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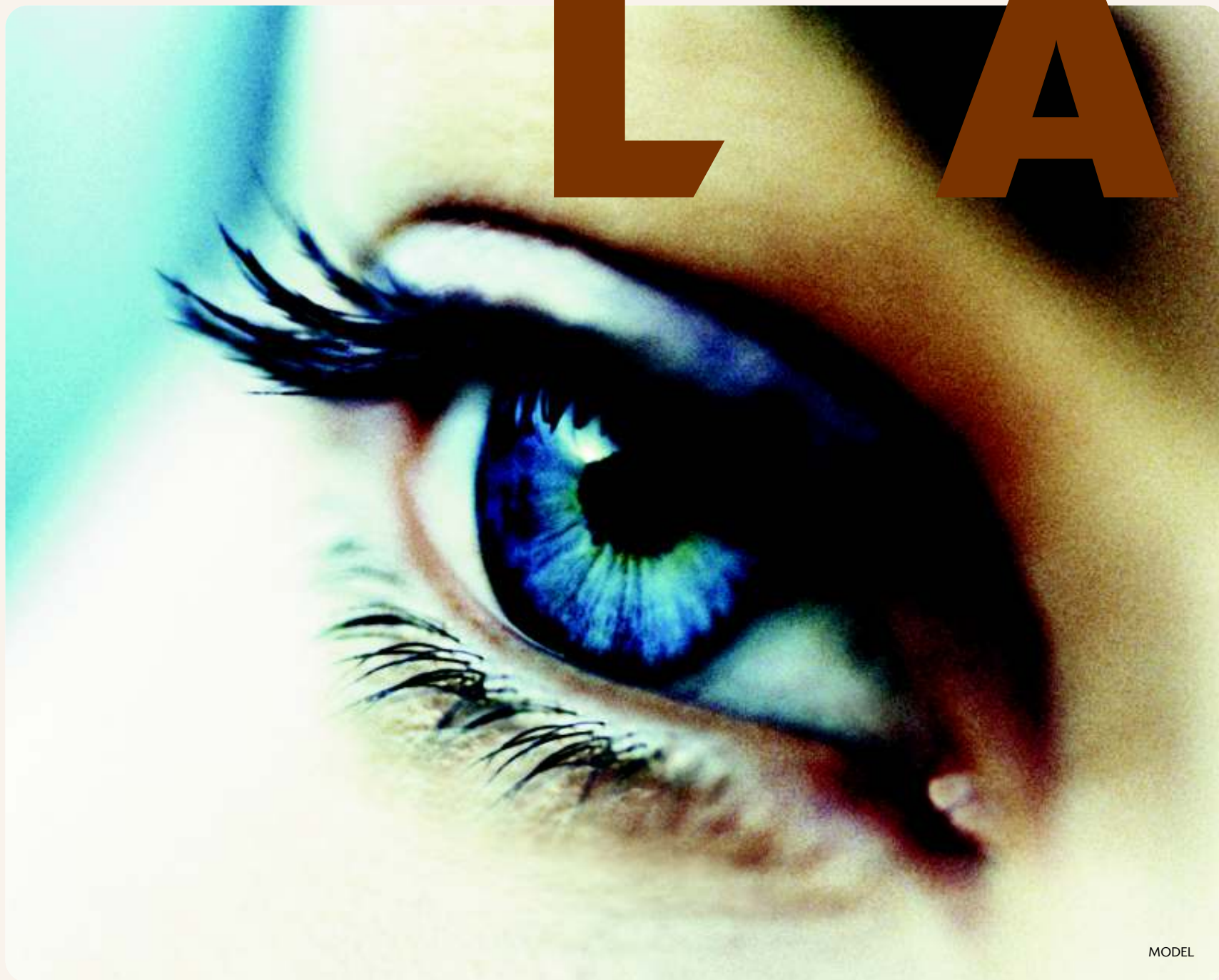
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— Mischa Shirazi, San Diego, CA

Q: Is the surgery painful or difficult?

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— Greg Schwenk, San Diego, CA

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— T.P. Fortin, San Diego, CA

Q: Do the effects of LASIK wear off over time?

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— Sandra Macias, San Diego, CA

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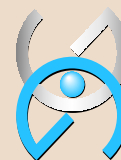


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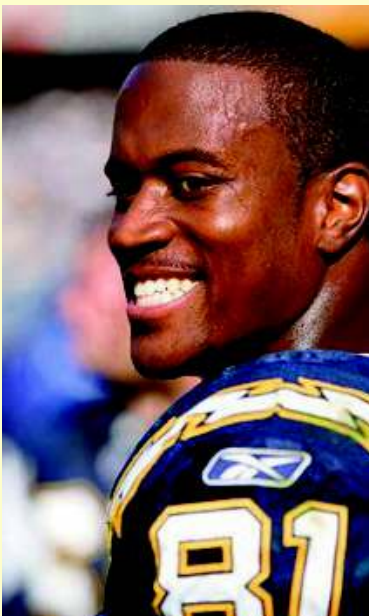
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Downtown Dipping

By Don Bauder

Civic activist Mel Shapiro says that Centre City Development Corporation is “a sacred cow.” Actually, it’s more like a 500-pound gorilla that plops itself down anywhere it desires. Recently, Shapiro thought it odd that Centre City had hired a lobbyist; after all, Centre City’s mandate is only to advise the Redevelopment Agency, which is the city council. Why did it need a lobbyist? Shapiro asked the agency and was told to look at Centre City’s

city government it is \$61,000.

Graham can dole out contracts to consultants for up to \$250,000 without the Centre City board looking over her shoulder. The mayor can dish out the same sum without city council approval. When a contract is amended, Graham can hand out another \$200,000 in a different year

Carl DeMaio, president of the Performance Institute and a member of a federal government commission to reform the acquisition process. “We documented in our report to Congress that one-third of federal contracts were sole source, or noncompetitive. When we released that in January of this year, folks from both sides of the aisle, Democrats and Republicans, were outraged. There was agreement that this was unacceptable, that we have to infuse more competition in contracting and also need more transparency.”

Says DeMaio, “What we need is the good old free mar-



Nancy Graham



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Donna Frye

monthly president reports. He was astonished to find that Centre City’s president, Nancy Graham, has almost as much latitude to pass out contracts without oversight as the mayor has.

And look at the difference. The 2007 San Diego budget is \$2.556 billion. Centre City’s budget is \$176.4 million, or roughly 7 percent of the city’s. The San Diego government has 11,416 employees; Centre City has 51. But the average salary at Centre City is \$85,400; in

without her board looking at it. The mayor’s limit is a little higher — \$250,000.

Shapiro got a list of the contracts that Graham unilaterally passed out last year and the first two months of this year. She handed out \$5.5 million last year and \$1.1 million in January and February of this year. A full \$2.2 million, or one-third of those contracts, were sole source; there was no competitive bidding.

“That is outrageous,” says

ket; \$250,000 is an awfully high threshold. The standard nationally is to give someone authority to give [contracts] up to \$25,000 [without oversight].”

Says Councilmember Donna Frye, “There is always a concern when anyone has the ability to sole source con-

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Bauder Talks!

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On the road with Jessie Thanks to a flurry of press releases from the Foundation for



Jessie Knight

Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, a Santa Monica-based group that advocates legislative gift reforms, and major stories in the *L.A. Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Sacramento Bee*, last week the *Union-Tribune* finally reported on San Diego state senator **Christine Kehoe's** lavish junkets to Europe and Japan. But the paper's coverage omitted another interesting journey, this one made by **Jessie Knight**, former head of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and now executive vice president of “external affairs” for Sempra Energy. The European Climate Policy Study Trip was sponsored by an outfit called the California Climate Action Registry, which, according to its website, “was established by California statute as a non-profit voluntary registry for greenhouse gas emissions.” Boardmembers include chairwoman **Linda Adams**, who is secretary of the state’s Environmental Protection Agency, and **Gary Goldberg**, president of Rio Tinto Minerals. In addition to tax dollars, the registry supports itself by charging fees ranging from \$400 to \$7000 for businesses that wish to join.

According to the itinerary of the European trip, which ran from March 27 to April 5, Knight was joined by Adams; state public utilities commissioner **John Bohn**; **Catherine Witherspoon**, executive officer of the California Air Resources Board; and **Ralph Moran**, West Coast government affairs manager for oil giant BP, among others. Highlights included dinner in London hosted by Climate Change Capital, a lunch paid for by the Emissions Trading Group, and a guided tour of Cologne, Germany.

Cashing out Padres owner and chronic wheeler-dealer **John Moores**, who seems to



John Moores

have inherited the city’s Daddy Warbucks role once played by late GOP financier **C. Arnholt Smith**, may be about to get even richer. The *Wall Street Journal* reports that DoubleClick, Inc., a software firm Moores owns with San Francisco financier **Warren Hellman**, erstwhile father-in-law to UC president **Bob Dynes**, is exploring a sale — and both Google and Microsoft are said to be interested. Moores, Hellman, and their investment partners paid \$1.1 million for DoubleClick in 2005, reportedly sold off some operations and performed other management surgery, and now want to unload the company for at least \$2 billion. ... San Diego Unified school-board member **Mitz Lee**, who voted



Mitz Lee

with the board majority to buy out the contract of ex-superintendent **Alan Bersin**, says she’s mulling a race next year for the Fifth District city-council seat now held by the termed-out **Brian Maienschein**. Others said to be lining up for the

race include conservative think-tank operator **Carl DeMaio**. ... All the heavy hitters of Democratic politics, including **Barack Obama**, **Hillary Clinton**, and **John Edwards**, are said to be heading into town the week after next for the state party’s convention.

Darkside week A year ago last month, *San Diego Union-Tribune* editor **Karin Winner** was fiercely crusading for “Sunshine Week,” an effort by the American Society of Newspaper Editors to focus attention on the problem of getting stubborn government agencies to open their records to the public. In a “Dear Readers” letter on the front page of the Sunday *U-T*, Winner boasted that “we shine white-hot spotlights on your government.” She went on to list all the things the *U-T* was doing to mark the occasion. “Through-



Karin Winner

out these pages this week, we will bring focus to your right — an individual’s right — to access government. We offer specific help tomorrow with a full page in the Metro section that tells you where you can get certain information and how to go about obtaining it.” Concluded Winner, “During Sunshine Week, I urge you to contemplate the freedoms we all often take for granted. Think about the responsibilities that come with them: To act. To search out information. To hold those who represent you accountable. To vote. As journalists, we are privileged to report on the democratic process — and we believe our watchdog role is the most meaningful of all.”

This year’s Sunshine Week, however, was a different story. There was no editor’s message, no articles chronicling heroic efforts the *U-T* had taken to uncover public records nor special webpage advising the citizenry how to make their own Public Records Act requests. The *U-T*’s only reference to Sunshine Week was contained in a small midweek editorial suggesting that the newspaper had given up the good fight. “The news on this front is not particularly good... Unfortunately, politicians sometimes get away with defining any push for openness as a media power play. Instead, this effort should be seen as crucial to democracy. The less we know about our government, the more incompetence and corruption we can expect.” ... Meanwhile, a high-powered advertising sales exec has departed Copley Newspapers, owner of the *U-T*, to become vice president of advertising for the Baltimore Sun, owned by the troubled Tribune Company of Chicago. **Linda Hastings** had been publisher of Today’s Local News, the *U-T*’s home-delivered freebie that was once supposed to provide an antidote to the main paper’s declining circulation numbers but ended up turning into an expensive albatross. Hastings had been recruited by Copley from her own publication, *Loot*, a weekly classified vehicle distributed on 2700 newsstands in New York City, reports *Editor & Publisher*.

— Matt Potter

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Internet Savvy South of the Border

By Ernie Grimm

A year ago, Tijuana's daily papers, *Frontera* and *El Mexicano*, reported that Internet cafés were proliferating throughout Northern Baja in response to growing demand for Internet access. The stories predicted that the number of Internet cafés would continue to grow for the foreseeable future. By all accounts, the number did grow, though in Tijuana nobody seems to know how much. Repeated

has gone up over 800 percent in the past half decade. "We've got over 250 Internet cafés in the municipality of Ensenada," says Luis Antonio Palomino Dagdug, whose computer-services company, Data Red, operates 6 Ensenada cafés internet, as they are known in Mexico. "Most of those opened in the last two years, and five years ago we only had maybe 30 in Ensenada."

But Palomino believes that after two years of explosive growth, the Internet café business in Baja is going to slow down and many cafés are going to start closing. "The majority of the Internet cafés, of the over 250 that there are here, we estimate that better than 60 percent are illegally established. Currently, the municipal government is legalizing all these businesses. This is done by visiting them and checking to see if they have all the documents. In 2007, they're requiring that to establish an Internet café business, the place where it's going to be installed must fulfill all of the municipal requirements, like usage of the floor, fire per-

mits. This is a new program that just started this year in Ensenada. Ensenada is the first municipality in Baja to set up rules in order to get money — taxes — from all of these businesses."

Seated in a cramped office at one end of the Data Red store about three miles southeast of the Ensenada waterfront, 39-year-old Palomino wears a gold dress shirt, no tie, over a pair of olive green dress slacks. Alternating between English and Span-

ish, he opines that most of the illegal cafés won't survive the legalization process because the cash outlay required to bring a business up to legal standards will be more than they have. "Most of them were started without a lot of money to begin with," he explains. "The price of computers went down, so it seemed easy to buy ten computers, set them up, and start collecting money. But most of them don't understand just how many customers you need in a day to

make an Internet café business very good. If you have ten computers — and that is the average number of computers in the Internet cafés — you need to know how many customers you need to pay the electrical bill, pay the rent, the phone, the new government tax. So many people started in the business, and now many people are closing their businesses. And we project that most of the 250 Internet cafés are going to close in the next two years."

Data Red's Internet cafés won't be among those closing, Palomino believes, because he offers more than just Internet connections in his six cafés. "The profit is in the additional items that you can sell to the people. For example, in all of our Internet cafés, we sell computer accessories that people need. Look here," he points to a monitor on a shelf near his desk. The screen is broken into six panels, each showing a live feed from security cameras in his cafés. "You can see my Internet café at the El Cortéz Hotel. We've got three people at the computers, and behind the counter you can see the accessories that are for sale."

Up a flight of exterior stairs, above the Data Red store, is the company's flagship Internet café — 40 computers

spread out through three rooms. Fifteen of them have flat-screen monitors, "and they are better computers," Palomino says. "We charge 30 pesos [a little over \$3] for as many hours as you want on the regular computers, 50

pesos if you want to use the flat screens [a little over \$5]."

It's about two in the afternoon, and only 2 of the 40 computers are in use. Asked if he can make a profit on Internet-connection rentals, Palomino answers, "No, but it's only part of our business. Later in the afternoon, we'll have computer classes in the flat-screen room to teach Windows, Excel, Word, and other software to professionals. While that's going on, the teenagers will start coming into the other areas to do chat-

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Luis Antonio Palomino Dagdug

attempts to get a hard number or an estimate from trade organizations and individuals produced only the answer "No se" (I don't know) and unfulfilled promises to find out and call back. But if Ensenada may be used as a microcosmic example of all Baja, the number of Internet cafés



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petitively bid.

What are some of the contracts that Graham meted out during the 14 months under study? In September of last year, Pam Hamilton, senior vice president and a Centre City employee for more than 24 years, retired. She was earning \$160,000 a year when she left her post. But she really didn't leave. That same month, she was given a \$150,000 "project consulting services" contract. The contract was "sole source due to specialized nature of the required consulting services," says the Centre City president's report for September.

"I am doing consultant work for them [Centre City] to manage projects or to com-

plete projects for which I was the project manager," Hamilton says.

In June of last year, Graham dished out the maximum \$250,000 contract to Oppen & Varco, the former law firm of Councilmember Scott Peters. "Oppen & Varco is counsel to the [Redevelopment] Agency and [Centre City] with respect to environmental issues," explains Helen Peak, attorney for Centre City.

That same month, Keyser Marston Associates got the maximum \$250,000 contract for real estate consulting services. "Keyser Marston provides on-call general economic consulting services for [Centre City]," says Peak.

In May, Westlake Reed Leskosky got a \$134,494 contract for architectural engineering design services on the Balboa Theatre restoration. It was a fourth amendment; the total contract is for \$2.44 million.

In October, Bruce A. Husson, a veteran of San Diego Unified and Sweetwater schools, got a \$45,000 sole-source contract to evaluate the need for schools downtown.

The law firm of Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis got two contracts totaling \$80,000. That's the firm of John Davies, former president and director of Centre City.

Throughout the period, law and architectural firms

picked up sole-source contracts, often at the maximum \$250,000.

"We believe there are adequate safeguards to protect against contracts going out to friends and political allies," claims Peak. For technical and professional consultants, Centre City conducts a request for proposal and request for qualifications. The consultants are selected from the pool of the firms with the highest ratings; some of those consultants may get a sole-source contract from Graham.

The bottom line is that Centre City is riding first class while the city is on its way to bankruptcy. Yet Centre City continues to drain money from the city's general fund.

In essence, redevelopment is a scam to take money from the city and direct it to developers. Almost the entire downtown is considered "blighted." That's a joke. About 14 percent of the property-tax dollars from the area goes to the city, and the rest goes to Centre City, which continues to parcel it out to developers. Centre City's board and staff mainly consist of people owing their allegiance to the development industry.

Frye says that Centre City should begin paying off \$100 million that it has borrowed from the city. In addition, she wants Centre City to take over the debt service on the ballpark bonds, which is now down to \$11 million,



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following the refinancing of the debt. "The fact is that it is not [Centre City] that has to sign off on this," says Frye. "It is the city council, which is the Redevelopment Agency. The question is whether the council has the will. So far it has not."

DeMaio agrees with Frye. "People at [Centre City] told me they were flush with cash," says DeMaio. "I said, 'Why should the city pay for Petco Park? It's redevelopment in a blighted area. It would save the city all that money.' They [Centre City] said, 'We have other projects.' They have a list of projects with special-interest developers, and the city is on the brink of bankruptcy."

Peak is not sure that community-redevelopment law would permit the shift of the ballpark burden from the city to Centre City.

There is an answer to that: the laws should be changed. There is a good argument that Centre City should be abolished so that more money can flow into the city's general fund. If that can't be accomplished politically, at least the laws should be changed so that the Centre City chief executive cannot dole out fat contracts willy-nilly. ■

South of the border

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ting and gaming. From seven to ten, a lot of kids will be in here chatting and gaming. And sometimes on weekends, kids are at all 40 computers."

Combining the classes, the Internet-connection rental, the computer-accessory sales, and the computer service business, Data Red makes a profit, Palomino says. That kind of diversification is the key to a successful Internet café, says Wayne Neal, general manager of Club LAN in the Midway District, one of only two places produced by a Google search for "San Diego Internet café." "We have several aspects to our business that make us successful," Neal explains. "We're an Internet café and gaming center. We have 30 Internet connections" — for ten cents a minute, or six dollars an hour — "but our gaming computers are what brings in most of our customers. I think they come for the gaming atmosphere, instead of playing at home. And we have dual-core processors and high-end video

cards on our computers that they might not have on their home computers. They allow us to run games on the highest graphic settings."

Neal says computer cafés have failed in San Diego because they were focused solely on renting Internet "or on gaming, and sometimes only one game. For example, I know of one center up in Mira Mesa that depended on people playing one game. They didn't have any people playing other games, and they didn't have any Internet access. And they went under. But we have people playing World of Warcraft, Counter-Strike, Battlefield, pretty much anything you want to play. In fact, we have a professional Battlefield team that plays here."

On top of that, Neal says, "We sell snacks and sodas and energy drinks. And we're going to have a coffee cart outside soon. Then we have a retail section where we sell all sorts of video games, new and used. We sell DVDs, we sell everything back to old-school Nintendo; the hardware and the games. Because of the different areas of the business, we've been able to make business more profitable."

Asked how profitable Club LAN is, he answers, "We're fine. We'll be here a while. We're not doing exceedingly well, but we're fine."

Jorge Santacruz, the chief financial officer of Benefon Mexico, a telecommunications consulting firm, agrees with Palomino that Baja, for the first time, is going to see more Internet cafés closing than opening. Sitting in the open-air lobby of the Hotel Camino Real, the 42-year-old, dressed in khaki slacks and a tweed jacket over a green striped dress shirt, says Internet cafés could be a good business in Tijuana

"if someone does it in the European style. Take the easyInternetcafé brand. It's in London, Prague, and other places in Europe. When you arrive at the easyInternetcafé store in London, there are two floors and 1000 PCs inside. There's a prepayment machine you pay at, and it gives you a ticket. It has a code that you take to your PC. Nobody here is doing it that way. All our Internet cafés have five, three, seven PCs without real money invested. They don't have good furniture, they don't have good speed, they don't sell anything else, they don't have professional advice. If someone invested not too much, maybe \$250,000 in a good place in the Zona Río, with a good image — an attractive sign, first-quality machines, open 24 hours — they could do huge business. But you can't find an Internet café like that in Tijuana because nobody is investing real money in them. Everybody says, 'I have \$5000 in my pocket. I will open an Internet café. I'll buy four used machines, no antivirus, no PlayStations, no gaming.' That's another thing. They need cross-selling; they need to mix and match the services. You can offer Internet, you can offer gaming, you can offer some fast food, you can offer cappuccinos."

Santacruz believes that with such a store in Tijuana's tony Zona Río, "You'd get your investment back in three years," he says. Asked why nobody in Tijuana's investor class has tried it, Santacruz suppresses a chuckle. "Because they prefer to open restaurants and bars. If you say, 'Let's open an Internet café for \$250,000,' they'll say, 'Too much. I'll open another restaurant.' " ■

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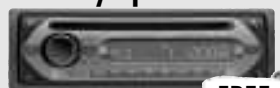
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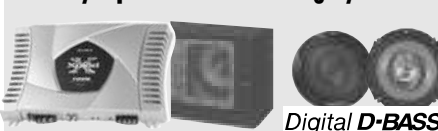
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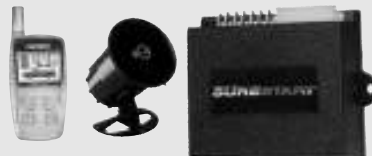
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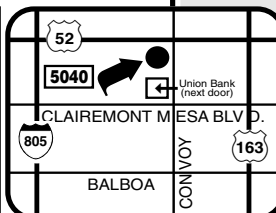


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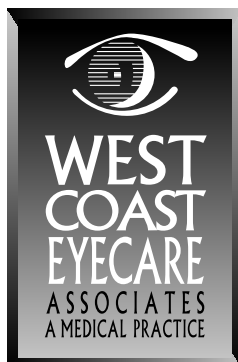
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Political Sports

Since we have a circus, we might as well treat it like a circus and put some money on the second clown from the left. I'm referring to the presidential campaign that began the day after the last election.

We're going to need a good betting line.

But, first, let's agree on a few facts. Fact one: Anybody who runs for president is crazy and we should treat that person as we treat any other crazy person. To wit: don't believe anything they say, don't let them go off by themselves unsupervised, and don't let them make their own rules about nap time. People who run for president have spent a lifetime lying and weaseling in order to get to a place where they can lie and weasel in front of a nation. This conduct is not to be encouraged.

The corporate press says the 2008 presidential campaign will cost one billion dollars. It will cost more. John Kennedy's 1960 campaign cost \$9.7 million. Richard Nixon's came in at \$10.1 million. Roughly, one dollar in 1960 is worth about seven dollars today. Kennedy or Nixon would have to spend \$70 million to be president in 2008, about \$400 million shy of what the 2008 Democratic or Republican nominee will spend.

We don't get much out of their billion-dollar campaign. We certainly don't get a conversation about what's actually going on. For instance, we're not leaving Iraq, no matter who wins. Democrats don't want to talk about it because they want their voters to think they're for a withdrawal. Republicans don't want to talk about it because they want to paint Democrats as "cut-and-run," and how can you do that if there are 60,000 American troops in Iraq next year, the year after, and for decades to come?

We are building the largest embassy that has ever been built in the history of embassydom; it's about the size of Vatican City and can be seen from space. Latest cost estimate is \$1.3 billion, and it will open in June. The embassy will have the largest swimming pool in Iraq, 15-foot-thick walls at selected locations, restaurants, a Marine barracks, 300 houses, 21 towers, its own electricity and water...all of it placed inside the Green Zone right next to the puppet — oops, make that next to the sovereign government of Iraq.

The embassy will house 8000 hostages — oops, make that 8000 *staff*. As I said, the compound is inside the Green Zone section of Baghdad, an Arab city of 5,000,000 residents, 4,991,000 of whom object to being occupied.

An occupation, by the way, entering its fifth year. Advanced military thinkers note that the embassy is within mortar range of 4,992,000 Baghdad residents.

Then there are the "enduring bases." We have no permanent bases in Iraq. Let me make that clear. We have, the Pentagon says, *enduring bases*. There is Balad air base, 43 miles north of Baghdad. According to "Air Force in Iraq 332nd AEW," an Air Force website, "In terms of aircraft movements, Balad is the busiest single runway operation in DOD and second in the world only to London's Heathrow airport."

The U.S. has built at least four superbases, (Al Asad air base, Balad air base, Camp Taji, and Tallil air base). They are home to 60,000 soldiers, thousands of contractors, fast-food restaurants, movie theaters, supermarkets, cyber cafés. These are huge installations. American troops arrive, complete their tours, and go home having never left their base. The United States is not leaving those bases either; they were designed to last decades. And who would we leave them to, the grateful population of Iraq?

Chalmers Johnson, a UC San Diego professor emeritus and author of, to name three, *Blowback*, *The Sorrows of Empire*, and *Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic*, writes that the Defense Department's "Base Structure Report" admits to having 737 military bases in 130 countries in 2005. That figure does not include bases in Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Uzbekistan, or secret installations in Israel, Australia, United Kingdom, Jordan, or bases in countries who do not want it known they host American military camps, or bases that fall under other categories we don't know about.

All but three dozen of these bases (the Pentagon calls them Cooperative Security Locations) are listed as small, many serving as storehouses for prepositioned military arsenals. But, they are available for American military use during emergencies, and an "emergency," as any presidential candidate will tell you, can mean whatever you want it to mean.

Follows are a few questions for our candidates. Why, exactly, do we need 700 military bases in 130 countries? If we actually need 700 military bases in a 130 countries, shouldn't we have 1500 bases in 190 countries just to make sure we have enough to go around? Perhaps 3000 is a better number.

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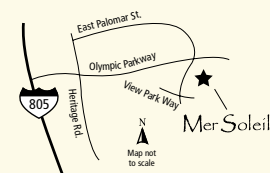


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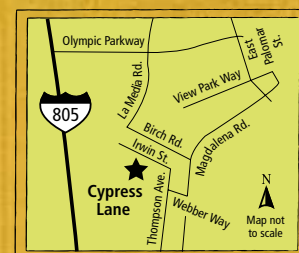
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A sort of cutout bas-relief depiction of Leonardo's *Last Supper* stood on an easel outside the Friendship Hall at University Christian Church. Inside, at the front of the hall, a long table stood empty, glowing under the incandescents, waiting for the scene to be recreated. While the piano tinkled its way through a meditative riff, three women, barefoot and clad in earth-toned tunics, began to set the table.

The "supper" aspect of the Last Supper was driven home as the women, gesturing in wordless conversation, spread and carefully smoothed a red satin runner patterned with gold. Slowly, deliberately, they set earthenware cups, bottles of wine, plates of grapes and cheese and unleavened bread. Before the center seat, they placed a large, round loaf and set a cup taller than the rest. Then they stepped back to regard their handiwork and left — except for one: Mary Magdalene. As the band kicked in — fronted by flute and strumming acoustic guitar — she sang the ballad "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Her voice was frank and unaffected, delivering an un-churchy line like "He's a man/ He's just a man/ And I've had so many men before/ In very many ways" with-out an ounce of self-consciousness.

"Yet, if He said He loved me/ I'd be lost. I'd be frightened/ I couldn't cope, just couldn't cope...I wouldn't want to know/ He scares me so/ I want him so/ I love him so..."

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set for that final Passover meal.

The disciples entered, then Jesus, who greeted each in turn. All took their seats. The narrator spoke the action while other voices took the parts of Jesus and the disciples — the actors themselves remained silent. The familiar scenes were played out (albeit in a modern idiom), but to interesting effect — it took Jesus a long time to wash and dry 24 feet. The disciples, after marveling for a while, went back to their eating.

After Jesus prophesied His betrayal, Judas leaned in and asked, "It isn't me, is it, Rabbi?" Immediately, the stage went black, only to reappear a moment later, brightly lit. There before us was Leonardo's *Last Supper*, living but motionless, just as University Christian Church has portrayed it for the past 50 years. Perhaps 20 seconds of stillness, and then the story resumed: the betrayal, the new commandment ("Love one another in the same way I loved you"), the bread and the wine ("Take, eat; this is my body").

Congregants filed forward to receive Communion from the same loaf, and a few stopped to have their feet washed by the disciples.

"Father," concluded Jesus, "the time has come. Reveal the glory of your Son, so that He can give the glory back to You.... I brought glory to You here on earth by doing everything You told me to, and now, Father, reveal my glory as I stand in your presence...and the world will believe You sent Me."

But the talk of glory didn't last. Jesus sent his disciples away to the garden, and the band kicked in again, this time with a harder, more electric sound. Jesus stepped forward and sang "Gethsemane," again from *Jesus Christ Superstar* — a song meant to capture the agony in the garden. His face strained with frustration bordering on rage as He cried out,

"I'd have to know, I'd have to know my Lord...If I die, what will be my reward? Can You show Me now that I would not be killed in vain?" And He practically screamed his submission: "Alright, I'll die! Just watch Me die! God, thy will is hard/ But You hold every card... Take Me, now! Before I change my mind."

Sleeping disciples littered the walkway outside the hall. To the left, in a garden and under a topiary arch, Jesus knelt against a rock: motionless, lit from below, his face half in shadow, his eyes gazing up toward heaven.

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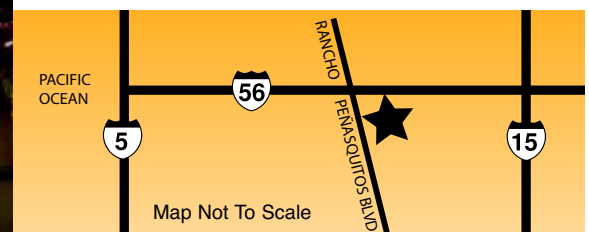
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It's the end of an era here at the Kelly home. For over a decade, I've bragged to friends about my Electrolux vacuum cleaner, the one I inherited from my husband's grandmother. I called it "the Tank" and marveled that it still had so much suck after 40 years. But nothing lasts forever, and the Tank has given out.

"Guess I'll check out the price on a new Electrolux," I told my friend Bernice.

"Don't," she replied. "I bought one off of QVC for \$400, and it broke down constantly. I finally got rid of it."

I couldn't believe it, so I called the one Electrolux dealer in town (Aerus Electrolux, Clairemont, 858-565-8288) to hear their side of it. Employee Rick explained, "There's another Electrolux out there called the Oxygen. It's actually a relabeled Eureka, from a company called AB Electrolux. It's a good vacuum for what it does — you buy it, use it for a year, and when it breaks down, you throw it away. It's not made to the same standard." It seemed that Electrolux had sold its name and now used the brand name Aerus Electrolux to denote its own products. Rick assured me they were still tanks. Three reasons to buy: "Reputation, longevity, and warranty. The price range is \$1100 to \$2499. Even the entry-level vacuums have a 5-year warranty on the motor. There's also a 7-year, and the top-of-the-line Guardian has a 25-year warranty on the motor and a 2-year warranty on parts."

It sounded good, but it sounded expensive. I decided to call around. My friend Shawn swears by her Rainbow canister vacuum (\$1997–\$2477 at Rainbow Service Center in Clairemont, 619-275-1691). "I love how well it picks up dirt. It cleans super-well and uses water as a filter. I also love that, when you vacuum, you can see the dirt, along with any trinkets you've picked up. But I hate that I have to put water in it every time I vacuum."

Friend Julie paid \$2200 five years ago for her Kirby upright (Kirby Vacuum, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-2827). "I like that it's well-built. I've had it for five years, and nothing has broken. And it has a lot of flexibility — there are a lot of attachments made for every little type of vacuuming that you might want to do — even carpet shampooing. But it can be complicated to use — you have to break out the owner's manual or watch a video before you try to do certain things. And I think we paid way too much for a vacuum cleaner."

As for Bernice, she liked her Oreck upright just fine. "I love how light it is. It's really easy to move around, and the kids can do it. But the belts keep popping off." (Orecks are priced \$299–\$749 at Oreck Authorized Sales in Mira Mesa, 858-586-7100.)

Finally, I turned to Brett Roberts, owner of Metro Vacuum in La Mesa (619-466-4430). Roberts was a man who knew what he believed, starting with the superiority of canister vacuums over uprights. "Canisters are better for all

"Canisters are better for all surfaces, and uprights are better for no surfaces."

surfaces, and uprights are better for no surfaces. A canister has much more sucking power because the motor is bigger and heavier. That would weigh down an upright, but with a canister, your motor sits in one spot while you work around. An upright cannot navigate between chairs and table legs, or under beds or coffee tables. You have to put the whole machine any place you vacuum, but with a canister, you have this little maneuverable brush. An upright is terrible for above-the-floor vacuuming — vents, blinds, furniture, shelves, cars." At best, he said, you have to attach a separate hose. "But there's already an attached hose on a canister."

Roberts wasn't a fan of the Oreck ("Archaic design — everything you suck up goes through the motor blades, and they break constantly"); the Kirby ("Well made, but poorly designed and very pricey — plus, it's an upright"); or the Rainbow ("If a bubble pops at the top of the water filter, the dust goes back into the air. New-model Rainbows have a hepa filter at the exhaust port"). The Electrolux was okay, he said, but expensive, and not as good as his favorite: Miele (available at

Metro Vacuum, \$529–\$1000).

Miele, he said, delivered the most important feature a vacuum can have: "high air speed occurring where the dirt is. Miele gives you 140 cubic feet per minute of airflow and a tremendous amount of suction. The air is moving very quickly, and Miele captures that speed where the dirt is, with tools that interface

appropriately with carpet and floor. The parquet floor brush, for example, will penetrate into a variegated surface. If a nozzle interfaces poorly with a floor — say, a carpet — then very little of the flowing air is going through the carpet fibers, where the dirt is."

Once you get the dirt up into the vacuum cleaner, said Roberts, you want to make sure it stays there. The bag is the big filter, made from "a polyspun electrostatic material that you can't break," but Miele also includes a hepa filter, "which delivers a filtration level of 99.97 percent efficiency at 0.3 microns. It's the only vacuum to pass the European EN1822 test, which monitors hepa filtration while the machine is running, not just the filter independent of the machine. Most vacuums that have the hepa filter don't deliver true hepa filtration, because some of the exhaust air goes around the filter."

And if canisters in general were more maneuverable than uprights, Miele was the most maneuverable of all. "It's light, but it also feels light. All three wheels on the bottom swivel. If you kick your machine sideways, then it rolls sideways. It's very easy to maneuver. Also, the brush at the end of the hose swivels — just twist the hose, and the brush on the floor steers with your twist." Finally, "there's a swivel where the hose enters the grip, so that the hose always stays in a relaxed position. It never twists."

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by Barbaraella

Absolut Truth

Strength of mind rests in sobriety; for this keeps your reason unclouded by passion.

— Pythagoras

I melted into David's side and craned my neck to see his face. "Kiss me," I prodded. It sounded more like, *keesah meee*, each syllable drawn out to maximize my sudden delight in over-enunciation. David obeyed. "Again," I said, this time in the petulant-meets-playful manner of a three-year-old. David indulged me with a

In the past, when enjoying a libation or two without the stimulating effects of uppers, the greatest degree of inebriation I experienced was "tipsy."

second peck to the lips that, by joining my hands at the back of his head and applying pressure, I upgraded to a full-blown kiss. I couldn't remember the last time I'd felt so carefree, so relaxed, so *unburdened*. Our friends at the dinner table were temporarily forgotten, as was any sense I had of propriety.

The following morning, I opened my eyes to see David, already awake and smiling at me. "Look over there," he said. I followed the line of his finger to the

window, a white rectangular blur. "It's snowing," David said softly. He handed me my glasses, and the fluffy white flakes came into focus.

I took a moment to marvel at the sight that, as a citizen of San Diego, I rarely get to appreciate. I made happy noises as I stretched my limbs. Sitting up, I noticed articles of clothing strewn in a random trail from the bedroom door to my side of the bed. A deluge of compunction washed over me, but I couldn't figure out where it was coming from. I had a vague recollection of laughing unnaturally loud for a freakishly long time during the ride back to Ellen and Kirby's place. I stared at my clothing as if my intense glare could somehow inspire it to

speak, and then a clear thought popped into my head, a mental telegram to me from my bra: *Oh, my God, I was schnockered last night.*

I fired questions at David in machine-gun staccato. "Did I do anything embarrassing? Did I say anything stupid? Did I offend anyone? How did I act?"

"You were...amorous," he answered calmly.

"Amorous? Was I stupid?"

"No, no, not 'stupid,' just...amorous. And, um, aggressive, but not a *mean* aggressive, just insistent. Really, really insistent."

"Great. Just great," I moaned. "I made a complete ass out of myself."

I remained humiliated for days, even though our friends insisted I didn't do anything "terribly off-putting." It's not that I thought they were lying to be polite. It was that, for at least an hour, my superego had left its post at the helm of my brain.

Like biting my toenails with the confidence that no one is looking, behaving unchecked was gratifying on many levels. Still, I had relinquished my cloak of control, the ultimate sin of one who prides herself on the careful consideration she takes before deciding to share an off-color joke or, say, throw herself at her man in a crowded Boston restaurant.

Alcohol is the arch nemesis of reason, and reason is the boss of all of those little decisions I make that involve what I "feel" like doing versus what I have been taught is

"okay" to do. Spend three minutes on any street corner downtown on a Saturday night and you'll see what I mean. I've always preferred drugs to drinking for this very reason. Most drugs (at least the ones I used to play with) heightened, rather than dulled, my senses. Despite the chemical fun I used to have, I abandoned my more nefarious party practices when I met David, who, outside of his decadent tastes in art, food, wine, and fine leather, had no vices to speak of.

Unlike some people who manage to retain enough consciousness during a technical blackout to do inordinately stupid things, my body has built-in, fail-safe mechanisms that prevent me from doing anything I deem reprehensible on *any* level of my psyche. In the past, when enjoying a libation or two without the stimulating effects of uppers, the greatest degree of inebriation I experienced was "tipsy." Beyond that, I would either get sick or fall asleep. Which is why that night at the restaurant a month ago was such an anomaly. Apparently, I'd had just the right formula: food, multiplied by wine, divided by time. And though it was liberating to be free of my shoulder angel's vice-like grip for an evening, I didn't want to try and replicate the sensation and risk getting sick or, even worse, doing something I might regret.

David believes that people are most themselves when inebriated; that their true qualities, adorable or abhorrent, rise to the



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In light of my behavior in Boston, it appears as though I am, when all pretense is cast aside, a pushy and horny person. All the more reason to keep a sober eye on myself. This is easy to do when I insist on driving, as I always do, and as I did this past Saturday night. The evening’s itinerary included a birthday party for my friend Robert’s wife. Earlier, I’d asked Robert not to tell me the “start” time of the affair, but rather the “cool” time for me to arrive. I was right to trust him — after

hitting up an art opening at my friend Ronaldo’s salon/gallery, I entered the lively gathering with my posse promptly at 8, which, by the relaxed, lubed-by-libation look of things, was around three to four hours after people had started getting their drink on.

If David’s theory is correct, and people are most themselves when their inhibitions are down, then the partygoers I met were friendly and fun-loving folks. After watching Robert rock out with his band backed by an expansive canyon view and the distant lights of Mission Valley, I rallied my small crew and headed down the street to Air Conditioned, the stealthily named bar at 30th and Adams.

Once inside, I shimied through the crowd and up to the bar, where Burrito offered me a “Barbarella,” the

vodka/chocolate/raspberry concoction he created for me three years ago, when I preferred things sweet and disorienting. David ordered two Barbarellas for the two other women in our party (who were generous enough to give me a few sips) and a bottle of water for me. The boys were drinking wine, which was slightly unnerving, because I always associated the lounge with cocktails.

“You know,” David said into my ear, “I’d be happy to drive us home if you want to have a drink. Really, it would be my pleasure.” His dimpled smile was mischievous. Ever since my unbridled display of public affection, David has been a charming little devil on my shoulder. Not only because he delights in seeing me frisky and unrestrained, but also because he enjoys seeing me relaxed, as rare a sight for him as snow is for me. ■

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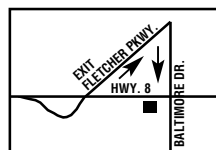
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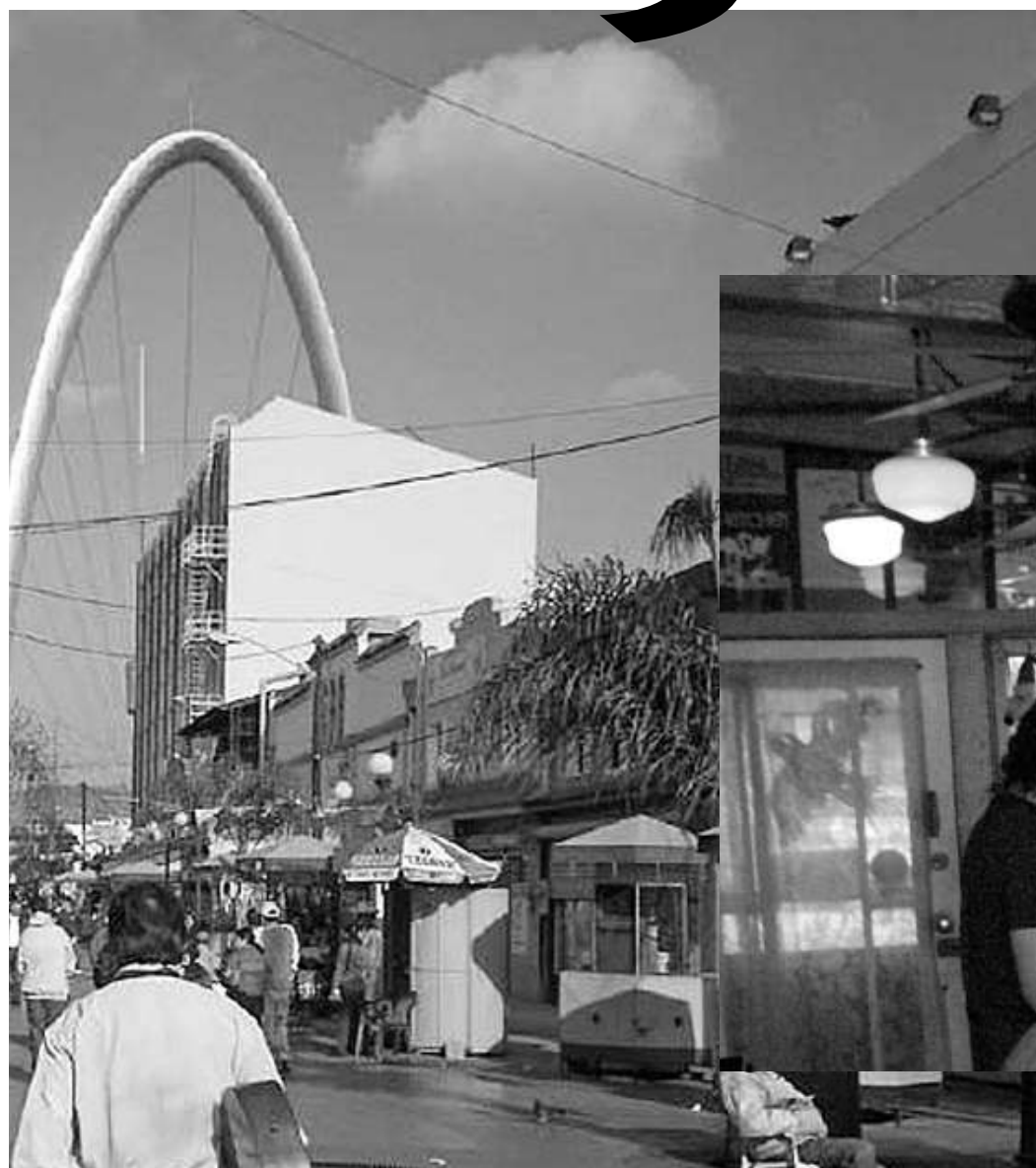
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to earth. You might catch one, say Gilot, 85, if she's not in Paris or New York with daughter Paloma Picasso. (Best night, budgetwise, is Thursday, happy hour. Seven-dollar martinis but free filet mignon sandwiches.) Chandler, of course, is long gone. He was a confirmed alcoholic but also a damned fascinating conversationalist, as complex as Marlowe himself. The one no-no was to bring up Alfred Hitchcock, whom he hated with a passion. Lean on the same bar, drink the same martinis, think the same noir thoughts. Quote his great noir lines such as, from *The Simple Art of Murder*, "Down these mean streets a

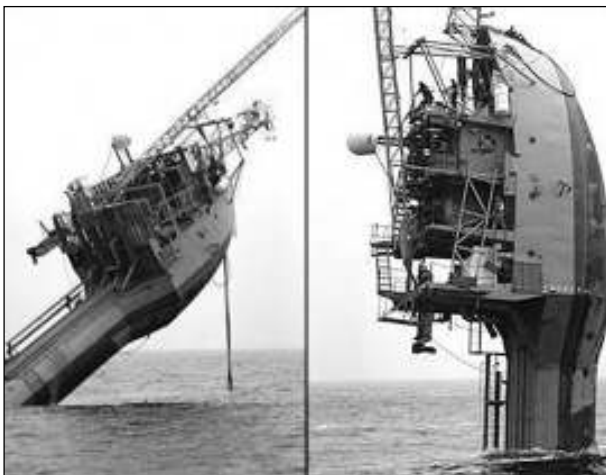
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Lloyd Ruocco's 1949 "California Modern" Design Center, Fifth and Brookes, Hillcrest. It's hard to believe this light-as-air redwood-and-cedar complex is 50 years old. It's not so much the condition — it has been restored and rebuilt after a fire in the late 1980s — as the modern design. Its architect, Lloyd Ruocco, envisaged this glassy, woody

canyon-climber to capture the California spirit of openness and casualness and lack of pretension. He designed it as a low-slung, environmentally sensitive center to bring together creative people in the small town that San Diego was in 1949. Today we take flat roofs, floor-to-ceiling glass, open-plan interiors, inside-outside living — and insouciance of design — for granted. Back then, it was a revolution called Cali-

fornia Modernism. The Design Center was out in front, flying the banner.

Rancho Guajome This historical rancho outside Vista is a beautifully restored Anglo-Californio hacienda. It belonged to Ysidora Bاندینی and her husband Cave Johnson Coutts. Here, on their 2200-acre land grant, Coutts built a 7000-square-foot, 28-room adobe *casa* and private chapel. Eventually it became the social

and cultural center of North County. More important, Guajome — it means “frog pond” in Luiseño — unwittingly helped spark a fire of popular outrage over ill treatment of Mission Indians in California. It was here that social activist Helen Hunt Jackson visited not long after her 1881 book *A Century of Dishonor* had failed to spark outrage at the treatment of Indians. Now Jackson decided to emulate her friend Harriet Beecher Stowe (author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*) and

write her outrage into fiction. In the sewing room at Guajome she scribbled away, until an argument with Doña Ysidora abruptly ended her visit. It doesn't take much to imagine what the argument was about. Ysidora's late husband had been notoriously cruel to his Indian workers. Jackson's book *Ramona*, a Romeo and Juliet story of Ramona's love for the Indian Alessandro, became an outrageous success. It brought tourists from all over the nation. Ironically, it awakened concern not

only for Mission Indians but also for preserving the sites of Spanish California's former glory. It is probably why Guajome — and its sewing room — are reborn, back in mint condition today. Rancho Guajome Adobe, 2210 North Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, 760-724-4082.

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Chris Frost's Wednesday-morning coffee-and-doughnut gatherings. "March is a good month if you're heading for French Polynesia," says Frost. "The cyclone season's pretty well over by then." Downwind holds seminars on all aspects of ocean cruising and hosts a "Cruisers' Kick-Off Party" after the hurricane season, in November, when sailing south to Mexico is best. It's where potential rigging rats can meet captains looking for crew. Wannabe crew members have been known to arrive with placards or hat signs reading, "New Zealand!" "Tahiti!" "Bali!" To crew, Frost says, you don't have to have experience, but you do have to be fit, adaptable, and ready to learn. He also warns: get to know your skipper. S/he may be charming onshore, then turn into a Captain Bligh as soon as you weigh anchor. Or worse, prove to be learning on the job.

The Empress's Pink Pillow

The Empress Dowager of China, Tz'u-hsi, glowered at her courtiers. "Go to Fallbrook!" she commanded. "And don't come back without my pink tourmaline!" Really. Something like that. This was back in the 1880s. She wanted the rare rock in her favorite hue — pink — for palace and personal adornments and for her funerary pillow. Word had reached Peking that the only place in the known world producing the shade of tourmaline she wanted was San Diego County, according to Robert Hughes. (Hughes worked till recently for the Fallbrook-based Pala International, which still extracts tourmalines, garnets, and quartz from mines around the Pala Reservation.) So while Tz'u-hsi paced in Peking, a delegation of her emissaries traveled to the Fallbrook area's Himalaya Mine and purchased almost a ton of its uniquely pink rock. "She had the rock carved into goddesses, dragons, all sorts of beautiful creations," Hughes says. And some came back. "You can

actually see some of the Fallbrook tourmaline she had carved. It's sitting in the Fallbrook Mineral Museum."

He says it's not such a stretch that the empress would hear about Fallbrook. "Fallbrook is

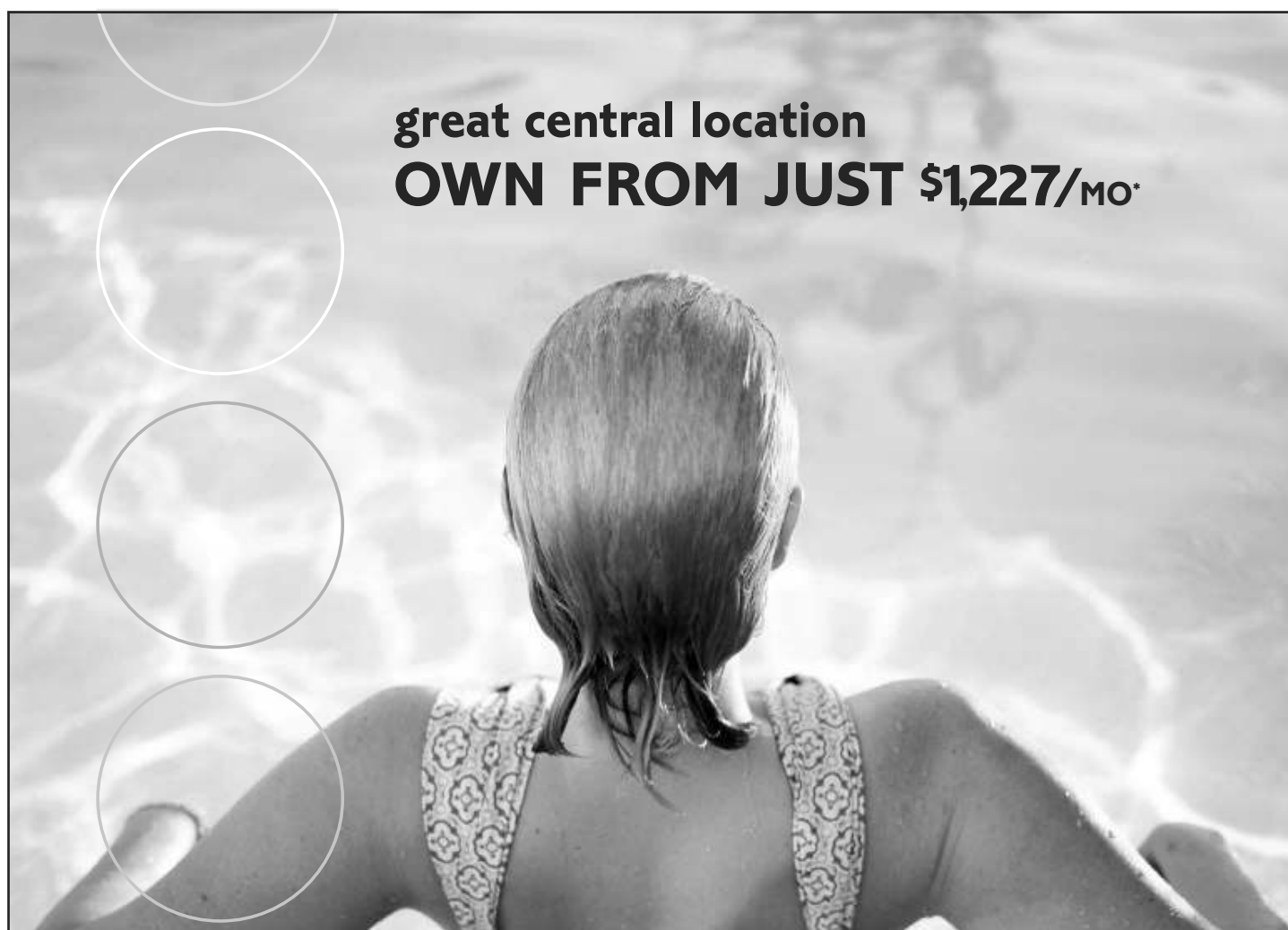
America's Idar-Oberstein [a legendary German gem center]." And yes, when she died in 1908, Tz'u-hsi was laid to rest with her head supported by a round, pink tourmaline pillow. Gem and Mineral Museum is at 123 West Alvarado Street,

Fallbrook, 760-723-1130.

Real México in TJ Yes, it's right next to touristy Revolución, but there's something real about Plaza Santa Cecilia, this enclave beside the "old" city walls. The walls are actually new, but

this is exactly where Tijuana got its start, back in 1889, where Hotel Nelson now stands. The plaza and its angled pedestrian-only street (Avenida Santiago Argüello) with its candy-colored buildings deliver the flavor of old Mexico.

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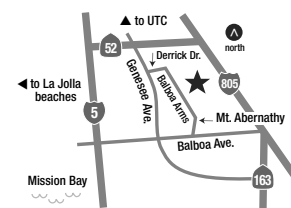
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Anza-Borrego bighorn sheep

El Cortez Hotel

harp-holding Santa Cecilia, patron saint of musicians. The knife-sharpener man. A photographer carrying an old Agfa bellows camera. *Meseras*, drink-serving ladies blinking in the sunlight outside the much-shortened Long Bar. A little Mixtec woman hauling

down her sarapes and kid-size guitars for the night. The arch that hoops over Revolución, glowing orange and silver in the sunset. A couple of drunks think of duking it out but cool off when a blue-and-white police car cruises through, at walking pace. It's all here.

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Ramona Castle In 1881, a seamstress named Amy Strong came to San Diego for her health. She struck

gold. The women of the town's emerging aristocracy — the Grants, the Marstons, the Scripps, the Spreckelses — were desperate for sophisticated dresses that would confirm their status. Soon Amy was employing 75 work-at-home seamstresses and

traveling to Europe every year to borrow ideas and buy fabric. After 27 years she had enough money to build the house of her dreams, a 27-room, \$50,000 (say, \$1.5 million today) country "castle." She was inspired by the Craftsman "back-to-nature" move-

ment and by her travels. She liked Holland, so she built a windmill to pump water. She liked French chateaux, so she hauled in local granite boulders to create sometimes eight-foot-thick walls, with the help of adobe bricks made from her property's clay

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soils. Result: "natural" air conditioning. Timber was her own eucalyptus trees plus oak and redwood. Decorations were Indian carvings. Of course, what most visitors want to see is the "séance room." Its circular ceiling is decorated with astrological symbols. Did Amy hold secret séances up there in the backwoods? The place is now called Mt. Woodson Castle and is the administration office for the Mt. Woodson Golf Club. Visitors welcome (16422 North Woodson Drive, Ramona, 760-788-3555).

San Diego Ingenuity
Scripps Institution of Oceanography had a problem. They needed to make measurements at sea from a steady platform. Instruments couldn't be bobbing about with every wave. That's where Drs. Fred Fisher and Fred Spiess came in. Back in the early '60s, they had this idea: why not build a ship that could flip from horizontal to vertical? It would tow like a ship, then float like a buoy. How? Fill the stern with water so that end sinks, and the ship becomes vertical. The center of gravity would lie 300 feet underwater, guaranteeing the ship would not move with the surface waves. The bow-mounted superstructure would now stand five stories up in the air, putting instruments and crew (up to 16) beyond the reach of most waves. Scripps said okay. Result: this 355-foot baseball-bat-shaped "Floating Instrument Platform" ("FLIP") ship. The "flip" process takes 28 minutes. In the living quarters in the bow, what was the floor becomes the wall. Portholes in the ceiling now look out across the waters. The result is near-total quietness, essential to, say, studying how sound waves behave underwater or isolating marine animals' underwater sounds. These days, studies range from how storm waves are formed to ocean-atmosphere heat exchange. When she's in port, FLIP's moored at Scripps' Nimitz

Marine Facility, Point Loma. No official tours but call Scripps for information.

Cowboy Picasso of El Cajon Olaf Wieghorst of El Cajon was a Danish immigrant and an ex-cop and didn't start painting West-

ern-themed pictures till he was 46. Yet his clients included presidents Reagan, Ford, Nixon, and Eisenhower; Senator Barry Goldwater; J.P. Morgan; Leonard Firestone; Gene Autry; Roy Rogers; Bing Crosby; John Wayne; Burt Reynolds; and

Clint Eastwood. After Wieghorst died in 1988, fans turned his house into a museum-gallery (at 131 Rea Street, El Cajon), and it has become a sort of pilgrimage place for fans who like how he learned about the West from the inside

out. After jumping ship in New York in 1918, he became cowboy, cavalryman, and mounted policeman. Always horses. It was only when he retired to El Cajon in 1945 that he turned full-time to painting and sculpting. His work

soon earned him the sobriquet "Dean of Western Artists." Partly, people loved his vistas and his close relationship with many Native American tribes. But his strongest point may have been his intimate knowledge of horses. "I try to

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paint the little natural things," he'd say, "the way a horse turns his tail to the wind on cold nights, the way he flattens his ears in the rain, seasonal changes in the coat of a horse."

The Big Kitchen, Radical Chic "My Area!" says a felt-tip message from this town's

most famous pearl diver. "Don't Paint This Over, Goddammit! Whoopi Goldberg!" Whoopi scrawled this here beside the Big Kitchen's big kitchen back in 1981, when she was washing dishes here to but-tress her struggling career in local theater. But Whoopi's not really why

this eatery is famous. The Big Kitchen (3003 Grape Street, 619-234-5789) is *it*: a breakfast place that even the august *Bon Appétit* magazine has called one of the "best places for breakfast" in America. But even that's not it. "It" is Judy Forman. This is her community center. It's where

serious politics collides with jokes. (Typical wall signs: "Will Be President For Food." "Under Republicans, Man exploits Man. Under Democrats, it's just the opposite.") But understand this: under Judy Forman, things get done. Don't get her going. "We started the Fern Street Circus,"

she'll say, "sponsored the Grape Street Park Story-telling Festival, got the leash-free dog zone on Grape Street, drove the Miss California beauty pageant out of town...to Fresno! We started the Golden Hill Community Development Corporation." She lists a zillion

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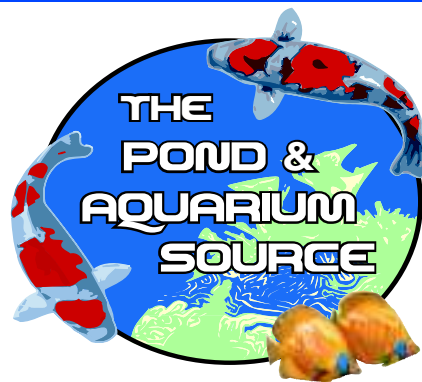
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The Palm Pioneer Father Junípero Serra brought a Canary Island palm with him to San Diego in 1769. He planted it beside what's now Taylor Street, beneath the presidio. Its descendants are probably growing all over Mission Valley. Canary Island palms grace the platforms at the Santa Fe Depot and the Prado in Balboa Park. They're outside the terminal at Lindbergh. We want them to announce us to visitors and relatives as a slightly lush, tropical, exotic town. If Serra has a disciple, it has to be horticulturalist Doug Coomes. For 30 years Coomes has been propagating palms to glamorize San Diego: Canary Island date palms, queen palms from Brazil,



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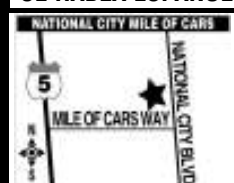
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'Diego's Biggest Parade: **Mother Goose** Who knew, the second-largest parade west of the mighty Mississippi is in... (drumroll, please)... El Cajon. It started on a rainy night in 1947. Thomas Wigton was driving home from L.A. The

town, he thought, needed to do something for its kids for Christmas. In a flash, he got it: have a parade. Wigton was a pretty strong-minded guy. "When Tom Wigton asked you to help, you really didn't say no to him," according to his pal

Jack Maranda. For the very first parade, on Friday night, November 28, 1947, it was bitterly cold, and only three floats made it. But El Cajon, population then 1500, produced 25,000 spectators. Maybe it was the fact that Santa climbed the Rotary

Club float's Christmas tree so folks could see him better. His costume got stuck, and he dangled from it through the whole parade. Everybody thought it was planned. But from then on, the parade was a hit. By the third parade, 100,000

people turned up. The next year, 1950, they officially formed the Mother Goose Parade Association. Now organizers claim that audiences get up toward the half-million mark. Guess that's what happens when a town is still small enough

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Kingston Trio Nick Reynolds steps out of his hybrid in the Vons lot. He reaches for his cane. At 74, he's a regular around Coro-



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nado. And all Coronado knows who he is: one of the original Kingston Trio. Remember “Tom Dooley”? “Tijuana Jail”? “M.T.A.”? “Sloop John B.”? The three college kids (Reynolds, Bob Shane, Dave Guard) almost singlehandedly revived America’s too-serious folk tradition by making it fun, college-cool, and mainstream, thus opening the way for Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, the Byrds, the ’60s. “It just sort of happened,” says Reynolds. “I was studying at Menlo College, around 1954. I got involved with Bob [also at Menlo] and Dave [at Stanford]. We started playing beer houses. I knew some Hawaiian and Mexican songs. I played bongos.” His dad, a Navy captain, taught him guitar, ukulele, and harmony singing. The breakthrough? In 1957. “‘Tom Dooley,’ of course,” says Nick. “We’d recorded an LP in two days. People zeroed in on ‘Doo-ley,’ and suddenly it was number one.” How crazy did it get? In their first four years, the trio cut ten albums. Reynolds believes the group’s roots — his, San Diego; Shane and Guard’s, Hawaii — were a factor in their success. “We never took ourselves seriously. We sang all right, but we just had a lot of fun.”

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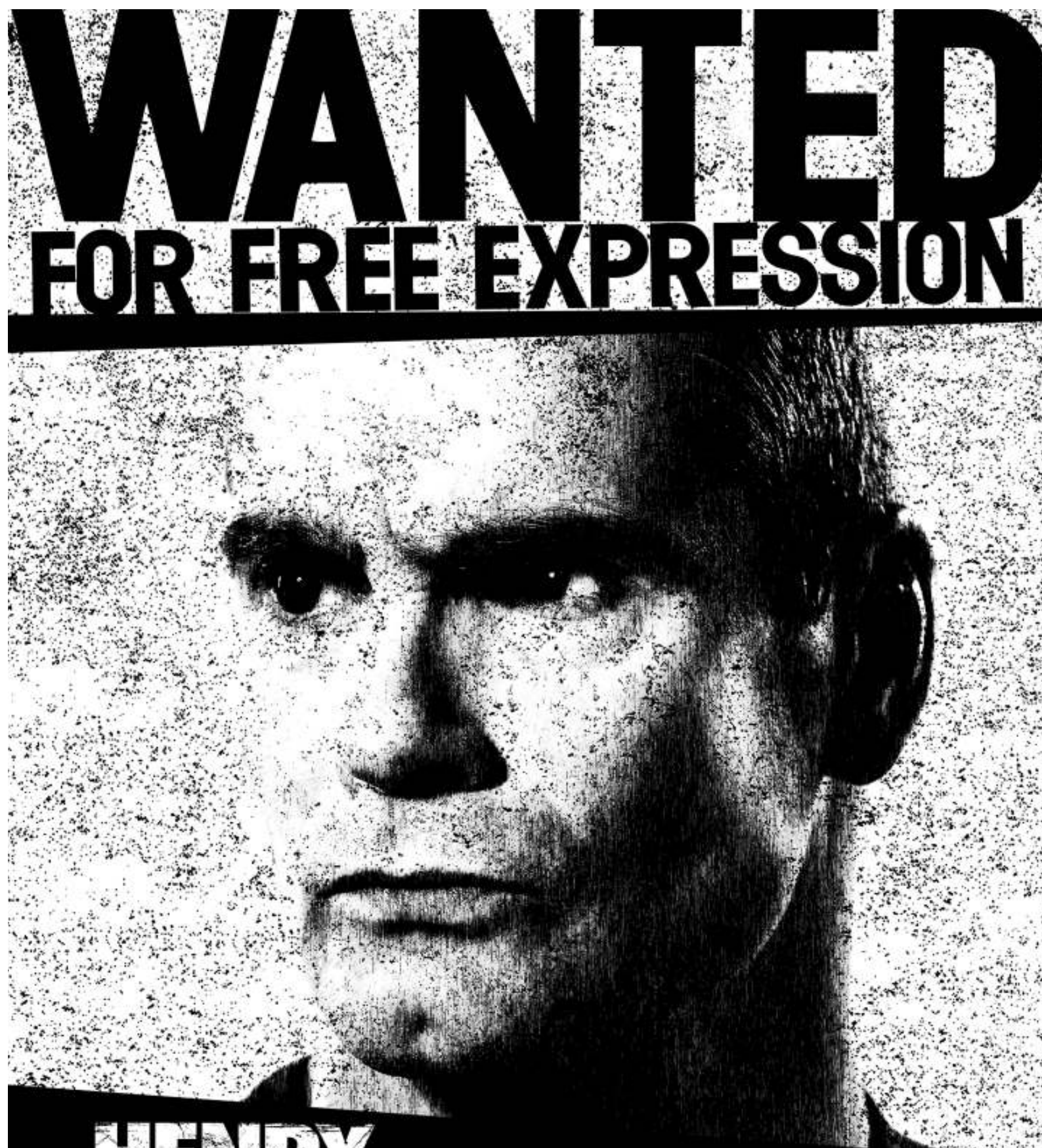
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kind. They breed at a fantastic rate." Result: native bird species and animals who depend on native ants are being robbed of a vital food source. The least tern, toads, and coastal horned lizard are all suffering. Who's to blame? Us, of course. "We brought water, lush golf courses, gardens, we paved half the county with paths and driveways. Perfect protection for their colonies." Worse, says Faulkner, the Argentines protect the pests that wreak

havoc on our plants and trees. Aphids, mealybugs, whiteflies, leafhoppers. The ants get up to 70 percent of their food from honeydew, which they milk from these bugs, and they kill to protect the little buggers. Nice neighbors.

Hemingway Sat Here Jai alai may have ended in Tijuana, but the little restaurant that used to serve homestyle food for the Basque players still carries the luster of the good old

days. Especially the aura of Ernest Hemingway, who, says manager Francisco Monje, encouraged a Spanish jai alai player named Pedro Garate to open this place in 1947 as a refuge for fellow players and matadors. Ernest would come down and sit "in the first booth on the right, or the third on the left," says Francisco, spending hours scribbling notes or perhaps editing. Señor Garate died recently, and the Monjes took out the booths, but you can still sit in the same spot where Sr. Monje says Papa sat, and within a few

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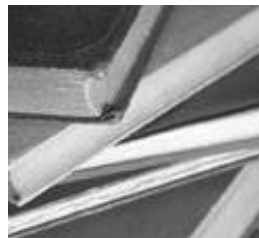
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feet of where Ronald Reagan and Errol Flynn and Ava Gardner often lived it up too. Along with the *vino tinto*, they probably had the delicious *camarones al ajillo*, garlic shrimp. The plate of eight big, fat, juicy, sizzling Gulf of California

monsters is still available today. Bring a notebook so while you nibble you can scribble the start to your own Great American Novel.

Lifeguard Capital of the World If you watch TV,

says lifeguard Rod Messinger, San Diego is the center of the lifeguarding universe. For the past two years, Court TV cameras have been following Messinger and his 250 colleagues in the City of San Diego's Lifeguard Service

as they carry out an amazing average of 7000 rescues each year. Some are fastwater and cliff rescues, but most are on city beaches, like riptide-prone Boomer Beach, Windansea, Mission Beach, and P.B. If you reckon 50 percent of

those rescued would have survived anyway, that leaves 3500 people who owe their lives to city lifeguards. Messinger reckons he personally saves around 25 people a year. That's 500 people over his 20 years walking today who would

not otherwise be here. And yet lifeguards usually come in a distant third after police and fire when it comes to budgets. "We're the City's stepchild," Messinger says. "Equipment-wise, what we get is usually the last stop before Tijuana. No disrespect to Tijuana." *Beach Patrol* is about to shoot its third season. Messinger's problem now is people he's rescued coming to, looking up at him, and saying, "Hey, aren't you the guy I saw on TV?"

Where Wyatt Drank Some say when Wyatt Earp came to San Diego in 1887, he and wife Josie moved into the second-floor corner suite of the swank Bay View Hotel (now, not swank, called the Palms, but still there at 509 Park Boulevard). And that he established three gambling saloons downtown — the most famous, the Oyster Bar, was in the Louis Bank Building at 837 Fifth Avenue. But what's for sure is that he and Josie used to frequent the 1885 Tivoli Bar at Sixth and J. Walk in there today, and nothing seems to have changed. Its curved-glass corner doors, its settled, sloping floor, its original bar and backboard, which came around the horn, tell you this must be the oldest surviving business in the Gaslamp. But the first thing you notice is two big old photos. "Republican Wyatt Earp," says the inscription below one. And it's imposing, but it can't compete with the surprisingly sexy, poetic-looking lady next to him, his onetime dance-hall girl, Josie. She was his third wife, and this one lasted, 50 years. Just look at the photo. You can see why the gunfighter settled down.

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spaces exposed and hiding, they say, thousands of dollars' worth of silver coins, still stuck in the lower decks' slot machines.

Clean Diego (Where to Go If You're Allergic to the 21st Century) Harriett Molloy founded this refuge outside Potrero near the Tecate border crossing nearly three decades ago in "the cleanest air I could find" in America. Her old wooden bungalow nestles beneath clusters of olive and live oak trees. All wood inside is bare, unvarnished. The floors are tile. There's no synthetic carpet. No gas heating or cooking. All energy is electrical. "Building timber, clothes, TVs, beds are secondhand, because we need them to have lost their toxicity," she

says. Magazines hang out in the sun to be "outgassed." Molloy, whose Chicago doctor diagnosed her with "multiple chemical sensitivities," rents cabins and trailers, but only to the "seriously allergic." "We even have to find old mattresses, but not ones that secondhand stores have gassed to sanitize them. Having chemical sensitivities affects every aspect of your life." Molloy and any three tenants living in cabins scattered about this chaparral-covered property even have to agree on what dish soap, laundry soap, shampoos they'll use. "No one can be allergic to what any of us is using," Molloy says. "We're here because we couldn't take the perfumes and pesticides and gasoline smells of city

life. So we all understand." Warning: Potrero's clean-air days could be numbered. The paramilitary organization Blackwater is threatening to set up training facilities in the val-

ley next door. 619-478-5610. of them. They're "the world's largest supplier of organic hard-shelled gourds." Fresh gourds are like melons — 95 percent water. But the summer sun sucks out the liquid and

and made drums. Now, every March, Native Americans, Hawaiians, and musicians come looking for potential drums, rattles, xylophones, nose flutes, and sound boxes for spike fiddles. Arts-and-crafters come seeking gourds for birdhouses, Christmas ornaments, purses, even necklaces. So does that make San Diego the Gourd Capital of the World? Welburn Gourd Farm, 40635 De Luz Road, Fallbrook, 877-420-2613.

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RESEARCH STUDIES



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Participants Will: ■ Attend eight study visits ■ Be randomly assigned to one of two glucose meters

Inclusion Criteria: ■ 18 years or older ■ Have been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes for at least 3 months but no more than 15 years ■ Have a stable regimen for at least 3 months ■ No history of anemia, serious chronic disease, or severe hypoglycemia ■ No use of insulin

Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$200.

Recruitment Period: 2/2007 to 6/15/2007.

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- You must be experiencing symptoms of depression

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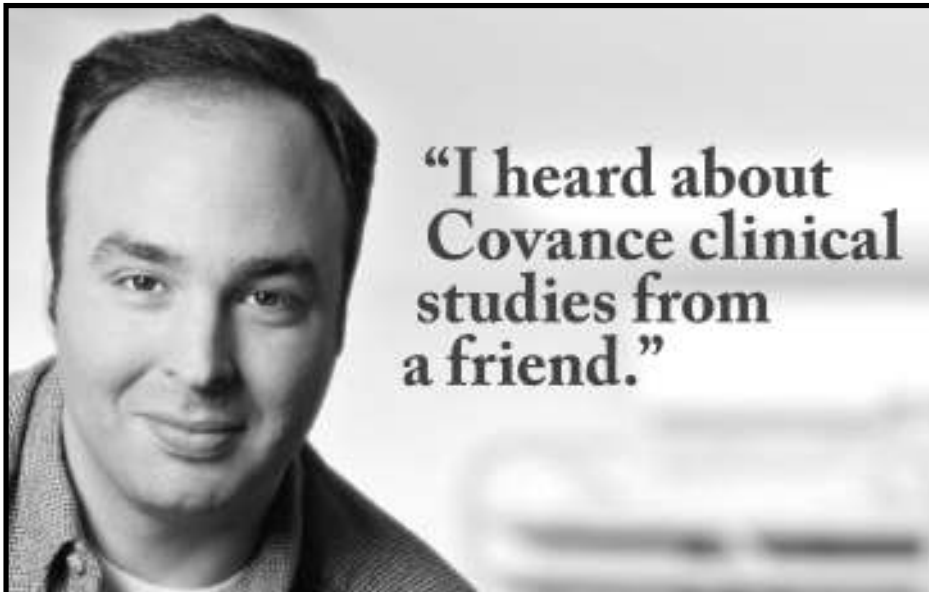
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SDSU's symbol, on the promenade to State's traditional entry arch; the downtown Central Library's "literature" panels flanking its entrance, full of thought about the strains of culture that helped form us; *Morning*, in Marina Park by Seaport Village; at Coronado High School, *The Legend of California* in seven architectural panels; and a must-see sits outside at Scripps Insti-

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tution of Oceanography, his Olmec-looking *Spring Stirring*.

I Cavort the Waterfront “*Auoo! Auoo! Auoo!*” You’re sitting outside the Sportsmen’s Seafoods eatery at a table in Quivira Basin in the dark, chomping on steaming fish and chips, with a side of tuna jerky, smiling. Those are sea lions you’re hearing. And, no, they’re not calling from SeaWorld. These are the wild ones. Like you, they’re whooping it up for fish. Only difference, you have hot chips with yours and a Bud. And they’re bullying the bait-barge guys into letting them steal some flappers from the holding tanks. This place has been around a long time. It used to be Busalacchi’s tuna cannery. The family came from Palermo, Sicily, a century ago. “My granddad would swap fresh-caught tuna from the tourist boats and give them tuna we’d canned in return,” says Joe Busalacchi. The great thing, his place here isn’t like those smart waterfront fish palaces you get downtown. It feels real. And reel: the family caught all the stuffed swordfish heads, barracuda, and rock cod on the walls. And the massive 3500-pound great white shark. But the greatest pleasure lies in the barking of the sea lions and the slapping of the halibuts in the dark and the feeling you’re suddenly back in the fishy little rope ‘n’ tackle port San Diego was, circa 1940.

Kumeyaay: Back to the Future Two decades ago, Mike Connolly and his fellow Kumeyaay decided enough was enough. Centuries of doing things the European way had exhausted their land and emasculated their culture. Connolly is a former aerospace engineer. He’s also a member of the Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians, whose reservation is 45 miles east of San Diego. So their first move: kick off all the cattle. The idea was to restore the 15,480-acre reservation to its pre-Euro-

pean state. “The land needed to rest,” says Connolly. “The problem is as old as the colonial presence here. Those European herdsmen thought they were discovering an ‘untouched wilderness.’ They had no idea we

had been cultivating these ‘natural’ mountain meadows for 10,000 years. They didn’t know the oak forests were orchards we had planted for acorns. They didn’t realize we had regular, controlled burns of

sagebrush to allow the grasses and trees to come through, that we had created *mishay sha-wing* — ‘sediment holders’ — dams across streams to slow water flow all through these valleys.”

Today, with the overgrazing cattle gone, the water table is up, streams flow year-round, native plants and animals have returned. From outside the reservation, you see the change. Degraded ranchland pas-

ture with deep, dry arroyos gives way to the reservation’s greenery and trees. Next up, harvesting acorns to create acorn bread. “Now that will be a classic San Diego dish,” Connolly says. ■

— Bill Manson

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TYPE 2 DIABETES

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A combination medication may help lower blood sugar levels.

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- ☐ Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes for at least three months
- ☐ Taking oral medication for at least two months

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TIVE HEART FAILURE, A KNOCK
AT THE DOOR CUT ME SHORT.

"A patient is having a seizure." Jo, a medical assistant with a South Carolina accent, delivered the message with the same calm that she might have used to disclose that she was going to use the restroom. I excused myself and bolted across the hallway and into another exam room, where Susie, a nurse practitioner, stood wrapping a blood pressure cuff around the arm of Veronica, a young Hispanic woman gazing up at our ceiling from her reclined position on the exam table. Jo was poised across from Susie, ready with the glucometer to measure Veronica's blood sugar.

"I had just diagnosed her with sinusitis," reported Susie. "She then said she felt faint, and the next thing I knew she fell backwards onto the table and had a seizure."

Veronica's blood pressure was a nor-

mal 110 over 66, her heart rate was a steady 72, and her blood sugar registered a reassuring 130. Fully alert, she had no problem identifying herself, us, our location, and the date. All of which clinched the diagnosis: vasovagal syncope with secondary myoclonus.

I first learned about this phenomenon during my residency at UCSD when one of the smartest internists I've known, Dr. David Preston, livened up a teaching

"THAT'S GREAT," HE SAID. "NOW, WHEN DO I SEE THE SPECIALIST?"

session by recounting the scenario of a constipated patient bearing down so hard on the toilet to crap that he passed out and seized on the bathroom floor. Pushing hard and long can cause the neck's pressure receptors to act as though the blood pressure has gone up so high that it needs an immediate correction, so the receptors activate a pathway that stimulates the vagus nerve to slow down the heart. Other mechanisms simultaneously dilate the

arteries going to the head. This cascade of events can lower the blood pressure enough that not enough blood enters the brain to sustain consciousness, causing a fainting episode. The horizontal position restores the flow to the head, allowing the person to wake up.

Rarely, but often enough that most health-care professionals see it more than once in a career, the temporary loss of blood flow triggers random contractions

in various muscle groups, creating an event that looks a lot like a grand mal seizure. I do not know why Veronica passed out, but sitting in our not-so-tranquil office for a long time with a fever of 102.4 degrees likely had something to do with it. The fever dilated her veins, which caused her blood to pool in her leg veins so she did not send enough blood back to her heart to pump to her brain, and down she went.

I explained the sequence of events to her and told her that this could happen again if she fainted. She should therefore avoid changing positions (lying to sitting or sitting to standing) quickly, prolonged heat exposure, excessive alcohol use, and going long periods of time without drinking or eating. These "seizures" are not associated with brain abnormalities, and therefore we don't order diagnostic tests such as electroencephalograms (EEGs)

and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans. Needing to return to my patient with heart failure, I left, allowing Susie to finish the explanations.

Three days later, I returned to my desk as I always do between patients and noted Veronica's chart sporting a thin green telephone-message slip saying she wanted an immediate phone call for a neurology referral.

This was predictable. Several weeks



RESEARCH STUDIES

Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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

- Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment
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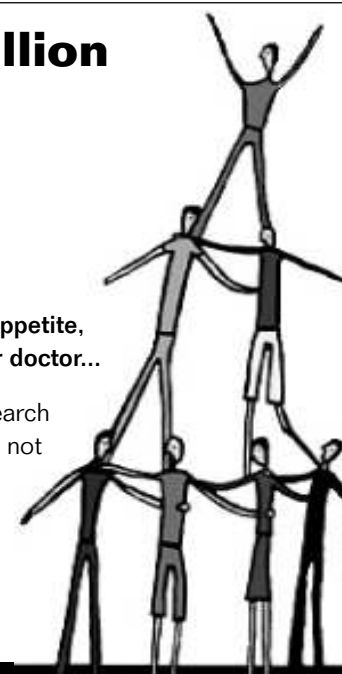
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earlier, I had met for the first time a 24-year-old software engineer who had felt weak, tired, and a bit lightheaded for a few weeks. Placing my fingers firmly on the radial artery of Scott's right wrist, I noted the irregular, rapid rhythm typical of atrial fibrillation, a rhythm disturbance that the first President Bush made famous during his battles with it. One of the heart's four chambers, the left atrium, in many people, reacts to stress by regressing into a quivering lump of electrical chaos. The stresses can be acute or chronic. A cocaine storm blowing in through willing nostrils, a sudden withdrawal from regular heavy doses of alcohol, or a surge of thyroid hormone from an overly stimulated thyroid gland are common sudden triggers. Coronary artery disease and structural problems with

the heart, including leaky mitral valves and overly muscular hearts, are the common chronic culprits.

We did the EKG, which confirmed the diagnosis and did not suggest other prob-

round-rimmed glasses, skinny long arms and legs, and short brown hair — Scott came across as the perfect student. Because he was maintaining a normal blood pressure and not having

THEY WALK IN BELIEVING THAT MY JOB IS TO DO AS FEW TESTS AS POSSIBLE AND DENY THEM ACCESS TO SPECIALISTS IN ORDER TO SAVE MONEY. I HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE.

lems, such as left atrial enlargement or a threatened heart attack. I reviewed with Scott the details of what we had to do next. Looking about eight years younger than his age — with his

chest pain nor shortness of breath, we would treat him as an outpatient, but if he developed any of these symptoms, he would need to come in to the hospital. I filled out the forms and instructions



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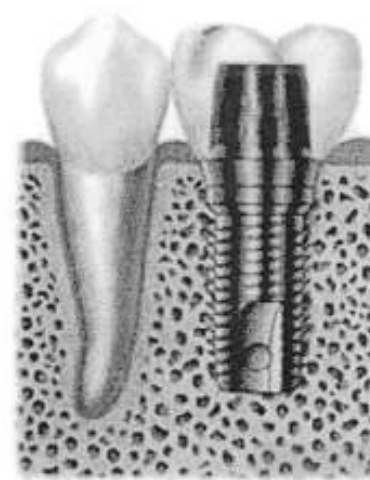
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enabling him to go for blood tests and a heart ultrasound (echocardiogram). I told him how to take verapamil to slow down his heart and Coumadin to thin his blood. Unlike a beating heart chamber, a fibrillating atrium doesn't move blood, and therefore the blood sitting in there can form clots, which can break loose and imbed themselves in dangerous places, such as large arteries supplying the brain, kidneys, intestines, or limbs, causing those organs to die. Coumadin helps prevent these disasters.

Within a few days, we had restored his heart's normal sinus rhythm and adjusted his blood thinner to the appropriate levels. His blood-test results were normal, and his echocardiogram showed only a small leak in his mitral valve, which had been enough to cause a mild enlargement in the chamber into which that extra blood was leaking, the left atrium. This stretching of the atrium near his pacemaker had caused the rhythm disturbance. His

energy had returned, and he had a normal blood pressure and pulse. We had diagnosed and fixed his problem. We would need to continue his blood thinner for a month, he would have to take verapamil or a similar medication forever, and he would have to avoid drugs or medications that could cause a recurrence, but oth-

point averages) suggest the opposite. Most do not know that board-certified family physicians do a three-year residency to become specialists in common problems and can treat 85 to 95 percent of all medical problems without outside assistance. When something appears serious, treatment from a family practitioner

THEY WERE BOTH VIRGINS WHEN THEY MET AND HAVE NEVER SLEPT WITH ANYONE ELSE, USED INTRAVENOUS DRUGS, NOR UNDERGONE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS.

erwise he could go back to his normal life. "That's great," he said. "Now when do I see the specialist?"

Most people in the United States believe that specialists are smarter than primary-care doctors, even though objective measurements such as standardized tests (e.g., SATs) and grade

does not seem to be enough. I was prepared to go through this again over the phone with Veronica.

"What can I do for you?" I opened in my usual fashion.

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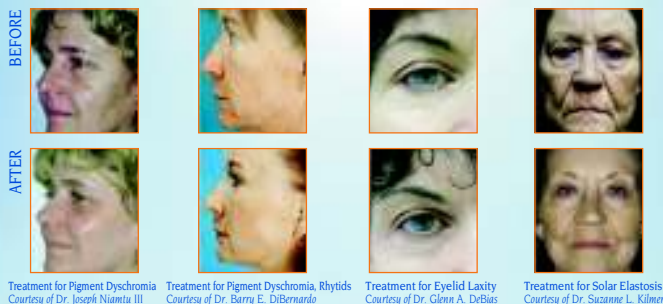
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True. Any adult who has the first seizure of their life needs an evaluation for a brain tumor, including an MRI. But she did not have a seizure. I explained this to her.

"So what you're really saying is that it is not cost-effective to do an MRI." I felt the clenching of her teeth.

Now we were dealing with the managed-care factor. When many patients cross our doorstep for the first time, they walk in believing that my job is to do as few tests as possible and deny them access to specialists in order to save money. I have to explain to them that the opposite is true: I argue alongside my patients for necessary tests and referrals. It's the insurance companies who put up the obstacles. In Veronica's case, I was not out to save anyone's money. I was trying to save her from the hazards of doing tests on people who have a low likelihood of disease, which is the most important reason we do not order unnecessary tests.

Lee, a Chinese engineer

in his early 20s, came in to see me later the same day to prove the point. He and his girlfriend came to the United States less than a year ago. They were both virgins when they met and have never slept with anyone else, used intravenous drugs, nor undergone blood transfusions. For the past two days, he had suffered from a severe sore throat and diffuse muscle aches, typical symptoms of common benign viral infections. But my routine historical questions made things much more interesting. The previous week, his girlfriend's employer had sent her to have her blood tested for HIV because the company required it. Fate decided, perhaps to teach the employer a lesson about doing tests for a disease in a person who could not have it, that her test should come back positive. And now her boyfriend was coming to me with the same symptoms that HIV causes when one first becomes infected. He did not know this; he was just trying to get a diagnosis and treatment for his

illness.

After several phone calls to his girlfriend and her employer, we were able to track down the laboratory that ran her tests, and they explained the situation: her enzyme-linked assay for HIV, which has a false-positive rate in the range of one percent, had yielded a positive result, and they were in the process of doing the much more accurate Western blot assay to check it. When I called again a few hours later, they confirmed what I already knew: the Western blot was negative. She did not have HIV and neither did he. We knew that before the whole mess started. But for several days, his girlfriend thought she might have it, and for several hours, he had to worry that he might as well.

Every test, whether it's a blood test, an X-ray, an MRI, an EKG, or anything else, has a false-positive rate. Lee's example illustrates the problem. If you do a test for a disease in a person whose risk for the disease is much lower than the false-positive rate of the test, a posi-

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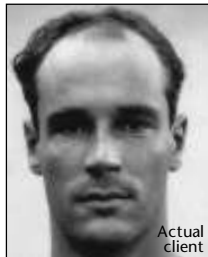
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tive result is meaningless because it is almost certainly falsely positive. Veronica's brain was not any more likely to have a tumor in it than any adult in the general population. If we do an MRI and it shows an unidentified bright object or some other nonspecific blemish that we can often find on MRIs of normal brains, some inexperienced or underpaid neurosurgeon might want to perform an unnecessary brain biopsy. Sure, the biopsy

might prove she does not have cancer, but what if the scar from the biopsy caused genuine seizures? Unnecessary medical tests do not just cost money; they can cause harm.

I realized that Veronica would not hear me if I gave such a detailed defense, but I did say that money had nothing to do with it. "If this were ten years ago, before the influence of managed care, I would have told you the same thing. Look, I do

not stand in the way of patients getting the care they want. Would you like to see a neurologist? If so, I can arrange that."

Instead of answering, she hung up. She felt, I'm sure, that I was not getting it. I gave her file to Cyndi, our office manager. Three days later, Cyndi was able to reach Veronica and facilitate the neurology referral. Rachel, the neurologist, sent me a report a couple of weeks later, at which time I called and apologized for the referral. Like most of our local specialists, Rachel is overworked, but she understands the problems those of us in primary care face in these situations. Managed care has created an environment of mistrust and, in some cases, hostility between patients and providers that prompts patients to seek unnecessary additional consultations, wasting the money the health plans claim to be saving.

For my own self-esteem, I will, from this day forward, translate "That's great. Now, when do I see the specialist?" as "Thank you so much!" There. I feel better already. ■

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Sanders' "customers" and his slamming the door in our face.

Posted by Giacomo Santiago on 04/5/07, 3:29 p.m.
WOW!!!! What a great article, letting everyone in on the scoop of what is REALLY happening within the City. With your terrific articles exposing the names and "doings" of the Incest Perpetuation League and also, with the help of Mike Aguirre and Donna Frye, maybe more people will get the real story. We have been subscribers to the U-T for 43 years and are disgusted the way they are going after Mike. Also, all the local TV news programs gave Chief Lansdowne a platform to spew his garbage. It's totally apparent that his motives are purely political, rather than doing his job as the police chief. We anxiously look forward to your articles every Thursday.

Posted by HogHeavenIn-SanDiego on 04/5/07,

5:24 p.m.

What would this sleepy city do without this brave reporter? There is so much muck under this rock (land fill perhaps). Is it possible to wake the taxpayers up from their stupor? Thank you Mr. Bauder!

Posted by cindy on 04/5/07, 7:53 p.m.

I'd like to add that the U-T's Gerry Braun wrote an excellent and honest piece about Sunroad on April 4 2007: it's a must-read, and Braun deserves kudos. I don't know how a few people do honest journalism at the U-T and keep their job, but bless them.

Posted by Fred Williams on 04/6/07, 6:27 a.m.

If we had listened to you a decade ago, we'd never have squandered our patrimony by giving away hundreds of millions of dollars to the Moores and Spanos crime syndicates. Well, we've been warned. Again. Don, just what can a guy do when confronted with this situation? Since I don't happen to have millions in disposable income to engage in

bribery like the oligarchs, should I just lay back and enjoy the rape? There's no chance of protests gaining traction when most people here are more interested in having a nice day than doing the right thing. There's no way even a concerted citizens movement would overcome the entrenched money and power of the oligarchs. Even the former business editor of the UT is ignored when he warns us all that we're getting scammed. Don, I'm so disgusted by this scene. Can we do anything more constructive than paste up yet another posting online or yet another ineffectual letter to the editor?

Reply by Don Bauder:
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to fight the oligarchy. City council must be turned around. It can be done at the ballot box.

Posted by Tim Ahern on 04/6/07, 7:25 a.m.

To see how all this U-T/developer/old money cabal has been operating since

the time of Spreckels, read "Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See" by Mike Davis. The corruption continues to this day.

Posted by Charles Pratt on 04/6/07, 10:39 a.m.

Friends of Rose Canyon,

litigating against the City, has unearthed the same culture of corruption exposed in emails between City officials and contractors as they tried to push forward the Regents Road bridge project. Like Sunroad, the City lied about

their EIR, ignored opinions from state and federal agencies, exploited obvious contractor conflicts of interest, wasted money and unnecessarily exposed the City to liability. (You find out more at www.rosecanyon.org.) I totally agree that Mike

Aguirre and Donna Frye are two elected officials who are brave enough to take on this culture of corruption, but they need the help of citizen groups like ours that are willing and able to take the City on in the courts, the one venue where there

is a level playing field. The first step in sweeping out the Incest Perpetuation League is to understand the problem in its entirety. Thank you Don, for your contribution to reforming San Diego's corrupt political culture with your hon-

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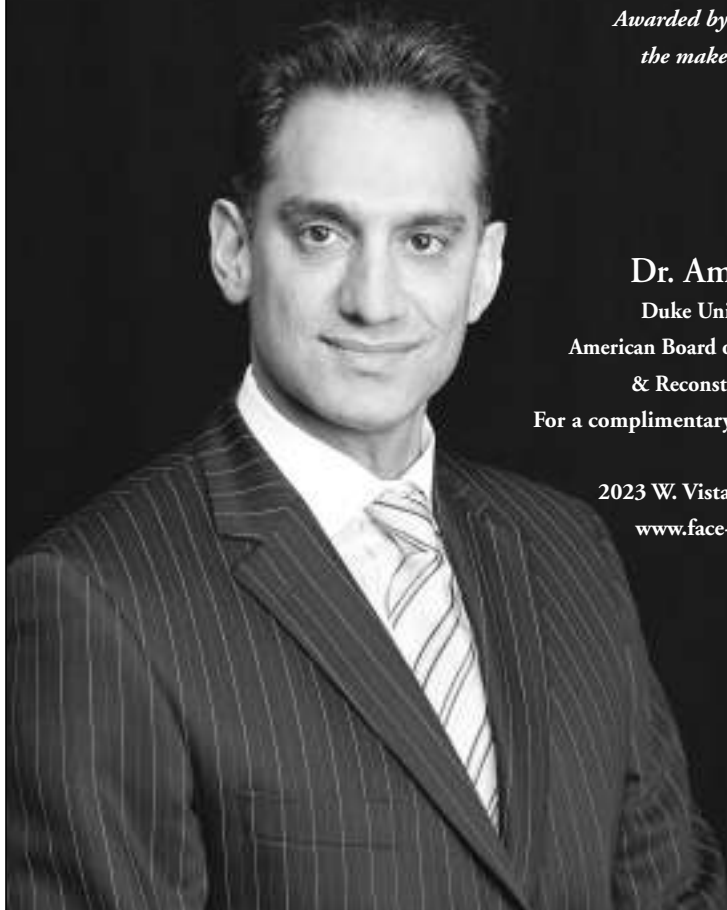
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*Posted by cindy on
04/6/07, 12:06 p.m.*

Hooray!! Aguirre just announced misdemenao charges against Story. The funny part: Story wants "City Attorney's Office removed from his case, con-tending Aguirre has demon-strated he is biased against him." No kidding! I call a misdemeanor charge "bias" any day of the week. Perhaps we can all use that in our de-fense in our next encounter

with the traffic cops.

*Posted by Paul Sanders
on 04/6/07, 12:51 p.m.*

The funny thing is that I am yet to see Tom Story deny the charge, only say that its personal bias against him. Yes, Tom, its personal against you, as it is with any person who breaks the law and then tries to get away with it. From what I've seen so far I can't see how he could deny it.

*Posted by Sue Doe Neeim
on 04/6/07, 1:28 p.m.*

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Reply by Don Bauder:
Chula Vista doesn't have the money to subsidize the Chargers. Ditto for the Gaylord resort complex in the planning stage. Citizens should insist that tax money not be steered toward such corporate welfare projects.

*Posted by Dave Cohen on
04/7/07, 3:14 p.m.*
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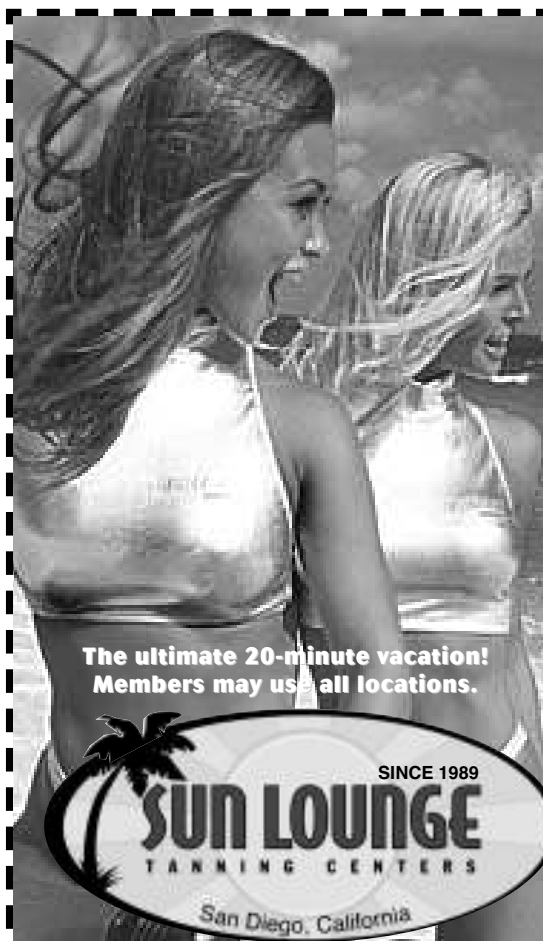
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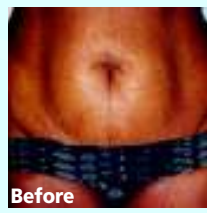
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that Lansdowne leaked the information. I'm betting you can't...because he didn't.

Reply by Don Bauder:
Are you the same Dave Cohen who used to be a spokesman for the police department? On March 24, Lansdowne said in an interview with the U-T that he refused to permit his officers to carry out the search.

Cover Story

Published April 4

Posted by shizzlyfinn on

04/5/07, 10:21 a.m.

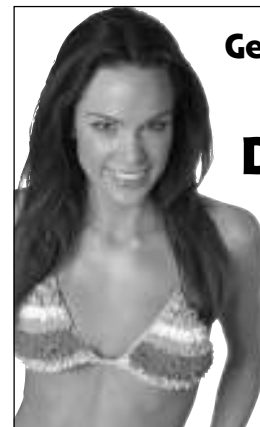
Great article...the eye contact thing is something we all bump into on a daily basis. Kind of makes sense that younger folks are less apt to make eye contact, doesn't it? Looking a stranger right in the peepers requires a fair amount of maturity and self-confidence, qualities that often take time to develop (at least they did in my case). But once you come to recognize that eye contact is critical — as a simple ac-

knowledge of a passer-by as well as a key method of communication in a conversation - you have to learn how to use your eyes properly. Generally, it's only tricky when you're worried about sending a sexual signal along with the eye contact. To avoid sending that signal, make your first look count...don't go for the double take, which often comes off shady. And if you do want to broadcast a more-than-friendly interest, make sure you promptly follow the eye contact with icebreaking conversation...otherwise, like Mr. Double Take, you're on a fast train to Shadyville.

Posted by je on 04/7/07, 3:04 p.m.

I can't believe no one else besides Danielle Berkley mentioned the lengths San Diegos will go to maintain the status quo. As she mentioned, that status quo is essentially a fantasy, and avoiding eye contact allows us to stay in our bubbles and ignore judgment, poverty, envy and a myriad of other sensory input. Is it healthy? Probably not. Is it a decent alternative to the doom and

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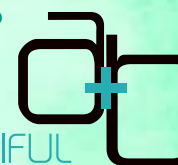
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gloom of a slush-filled Mid-western winter? You bet your ass...

Posted by Brian B on 04/7/07, 3:17 p.m.

On-point, fascinating article! This is something I have been fixated on since I moved here 3 yrs ago from Chicago (go Bulls!). The part that really struck me was when the author (Geoff Bouvier) mentioned he felt a sense of commraderie (sp?) due to the eye contact. I never fully realized it, but that is the way I feel too.

Posted by selfmade on 04/7/07, 8:31 p.m.

One of the biggest reasons a

lot of men don't meet or have a hard time taking that next step to make contact or initiate conversation with a female, pretty much in San Diego, is because a lot of the women out here are really self absorbed and have a bad attitude. It's so easy for two people to meet that it's ridiculous! Most women think that they should be chased or pursued by a man which is fine. But, if you want that ladies and you refuse to initiate first contact, then throw us a sign. Invite us! Trust me... we want to meet you. Give us a sincere

smile or a wave hello. After we initiate first contact, be receptive to our approach because we might be a little bit nervous. Believe it or not men get nervous too. And, last but not least, if you see that we are running out of things to say or talk about, try to keep it alive by initiating a little conversation on your end if you think you might like us. That's it! If we click then the rest will be history!!

Posted by shizzlyfinn on 04/8/07, 11:07 p.m.

not sure what's more objectionable, the san diego bashin' or the san diego ladies bashin'. so i'll address in sequential order. on the san diegans are more "into preserving the status quo" tip, i'm not sure who we're being compared against, but i've seen people out here parading in support of everything from booting Bush to celebrating homosexuality to stopping ICE stings (that one was today). perhaps you meant that, when a san diegan does opt to enjoy the status quo for a little while, that status quo is nicer than most anywhere else's? that would

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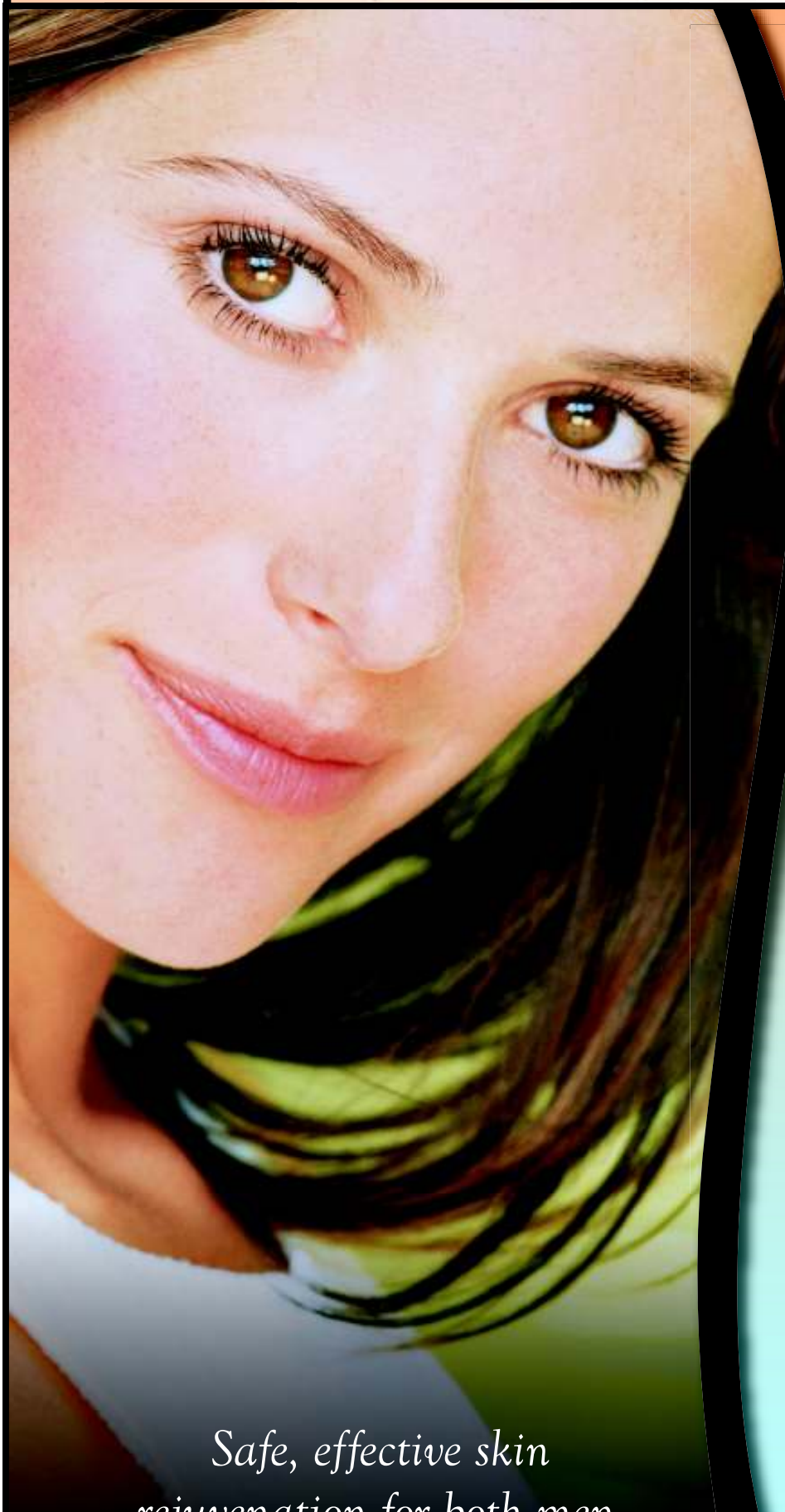
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certainly ring true. and on the san diego ladies are difficult tip, bro, you seem upset that women aren't doing their part by walking you through your attempts to hit on them. perhaps it's not that they're self absorbed with bad attitudes, but that you've got no game. ponder, accept, adjust.

Posted by annoyed on 04/9/07, 12:50 a.m.

Why is it in San Diego it seems the young women are so "worried about sending a sexual signal along with the eye contact?" It's not like the men in San Diego are any more aggres-

sive then other areas of the nation. I think the young women here are arrogant.

Diary of a Diva
Published April 4

Posted by sick of you on 04/8/07, 11:51 p.m.

Seriously Barb, one bad comment then all the others praise you! Yeah right! This is so obvious that you had your friends post pleasing comments about their admiration for you. So obvious... but I don't blame you. We all need self-esteem boosts and to show the boss we are loved. No one likes to get fired.

Crasher
Published April 4

Posted by No, I don't want to buy that on 04/9/07, 12:01 a.m.

I HATE it when a friend invites me to a "shopping" party. I feel so obligated to buy crap I don't want, don't need, and I can't afford. I don't want fancy candles, I don't care about kitchen utensils, and I really don't want skin care products (I buy all that cheap at Target). All I want is to go to a party, eat free food, drink strong drinks, and chat with my girls. Don't make me feel guilty for not wanting to buy the crap you are selling for your lame pyramid scheme. Ahh, I feel better now. Who's up for some retail therapy?

T.G.I.F.
Published April 4

Posted by Mark Martin on 04/4/07, 3:47 p.m.

Nice article, John. I mean no disrespect to Ellen, but this "women are never aggressive and don't seek conflict" meme is sorta-kinda sexist. People don't have to fit into categories so easily, I think. Golda Meir,

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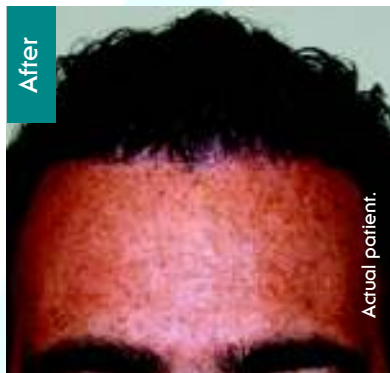


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Margaret Thatcher, Indira Gandhi, and Jeanne Kirkpatrick come to mind. There have been tons of women who don't work toward consensus and resolution. Heck, Indira Gandhi championed India's atomic bomb program in the 70s (it was code-named "Smiling Buddha" which is just plain wrong on so many levels). And Maggie Thatcher went to war over a bunch of sheep in the Falklands. Just my opinion. Our choices shouldn't be some testosterone-mad male or some ubernanny female. I hate being told what to do, don't you? I was just back in DC, and all the cabbies are Somali. It would have been great to have a conversation like you had with Ellen! She sounds like a remarkable person.

Lonelyville

Geoff Bouvier eloquently vocalized what I have been struggling with since I moved to San Diego ("Is the

Sun in Your Eyes?" Cover Story, April 5). I moved to San Marcos two years ago after living all over the place, and while San Diego has a lot of good qualities, it is also one of the loneliest places I have ever lived. I have never seen a culture where people require so much personal space. Eye contact is just the beginning. Most people aren't comfortable talking to someone that they haven't been introduced to. People think I'm crazy if I go out alone at night. But I can't blame San Diegans. A guy once followed me in his car because I looked at him while I was driving on the 78. He just wanted my number, but I thought how sad it was that eye contact is so rare that it implies flirtation.

There's also a lack of physical contact that is strange to me. As a massage therapist, physical contact is one way I communicate, but in San Diego, it seems inappropriate to touch

anyone other than your significant other. Touching someone's shoulder can evoke a look of surprise or even shock. Maybe that's why there are proportionately fewer singles in San Diego than anywhere else I have lived.

Natasha Heckendorn
via e-mail

Common Courtesy Now A Threat

Bravo for Geoff Bouvier's "Is the Sun in Your Eyes?" (Cover Story, April 5). We've needed an article like that for a long, long time.

The fact of the matter is that there exists a lot of urban paranoia: "Everyone's out to get me" or "Everyone's out to harass me." Plus, many women think (especially the more attractive ones) that every guy who opens the door for them or says "hello" has just "one thing" on their filthy minds. (Hey, does that mean that one-night stands are an anachronism?! I'm

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getting mixed messages again!) Women have to get over that. When I go running, I'll see a guy watering his lawn or a fellow runner, and often I'll give him a nod and/or a smile. That doesn't mean that I'm gay and that I'm hitting on this man. It's just common courtesy, ladies! Just last Thursday I said hello to a gorgeous blonde as she exited Macy's and I opened the door to enter. It was like interacting with an inanimate object. Later that day I said hello to a very pleasant-looking African-American lady, and at least I got a reply that time.

This is a societal issue.

Unfortunately, it even exists in retail and customer service. How many times has a cashier or checker processed your purchase without so much as looking up at you? I want to ask, "What are you doing in this job?" How can we possibly keep interacting this way?

John Nava
via e-mail

It's Been Bauderized

Regarding yesterday's column by Don Bauder ("U-T and Police Lie About Aguirre," "City Lights," April 5): the best remedy for bowdlerized news is Bauderized news. Keep fighting the good fight, Don.

What's The Full Story?

I wish to congratulate Don Bauder for his well-written article, "U-T and Police Lie About Aguirre" ("City Lights," April 5). To think that chief of police Lansdowne would not only fail to serve a court-ordered search warrant but deliberately leak its contents to a newspaper is plain chilling.

I call upon District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis to launch a complete investigation into the Tom Story-Sunroad affair and Chief Lansdowne's attempt to sabotage the city attorney's

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via e-mail

Marginal Notes

I regret that Jim Newland (Letters, April 5) feels the information on the photographs in the research library of the San Diego Historical Society is "notoriously inaccurate." Although it is possible that incorrect information was written by SDHS staff (past or present), it is equally true that well-meaning researchers over the years have added notes of their own to the margins of the reproduction prints in the photo reference books. We discourage this as strongly as possible.

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The writing on the back of the original print that was used in the "Picture Story" of March 29 makes no mention of "Rolando Hill" but does say "near Rolando." It is possible that the word "Hill" was added to the print in the reference book. We would be happy to correct any mistakes, large or small, that any researcher may find. With our limited budget and staff, our researchers can hopefully appreciate the challenge of cataloging over 2.5 million images. Those who love history and photography are always welcome to volunteer here!

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Blurt Firsts

There are a couple of corrections that need to be made regarding "firsts" that were claimed in the April 5 edition of "Blurt."

First of all, Jay Allen Sanford is correct in saying that "there have been wedding receptions before at

the Casbah," but last month was not the first actual wedding that was at the Casbah. That would've had to have been last November 5th (or was it the 12th?), when Louis Mello, owner of the Liar's Club in Mission Beach, married Denise. The night was billed as Louis and Denise's wedding reception, as they reportedly eloped on Halloween. MEX and the Heartaches played, and after MEX's set, Mario Escovedo (formerly of the Dragons) announced that a "big surprise is up next." Soon afterwards, their friend Patti jumped up onstage and of-

ficiated the nuptials for Louis and Denise. Louis and Denise fooled everyone who was there for the reception. This was the actual wedding! Casbah owner Tim Mays told me that it was indeed the first wedding actually held at the Casbah.

Secondly, Nirvana's first interview in San Diego was *not* in 1991 on 91X or KSM at Palomar. It was in 1989 at KSDT (UCSD's radio station at the time). I was program director there, and fellow DJ Joanna Ip was interviewing Tad, who was on tour, about to play

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Tijuana. Fifteen minutes into the interview, Tad said, "Here, why don't you talk to my friend Kurt?" and handed the phone over to Kurt Cobain. Joanna proceeded to interview Kurt for about five to ten minutes. Can't remember what they talked about, but it's on tape. Somewhere.

Ted Tarris
via e-mail

Take Your Weed And Smoke It

In response to the website comment from Nanker Phelge on March 29 (Letters, April 5) about the Hot Monkey Love Cafe.

You say in New York there are many nightclubs where you can smoke weed, but in San Diego it gets clubs shut down? Well, if you don't like it, then move to New York. If a nightclub won't let you smoke weed, then big deal. Go smoke somewhere else. You also said, "Only in San Diego would this be considered news." Funny, considering San Diego, along with all other California cities, pioneered medical marijuana ten years ago and also has some of the most laid-

back laws on marijuana.

Sean
via e-mail

The Nut-Job Playbook

To answer the question asked by Michael McAllister in the March 29 issue:

"Semitic" refers to a language group and not a race. It would "seem" to you that every time someone criticizes the Israeli government that they are immediately labeled an anti-Semite. That is pure b*****t because there are a great many Israelis and Jewish intellectuals who criticize questionable Israeli government policies. The statement made by McAllister is one made frequently by ignorant Jew haters hiding behind the "I am just anti-Israeli" smokescreen. I never labeled Kotner an anti-Semite. This is an example of selective reasoning and reading right out of a right-wing nut-job playbook. Jew haters criticize Israel while ignoring the atrocities committed by those who are sworn to destroy Israel and by governments that do much worse. Only Israel is singled out for criticism. I

find Jew haters interesting and am surprised that they don't have their own section in the DSM IV.

Michael Fuentes
via e-mail

I, An Arab

In response to Lawrence Ludlow's letter in the March 22 issue:

Here is a fact for you, moron:

"We have talked about Palestine. I, an Arab, tell you that the Arabs created the Palestine problem. Who but the Arabs called for conferences, raised their clamor and preached and prated about Palestine? And who are these Arabs? There were three types: the man who sought to make a worldly reputation for himself and win fame in men's mouths; the adventurer who had no stake in Palestine and Syria; and the greedy man who sought to enrich himself. Let the Arabs of each country look to the improvement of their own country first." — Ibn Saud, 1943.

Ludlow needs to get an international relations degree or shut up. He knows nothing.

Ari Casper
via e-mail

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vorite Mexican" (Local Events, March 22).

I have been outraged ever since I read your article about Mexican stereotypes. How dare Nericcio speak that way to that overworked, underpaid, underappreciated flight attendant. The biggest shock is that he dared to tell the flight attendant that she needed to learn to speak Mexican! Nericcio owes that flight attendant an apology. In addition, the stereotype of the lazy Mexican is only perpetuated by the many Mexican immigrants in this country who refuse to make even the slightest attempt to assimilate to American culture. The American people have bent over backwards trying to accommodate them (free medical care, free education, government publications in their native lan-

guage, etc.), and yet they continue to disrespect and belittle our culture by refusing to learn the English language.

Mike
via e-mail

Acoustic Police

Thank you for the great article, "Sea Jammer" ("Blurt," March 22). I have known Jim Earp for quite some time as San Diego's very own award-winning acoustic guitar great. But Ms. Howell's sensible article allowed me insight into Jim's life before his rise to acoustic guitar greatness. I was very pleased to learn about Jim's rock 'n' roll past. Until today, Jim includes pieces of the rock group Police in his repertoire. My absolute favorite of these is his version of "Walking on the Moon." Nobody else is ca-

pable of performing this piece so close to the original band's output with one acoustic guitar as Jim is. I only hope that the *Reader* brings more articles about acoustic greats in the future!

Dan Covern
via e-mail

In The Navy

Thanks for putting that great article, "Sea Jammer," in the "Blurt" column (March 22). It was very interesting. Especially the part that Jim Earp gained popularity in the Navy.

Joe Brakzy
via e-mail

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A really beautiful point [triangular stone] made out of chert was found in Mission Gorge," says Cindy Stankowski, director for the San Diego Archaeological Center. "There isn't any of this kind of chert [hard sedimentary rock] here. The archaeologists think it came all the way from Palos Verdes. If a stone was of really great quality and people liked to work with it, it could be traded up to 500 miles."

Like most artifacts found in Mission Gorge, this three-inch-long point uncovered in 2003 is estimated to be from the late

Holocene era, or within the past 1000 years. "It's hard to tell the exact age in San Diego sometimes because the strata is quite jumbled," says Stankowski. This is the result of farming, construction, or, most commonly, gophers and squirrels churning up the thin top layers.

As a result of a steady increase in real estate development, artifacts have been discovered with increasing frequency. There are currently more than 20,000 recorded archaeological sites in the county. One of the oldest is the C.W. Harris site near Rancho Santa Fe. "There's a distinct occupation there that's nine or ten thousand years old," says Timothy Gross, principal archaeologist for the cultural resource management firm Affinis. "It also winds up being one of the earliest excavated sites; the first one was conducted there in 1938."

On Saturday, April 14, Gross will lead a flintknapping workshop at the center. "Knapping is the process of banging two

rocks together," says Stankowski. "The term comes from England; there's no flint here in San Diego. Felsite is the common stone [here], also quartz." Arrow points have been found as small as three quarters of an inch. According to Stankowski, making such a fine point is not easy. "Most people, if they lived back then, would have been starving."

The process of learning about a culture through the construction and use of replicated artifacts is known as experimental archaeology. "One of the coolest human inventions is when, two and a half million years ago, our ancestors figured out that inside a round rock, you could find a sharp edge by hitting it with another rock in such a way that it breaks and use the broken edge as a platform to break off another flake," says Gross. Stankowski cites a case in Africa in which archaeologists used reproduction stone tools to dismember an elephant to discover whether "early man" could have done the same. "It turns out they can," she says.

"By making stone tools and looking at debris, we learn what the debris means," says Gross. "Some kinds of flakes often thought of as waste are related to one technology, making arrowheads or knives, and others are related to making steep-edged scraping tools." Gross explains that quartz, a crystalline material, is difficult to work with. "It has internal crystal planes and fissures, and it was not until the past thousand years or so that people actually used it in any great quantity."

The oldest points that have been recovered were created by hammer percussion using hard rocks or softer, less-dense material like an antler or sandstone. The progres-



New Orleans a decade ago, at a shop in the French Quarter that sold Indian arts, like

sion from hard hammers to soft was a major advance in technology, as a soft hammer will diffuse the force of the impact, giving one better control for breaking off flakes. Within the past thousand years, pressure flaking replaced soft-hammer percussion as the predominant technology used for knapping. "Instead of bashing a rock, you're using a piece of antler or bone and actually putting it on the edge that you want to flake and applying pressure to the edge as opposed to beating the edge. You're flaking it lightly to get the right angle set up — flintknapping is all about how force is applied and at what angle," Gross says.

It takes Gross around 20 minutes to knap an arrowhead, 40 minutes to an hour if he adds a serrated edge. "Most people who [flintknap] today are either into it because they're really interested in the technology or they're into it for the art," he says. "I was in

modern pottery and basketry. Up on the wall was a spear with a beautiful obsidian point.

The flaking was exquisite; I knew it was done by hand."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

"Political Jokes in Mexico," Samuel Schmidt discusses his new book, Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

The Play Playa Azul presented by Dramatix Escenarios Company, Thursday and Friday, April 12 and 13, 8 p.m., at Multiforo ICBC in Zona Río. 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

Pato Banton, Los Pericos, Los Cafres, Sargento García, others in concert, Thursday, April 12, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 011-52-664-685-8676. (TIJUANA)

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The Comedy Agua Caliente, about the old casino in Tijuana, is presented Friday, April 13, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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"La Santa de San Luís," David Ojeda reads from and signs his new novel, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Fremont Cottonwoods along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge will show off their best iridescent green foliage later this month. The Old Mission Dam parking area on Father Junípero Serra Trail, off Mission Gorge Road (west of Santee), is a good place to begin a stroll on trails near the riverbed. Be careful — rattlesnakes may be out and about this time of year. (MISSION GORGE)

The Black Oak, San Diego County's most handsome native deciduous tree, is sending out new leaves this week, painting the mountain slopes with shades of red, brown, and bright green. The newly emergent leaves are reddish brown in color, creating a pseudo-autumn color in the forest. After a week or two the unfolding leaves acquire a light green tint; after a month

OUT & ABOUT

BACKBONE

A Personal Story of Triumph — butoh dance for "Resilience of Spirit: Human Rights Festival 2007," April 15–24, 6th @ Penn.

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they're dark green. Black oaks are common throughout the upper elevations of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains.

The Blooming of Coastal Wildflowers is now well underway but disappointing due to the past winter season's scant rainfall. The biggest variety of blooms may be seen along the trails of Torrey Pines State Reserve. On the grass- and brush-covered hillsides of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and Mission Trails Regional Park in San Diego, and Daley Ranch in Escondido, look for monkeyflower, penstemon, lupine, and owl's clover blossoms, to name a few.

Search for Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, 8–10 p.m., in MiraCosta College baseball field (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-757-2121 x6506. (OCEANSIDE)

Look for Phainopepla and other spring migrants when Audubon Society birders venture to Agua Caliente Park, Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m.–noon. Bring lunch and water.

\$5 vehicle day-use fee. Moderately strenuous hiking. 619-692-3246. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Plant Hike in Oakoasis Preserve led by volunteer naturalist Sanford Wolcott, Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m. Easy hike includes information on flora and fauna. Free. Meet at parking lot at 12620 Wildcat Canyon Road. Wear comfortable shoes, bring water. No dogs. 619-561-0580. (LAKESIDE)

Rot Happens, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, April 14, 8:30 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

Expert Birders from San Diego Field Ornithologists lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, April 14, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature

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Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

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Explore Chariot Creek with Canyoneers during easy hike, Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Owner of this private property has given Canyoneers permission to lead hike "in this historically interesting place"; observe plant regeneration from Pines Fire (2002). Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (JULIAN)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including April 14. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

"Plover Lover Patrol" at Tijuana River Estuary is recruiting volunteers to "help protect the endangered Western snowy plovers during nesting season." Volunteer orientation is Saturday, April 14, noon–4 p.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Participants asked to volunteer at least eight hours per month on Saturdays and Sundays. Free. 619-575-3614. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

April's Lowest Tides are for early risers only. There's a -1.5-foot low tide at 4:31 a.m. on Wednesday, the 18th; and there's a -1.4-foot tide at 5:22 a.m. on Thursday, the 19th. April's highest tide, +6.4 feet, occurs at 10:25 p.m. on Wednesday the 18th. These extreme tides for the month are occurring near new-moon phase, when the sun and moon share nearly the same direction in the sky and their collective gravitational "pull" on the earth is maximized.

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DANCE

Get Your Groove On! Latest dance steps taught by instructor/dancer Prince on Thursdays at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). Beginners at 7–8 p.m., intermediate/advanced 8–9 p.m. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

“Seven” presented by Butterworth Dance Company, 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, in Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Two new pieces will be premiered. Preshow bazaar at 6 p.m., with performances by San Diego Lindy Hoppers, Urban Tribal Company. \$20 general. 619-501-5037. (LA JOLLA)

“Viennese Waltz: Turns and Transitions” highlights beginner-friendly dance on Friday, April 13, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956.

“The Studio Series: On the Spot” presented by Malashock Dance, April 13–15, at Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade (2650 Truxton Road). Witness creative process of new choreography being made by John Malashock with company dancers. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$15. 619-260-1622. Wear soft-soled shoes. (POINT LOMA)

The More the Merrier community band makes music, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradancing, Saturday, April 14, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners’ dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-594-6828. Free predance music jam, 6–7:30 p.m. (NORTH PARK)

Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic play for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, April 14, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Dance lesson at 6:20; dancing from 7–10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Afro-Cuban Rhythms introduced by Silfredo La O Vigo, Saturday, April 14, 7:30–8:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Request dancing follows. Fees: 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on Saturday, April 14, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Archie Dawson leads intermediate hustle workshop, 7–8 p.m. (\$15); dance follows. Dance admission: \$7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet and Karin call on April 15. Beginners’ instruction at 6 p.m. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Fusion Hip-Hop dance competition is Sunday, April 15, 6 p.m. at UCSD’s Rimac Arena. Tickets: \$21 in advance, \$22 at door; tickets also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

“Backbone: A Personal Story of Triumph” described as expressing “voice and physical reality of torture and its aftermath through butoh dance,” presented for “Resilience of the Spirit: Human Rights Festival

2007.” Piece runs in tandem with *The Heliopause*, a play focusing on Rwandan genocide by Eric Henry Sanders, April 15–18 and April 22–24, at 6th @ Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Audience talkback follows Sunday, Tuesday shows. Tickets: \$18 general, \$15 seniors. 619-688-9210. (LA JOLLA)

“Hell,” Emio Greco/PC Dance Theatre presents dance inspired by Dante’s *Inferno* and Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, Thursday, April 19, 8 p.m., for UCSD’s ArtPower series at Mandeville Auditorium. Piece focuses “on the language of the body.” Tickets: \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

FILM


Alan Parker’s Trippy 1982 Flick *Pink Floyd — The Wall* screens for spring film series, Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (BALBOA PARK, LA JOLLA)

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The Argentine Film *Intimate Stories* (2002) screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, April 13. 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)

“Prendimi e Portami Via,” T. Zangardi’s 2003 film screens — in Italian with English subtitles — for Italian Film Festival on Friday, April 13, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601.

“Earth Day Is Every Day” environmental film festival showcases short films (five to ten minutes) described as “entertaining and educational.” Filmmakers of all ages will screen works, briefly discuss their films afterwards. Award presented to the best film in each of three age groups, along with “People’s Choice” award. Also, Dr. Wilderness environmental magic show, educational presentations. Free events run 12:30–4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at Carlsbad Library (1775 Dove Lane). 760-643-9495. (LA COSTA)

“Film School Confidential: A Showcase of San Diego Student Films” may be seen at Museum of Photographic Arts on Sunday, April 15, 6 p.m. More than a dozen short films, including premiere of Cathy Alberich’s *Algesia* will be showcased. Meet filmmakers during dessert buffet following the films. \$10 general. 858-442-5564. (BALBOA PARK)

Refugee Voices II Film Festival features *O Heroi*, Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film explores woes of Angola, a nation facing aftermath of 40 continual years of anticolonial and civil warfare. In Portuguese with English subtitles. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Tim Blake Nelson’s *Grey Zone* considers moral choices within a

ROAM-O-RAMA

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The nearly flat ramble along Daley Ranch’s Jack Creek Meadow is best in the springtime — and also comfortably suitable during the summer, provided you travel in the cooler early morning or late afternoon. If you live or work in North County, consider this route for a bit of quick and intense exercise: a speed-walk of perhaps 90 minutes, a 60-minute jog, or a 40-minute mountain-bike ride. You may want to bring along your leashed, athletic dog.



On the road to Jack Creek Meadow

The 3000-acre Daley Ranch lies in the rocky hills just north of Escondido. To get there, exit Interstate 15 at El Norte Parkway in north Escondido. Drive three miles east and make a left turn (north) on La Honda Drive. Drive one mile uphill to the end of the road, where you will find the large parking lot/staging area for Daley Ranch on the left, just short of the Dixon Lake entrance.

On foot or bike, bypass the Daley Ranch entrance gate and follow the paved Ranch House Trail access road north for 1.2 miles to the quaint redwood Daley Ranch House (generally closed to public visitation), which lies to the left. Descendants of Robert Daley, who settled in this valley in 1869, built the house in 1928.

Walk a short distance and you’ll reach the Jack Creek Meadow Loop Trail. The elongated loop you follow ahead takes you around

the margins of a linear meadow, so narrow and so straight that it suggests some underlying, probably ancient, geologic fault structure. The meadow, lined with a dark green row of coast live oaks and backed up by steep slopes shaggy with chaparral, looks impressive when seen in early-morning or late-afternoon light. Close at hand you pass several gnarled specimens of Engelmann oak, with gray-green leaves and light-colored bark. The meadow grasses are almost entirely nonnative, typically of an emerald green color until sometime in April, then bleached yellow-brown into the summer.

After returning to the ranch house, finish up by retracing your route on the paved access road. Nearly 30 miles of old roads and trails lace through Daley Ranch Preserve and the adjoining Dixon Lake Recreation Area, so make a promise to yourself to return someday to discover more.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change

rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The

Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

JACK CREEK MEADOW

Hike or bike through a long, spring-green valley in Escondido’s Daley Ranch Preserve

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closed system that is wholly evil. Film chronicles the *Sonderkommandos*, a group of Jews at Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp who sent their fellow Jews to die in gas chambers and were rewarded. Film screens Monday, April 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego State University’s Little Theatre. Discussion led by Professor Lawrence Baron. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

UCSD Earth Week VidFest planned Wednesday, April 18, with screenings at 3:30 p.m. in Bio-Engineering Building, followed by awards, reception with organic fare. Video submissions on environment and sustainability were limited to ten minutes. 619-414-1067. (LA JOLLA)

“Talk Mogadishu” and *Letters to Thien* screen for Changing Face of San Diego series, Wednesday,

April 18, 6 p.m., at Malcolm X Branch Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

Carlsbad Reads Together Films, see the documentary *Paperclips* on Wednesday, April 18, in conjunction with community reading of Elie Wiesel’s *Night*. In film, students embark on class project to collect 11 million paper clips (a Norwegian symbol of Nazi resistance) to better understand extent of Holocaust. Program begins at 6 p.m. in Carlsbad Library’s Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Discussion led by newspaper columnist Anny Zivotsky. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“The Secret,” a film “everyone...from Oprah to Larry King” has been talking about, screens Wednesdays, April 18 and 25, 7 p.m., at Vision Center for Spirit-

ual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

Christopher Nupen’s Film *We Want the Light* is a tale of freedom, survival, “the extraordinary place of music in the Nazi concentration camps.” Film screens for eighth annual San Diego Jewish Music Festival at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Part one offered Wednesday, April 18; part two presented Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. Documentary features musical contributions from Pinchas Zuckerman, Itzhak Perlman, Evgeny Kissin, Daniel Barenboim, and Zubin Mehta, many others. Discussion with conductor Nuvi Mehta follows screenings. Tickets are free, but reservations are required. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

“Letters from Iwo Jima” **Screenwriter** Iris Yamashita discusses her success as a new screenwriter — she was nominated for Academy Award for original screenplay in 2007 — Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., in Seuss Room on main floor of Geisel Library at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3598.

Busy on Thursday? Yamashita will be on hand for screening and discussion of the film, Friday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., in room 3601 of MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-757-2121 x7757. (LA JOLLA, OCEANSIDE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps: Giants of Nature, Hurricane on the Bayou, Coral Reef Adventure.* “Fridays at the Fleet” showcases *The Human Body* (6 p.m.) and *Africa: The Serengeti* (7 p.m.) on

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LECTURES

“Navigating with National Geographic,” learn to use a GPS with the right maps when Honor Fredlund of *National Geographic* presents step-by-step demonstration, Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Expect simple trip-planning exercise, tips. Attendees “Basic Map and GPS Skills” booklet. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

“Al-Islam and Its Influence on Black America” presented by Imam Zaid Shakir of Zaytuna Institute for Logan Islamic Community Center, Thursday April 12, 7 p.m., in Little Theater at San Diego State University. Free. 619-264-4183, 619-288-6164. (SDSU)

“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. Speaker on Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., is New York-based artist Agnes Denes — best known for her 1982 environmental piece entitled *Wheatfield — A Confrontation* in which she planted and harvested a two-acre wheat field in downtown Manhattan to address “human values and misplaced priorities.” Find Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street, 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

“Field Work: Documenting California’s Migrant Farm Labor Experience, 1935 to 2003” continues through Wednesday, May 2, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Participating artist Louis Hock presents slide-illustrated lecture on Friday, April 13, 6 p.m. in room 100 of Nasatir Hall, followed by artists’ reception in gallery at 7:30 p.m. 619-594-5171. Free. (SDSU)

Encounter Between American and Arab Cultures — author Kim Jensen explores personal and political dimensions of encounter between American and Arab cultures during discussion and book-signing, Friday April 13, 7 p.m., at Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley). These tensions were central to her novel, *The Woman I Left Behind*. Enjoy Arabic food, presentation, discussion, booksigning. Requested donation: \$10. 619-243-0827. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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Master Paper Folder Robert Lang — recently profiled by Susan Orlean in *The New Yorker* — will fold a “monumental structure” on Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m., at Mingei International Museum — North County (155 West Grand Avenue). Included in regular admission.

Lang presents “From Flapping Birds to Space Telescopes: The Modern Art of Origami” at 1:30 p.m. on 14th. \$35 fee includes morning demonstration. Events are in conjunction with exhibit “Paper Transformed.” Reservations: 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Flintknapping Workshop planned April 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.,

during Second Saturday Archaeology Day program at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Archaeologist Timothy Gross shares collection of replicated lithic tools, discusses ancient stone tools in center’s collection, leads workshop. Bring sack lunch, gloves, eye protection. \$35. Reservations: 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

“Fire Safety Clinic for Home and Garden” promised Saturday, April 14, at Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). “Firescaping with Native Plants” lecture at 10 a.m.; San Miguel District Firefighters and firetruck on hand at noon; home fire safety information table noon–2 p.m. Free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Berg’s Wozzek illuminated in multimedia presentation by musician Ron Shaheen, Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m. (tickets distributed at 9:15), in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Travel Writing Workshop planned by Karen Kenyon, Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m., at Kensington/Normal Heights Library (4121 Adams Avenue). Learn to create essays and articles for publication or to share with friends. Bring writing paper, pencil. Free. Required reservations: 619-533-3974. (KENSINGTON)

“Codes,” exhibition of work by Jim Machacek — including etchings, collages, artist’s books telling “their own stories” — continues through Saturday, May 5, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Machacek leads gallery walk-through on Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m. Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Basket-Weaving demonstration by Paa’ila Indian weavers, Saturday April 14, noon–3 p.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Learn how native plants are used to create intricate baskets, dolls, orna-

ments. Donation for materials: \$10. 760-804-1969. (CARLSBAD)

“When the Railroad Leaves Town: Reassessing the Past and Future of the Coronado Belt Line and Other Abandoned Routes” presented by Joseph Schwieterman, Saturday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., at National City Depot (found at Bay Marina Drive and Marina Way). Schwieterman has published extensively on air, rail, urban planning issues; he’s director of DePaul University’s Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development. Free. 619-222-5442. (NATIONAL CITY)

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Oath Betrayed. Survivors of Torture International host tenth anniversary event, Saturday, April 21, 6:30 p.m., at University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (5998 Alcalá Park). Steven Miles discusses his book *Oath Betrayed* and role of medical professionals in times of war; discussion, book signing, reception with chocolate and cabaret. \$50. Reservations: 619-278-2400. (LINDA VISTA)

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Charlie Louvin of the Louvin Brothers performs for Acoustic-MusicSanDiego on Sunday, April 15, 8 p.m. (\$15, \$20). Louvin is described as "one of the most influential musicians of the '40s and '50s." Louvin's appearance follows concert by Hot Club of Cowtown founders Elana James and Whit Smith, with Beau Sample, Friday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. (\$18, \$22). Concerts take place at Normal Heights United Methodist Church

(4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORTH PARK)

"The Last Empress" author Anchee Min reads from and signs books, Friday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). This book is sequel to *Empress Orchid*. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Swingin'," Point Loma Nazarene University Vocal Jazz Ensemble in concert, Friday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall. Listen for songs of various jazz styles during this annual year-end concert. Free. Find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Two One-Act Plays by Janet S. Tiger offered during Scribeasers readings on Friday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., at Gallery DR (3404 Hawk Street). Enjoy *Naked in Dubuque* and *The Most Boring Class in the World*. Free. 619-295-4040. (MISSION HILLS)

Traditional Tales from World Folklore as well as historical, personal, and family material presented by Gay Ducey for Storytellers of San Diego, Saturday,

April 14, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Executive Conference Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Concert is suitable for adults, children over 12. \$10. 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

San Diego Chargers Linebacker Shaun Phillips signs autographs, Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Cricket in Southcrest Park Plaza (1490 South 43rd Street). Bring photos, jerseys, hats, football cards to be signed. Free. 619-234-0345. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Wugbewo: Traditional Drumming and Dance of Ghana promised by SDSU visiting artist Kwame Degbor, Saturday, April 14, 3 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Degbor is scholar of traditional Ghanaian performing arts. Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

UCSD Department of Music Poet Steve Willard reads from his new book, *Harm*, Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)



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Small Potatoes — Chicago-based duo of Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). They're "self-proclaimed eclectic-manics," describing their music as running gamut from "Celtic to cowboy." \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"The Great Radio Broadcast of 1935," Scott Paulson and his musical cohorts present their "imaginary but period-authentic" live radio broadcast for First Unitarian Universalist Concert Series. Guests include opera singer Martha Jane Weaver, singing cowboy Chris Tonelli, drummer Bobby Werner. Jazz-blues singer Jeannie Cheatham will perform, interviewed onstage by *Union-Tribune* music critic George Varga. Program boasts two radio dramas: "Phantom of the Organ Pavilion" and "The Missing Mummy at the Museum of Man." Fun begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at First Unitarian Universalist

Church (4190 Front Street). \$12. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Wild and Wacky? New York-based ensemble Polygraph Lounge performs for cellist Felix Fan's "Muzik3" festival, April 14 and 15, at the Other House (7813 Esterel Drive). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$20 general, \$10 students. Reservations: 858-405-0413. (LA JOLLA)

Ahmed El-Asmer and His Ensemble plan concert on Saturday, April 14, 8 p.m., at Royal Palace Restaurant (1340 Broadway). Bellydancing by Dondi, Jasmina, Lucia, Sahar Sami, others. \$40 fee includes full mezza, dinner, show, dancing. 619-405-2308. (EL CAJON)

Aspire Playwrights Collective plans staged readings of work by young emerging playwrights, Saturday, April 14, 8 p.m., at Athenaeum School of the Arts (4441 Park Boulevard). Program includes Jacqueline Goldfinger's *Terrible Girls, Phases* by Kristina Meek, and *Welcome Home (Act II)* by Jennie Olson. Following discussion led by Seema Sueko. Donation: \$5. 619-884-6969. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Latin Kings of Comedy! Paul Rodriguez joined by Frank Lucero, Manny Maldonado, Dennis Gaxiola, Saturday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Theatre (121 Broad-

OUT & ABOUT

WILD AND WACKY?

Polygraph Lounge for Muzik3, Saturday, April 14, Other House.

(SEE IN PERSON)



way). Tickets: \$40, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

West Coast Funnies, Drake Witham, Lang Parker, and Pearl Street Players perform, Saturday, April 14, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$20 at door. 760-960-0105 or 909-929-3586. (CARLSBAD)

"Watch Me Fly!" Listen for California premiere of "Metamorphosis" with full orchestra, "Defying Gravity" from *Wicked*, Josh Groban's "To Where You Are," and many other pieces when Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego performs

April 14 and 15. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Tickets: \$30-\$35. 619-574-6273. (MIDDLETOWN)

"Comics That Kill" — laughs provided by Cate Gary, Stephanie Paul, Kristian, El'jaye, Beats, Jason Bang on Saturday, April 14, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). \$10. 619-263-3335. Not for those under 14. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sufi Master and mystic Omar Faruk Tekbilek and his ensemble perform traditional Sufi, folk, contemporary music from Middle

East, Saturday, April 14, 8:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Middle-Earth Ensemble plays as well. Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Starlight Bowl is site for Nicholas Woods "Friedreichs Ataxia Foundation" benefit concert, Sunday, April 15, noon. Bands include 12 Cents, Starling at Strange, National Dust, Free Confusion, Altered Time. \$10. Find bowl at 2005 Pan American Plaza. 619-544-7827. (BALBOA PARK)

Cultural Anthropologist and Author Leslie Cohen discusses her

Holocaust memoir *Trapped Inside the Story*, Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at Central Library (820 E Street). Book relates true tale of Sonya Hebenstreit, a 13-year-old Polish girl who finds way to survive after her entire family is wiped out by Nazis. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show featuring Kyle Smith, Jamie Braddock, Stacy Sanchez, Jason Bang, Jodi Miller, and Iliza Shlesinger is Sunday, April 15, 8 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

Peninsula Winds Concert, PLNU Concert Band is joined by guests from Dana Middle School, Correia Junior High School, Point Loma High School, Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m., in Golden Gymnasium (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Cookbook Author and Market Owner Sara Foster reads and signs *Sara Foster's Casual Cooking*, Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Music Concert by students of Coronado School of the Arts, Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m. Find campus at 650 D Avenue. Tickets: 619-522-8969. (CORONADO)

Open-Microphone opportunities to sing, dance, read offered third Wednesday of the month, including April 18, 7:30-9 p.m., at Curio Caffe (2505 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-696-8699. (HILLCREST)

"I Have Before Me a Remarkable Document Given to Me by a Young Lady from Rwanda" performed by Melissa Gaffney and Dale Morris, Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Play tells of uneasy relationship between struggling British poet in his mid-forties and young survivor of Rwandan genocide, who comes to him for help with book about her ordeal. Donation: \$10. 619-298-7261. (MIDDLETOWN)

Literary Reading by poet Catherine Wagner, author of *Macular Hole* and other books, Thursday, April 19, 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)

Fulbright Scholar, Blogger, Activist, "acclaimed techie" Cory Doctorow plans lecture, reading, and booksigning, Friday, April 20,

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7:30 p.m., in room 204 at MiraCosta College's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Among Doctorow's works: *A Place So Foreign and Eight More*, three science fiction novels, more. Event is free. 760-757-2121 x6383. (CARDIFF)

Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. will sign *Get in the Game, The Longest Season* (a children's title), and *Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way*, Saturday, April 21, 12:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"The Ultra Marathon Man" himself, Dean Karnazes, visits Warwick's Bookstore to sign books on Saturday, April 21, 7 p.m. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

California's Poet Laureate Al Young plans reading, Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Young was born in Mississippi, "was reading by the age of three," has been a poet, writer, teacher throughout his literary career. Young will be joined by award-winning local poet Steve Kowit. Free. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Legendary Virtuoso Sitarist. composer, teacher Ravi Shankar — renowned for his work bringing Indian music to West — plans concert on Friday, April 27, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$50-\$65. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

New Orleans Musician, songwriter, record producer Allen Toussaint plans concert on Tuesday, May 15, 8 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre

(2895 University Avenue). Toussaint is in Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, was nominated for Grammy in 2007 (with Elvis Costello). Local musician A.J. Croce will also perform. Tickets: \$35, \$38 in advance; \$38, \$41 at door. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres are in Los Angeles for games against Dodgers, April 12-15, at 7:40 p.m. on Friday, 7:10 p.m. on Saturday, and 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Road trip continues with visit to Chicago for games against Cubs, 5:05 p.m. on Monday, April 16, and 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17.

Padres head back to Petco Park to host Arizona Diamondbacks, April 18 and 19, at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: \$8-\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

"New Blood," mixed martial arts fighting hosted by Total Combat, Friday, April 13, 8 p.m., at 4th and B (345 B Street). Card includes bouts between heavyweights Richard Dalton and Ray Serraille, Frank Salgado and Virgil "Corn" Zwicker, Diego Cardijo and Eric Urek, many others. Tickets: \$35-\$150. 619-392-4660. For those 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

East County Climbing Ride led by Sierra Club bicyclists, Saturday, April 14. Expect steep grades, peppy pace, 50-mile ride to Alpine via Crest. Meet at 7:45 a.m. in parking lot between Jack in the Box and Denny's (at Navajo and Fletcher Parkway). Bring climbing

gears, money for food stop in Alpine. 619-465-1638. (EL CAJON)

Glorietta Bay Kayaking hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.-noon. Introductory paddling lesson followed by scenic paddle under Coronado Bridge to Coronado ferry launch. Open to those eight and older. Fee: \$65 for adults, \$20 per child 6-12 in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Celebrate a 60th Birthday by Biking 60 Miles with Knickerbikers cyclists on Sunday, April 15. Ride starts at 9 a.m. in parking lot at Las Pulgas exit (off I-5). Take bike paths to Dana Point; bring money for picnic lunch from Vons. 619-255-2890. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Lucha Libre Superstars Live! El Felino, Rey Misterio Jr., Septiembre Negro, Thundermask, others on hand for six matches, Sunday, April 15, 5 p.m., at Blanca's Fiesta Hall (1770 Palm Avenue). Tickets: \$20 adults, \$5 for kids, free for children under five. 619-977-4323. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Del Mar National Horse Show, 62nd annual show of competitions, instruction, and displays gets underway with Western Week events, April 19-22. "That's Entertainment! Night of the Horse, presented by Mary's Tack and Feed, Celebrates Broadway and the Silver Screen," Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m.

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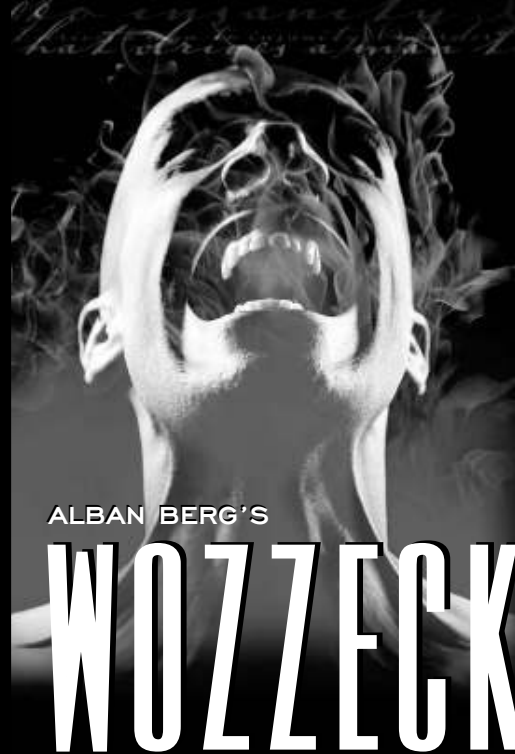
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LOCAL EVENTS

Dressage week is April 26–29. “Evening of Musical Freestyles” slated for Saturday, April 28, 7 p.m., featuring United States Equestrian Federation HP Qualifying Grand Prix Freestyles.

Meet concludes with hunter/jumper week events, May 1–6. The \$100,000 HBO Grand Prix of Del Mar is Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m.

All events are held in Del Mar Arena at Del Mar Fairgrounds (2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Free weekday admission, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; \$10 for Thursday and Friday evening events, admission to weekend day shows; additional fees for special evening shows. 858-792-4288. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

Fifth Annual International Fair promises performances and demonstrations by Tam Tam African Drummers, Pakaraguan Kulintang Ensemble; international fashion show; food such as German bratwurst, udon noodles, Greek salad, Mexican taquitos, more. Find fun on Thursday, April 12, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in University Hall Plaza at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-8821. (SAN MARCOS)

Is the Enlightenment Alive Today? Present your viewpoint to P&R Discussion group, Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Ranunculus Rainbows, the Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours

through Sunday, May 13. Bluegrass Day is Saturday, April 14, with the Brombies in concert 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Visitors may stroll pathways through fields 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 left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)

“Beyond the Batter’s Box: The Hall of Fame Life of Tony Gwynn” continues through Friday, September 7, in Special Collections Reading Room and Donor Hall of San Diego State University’s Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Exhibition in honor of Gwynn’s election to National Baseball Hall of Fame boasts 17 cases of items belonging to Gwynn, including personal scrapbooks dating back to his high school years, photographs, and SDSU memorabilia; his original Padres contract, baseball cards, baseballs signed by each of 18 members of the 3000 Hit Club (such as Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Rod Carew), more. Free. 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

Art Alive, San Diego Museum of Art’s annual springtime event runs April 13–15. Professional and amateur floral designers interpret works of art with floral arrangements. Event includes parties, demonstrations. Viewing: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Friday–Sunday. Admission: \$12 general, discounts for seniors, youths. 619-696-1999. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Home Design and Landscape Expo, April 13–15, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Designers, exhibitors, vignettes, appearances by HGTV celebrities, “special features.” Hours: 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. \$10 general. 415-464-8500. (DOWNTOWN)

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European and Japanese Glass Bead Sale hosted by San Francisco Arts and Crafts, April 13–15, poolside at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). Glass beads from Czech Republic, seed beads, pressed glass beads, vintage European and Japanese beads. Hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. 619-291-1300. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Sho, Kami, and Mizuhiki... Calligraphy, Paper, and ‘Paper Ribbon,’ ” exhibition of work by Japanese artists Kyoko Otani-Koen, Hiroko Tanino, and Mihoko Hamada continues through Monday, April 30, in exhibit house at Japanese Friendship Garden. Reception for artists: Friday, April 13, 4 p.m. Demonstration of Shodo calligraphy by Otani-Koen on Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m. (included in garden admission). 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Cruisin’ Grand, held every Friday through September 28, 5–9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom, vintage, classic cars and trucks participate in cruise loop running down Grand Avenue and back up Second Avenue. East County Cruisers showcased on April 13. Free viewing. 760-745-8877. (ESCONDIDO)

What Do Your Guardian Angels Have to Tell You? Psychic night is Friday, April 13, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Janet Lightstone and Phil Poisson provide answers to audience members. Free. 619-269-0731. (NORTH PARK)

Long Live the Queen! Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court and Renaissance re-enactors converge upon Felicita Park for Spring Renaissance Faires and Shakespeare in the Park, Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 10 a.m.–dusk. Entertainment, period music, battle pageants, arts and crafts, theater, games. Single-day admission: \$15 for general, \$13 seniors, \$8 for those under 12, free for kids under 4; weekend passes available. Find the park at 742 Clarence Lane. 805-496-6036. Repeats April 21 and 22. (ESCONDIDO)

Woofstock: A Festival for Dogs and People sponsored by Canine Companions for Independence, Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Peace, Love, and Walk n’ Roll Fun Dog Walk through Balboa Park at 8 a.m. (\$35 registration fee includes T-shirt, admission to festival.) Festival boasts flyball and canine agility courses; demonstrations by police

dogs, disc dogs, assistance dogs; canine costume contest; fun zone for kids, food, music. \$5. 760-901-4307. (BALBOA PARK)

Parade of Rescued Great Danes promised at noon on Saturday, April 14, during 55th and 56th Independent Specialties hosted by Great Dane Club of San Diego. Events run 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, at Admiral Baker Golf and Recreation Center (2400 Admiral Baker Road). Free for spectators. 858-455-5500. (GRANTVILLE)

Animal Handling, learn to care for and handle animals properly during volunteer orientation on Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m., at North County Humane Society (2905 San Luis Rey Road). Orientations offered first and third Saturday of month. Free. 760-757-4357 x1244. (OCEANSIDE)

Fifth Annual Ramona Artists’ Open Studio Tour offers chance to visit 16 area artists working in variety of media in 13 private studios, Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$10. Ticket locations: 760-789-7131 or 760-789-1311. (RAMONA)

San Diego Motorcycle and Hot Rod Expo, April 14 and 15, Qualcomm Stadium. Show includes bike builders, hot rods, motorcycle parts, riding apparel, bike and tattoo show, fashion show, 1/8-mile drags, slow race, “longest first-gear burn out”; live entertainment; appearances by Harold Pontarelli of HD Performance, Alan Lee, Nicky Bootz. Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 10 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$25 for two-day pass, \$15 daily, ages 15 and under free with paid adult. 386-252-3101. (MISSION VALLEY)

Smart Money Summit and Expo, Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at San Diego City Concourse (202 C Street). Workshops: home ownership, credit reconstruction, predatory lending, budgeting, more; kids’ zone. Free. 619-236-6644. (DOWNTOWN)

Yeah Baby Expo, Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Entertainment, contests, interactive games, educational seminars, products and services, more. Admission: \$10 adults, free for those 10 and younger. 858-522-5570. (DEL MAR)

Pooch Party hosted by Metropaw-litan Dog, Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., with anesthesia-free teeth cleaning, pet pictures, contests, other events. Party — fundraiser for Animal Rescue Resource Foundation — takes place at 811 13th Street. 619-233-1364. (EAST VILLAGE)

Global Warming Awareness Event hosted by StepItUp2007.org on Saturday, April 14, noon–2 p.m., on south side of Moonlight Beach (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Learn about ways to improve energy efficiency, actions individuals can take to improve environment. Free. 760-230-1910. (ENCINITAS)

Third Annual Stay Classy Charity Crawl with six tribute bands, multiple fund-raising activities with a goal of raising over \$10,000 for Surfrider Foundation, Friends of Scott Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project, is Saturday, April 14, noon–9 p.m., at Pacific Beach Bar and Grill and Typhoon Saloon. \$25. 781-856-4388. (PACIFIC BEACH)

AcroYoga Workshop, described as “a combination of partner yoga, acrobatics, and Thai massage” offered for all levels, April 14 and 15, at Ashtanga Yoga Center (1905 Calle Barcelona, suite 218). “Forward Flying Intensive” offered Saturday, 1–4 p.m. (\$55); Sunday’s theme is “Acrobatic Counterbalances,” 2–4 p.m. (\$40). Partners not necessary. Weekend package: \$70. Registration: 760-632-7093. (LA COSTA)

Dolly, Dolores, Lola — focus on Vladimir Nabokov’s *Lolita* with Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

Pepper Tree Day celebrated Sunday, April 15, 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Adobe brick making, electric car exhibit, “Don’t Panic, It’s Organic” by Andy Lopez, community exhibits, entertainment, food, more. Mission-era tours (10 a.m.–noon), horticulture tour (1–3 p.m.); reservations required for tours. 760-757-3651 x146. Free admission. (OCEANSIDE)

“Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature” continues with a look at Eva Hoffman’s *After Such Knowledge: Where Memory of the Holocaust Ends and History Begins*, Sunday, April 15, 1 p.m., in 201 West Commons at San Diego State University. Discussion led by Harley Henning. Program hosted by San Diego County Library and four community partners. Free. 858-694-2484. (SDSU)

Marston House Tea on the Terrace offered Sunday, April 15, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Marston

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House Museum (3525 Seventh Avenue). \$25 fee includes tea, finger sandwiches, scones, “authentic clotted crème,” coconut cream pie (“the most popular dessert served at the highly fashionable 1950s-era Marston Department Store”). House tour follows each seating. Reservations: 619-232-6203, ext. 129. Repeats April 29. (HILLCREST)

Fifth Annual Native Garden Tour of ten residential California native plant gardens in Seaside neighborhood hosted by Buena Vista Native Plant Club is Sunday, April 15, starting at 2 p.m. at St. Mary’s School (515 Wisconsin Street). One-mile guided tours are free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

House of Israel presents music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk — self-guided tour of many restaurants is Tuesday, April 17, 5–9 p.m. \$15. Tickets, locations: 858-273-3303. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Chamber Chomp/Taste of Shelter Island offering “fare of 15 local eating and drinking establishments in the Point Loma and Shelter Island area” is Tuesday, April 17. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. in Brigantine parking lot (2910 Shelter Island Drive); “tasting” continues until 9 p.m. Shuttle buses provided between restaurants. \$15. 619-225-6665. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Create Handmade Blankets for those in need, third Wednesday of each month, including April 18, 3–5 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Volunteers crochet or knit a 7” x 9” rectangle using their left-over worsted weight yarn; sections are joined, donated to local Salvation Army. Free. 858-509-9276. (SOLANA BEACH)

A Conversation with Elie Wiesel — Nobel Prize-winning author will speak from New York via live video conference, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., for guests in Carlsbad City Library’s Schulman Auditorium at 1775 Dove Lane. Event is in conjunction with “Carlsbad Reads Together 2007” programs focusing on Wiesel’s *Night*. Free tickets available at au-

ditorium beginning at noon. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

“How Close Are We to World War III?” Present your opinion, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

16th Annual Walk on Water Competition, held every year to promote field of engineering and its importance to society, is Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, starting at 10 a.m. both days, in sports center pool at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Participants are from colleges, high schools; they must consider buoyancy, stability, propulsion. Free. 619-260-7558. (LINDA VISTA)

The Art of the Garden, self-guided tour of public and private gardens in and around Carlsbad, Sunday, April 22, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Tour includes garden of Ingrid Rose, City of Carlsbad Sculpture Garden, Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Garden, more. Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at door. Reservations: 760-434-6216. (CARLSBAD)

ArtWalk 2007, more than 400 artists featured at 23rd annual festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, noon–6 p.m., along 16 blocks from Beech Street to Fir Street in Little Italy. Art in range of media for sale, children’s activities, music. Free admission. 619-615-1090. (LITTLE ITALY)

FOR KIDS

“Fun With Fables and Modern Myths” by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble continues through Sunday, April 15, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Pacific Tales* performed by Old-Fashioned Kite-Flying Puppets, April 18–22.

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. (BALBOA PARK)

Healthy Kids Day celebrated Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Cameron Family YMCA (10123 Riverwalk Drive). Obstacle course,

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PAAVO JARVI and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Thursday, April 19, Copley Symphony Hall.

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games, cartwheelathon, fitness classes. Free. 619-449-9622. (SANTIE)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Second Annual Paper Airplane Festival planned for family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, April 14, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

National Library Week is celebrated when author Layne A.L. Pecoff reads *Live Your Dream*, Saturday, April 14, 1 p.m., Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Event promises author readings, food sampling, “Imagination Stations” where paintings from *Live Your Dream* “will come to life,” hands-on art projects. Free. Registration is required: 760-435-5590. (OCEANSIDE)

Missoula Children’s Theater presents *The Little Mermaid* on Saturday, April 14, 3 and 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$17 adults, \$5 for those under 18. 760-738-4751. (POWAY)

Ride Into the Wild West when San Diego Model Railroad Museum hosts family activities, Sunday, April 15, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Look at infamous train robberies, square-dancing lessons, sheriff’s

badge art activity. Admission is free for those under 15, \$6 general. The museum is located downstairs in Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Family Day at at Maritime Museum is Sunday, April 15, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Kids may participate in scavenger hunt; for art project, participants will use found objects to create “multimedia maritime masterpiece to bring home.” Cruise on San Diego Bay aboard *Pilot* boat is included with admission. Adults pay regular admission; children must be accompanied by adult to enter for free. Find museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along Embarcadero. 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry Workshop for Teens led by local poet Karen Kenyon, Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., at North Clairemont Library (4616 Clairemont Drive). Participants will “learn the basics,” write haiku poems. Registration: 858-581-9931. (CLAIREMONT)

Kids’ Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including April 17. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6–12, free for kids 5 and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Local Author Gretchen Wendell reads *Becka and the Big Bubble*, Wednesday, April 18, 2 p.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-435-5590. (OCEANSIDE)

Fourth Annual Kids Idol Competition hosted by Del Mar TV on Thursday, April 19, 4–7 p.m., and Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Fee for children’s singing competition: \$25. Find Del Mar TV at 240 10th Street (at Camino del Mar). Registration: 858-481-2882. (DEL MAR)

MUSEUMS

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

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

California Surf Museum, “The Surfer-Shapers,” on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John “L.J.” Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art, “Shift Change: A Working Waterfront Photographic Essay” by Ming C. Lowe continues

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LOCAL EVENTS

through Sunday, April 15. Lowe was commissioned by Port of San Diego in 2006 to create a series of photographs capturing essence of San Diego Bay's working waterfront industry.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

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

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

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

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is lo-

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DEL MAR NATIONAL HORSE Show 2007, April 19-May 6, Del Mar Fairgrounds.

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cated in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

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

Museum of Making Music, "Harp Guitars: Passion, Imagination, Artistry," showcases "over 30

extremely rare, historic, and contemporary instruments representing the creative genius of European and American guitar building tradition from the early 1800s through today." Exhibition explores how human capacity for invention led to creation of harp guitar. Closes Monday, July 30.

"Howe-Orme: Forgotten Voices Remembered" is exhibit of rare and historic mandolins, mandolas, and guitars manufactured by Elias Howe Company of Boston over 100 years ago. Howe-Orme were awarded a series of patents for "the uniqueness of their functional design features and style." Through April.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical

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

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an

RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Playing with Time" is an exhibit inviting "visitors to experiment with high-speed photography, time-lapse videos, natural records of change like eroded rocks and lake cores, and other time-shifting techniques." Exhibition — including Time Tools Lab, investigation areas, "The Refectory" — closes Sunday, April 29.

The permanent exhibit "Fossil Mysteries" showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-size models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through May, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordo Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. "Philipp Scholz Rittermann: A Personal Vision of Landscape" continues through Sunday, April 29. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

Current "giant-screen films" are *An Inconvenient Truth* (through April) and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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CLASSICAL

Palomar Chamber Singers and Palomar Women's Chorus appear for Concert Hour performance, Thursday, April 12, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Percussionist Gregory Stuart plans two-part concert on Thursday, April 12, in UCSD's Warren Music Studio A (on Matthews Lane). At 6 p.m., listen to CD playback of his performance of Michael Pisaro's "Unrhymed Chord." John Cage's "Four4" may be heard at 8 p.m. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Russian Pianist Olga Kern performs Scarlatti's "Sonata in A Major," "Sonata in D Minor," and "Sonata in E Major" for Piano Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday, April 13, 8 p.m., Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program includes Beethoven's "Sonata in F Minor (Appassionata)," "Fantasy Pieces" by Rachmaninoff, "Reminiscences de Don Juan" by Liszt. Tickets: \$25-\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Mozart — The Last Five Years," conductor Nuvi Mehta, soprano Kathleen Halm, Sheryl Renk (clarinet) join San Diego Symphony for "Light Bulb" concert, Friday, April 13, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program boasts "Symphony No. 38," "Concerto for Clarinet," arias from *The Magic Flute*. Tickets: \$15-\$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN, ESCONDIDO)

Instrumental Scholarship Auditions sponsored by Women's Committee of Grossmont Community Concert Association culminate in final concert, Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m., at Ronald Reagan Community Center (195 East Douglas Avenue). Performers are county residents 16-24 years old. 619-463-3344. (EL CAJON)

Alban Berg's Opera *Wozzeck* is story of a "Common Man" whose neurotic tendencies and untrained senses are beset by problems not entirely of his own making and by machinations and maneuvers of his fellow men and women. Piece set in Germany around 1830 is next production for San Diego

Opera. Cast includes German bass Franz Hawlata, American soprano Nina Warren. Conductor is Karen Keltner, director is Des McAnuff. Sung in English with text displayed above stage.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. Saturday and Tuesday, April 14 and 17; 8 p.m. on Friday, April 20; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 22. Tickets: \$27-\$182. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Spring Debuts," Palomar Chamber Singers perform debuts of choral works by Palomar composers on April 14 and 15 in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$5. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Baroque from A to Z" presented by Muse Chamber Players for spring concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Sunday, April 15, 2:30 p.m. Players include Susan Barrett (oboe), Scott Paulson (oboe), David Savage (bassoon), Alison Luedecke (harpsichord). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Boccherini's "Sonata in A Major" may be heard when Julia Cser (violin), Roger Wilkie (violin), Brian Dembow (viola), Paul Cohen (cello), and Kim Scholes (cello) perform for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society, Sunday, April 15, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Schubert's "Quintet in C Major" and discussion/demonstration of "greatest piece of chamber music ever written" promised. \$24. 760-726-1524 or 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

"Love Duets in Opera" showcased when soprano Kathleen Helm, mezzo-soprano Ava Baker-Liss, tenor Aleksandr Agamirzov, tenor Tom Oberjat perform Sunday, April 15, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Program includes pieces by Mozart, Verdi, Monteverdi, Puccini, many others. Tickets: \$17 in advance, \$20 at door. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Flamenco Fire," chamber music ensemble Camarada performs ten flamenco-inspired works — including pieces by Ibert, Granados, Ravel, Rodrigo, others — Sunday, April 15, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$25. 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

Bass Player Jeremy Kurtz plans mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 16, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Organist Allison Luedecke and Millennium Too in concert on Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). Donation: \$5. 619-223-6394 x13. (POINT LOMA)

USD Student Composers' Concert planned Thursday, April 19, 12:15 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Palomar Spectrum Pop/Jazz Singers take stage for Concert Hour series, Thursday, April 19, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Paaavo Järvi and Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra joined by violinist Leonidas Kavakos for La Jolla Music Society's Celebrity Series, Thursday, April 19, 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Enjoy "Violin Concerto" by Brahms, Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique." Tickets: \$20, \$60, \$95. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

ART LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after April 19.

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GALLERIES

"Field Work: Documenting California's Migrant Farm Labor Experience, 1935 to 2003" continues through Wednesday, May 2, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Exhibit includes work by Horace Bristol, Dorothea Lange, Roger Minick, Paul Turounet, Louis Hock.

Events on Friday, April 13, include slide-illustrated lecture by Hock at 6 p.m. in room 100 of Nasatir Hall, followed by artists' reception in gallery at 7:30 p.m. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

"Now — Then: Women and the Art of Tattooing" opens with reception on Friday, April 13, 6 p.m., at Women's History Museum (2323 Broadway, suites 101 and 107). Historical exhibit was curated by Michelle Harris. Concurrently, view exhibition of paintings by female tattoo artists at Flying Panther Tattoos and Gallery. Closes Tuesday, May 1. 619-238-5713. (GOLDEN HILL)

Visions Art Quilt Gallery, created by over 300 volunteers, opens with reception on Saturday, April 14, 5 p.m. Find gallery at NTC Promenade, Liberty Station (2825 Dewey Road). Opening exhibit continues through Sunday, June 3. 858-484-5201. (POINT LOMA)

"Art of Hope" — breast cancer-related art exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, April 14, 5 p.m., and continues through Wednesday, May 2, at Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). 858-598-1200. (MISSION VALLEY)

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enue) during show opening with reception on Saturday, April 14, 5 p.m. Closes Saturday, June 2. 858-204-9747. (NORTH PARK)

"Welcome to Oblivion," Lee Puffer's MFA thesis exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, April 14, 5 p.m., in Flor y Canto Gallery of School of Art, Design Art and History at San Diego State University. Closes Thursday, April 19. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"Fuse," group show opens with reception for artists on Saturday, April 14, 5:30 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). A second reception is slated for Saturday, May 12, 5 p.m. Closes Saturday, June 2. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

New Works by Rod Engel may be viewed through Thursday, May 10, at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Show opens with reception during Ray at Night events, Saturday, April 14, 6 p.m. 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

"Snatched at Birth: Tim Caton's Recent Paintings" may be seen through Wednesday, May 9, at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). Paintings "reconfigure comic heroes by channeling tabloid vernacular and vigilante vocabularies into searing diagrams of struggle and growth." Meet Caton during reception on Saturday, April 14, 6 p.m. 619-501-0879. (NORTH PARK)

Oil Paintings by Marjorie Taylor showcased during opening of Taylor Studio (3825 Ray Street), Saturday, April 14, 6 p.m. 619-298-0063. (NORTH PARK)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including April 14, 6-10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"Onda Cosmica: An Exhibition of Contemporary Rio Grande Indio Mexico-American Art" by Gabriel Gaytán opens with reception on Saturday, April 14, 6 p.m., at Cross-

ing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue). 619-521-0676. Through Sunday, April 29. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Art of Photography Show," international exhibition commences with award ceremony and reception, Saturday, April 14, 6 p.m., in Lyceum Theatre Gallery in Horton Plaza. More than 9800 entries were submitted by artists from 37 countries; 103 selected for inclusion by juror Tim Wride. Closes Monday, May 28. 858-793-0900. (DOWNTOWN)

Portfolio Exhibition by Shannon Leigh Hopkins is on view Monday-Friday, April 16-20, in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Reception for artist is Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m. 619-849-2200. (POINT LOMA)

"Primal Signs," featuring sculpture by Brad Burkhardt and Wade Harb, continues through April in Bard Hall Gallery (First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street). Reception on Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. followed by art discussion group at 7:30 p.m. (bring samples of current work to share). 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

"Still in Motion" by Jamie Chase, "Fever" by Allen Bentley, and new ceramic sculptures by Jillian Banks may all be viewed through Sunday, May 13, at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Reception for artists is Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Solitude" by Peter Fay and "The Forgotten Children" by Art Myers continue through Sunday, May 6, at Ordovery Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Meet artists during reception Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

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-lives, 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 Corazón 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 Kaza-

khstan, 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 dur-

ing 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 Latin American and Latino Art" — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyper-real spaces." Closes Sunday, May 13.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, images by contemporary artists addressing issues of narrative showcased in "Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now," continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Moffat, Gavin Hipkins, Pipa Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapatriou, 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)

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.

"Young Art 2007: Exploring Color," opening on Saturday, April 14, and continuing until Sunday, May 27, features works created by San Diego's city and county public and private school students (kindergarten through 12th grade). "See what students achieve when encouraged to use art to explore their imaginations."

"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 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Entry-Level Feminists

Weisman's women entertain and disturb. They may not be likeable, but it's easy to worry about them.

Depending on who does the defining, Erika and Jessica are either semi-permanent or entry-level clerical workers at Solomon, Greenspan, Sachs. In their mid-twenties, they see themselves as semi-permanent and fast-tracking toward their chosen career, whatever it turns out to be (Jessica can't choose between sports law or becoming the first artist to rap about things secretarial). A sense of entitlement underpins their views. "This isn't the '90s," Erika proclaims at one point. Asked what that means, she boasts, "I have options."

Grace and Agatha have been at the firm for decades — Agatha proudly sports her sterling Tiffany scarf pin, for 25 years of service. They're from the 9 to 5 generation of feminists. They fought the workplace wars: equal pay, harassment-free conditions, respect and dignity. Their idealism's long gone, but they still demand "a purely professional environment" and "a place to succeed on our own terms." As Agatha and Grace try to hold the fort, they clash, in passive-aggressive ways, with naïve, "entry-level" Erika and Jessica.

Annie Weisman's funny, slyly critical *Hold Please* has roles for only four actors, but the off-stage characters are as vivid. Xavier got a golden-parachute, true, but got tossed on a false charge. Diana, the new 24-year-old boss, sounds like a goose-stepping, corporate robot: she demands "efficiency estimates," a euphemism for

downsizing, and is writing a motivational book, *WE CAN DO WAY WAY MORE THAN THEY TELL US WE CAN*.

We never know what the company does — a law firm? — and never see the CEO either. According to the Old Testament, King Solomon had a harem of 700 wives. Mr. Solomon — of Solomon, Greenspan, Sachs — may threaten that record. He's taken sexual liberties with entry-level secretaries for decades. His abuses loom over the play like a shroud.

Unlike the movie *9 to 5*, which skewers a Solomon-like boss, in Annie Weisman's *Hold Please* he remains in charge — *la plus ça change*? She concentrates, instead, on the wars of the cubicles: the secretaries, and their new boss, form fragile alliances, backstab and connive. Like Dael Orlandersmith's *Yellowman*, which looks at racism among African-Americans, *Hold Please* dares to raise questions about "sisterhood" in the contemporary workplace.

Were Grace and Agatha to see the play, they'd decry it as feminist backlash, or even what Thomas Pynchon in *Against the Day* calls "gynecophobia" (fear of women), since Weisman paints a negative portrait of pink-collar politics. If Jessica and Erika saw *Hold Please*, though they're depicted as shallow and self-centered and buffeted by forces they think they control, they'd probably say "what-ever," shake it off, and go on about

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Kate Arrington, Kandis Chappell in *Hold Please*

Hold Please by Annie Weisman

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Kirsten Brandt: cast: Stephanie Beatriz, Kandis Chappell, Kate Arrington, Starla Benford; scenic design, Michael Vaughn Sims; costumes, Mary Larson; lighting, David Lee Cuthbert; sound, Paul Peterson
Playing through May 6; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.

their lives, convinced they're "on their way up and out."

Hold Please could use a stronger engine, and the emotional arcs tend to zigzag (in trying not to tie a cozy knot, the conclusion verges on the gender stereotypes it's been trying to avoid). But it's got Weisman's genuine gifts for snappy dialogue, precise, revealing details, and rafter-rattling

humor, as when a character observes, "They came at you from all sides, like Pep Boys on a vintage Mustang."

Also, amid the subsurface strife, Weisman's women entertain and disturb. They may not be likable, but it's easy to worry about them. Stephanie Beatriz plays Erika as confident and spicy, even though her "choices" make you won-

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der how deluded a person can be. Starla Benford's Grace seems at peace but isn't — especially during confessional smoke break. Another Weisman touch: Grace is the most likable of the four, so the playwright has her say, "They go on and on about global warming, but if it means sugar snap peas come sooner, how bad can it be?"

Kandis Chappell gives disillusioned Agatha touches that humanize what could be a grotesque caricature. So does the playwright, who has Agatha watching the "Surgery Channel marathon" (here and elsewhere, Mary Larson's costumes — Agatha in all gray business, Erika in nightclub-ready reds — define character to a T).

Weisman's most devastating portrait is Jessica. Mercurial, intellectually flighty, she has what you could call "Google-consciousness." She knows snippets about stray subjects, culled from Wikipedia blurbs, but assumes she sees all clearly. Like many in her generation, Jessica questions very little. She assumes that knowledge is portable and that the net has all the answers. Kate Arrington, who gets every inch of the woman for whom even a black eye's a good thing, hammers one line hard. Asked if something she said were true, Jessica gives the questioner a "duhh"

look and replies, "I got it *online*."

On opening night, the pace often lagged, especially between scenes. On the plus side, the play could be done as a realistic piece. Instead, director Kirsten Brandt and lighting designer David Lee Cuthbert drape it with an expressionist-absurdist aura. Phones don't ring; lights flash around the stage rim. And the various machines verge on being vocal. All suggest that, were it not for the voracious sexism of the CEO, the time may come when even one secretary at Solomon, Greenspan, Sachs will be "redundant." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Enchanted April

plays by MFA students — *Red State Blue Grass*, by Josh To-biessen; *Wildflower*, by Lila Rose Kaplan; *Near East*, by Alex Lewin; and *Freedom, NY*, by Jennifer Barclay — and a staged reading of *In Search of a Better Life with Elvis*, by Brown University student Kato McNickle. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, THROUGH APRIL 28; FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF INDIVIDUAL PLAYS, CALL 858-534-4574.

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Lamb's Players Theatre stages Matthew Barber's adaptation (of the Elizabeth von Arnim novel) about four disillusioned strangers, a villa in Italy, and a "fresh discovery of themselves." Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 13; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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The Long Christmas Ride Home: A Puppet Play with Actors

Paula Vogel's drama starts as a Christmas card, painted by Norman Rockwell with sentiments by Hallmark. A family from the Washington D.C. suburbs drives through snow to Grandma's for the holiday. But it's a long ride, dysfunction permeating every mile, and the life-threatening ride home's even longer. Vogel requires Bunraku puppets for the three children, and a live soundscape. The play's at its best when most experimental. Without these elements, the story's pretty bare — and predictable, especially three similar monologues that stereotype the spurned children-as-adults — though the ending outmystifies Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* (in Wilder, Emily gets to come back and have a look; in *Long Christmas Drive*, Stephen comes back and makes a difference). Diversionary's production is quite watchable, though. The puppets, from the Puppetry Center of San Diego, at times manipulated by the actors who play them as adults, are expressive: the psychologically abused children function as prologues to the clobbered people they become. As is Andrew Jacobs's music, from a flute to an oilcan tympani. John Rosen and Dana Hooley fare well as Narrator/Man and Narrator/Woman, the parents who see the lava just below the surface (he complains that "I can't breathe in this family" but inhales most of the available air). David F. Weiner's minimalist set includes white sheets like puffy snowdrifts.

Worth a try.

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Menopause the Musical

The San Diego Rep hosts a production of Jeanie Linders' musical about "the change." Songs include "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "You'll No Longer See 39," and a remake of the disco tune "Stayin' Alive" called "Stayin' Awake."

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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Readings of August Wilson's Plays: The Piano Lesson

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the 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 play-

wrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: *The Piano Lesson*.

Worth a try.

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Renny's Story

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Ricky Dean and the Doo Wop Girls

The Broadway Theater presents the musical about the reunion of a doo-wop group, only Ricky's nowhere to be found. Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, THROUGH MAY 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

Sailor's Song

New Village Arts presents John Patrick Shanley's comedy-drama. Rich seeks "something that puts me on the other side, with the people who know why they're alive." Kristianne Kurner directed. Robin Christ choreographed. NEW VILLAGE ARTS, 2460 IMPALA DRIVE, CARLSBAD, THROUGH APRIL 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

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"

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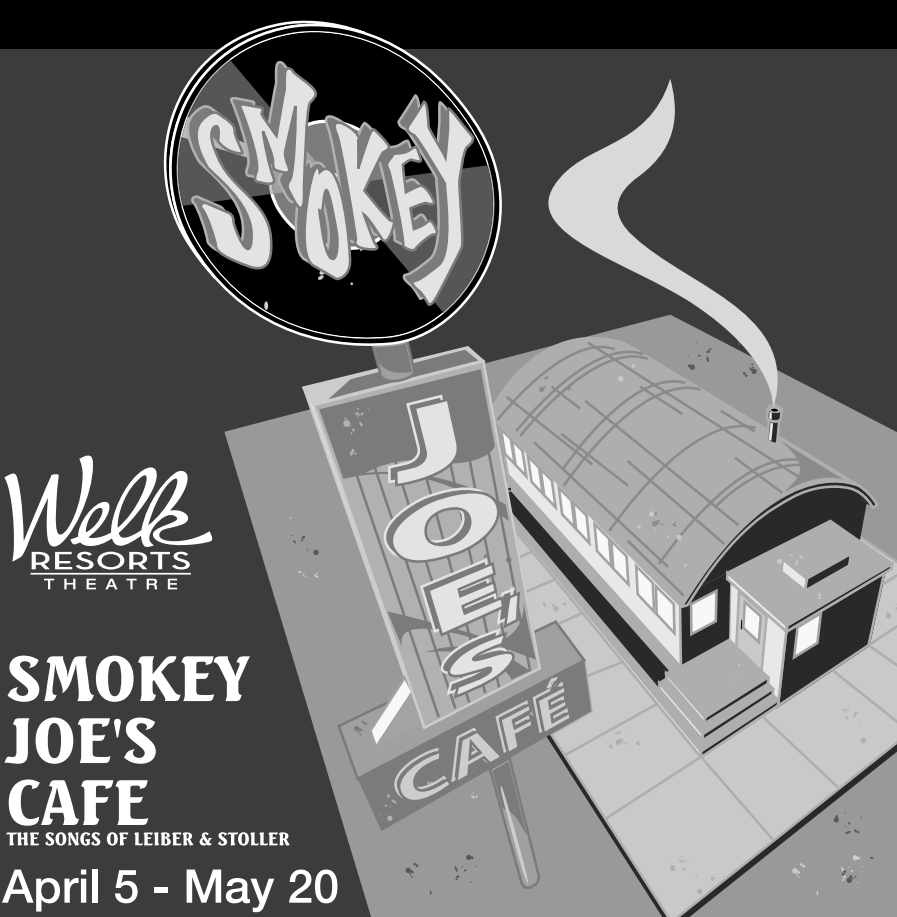
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(other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some at-tempts went nowhere (I repeat: im-prov is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent 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.”

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The Welk Resort Theatre presents the musical theater revue based on the songs of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller (among them: “Jailhouse Rock,” “Poison Ivy,” “Stand by Me,” and “Why Do Fools Fall in Love?”). Sha Newman directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK VILLAGE DRIVE, ES-CONDIDO, THROUGH MAY 20; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-8501.

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The Treatment

Everything in Amy Chini’s set is gray: the walls, the furniture, even the window-blinds. Jennifer Setlow’s lighting, especially an overhead lamp casting a soft yellow pyramid onto the table, darkens the room even more. Eve Ensler’s stage direction for her 90-minute drama says the set could be “a modern psychiatrist of-fice or a torture chamber.” For Moxie’s production, Chini makes it both, which builds on the play’s rul-ing metaphor: like psychiatrists, mil-itary interrogators are “trained to read people” and to get “confes-sions,” which may include having to break down the patient/subject. The two characters in the tense 90-minute drama don’t have names. Man was an interrogator who has, at the very least, post traumatic stress disorder from having to “soften up the animals” in a war zone. Woman is a military therapist trying (or is she?) to help him recover his mind. They are amid a “new war” with “new rules,” and both feel free to break them to achieve their aims. Ensler never names the war and has pared away so many details that the play runs on only one track (it feels more like a short story than a novel). Jennifer Eve Thorn and Matt Scott handle their assignments — i.e., playing unspecified people who know each other’s tactics — quite well (though Scott tended to push for the madness on occasion). Delicia Turner Sonnenberg has directed with a sharp eye for shifts of status, making the stage a battlefield of du-eling interrogators.

Worth a try.

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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 compan-ions, here to celebrate Hugh’s an-niversary, got stuck in the ’70s.

The trio used to be Maxwell, But-ternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “or-dinary” ones. And, hey, their re-union could help them face sear-ing 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 char-

acters. 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 diffi-culties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the origi-nal cast members have been replaced.)

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Record-Playin' School

Boden Suzuki cofounded Earthbound Radio last year with ten volunteers in a Mira Mesa business park.

"I guess you could say this month changed everything," says Suzuki. "Everyone still has their day job.... We're taking care of our bills and adding new equipment. We've all invested three years into this. Up until now, station expenses came out of our pocket."

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Earthbound now has about 20 on-air deejays who play reggae, hip-hop, jazz, and soul music over the Internet.

To help with station expenses, Suzuki and the others launched SDTI (San Diego Turntable Institution), a program that teaches people how to be club deejays; students scratch and blend beats in two-hour classes held each week for six weeks.

"This is preparing someone to work in their industry of choice," says Suzuki. "Knowing how to deejay in a club is definitely a big thing."

The first semester drew 12 students; the second, 25. ("We started charging \$150 per semester," says Suzuki.) By the time the current, third semester rolled around, the school boosted its tuition to keep up with demand. Currently there are 40 students paying \$300 each; gross earnings of \$12,000.

(www.twelvez.com/sdti) begins April 30.



INSTITUTIONALIZED SCRATCHERS

Tonight, SDTI hosts a "Top 3 of SD" contest at the Epicentre. Eight to ten entrants in three different categories (deejay, MC, and B-Boy battle) compete for the top spot.

— Ken Leighton

Epicentre South? The City of San Diego helps pay rent on the Epicentre, the all-age venue in Mira Mesa that regularly hosts touring bands. David Prolux, youth program coordinator for the Epicentre, confirms that the City does help with the rent, but Harmonium, the nonprofit group that runs the Epicentre, pays all other operating costs.

Meanwhile, James "Big Daddy" Quitugua, a local promoter of rap shows, says, "If the City is willing to help out the kids in an upper-middle-class area, they should do something for the kids in Southeast San Diego. These kids who live in Skyline or Paradise Hills have nothing to do except go to a high school dance every two or three months."

Prolux says there was talk about opening an "Epicentre South," but nothing is planned.

Jimmie Slack, a spokesperson for Fourth District city councilmember Tony Young, says an all-age music venue for youth in Southeast San Diego would probably be supported by the city council, "but someone has to present [the city] with a specific proposal," the way Harmonium did in order to operate the Epicentre.

Quitugua says an all-age venue in Southeast SD would have to feature some hip-hop "...because that's what's popular among the kids."

What about the negative

aspects of hip-hop?

"Not all hip-hop rap is negative. Some rock and heavy metal talks about suicide and devil worship and crazy stuff. Music is what moves kids. If there's a place for kids to rock, there should also be a place for kids in Southeast San Diego to have fun."

Another promoter who declined to be identified thinks the City should stay out of the



BIG DADDY SEEKS EQUALITY

underage hip-hop business.

"It is illegal in the city of San Diego for kids under the age of 18 to dance [at all-age shows]. What is the point of having a deejay if you can't dance? Occasionally the

Epicentre brings in a deejay with hip-hop. That is a complete violation of every city ordinance. But the City is so swamped they don't enforce it. The Epicentre does not have a dance permit. I think the Epicentre gets away with it because it's next to a police station."

Quitugua just started Eight Mile, an every-other-Tuesday live hip-hop night at Shooterz in North Park. Mitchy Slick, Black Cotton, Network, Cricket, and Extended Music Family appear April 17.

— Ken Leighton

Girls Derail Rap Careers

"I heard the sirens, but I had no idea that she'd just been [allegedly] murdered by her son," says Clay Colgin of Sagebomb and Clownsitterz. His Chula Vista neighbor, EastLake High Assistant Principal Diane Carpenter, was killed in her home January 12. "The youngest son [allegedly] took a knife to his mom several times, from what I understand..."

"I used to be the manager of two of her [other] sons in a hip-hop unit I was producing for four and a half years. They were doing quite well, but then they were too busy being fancily dressed and playing with the girls."

Colgin says he lost touch with the Carpenter brothers.

"We would often fight because if I produced something that didn't sound really hard-core black, they would get upset and say, 'We don't do that; we just do attitude and blackness.'"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Last Maul "All I heard is people complaining all night about how long it takes to get a drink," blogs Casbah bartender and Bunky Joyce singer/drummer Emily Joyce



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of one recent shift. "End of the night, this guy is closing his tab and he's, like, 'Hey, I have something really funny to tell you.... Do you remember when Bunky used to be so epic? I booked a show for you guys.'"

"He continues, 'So, you played this epic show and I was there and you gave me a kiss after the show.' I started laughing because I don't remember...well, you never know, sometimes I get wasted and my lips start flapping and get all loose and I try to make out with everyone. This guy is making me nervous. Sort of. I really can't see me making out with him is all. I pretty much remember all the making out I've done...."

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supposed to think it's quaint? I used to be epic and now what?"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Old Soul Brian Witkin, 21, started his Pacific Records label in 2003. He now has a roster of three local bands (Long Live Logos, Get Back Loretta, a Dead Giveaway) and Life's Only Lesson, from Virginia.

Last year, Witkin and local producer Otis "Juice" Howard, 26, founded Southwest Records. The label's roster includes local hip-hop artists John Roberts, Preezy, and Dem Southern Boyz.

Last week, Witkin announced Southwest had signed the Fonics, somewhat of a spin-off of the Delfonics, a Philadelphia vocal group known for their falsetto-driven hits "La-La Means I Love You" ('68) and "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind This Time)" ('70).

"We want to hook them up with prominent young artists in the studio to bring them back into the industry," says Witkin, who plans to record the Fonics at his studio in Chula Vista.

William and Wilbert Hart formed the Delfonics in 1965. When the brothers parted

ways, William owned the rights to the Delfonics name. Wilbert now performs as "Wil Hart of the Delfonics." William "now has health and voice problems," according to Wil.

John Johnson says he joined the Delfonics in 1979. He, along with two others who never performed as Delfonics, formed the Fonics two years ago and were signed by the local label. Wil Hart is not pleased.

"John used to carry around our clothes, like a roadie," says Wil. "I brought John in the band in 1983 when one of my members went to jail. He was in the band for two years. When



THE ORIGINAL DELFONICS

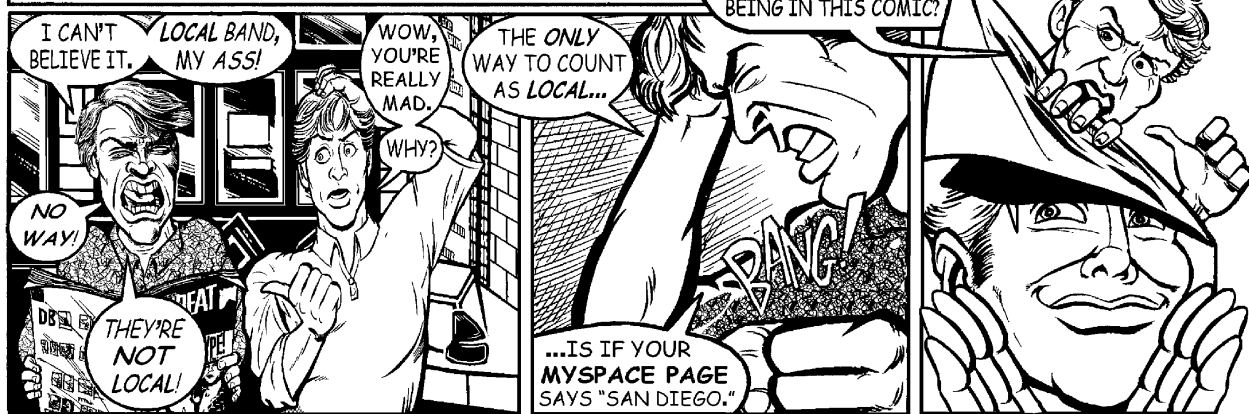
William and I broke off our situation, John went with William."

Wil says Johnson is attempting to capitalize on the Delfonics legacy.

"We go by the Fonics," says Johnson. "Much as Dennis Edwards from the Temptations stepped out to do his own thing, I left William Hart and have branched out on my own."

Wil says, "When he told me he got a trademark on the [Fonics] name I said, 'John,

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you're crazy. Now you're stepping on my toes.... John has never recorded anything with the Delfonics that had any success.... Tell the guy from the record company to give me a call if he's interested in the real thing."

The Southwest Records album will be the first recording for the Fonics.

— Ken Leighton

Society Onstage "You put ten personalities in one room, especially with more than one girl, and there's going to be some shit," says guitarist/keyboardist Joey Guevara, whose Afro-funk band ¡Society! includes go-go girls, dual percussionists with painted faces, dancers dressed in animal costumes, and twins on drums and bass (Josh and Zach Wheeler, ex-Scarlet Symphony).

"Having ten people is tough on space," he says, "but we still play the Tower and other smaller joints where there's just about enough room for us to do theatrical stuff with lights and projections, [and] our voodoo ceremonies."

Guevara says another challenge is getting everyone paid.

"We did a show at the

Beauty Bar on a Wednesday, and we had at least 25 people show up to check us out. But [a bar employee] had his girlfriend taking attendance at the door, and she was doing a half-ass job of keeping track of who was there to see each band. So, after I took off to do another gig, Zach [Wheeler, bassist] went to collect our dough, and this dude tells him only 4 people were there to see us and gives him eight bucks. I mean, that's more insulting to a ten-piece band than just saying, 'Sorry, there should have been more promotion.'"

¡Society! appears April 27 at the Ken Club.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Deejay Pride "There are legal issues with mash-ups and bootleg remixes because of their unauthorized nature," says DJ Riko, a.k.a. Erik Battenberg, of M*A*S*H*up Unit 619. "When we do a live gig, I spin mash-ups on records and CDs with combinations that would never happen in the real world, like Smokey Robinson singing with AC/DC; Schoolly D rapping with Yes, Pink Floyd jamming with the Bee Gees,

Malcolm McLaren with Simon and Garfunkel, and so on....

"Some artists are supportive of people making mash-ups with their tracks,

Delight" mash-up, voted number 15 on the BBC's "Festive 50" top tracks of 2005. The track combines whistling originally recorded by around two dozen artists,



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other artists aren't.... Mash-ups are as illegal as sampling, which is essentially what it is but with extra layers. Deejays pride themselves on this and have adopted the term 'bootleg' to emphasize the illegality, and they use lots of pirate analogies to show what renegades they are."

Riko — who grew up locally and recently moved back to San Diego — is best known for his "Whistler's

including Guns N' Roses ("Patience"), the Lovin' Spoonful ("Daydream"), Billy Joel ("The Stranger"), Monty Python, and Disney's seven dwarves.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Amber Times Two

“I’ve been offered recording deals...however, none gave me the ultimate control of my music.”

Music allows me to express myself, while acting allows me to get away from myself,” says Amber Ojeda, who plays a recurring role in the TV show *Veronica Mars*, shot around San Diego. “I originally auditioned for the part of Cathy when the show was in its pilot stage,” she says. “It’s actually not as crazy and thrilling as everyone thinks. Most of the time, you’re in your trailer waiting for your scene.”

A former San Diego Gulls Girl, the 23-year-old has lived here since she was three. She currently performs with the band Chameleon, with whom she recently headlined at the Derby in L.A. “I’ve been offered recording deals...however, none gave me the ultimate control of my music, so it makes no sense to me to sign. I would rather be independent than sell myself short and be a marionette.”

Ojeda feels she’s struck a balance between her two careers. “I don’t envision music forcing me out of acting,” she says. “Last year, I landed the theme song in a movie called *All That I Need*. When I went to meet with the director to discuss what elements he envisioned for the lyrics, he ended up casting me to be in the movie as well.” She also landed the lead role in the soon-to-be-released *Prayer Before Murder*, for which she has recorded soundtrack music.

Amber Ojeda performs April 12 at Stingaree in the Gaslamp.

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. A Tribe Called Quest, *The Love Movement* (“This album opened up my eyes to a larger variety of hip-hop, not just the West Coast style.”)
2. Zero 7, *Simple Things* (“I just discovered this band a few years ago.”)
3. Solomon Burke, *Don’t Give Up on Me* (“One of my favorite soul songs of all time.”)

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DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

1. *The Wizard of Oz* (“It’s one of those movies you watch as a child, and it gives you hopes and dreams.”)
2. *Dirty Dancing* (“Favorite quote: ‘Nobody puts Baby in the corner.’”)
3. *Braveheart* (“It always makes me cry.”)

FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

1. *Grey’s Anatomy* (“It’s addicting.”)
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Amber Ojeda

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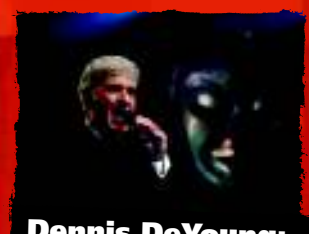
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The Electric Six: The Casbah, Wednesday, April 18, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

APRIL

Eek-A-Mouse: House of Blues, Thursday, April 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Huey Lewis & the News: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 20, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Five for Fighting: 4th & B, Friday, April 20, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Jet: House of Blues, Friday, April 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Barrington Levy: 'Canes, Friday, April 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

"Adams Avenue Roots Festival": Adams Avenue, Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22, Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

Stone Sour: House of Blues, Sunday, April 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Gwen Stefani, Akon, and Lady Sovereign: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Engelbert Humperdinck: Pala Events Center, Sunday, April 22, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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.

Ice Cube: 'Canes, Tuesday, April 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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.

Heaven and Hell with Megadeth and Machine Head: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, April 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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.

Pepe Aguilar: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, April 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Fall Out Boy and +44: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, April 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Rufus Wainwright: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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: Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, May 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Nas: 4th & B, Wednesday, May 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Tool: Cox Arena, Wednesday, May 2, and Thursday, May 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Melissa Ferrick: The Casbah, Thursday, May 3, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Cypress Hill: House of Blues, Thursday, May 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Richard Marx: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May 4, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Yonder Mountain String Band: House of Blues, Friday, May 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Taylor Hicks: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, May 6, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Vienna Teng: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, May 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: House of Blues, Sunday, May 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jason Michael Carroll: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Monday, May 7, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Celtic Woman: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, May 7, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

Bright Eyes: Soma, Tuesday, May 8, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Wolfmother: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, May 8, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Cat Empire: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, May 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

J Mascis: The Casbah, Thursday, May 10, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Don Carlos: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Fairport Convention: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Loreena McKennitt: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Particle: 'Canes, Saturday, May 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Joss Stone: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, May 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Modest Mouse: Cox Arena, Monday, May 14, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Harry Connick Jr.: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Thursday, May 17, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Buddy Guy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, May 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Be Good Tanyas: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Al Green: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

They Might Be Giants: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Melt Banana: The Casbah, Sunday, May 20, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Christina Aguilera: San Diego Civic Theatre, Monday, May 21, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

The Sea and Cake: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, May 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Stevie Nicks and Chris Isaak: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, May 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Boyz II Men: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, May 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Tish Hinojosa: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Erykah Badu: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Chayanne: ipayOne Center, Saturday, May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Queensrÿche: 4th & B, Saturday, May 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Bucky Covington: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, May 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Pretty Girls Make Graves and Kill Me Tomorrow: The Casbah, Thursday, May 31, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

JUNE

Morrissey: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Sunday, June 3, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Gregg Allman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Pato Banton: House of Blues, Sunday, June 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Manu Chao: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, June 5, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Lucinda Williams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.



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Gregory Isaacs: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, June 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The Charlie Daniels Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, June 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

The Rebirth Brass Band: 'Canes, Thursday, June 7, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The Charlie Daniels Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, June 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Vicente Fernandez: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, June 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Raveonettes: The Casbah, Saturday, June 9, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Bob Schneider: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, June 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

"Reggae Festival": Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 9, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Keith Urban: ipayOne Center, Sunday, June 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Mary Chapin Carpenter: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Lupillo Rivera: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 10, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Lindsey Buckingham: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jonatha Brooke: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, June 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

John Mayer and Ben Folds: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, June 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Leon Russell: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, June 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, June 13, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks: 4th & B, Wednesday, June 13, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Wailers: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 14, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Al Jarreau and George Benson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 14, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Issac Delgado y Su Orquesta: 4th & B, Friday, June 15, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

REO Speedwagon: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 16, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, June 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Norah Jones: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, June 19, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

John Michael Montgomery: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

The Alan Parsons Live Project: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 21, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Adema: 'Canes, Thursday, June 21, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Iris Dement: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

The B-52's: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, June 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Joan Jett & the Blackhearts: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 22, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Jonny Lang: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 23, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Samples: 'Canes, Saturday, June 23, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Fred Hammond: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Michael McDonald: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Mariachi Festival": Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 24, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Hot Tuna: House of Blues, Monday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Paulina Rubio: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Earth, Wind, and Fire: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 26, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Cyndi Lauper, Erasure, and Debbie Harry: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, June 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

LeAnn Rimes: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Steve Winwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The All-American Rejects: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Alison Krauss: ipayOne Center, Thursday, June 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Switchfoot: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Chicago and America: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, July 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Ani DiFranco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Beach Boys: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Fray, Gomez, and Easley: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Cowboy Junkies and Joan Osborne: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

John Hiatt and Shawn Colvin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Lyle Lovett and k.d. lang: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Lynyrd Skynyrd: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Montgomery Gentry: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, July 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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July 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Maximo Park: The Casbah, Saturday, July 28, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Hootie & the Blowfish: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rush: Coors Amphitheatre, Monday, July 30, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Tears for Fears: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

AUGUST

Clay Aiken: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Huey Lewis & the News: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Colin Hay: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Los Lonely Boys: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

India.Arie: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

UB40: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

SEPTEMBER

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

B.B. King and Etta James: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Temptations and the Four Tops: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

America: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Michael Bolton: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Kenny G: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Adams Avenue Street Fair": Adams Avenue, Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, between Bancroft Street and 35th Street, Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

OCTOBER

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Steve Tyrell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Calendar CLUBS

DANCE

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Brass Rail: Fridays, Element, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DJ Ciel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

The C Lounge: Sundays, Liquid, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass with residents Calculon, Knottyboy, Frizz, and more. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Club Montage: Wednesdays, Club Thizz, hip-hop, reggae, and drum 'n' bass. 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.

Dino's: Fridays, Therapy, industrial, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, Sabbath, 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.

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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 Grimmerella. 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.

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo Lounge*, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha with Da Wizzrd. 8 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 hits. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

San Diego Sports Club: Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electropop, and '80s. First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic, and industrial. 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

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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 and Saturday, live rock and blues.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Lluna Lena*, Latin jazz. Friday, *Uplift*, reggae. Saturday, *Palos*, salsa. Sunday, *the John Bennett Trio*, jazz. Monday, *Cactus Twang*, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*. Wednesday, *Michael Tiernan*.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Natural Vibrations*, the *Devastators*, and *Iration*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *Cash'd Out*, the *High Rolling Loners*, and *Sacred Cowboys*, rockabilly. Saturday, the *Iron Maidens* and *Just Like Priest*, tribute bands. Sunday, 8 p.m., *the Adicts*, *Bang Sugar Bang*, and *Terezedu*, punk/alternative/rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Fight the Fear*, *Motus*, *Daily Dose*, and *Elephant Army*, alternative rock.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/rock/punk. Thursday, *the Paddle Boat*, *Voice on Tape*, *Angelo Spencer*, *Kimya Dawson*, and *the Vaginals*. Friday, *Lightning Bolt*, *Bug*



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Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursdays, *Primo,* Latin jazz/salsa. Tuesday, live salsa.

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: Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Monday, *Peter Price of Piano.* Tuesday and Wednesday, *Kevin McCully,* piano.

Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota,* pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio,* cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio De La Huerta,* Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page,* international/standards.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, *Elana and the Continental Two.* Sunday, *Charlie Louvin,* country.

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.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot,* smooth jazz/funk.

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 jam session.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Terry Matsuoka,* pop/folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative most nights. Sunday, *Lynam, Parmalee,* and *Minus Halo.*

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Live music.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/punk. Thursday, *Beat Boy.* Friday, *NEXgeneration, Dreaded Solution, Bloodstained Reality, Abject, Palm 13,* and *Hallowed Drive.* Wednesday, *Escape the Cabaret, You Die First, In Fear and Faith, Sound of Surrender,* and *Waiting for God.*

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.*

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, salsa. Monday, tango. Tuesday, hip-hop. Wednesday, swing.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Blue Rokit.* Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground,* rock/soul. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola,* classic rock. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Aubrey Fay,* 8 p.m. to midnight, *Patrick Yandall,* jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Chet Cannon,* blues jam. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger,* smooth jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Soul Persuaders,* sweet soul music.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

After all the buzz about their first two albums, after all the tours and the McDonald's commercial, the *Gilmore Girls* appearance, the *Austin City Limits* concert, and the famous name-drop in *Garden State*, I imagine that even the **Shins** were sick of hearing about the Shins. I would not have blamed **James Mercer** if he had, for his band's third album, recorded 48 tracks of guitar feedback and banging sheet metal, with primal-scream vocals from guest singer Yoko Ono. At least that would have gotten everyone off his back.

Instead, *Winning the Night Away* is just mildly bewildering. From any other band, it

would have been a lovely effort, but we expect more from the Shins. After debuting at number two on the *Billboard* charts, the album has fallen out of the top 50. Reviews have been less than glowing, and new releases by Arcade Fire and Modest Mouse have stolen much of the attention it might otherwise have gathered.

Part of the problem is that *Winning* begins with "Sleeping Lessons," a song that drifts atop a percolating synth line for a full two minutes before the other instruments wake up. In fact, the album doesn't deliver something that really sounds like the Shins until the penultimate song, "Girl Sailor." That number has the concise arrangement, surreal lyrics, and baroque vocal melodies of *Chutes Too Narrow* mixed with experimental home-studio sound of *Oh,*



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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock/punk/alternative rock/indie unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., *CDM, DPI,* the Gizzards, and *the Yucks,* punk/hardcore/metal. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Wastrels, Inciting Riots, the Hillstreet Strangers,* and *Dirty Panties.* Monday, *Mystery Train,* blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Bedlam, the Dead Serial Killers,* and *Elephant Army.* Wednesday, 9 p.m., *An Carraig,* Irish folk.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Sara Petite,* folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam 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,* Celtic/Irish.

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 Expression.*

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San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Music is rock/alternative.

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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Mono Mono, PpqQ, Bill Wesley,* the *Glowing Ocean Blues Band,* and *Eliot Alen,* experimental.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise,* classic rock.

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the Shins. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Comeback Kid*, *It Dies Today*, *This Is Hell*, *Endwell*, and *Parkway Drive*. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Amber Pacific*, *Just Surrender*, *Monty Are I*, and *Powerspace*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning* and *the John Kopecky Trio*.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Stars on the Water*. Saturday, *the Bayou Brothers*, blues. Wednesday, *the Robin Henkel Band*, blues.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Higher Minds*, hip-hop. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Thursday, *the Stitches*, *Operation 5*, and *Squiddo*, alternative rock. Monday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*.

Triple Crown Pub, 3221 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-281-0263. Music is rock/indie rock. Friday, 10 p.m., *Catatonic* and *Heathen Culture*. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Band of Goodmen* and *Steady Echo*. Sunday, 6:30 p.m., *Fading Captain* and *Rochester Fosgate*.

Trisler's Wine Bar, 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, easy listening.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday and Friday, 9 p.m., *Toots and Maytals* with *Elijah Emanuel* and *the Revelations* on Thursday, and *Stranger* on Friday, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Mother Hips*, *Billy Midnight*, and *Luca*, rock. Sunday, 3 p.m., *Michael Tiernan* and *Sven Erik Seaholm*, pop rock/folk/acoustic, 8 p.m., *Jedi Mind Tricks*, hip-hop/hardcore/black metal. Tuesday, *Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks* and *John Hammond*, rock/blues. Wednesday, *Groundation*, reggae.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Primasi*, Eastern European folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Music is acoustic /folk. Friday, 8 p.m., *Derrick Boess*. Saturday, *Linda Pyle*.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *B'Dale*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Cool Band Luke*, rock. Saturday, *Nite Hawk*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the*

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The cover of *Satan Is Real*, the classic Louvin Brothers album of 1960, features Ira and Charlie in their characteristic white suits with a giant Satan looming behind them. The brothers in that moment look like tent preachers, and maybe in their minds they were. "I know that Satan is real," sings the protagonist from the title track, "for once, I had a happy home." Those lyrics, as it turns out, were somewhat prophetic, at least for Ira, a hard drinker who would be dead within five years.

The Louvin Brothers (born Charlie Elzer and Lonnie Ira Loudermilk in the Appalachian Mountains of Alabama) began as a gospel act in the 1940s. They were inducted into the

Country Music Hall of Fame in 2001. Their sound was built on the close harmonies they perfected, a modified bluegrass singing that was distinctly Louvin Brothers. Some decades later, that gorgeous sound would influence alt-country. Emmylou Harris's first hit was a Louvin makeover; country rocker Gram Parsons coveted the bros' albums to the extent that he was said to have paid assistants to search thrift shops and used record stores for them.

If the '60s proved to be Ira's undoing (first a gunshot wound, then a fatal auto accident while on the road with his fourth wife), they were bountiful for Charlie. He would continue to chart on his own for the remainder of the decade, even as rock and roll began to dominate the airwaves. In 2006 he picked up the thread of his solo career when he was coaxed out of retirement to make the album *Charlie Louvin*. If it bears



CHARLIE LOUVIN

the stamp of age (he turns 80 this year) and suffers for the lack of Ira's churning tenor, it survives on the simple fact of **Charlie Louvin** himself, ready to take another lap around the country and make sweet music.

CHARLIE LOUVIN, AcousticMusicSan-Diego, Sunday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$15 or \$20.

Wombats. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo and the Zydeco Patrol*. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Michelle Lundeen*, blues.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

Del Dios Bar and Grill, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *the Clachan Boys*, Celtic. Saturday, *Will Faeber* and *Greg Pardue*, original jazz-rock/blues.

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*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Undecided*, rock.

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.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, *Sektacore*, *Mad Cow Disease*, *Matamoska*, *Red Store Bums*, and *Modern Aggression*. Friday, *Cage*, *Vicious Rumors*, *Wither*, *Sanu*, and *Rise to Mourn*. Saturday, *New Day Mile*, *Fairfield Fats*, *Whole Hog*, and *Archons*. Sunday, *Prima*

Donna, *Piracy*, *Kirby and the Hellraisers*, *Poison Cuts*, and *Ryan Mud and the Stuff*. Tuesday, *Into Eternity*.

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, *Travelin' Band*, rock. Saturday, *Decompression* and *Silverside*, rock.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, *DaGroove*, rock. Saturday, *Misty and the Mobys*, rock. Sunday, live jazz. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, *the Stone Senses*, *Horizon*, and *Natural Vibrations*, reggae.

The 101 Artist Colony, 25 E Street, Encinitas. 760-809-3251. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Louisa West* and *Jimmy Patton*, Latin jazz.

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.

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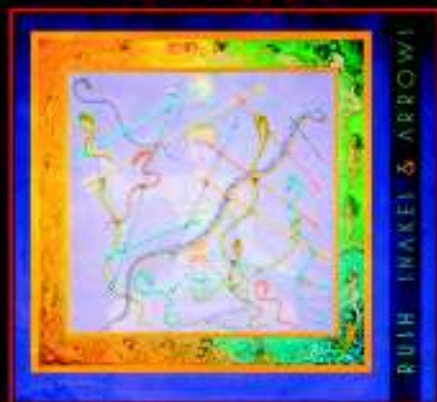
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Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

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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*, jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Justin Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *David Hauser*, acoustic. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Gary Seiler*, acoustic.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stelitta* and *Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*.

Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *John Cain*.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Big City Shaman*, blues. Friday, *Harmony Road*, acoustic. Saturday, *the Offbeats*, rock. Sunday, *Steve Brewer*. Monday, *David Hauser*. Tuesday, *2 Guys Will Move U*. Wednesday, *Gene Warren*.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic. Saturday, *Steven Ybarra*, folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *TNT*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Tall Dudes*, classic rock/country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Silenced*, *Betrayed*, *Dying Regret*, and guests, heavy metal. Saturday, *the Yucks*, *Tim Raldo*, *DMS*, *Reservoir Tips*, and *the Lugers*, punk. Sunday, hip-hop.

Mulveny's Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Sundance*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

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ALTERNATIVE

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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Alta Voz**

Song: **"Makeshift"** (from the CD *City of Echo*)

Heard By: **Lauren Brooks**, Juneau, AL



Lauren

I would compare them to Interpol, only not as good. The beginning reminded me of some electronic-type music...or Radiohead. I liked the lyrics. I just got snippets of phrases and they seemed somewhat poetic. They were kind of about the hardships of life. I kept waiting for them to break out and do something different [musically] but it didn't happen. It just was the same thing repeated over and over again. It was a bit whiny for me. Probably, it would be [good music] if you were in one of those moods where you wanted to just feel bad and you needed some good background music to aid in that.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Alvah**

Song: **"Color Blind"** (from the CD *Music*)

Heard By: **Ventura Natividad**, Pacific Beach



Ventura

They kind of sound a little bit like the Refreshments — his vocals. It had a little bit of the Smiths. It kind of has a folky sound, yet it has some contemporary psychedelic [rock]. Actually, I liked the guitar. I liked the melodies in the background. I wasn't too crazy about the fact that [the singer] stayed monotone the whole way. He needs to bump it up an octave and that would make it a little tastier. Actually, [the song] reminded me of the soundtrack on *Midnight Cowboy* — like a road trip...a cool road trip.

Artist: **Private Domain**

Song: **"Say No (to the Freedom Killers)"** (from the CD *Great Leaders*)

Heard By: **Mark Allard**, Calgary, Canada



Mark

It had definite similarities to that sort of Southern California cultural vibe that I've seen some other bands like Long Beach Dub Allstars incorporate pretty well. The strong bass lines [were] really cool. I also liked that I couldn't peg [their sound] because it had some strong Caribbean flavor to it. It was a little long. I'd love to see them live because then you don't even care how long a song is. [The lyrics had] this whole concept of "freedom killers," which is culturally relevant no matter where you live in the world right now. Everybody is starting to question freedom.

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Dreamtiger: San Diego Sports Club
Dying Regret: Fannie's Nightclub
Eats Tapes: Ch' Caf
Elephant Army: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 'Canes
Endwell: Soma
Escape the Cabaret: Epicentre
Fading Captain: Triple Crown Pub
Fight the Fear: 'Canes
Ghost Ship: Ch' Caf
God?: The Casbah
Hallowed Drive: Epicentre
Heathen Culture: Triple Crown Pub
The Hill Street Stranglers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
In Fear and Faith: Epicentre
Inciting Riots: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Into Eternity: The Jumping Turtle
It Dies Today: Soma
Japanese Sunday: The Casbah
Kixly: Ch' Caf
The Life and Times: The Casbah
Lightning Bolt: Ch' Caf
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This Is Hell: Soma
The Truckee Brothers: Lestat's Coffee House
The Twilight Sad: The Casbah
The Vaginals: Ch' Caf
Vicious Rumors: The Jumping Turtle
Voice on Tape: Ch' Caf

Rocky Votolato: The Casbah
Waiting for God: Epicentre
The Wastrels: Winstons, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
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Fuzz-Huzzi: Dreamstreet

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The Ground Beneath: 710 Beach Club

Hella: The Casbah

Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks: Belly Up Tavern

The Iron Maidens: 'Canes

Ithaca: San Diego Sports Club

Just Like Priest: 'Canes

Just Surrender: Soma

The Justin Brothers: Galley at the Marina

Kirby and the Hellraisers: The Jumping Turtle

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill

Lovemotor: The Casbah

Luca: Belly Up Tavern

The Lugers: Fannie's Nightclub

Mama Red and the North Park Band: San Diego Sports Club

Meld: Tiki House

Billy Midnight: Belly Up Tavern

Misty and the Mobys: Ocean House

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Ryan Mud and the Stuff: The Jumping Turtle

Nemesis: Second Wind (Santee)

Night Kills the Day: The Casbah

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The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

One Thread: Dreamstreet

Parkway Drive: Soma

Tim Raldo: Fannie's Nightclub

Reservoir Tips: Fannie's Nightclub

The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill

Rockola: Humphrey's

Jeffrey Scott: San Diego Sports Club

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Silenced: Fannie's Nightclub

Silverside: Molly Malone's

The Skydrops: San Diego Sports Club

Sock-a-Tuna: Tiki House

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Stars on the Water: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

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Valient Thorr: The Casbah

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Songs: 1) La Ola 2) La Flor 3) Sepárate 4) Alma 5) En Brazos 6) Lo Que Aquí Ya Está 7) Sed 8) El Espacio Acá 9) In Desire 10) Beautiful 11) No Hay Final 12) The Space in Which We Live

Band: Alfonso Espriella (vocals, guitar, piano, glockenspiel), Matt Anoché (drums), Harley Magzino (bass), Sara Peik (cello), Mike Tagart (viola, violin), James Hood (guitar), Steve Sabo (guitar), Tommy Bednash (guitar), Dan Diaz (guitar), Enrique Platas (percussion), Shaina Pugh (vocals)

Website: myspace.com/alfonsodelaespriella

Extra info: Alfonso is scheduled to play Humphrey's Backstage Lounge on April 25.

This is soft and sweet music. It's Mexican pop/rock. The lyrics are

Spanish, and from what I can pick out, it seems like average love/love-lost music.

Of the words I can pick out, *corazón, mujer, and muerto* are prominent. The English lyrics on "In Desire" tell us that Alfonso's in need of companionship: "set my heart on fire/ and I'm trembling with desire."

The tempo is slow and never gets out of soft-rock gear. Alfonso's voice is sensitive and longing. The heavy use of an electric guitar doesn't temper the delicate nature of the album but makes it more like a collection of '80s Whitesnake power ballads in Spanish. Alfonso's strongest song is "El Espacio Acá," which forgoes the faux edgy guitar and gives itself wholly to the acoustic guitar, piano, and soft drumming.

The music is expertly played, though. Everyone is perfectly timed, pitched, and



Alfonso Espriella

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POP / TOP 40

PTrak Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect

Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect

Crush: Jimmy Love's

Jesse Davis: Buon Giornò Restaurant

James East: Pasquale on Prospect

Mark Fulton: Pasquale on Prospect

The Good Times: Henry's Pub

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The John Bennett Trio: The Calypso Cafe

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning: South Park Bar and Grill

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos and His Quintet: Dizzy's

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

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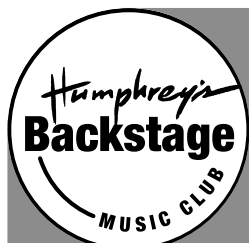
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Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Insight: Jimmy Love's

Keith Jacobsen: Trisler's Wine Bar, Del Mar Plaza

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Jazz 101 Band: Pasquale on Prospect

Jazzilla: Turquoise Cafe

J2: Roppongi

The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet: Coyote Bar and Grill

The John Kopecky Trio: South Park Bar and Grill

The Kristin Korb Trio: Dizzy's

Fran Laskota: The Westgate Hotel

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita and Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Peggy Lloyd: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Lluna Lena: The Calypso Cafe

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Kevin McCully: The Westgate Hotel

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mikan and Friends: Buon Giornata Restaurant

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice: Pasquale on Prospect

Sue Palmer: Croce's Jazz Bar

Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Dave Patrone: Croce's Jazz Bar

Jimmy Patton: The 101 Artist Colony

Peter Prince of Piano: The Westgate Hotel

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Cuvee Restaurant

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar

Robert Sebastini: Cafe LaMaze

The Speak Easy Quartet: People's Food

Stage 4: Buon Giornata Restaurant

The Jaime Valle Quartet: Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar and American Grill

The Jaime Valle/Rob Thorsen Jazz Duo: Prego Ristorante

The Victoria Rose Trio: Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom

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Scott Wallingford: Cafe LaMaze

Louisa West: The 101 Artist Colony

The Joshua White Trio: Dizzy's

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Patrick Randall: Humphrey's

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

Z-Bop: The Flying Bridge

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Blue Rockit: Humphrey's

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

Chet Cannon: Humphrey's

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The Fremonts: Tio Leo's Lounge

Fuzzy and the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Glowing Ocean Blues Band: Scolari's Office

John Hammond: Belly Up Tavern

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Higher Minds: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Hoodoo Blues Band: Tiki House

Alan Iglesias: Patrick's II

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds: Tower Bar, Henry's Pub

Michelle Lundeen: Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II

The Bill Magee Blues Band: Patrick's II

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band: Patrick's II

On the One: Winstons

Len Rainey and the Midnight Players: Patrick's II

The Soul Persuaders: Humphrey's

Theo and the Zydeco Patrol: Coyote Bar and Grill

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John Cain: Shooters Bar and Grill, Bahia Resort Hotel, Hotel del Coronado

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by Josh Board

parking downtown is a pain. I was surprised to find a pay lot for \$4. Even more surprised when, as we paid, my date and I overheard a couple having sex in a van. As we walked away, we heard screaming and saw the van shake.

We sat down at the Luna Lounge and noticed a private party in the back room. My date said, "Why pay for dinner? Let's crash it!"

When our waitress arrived to take our drink orders, I inquired about the party in the back room. She said she thought it was a wedding rehearsal dinner.

I've crashed weddings, but never the rehearsal dinner.

My date said, "We shouldn't order dinner. We could eat in there."

"There's no guarantee we can crash it," I said. "And besides, the waitress is already on to us. We would've had to walk right in there. You don't have to order wine, though. They'll probably have drinks in there."

As soon as the words left



my lips, I wondered if she'd think I was a cheapskate. But, hey, she suggested it.

As we finished our meals, I noticed that people were still arriving at the rehearsal dinner. We weren't too late. We walked in and went straight to the bar. I had a shot of whiskey and my



thought...as a couple. But she is talkative. When the bartender poured someone else a drink, I noticed she had an accent. I



Bottom right: Todd and Carolyn at their rehearsal dinner

got a job in America. He was involved in stats in sports. We lived in Colorado. He worked the Olympic Games."

I noticed she had tattoos on her arms. They didn't seem to go with her dark hair, pretty face, and accent.

I told her that my step-brother is a teacher and that he gives me a hard time for not knowing enough about other countries and their living situations. She said, "We have a troubled economy over there.

Politically, it's like the early '40s, but far from corrupt...like Russia, where the underworld seems to run things."

I asked her who owned the Luna Lounge. "She is a wonderful woman. I will not say anything bad about her!" She looked at me as if I were interrogating her. I smiled, thanked her, and walked away.

I overheard some people talking about the bride, Carolyn, and that she'd converted to Judaism. Four guys agreed about how great it is. I jumped in and said, "I have a relative that made his wife convert. He spent years cheating on her. Finally, he left his wife for this other woman. That new woman didn't convert...."

One of the guys said, "Well, Carolyn actually converted before she met Todd. She didn't convert just to marry him."

Someone added, "And when someone takes on their spouse's religion, it makes sense. If you are going to have kids, you will have some big fights if one wants to have a

"What the hell was with the beets and goat cheese wrapped in tortillas?"

date ordered red wine. There was no charge, but I put a tip on the bar. My date said, "I'm going to mingle."

This made me nervous. We should probably stay together, I

asked her where she was from. "Serbia, Yugoslavia."

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Christmas tree and the other wants to have a menorah.”

Waitresses brought trays of food around, and my date looked at me as if to say, “Why’d we order dinner?”

One guy said, “The food they are bringing out

is so diverse. I had meat skewers, then mini ham-burgers. But what the hell was with the beets and goat cheese wrapped in tortillas?”

There was an older woman, and a few people were trying to guess her age. I said that she looked to be about 85 or 86. Every-one else was guessing that she was in her 90s. Another

person guessed early 80s. She wasn’t talking to any-one, and my date said, “Well, now I have to go ask her age,” and she left.

When she returned, I asked her how she could possibly ask the lady such a question. “I told her that her skin looked great and said she had to tell me what moisturizers she uses.” She then told her that we were trying to guess her age and that I write for a paper and needed to know. She said, “I’m 86, but tell him to say I’m 29.”

My date said, “Since I asked her age, you have to fetch me another drink.” I went back to the bar. The bartender probably thought I was going to bug her with more questions about her homeland. I asked for a

whiskey and a Cabernet. She said, “That will be \$15.” I wondered if she found out I wasn’t supposed to be here. I asked about the booze being free, and a guy nearby said, “That was only for an hour.”

The groom’s dad came up to me and said, “I hear that you are crashing this event. You should crash the wedding, too.” He told me that he crashed his high school reunion recently. “They wanted something like \$80 a head. I wasn’t going to pay that. I just showed up. One time they asked me to leave. I waited until the organizers left the table area and then snuck back in.”

I saw the waitresses bringing desserts out and grabbed a chocolate-cov-ered strawberry. My date

chose a piece of pie. I heard the bride say that after a party in Vegas, she kicked one of her brides- maids out of the wedding party. I thought things like that only happened in Julia Roberts films.

As I walked to the front of the restaurant to jot my notes, I overheard a blonde woman in black leather tell the guys she was with to whip her. She saw me writing and asked me what I was doing. “It’s a school project,” I told her. She said, “You’re too old to be in school.” I told her that I write about parties and she said, “I went to a party at the Playboy man- sion. When I left, I had a bruised ass.” I said, “Well, you’re telling those guys to whip you. Maybe you should stop telling people that and

you’ll leave places with fewer bruises.” She ignored my advice and said, “I think I had the best boob job in the entire mansion.” She stuck her chest out, and I had no reason to doubt her.

When my date and I got back to the car we saw that the van was still there. It was no longer shaking, and we didn’t hear any sounds coming from it. It had a small vent open on the roof. I said, “I was expecting to see billows of cigarette smoke coming out of that.”■

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The Guild occupies an out-of-the-way location, but don't even think about sneaking there for a secret tryst. Not if you're a foodie, an academic, or any other sort of creative or intellectual type — you'll be spotted by somebody you know, or who knows you. This odd little restaurant feels like a clubby hangout for artists and artisans, with a high ratio of intelligent-looking faces and vaguely bohemian vibes, hairstyles, and outfits. At my first "scouting" visit, when the Guild had been open a mere five weeks, I noticed chef Michele Coulon at one table, Bread & Cie boss Charlie Kaufman at another, and big-time restaurant consultant Pam Wischkaempfer at a third, doing lots of table-hopping. The second visit, with the Lynvester and posse, we didn't encounter any culinary celebs, but old friends of Samurai Jim were sitting at the next table. Feels all warm and cozy to find such a community scene in sprawling San Diego.

The restaurant began as a joint project of architect/metal sculptor Paul Basile (who designed the dome on Hotel Solamar, among other awesome projects) and businesswoman Linda Karp. Paul has transformed a former industrial space into a colorful, artisanal café, with a bar-lounge in one room, a warren of intimate dining rooms, and, through the back window, a view of his sculpture workshop, where you may see sparks flying if he's at his labors. Unclothed acrylic-topped tables, ranging from little two-tops to banquet seating for a dozen, display stylish, heavy metal rings around black napkins and weighty forks and knives. Alongside are corked bottles of water (help yourself) and medium-size white salad plates, which you'll be using to eat on from the portions served on central platters. If you're not sitting on a banquette, you'll be occupying a Basile-designed one-armed wooden chair, complete with purse hook in back, resembling a college lecture-hall chair (but with its arm too narrow for note-taking). "International lounge music" (as the chef calls the genre) plays softly over the sound system. Conversing is no problem.

Chef Melissa Mayer is a professional artist (painting and photography) who fell into food as another compelling art form. Her succinct menu (about 18 items long) features worldwide cuisine, with some emphasis on Asia and Mexico. The dishes offer modest portions, designed



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for sharing and nibbling. For the most pleasure, figure on ordering two to three dishes per person — and bring one or more companions to eat with.

Quite a few of the dishes are topped with poufs of extraordinary "foams," and these are reliably the highlights of the menu. To the best of my knowledge, "foam" was invented in the '90s by genius chef/mad scientist Ferran ("molecular gastronomy") Adria at El Bulli, his fabled restaurant near Barcelona. Since then, it's spread through the culinary world, such that American cooking-school students now all seem to graduate with a minor in foams and froths. Trendy chefs in America's foodie cities have taken up the technique mainly to provide amusing, tingly textures (and to show off their culinary hipness). But Mayer takes foam seriously, as a way to vary and intensify tastes. Her full-flavored creations imbue the dishes with fresh shadings and complementary flavors, taking the role that heavier sauces, gravies, and reductions play in more conventional "fine cuisine." But unlike simple

gravies, foams combine complex mixtures of ingredients that open up in the making to become more distinct. They're great fun, too, of course — but there's nothing frivolous or arbitrary about them. They belong to Mayer's food the way paint belongs on canvas.

"Caprese — A Study," for instance, is a remarkable molded version of the Italian classic of fresh mozzarella, tomato, and

basil, poured out of a glass cylinder into a stack on the plate. The layers of mozzarella and tomatoes (amazingly ripe for early spring) benefit from an infusion of blended, strained pesto. The crowning touch is the tall, intense layer of basil foam on top. It not only tastes like fresh basil, it tastes *better*, embracing all the other ingredients in a sensual fuzziness. Not only does the texture literally tickle the tongue, but its flavor bestows the gift of life to a nice but overly familiar Italian restaurant staple, transforming it into manna fit for sportive Roman gods. Yes, it's really that good.

"Unexpected Greek Salad" enjoys the same pattern — instead of a clichéd platter piled with romaine, tomatoes, and cucumber slices, it arrives as

The Guild Restaurant and Lounge ★★★ (Very Good)

1805 Newton Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-564-7584, www.theguildrestaurant.com.

HOURS: Tuesday–Saturday, Continental breakfast (coffee and pastries) 7:00–11:00 a.m.; lunch 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; dinner 4:00–10:00 p.m.

PRICES: \$5–\$15 per plate (about \$30 per person for dinner before tip, including wine).

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Eclectic "small plates," for sharing, with worldwide flavors and a sense of fun. International boutique wines, including sakes, most available by the glass and half-glass and easily affordable. Creative cocktails made with shochu (high-potency Korean rice wine); no distilled liquor.

PICK HITS: Anything with foam on top, plus chèvre and artichoke brûlée, "farm + vine" (cheese plate with wine flight), "piña colada study" (dessert).

NEED TO KNOW: Reservations advisable for dinner any evening. Ask for directions or check map, especially if arriving via city streets rather than I-5. Restaurant is south of where freeway ramps bisect the barrio. Calm-to-lively sound level, always conversational. Four lactovegetarian dishes.

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REVIEW NAOMI WISE

a neat cylindrical stack topped by a completely different blessing of foam. The salad, featuring baby arugula, is intense, green, and pungent with fresh herbs (mint, oregano, and dill) and topped with a fluffy white tzatziki foam made of puréed cucumbers, goat yogurt, goat feta, and egg-free mayo. (The lactose-intolerant can order it safely, thanks to the substitutions of goat products for cow's milk.)

"Tres Queso Stuffed Roasted Pasilla" has a large, semi-mild roasted, skinned chile filled with a trinitational combination of feta, gorgonzola, and Mexican *queso fresco* cheeses, napped with a creamy Mexican-style red sauce. On the side

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is a steel ramekin of serrano–lime soda foam to slather on top. (The soda takes the place of the customary water in the foam recipe, adding another flavor note.) This foam is more creamy than bubbly, and the chile serrano in it is well tamed. Wild as it sounds, it's comfort food.

“Toyo Ito,” tuna sashimi, is another froth-topped palate-pleaser. It arrives as a cocktail in a large glass, filled with cubes of silky crimson yellowfin tuna (from the prized belly) mixed with avocado, spicy Asian chile-sesame oil, and red Hawaiian sea salt. On top is a generous fluff of fresh-grated wasabi root foam with a powerhouse kick. This is the opposite of comfort food (make sure to fill your water glass before tackling it), packing a punch that stops just short of overwhelming the sensuality of the fish.

But not by the foam alone can you find good food here. The chef also has a fine palate for cheeses. My gang loved the chèvre brûlée, rounds of grilled goat cheese over grilled artichoke hearts, dressed in thyme-citrus vinaigrette, each plated over a dainty round of toasted artisan bread from Bread & Cie, the grand bakery that furnishes all the house breads (and the breakfast pastries). It's deceptively simple, deeply satisfying.

We also reveled in “Farm + Vine,” a mutable selection of three cheeses with an optional flight of matched wines. This is a great way to start your first dinner here, if for no other reason than to sample some of the obscure boutique wines on the list. At one visit, the cheeses were a full-fat cheese studded with black truffle, a Humboldt fog chèvre, and a firm, nutty cheese resembling Emmen-thaler (without the holes). The wines were a Zolo Torrontes from Spain (a lively, mouth-filling white), a Barrel 27 Viognier (a bit sweeter but equally lush), and a tannic red Tempranillo. On future visits, both those whites are in my sights. Incidentally, one of the special joys of eating here is that most wines are not only available by the glass, but by the half-glass — perfect for designated drivers, inquisitive tipplers, and commitment-phobic personalities. (Say, what a way to check out your date before you get too serious! Does he or she order a half or full glass?)

A certified organic flatiron steak came properly rare with a mini-ramekin of melted butter and a tablespoon filled with Gorgonzola cheese. The small-town Midwesterners at the table (Lynne, Mary Ann, and brother Tom) adored it, but the Chicago and California factions were less sold — even in shared portions, Sam picked at it, Jim

left most of his, and I needed the cheese to boost the flavor. Alongside came lukewarm *frites* (which were also tepid at my first visit, accompanying several other dishes described in the next paragraphs). They may be good when they're hot, but they're not.

These weren't my only reservations. Two dishes that didn't quite live up to their promise involved Maine lobster — not the whole, luscious arthropod, just its skinny legs. The dark coral-colored meat is extracted from those dangling swimmerets, the parts crunched through the shells with your teeth and hoovered up when you really, really want every last taste of lobster. Alas, the meat has only a hint of lobster flavor. It's used here in lobster crabcakes, wherein the mixed sea meats are shredded (no seductive crab lumps), given a coating of pistachio nuts and a swish of Brie crème fraîche sauce, and served with arugula leaves and garlic-mashed potatoes. The whole Michigan contingent loved the cakes. Crazy for Maine lobsters since childhood, I wanted to taste more seafood and felt that the mashed potatoes only got in the way.

The other lobster-leg dish is the “New Haven BLT.” The chef named the sandwich to celebrate the avant-garde architecture scene rising in New Haven, Connecticut, but to an ex–East Coaster it brings to mind something they might serve in the New Haven Railroad club car carrying Masters of the Universe home from Wall Street to Darien. (Such people would probably take lobster in their BLTs for granted and keep tapping on their laptops as they chomp.) In any case, the sandwich is a BLTAL including avocado, arranged as a pair of piled-high cubes between slices of crustless artisan toast, dressed with gentle wasabi mayo. “Cute food,” I murmured.

You get fries with that, and also with Kobe beef sliders, which sorry to say sound better than they work, involving Humboldt Fog, avocado, tomato, basil, and arugula aioli arranged between slices of the same hearty, grainy toast. Here, the bread is a problem, not a plus. You can't easily lift these sliders up like burgers and bite through all the ingredients — the toast constantly threatens to shimmy off on its own. And I'm not the lone voice in the wilderness on this issue — both sets of dinner companions tried this dish and agreed that sometimes — as in sliders — you just need a soft mainstream bun. Brioche bread might do nicely, if you want to get arty.

Sesame-seared yellowfin has a spicy chile sauce and sesame-oil dressing, but our tuna was a bit overseared, and in any case, the dish has become ubiquitous to the point of ennui. Nothing new or thrilling in this rendition. Fish tacos feature dry-grilled mahimahi and

shredded red cabbage in soft mini-tortillas. Alongside come three interesting sauces, including a spicy pale green one — but in this “sharing menu,” diners get no individual spoons among their silverware. The only way to apply sauces is to pour them on, and the only way to taste them before deciding how much you need of each is to rudely dip a finger into the shared ramekins and slurp it off. These were the first taste of San Diego's signature dish for Mary Ann and Tom, who were disappointed. The rest of us strongly recommended that they try again at Blue Waters, Tin Fish, or even Rubio's.

Desserts change from week to week. An apparent mainstay is the chocolate sandwich, which French kiddies eat for breakfast as *pain au chocolate* — crisp white artisan toast spread with melted bittersweet chocolate, here accompanied by a mound of chocolate gelato and a “mini espresso martini” that tasted as if it was smoothed with milk, not cream. It struck me as the sort of dessert made by a chef who's more into savorys than sweets. My companion that evening thought the espresso martini tasted like instant — but the real coffee and espresso served here are excellent. At the second dinner, we did much better with a “Piña Colada Study” — pineapple upside-down cake with a daub of rum coconut ice cream and a small “key lime martini.” The cake is flawless, the martini amusing, and the ice cream heartbreakingly delicious (melting too quickly, like all homemade ice creams without stabilizers). It's a fine dessert for those who like a final bite of sweetness but hate to walk out waddling.

In fact, the Guild is that rare restaurant where you can enjoy numerous distinctive tastes without feeling gluttoned. You can bond with your friends over shared bites and not blow your diet — almost all the dishes have a lightness, an elfin spirit, that's all about flavor and fun and quality, not excess quantity. This would be an ideal lunch spot, since it offers pleasures that don't require a nap afterward. And if you're still dawdling over your 1040, you can take a breather here and enjoy some good vibes and vibrant food at a price that doesn't break the bank.

ABOUT THE CHEF

“I've been cooking forever,” says chef Melissa Mayer. “I've always had a gift for combining flavors. I was always cooking for groups, and my friends urged me to take it up professionally. Then I went to a catered wedding, and they let me into the kitchen. I was amazed by what I saw. The caterers urged me to go to cooking school, and I went through a huge search to find one that would fit me. Most of them just seemed to be after my money — I'd visit them and find the students cutting

up chickens and chopping carrots, things I already knew how to do.... Then I had the good fortune of meeting chef Ann Bryan about two years ago. She'd worked for the Robert Kennedy family, at Roy's in Hawaii, and in a restaurant in Argentina, where they're so passionate about their food. She'd been all over the world — and she was looking for someone to mentor. She taught me everything she knew.”

I asked how Mayer learned enough about the restaurant business to go professional and how she got her first restaurant job starting as head chef. “I've worked at restaurants since I was 20, from fine dining to extremely high volume, so I understand how restaurants work,” she said. “Then a friend of mine who knew Paul Basile told me he was opening up this place in Barrio Logan and urged me to call him. I got the job by cooking for him and Linda [Karp] — by executing instead of just talking. It turned out, this is what they'd been wanting to do all along. During the months it took to get it open, I engaged in really intense research in what it takes to make a restaurant successful.... Sometimes I feel like I'm leading this marvelous life where things just come to me. I feel so privileged to be able to use my talent.”

I asked about her philosophy of foam. “I never liked the fact that foams were airy and light but didn't provide much flavor,” she said, “so I put in a lot of ingredients to give them flavor as well as texture. My foams are a little heavier. I think it's about being able to push the chemistry further. I use lemon juice or lime soda in place of water. Most have some cream. Then I add whatever the main flavor ingredients are — a lot of them, like six or eight ounces of the primary flavor — purée it and pass it through a fine-mesh sieve. Then I put it into a charger container and charge it with nitrous oxide and chill it.

“A lot of people still think that foams are just a novelty, and I already know that San Diego is the culinary cul-de-sac of America. But here in Barrio Logan, people are really serious about what they do. At night the streets are empty, but during the daytime the neighborhood is bustling, with these great little Mexican restaurants where everybody is working so hard to make the best food they can. That's what we're about, too.

“We serve small dishes, because I think it's better to eat in smaller amounts and pay more attention to flavor. In America, quality so often gets compromised for quantity. With our menu and our wine list, you don't have to commit to a dish or a wine, you can sample a range of tastes. It's really about enjoying an experience with friends, the way food has been enjoyed historically.” ■



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Inside, man...it's a world of drapes. Reds, yellows, whites, greens, alcoves, wispy little pavilions. ... At the cash desk, Cindy, a short blonde girl with blue eyes who slips seamlessly from Arabic to English, tells us we can sit "anywhere." We cut through a doorway into a room flowing with drapes, veils, and, wow, royal-blue velvet hangings with, like, gold scrolling on them. And in the middle, a luxurious little tent, a kind of gazebo of greens and golds straight out of a medieval jousting tournament, or a sheikh's oasis encampment. We go inside and sit down at the table there.

"*Thousand and One Nights*, right?" says Hank.

I stare at the menu, listening to the burble of conversation — in Arabic, of course — and the clinks of spoons and forks. Groups nearby, men and women, share oval-shaped silver platters laden with food. The women are dressed in long robes. The drumbeat of an Arabic song sets the seal on the atmosphere. Love it.

Cindy arrives. "Any dish will fill you," she says when I ask. Some are a little up there. Lamb tekka (chunks of lamb charcoal-cooked on skewers) is \$13, fried fish is \$14, chicken kabob runs \$12. So I check out lesser dishes like half a roasted chicken on rice (\$7) and 'tweeners like the "potato chop," which is six pieces of "baked, crushed potato pie," stuffed with beef and then fried (\$9.95), or the cool-sounding *kobba musilia*, a "crushed-wheat pie stuffed with beef and fried" (\$11).

"I'll have the half-chicken," says Hank, with a practiced air, "and a Greek salad, small" (\$4).

Hmm. Aside from the kabobs (\$9.50–\$15), they have dishes like lamb liver (\$9.95), lamb heart (\$9.95), or three quails (\$12). Or, hey, rice and stew, \$7.

"The stew would be filling enough?" I ask.

"Everything, everything is filling," Cindy says. "But, have what Chaldeans have, every day, just about. The *kousi*."

I do a rapid check. It's lamb shank "served with rice and your choice of stew, \$12."

Does seem a little pricey, but...

I go for it.

Good call. The results of our choices are...oh man. I can't believe the spread. For starters, Cindy brings a "medium-sized" Greek salad. Read: way big. "The cook had started this anyway," she says. "I'll only charge for the small." Then she brings Hank a giant half-chicken on a bed of rice with more salad on the side, including pink pickled turnip slices, and then my large lamb shank on a bed of bulgur wheat, also with pickled turnips and lettuce and parsley. And then a bowl filled with

margha, an okra stew in a tomatoey, garlicky sauce to put over my bulgur wheat, and finally, heavens to Betsy, two great breads, hot out of the tandoor, each as big and round as an elephant's foot. The table doesn't have an inch to spare.

The lamb shank is delicious, and so is the okra on the bulgur.

"You should bring a couple more friends and order the 'Feast for Three People,'" says this gent, Dean, who I'd seen sipping tea and reading what looked like a well-used copy of the Bible. Must be Chaldean. Christian. I see that the "feast" has about nine kabob skewers, *shawarma* meat, salad, rice, hummus...it must be that great oval platter the next table over. "It will feed six, no problem," says Dean.

It costs \$36.95. Deal, if it feeds six.

Soon we're talking with his friend Othman Kalasho, who started this place. And soon Othman's taking us 'round seven panels on the wall that show how Ali Baba found the treasure of the 40 thieves (by saying "Open Sesame!" at a cave door). "Ali Baba was one of the tales the beautiful Scheherazade told King Shahryar to keep him from executing her," says Othman. "She talked for 1001 nights."

"What about this decor?" I ask him. "Why go to so much trouble?"

"The whole place is decorated to be like the tent of the King of Arabia. Middle-Eastern people like to sit in a tent. It makes you more relaxed. We are sentimental about it. It's more sympathetic than four hard walls."

Wow. How wonderful. Guess it's like us hanging (sorry, Hank) for the Wild West. Saloons,



Othman Kalasho

horses, wide-open spaces. *Lonesome Dove*. Othman says it harks back to the past of a desert people, when you could pull up stakes and just go, whenever you wanted. No one telling you what to do, except for that stern mother, Nature.

I finish off with a little cup of way-strong, sweet Arabic coffee (\$1). So good with sweets.

On the way out, I notice a sign in Arabic. "What's that?" I ask Othman's son Ronny.

"That says we'll cook a whole lamb for you, with rice and *shawarma* and noodles and raisins, for \$200. Enough to feed 30."

"Now that," I say to Hank, "would be style. Let's throw a party for 30 of our best friends."

"You have 30 friends?"

"When they hear we have a whole roasted lamb, I will." ■

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"They're very German — their whole mentality is, 'We've been here for 600 years.'"

You'll notice these labels don't look like German labels," says Damon Goldstein, walking me through his storeroom at Truly Fine Wine on Morena. What he means is that the labels are relatively simple — no ornate filigree, no daunting calligraphy-style lettering, no ostentatious family crests. Some of the multi-syllabic terminology endures — Spätburgunder Beerenauslese, anyone? — but there is a new simplicity at work, a new attempt to fit in and reach out. "That's because our average vintner is probably in his mid- to late 30s," explains Damon. "They're young guys, doing things in a very forward-thinking way."

But when Damon and wife Sabrina Bochen journeyed to Germany to find previously unexported wines for their new retail/import/distributor operation, they discovered that the forward thinking went only so far forward. "I said to them, 'We want to be an extension of who you are in the U.S.' We will always be specialists in German wines; we like the idea of carving out a microniche for ourselves and getting really good at it. I've always had that sort of brand mentality" — perhaps the fruit of running a franchise restaurant company with his brother for four years. But, he found, "These guys don't market or brand. They just don't really believe in it." Decades of negative fallout from Blue Nun and

Liebfraümilch would probably be enough to account for that, but there's also the matter of tradition. "They're very German — their whole mentality is, 'We've been here for 600 years. We sell out of our cellars, and we sell out every year."

Why do we need to sell to the U.S.?' For most of the estates, it was the flatter-factor that interested them. They were so flattered by the fact that some couple from the U.S. would come over to meet them, try their wines, and bring them over here."

Even so, they hesitated when they heard what Damon was after. "They'll sell 50–70,000 bottles a year out of their cellar, but they'll hand sell it, with the average customer buying a case. People have been coming for 30 years. That's how they do business, and here I was, showing up and saying, 'We'll be taking two pallets. I need 50 cases of this, 20 of that.' They were blown away."

On top of that, this eager American was asking for exclusivity. "That was a big step for a lot of these guys. When they do business in Germany, it's a handshake. But my goal is to get these wines reviewed, and I'd like to reap the reward of doing the work. If they sell them to every other importer in the U.S., where does that leave me?" Particularly if another, larger importer decides to eliminate the competition by scooping up everything available for the U.S. market.

The vintners were hesitant. But Damon managed to move a fair amount of product in his first six weeks of business, thanks in part to his felicitous location. It may be small, and it may be set back from the road, but the road it's set back from is the road to Costco. Those initial sales were strong enough for Damon to revise his business plan and for his German suppliers to sign on. Now all he has to do is keep selling.

So far, that means keeping customers happy and hoping for good word-of-mouth. "My customer base in the first three months has provided enough business for us to break even. If I can do that, then I don't need to go out and kill myself to do business with people who aren't that interested." And there are plenty of people who aren't all that interested. "In my first two months, I called about 300–500 restaurants, hotels — people all across the board. I didn't get a ton of reception. I had a lot of unreturned phone calls. I had people schedule appointments and not show up. I said to my wife, 'This is going to be an exercise in futility.'"

Sabrina would have none of it. "She told me, 'Let's focus on our core — the customers who come in and just love us. They're trying this stuff, they're raving about it to their friends.' Find your niche and work on it. "We launched a store at WineCommune. We launched an eBay store. We've got our personal website" — chock-full of detail about Truly Fine Wine's producers, its particular wines, and German wine in general. "I've got a lot of my customers' contact information, and I'll e-mail and say, 'How are you doing? Are you enjoying the wines? We're going



Vineyards along the Mosel in Germany

to be doing this German wine tasting. Would you like to come out? We sold it out, just like that."

The German wine tasting was the fruit of a collaboration between Truly Fine Wine, Chef Axel Bistro in La Mesa, and Lindsay Pomeroy of the Wine Smarties. Says Damon, "I got introduced to Lindsay Pomeroy of Wine Smarties through Jason Schaeffer" — chef at 1500 Ocean. "He's my neighbor in OB. He knows Sheila Tracy, who's working on the Ivy Hotel project downtown, and she put me in touch with Lindsay. Lindsay was down here a week later for a private tasting." The two found a willing partner in chef Axel, and the three matched up five courses with five wines. Crisp sauerkraut cakes with smoked sausage and rosemary-garlic mushrooms got a half-dry Spätlese from the Rheingau; salmon with cucumber-dill salad merited a dry Riesling in the Charta style. Damon suspects that it might have been the first time so many of his customers had ventured so far into East County for dinner, but he's pretty sure they left happy.

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and the California Restaurant Association. I'm working with the San Diego National Association of Catering Executives. This is a business where you sort of need to be in front of people. Right now, we're probably at about 70 percent retail, 30 percent wholesale. I think that will eventually start to switch over — my larger intention is to distribute. But in order for that to happen, the wines have to be known. People have to say, 'I saw where the Bles-Ferber got rated in whatever — where do I get it?' ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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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 welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 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 numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

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 Dungeness 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 renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Pacific 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 low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. "Pacific Dine-In" offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W. (6/05)*

Paradise Grille Flower Hill Promenade, 2690 Via de la Valle (at I-5 off-ramp), 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 order. 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 out-sourced 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 lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

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, block-long 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 Cali-

fornia) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and 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)*

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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-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ

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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 Biscocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen 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 delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Oppen, 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, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and din-

ner. 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

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a "country inn" on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-price cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday diners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/05)

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

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, 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)

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice

sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — 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 chef-owner 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 of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At this Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

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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 temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-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 filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pan-niwiches" 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 rib-eye 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)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

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 come 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 Levantine-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 vieja* ("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 *alcapurria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-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, man-size-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* (fried noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover

the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

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-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, 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. "Oysters 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 all-you-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 Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood 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. Splish 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 Boulevard (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 *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoadá* 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 family-owned-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 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 gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, 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 in-house. Bakery and breakfast daily; no lunch or dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus "over 150 items daily." Certainly they have great surfturf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramping? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

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 Mooninggies 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)*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. €Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible mommy 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)*

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a



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“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 sit-down meal, there’s a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. 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. — N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don’t come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio’s). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors’ choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don’t miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, especially flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-sari’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)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB’s boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It’s often crowded and noisy. Who’s gonna be picky here? You, when you’re paying twenty-some bucks for a steak. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf-n-turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — E.B. (1/04)

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. — E.B. (6/05)

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 inconsistent. 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 international 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 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 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. — E.B. (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You’re in a big glass palace here. It’s especially good on 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, Lao-tians replace them. Maps of “Kam-puchea” decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for “*djak kvai coffay dok ko*” — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy (“*koitiow bahat sai kho*”). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, “re-established” in 1998), if your meat’s done wrong, it’s your own fault. Every night’s an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or 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 Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast “Eggs and Cakes” (two eggs, three pancakes), the “Touchdown” (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the “Monte Cristo” hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it’s no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — E.B. (4/05)



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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 build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Taste of African Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb 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

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food before slim spelled “success.” Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the “NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.” sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty antique-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. (“With syrup” breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) 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 changing 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

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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)*

Bamboo Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian Fusion Cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/05)*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' eight-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!" an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: coffee comes by the thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

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 fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast

through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon- and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (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)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. — *N.W. (5/05)*

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 Songri" (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. — *N.W. (5/06)*

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 Mediterranean 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 *zamordad 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)*

Phil's BBQ 4030 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-688-0559. Check the lines around Phil's any lunchtime. Although Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. New location at 3750 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena, 619-226-6333. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/06)*

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. 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 rustic-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 seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

DOWNTOWN

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Avenue (near F), Gaslamp, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed

with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharon de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in "Maggie's sauce." Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/06)*

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, 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 chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items 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 mirade restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most

entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobbler, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. "Khoresh Bademjan" is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. "Barg" is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Open lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/06)*

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-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommends sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered



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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 Monday through Friday. 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 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/06)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi, 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 fat-fest 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 includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as 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 live 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. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various 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. 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, 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 and fresh macadamia-crust halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to “melt in your mouth”) and even the desserts offer some old favorites 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, 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* — a 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 surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with “chocolate milk,” slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — E.B. (9/04)

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom 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)

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with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee'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* taste buds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

BAJA

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Cien Años Calle José María Velasco #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 mezzal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (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 "Saran-deado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of... countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are gen-

erous (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, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become *the* destination restaurant south

of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an 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 low-moderate 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 Valley) — 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 flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, 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 taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will 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 fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a \$1 shuttle tram, 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. Good-sized servings, too — try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

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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The three-hour-plus running time comes to seem increasingly inexcusable.

It sounded like a fun idea at first. Two movies in one, a prepackaged double feature, in emulation of, or tribute to, the Golden Age exploitation films of the Sixties and Seventies, the last of the B-pictures, the Joe Bob Briggs drive-in movies, the 42nd Street grindhouse fare. It would be called, bluntly, *Grindhouse*, though each of the two movies under that heading would have its own name, *Planet Terror* and *Death Proof*, directed by separate hands, and each would be preceded by one or more fake trailers for nonexistent titles such as *Machete* and *Werewolf Women of the SS*. So far, so fun. But the more I heard about it, and thought about it, the less fun it started to sound.

First off, the designated directors, Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, those tasteless connoisseurs of cinema, looked to be bad bets to carry it off with straight faces and restrained egos. Hadn't they, in any event, done this already, Rodriguez directing and Tarantino writing, in *From Dusk till Dawn*, a schizophrenic graft of two distinct genres? And the reported running time of three hours and ten minutes — a concrete measure of unrestrained egos — sounded wildly excessive, even

before I discovered, in the thick of it, the quaint device of the “missing reel” in each film, complete with apologetic title cards from the theater management: “Sorry for the inconvenience.” This device, not just from the time-saving standpoint (another “missing reel” or two would not have been missed), is genuinely a good idea, redolent of

Poverty Row moviegoing. So, too, is the simulation of scratched celluloid, splicelike skips, loose-sprocket jumps. But the modern settings of the films (text-messaging in both of them; a topical allusion to Osama bin Laden, the late Osama bin Laden, in the first one; the ludicrous casting of an A-list star, Nicolas Cage, as Fu Manchu in one of the fake trailers) transport these devices to the realm of the alternative universe, where badly beat-up prints with missing reels are still today showing in the shopping-mall multiplex, and where even the lowest budget can afford the swankiest CGI. In our present universe, as you will have noticed, the trash sensibility of yesteryear did not go underground; it came above-ground. Better funded, better promoted, better assimilated. Like *Grindhouse*.

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Grindhouse

The Rodriguez half of the equation, in addition to its torrent of end-to-end scratches, proves to be as grainy as a sandpainting. Nominally, it's a rudimentary post-Romero, sub-Romero zombie film, but the genre is neither here nor there. The film, more honestly, is an out-and-out comedy, not precisely a parody, and might actually be funny to those — you know who you are —

who can take delight in exploding bodies, blown-off heads, severed limbs, ballooning boils, squirting pus, and, the pièce de résistance, a mason jar of castrated testicles. (The winks keep coming: the Michael Parks character, the Texas lawman Earl McGraw, is incestuously handed down from *From Dusk till Dawn* and *Kill Bill*, and then passed over, together with the Marley

Shelton character, Dr. Block, into the second half of the twin bill.) Even if you cannot go along on the path it has chosen — the jokey, the hyperbolic, the steroidal, the over-the-top — you can at least see how it's connected to the starting point.

The Tarantino half of the equation, on the other hand, seems oddly to have not gotten the idea. Or any-



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way, to have gotten a completely different, divergent idea. (The Texas lawman who has been bagging zombies will understandably be a bit blasé about a mere multiple murderer.) Smoother and slicker on the surface, more primping and preeningly directed, this segment features two separate sessions of girtalk (smothered in sauce) among two separate groups of girls (one group of victims, another of avengers), each session concluded with a burst of automotive action to complement the reverential references to *Vanishing Point*, a pretentiously existential, and perfectly middle-of-the-mainstream, nonstop car-chase thriller from 1971: “It’s just one of the best American movies ever made!”

If the old-fashioned, computer-free stuntwork of the climax — woman on the hood of a rear-ended and sideswiped speeding car — arouses a certain admiration and anxiety (the woman, Zoë Bell, is a stuntwoman

playing a stuntwoman: don’t try this at home, kids), this is more than cancelled out by the infuriating lack of effort to find opportunities to get her safely off the hood. Tarantino’s offering, in the final analysis, follows the form of neither the high-octane road movie nor the misogynistic homicidal-maniac movie. (Kurt Russell, as the scar-faced serial road-killer, certainly gives it his all, including an impertinent impression of John Wayne, and an amusingly unmanly reaction when the tables are turned.) Wordy, slow, schematic, and ill-proportioned, this second half occupies a personal limbo, outside any recognizable genre, where Tarantino is content simply to listen to the sound of his own writing. The three-hour-plus running time comes to seem increasingly inexcusable. (And at the same time, the hit-and-run trailers by different directors altogether, particularly the well-polished horror parody by England’s Edgar Wright, start to seem a brighter idea.) *Grindhouse* in the long run is a grind indeed. Anyone wanting to relive the experience of Golden Age exploitation would do better to see *Black Snake Moan*. All it lacks are the scratches and a second bill.

The Page Turner is a slow-cooking revenge tale from France, and from the hitherto unknown director, Denis Dercourt. The heroine, as a little girl and aspiring pianist, gets thrown off in her scholarship audition when one of the judges, a female pianist of some renown, takes time out in mid-performance to sign an autograph. Right then and there the little girl, as the phrase has it, turns a page. She shuts away the bust of Beethoven in a cabinet and locks up the keyboard for keeps. Years later, now a big girl, she worms her way into the employ of this same pianist, first as the substitute baby-sitter for her piano-practicing son, then as the literal page turner for the pianist herself, who is readying a concert-stage comeback in a piano trio — Shostakovich, Schubert — two years after a traumatizing car accident. Our primary identification is with the avenger, even though we are not privy to her plan (what’s the fitting reprisal for a dashed dream?), but our sympathy is much more with her emotionally vulnerable target, who reveals herself to be no simple prima donna. The avenger comes across as something more of a hypothesis than a human

being, a limitation underlined by the flat, opaque, expressionless acting of Déborah François, so natural in her first film, the Dardenne brothers’ *L’Enfant*, so numb in this second one. The limitation is underlined further by the nuance, the tension, the vibrancy of Catherine Frot as the pianist, and still further by the warmth and directness of Clotilde Mollet as the trio’s violinist. These two demonstrate once again that for actresses of a certain age, the French cinema maintains the friendliest climate on earth.

Black Book brings Paul Verhoeven back to his native Holland, back, that is, from his *Robocop* and his *Basic Instinct* and his *Showgirls* and his *Starship Troopers*, back to the subject of *Soldier of Orange*, the Second World War, the Nazi occupation, the Dutch resistance. A beautiful Jewish chanteuse, dislodged from her hiding place by a random bomb and deprived of her family by a purposeful machine gun, joins the underground and infiltrates Nazi headquarters as a dyed blonde. There are touches of the old Verhoeven we know and loathe: the (discreetly shot) dyeing of the hair down below to match the hair on top, the obliga-

tory vomit scene, the (indiscreetly shot) shower of shit. For the most part, though, this is an orthodox, impersonal, handsome, well-groomed, well-behaved war epic, filled with familiar types (the evil Nazi, the good Nazi, the craven collaborator, the valiant resistance leader, and of course the alluring Mata Hari), far-fetched, hoked-up, “inspired by true events.” Carice van Houten, the new face who plays the beautiful Jew, is indisputably beautiful.

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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 right-minded 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’ distance, 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 time. 2007.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

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Army of Darkness — Sam Raimi's slap-happy sequel to his *Evil Dead II*: the one-handed hero (how he got that way is explained in a cumbersome recap at the outset) is sucked through a time tunnel to the Middle Ages (and a different continent), armed with a custom-fitted chainsaw and a shotgun that more than once materializes out of nowhere. To return to his own time, he must get his hands on the *Necromicon*, but not before uttering roughly the same magic words from *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. Uttering them too roughly, he arouses an army of the dead. Bruce Campbell, with good enough looks to step into the role of Superman, hits and sustains the right note for his anachronistic tough-talk ("All right, you primitive screw-heads, listen up!" and "Yo! She-bitch! Let's go!"); and the general mood of silliness is relaxing if not terribly rib-tickling. 1993. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/14 MIDNIGHT)

Avenue Montaigne — From French writer-director Danièle Thompson, a comedy of discontent, a comedy of attempted self-transformation, a light entertainment with darker undertones. The way station for three principal intertwined plotlines, on the titular swanky boulevard in the 8th Arrondissement of Paris, is the Bar des Théâtres, a "microcosm" composed of the coming-and-going artists, musicians, and theater people, as well as the man on the street, and a place of employment for a waifish newcomer from the provinces (Cécile de France, full of goofy charm if a trifle too conscious of it), the first female employee in this bastion of Old World tradition. All three plotlines, in a frankly corny contrivance, come to a head on the same evening; and because it's a comedy in the commonest sense, the discontent in each case works its way around to a positive change, a bit too neatly for the film's own good. Still, the level of culture in the film, the level of civilization, offers the American moviegoer a rare refuge and respite. Only the French (and maybe, sometimes, to some degree, Woody Allen) could be at such ease, in a completely commercial divertissement, bandying about the names of



Black Book

Simone de Beauvoir, Brancusi, Braque, Beethoven, Feydeau, Resnais, et al. Nowhere else could a sight gag set its sights so high: a tableau of our waifish waitress seated in a row alongside five auditioning actors done up in the guise of Jean-Paul Sartre. With Valérie Lemercier, Albert Dupontel, Laura Morante, Claude Brasseur, Christopher Thompson (the filmmaker's son and her collaborator on the script), and a bilingual Sydney Pollack. 2006. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/12)

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 wallows in it. With gusto. Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci, Justin Timberlake. 2007. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Blades of Glory — Competitive figure skating gets the Will Ferrell treatment: rough and rude. Banned for life from the men's division, two bitter rivals (the macho Ferrell, the femme Jon Heder) return to the ice through a loophole as the first-ever male pair. The main source of humor is your presumed nervousness about homosexuality. Which is to say, it's not as amusing as it is insulting. With Will Arnett, Amy Poehler, Jenna Fischer, Craig T. Nelson, and William Fichtner; co-directed by Will Speck and Josh Gordon. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; Santee Drive In; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Black Book — Reviewed this issue. With Carice van Houten, Sebastian Koch, and Thom Hoffman; directed by Paul Verhoeven. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/13)

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 self-styled expert on the Soviets and secret bed-fellow 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 prelude 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

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grown “close.” Even at almost three hours, it is still only a glimpse. 2006.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/13; KEN, THROUGH 4/12)

I Think I Love My Wife — Into a complacent marriage comes temptation, the wet-lipped Kerry Washington, a Platonic old friend with vertiginous décolletage. Chris Rock is the star, albeit no actor, and he’s also the director and co-writer, nominally inspired by the last of Eric Rohmer’s “Six Moral Tales,” *Chloe in the Afternoon*, 1972. (The “Fin” in place of “The End” is perhaps the strongest evidence.) The first-person narration, however, sets the tone closer to a stand-up routine: “Going to the Auto Show and looking at the minivans was like going to the strip club and looking at the deejay,” rat-a-tat. And even as the torrent of voice-over tapers off, whatever is left on screen seems mere illustration of a comic monologue, mere visual embellishment. Somehow the toil of “dramatic reenactment” takes the edge off the individual voice, dulls it. Gina Torres, Steve Buscemi, Edward Herrmann. 2007. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Journey from the Fall — Writer and director Ham Tran’s tale of postwar Vietnam, starring Kieu Chinh and Long Nguyen. (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Last Mimzy — Kid-friendly end-of-the-world science fiction (adult-tolerant) revolving around a Seattle brother and sister who find a toybox from the future, and inside it a flop-eared stuffed bunny by the name of Mimzy. The founder and studio head of New Line Cinema, Bob Shaye, trusted himself to direct his first film, and the inexperience shows. It does not, however, completely conceal a good idea about time travel and good visual use of Buddhist mandalas. The bunny is an eyesore. Chris O’Neil, Rhiannon Leigh Wryn, Joely Richardson, Timothy Hutton, Michael Clarke Duncan. 2007. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)



The Reaping

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 despise, 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)

The Lookout — Respectable directing debut by the veteran screenwriter of *The Interpreter*, *Minority Report*, *Out of Sight*, *Get Shorty*, *Malice*, etc., Scott Frank. Suffering brain damage in a car wreck four years earlier, still having trouble with his memory and his “sequencing” and his “disinhibition,” writing memos to himself like the protagonist of *Memento*, holding down a dead-end job as the night custodian in a podunk Kansas bank, and replaying past glories on the high-school hockey rink with a “urinal puck” and a floor mop, the shaky young hero is preyed upon by a vamp-for-hire (stage name: Luvlee Lemons) at the bidding of a mangy gang of bank robbers. The only apparent obstacle in their way is the affable deputy who, like clockwork, stops by on his rounds with a box of donuts, and whose wife is ready to give birth any minute. (What odds would you take on *him* making it through alive?) Not overly contrived or clever, just sufficiently; no extraneous action to tide you over till hell breaks loose; well acted by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jeff Daniels (as a wise and witty blind man), Matthew Goode, Isla Fisher, Bruce McGill, pretty much everyone. 2007. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Meet the Robinsons — Dizzying Disney computer cartoon in 3-D. The startling spatial effects, technically unimpeachable, really do add another dimension. But maybe another dimension is not what’s wanted when you are already juggling a mind-tangling time machine, a domestic nuthouse descended from *You Can’t Take It with You*, a Victorian villain of Neanderthal intellect, a displaced dinosaur, a tipped hat to surrealism (Magritte’s bowler), an *hommage* to HAL 9000 in 2001, and more. It’s all a bit much. Make that, more than a bit. The motto and moral of the movie — “Keep moving forward” — will be revealed in the printed epilogue to have come straight from the mouth of Uncle Walt himself, a sweet piece of lip service. Directed by Stephen Anderson. 2007.

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Miss Potter — First directing job for Chris Noonan in the eleven years since *Babe*, an innocuous biopic on the author and illustrator of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, not to mention proto-feminist and proto-environmentalist, who braved the disparagement of gray-souled publishers (“Bunnies in jackets with brass buttons? However do you imagine such things?”), as well as the disparagement of her meddling match-making mother, to produce her first book at the spinsterly age of thirty-two. The role encourages Renée Zellweger to behave a bit like a smug chipmunk sitting on the private knowledge of a secret stash of acorns. Or rather, since the actress served also as an executive producer, you could say she encouraged *herself* to behave like that. The vindication of history, while removing any tension from the proceedings, encourages the viewer to mirror the same smirk. Ewan McGregor is very game and quite charming as the damp-behind-the-ears publisher who gives her her big break and also provides hope (plus the merest wisp of tension) of a matrimonial Happily Ever After. And Bill Paterson, as the Potter paterfamilias, models a prodigious set of muttonchops. The touches of animation which bring the drawings of Beatrix Potter to life are too few to have been worth the bother, but not too few to imply dissatisfaction with, if not further disparagement of, those drawings. Must we regard her as a proto-animator, too? With Emily Watson and Barbara Flynn. 2006.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.

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The Namesake — Soggy, sloppy family saga, adapted from the novel by Jhumpa Lahiri, spanning from Calcutta 1977 to New York City present day, and for the title figure, christened Gogol after the 19th-century Russian writer, spanning from mere gleam-in-the-eye to aspiring architect, engagement-breaker, husband and then cuckold. The passage of time, so effortless on the page, is rather a strain on the cast, although Irrfan Khan and Tabu as the father and mother handle it better than the young and younger actors who, at different times, play the protagonist and his eventual bride. All of the main characters are decently individualized, but the meat-and-potatoes theme, or possibly curry-and-rice theme, of Indian traditionalism vs. progressivism, especially as regards choosing a mate, drags them into the commonplace. Director Mira Nair has trod this ground before, in *Monsoon Wedding*, with a livelier step. Kal Penn, Jacinda Barrett, Zuleikha Robinson. 2007. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 twenty-three (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 hard-boiled 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 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 Spotless Mind*. With Virginia Madsen, Logan Lerman, Danny Huston. 2007. ● (GASLAMP 15)

The Page Turner — Reviewed this issue. With Déborah François, Catherine Frot, Pascal Greggory, and Clotilde Mollet; directed by Denis Dercourt. ★★ (KEN, 4/13 THROUGH 18)

Pan's Labyrinth — Guillermo del Toro, the migrant Mexican filmmaker, returns to the place and time of his Spanish Civil War ghost story, *The Devil's Backbone*, more precisely post-Civil War, mid-WWII. He centers on a preadolescent girl (wide-eyed, plump-lipped Ivana Baquero) chided by her nine-months-pregnant mother (Ariadna Gil, very intense) as too old to be still filling her head with the "nonsense" of fairy tales, especially since she has moved beneath the roof of her wicked stepfather (Sergi López, campily over the top), a Francoist martinet busily stamping out rebels in the woods, who has little tolerance for a child of another bloodline but is eager to get his leather-sheathed hands on his biological baby in his wife's womb. Much more welcoming of the little girl is the mythological faun (real or imagined?), the guardian of the off-limits garden, who identifies the newcomer straight off as the prodigal daughter of the King of the Underworld (what are the odds?). Del Toro, almost in spite of himself, is not altogether guiltless of conventional, parental, puritanical strictures against fairy tales. In his scrupulous, perhaps overscrupulous, balance of dark fantasy and brutal history, tilted (politically, diplomatically) a little toward the latter, he leaves nothing to chance.

He establishes the Importance of his theme through the unassailable realm of Fascists and freedom fighters, and he connects that world to the parallel universe of fairy tales in a way that can best be termed didactic, academic, studied, possibly stifling. He makes a case. He does not make magic. Far more than *The Devil's Backbone*, the film that keeps coming to mind, always to this one's disadvantage, is Victor Erice's *Spirit of the Beehive*, 1973. That one, having in common a post-Civil War backdrop and a gullible little girl, made very much the same points, together with others, and made them more subtly, more ambiguously, more poetically; made them, moreover, while Franco was still in power; and made them without recourse to special effects beyond a Halloween get-up of Frankenstein's monster. Del Toro never lets his special effects here, some of them pretty tacky and icky, take over to the same extent as in his comic-book Hollywood movies (*Blade II*, *Hellboy*), but a mere black-gloved sadist, even with an open gash on his cheek, has a hard time holding his own against an arbo-real goat-god, an insectile pixie, a featureless humanoid with eyes in the palms of his hands, an obscene giant toad, a Tim Burton-esque airless sunless tangled landscape, and so forth. 2006. ★ (LA PALOMA)

Perfect Stranger — Suspense film with Halle Berry, Bruce Willis, and Giovanni Ribisi, directed by James Foley. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/13)

Premonition — Time-tripping thriller wherein a normal, average, earthbound housewife and mother, whose parenting skills seem to consist solely of addressing her two daughters as "Baby," wakes up on alternate days to find that her husband is dead, not yet dead, again dead, not yet dead, and so forth. "Something," she intuitively, "is seriously fucked up with this situation." At one point, she attempts to sort out the scrambled events on a hand-drawn calendar grid, but this doesn't clear up all confusion. Key question: will her advance knowledge of the fatal car crash allow her somehow to prevent it? Next question: will her additional knowledge of her husband's amorous dalliance at the office prevent her from *wanting* to prevent it? Your curiosity may be aroused (if never satisfied), but just as likely it may not. One potential impediment is Sandra Bullock's strange sedation, and another is director Mennan Yapo's preference for romantic goop over psychic tingle. Julian McMahon, Nia Long, Kate Nelligan, Amber Valletta, Peter Stormare. 2007. ● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Reaping — A miracle-debunker from LSU struggles to explain the sequence of Old Testament plagues visited upon a Bayou backwater called Haven. A sense of awe never arises, only a sense of awful. Hilary Swank and Idris Elba excepted and absolved. With David Morrissey, Stephen Rea, and AnnaSophia Robb; directed by Stephen Hopkins. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Reign over Me — Adam Sandler drama, maybe "dramedy," definitely not comedy, stretching the comedian in the role of a 9/11 widower with PTSD, an impudent excuse for him to act like a Problem Child, hanging his Dylan-haired head, ignoring direct questions, immersing himself in video games, hiding inside his headphones, bang-

SEEN ON
DVD

BETH ACCOMANDO
KPBS film critic and curator, *Film School Confidential*

What I like about curating *Film School Confidential: A Showcase of San Diego Student Films* is the chance to see works by young filmmakers. As I prep for this weekend's event, it makes me think of first features that really grabbed my attention. Quentin Tarantino's *Reservoir Dogs* is one. What I love about Tarantino's films is his delirious love for movies. He's having so much fun that it's infectious.

The title of Hal Hartley's first film — *The Unbelievable Truth* — makes clear that this is a filmmaker fascinated by contradiction. The film has a smart, literary quality and Hartley's dialogue has a unique and oddly poetic cadence. The film stars the luminous Adrienne Shelly, who was recently murdered.

I'd mention Francis Coppola's UCLA thesis project, *You're a Big Boy Now*, but it's not yet available on DVD. It's silly, appealing, and very different from the epics that would bring him fame.

RESERVOIR DOGS (USA) 1992, Lions Gate
List price: \$14.98

THE UNBELIEVABLE TRUTH (USA) 2001, Anchor Bay
List price: \$13.99

PHIL NENNA
Graphic designer, *Film School Confidential*

Twin Peaks Season Two is finally on DVD. This set contains some of television's finest moments. Director David Lynch's convention-defying series about "Who killed Laura Palmer?" is truly stellar entertainment. This set a standard that still hasn't been matched by network television.

Volkerball is Rammstein's excellent multidisc set focusing on a concert in Nîmes, France, from their Reise Reise tour. Great sound, great performance, and an awesome stage show. If you like your music loud, fast, complex, and in German, then this one's for you. And of course there's fire.

Okay, *The Manitou* is a guilty pleasure. This '70s film is so bad it's great. Tony Curtis battles a two-foot-tall American-Indian demon that pops out of Susan Strasberg's neck. The acting's great, but the script and direction are mind-numbing at times. A friend swears this is the greatest film ever made. Umm, alright. Anyway, thanks Anchor Bay!

FRANCIS WEIDINGER
Staff, *Film School Confidential*

"Hey now!" *Larry Sanders* was the funniest show on television. Imagine *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, behind the scenes, on steroids, and with plenty of cussing and Hollywood backstabbing. Every situation is totally believable and at the same time poking wicked fun at the whole entertainment industry.

Rushmore is one of my favorite movies. My favorite soundtrack of all time: The Who, The Kinks, Cat Stevens, The Faces, John Lennon, and more. Jason Schwartzman plays an overachieving teenager who never quite gets it right, but still takes control of every part of his high school and life. It's inspiring.

The Right Stuff is total macho, done right. Sam Shepard is awesome. The '60s, test pilots, astronauts, and the politics of space travel — "No bucks, no Buck Rogers." Start this movie and at the same time play *The Dark Side of the Moon*, a better match than *The Wizard of Oz*.

THE LARRY SANDERS SHOW: THE ENTIRE FIRST SEASON (USA) 1992, Sony Pictures
List price: \$28.79 (three discs)

RUSHMORE (USA) 1999, Criterion Collection
List price: \$39.99

THE RIGHT STUFF (USA) 1983, Warner
List price: \$26.98 (two discs)

LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS[18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/13)

300 — Like *Sin City*, this takes its material from a "graphic novel" by Frank Miller, and in turn it takes from the film treatment of that one — or to be more precise, director Zack Snyder takes from director Robert Rodriguez — the same, or similar, unnatural light, "virtual" backgrounds, coarse-grained surface, drained color, cadaverous complexions, etc. The same look applied to the same source will obviously not possess the same originality. *Sin City*, to make a fine distinction, was in black-and-white, sort of, almost, whereas *300* is almost, sort of, in color; but still. (*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, without any inspiration from Frank Miller, was an even earlier trailblazer.) The material here is of course quite different, a comic-book retelling of the Battle of Thermopylae, 480 B.C., in which a modest company of Spartan warriors lowered the odds against "the most massive army ever assembled" by funneling the Persian invaders into the narrow pass known as the Hot Gates. Western democracy, if you please, versus Middle East tyranny, as relevant to our own times as any Bushian gas about "evildoers" and "WMDs." But there is actual, ancient his-

ing on a set of drums, throwing public tantrums, distracting attention from the more involving troubles and better performance of Don Cheadle as an old dental-school roommate, all to the purpose of putting off the dreaded moment of "opening up" and turning on the waterworks. Writer-director Mike Binder, intent on not making the struggle easy, succeeds in making it tedious. With Jada Pinkett Smith, Safron Burrows, Liv Tyler. 2007. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Shooter — A new Rambo for a new millennium. Marine Gunnery Sergeant Bob Lee Swagger (a compact, tense, stoic, unswaggering Mark Wahlberg), already abandoned once in the field in Ethiopia, is lured out of mountaintop retirement ostensibly to use his sniper know-how to foil a plot to assassinate the President but in reality to be fitted for a frame. The film, slickly fashioned by Antoine Fuqua, feeds off contradictory pieties of post-9/11: the righteousness of the fighting man (Support Our Troops) and the rottenness of the government (Bring Our Troops Home). "Don't really like the President much," the taciturn hero volunteers, and then broadening the political point, "Didn't like the one before him much, either." (Grunts, good; Com-

manders-in-Chief, bad.) The frightening efficiency, nay, invincibility, of the fighting man is liable to rally less consensus; and as our One-Man Army mows down more foes than you've got fingers and toes, he taxes your credulity if not your patience: two busy hours, action-packed, -crammed, -laden, -clogged. Still, there's sufficient pause for good character bits from Levon Helm as a bluegrass gunsmith and Ned Beatty as a Senatorial slimeball, and there's strong steady support from Michael Peña as a disarmed and disgraced FBI rookie who doggedly stays on the hunt and, alone among his colleagues, gets a clue. Danny Glover, Kate Mara, Elias Koteas. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Slow Burn — Urban thriller with Ray Liotta, LL Cool J, Mekhi Phifer, Taye Diggs, and Jolene Blalock, written and directed by Wayne Beach. (CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; SAN MARCOS[18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/13)

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tory behind it, too, and accordingly some remedial teaching to be done. “Only the hard and the strong may call themselves Spartans,” elucidates the knowing narrator, adding, for the benefit of note-takers or woolgatherers, “Only the hard. Only the strong.” (Okay. Got it.) The ensuing gory

demonstration of Spartan hardness and strength usefully sums up a juvenile view of manliness — a fantasia of battle scars and washboard stomachs and growling-tiger voices and monstrous adversaries and video-game combat with slow-motion highlights — and the best to be said of it is that no one will mistake it for history; that the history, unlike the three hundred, will come through the ordeal without a scratch. Or to say the same thing another way, the artistic impact of it is altogether soft and weak. Altogether soft. Altogether weak.

With Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, David Wenham, Dominic West. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Wild Hogs — 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 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. With Marisa Tomei, Ray Liotta, M.C. Gainey, and John

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Call theater for program information

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

Breach (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, (1:40); **Firehouse Dog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 4:25, 7:00, 9:25, (1:50); **Grindhouse** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, (12:30, 1:30, 3:30); **The Host** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:35, 7:40, 10:25, (1:35); **I Think I Love My Wife** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:05, 7:25, 9:50, (12:15, 2:35); **The Lookout** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:10, 7:35, 9:55, (12:15, 2:40); **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:40, 5:40, 7:20, 8:20, 10:00, (12:20, 2:00, 3:00); **Premonition** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:25, 7:50, 10:20, (12:50, 3:10); **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:20, 5:25, 6:45, 7:45, 9:10, 10:15, (12:45, 1:45, 3:05); **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:45, 8:10, 10:35, (12:40, 3:20); **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:20, 7:55, 10:30, (12:10, 2:45); **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:15, 10:10

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Amazing Grace (PG); **Are We Done Yet?** (PG); **Blades of Glory** (PG-13); **Disturbia** (PG-13); **The Hills Have Eyes II** (R); **The Hoax** (R); **Journey from the Fall** (R); **The Last Mimzy** (PG); **Meet the Robinsons** (G); **Pathfinder** (R); **Reign over Me** (R); **Shooter** (R); **Slow Burn** (R); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13)

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)

Army of Darkness (R) Sat. 11:55; **Black Book** (R) Fri. 2:00, 5:10, 8:20 Sat.-Sun. 10:50, 2:00, 5:10, 8:20; **The Hoax** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **The Lives of Others** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:00, 9:40; **Miss Potter** (PG) Fri. 1:30, 7:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:30, 7:10; **The Namesake** (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:25, 3:55, 6:40, 9:10; **Black Book** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 3:00, 6:15, 9:30; **Blades of Glory** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 11:45) 2:20, 4:25, 5:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; **Eugene Onegin Encore** (NR) Sun. 1:30; **Firehouse Dog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 7:00; **Grindhouse** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 2:10, 6:05, 9:35, 10:00; **The Hoax** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40 Sun. (10:20) 5:00, 8:00; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:20, 4:30, 7:45, 10:35 Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:20, 4:30, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. (10:35) 1:20, 4:30, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (10:35) 1:20, 4:30, 7:45, 10:30; **Premonition** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:20; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Reign over Me** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 7:00; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-

Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Slow Burn** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25 Sun. (10:40) 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:20; **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:30, 4:35, 7:40, 10:40 Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:35, 7:40, 10:25; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 2:35, 5:00, 7:15; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. 3:45, 10:15

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Disturbia** (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; **Firehouse Dog**

(PG) Fri. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:30) 6:00; **Grindhouse** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:45) 7:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 2:45) 7:00; **Jakers! Wish Upon a Story** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Meet the Robinsons** (G) 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; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:30

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

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Stranger (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 1:50, 3:50, 4:40, 6:45, 7:50, 9:40, 10:45 Sun. 12:45, 1:50, 3:50, 4:40, 6:45, 7:50, 9:40; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:55 Sun. 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35; **Reign over Me** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:40; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:35, 7:35, 10:40 Sun. 1:30, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30; **Slow Burn** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:15, 7:25, 10:25; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 1:40, 4:05, 6:40, 9:30 Sun. 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)

Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri. 5:35, 8:00, (3:10) Sat.-Sun. 5:35, 8:00, (12:45, 3:10); **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri. 5:10, 7:40, (2:40) Sat.-Sun. 5:10, 7:40, (12:15, 2:40); **Grindhouse** (R) Fri. 8:05, (3:50) Sat.-Sun. 8:05, (12:10, 3:55); **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri. 5:20, 7:50, (2:30) Sat.-Sun. 5:20, 7:50, (12:00, 2:30); **The Reaping** (R) Fri. 5:45, 7:55, (3:20) Sat.-Sun. 5:45, 7:55, (1:00, 3:20); **Slow Burn** (R) Fri. 5:25, 7:45, (3:00) Sat.-Sun. 5:25, 7:45, (12:30, 3:00)

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Page Turner (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

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Diario San Diego

La Oficina de Inmigración y Seguridad (ICE) anunció que seguirá buscando en casas, en trabajos y calles a personas sin documentos de residencia legal en San Diego.

De acuerdo a ICE este operativo comenzó hace tres años y es parte del programa del presidente para asegurar fronteras.

"Cualquier persona sin documentos legales puede ser deportado, porque está violando la ley de inmigración", dijo Robin Baker,

Director de Operaciones de ICE en San Diego.

Los agentes arrestaron a 62 personas con orden de deportación, y los 297 restantes fueron personas que agentes descubrieron que no tenían documentos legales.

Los operativos causaron revuelo luego de testimonios de afectados, quienes dieron a conocer las tácticas usadas por agentes, y que, para pro migrantes fueron engañosas y violan derechos civiles.

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El dueto Sin Bandera promueve en una gira por Estados Unidos su nuevo disco comercializado bajo el nombre 'Pasado'.

Su disco es una recopilación de canciones que han calado profundamente en la vida de Leonel García y Noel Schajris por lo que decidieron hacer un homenaje a esos cantantes que los han marcado como cantautores y como músicos.

"Es un homenaje con todo el corazón a intérpretes, autores, a gente que nos ha enriquecido nuestras vidas a lo largo de nuestra juventud", dijo Noel en entrevista desde Los Ángeles, California.

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La novena sandieguina siguió con la buena racha dentro de la segunda serie, cayeron en el primer juego, para remontar los siguientes y amarrar la marca ganadora.

La inauguración tuvo momentos de historia en la pantalla gigante del Petco Park con un video de "Mr. Hit", Tony Gwynn.

Trevor Hoffman también tuvo su momento de gloria en la pantalla, con un video en el que se recordó la labor del cerrador en los momentos de grandes triunfos como el levantamiento del trofeo que lo acredita como el mejor lanzador con el mayor número de salvamentos dentro de la historia de las Grandes Ligas.

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Marcha hispana

Diario San Diego

A un año de la histórica marcha en defensa de derechos de migrantes, el sábado se dieron en San Diego movilizaciones masivas.

Los alrededores del Parque Chicano en el área de Barrio Logan fueron testigos de manifestaciones a favor del respeto de derechos civiles para familias migrantes.

Más de 350 personas se concentraron en el Parque Chicano, donde demandaron justicia y dignidad para familias migrantes.

La marcha fue organizada por organizaciones defensoras de derechos humanos y de jóvenes estudiantes, como respuesta a la ola de redadas por agentes de inmigración

que han separado a cientos de familias en el Condado.

En la reunión estuvieron los grupos Coalición Pro Derechos de la Raza, y agrupaciones estudiantiles MECHA, Somos Raza y el Comité de Amigos Americanos.

El contingente de más de 300 personas recorrió ida y vuelta al Parque Chicano, al marchar por las avenidas National, Imperial y Calle 25.

La marcha duró cerca de hora y media y cientos de familias portaron pancartas en las que se exigió respeto a sus derechos.

Durante el recorrido, miembros del grupo Minutemen hicieron acto de presencia para apoyar redadas y exigir salida de 'ilegales'.



Faltaron garras

Águilas del América sacó un empate 1-1 en su visita a Pumas de la UNAM, en el partido más esperado de la decimocuarta jornada del torneo Clausura 2007 del fútbol mexicano celebrado el domingo en la casa de los felinos.

Pumas, que lleva seis empates en el torneo, tomó ventaja por medio del paraguayo Darío Verón al minuto 21, pero Águilas empató con un gol de Germán Villa, al 55 del tiempo corrido.

Pumas comenzó mejor, al llegar por las bandas y se plantó bien atrás; en el minuto 21 tomó ventaja cuando el brasileño Leandro Augusto cobró un tiro de esquina y puso un buen servicio a Verón, quien certero en el golpe de cabeza venció al arquero americanista.

América se adueñó

del balón con el consentimiento de unos Pumas que transformaron su actitud y dejaron de atacar, sin embargo faltó puntería, a pesar de tener algunas llegadas, la más clara del paraguayo Salvador Cabañas, errático delante del arquero en el minuto 41.

La segunda mitad comenzó con los locales retrasados y el América adelante, pero ineficaz; en el '55 Germán Villa prefirió apostar a sí mismo y consiguió la igualdad con un disparo desde atrás, al ángulo superior.

América se confirmó como líder del grupo Tres con 24 unidades, siete victorias, tres empates y cuatro derrotas; Pumas saltó al segundo, pero con 18 puntos, los mismos de Tigres y sólo dos encima de Morelia.



¡Pedro vive!

Diario San Diego

Pedro Infante, el ídolo del pueblo sigue siendo el rey, su recuerdo es tan importante para la cultura mexicana que a 50 años de su desaparición todo México lo recuerda con cariño.

Abril, destacado como el mes de "Pedro Infante, estará lleno de conmemoraciones en México, país que ha comenzado a celebrar y recordar el medio siglo de su fallecimiento con múltiples homenajes.

Por primera vez participan el gobierno y todos los sectores de México, un ejemplo es la Cámara de Diputados que instaló en el Palacio Legislativo una exposición fotográfica del actor, y la Iglesia

Católica celebrará una misa oficiada por el cardenal Norberto Rivera, así como las muestras de amor del pueblo que se congregará en el Panteón Jardín, para recordar al popular cantante.

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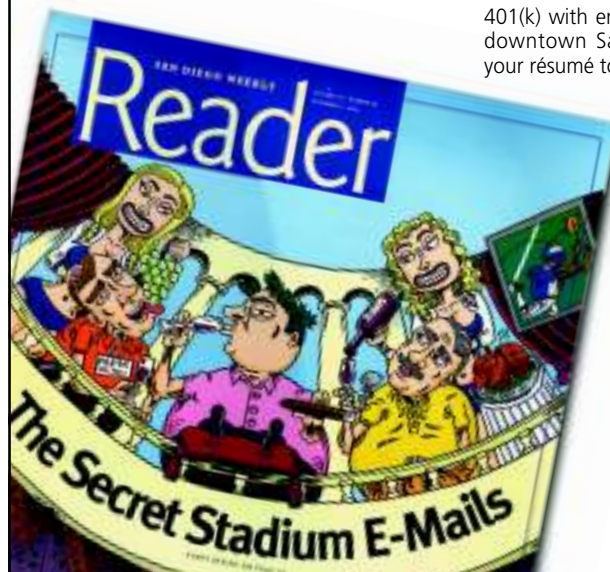
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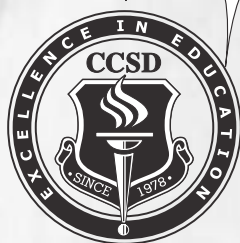
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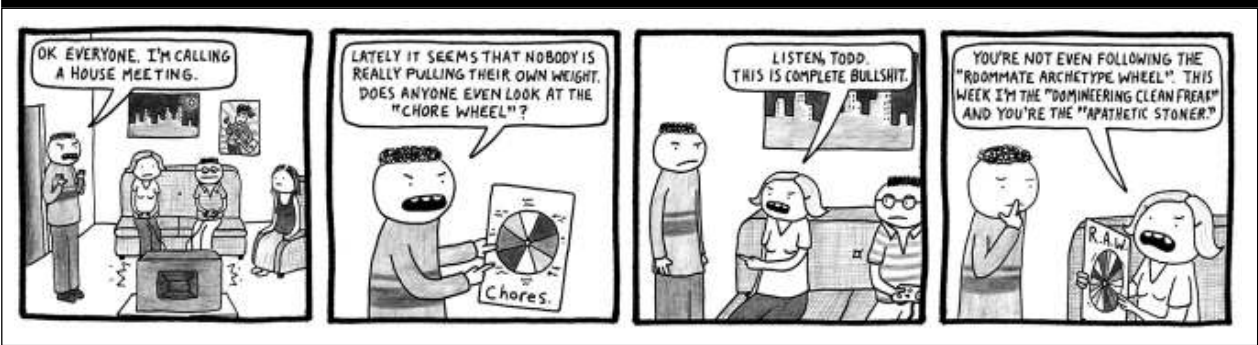


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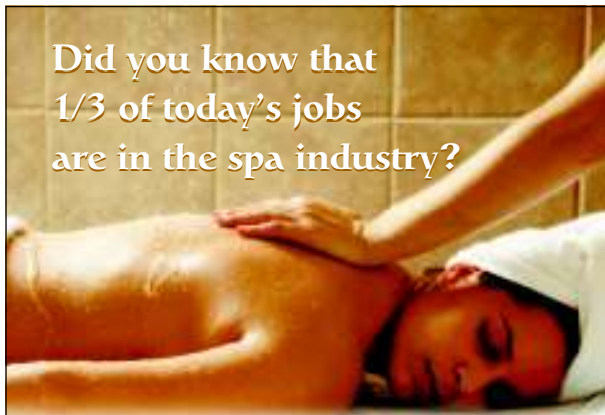
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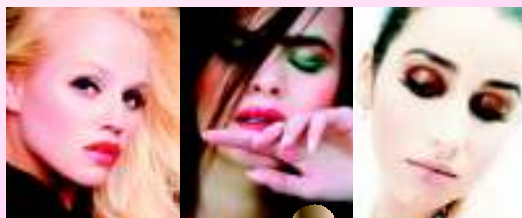
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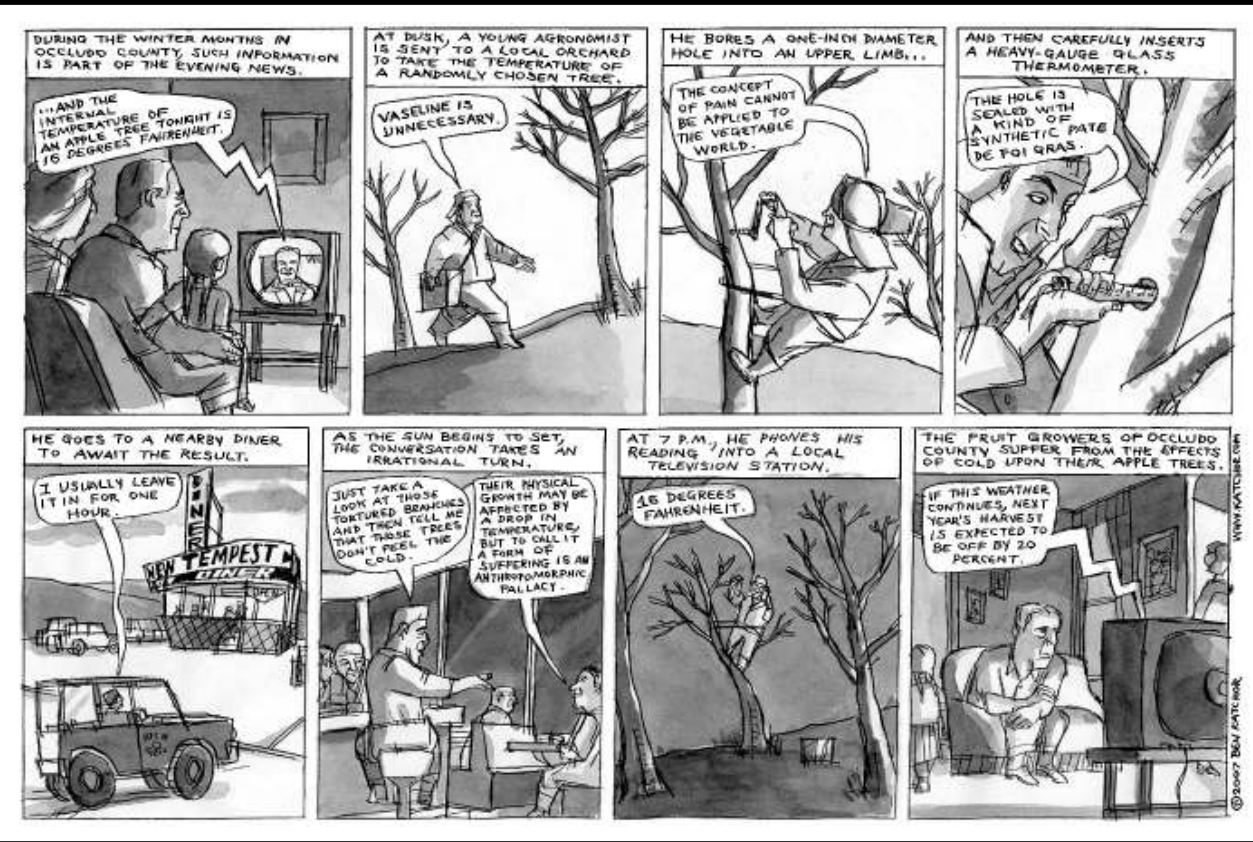


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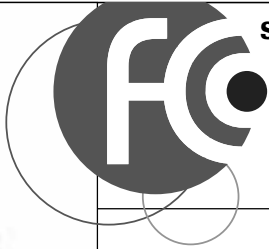
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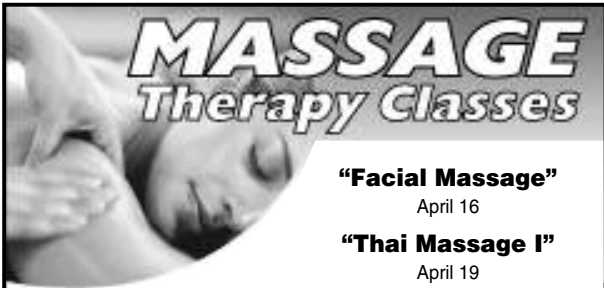
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- 6. Salon creations
- 11. Presidential nickname
- 14. Big name in auto racing
- 15. Davis who eulogized Malcolm X
- 16. ____ whim
- 17. The guys standing at the back of the podium during the historic "I Have a Dream" speech?
- 19. Freshly painted
- 20. ____ Saint Laurent
- 21. John Lennon's adopted middle name
- 22. S-shaped moldings
- 24. Breathtaking snake?
- 25. "The Jetsons" boy
- 27. Sending flowers and chocolate to the star of "Basic Instinct"?
- 33. Go into a cocoon
- 34. Through
- 35. Chop ____
- 36. "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- 37. Casting need
- 38. Trailblazer Daniel
- 39. Actress Suvari
- 40. German article
- 41. Made
- 42. Winning the Civil War?
- 45. Wyle and Webster
- 46. B-F link
- 47. Some MIT grads
- 49. "ER" setting
- 50. VCR alternative
- 54. Leaves in the afternoon?
- 55. Best Picture winner of 2006 (or a hint to answering 17-, 27- and 42-Across)
- 59. Long pass path
- 60. Hybrid citrus fruit
- 61. Martini's partner
- 62. Fate
- 63. Kind of education
- 64. Govt. bill

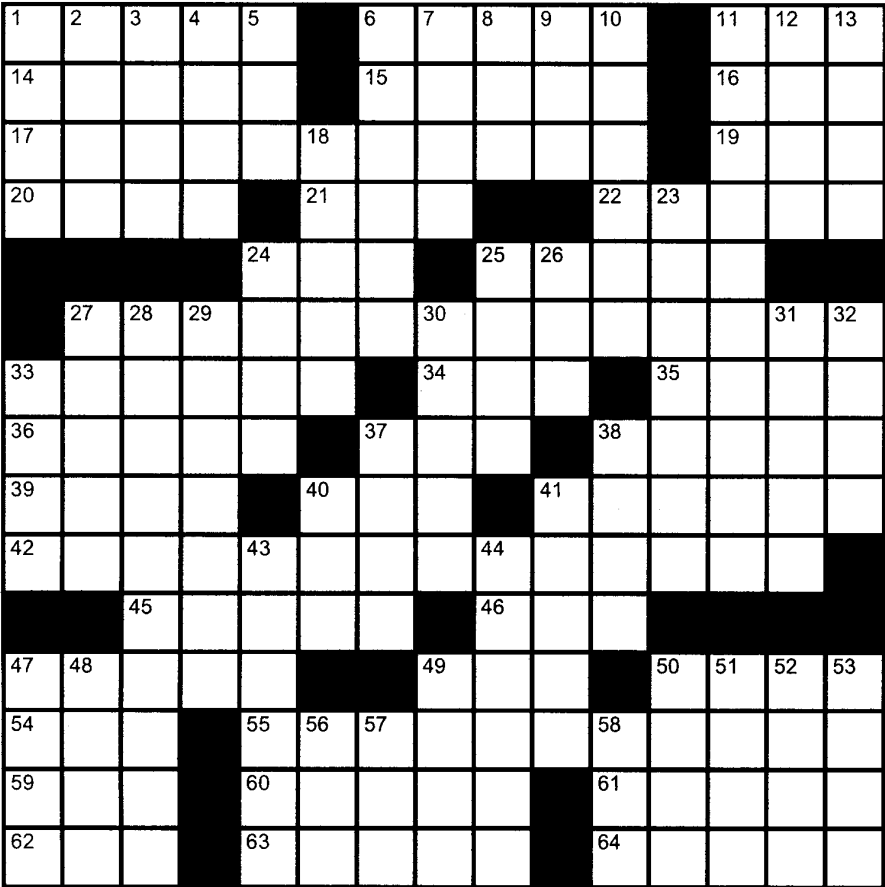
Down

- 1. Dock
- 2. Silver State sch.
- 3. "Survivor" setting, often
- 4. Mice might elicit them
- 5. The first "T" of TNT
- 6. French brandy
- 7. ____ buco
- 8. Marx follower?
- 9. Cry of disgust
- 10. Spanish gents
- 11. "Thanks, pal"
- 12. Child support?
- 13. Wears (away)
- 18. Nary a soul
- 23. Became irritated

- 24. Out of one's gourd
- 25. Oklahoma city
- 26. Plane's NYC destination, maybe
- 27. More uncivil
- 28. It's not the main attraction
- 29. One who accepts the charges?
- 30. Dial rival
- 31. Spanish infants
- 32. Set one's sights on
- 33. Pageantry
- 37. Foul callers
- 38. Tan too long
- 40. "I goofed again, Marge!"
- 41. Result
- 43. "Stand and Deliver" setting
- 44. Foreigner's giveaway
- 47. Footnote abbr.
- 48. Octavia's husband
- 49. "American ____"
- 50. 1982 cyberflick
- 51. "Don't take ____ seriously"
- 52. A piece of a three-piece
- 53. "Garfield" dog
- 56. Concealed
- 57. Cousin of a cassowary
- 58. Verb with thou

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Cassandra Schramm
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It was on Halloween. My friend was trying to get everyone to go out into the back yard for a party since it was decorated. It was crowded in the house, and he touched one guy's back trying to get people outside. That guy started screaming things at him, implying the guy was gay. He got his friends to jump this guy, and they threw him through a coffee table. The glass shattered and it broke his back. I was dressed like an angel but ended up covered in blood. Someone pulled out a knife. Some people pulled out guns. I ran door to door trying to get help. A few guys knew judo and were kicking him. They broke his nose, a cheekbone...it was scary.



Heather Moore
Life Insurance Underwriter
Tierrasanta

My son was two. He cut his finger and needed 32 stitches. Instead of a local, they put him under. During that, he flatlined. I was freaking out. They had given him too much anesthesia at once, and now they were trying to bring him back. They wheeled in the crash cart to resurrect him. The whole thing took about five to ten minutes, but it felt like hours.



Kimberly Agnos
Accountant
Carlsbad

Riding my bike, my foot slipped off the pedal. The bike fell on my spleen. My sister told me to walk home. My neighbor carried me up a hill. I went to a clinic and started throwing up. They felt my stomach, and then I was being put on a helicopter. I remember they weren't letting my parents on the helicopter, which scared me. My feet felt the breeze of the blades. And, they put a feeding tube down my nose, going into my stomach. They told me to swallow. My mom wasn't there, which is scary for a child. I ended up in the hospital for a week.



Jordan Davidson
Model
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I didn't sleep for a week. It was when I was doing a lot of crystal. I didn't realize I was just having hallucinations. I was in my bedroom and smelled a man's cologne. Then I saw someone in my closet. I was afraid to go to my parents' bedroom because I'd have to run by the closet. I finally did and he was chuckling. My dad grabbed a baseball bat. And, nobody was in my room. I thought I saw him run out the back door. My parents were telling me nobody was there. They thought I was on LSD and other drugs. But, that hallucination scared me enough to stop doing crystal.



Julie Clemmons
Actress
Ramona

I was going to college in Seattle. One afternoon in a parking lot near a cathedral where I was walking my cat, a tattooed guy on a motorcycle across the street was looking at me. I saw him again as I went to get my mail. As I walked back to my apartment, I realized he'd now know where I lived. I locked my door and then I saw him walk by the window. I closed it and saw him come back around and try to open the door. I called the police and went to the back. It took them 30 minutes to get there. I could see the tattoos on his wrist through the window. I was just trying to remember them, in case I'd need to identify him later.



Alex Pert
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— by Robert Mizrachi

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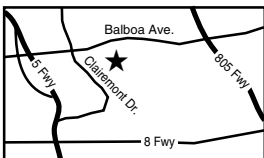


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LA MESA. \$200 off move-in! \$910, 1 bedroom, \$450 deposit. \$760, studio, \$350 deposit. Carport. Storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated. No pets. 619-698-7926. villaknolls@saps.com.

LA MESA. \$200 off first month! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$925/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1150/month. Pool and saunas. Off-street parking. On-site laundry facilities. Close to downtown La Mesa, trolley, shops and freeways. Cats welcome upon approval. Available now. Crestview Apartments, 4515 3rd Street. Call 619-469-5010 or Bob Cota Realty, 619-465-9934.

LA MESA. \$200 off first month's rent. OAC. 1 bedrooms from \$795. 2 bedrooms from \$950. Great location with beautiful interior courtyard, off-street parking, pool and laundry room. Chevy Chase Apartments, 3742 Fairway Drive. 619-698-3467.

LA MESA. \$1195 rent, \$800 deposit. OAC. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Duplex. New carpet. No pets. 4857 Jessie Avenue (at El Cajon Boulevard) 619-299-8515.

LA MESA. \$840. Village area. 1 bedroom, Upper unit with many great upgrades. On-site laundry, off street parking. Ask about move-in special. Available now! 619-838-0386 or 619-460-8011.

LA MESA. \$1150, 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Washer/dryer. Fenced yard. 825 square feet. 2 parking spaces. Pets OK. 3983 King Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

LA MESA. \$910, 1 bedroom. Mellmanor Apartments. Across Grossmont Center, trolley and Costco. Quiet, spacious units. Resort living pools. 8750 Mellmanor Drive. Call 619-461-1940.

LA MESA. \$925, 1 and 2 bedroom. Award-winning community for beautiful landscaping. Pool and spa. Great location. No pets. 5500 Morro Way. TPPM, 619-884-7900, www.villageaptslamesa.com.

LA MESA. \$715. 1 bedroom. Well-maintained property with meandering courtyard. Quiet and private. 4444 Parks Avenue. TPPM, 619-463-3882, www.villaparks.info.

LA MESA. \$925 and \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, near College. Clean, quiet, ready to be moved into. Section 8 OK. If you can find one better, rent it. 7240 El Cajon Boulevard, 70th Street. Call Rachael 619-804-1044.

LA MESA. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, very large unit in garden setting complex, appliances, on-site laundry, off-street parking. Near trolley. 4610 Nebo Drive #3. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA. 1 bedrooms in secluded, hill-side complex. All appliances, air conditioning, private patios/balconies in all units. No pets. Call for specials! 619-462-1940.

LA MESA. 1 bedrooms, \$895, 2 bedrooms, \$1025/up. Move-in special, OAC. Spacious. Air conditioning. Gated complex. Laundry. Tenant parking. No pets. Lease. 619-303-4969.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$795, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1025. New everything. Great location, spacious, air conditioning, laundry and parking onsite. Easy access to freeway. Move In Special! Available 4/10/07 and 5/7/07. Cat OK. 4763 Jessie Avenue #11, #19. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

LA MESA. From \$1075/month. Beautiful, refurbished, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Patio/balcony, washer/dryer hookups. Close to everything, tennis, fitness, Village. 858-558-8879, email kwahl@san.rr.com.

LA MESA. Huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1250. Also, upstairs unit \$1200. Private fenced yard, air conditioning, covered parking. Available now. 5434 Lake Murray Boulevard. Agent, 619-260-1368. View at www.sevillamgmt.com.

LA MESA. Starting \$1395/up. 2 bedroom, luxury apartments, fireplace, laundry hookups, patio/balcony, pool, spa, underground parking. 5519 Lake Murray Boulevard. No dogs. 619-698-7600; 619-518-0960.

LA MESA. Townhome. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, security gate, near Highway 94, quiet, private. \$1100/month. \$500 move-in special. 619-460-7149.

LA MESA. The Woodbridge Apartments. "900 off move in special!" Spacious 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom available. Full size washer/dryer. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings. Fully equipped kitchens. Private patio/balcony. Two pools and two spas. Carports. Near shops, trolley, bus. *Water/sewer fees may not be included. *Limited offer, on approved credit, see manager for details! 10874 Calle Verde, La Mesa, CA 91914. 619-670-1402. Visit us on our website at www.sdrenting.com.

LA MESA. Villa Morocco. 1 bedrooms, \$890/up. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse, \$1190. 2-car carport. Spacious apartments. Near Grossmont Center. Great neighborhood. Convenient to all! 5545 Morro Way. Available. 619-985-3500.

LA MESA/CASA DE ORO. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, from \$1325! 2 bedrooms from \$1075! 1 bedrooms from \$895. Elegant, sculptured courtyards with flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming, New Orleans ambiance. Huge patios/balconies. Gated access and gated parking. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. Call 866-894-6343. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

LA MESA/LAKE MURRAY. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Open floor plan, central air, laundry, parking. All new. Off Lake Murray, 5544 Lake Park Way #10. \$1100/month. 619-574-8038.

LAKESIDE. \$975. \$200 off first month! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. Fenced yard. Off-street parking. Air. Appliances. New: carpet/paint. Section 8 OK. 619-449-6153.

LAKESIDE. \$1295. 3 bedroom condo-like apartment in quiet fourplex. Newly remodeled, tile flooring, everything new. Parking, on-site laundry, picnic area. Section 8 OK. 619-957-7272.

LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, \$995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1350. Appliances. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Easy freeway access. Near shopping. Dogs welcome upon approval. Woodglen Apartments, 12905 Mapleview Street. Call manager Brandi at 619-390-9753.

LAKESIDE. \$975/month. 1/2 off first month's rent with 1 year lease. 600 estimated square footage, 9727 Wintergardens Boulevard #94, 92040. Call Agent, 619-471-1755.

LEMON GROVE. \$895. Spacious 1 bedroom, upstairs apartment, 900 square feet. Bright, lots of windows. Garage. Small quiet complex. Walking distance to shopping. 858-274-0555.

LEMON GROVE. \$725. Move in Special, \$200 off first month's rent. 1 bedroom, senior complex. Section 8 accepted. Call Maggie, 619-961-7917.

LEMON GROVE. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, \$900/month. Small quiet complex, off street parking. No pets. Ask about our move-in special! 8090-8096 Lemon Grove Way. Odell, 619-698-0052.

LEUCADIA. Beachwalk. \$1650. 2 bedroom duplex. Laundry on site. Patio. Parking. Cat OK. Available now. 243 East Glaucus Street. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

LEUCADIA. \$950, 1 bedroom, \$1500, 2 bedroom duplex. Laundry on site. Patio. Parking. Cat OK. Available now. 243 East Glaucus Street. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

LINDA VISTA. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhome. Front and back doors, onsite parking, laundry. Refrigerator, stove, \$800/deposit. Nice area. 6744 Tait Street. Call 858-569-5954.

LINDA VISTA. \$685. Studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. \$400 deposit. No pets. Astro Vista Apartments, 2249 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-565-6400.

LINDA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$895 special! 875 square feet, hardwood floors, backyard, assigned parking. Great location. 1 year lease. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. 619-249-9585.

LINDA VISTA. \$995. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/paint. Kitchen range hood. Onsite parking. No pets. 1210 Azusa Street. 858-453-5380.

LOGAN HEIGHTS. 3117/3119 Valle Avenue. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, off-street parking, gated community and parking area. No pets. Section 8 OK. \$750 rent. www.sdforrent.com. 619-640-7530.

LOGAN HEIGHTS. \$875. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Completely re-modeled, new carpet, paint, floors. Small patio. No pets. 3150 Valle Avenue. 619-584-5900.

MESA COLLEGE/LINDA VISTA. Junior 1 bedrooms, 1 bedrooms available. Pool, spa, sauna. Tennis, volleyball. Barbecue. Laundry. Recreation room. Fitness room. Call for specials, 858-279-7410.

MIRA MESA. Furnished luxury condo. New kitchen, and baths. Washer/dryer. \$1450/month, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, <http://elistahome.comental>. Call agent, 858-232-4783.

MIRA MESA. Up to 1 month's free rent! \$0 deposit! Studio from \$1140. 1 bedrooms from \$1285. 2 bedrooms from \$1436. Pets welcome. 5 pools, spas. Covered parking. Central air/heat. Fitness center. Patios/balconies. 4 laundry rooms. Gas barbecues. Dishwasher. Gables Summerest, 11102 Caminito Alvarez. 1-888-610-2836. www.sdreader.com/rent/2128.

MIRA MESA. Flying high with Reader deals! 1 and 2 bedrooms, \$919 and up. Air conditioning, nice kitchen. Laundry, pool and more. 858-536-1900.

MIRA MESA. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with 2-car garage, 2 master suites, designer cabinetry, Easy freeway access. 9745 Mesa Springs Way. No pets. Available 5/1. 858-583-0182, www.cal-prop.com.

MIRA MESA. \$1895. 4 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse style condo. Very spacious. Large kitchen with patio plus a living room with fireplace, separate family room, upgraded kitchen. Water paid, 2 parking spaces. No pets. Agent, 619-354-7136.

MIRA MESA. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath master suite floor plan with spacious balcony in new condo conversion building in quiet neighborhood. Completely upgraded throughout. \$1400/month. www.SanDiegoBestRentals.com. 619-696-7368.

MISSION BAY, EAST. \$810 rent. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. \$500 deposit. Laundry. Assigned parking. Cat OK. Close to I-5. 1450 Morena Boulevard. Call 619-890-4340.

MISSION BEACH. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Steps to beach. Parking. Partial utilities included. New paint/floor tile/bathrooms. 1 year lease. No dogs. 858-488-1759.

MISSION BEACH. \$1050/month. Steps to beach! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, including parking and partial utilities. New carpets, paint. 1 year lease. No dogs. 858-488-1759.

MISSION BEACH. \$1150. Cute 1 bedroom cottage with garage. Super private. Close to beach and bay. Available now. Westbourne Company Realtors, 858-488-4800.

MISSION BEACH. \$1250. Adorable, upstairs 1 bedroom. Parking. Laundry facility. Appliances. Steps to sand. Across from Catamaran hotel. 4006 Mission Boulevard. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, charming upper unit, surfers' paradise. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

MISSION BEACH. \$1150. Super private, upstairs 1 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors. Large balcony. Close to beach/bay. Westbourne Realtors, 858-488-4800.

MISSION BEACH. \$1000. 1 bedroom, small cottage. Lots of parking. Stove, refrigerator. Close to ocean. Ask about pet with additional deposit. Available 5/21/07. 3269 Strandway. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming gated complex, block from ocean, lower unit, appliances, on-site laundry, off-street parking. 4751 Mission Boulevard #5. 619-804-3325.

MISSION BEACH. \$975. Studio. 3rd floor. Balcony. Fireplace. New carpet/paint/windows. Laundry room. Parking, 100 feet from bay, 3630 Bayside Lane. Available now. 619-888-6604.

MISSION HILLS/NORTH Historical, residential area. Half off first month on immediate move-in. \$1125 2 bedroom. Quiet, canyon view, close to all. No pets. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS. \$1150, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs apartment, backyard. Small pet considered. Available 4/1. 3601 Reynard Way (on Brookes). 619-523-2355.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200/up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking. Pets OK. La Paloma Apartments. Open daily, 1-5pm. 3911 Dove. 619-297-1134.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. Lofts: 2 weeks free! 1 bedrooms: 1/2 off first month, Crane floor! Lofts, 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1580. Underground parking. Crown moldings. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Walk-in closets. Washer/dryer. Internet. Elevator. Gym. Great location! Cats welcome. Mission Hills Commons, 4021 Falcon Street. missionhills@propemail.com. 888-404-7952. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

MISSION HILLS. Panoramic water/canyon views! Immaculate 2 bedroom in duplex. Lots of light. New paint, hardwood floors. Off-street parking, laundry. Pet OK. \$1595/lease. 1008 West Spruce. 619-200-8767, 619-435-2362.

MISSION HILLS. \$1650, available 5/1/07. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. 1200 square-feet, 2-car garage. Appliances, fireplace, balcony. No pets. 3009 Union Street. Broker, 858-735-5377.

MISSION HILLS. \$695. Includes water. Small studio in Mission Hills. Hardwood floors. Laundry on site. Small pet OK. Available immediately. Call 619-243-9238.

MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den. 2-car garage. Main floor of house. Fireplace, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer. 3521 Kite Street. Small pet considered. Available now. 1 year lease. \$1950. 619-523-2355.

MISSION HILLS. \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Secured building. Quiet upstairs unit. Immaculate. Point Loma Sea World views, Fireplace, washer/dryer, garage parking. Maid service. Available now. 3985 Hortensia. 949-632-8471.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$1395. Duplex. Sunny, large, charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, bay view, private patio area, garage+. Cat OK. 858-273-6429.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$1295. Large, upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, balcony, parking. Great location near shopping/restaurants. Cat OK. 3782 First Avenue. 858-273-6429.

MISSION HILLS. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Garage, new carpet, laundry. View! 719 Torrance. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Balcony. Dishwasher. Quiet. Parking, laundry. Security gated. 4063 Albatross Street. Just North of Washington. Manager, 619-543-0455.

MISSION HILLS. \$1295. Best deal in town! 1 bedroom condo. Fully furnished (even kitchen). Near Old Town, beaches, more! New wood floors, paint, furniture. 973-495-2993.

MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN. \$850. Award winning 1 bedroom mini/suites. A great apartment in a mini space! (370 square feet.) Modern kitchen, 14 foot high cathedral ceiling, with fan, mood track lighting. Soundproof brick walls, break-fast bar, microwave. Price includes gas, water, reserved parking. Sparkling clean! Fabulous Old Town location. (No pets!) 619-692-3773.

MISSION VALLEY/The Lido, river view, \$2350. Spectacular 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Luxury upgrades, patio. Pools, spa, gym. No pets/smoking. 714-689-8821, 714-454-6614. dianac@borm.com.

MISSION VALLEY. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 story, with patio, washer/dryer, on pool, great location, new upgrades. Available 4/14. \$1950. Ken, 951-453-0527.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1375. 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury condo in River Run. 1-parking. New stove/blinds. All amenities. Pool/gym. Available now. Carl, 619-972-4203.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 master suite condo, balcony, new carpet, updated kitchen. Water/trash included. Laundry, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. No pets. Nonsmoking. Available now. \$1445. 866-445-3121.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1175. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Near USD. Walk to the

Y. Bike to beach. A quiet, no pets complex. 619-683-7805.

MISSION VALLEY/West, from \$770. Private, upgraded studio. High ceilings, laundry. Gated, nicely landscaped, large interior courtyard. No pets/smoking. Close to USD. www.info101.net. 619-297-3000.

MISSION VALLEY. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 full bath condo, upstairs unit, has own private entrance, wooden floors, granite kitchen, remodeled, vaulted ceilings. 1 block from Costco. River Run. Available 5/1. \$1695. 619-957-7116.

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MISSION VALLEY/TALMADGE/Kensington. 1 bedrooms from \$995. 2 bedrooms from \$1250. 3 bedrooms from \$1595! Spacious apartment homes include: microwave, dishwasher, balcony/patio. Gated community with tropical landscape, pool, spa, sauna and fitness center. Underground parking. Pet friendly! Mission Pacific, 4454 44th Street. 1-800-372-9146. missionpacific_pacificliving@crossfire.com. pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1200 square feet. Best view! Washer/dryer, all amenities. New flooring, remodeled kitchen. Small pet OK. Friars Road. 858-549-9447, 619-948-5914.

MISSION VALLEY. 868 square-foot 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo, \$1200/month. Top floor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1500/month. Private 13 acres. Pool, fitness, sauna, tennis. 619-563-6656.

MISSION VALLEY. Newly renovated studios/suites-\$399+/week, \$1499+/month. Off-street, covered parking. Full kitchen. Complimentary continental breakfast. Hot coffee/tea, 24 hours. On-site laundry. Free high speed Internet, 80 cable channels, HBO. Fax/copy service. Pool/spa. Near SDSU. Days Inn & Suites, 1-888-298-5168. www.sdreader.com/rent/2139.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in "The Franciscan." Gated community with pool, spa, gym. Water and basic cable paid, Gold course view, 2 assigned parking spaces, upstairs. 6780 Friars Road #244. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1300. Large, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2 balconies. No pets. Parking. Paint/carpet. Dishwasher. Pool. Gym. 1615 Hotel Circle South #D212. Juno. 619-275-3455.

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MISSION VALLEY. Large remodeled studio, \$900 including utilities. Available now. 619-277-3710.

MISSION VALLEY. Beauty! Cozy 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Close to freeways, all appliances, hardwood floors, central heat and air, underground parking and more! \$1595. 858-598-1111 x190, www.utiapianagement.com.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. Move-in bonus! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, panoramic views, 2 parking spaces, washer/dryer, hardwood, small patio. Pets OK. \$1300 (includes water). 858-232-9336.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1495. Top floor. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium. Upgraded carpets. Fireplace, air conditioning, vaulted ceilings. Washer, dryer. Gym, spa, pool, view! 2 parking. 580 Camino de la Reina. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

NATIONAL CITY. Studio, \$605. Parking space. 116 Palm Avenue. Call 619-474-4441.

NATIONAL CITY. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhomes, \$1075 and up. Balcony. Washer/dryer hookups. Parking. Lease. No pets. 940 Palm Avenue. 619-336-0436.

NATIONAL CITY. \$725/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SDGE deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$795. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. Upstairs, garage, newer carpet. Close to shopping and freeways. No pets. 4642 30th Street. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom \$775, 4263 42nd Street. 2 bedroom \$975, 4133 37th Street. Very nice, on-site laundry. No pets. 760-672-0425.

NORMAL HEIGHTS/KENSINGTON. \$950 rent. \$600 deposit, OAC. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking spot. Laundry room. No pets. At 4742 East Mountain View Drive #4. 619-299-8515.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800, 1 bedroom. Spacious. Pool, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Close to major freeways. Sorry, no pets! 4841 West Mountain View Drive. 619-282-6440. Sunriseliving.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$815. Large 1 bedrooms. Downstairs. Parking. Laundry. \$300 deposit. Garden setting. Gated. Caring management. No pets. Available approximately 4/25. 4724 32nd. 619-584-7790.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$775. (\$200 off first month!)rent 1 bedroom with new carpet and paint. Close to shops. 4655 33rd Street #1. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom with on-site parking. Close to shops. 4669 Iowa Street #4. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Studios. \$695-\$725. Nice, quiet complex. 3237 Collier Avenue. Call 858-490-1600 or 619-640-8834. kandroperties.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$650/up. Studio. Gas, water, trash paid. New cabinets. Ceramic tile floors. Laundry. No pets. 3359 Madison Avenue. www.SeeTheUnit.com. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Deposit \$450. Upstairs 1 bedroom. Refrigerator, stove. No pets. Newer carpet, paint. Blinds. Limited parking. Close to laundry, shopping, restaurants. 4681 35th Street #7. 619-226-7368, www.bkbinc.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Move-in special! 1/2 off first month's rent! \$1095, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large. Quiet. New carpet. Parking. Laundry facilities. 4657 Oregon Street. Call 619-546-8212. sunriseliving.com.

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Kansas Street. www.cethron.com, 619-295-1100.

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NORTH PARK. \$775 rent, \$600 deposit OAC. 1 bedroom. Parking spot. Laundry room. No pets. At 4178 Kansas Street #4. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$775. Downstairs 1 bedroom. Gated 12-unit. Large living room. Dining area. Walk-in closet. Off-street parking. Laundry. Cats OK. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-story townhouse-style apartment just north of Morley Field. Fireplace. Patio. Cats OK. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Spotless, large 1 bedroom. Sunny upstairs corner. Small quiet complex. Huge kitchen, dining room, large bedroom. West of 805. Open. Call 619-462-6629.

NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 parking spaces. Washer/dryer hook-ups. 6 month lease. \$2200. Available for viewing by appointment only. 4651 30th Street. 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. \$1325/month, \$1000/deposit. 1 parking space, washer/dryer in unit. Newly renovated. Dishwasher, carpet throughout. Small patio. 303-570-4222.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, lower unit. Laundry. No pets. 4124 Texas Street #2. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$885. Unique 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, in 1908 triplex. Deck. Washer/dryer, yard, quiet, parking. Available 5/1. Cat OK. 619-295-5581.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. New carpet/paint. Laundry on-site. Assigned parking. Courtyard. Quiet. Gated. No pets. Manager on-site. 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. 2 cats OK. Fireplace. Large, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, \$1175. Balcony/patio. Large kitchen, dishwasher, storage, underground parking, gated building. 619-795-1723.

NORTH PARK. \$775. 1 bedroom apartment, laundry, parking. 3814-1/2 Boundary. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special! \$200 off first month's rent! Starting at \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautiful, spacious. Ceramic tile, Berber carpet. Gated community. On-site laundry and parking. No smoking and no pets. 3967 Illinois

Street. Call 858-571-1970. sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$850 rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1195 rent. Gated complex, off street parking, laundry on site. No pets. www.sforrent.com. 3112 30th Street. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special! 1/2 off the first month's rent! \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, fresh paint. Walk-in closet. Parking, coin laundry. 3976 Illinois Street. Call 858-571-1970. sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit. New carpet, fresh paint, parking, coin laundry. Great location. Freeway accessible. 4580 33rd Street. Call 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. Move-in special, 1/2 off first month's rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with 1-car garage, washer/dryer inside condo, refrigerator, dishwasher and stove, back patio, renovated. Available for move, can show 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday. 3745 Swift Avenue #2. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400, www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

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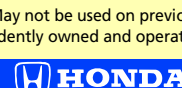
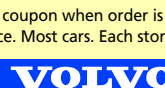
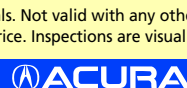
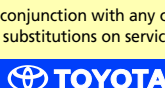
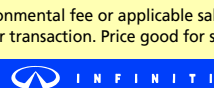
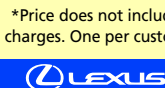
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I was thrilled. I had always had a crush on him. I went to that party and a few others that followed. For weeks we stayed up all night talking on the phone and hanging out and then one day he asked me to be his girlfriend. We were together about a year, and he suggested we move in together. He said he wanted me to be the first thing he saw every morning and the last thing he saw every night. He was very sweet. How could I resist?

A week later I moved in. I knew going into the relationship that he was friends with all of his ex-girlfriends. He talked to all of them all the time. I figured that was just the kind of

person he was, and I had never had reason not to trust him. I should also mention that his sister was going through a messy divorce, so she would call late or spend the night at our apartment so she wouldn't be alone, which didn't bother me.

One night we were getting ready to go to bed — it was about 1:30 in the morning. His cell phone went off. I asked who was calling this late, and he said it was his sister, and he ignored the call. The phone rang again, and I insisted that he answer it — if it was his sister calling then she must need to talk. Again, he said no. The phone went off three more times. I didn't sleep all night; I had a feeling he was lying because he had never ignored her calls before.

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When he got out of the shower I confronted him. I told him that I went through his phone and saw the messages. He yelled and screamed many horrible things and said I was wrong for invading his privacy and that he couldn't be with me anymore because he couldn't trust me. I was in shock! This coming from the guy who was sleeping with his ex-girlfriend behind my back! I packed my things and moved out.

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LEAD STORY

— In March, a jury in Los Angeles listened to nine psychiatrists testify (along with other witnesses who openly described their sex lives) before finally deciding that neither party in the shrink-vs.-shrink contest was all that emotionally healthy. Dr. David Martorano had sued the UCLA psychiatry department, blaming a loss of promotion on a failed affair with his supervisor, Dr. Heather Krell, who denied the affair, especially Martorano’s claim of oral sex in a parked car. Krell’s witnesses “diagnosed” Martorano with narcissistic personality disorder and being “addicted” to having women fall in love with him. The jury concluded that Krell did have the affair, but did not sexually harass Martorano or sabotage his promotion.

Government in Action

— In February, when housing officials in Loebau, Germany, ran out of small apartments for low-income residents, they decided to put them in quarters that were larger than regulations allowed. However, the officials made the residents close off some rooms to stay within the allotted space and said inspectors would make regular visits to see that no one cheated.

— Fire officials in Crystal River, Fla., stopped the planned performance in January of Jesse Aviles, “The Human Bomb,” who was set to lie face down across two bar stools at the Oar House Restaurant and Lounge and have himself blown across the room by explosives. According to Oar House, the performance was canceled for lack of permits. City manager Andrew Houston, asked by the *St. Petersburg Times* what kind of permits might be necessary for a person to be exploded from a barstool, said, “I have no earthly idea.”

— Garri Holness, 39, is one of the Britons in a bad place at the time of the July 2005 subway bombings, and he suffered the loss of a leg, for which government programs compensated him with more than 100,000 British pounds (about \$190,000). That is more than ten times the amount of government compensation (in 2005 pounds) received by each of the two teenage girls from a vicious 1985 gang rape that Holness was con-

victed of participating in (and for which he served seven years in prison).

— Hurricane Katrina Trailer Fiascos: In March, while FEMA was busy evicting the last Katrina victims that it had housed in trailers, it also disclosed that it has been stuck with 8000 mint-condition trailers that have sat vacant for 18 months now in a field near Hope, Ark., because the agency hasn’t been able to give them away (to government agencies, as federal law requires). Also, WWL-TV in New Orleans reported in March that area hospitals continue to be overcrowded while specially equipped medical trailers, which were ordered just after Katrina hit and which took eight months to arrive, continue to sit unused.

Big-Time Crime

— Marshall Wolbers, 56, was arrested in Lake Bluff, Ill., in February. He allegedly ripped off almost two dozen spas in the Chicago area during the past year after luxuriating in massage and pedicure services and then skipping out on the bills. Said one specialist on nails to an Associated Press reporter, “I just want to look at him [a 300-pound man], like ‘You jerk, you didn’t even tip me. You made me rub your gross feet and listen to you for an hour and a half.’”

— Police Blotter: (1) A woman in Bozeman, Mont., complained in March of “strange noises” from “underneath her house” being made by “people from the ‘Underworld.’” She told police that her house had been “replaced” “in the middle of the night.” (2) Brook Akins, 34, was arrested in January in a Salt Lake City suburb after calling 911 12 times in five hours to complain of a toothache and demand to speak to someone who could help him.

Things People Believe

— (1) Super-charismatic Stacy Finley, 34, pleaded guilty in January in Shreveport, La., to defrauding 22 middle-class victims by somehow convincing them to pay a total of \$989,000 to have medical scans done of their bodies by overhead satellite and to be administered secret therapeutic drugs while they slept by CIA agents who

would sneak into their homes. (2) Sacramento, Calif., veterinarian Bert Brooks told a KOVR-TV reporter in February that he had a record of curing pets by having them stare at a computer monitor showing psychedelic images (“harmonic translation”). “I didn’t learn this in vet school,” he told the reporter, but “there’s a lot going on in the universe that we don’t understand today.”

Signs of the Times

— Ariel Milby explained her ostentatious sweet-16 party (televised in February on MTV) by pointing out that her dad owns his own oil company. “I love oil,” she said. “Oil means shoes and cars and purses.” “[Oil] smells like money....” But it’s not just 16-year-olds who are spoiled. Reuters reported in January that New York City party designers get \$25,000 and up for kids’ birthday and coming-of-age bashes, including one 60-guest celebration for a one-year-old, who of course slept through the whole thing. In December, at a spare-no-expense birthday party for a seven-year-old girl in Coral Gables, Fla., a cougar brought in to dazzle the kids attacked a four-year-old, who required hospitalization.

Creme de la Weird

— Passions: (1) Entomology doctoral student Rebecca O’Flaherty of the University of California, Davis is a specialist on maggots, even to the point of creating “maggot art” (dipping them in paint and letting them writhe around on the “canvas”), though she doubts her passion is helping her land a teaching job. She told McClatchy newspapers in February that she admires the swiftness and elegance of maggots’ ability to devour. (2) Clarence Horner’s hobby, apparently, was collecting tombstones, in that upon his death in 2006 in Lincoln, Neb., authorities found 47 of them in his rented storage locker.

Least Competent Criminals

— (1) Andre Henry was convicted on 27 criminal counts in Philadelphia in February (e.g., bank robbery, threatening witnesses and police officers), despite his cocky attitude on the wit-

ness stand. After the prosecution played back a recording of Henry confessing his crimes to a wire-wearing inmate, Henry was unfazed, quickly declaring that the confessor was really Henry’s “twin brother” (except that the prosecutor easily showed that he doesn’t have one). (2) A 17-year-old was arrested in January in Sheboygan, Wis., and charged with stealing a snowmobile from the Sheboygan Yamaha lot. However, the next morning, even before the dealer realized the vehicle was missing, the boy had brought it in for service.

Update

— Apparently the remote village of Yaohnanen, on the South Pacific island of Vanuatu, is preparing to celebrate the 86th birthday in June of their god, Prince Philip of Great Britain (an adoration mentioned in “News of the Weird” last year). The natives believe the prince is the son of an ancient spirit that resides on a nearby mountain, but so far have been content merely to display a well-worn picture of the prince. Though he has never visited, he did somehow pose for a photograph around 1980 while holding a traditional pig-killing club, which especially delighted the tribe.

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) Biologists at Germany’s University of Jena announced in January that they were terminating a research project on animal movements after three years because they were tired of waiting for a sloth named Mats to leave his perch. (2) In March, the Pascha brothel in Cologne, Germany, introduced an early-bird special for seniors age 66 and above, offering services for half-price between noon and 5 p.m.

CORRECTION: Two weeks ago, it was reported that Gary Galleberg, a former vice mayor of Naples, Fla., pleaded guilty to battery for spitting on a diner’s table at a restaurant. In fact, he pleaded no-contest.

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Thirty Years Ago

I'm a Padre maniac! I think Ray Kroc (owner) has done a good job. I'm against the proposed ban on booze...if people are so inclined, they're going to get drunk anyway. They need better pitching, but the team's improvement has been phenomenal. I'd die if the Padres ever left San Diego.

—OFF THE CUFF: "AND WHAT ABOUT THE SAN DIEGO

PADRES?" *Suzy Doyle, Bank Employee, Central Avenue, San Diego, April 14, 1977*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

[F]rom the 1920s to the 1960s the resort called Warner Hot Springs was an immensely popular place. In 1975, the ailing resort changed hands for the first time in 60 years; in the 7 years since then it has virtually had more owners than patrons. The latest to buy it is A. Cal Rossi, a developer from San Francisco, and there are some who say Rossi is going to create the biggest, grandest, and most profitable resort ever in Warner Springs.

—"THE RISE & FALL & RISE & FALL OF WARNER HOT SPRINGS," *Gordon Smith, April 15, 1982*

Twenty Years Ago

"Universities are in a world not dissimilar to the

world of the early Germanic tribes," asserts Stan Chodorow, UCSD's dean of arts and humanities. "It's an honor world, in which everything we do — particularly in retaining and recruiting our faculty — is tied to our reputation. We lose one; it goes down. We win one; it goes up. It's a world in which reputation is all."

—"SCHOOL TIES," *Jeannette De Wyze, April 16, 1987*

Fifteen Years Ago

[Michael Reagan:] Many of my friends have blown their brains out, coked themselves to death. The Crosby kids, two suicides. People blame the kids. Well, Bing Crosby was an ass. But see, we knew that. Hollywood knew that. But the public saw him as *The Bells of St. Mary's*, a wonderful human being.

You look at Marlon Brando's kids. His parents backed him; but they just give you guilt money because they weren't with you when you were young. They had you at boarding schools. They always gave you a check for your birthday, here's 50 bucks, here's 100 bucks, here's 200 bucks. The kids get used to that. And then they never know how to go out and earn it on their own.

—"UP FOR ADOPTION," *John Brizzolara, April 16, 1992*

Ten Years Ago

John Coleman says he can pinpoint the day Roger Hedgecock turned from being a supporter of the referendum drive to put stadium expansion on the ballot to a critic of those efforts.

It was a few days before general manager Mike Glickenhous of Jacor Communications — which owns KSDO-AM, Hedgecock's radio talk show home — issued his Valentine's Day memorandum to station employees. The memo said completion of the stadium project "is in the best interest of both San Diego County as well as our radio stations" and urged workers to attend a pro-expansion rally at the stadium the following Monday.

"They had Roger to lunch, and suddenly Roger is berating Richard Rider [the Libertarian accountant who mounted a legal challenge to expansion]."

—CITY LIGHTS: "WHY DID THEY FIRE JOHN COLEMAN?" *Thomas K. Arnold, April 10, 1997*

Five Years Ago

At the words "computer game," Ben lifted his head and smiled. He clambered off the bed and started heading for the stairs. "Can I play a computer game, too?" Johnny opened his



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eyes and asked.

"No, guys," I told them. "This is Good Friday. It's the day Jesus died. It's the most solemn day of the year. No computer games."

They let out a collective moan. "What can we do, then?" Rebecca whined.

"Read a book. Play with your toys. Color. The things you always do."

—KID STUFF: "THE LONG ROAD TO EASTER,"

Anne Albright, April 11, 2002

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"Your hands ever get tired after a massage?" he queried. I thought about it for a second. I couldn't recall the last time I had given a massage, nor whether my hands were tired afterward, but I decided to indulge him and replied, "Yes, sometimes they do." That was when he started telling me about the funny-looking pieces of plastic lined up on a table in

front of him that resembled neon dog turds. He had christened them "Nukkles," and, according to him, they were a marvelous advance in the field of massage.

"You only have to use the palm of your hand. Here, turn around for a second," he ordered. I had a feeling what was coming next, but he was so cordial and grandfatherly that I thought it would be rude to protest. So I dutifully turned around, and the old guy went to work on my back with his hot pink, injection-molded plastic. I have to admit, it felt pretty good. His aged hands worked deftly with the Nukkles, and I noticed all the tension in my back beginning to melt away. "Do you want me to press any harder?" he asked. I *did* want him to press harder. As he forced the dimpled plastic further into my back, I became so relaxed that I momentarily forgot both who and where I was. I closed my eyes, saw a flash of white, and suddenly my back unclenched like a fist.

When I finally came to, my first sight was of the man smiling at me, holding out the Nukkles for me to try. He suggested I massage my legs: "Those are my sore spot, especially after a long walk." As I began to massage my calf muscle, he suggested I press harder. I took his advice and kneaded my right leg as if it were an unresponsive glob of pizza



dough. When I finished, he had a look of approval on his face and said, "You're getting the hang of it."

That was when he turned around, proffering his back to my Nukkle-equipped hands. It was a situation that I could see coming a mile away. Time

seemed to stop for a second as I stood there studying his back. His jacket and collar were littered with pieces of what I could only assume were dry scalp. The dandruff snow looked to have fallen recently. I took the Nukkles and half-heartedly ran them along his shoulders, ever vigilant to stay far away from the dandruff. "Press harder! Like you did on your leg," he instructed. I obliged and pressed firmly into his stooped shoulders. After a brief time, he turned back around and said, "You know how when you were younger and your mom would rub your head? These are great for that. Go on, give it a try, it

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POST DATE: March 29, 2007
POST TITLE: 20 Worst Song Lyrics
EVER!

Being a poet, writer, artist, I ask,
“Where have all the poets gone?”
To pop music, of course. However,
some of these esteemed wordsmiths
could use a new thesaurus. So here
is my list of the Top 20 Worst Song
Lyrics EVER! I’ll take your com-
plaints (er...comments) at the end.

20. “If I was a sculptor/ But then
again, no” — Elton John’s “Your
Song” (lyrics by Bernie Taupin).
Well, then, stop bringing it up! This
line has been wasting everyone’s
time for three decades.

19. “Lucky that my breasts/ Are
small and humble/ So you don’t
confuse/ Them with mountains” —
Shakira’s “Whenever, Wherever.”
The woman makes a lot of sense.
And lucky that Sacagawea wasn’t
more buxom, or Lewis and Clark
might not have found the Pacific.

18. “I love you like/ A fat kid
loves cake” — 50 Cent’s “21 Ques-
tions.” Gangsta, schmangsta —
brotha should write Hallmark
cards.

17. “There’s an insect/ In your
ear/ If you scratch/ It won’t disap-
pear” — U2’s “Staring at the Sun.”
It’s sure hard to tell that U2 scram-
bled to finish their *Pop* album. At
least Bono didn’t mention “driving
rain.”

16. “Relentless lust of rotting
flesh/ To thrash the tomb she lies/
Heathen whore of Satan’s wrath/ I
spit at your demise” — Slayer’s

“Necrophiliac.” Never mind 50
Cent, these guys should write Hall-
mark cards.

15. “Leaving was never my
proud” — R.E.M.’s “Leaving New
York.” Sorry, Michael, but I
scoured all of my reference books,
and “proud” just doesn’t wash
as a noun. Lions do live in
prides, but I don’t see the
relevance.

14. “I ain’t never seen/ An
ass like that/ The way you
move it/ You make my pee-
pee go ‘doing-doing-
doing” — Eminem’s “Ass
Like That.” Undoubtedly,
poetic stuff, but do pee-pees
really go “doing-doing-
doing”?

13. “There were plants and birds
and rocks and things” — America’s
“Horse With No Name.” Like in
New York, nouns are scarce in the
desert, and apparently these poor
soft rockers simply ran out of them.
Too bad they didn’t consult
Michael Stipe: “There were plants
and birds and rocks and prouds.”

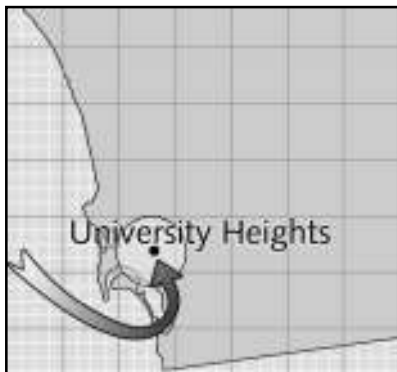
12. “Time is like a clock in my
heart” — Culture Club’s “Time
(Clock of the Heart).” Awesome

BLOG DIEGO

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analogy. Time is soooo like a clock,
because, well, it’s freakin’ time!

11. “I wish it was Sunday/ That’s
my fun day/ My I-don’t-have-to-
run day” — The Bangles’ “Manic
Monday” (lyrics by Prince). I’m
cool with the easy rhymes of Mon-



day to Sunday, and even Sunday to
fun day, but “I-don’t-have-to-run
day”? No. Now, Prince is just mess-
ing with you.

10. “I’m all out of faith/ This is
how I feel” — Natalie Imbruglia’s
“Torn” (lyrics by Anne Preven).
Can you say filler line? Like, oh, I
get it; this is how you feel —
because it’s been so darn long since
you told us how you were all out of
faith.

9. “Now you’re amazed/ By the
VIP posse/ Steppin’ so hard/ Like a
German Nazi” — Vanilla Ice’s
“Play That Funky Music.” Dude
took the original song’s “white boy”
lyrics a little too literally. Good
thing he specified German, though,
because those Austrian Nazis
were way too light on their feet.

8. “My panty line shows/
Got a run in my hose/ My hair
went flat/ Man, I hate that” —
Shania Twain’s “Honey I’m
Home.” Horribly trite
stuff...but I do always enjoy the
word “panty.”

7. “I don’t think that I’ve
got the stomach/ To stomach
calling you today” — Saves the
Day’s “See You.” And I’m bet-
ting that this clever emo fella
doesn’t have the eyes to eye you, the
hands to handle you...or even the
mouth to mouth your name. Oh,
the humanity!

6. “Your butt is mine” —
Michael Jackson’s “Bad.” The worst
opening line in pop history. How-
ever, I hear it’s huge with the kids in
Dubai.

5. “But if this ever-changing
world in which we live in...” —

Paul McCartney and Wings’ “Live
and Let Die.” Dangerous combina-
tion: Sir Paul having so much
money and prepositional phrases
being so cheap. Any junior-high
English teacher would take points
off for everything after “world.”

4. “Young, black and famous/
With money hangin’ out the
anus” — Puff Daddy and Mase’s
“Can’t Nobody Hold Me Down.”
Sometimes, the only things more
crude than slang terms are their
anatomically correct counterparts.

3. “I don’t like cities/ But I like
New York/ Other places/ Make me
feel like a dork” — Madonna’s “I
Love New York.” So, so true.
Which is, of course, why Paris is so
famously known as the City of Dorks.

2. “War is stupid/ And people
are stupid” — Culture Club’s “War
Song.” Boy George again, and this
time he’s illin’ like Bob Dylan. I
wrote a song just like this in seventh
grade, but the next line was, “And
your mom is stupid.”

And number 1... “Coast to
coast/ L.A. to Chicago” — Sade’s
“Smooth Operator.” Sade was born
in Nigeria and grew up in London,
but her biggest hit reveals that she’s
clearly not a smooth navigator.

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POST TITLE: Override

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BATH FAUCET, Pegasus, new, oil rubbed bronze finish, 2 handled bath faucet and pop-up ceramic disc, paid \$80, asking \$40. 619-917-9044.

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LAWN MOWER, 2006 model, new, in box, 22", 4.75hp, mulcher capable, \$100. 619-339-7318.

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MISCELLANEOUS. King-size headboard only, light walnut, bookshelf style, no mattress. \$50. Adult potty chair, new, \$30. National City, 619-477-4868.

MOVING SALE. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, stove, office, dishwasher, microwave, TVs/stands, VCR, stereo/speakers, couch, recliners, lamps, beds, bookcases, dinette/chairs, games, dresser, neon signs. 619-670-7821.

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QUILT HANDMADE, Garden rings with triangles, \$90, 858-453-1648.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Ollie: Thanks for sitting with me.
Easter Bunny: Well, sure. It's my week off. I'm not doing anything until next Monday.
O: What's next Monday?
EB: That's when I start preparations for next year. Those baskets don't make themselves, you know, chubby.
O: Excuse me? Did you just call me chubby? [Interrupted by noise on the tape. The rabbit was crunching lettuce very close to the microphone. He answered, "No, of course I didn't."] Okay. Let's move on, Mr. Bunny.
EB: Name's Ed. And the last name isn't Bunny. Ed Roseborough. Easter Bunny is my job, not who I am.
O: Okay, Ed. [I'm a little disconcerted at this point. "Ed" has become confrontational.] Let me ask, why Easter?
EB: Whaddya mean, why Easter?
O: Well, it's a very important holiday to a major religion. Why rabbits? Why eggs? I've heard it's because of ancient fertility rituals that have been...
EB: [Interrupting.] Don't buy that load. Fertility rituals. Bah. People like rabbits. Why? Because we're cute and fluffy and white and wiggle our noses. Oh, it's just adorable. [Ed pours a tall glass of expensive vodka with a little ice and water. He sucks at his oversized front teeth after a long sip.] If it wasn't Easter, it'd be some other holiday where I have to bust my puffy white tail for a year. It'd be Rosh Hashanah or Lent. Something where people put a bunch of us in a basket and let kids swing us around and pet the hell out of our heads.
Better than skinning us and frying us, I say. There were what we in the industry call "The Dark Years." When we weren't put out in fields to hop around with a bunch of brats in sun-dresses, we were shot where we stood and thrown into a pot. Thank God, *hasenpfeffer* has fallen out of favor on American dinner tables. [Ed sucks another mouthful of booze and stares past my shoulder at the glen of trees behind me and whispers.] The horror. The horror.
O: Kind of makes me feel bad for Thanksgiving turkeys.
EB: Don't feel too bad. Turkeys are jerks. They're like frat boys, universally despised except by other frat boys. That's what turkeys are. God, it's hilarious: Santa hates turkeys.
O: Well, thanks for the interview, Ed.
EB: You too. Take it easy, porky.
O: What? Did you... [more noise on the tape.]

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

IT'S A BIG BIG WORLD
PBS 8:30 A.M.
You better believe it is, sister. And I'm not talking the distance from here to Beijing. I mean the surface area of high-rise skyscrapers and the cracks between them. You can fall into those cracks and have to use your eyeteeth and fingernails to *skritch skritch skritch* your way up into the sun again. Wait. This is a kid's show. Never mind, kiddies! Look! Puppies and rain-bows! It's okay. Don't listen to mean Uncle Ollie. Shh. Stop crying.

SCOOBY-DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED
FAMILY 8:00 P.M.
In this animated sequel, Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, and Matthew Lillard

fight the gigantic, looming, snarling beast known as "The Walking Death Rattle of Your Acting Career." Unlike most Scooby adventures, it wasn't the crabby farmer in a rubber mask, and this time, the monster wins.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

WHITE CHICKS
FOX 8:00 P.M.
I've thrown myself to the floor. While one hand types, the other scours the landscape of my front room for something blunt, sharp, or heavy to beat, stab, or pull down on top of myself. I can't go on! I can't! I don't want to live in a world where this sort of thing isn't only accepted, but rewarded. My fingers need... My hands and arms need to pull this heavy concrete candle sconce off the wall so I can

smash it into the soft spot of my skull. Please come loose from the wall, candle sconce. Please.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
KICKBOXING — ISKA STRIKE FORCE — CHAMPIONSHIP
ESPN 6:00 P.M.
My kickboxing career ended before my one and only competition. It's controversial, but here's my side: If that guy didn't want to fight me because I was in fish-net stockings, a g-string, and high heels, he still didn't want to fight; he was afraid. I get the win. Whatever. Lip-stick aside, *he* forfeited. So I win. Right?

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS
FAMILY 7:00 P.M.
This title is begging to be twisted and man-gled into something pornographic. Let's see... Switch "Harry" with "Hairy." I'll let your mind wander with "Potter." And we'll change "Chamber of Secrets" into...well, we can kind of leave that alone, can't we? It's a little dirty as it is.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

A WORKING WATERFRONT: THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF SAN DIEGO BAY
ITVS 6:30 P.M.
SNORE! SNOOZE! Damn, ITVS (whoever the hell you are). Talk about boring. BOR...ING! Where's the 'zaz? Where's the lightning!? Vol-canoes!? Ninjas!? Let's get it together down there. Do you have competition? Because they're eatin' your lunch right now, snoozers.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

MLB BASEBALL - SAN DIEGO PADRES AT CHICAGO CUBS
CA4SD 5:00 P.M.
San Diego...SUPER PADRES! San Diego...SUPER PADRES! Come and get your...STINKY HOT DOGS! San Diego...SUPER PADRES! Wait. Is that the Chargers song? I'm confused. Let me start again. Let me try again. How does the Padres song go?

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

THE BEST MAN (1999)
USA 3:30 P.M.
Now here's the part of a wedding I understand. The "Best Man" at the wedding, the



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

one who is better than *everyone else* there, is the one who is smart enough to stand off to the side while the "Groom" (or, as I call him, the "Moron") is the one in the line of fire. If the world were perfect, the "Best Man" would do his Best Mandedly duties and tie a rope around the waist of the "Moron" and hitch the other end securely to a fast boat chartered for China, but we'll start with this. Baby steps, you know.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

MY WIFE AND KIDS
WB 5:30 P.M.
Here's the thing. I've got this Easter basket I'm about to throw out because it's making me fatter by the second. But. I've also got noisy kids who live in my apartment complex. I don't have a firm plan together, but I think with the candy, the basket, and a string, I can catch the kids and, I don't know, somehow remove their yackers or barkers or whatever it is in there that makes them so damn loud. Now. Where's that string I had laying around? I'll need a melon-baller as well.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

MODERN MARVELS
HISTORY 7:00 P.M.
I've noticed that all around my apartment are little electronics that light up and shut off intermittently...without me touching them. My cell phone does it. My iPod, organizer, stereo, camera. They all do it. I think they're communicating with each other. It's like they're little Indians, conspiring to kill the giant cow-boy who keeps them captured. Oh, they're conspiring. Once they get the use of arms, I'll find stashed around my apartment little bows and arrows.

5.5", new, in box, \$15. Old Japanese doll, \$25. 619-282-9581.

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T.G.I.F.

Making friends is often no more than the habit of listening to people.

By John Brizzolara

I like to think of Barry Rovner as my personal driver. Last week I interviewed taxi driver Ellen Rae, whom I met through Barry, as it was his day off, and I will take the liberty of thinking of her as my driver on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I find that telling myself I have a driver does wonders for my self-esteem. It's not that I take taxis every day, but I have discovered a trick, a way around the prohibitive fare that has kept me a slave to the MTS bus or trolley on a daily basis — and that is making friends with the drivers.

Making friends, you might think, one eyebrow forming a little tent. *That's not exactly your style, is it, old lemon?* Well, another shortcut in life I tumbled to some time ago is that making friends is often no more than the habit of listening to people. Of course, more often than not this is impossible, as I (and possibly you) have discovered that the bulk of my fellow man consists of screwballs, people I could never cozy up to on a bet.

But take Barry Rovner, for example, not as a screwball but maybe as an exception that proves the rule. He is an imposing-looking man, an effect mellowed by his Captain Kangaroo/cookie-duster mustache. At a quick glance, he looks like a benevolent Russian sea captain. Physically, I may not exactly be his opposite number, but close enough. Politically, Rovner is a challenging-looking bear that seems (to me) to lean to the right. If you scratch me with a political finger you will soon find a milksop liberal, a bowel-quivering, white-flag-waving patriot, a "Can't-we-all-just-get-along" Volvo-driving (I actually

owned one) "Kumbaya"-singing tree hugger who feels better when the cops aren't around. Rovner is none of these things; but he's a good guy and he'll work with you, even on your whacky ideas about global warming.

"Yeah," Barry said one Friday, heading south on 805, "I guess I got some opinions about stuff." He spoke, as always, over his shoulder and over the voices of his dispatcher and either Rush Limbaugh or Roger Hedgecock. "I'm probably center to maybe right-of-center on some things. It depends on the issue. I won't say Republican or Democrat. It just depends on the person involved."

"Right," I tell him. "I've picked up a certain lack of affection for our Speaker of the House. Is that fair to say?"

"Oh, that is very fair. I believe she is one heck of a hypocrite. She got the César Chávez Award from the United Farm Workers Union and campaign contributions from the labor movement while, on the other hand, both the winery and the hotel up north that she and her husband operate employ nonunion workers. Most recently she said that, as Speaker of the House, she wants an airplane that's about the size of a 757, while her predecessor got along just fine with a Gulfstream-sized plane."

Rovner expresses further lack of love lost between himself and a certain gentleman from Pennsylvania, a Democratic congressman who was an undicted co-conspirator in the Abscam case in the '70s. Rovner then went on to "both senators from New York state, Senator Schumer and Senator Clinton. Schumer likes to hog up the camera, and he gives you the impression he's a real ambulance-chaser-type lawyer, which I heard he was before he got into politics."

Rovner says he would most like to see either Duncan Hunter or Rudy Giuliani in the oval office. "Look what Giuliani did in New York City in the mid '90s. He improved the quality of life, cleaned up Times Square."

"Like Seaport Village," I offered.

"What?" Rovner asked.

"Nothing."

"Panhandlers on every streetcorner, street people holding you hostage while they clean your windshield with dirty water. Something has to be done [in San Diego] as well. Some are just down on their luck, and some just seem to be career street people, and something has to be done about them. Maybe they could get something going like the old workers' projects in the '30s. Like, maybe they could clean up weeds, clean up this graffiti. Something on the order of what Roosevelt did."

The 53-year-old former Angelino has some advice for the local mass-transit officials: "If they were to go ahead and make more stops and routes to where people live and work, that would be an improvement. They could make routes and bus and trolley travel more attractive, that's for sure, and could get more people out of their cars."



Barry Rovner

"I base my taxi-driving philosophy on one-third cruising, one-third answering radio calls, and one-third trying to recruit customers. Some days I get more action from one or the other. I probably have about a dozen regular customers like you. Of course, customers do drop off, and I'm always in the process of trying to replenish." Barry Rovner has been driving a cab for a little more than three years and on the whole has had fairly good luck with his fellow man. The one fare who puked did it over the outside of the passenger door; and he was once flashed by a car full of college girls in place of a tip. "In somebody's scrapbook back in Oregon there's a picture of me, the cab I drove, and the three coeds, properly dressed in the picture."

"You give people the benefit of the doubt quite a bit."

"Some people might get cynical. You have to kind of work at it. You have to like to meet people."

This seemed a good time to steer the conversation away from where we differed. After all, I had sidestepped a number of political mines a few minutes earlier, and so the conversation took a sharp U-turn into old movies. Rovner and I ate up miles to the dentist discussing Richard Widmark, Robert Mitchum, Elisha Cook, Jr., old *Naked City* episodes, and long-forgotten television turkeys. I must thank Barry for helping me get through a long tooth-drilling ordeal by trying to remember all the words to the theme song of *Car 54, Where Are You?*

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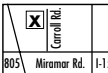
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