to Denny's together while he was with me — how rude! I confronted him. He said it was my fault for looking in his things. If he had been honest from the start then he wouldn't have gotten caught! He said they were just

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LEAD STORY

About half the students who attend the Jewish primary school King David, in Birmingham, England, are Muslims, and in fact, their parents work hard to get them in because they so respect the school's ethos and its halal-like diet. All students learn Hebrew, recite Jewish prayers, and celebrate Israeli independence, but there is a Muslim prayer room, also, and Muslim teachers are hired for Ramadan. However, confided one parent, the school tries to keep a low profile so as not to inflame the religious rabble-rousers.

Compelling Explanations

 Robert "Drew" Stephenson, on trial in Fort Worth, Texas, in January for "torturing" an exgirlfriend, acknowledged her severe burns but said it wasn't his fault. He said the two were having sex in a house that had no heat, and to warm himself, he ran the flames of a lantern up and down his arm. According to him, his girlfriend said she wanted to be warmed up with flames, too. He was convicted, and in February, after four other women testified that he had beaten them, was sentenced to life in prison.

The Laws of Irony

 In February, two anti-whaling activists (one from Australia, one from Los Angeles), intending to attack a Japanese whaling ship near Antarctica with a bottle of acid and a smoke bomb, got lost in the fog in their small dinghy and were rescued with the help of several boats, including the whaler. However, as soon as the activists were safe, one thanked the Japanese crew but said, "I guess we're back on schedule, and we'll be pursuing you again." Shortly after that, the activists approached the whaler and tossed the acid onto the deck, injuring two crewmembers.

 It is well known that Saudi Arabia still prohibits women from driving cars (or riding in them unless accompanied by a male relative), but a December Associated Press dispatch from Riyadh reported on female automobile salespeople (who are successful in selling to females, who can own cars as long as someone else drives).

Also, in January, a holding company owned by Saudi Prince Alwaleed ibn Talal hired a female pilot for one of its jets. The woman, Capt. Hanadi Zakariya Hindi, flies with no restrictions but still requires a male relative to get her to and from the airport.

— In January in Austin, Texas, a 45-minute delay occurred between when a nighttime 911 call was made to report a building on fire and the time firefighters arrived. According to the Austin American-Statesman, the delay could have been due to uncertainty about the seriousness of the "fire," in that the building in question, with smoke spewing from it, was Bert's Bar B-Q (which of course has smoke spewing from it frequently). This time, though, the building was destroyed.

Sweet Justice!

- (1) Josie Medlock, 59, imprisoned two homeimprovement contract workers and two supervisors in her home in East Dene, England, in December and refused to let them out until they promised to finish her kitchen remodeling by Christmas. A local government mediator worked out a compromise, according to London's Sun. (2) Luis Carlos de Noronha Cabral da Camara, of Portugal, died in 2001 with a 13-year-old will leaving his entire estate (including two residences) to be divided among 70 people he had randomly selected from the Lisbon phone book, with explicit instructions that his relatives would get nothing. (According to a January 2007 Agence France-Presse dispatch, the outraged relatives are still challenging the will.)

The Ligitious Society

 William Davis filed a \$1.5 million lawsuit against the Murfreesboro, Tenn., police in December because, when they raided his home after complaints from neighbors, they seized and destroyed the 114 dead cats and one dead dog that Davis kept in freezers and which he said had "emotional value" for him. In addition, according to the petition filed in Chancery Court for Rutherford County (and uncovered by TheSmokingGun.com), the carcasses were potential business property; Davis said he was planning to start his own pet cemetery, one of the cats, he claimed, was destined for the Guinness Book of World Records because it had been so large at birth.

· We're Smart, You're Not: A group of socalled "gifted" eighth-grade students filed a lawsuit in 2003 against the Beaubien School in Chicago because officials denied them their 'right" to wear a "Gifties" T-shirt. The school, with similar numbers of "gifteds" and regular students (who, the Chicago Sun-Times reported, are referred to as "tards"), works to tamp down divisiveness and controversy between the two groups. However, said one giftie, "There's a certain point when you have to stick up for your rights," and not only was a lawsuit filed, but when it was tossed out by the first judge to hear it, the students appealed, and argument was heard in January at the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Civilization in Decline

- (1) The Netherlands broadcaster SBS 6 was scheduled to launch the reality TV show Love at Second Sight in February; it was described as a dating show for the "visibly disfigured." An SBS 6 spokesman said the show's goal is to fight prejudice (which is why the producers changed the name from its original, "Monster Love"). (2) Southern California filmmaker Dominic Scott Kay filed a creative-control lawsuit in January against the financial backer of his short film "Saving Angelo," starring family friend Kevin Bacon. Scott-Kay wanted to enter the film in independent festivals but was kept from doing so by the financier. Dominic Scott Kay is ten years old.

Fetishes on Parade

(1) George Dalmas III, 48, a 20-year, mid-level CIA employee, pleaded guilty in Fairfax, Va., in December to breaking into ten homes and stealing many items of expensive jewelry, plus 1074 pairs of women's underpants, all of which Dalmas carefully maintained, in that, said the prosecutor, he was most of all a pack rat. (2) In December, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals petitioned to have convicted Chicago-

area bestialist Dwayne Page, 27, banned from further contact with animals (even though Page might already have moved on to a substitute fetish five months earlier, according to a probation officer, by browsing websites "relating to diapers for sexual arousal").

Least Competent Criminals

- Joshlynn Leigh, 30, was arrested in December at a Pennsylvania state police barracks as she arrived for fingerprinting in preparation for being hired by the agency. Leigh was discovered to have driven to the barracks in a stolen car (the same one that was the subject of a warrant against her in Georgia for auto theft).

Update

· Canadian inventor Troy Hurtubise made "News of the Weird" in 1997 and 2001 as he struggled to create a grizzly bear-fighting suit with mixed success. During the past two years, he has invested \$15,000 to create what he calls the "first ballistic, full exoskeleton body suit of armor" to protect Canadian soldiers in combat. He told Ontario's Hamilton Spectator in January that he was ready to put the suit on and face high-powered rifle fire. In addition to the armor, the outfit contains a knife, a transponder, a recording device, and emergency morphine.

Not All the Weird News Is Bad

 Ms. Pan Alying, a schoolteacher in China's Shandong province, had her purse snatched in January (containing her mobile phone, bank cards, and cash) and decided to try pleading with the thief by sending text messages to her stolen phone. According to Xinhua news agency, she sent 21 sympathetic notes to the man, with no answer, but the day after the last one, she found a package at her door containing her purse and all its contents intact, with a note: "I'm sorry.... I'll correct my ways and be an upright person."

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"My cousins were very interested in the Wobbly activity here in San Diego and after the war when I went into the fire department they took pleasure in telling me what happened here," said Bert Shanklund, 87, retired San Diego fireman.

"My older brother Clement rode the rails clear down from Montana to be parta' that fight," recalls "Codger" Bill Lewis, 77. "When he finally got back some months later, he said that what the police and vigilantes did in San Diego was the worst head busting he'd ever seen. They kilt two Wobs and ya' don't know how many more bodies they mighta' dumped in the desert."

— "HOW SAN DIEGO TOOK CARE OF ITS WOBBLIES," David Helvarg, March 10, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Robert O. Peterson, [f]ounder of the Jack-inthe Box restaurant chain...converted the building from a furniture factory to executive offices for himself and his wife, former city

councilwoman Maureen O'Connor.

So it came as some surprise when Peterson recently allowed his building's carefully tended curtain of anonymity to be lifted a bit by permitting Mayor Wilson to move his U.S. Senate campaign headquarters into the

—CITY LIGHTS: "BUT NO LOUD SPEECHES AFTER TEN," Matt Potter, March 11, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Men, read no further. This story contains things you don't understand, things you probably don't care about anyway. The heaviness of face cream has never been a big concern of yours. Coating one's face with walnut shells seems like a strange thing to do. Spending half an hour at a cosmetic counter is incomprehensible and, if you happen to be on the waiting end, intolerable. You have never experienced the thrill of using a virgin tube of lipstick, nor do you expect to.

— "THERE'S A FACE FOR US!" Brae Canlen. March 12, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

"In rock portage, trainees have to haul their rubber boats along the top of the boulders that form the Hotel Del breakwater. When they get to the end of the breakwater, they

have to launch into the surf. And when those waves build to 10 or 12 feet, crashing right on the rocks, it's just about impossible to complete the mission. That's when people start

- "GOON SQUAD IN HELL WEEK," Bill Salisbury, March 12, 1992

Ten Years Ago

When the Polish government called [Czeslaw Milosz] back to Poland, he defected. "I knew," he would later say, "that my country was becoming the province of an empire."

[Thomas Merton's] autobiographical bestseller, The Seven Storey Mountain, was published in 1948 and made Merton's name known worldwide.

Milosz's letters to Merton were stored in the Merton archives in Kentucky.... Milosz visited Claremont several months after Faggen first read the letters. Faggen said to Milosz, "I really think these letters ought to be published," to which Milosz replied, "Well, maybe."

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—READING: "STRIVING TOWARDS BEING: THE LETTERS



San Diego Reader, March 12, 1987

OF THOMAS MERTON AND CZESLAW MILOSZ."

Judith Moore, March 6, 1997

Five Years Ago

In Diane's view, there's some truth to the idea that girls connect to horses because horses are like girls — high-strung, emotional, intuitive — but they have what girls and women lack: physical power. If a woman can control an enormous, strong-willed animal, she's not powerless. To gain that control, however, is not simple.

—"HORSES AND THEIR WOMEN," Laura McNeal, March 7, 2002

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FOUR SEASONS IN ONE DAY

What's the weather like in New Zealand? It's a question I'm often asked by those planning to move here. Quite frankly, I'd rather they asked me to calculate the square root of 489,311...in my head.

I regularly post to an online forum about life in New Zealand. We have a weather thread, and people from all over New Zealand post their daily observations. Why? Because you can't rely on the experts. There are so many pesky microclimates here that in the 50-kilometer drive to the nearest town, I can, and often have, experience blazing sun, scorching temps, fog, hail, gales, and rain.

You just can't DO daily observations in this country. Take the other day, for example. I awoke to beautiful blue skies and logged on to the forum.

9:30 a.m. "Good morning, forum, it's a lovely, sunny morning here in the Selwyn District of Canterbury. Hope you Aucklanders on the North Island are dry (for once)!"

10:15 a.m. "Oh, it's so lovely and warm sitting here with the sun pouring through the windows. How's the snow down in Invercargill? Ha ha!"

11:40 a.m. "Hmm, the wind has picked up a bit — can do without more gales. Any advice on staying upright, Wellington?"

Midday "Oh my! You should see the size of these hailstones, and the temperature has taken a dive — it's freezing. Stop sniggering, Southlanders."

1:30 p.m. "A lamb just flew past my window, my washing is somewhere over the Southern Alps, and the topsoil is 10 kilometers down the road. Don't you dare chuckle, Wellingtonians."

4 p.m. "Arrgh, the lightning fried my power, and the driveway has anglers' access. It hasn't stopped raining for hours. Say nothing, Aucklanders."

7 p.m. "What a lovely evening. I walked the dog under a spectacular sunset."

You only need one word for a New Zealand weather forecast: changeable.

And if you thought the restlessness of the skies was a concern, the earth under our feet keeps us on our toes too. About 15 kilometers up the road from our house, near Springfield, there's a hill. Not content with being a hill, it wants to be a mountain. It's rising six inches a year. Why? Because it's on a major fault line. Actually, New Zealand IS a major fault line.

Yet, despite 15,000 quakes of varying strengths per year, what are they talking about in the local bar? The weather.

However serious their concerns, nay, obsessions with the weather, they really don't carry that through to the practicalities of living in such meteorological mayhem.

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It's either a feat of engineering or a freak of nature how houses here manage to be colder inside than out.

Many mornings, I've braved a shower in Siberian temperatures only to step outside to be microwaved in seconds. Four seasons in one day? Try four seasons before lunch.

No wonder the nearby city of Christchurch is known as the gateway to the Antarctic; it's like the chill-down area in preparation for what's to come. Two days in the spare room of a Kiwi villa,



sans heating, in July, and you're qualified.

"Light the log-burner" is the advice to whining Brits. But pyrotechnics just aren't that easy when you've been brought up with push-button heating technology in a country where coming home to a real fire is generally preceded by an unattended deep fat fryer or a stray firework. There are so many unknowns. Which wood to burn? Where to get it? How much do you need? How do you keep it alight overnight? What's that strange roaring sound coming from the flue? Should flames be shooting

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On that note, do remember to get your chimney cleaned. Last year, after successfully negotiating a sale of our all-wood Christchurch home and, whilst celebrating in front of a roaring woodburner, the fire alarm went off. Annoyed and inconvenienced, we ran upstairs to rip the offensive bleeper off the wall, only to find the top

> floor filled with smoke and the super-heated flue impersonating a volcano. We dialed 999, 911, and then, in a fit of confusion, started at the beginning with 111.

Much later, two firemen came sauntering up the drive. Seems they'd been reading the house sale

board at the end of the drive and quite fancied a tour. I danced around them pointing at the yellow glow emanating from our chimney. They surveyed the garden. I asked how long a wooden villa would take to burn to the ground. They admired the kitchen. I grabbed a shoebox and thrust it into their hands where the hose should be. "Just pop the house in here when you're finished," I hissed, and they decided it was a good time to get their equipment.

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As I slip and slide my way toward the first-floor elevator, the lower orders greet me. I am perhaps the only employee from the fifth floor they have ever conversed with. Today I receive more calls than usual. Joyce calls me to inform me that she has dyed her hair all black. Sexy model friend Candy calls to inform me that she has changed jobs...again. She's had more jobs than I've had one-night stands. Jenny calls me to let me know the results of last Saturday's speeddating event at the Rock Bottom Brewery downtown. Jenny tells me that there were good-looking



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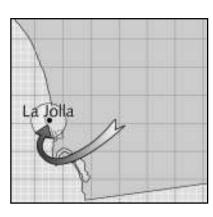
girls at the speed-dating event, and that most of the guys were either engineers or selfemployed.

It then dawns on me that

some people are *really* desperate. Or are they? I think that using the Internet to find dates is an excellent idea. Sure, they could be psycho, but so could anyone. I used to have a profile on adult friendfinder.com. The account ran from January of 2005 to January of 2006, during which I ended up meeting five different women, as I recall. My profile was vague, something along the lines of "I just want to have a good time." The most entertaining part was browsing through all of the women's profiles. Some of them had hardcore pictures posted, and some of them censored out their faces. This game is tilted in the women's favor, as there are roughly 70 guys for each female profile, and the men tend to be more aggressively seeking ass

than women.

Nevertheless, I met attractive women, so I can't complain about my adultfriendfinder.com experience. I did not contract an STD, and most of the ladies I met



took me out to eat and drink and then straight back to bed. As I said, they were above-average looking, and I think a few of them were looking for real dates. (They were misinformed about the purpose of such a site.)

Recently, I've noticed that adultfriendfinder.com is filled with "working girls," some of whom can be seen on sandiego.

craigslist.com advertising their erotic services. Gone are the days when it was practical to just go online looking for meaningless, anonymous sex with other attractive people. Plus, many of

> the women on adultfriend finder.com and other such sites have a strange sense of entitlement. They realize that there are more men than women on the sites, and they use this to their advantage. As a result of there being more men, women are pickier, while the men tend to lower their standards. All of this doesn't really apply to me, because I am Jake, but you average blokes may find

it hard to get a date on AFF or other dating sites due to the gender imbalance. Perhaps I will join AFF again someday.

I went to the gym last night and saw the usual suspects. Not as many attractive women as I would have hoped, but perhaps I went too late in the evening. The gym was full of UCSD students. (Have you ever noticed that

UCSD kids always wear those silly UCSD sweaters, especially at the gym?) That institution turns out more brainless, unemployable robots than any school in San Diego. When we were hiring interns last year, I threw away most of the applications from UCSD students, as we run a serious business where large sums of money can be lost in the blink of an eye, and we really cannot afford to have second-rate business students bumbling around the office messing things up. Actually, that's a lie. I didn't throw them ALL away, as there were a few cute girls who applied for the position. Those applications sat on my desk for a week, while I tried to determine which applicant would look best making my morning coffee and running mindless errands for me. In the end, I couldn't decide, so I handed them off to the burly female HR manager, who proceeded to hire the least attractive of the bunch.

This week will be filled with stress, decisions, and long work hours. The big boss has jumped into another venture. He flew out to Hong Kong yesterday on his private jet to set up shop and incorporate. Word is that he may be sending me to work in that area after everything is established. This is fine by me, as I have nothing but fond memories of the girls in Hong Kong. Oh, Monday, you never disappoint.

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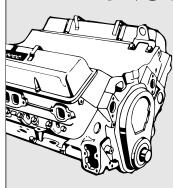
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THE COOKING-SEGMENT HOST FOR THAT L.A. NEWS STATION WAS A KID-TOUCHER.

They ever tell you that? No. Because Hollywood is depraved.

Right now, there are slaves tied up and swinging from the ceilings of TV stars' homes. Filipino immigrants are snatched from the bus stations and temporary work agency lines around L.A. and sold to the weathergirls and celebrity gossip hosts so that the captives might manicure majestic gardens, sweat over roiling pots of soup, and engage in things best left unwritten in these gentle pages.

This is my confession. I was a talent agent in the '80s. Scouting martini networks and wineglass affairs for the next Noxzema girl was only part of my job. I managed their measly careers until they were found with their pale cheek in the spit, grit, and cigarette butts of the La Brea gutter. Every one of them. The same story. The same ending. Ass in the air, a seeping chest wound.

Live by the razor blade, hypodermic needle, and cat-o'-nine-tails, die by the razor blade, hypodermic needle, and cat-o'-nine-tails. Shivved by an Eastern European refugee is the price you pay for mediocrity. Oh, sure, the "talent" got a mid-grade BMW and a tract house in West Covina. And their illegitimate children got a check to cover a one-room apartment and a powder habit. But the junkies, slaves, and bookies always won.

The ones with a taste for teenagers and the elderly were the worst. You figure snatching a bum in his 30s from a train-station bench and making him clean a pool for room and board isn't a bad deal for everyone involved. But the thoughts of my clients with someone's kid or some poor grandfather shackled up in their garden shed used to keep me awake at night.

The Nicaraguan and the opium ring. That blonde girl from Boise and the videotape of it, passed around at parties. Oh, newscasters are the sickest of all.

No records were ever kept. Maybe the gamblers have a coded log somewhere, but that has nothing to do with my name. Thank God.

It had to be done, I tell myself. It had to be done. The people demand starlets with mathematically perfect teeth to dish them their nightly serving of celebrity gossip. The starlets have their own demands

I was in the middle.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

TODAY

NBC 7:00 A.M.

I'm a pixie! I'm a pixie! I'm an angry pixie, though. My eyebrows tie in a tiny knot beneath my puckish bangs, and my pointy little ears are red! Cross me and I will pull up your collar and put my curltoed slipper in your tokhes. You ever been conked on the brainstem with a glittery wand? Keep it up, buster. (Angry Pixie: The Katie Couric Story)

EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND

CW 7:00 P.M.

I want to ride that tall guy with the deep voice. He can wear a harness and I can sit in it like Master Blaster from Beyond Thunderdome, I'll have a little riding crop, and if he gets out of line, I'll crop him and yank his ears. I will ride him through the streets of Temecula and terrorize the fuzzy boot and SUV cougars sipping their Diet Cokes. "HYEAH! GET UP, YOU

BIG UGLY MOTHER! HYEAH!"

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

HOUSE

FOX 8:00 P.M.

I have to diagnose my own ailments because I have no medical insurance. This show helps. My health problems are symptomatic of West African Zebra-Transmitted Wasting Disease. Tonight I'll conduct exploratory surgery on my brain. I have a pocketknife, a cordless drill, and I boiled a chopstick last night. You know, for sanitary purposes. Pour some bourbon on the hole and bite down on my belt for 20 minutes and I should be fit. It's either that or I have athlete's foot and a sniffle, but I'm not taking any chances.

THE WEDDING BELLS

FOX 9:00 P.M.

You couldn't pay me. I don't care what you

think it's about. I don't care what vou want it to be about or what the critics are saying. No. You come near me with that remote control and you're going to eat it along with a hearty mouthful of your own teeth. Weddings are a waste of a good Saturday afternoon in real life. A TV show on the same subject should be listed specifically in the articles of the Geneva Convention. I'll fight you until one of us is dead before I watch a second of it.



SATURDAY, MARCH 10

MYTHBUSTERS: JAWS SPECIAL

DISCOVERY 9:00 P.M

The Mythbusters debunk a movie from the 1970s. Hey, thanks. Next you'll tell me that Tony Manero's only chance to leave his Brooklyn painting job isn't disco dancing on Saturday nights. SHOCKING! Keep up the good work, fellahs.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

Eva Longoria's shimmery lip gloss once saved a school bus full of children that had plummeted over an embankment. Imbued by her star power, even the personal effects in her purse are coursing with heroism. The tube of makeup hopped from her speeding Mercedes, rolled along the shoulder, and dialed 911 from a nearby emergency phone. A passing professor from USC took credit for the rescue call. The lip gloss only smiled wryly when it saw the broadcast on the nightly news because it knew the truth, and it didn't mind. Saving the kids' lives was reward enough.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

WE HAVE 15 CHILDREN

TLC 10:00 P.M

And we're going to bring them to the next movie you watch and sit by you. We have as much right to throw handfuls of jujubes in your hair as anyone else. We paid the same price for a ticket that you did. Actually, we bought 17 of them, 15 for the kids and 1 apiece for the missus and me. That means we're entitled to 17 times the usual noise level allotted to each person, and if you don't like it, don't

come to the movies. Maybe that 32 ounces of soda in your lap will remind you just how hard it is to raise a child, you selfish bastard.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

NBA LIVE: BRING IT HOME ESPN2 8:00 P.M.

My team of millionaire felons is going to beat the pants off of *your* team of millionaire felons at the child's game of putting a rubber ball through an elevated hoop. It's going to be sweet. It will reaffirm my position in life as a spectator of events. I will approximate myself to success. We will be the champions this year.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

SUPERBABIES: BABY GENIUSES 2

FAMILY 8:00 P.M.

Someone saw fit to make two of these? I'm no humanitarian, nor am I a fan of more government, but at some point intervention must be made. Child labor. Tobacco. Pollution. Enron. This movie is like that. Monies and resources previously used for corporate gain from the destruction of our citizenry diverted toward the advancement of society can't be seen as charity, but rather necessity. I think — and I'm only a poor drug-addled writer — but I think our nation depends on this.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

ANDY BARKER, P.I.

NBC 9:30 P.M.

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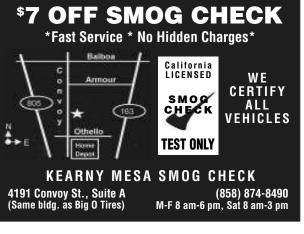
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Jokes about not being able to balance a checkbook were rendered dead serious.

By John Brizzolara

One TGIF I have always meant to do is about that happy Friday-afternoon ritual of standing in line at the bank with your paycheck in hand. This can be a social hour (and it often may be the best part of an hour), an opportunity to practice patience, an occasion to catch up on your reading, or, in my case recently, to reflect on my lifelong relationship with money. This so thoroughly depressed me, with a parade of memories and associations of neurotic attitudes, that I had to bail on that train of thought and look around for some distraction.

My checking account has resided in one particular bank for several years now, my account history riddled with an embarrassing number of small overdrafts. But jokes about not being able to balance a checkbook were rendered dead serious after a teller in an Orange County branch of my bank (a branch I'd never been to) accidentally deposited \$1100 into my account on January 15th. The mistake lay there for the better part of four days, despite my asking two tellers at two different San Diego branches if my account balance

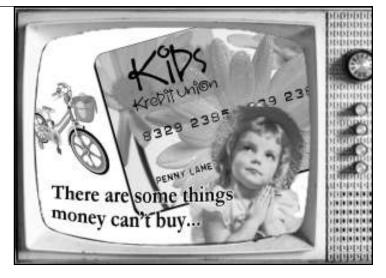
wasn't a tad high. No, I was assured twice, that's the balance. If a mistake had been made, after all, it was likely to have been mine. My only real concern was for the \$100 check I had written to the IRS well before the 15th, but that seemed just fine

The following Saturday night, the 19th, I tried to buy about \$20 worth of groceries with my new debit card, but it was declined. I called the bank's 800 number and was told that a deposit for \$1100 was made mistakenly to my account on the 15th at the Orange County branch. Since the 15th, I had withdrawn money at the two local branches, from the same tellers I had asked to double-check my balance and who had assured me that it was correct. Now my checking account was overdrawn.

Monday morning I went downtown to speak with a branch manager, who called attention to my history of small overdrafts and, in passing, verified that a mistake had been made in Orange County. Her emphasis, however, was on my responsibility to maintain my check register accurately and that I had withdrawn money I did not have, even though that money had been handed to me by live human beings, not an ATM, and that on the last occasion, when I had asked again for my balance, neither the teller nor I had noticed the fine minus mark before the figure. Two bank employees and I had compounded the Orange County error. The manager did waive the overdraft fees, a small part of the \$800+ problem. I was told I had six weeks to repay that amount.

In the meantime, the Treasury Department had taken its time processing my monthly IRS payment, and the check arrived at the bank only after the mistakes had been discovered and the account was in the red. I called Uncle Sam immediately and was told that usually, if you bounce a monthly check to the IRS, you are no longer qualified for the installment program. This leaves the government wide open to seize accounts, paychecks, and my toaster too, I suppose.

This was and remains horrible. When I had repaid \$400, almost half, I again



went into the branch manager's office. I was going to suggest the bank could share the consequences of the mistake with me, but her manner was peremptory. She had no comment for publication.

That is where the matter rests. I'm still on hold with the IRS, literally. I will resume my spot on the couch, the phone against my ear, listening to the "Blue Danube Waltz" and Mozart while staring at the television. I just saw a little girl on a commercial for a local credit union. She was praying to a debit/credit card for a bicycle.

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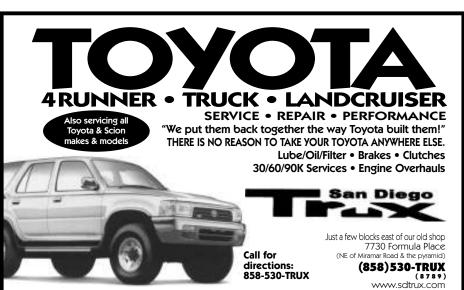
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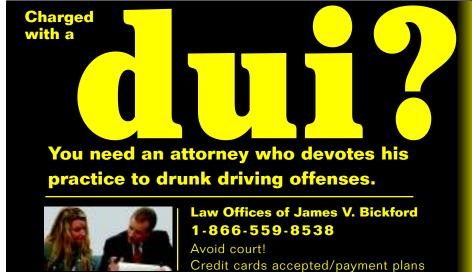
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