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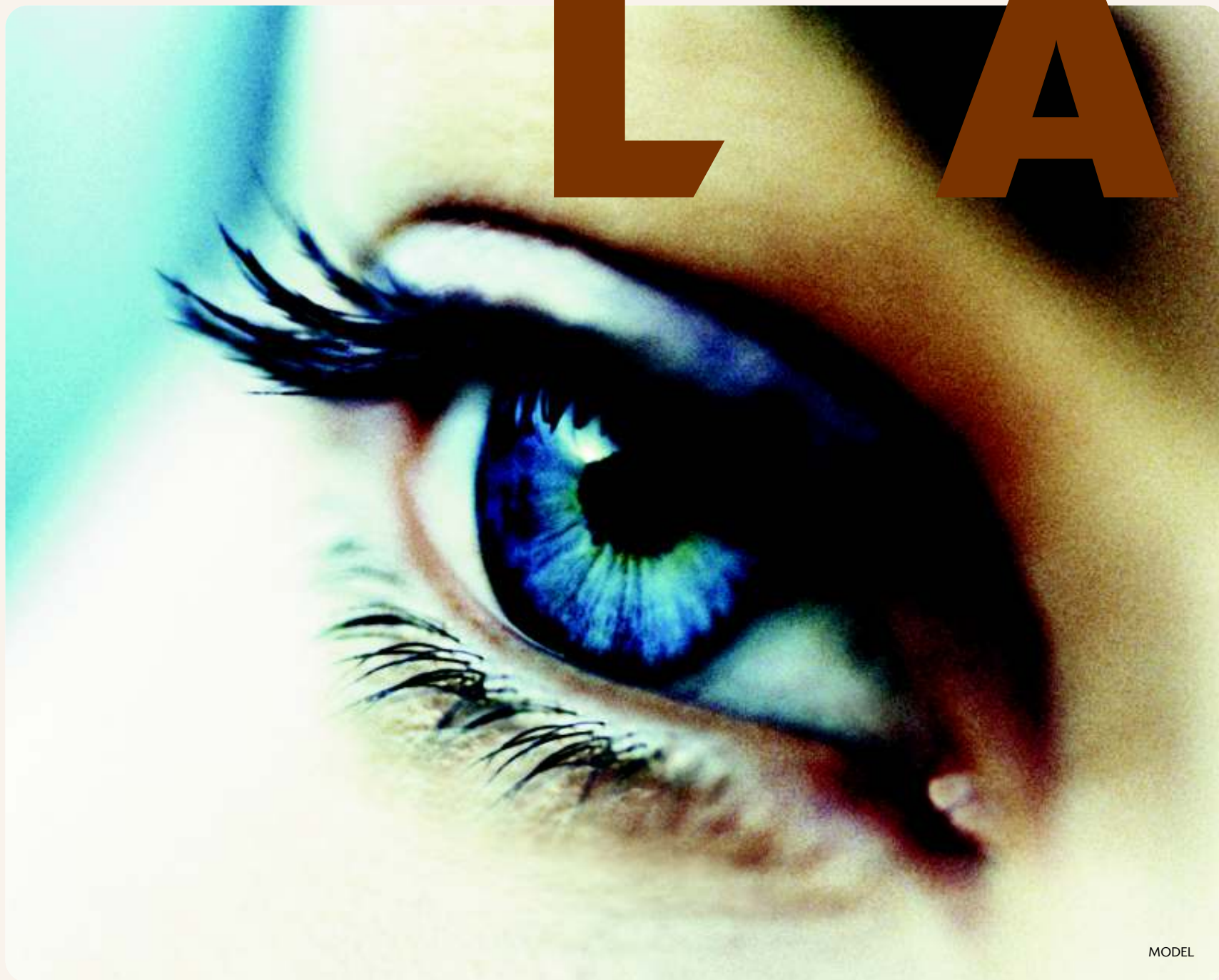
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— Mischa Shirazi, San Diego, CA

Q: Is the surgery painful or difficult?

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— Greg Schwenk, San Diego, CA

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— Glenna T. Casey, Chula Vista, CA

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— T.P. Fortin, San Diego, CA

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— Sandra Macias, San Diego, CA

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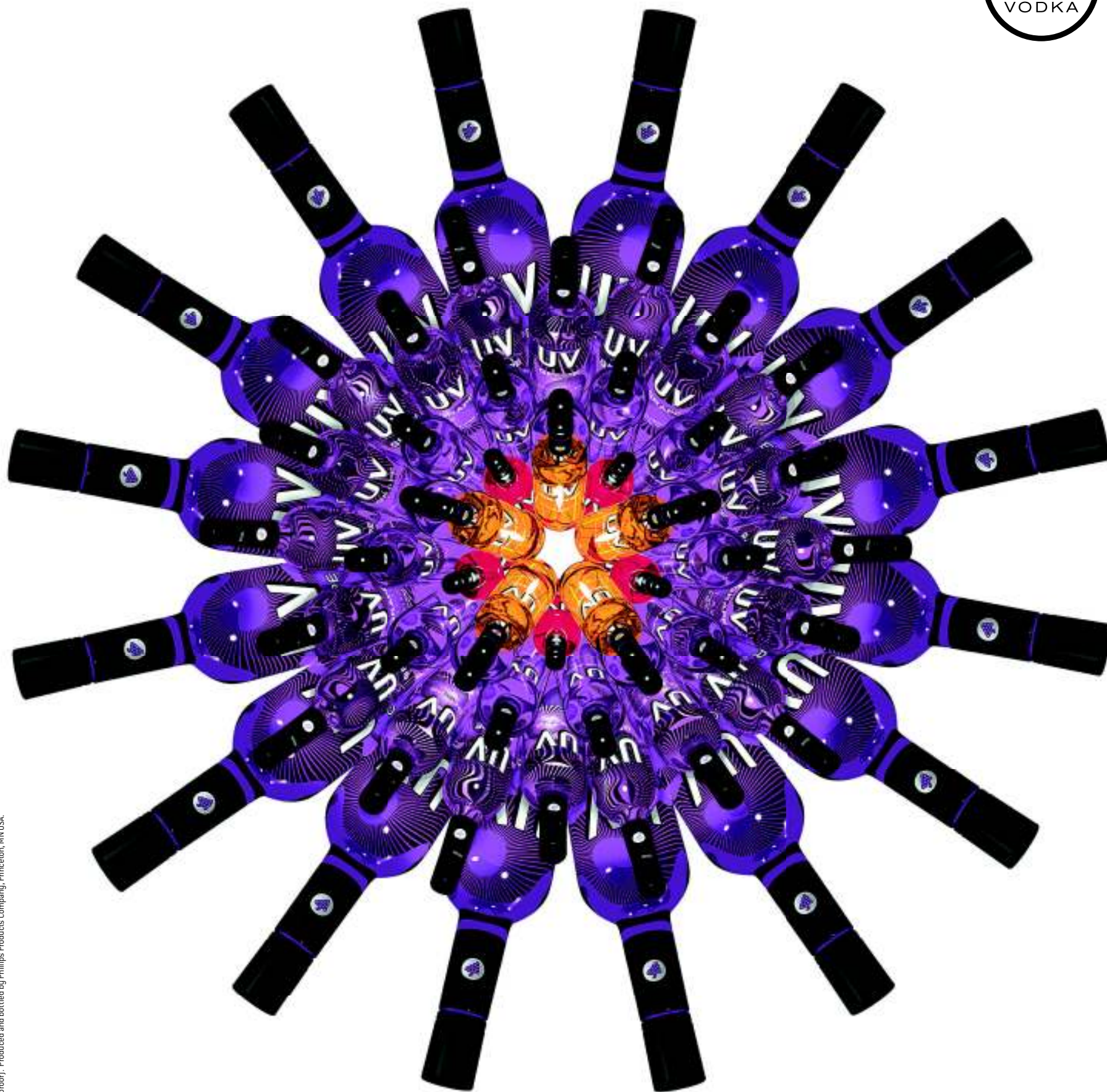
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When it rains A key lobbyist for the parent company of Student Loan Xpress, that controversial student loan company founded by San Diegans **Robert deRose** and **Fabrizio Balestri** in 2002, used to work for GOP congressman **Randy "Duke" Cunningham**, now serving an eight-year federal prison term for bribery. According to a lobbyist registration statement filed with the House of Representatives, Education Lending Group, which recently merged with its subsidiary Student Loan Xpress, according to the company website, retained **Erin Strawn** and her firm, Stanton Park Group, in November 2005 to lobby for the "Re-Authorization of the Higher Education Act." Stanton Park was ultimately paid at least \$80,000 through 2006. Strawn's biography on the firm's website says she had been an "Appropriations Associate" in Cunningham's office. There she "successfully shepherded" legislation "to allow certain student loan borrowers to consolidate with their lender of choice" and "ran point for Cunningham's efforts to build coalition support for key programs in the Labor Health and Education bill."

Randy Cunningham



Currently the nation's eighth-largest student-lending company, Student Loan Xpress, headquartered on High Bluff Drive in Del Mar Heights, grew rapidly, in part by plying university financial aid officers with advisory fees, free travel, and stock in the company. In one case, the company paid \$80,000 to send its executives to conferences run by a firm that was owned by a college's dean of financial aid. The alleged aim was to enhance loan referrals by the schools. DeRose, a former executive for American Express Educational Loans, and his associates cashed out big-time in 2005 when CIT Group bought Student Loan Xpress for \$318 million. Last week, CIT put deRose and his associates, who continued to work for the company after its sale, on leave until investigations are complete. Those include one by Democratic senator **Edward Kennedy**.



Edward Kennedy

Besides employing Cunningham's ex-aide as a lobbyist, Education Lending Group created a political action committee that contributed \$5000 to "American Prosperity PAC" Cunningham's "leadership" PAC, in February 2005, as well as giving to other Republican causes. Company employees contributed \$10,000 to Cunningham's reelection campaign from 2003 through 2005.

Doctor Money When Dr. **David A. Brenner** was named vice chancellor and dean for the school of medicine at UCSD in February, his salary was the talk of the campus. Brenner, a gastroenterologist who came from New York's Columbia University, where he'd been chairman of the department of medicine, was lured out West by the heady pay of \$720,000 a year plus a \$125,000 relocation allowance and the chance to get a state-subsidized

mortgage, up to \$1 million, in order to buy a suitable manse. Brenner's predecessor at the helm of the med school was **Edward Holmes**, who departed the campus last September for greener financial pastures in Singapore, where he and his wife, **Judith Swain**, a cellular cardiologist, joined that country's Agency for Science, Technology and Research. Holmes had been paid a relatively paltry \$531,277 a year, according to a May 2006 state audit. Sixty thousand of that came in the form of a controversial special side payment questioned by the auditors, who concluded that while not illegal, it "circumvented policy."

But if Holmes earned less than Brenner, he still seems to have done a good job of feathering his personal financial nest during his time at the university. According to a 14-page "leaving office" statement of economic interests that Holmes filed after he departed UCSD last October, he held stock in no fewer than 44 companies, including holdings valued at between \$100,000 and \$1 million in Tularik/Amgen Inc., which he said was a "Biotechnology/Big Pharma" company. Other medically related stocks in the Holmes portfolio included GlaxoSmithKline PLC-ADR; Interventional Rhythm Management; CR Bard Inc.; Johnson & Johnson; Teva Pharmaceutical; and Varian Medical Systems.



David Brenner

In addition, his wife received between zero and \$499 for her service as a board member for Durham, North Carolina-based Synecor, whose website boasts, "We create paradigm-shifting medical technologies." Holmes was paid between \$1001 and \$10,000 as an advisory board member for the London-based Wellcome Trust, which also paid more than \$24,000 for two trips he took to London in May and June. Other free trips he took included a four-day junket to Singapore last June, paid for by the National University of Singapore, valued at \$6193.28. The week after that, GlaxoSmithKline reimbursed him \$6308.71 for travel expenses to attend the "RADEX Advisory Board meeting."

By comparison, Brenner's "assuming office" statement of economic interests, filed on March 26, is only four pages long and lists no assets at all, only relatively modest gifts and payments, including one speaking fee of between \$1001 and \$10,000, paid by Geneva, Switzerland-based pharmaceutical company Serono, and a second one of between \$500 and \$1000 paid by Celera, a San Francisco genetics company. He also lists travel reimbursements of \$2000 from Serono and \$1200 from Celera. **Stuart Jamieson**, UCSD's head of cardiothoracic surgery, gave Brenner theater tickets worth \$260. Jamieson had run the university medical center's controversial heart-transplant program, which was forced to suspend operations in February because it wasn't performing enough transplants to qualify for federal and state reimbursements from Medicare and Medi-Cal.

— Matt Potter

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Money Talks, Safety Doesn't

By Don Bauder

On January 23 of this year, city land czar James Waring wrote a letter to Jeff R. Brown, aviation safety officer of the California

Department of Transportation in Sacramento. In the City of San Diego government, there is no tradeoff between safety and money, claimed Waring. The only concern is

with in terms of money." Oh? Let's look into that assertion.

Waring was talking about the Centrum 1 building being constructed by Sunroad Enterprises. The Federal Aviation

"... to what extent should an urbanizing community restrict economic development...to protect against a very low probability hazard?"

Letter from James Waring to Terry Price, 11/9/06



"...issues of lives and public safety are not issues to be dealt with in terms of money."

Letter from James Waring to Jeff Brown, Aviation Safety Officer, 1/23/07

Inset photo: James Waring

safety. There is no one in City government who "does not take the issue of safety very seriously," boasted Waring. "The mayor consistently states that the primary function of City government is public safety.... [I]ssues of lives and safety are not issues to be dealt

Administration told Sunroad in mid-2006 that anything higher than 160 feet was an aviation hazard. The state Department of Transportation agreed. But with its 190-foot building, Sunroad defies both, saying it has permission to go ahead from the City's

development bureaucracy.

Under the California Public Records Act, the Reader received a collection of the City's internal and external communications as the Sunroad crisis was unfolding. These documents show that contrary to what Waring claimed on January 23, he was concerned about and at times obsessed with money: what would abandonment of the project cost the City and/or Sunroad? Would the City have financial liability? Weren't the safety risks minimal, and weren't they outweighed by other considerations, such as real estate development?

On December 12 of last year, Waring wrote to an acquaintance, "What do we do? Is 20 feet on this one building critical?" One option might be to demolish the building in whole or in part. "Is the City liable for anything? I don't think so, but we'll still spend at least hundreds of thousands of dollars defending the case. I assume we can use dollars from airports [budgets]," but that would reduce the City's airport capital improvement program, complained Waring.

He pondered whether safety issues were really so important. On that same day in December, Waring wrote another San Diegan: "Do you

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Bauder Talks!

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Tenants Turn Up the Heat

By Joe Deegan

In 2003, Bruce Francis was driving a taxi late into the night and sleeping daytimes at the Baltic Inn on Sixth Avenue downtown.

One day he lodged a complaint. "I told the managers, 'A lot of construction noise outside is keeping me awake, and by the way, it's awfully cold in my room in the early mornings.'" Management seemed responsive. They moved Francis across the street to the Simmons Hotel. (The hotels were owned by the same company.) But the room there was neither quieter nor warmer. After Francis complained again, management refused to accept his next rent payment. They wanted him to leave immediately.

"My friend Al DeBartolo said, 'Why don't you file a lawsuit against them? I'll help you,'" remembers Francis. He knew that DeBartolo, who is 79, often volunteered to help poor people fight legal battles. DeBartolo had owned several successful businesses in his earlier life, including a restaurant in Chicago and, during the 1970s, a riding sta-

ble in Vista. "I get along without money for the legal work," he claims.

me that old line about having a fool for a client." DeBartolo estimates that since then he has given assistance to 30 or more people in various legal struggles, claiming to have won about half the cases. He says he studied law for three years "a long time ago in San Francisco," but he can't remember the name of the school. He has not passed a bar exam in any state.

Bruce Francis took DeBartolo up on his offer and filed a class-action lawsuit, even though he was the only named plaintiff. With his friend's advice, Francis came before the court as a "plaintiff in pro per." The term comes from the Latin "*propria persona*," or "on his own behalf." Judges do not like pro pers because they commonly lack knowledge of correct courtroom procedures and of how to write legal documents.

Before filing the lawsuit in 2004, Francis had called



Bruce Francis, Al DeBartolo

says Francis. "Then, months later, in the middle of our lawsuit, they suddenly showed up. Shortly afterward workers started putting new heating equipment in the hotels."

From then on the hotels would have heat, but Francis was not satisfied. "Hundreds of people, maybe, had lived in those hotels without heat,"

judge dismissed the class action because we couldn't name all the parties to the suit." Francis ended up as a lone plaintiff and received a \$2500 settlement that he split with his advisor. "I told the judge," he says, "that I felt bad for Al [DeBartolo] because he put in probably \$20,000 in time, copying, and secretarial pay

time working as a night clerk in the Reiss Hotel on First Avenue. On February 1, 2007, a night when the cold caused residents to complain more than usual, he fired off a letter to the hotel's owner, John Caparell. He asked for heat. "Also," he wrote, "please remove the wood shims [holding the windows open] in the bathrooms and please install windows in the shower rooms instead of these open holes in the upper walls." To use the common bathrooms and showers, residents have to walk down cold and drafty hallways. Francis tells me, "We had been told that when guests complain about heat, give them another blanket. Or tell them the building is too old for heat. Amazingly, that would work."

Francis was not anxious to get into another protracted fight, and he might not have written to Caparell except for one disturbing event. On January 23, after an especially cold night, Bryant Kemp, a man in his 60s who had a flu-like illness, died in the hotel. Several other residents suffered from a similar illness at the same time. Nobody seems to know the exact causes of Kemp's death, but Francis emphasizes that being cold could not have helped him.

According to Francis,

Caparell did not take the request for heat well. The day after receiving the letter, he came to the Reiss in the early morning. Caparell demanded to know why Francis couldn't have just called him. Why did he need to write a letter? On February 7 Caparell came back to the hotel. Sometime that same day, Caparell wrote Francis a "Notice of Termination of Employment for Cause." The cause cited was that once in January "you failed to properly fill out your cash reports as required." Caparell wrote that he then brought the failure to Francis's attention. "[Today], I again found your work documentation to be substandard...."

Francis insists there was nothing wrong with his cash reporting. And he says that Caparell has yet to put heat in the Reiss. According to Francis, the building doesn't have radiators, furnaces, or any other kind of heating mechanisms. Residents who try to use space heaters cause electrical shorts.

In late February, Francis wrote to San Diego's Neighborhood Code Compliance Department to ask them to inspect the Reiss. The letter came on the heels of eight earlier complaints sent to the department by the hotel's res-

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Baltic Inn



San Diego's Neighborhood Code Compliance Department. He wanted an inspector to look for violations of California's law requiring hotels to provide heat for their guests. "But they wouldn't come out,"

says Francis. "I knew the current ones, but they wouldn't come forward for fear of the same thing that happened to me. And the hotels' big-time attorneys hit us with every trick in the book. Finally, the

to help people out, and he gets only \$1250. Afterward I had to go up to Portland for some rest, I was so exhausted."

As though it were his fate, Francis ended up last year in another heatless building, this

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really think it is necessary to tear down a \$45,000,000 building because of the 17 feet? ... We are an interesting coun-

try. Collectively and individually we accept many risks in life and public policy. Yet in some areas we impose huge restrictions to protect against a very marginal risk." City employees overseeing airports had explained to him how

landing patterns could be changed so that Sunroad wouldn't have to cut its building down to 160 feet. "The more I learn, the lower the event probability appears." Then he hedged, "Of course, the other side is that any acci-

dent would involve human life regardless of that probability."

Then Waring brought up what was really on his mind: land use, or real estate policies. "I do believe the reason the FAA is under increasing

pressure to close airports all over America is because of issues and land use conflicts similar to this one.... I believe aviation function and safety can be preserved without the strait jacket the FAA imposes on local jurisdictions." The air-

port regulatory agency "will adapt to reasonable restrictions on use of land and money or it will in the coming decades see more and more airports closed." Land and money were critical, quoth he. "The cost of stopping [the Sunroad project] is extensive." The City had decided to permit Sunroad to complete the building's interior. "It is their money they are risking by finishing the interior work," said Waring.

In late January of this year, representatives of the Development Services Department were to appear on a KPBS radio show. Waring looked over his employees' preparation sheets. "Remember, we do not believe the City has liability," he wrote emphatically.

Hmmm. Waring had told the California Department of Transportation on January 23 that "issues of lives and safety are not issues to be dealt with in terms of money."

On November 19, in still another letter, Waring opined that "overly restrictive FAA rules put unnecessary pressure on local jurisdictions and aviation resources.... Aviation safety and mission can coexist in many cases with general fund land uses." Then Waring returned to a monetary topic dear to his heart: economic development. "The greater question is to what extent should an urbanizing community restrict economic development...to protect against a very low probability hazard? I'm not a pilot, but I have to guess that pilots are at much greater risk from our local mountains or from mechanical issues than they are at risk of hitting a building like the Sunroad one....

In a general sense, what economic opportunity loss should a city accept in support of an airport?" So, unlike what he asserted on January 23, public safety issues are definitely to be dealt with in terms of money, Waring said repeatedly.

In a letter to two city employees on December 4, Waring mused that he didn't know "whether the building is a real risk or whether this is much ado about nothing. Regardless, our job for the City of San Diego is to minimize any claims against the City, including trying to avoid a lawsuit against the City." Why not deter air accidents, rather than deter financial claims?

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ing to Waring's doubts that low risk was worth \$45 million, put it straight to him: "You see \$45,000,000 and low risk. The FAA, Caltrans, and a bunch of airport users see yet another example of 'bend the rules to suit developers and city planners.'"

Waring's underlings were equally obsessed with the financial aspects of any attempt to make Sunroad comply with federal and state air safety laws. In October, the city attorney asked the City's Development Services Department to issue a stop-work order. "It will be very expensive to stop work," pointed out one employee in a note to Waring and Marcela Escobar-Eck, head of Development Services.

"We are getting lots of pressure from Sunroad," complained another employee on October 12.

On December 4, Karen Hutchens, who does flackery

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for Sunroad, wrote to Fred Sainz, who does the same for the mayor. Hutchens wanted "to provide the mayor's office a thorough briefing on the issue."

On December 12, Waring exchanged ever-so-friendly e-mails with Tom Story, the long-time overseer of development activities for the City who went to Sunroad in late 2005 and is now being charged with influence-peddling by the city attorney's office. Waring was thinking of setting up a phone conference with the FAA. Story wanted to be in on the call. Story volunteered to have Sunroad's Washington lobbyist set up the phone colloquy.

Sunroad has two even higher buildings on the drawing boards. Both of these, too, break FAA rules. On December 12, Waring offered Story gratuitous advice. "For what it is worth, I suggest you are making a tactical error in not solving building 1 and then and only then dealing with 2 and 3," offered Waring. Such chumminess.

While this was going on, Waring had his employees prepare a timeline. It shows that on June 19 of last year, the City learned that the FAA had concerns about the height of Centrum 1. The next day, the federal administration told Sunroad that the building would be officially classified as a hazard. Two days later, a Sunroad attorney said that the federal administration had no authority to control local land use. But the next day, June 23, Sunroad said it would hold

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construction to 160 feet, as the federal government desired. On June 29, Sunroad got permission from the federal agency to construct the 160-foot building.

One month later, Sunroad told the City that it would build to 180 feet (now 190 feet). On January 23, Waring told the California Department of Transportation that "we have never received a satisfactory answer" why Sunroad agreed to build to 160 feet "and then proceeded to 180 feet."

The city attorney is trying to get an answer to that question in court. He is catching flak from the rest of city government. Could it have something to do with money? ■

Turn up the heat

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idents. As a follow-up, Francis called on March 1. He tells me that Sheri Carr, the department's deputy director, promised to send someone out the next week. "Ten days later," says Francis, "I got a call from someone in the office of Marcela Escobar-Eck [director of San Diego's Development Services Department] telling me that Code Compliance had gone out to the Reiss in mid-February and found everything to be fine."

When I call, Sheri Carr first says that Code Compliance is not required to inspect hotels that were built prior to the enactment of San Diego's Uniform Building Code in

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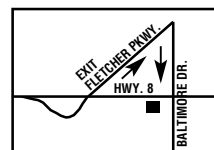
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the 1920s. She estimates that the Reiss was built sometime around 1912. Nevertheless, Carr tells me, she went to the hotel in mid-February. "The owner showed me wall heaters in the rooms," she says.

"Maybe Caparell put on a dog and pony show for her," says Al DeBartolo. Recently, to get to the bottom of it, I went to the hotel and asked to see a vacant room I might rent. The room had a microwave oven and a mini-refrigerator. But no heater or heating vent.

On April 9, with the help of Francis and DeBartolo, current Reiss Hotel resident Rita Curry filed a class-action lawsuit against John Caparell and his mother, Voula Caparell,

two known partners in a company called San Diego Progressive Urban Development. Ossie Coley and Peter Nadreau, former residents of the Reiss, are joining Curry in the action. This time DeBartolo and Francis want to make it impossible for the court to throw out the suit because it names an insufficient number of plaintiffs. The suit alleges that company owners illegally and "intentionally withheld...heat from all guests and tenants of the Reiss Hotel for a period of at least four years...." In addition, it charges that they "routinely refuse and threaten to refuse rent payments from tenants, who are otherwise current on their rent, for the primary purpose of depriv-

ing these tenants of the full rights of tenancy, specifically the tenants' rights to challenge the evictions in court." The plaintiffs are asking the court to award them attorney fees and damages for all people who have lived at the Reiss over the past four years.

By phone John Caparell tells me that Francis "has done this kind of thing before. It's basically extortion," he says, by which he means "the use of unmerited threats to obtain money." I ask Caparell, who is an attorney, whether his hotel has heat. "I don't comment on matters that are currently being litigated," he says.

The day after Francis served Caparell notice of the lawsuit, Rita Curry tells me, she

had her rent payment rejected. She was being evicted. "The manager told me, 'John [Caparell] is not happy with you,'" says Curry. "But it was cold here this winter. I asked for another blanket, but they said they couldn't give me one." When Curry told Reiss manager Art Mendoza that she had a legal right to stay, he called the police. He convinced them that hotels are permitted to refuse future business with their guests. The police then gave Curry an hour to pack her things and leave.

But Curry called Francis, who called police headquarters. "I told the officer in charge that Mendoza had hoodwinked her officers," he says. "Once tenants have rented

rooms for 31 days or more, they have the same rights as any regular renter. They have the right to challenge their eviction in court. And I told the officer I didn't want to see the City charged in the lawsuit too." Within the hour, he claims, the police came back and told Curry she had the right to stay.

I speak with the two other plaintiffs as well. Peter Nadreau lived at the Reiss during December and January, when he had a job. He tells me that he is among a group of elderly and occasionally homeless people who, depending on their income, go in and out of residential hotels. "If people start getting something like [federally funded Sup-

plemental Security Income], they can stay indefinitely," he says. Not long ago Nadreau quit his job and now sleeps in a friend's storage facility.

Ossie Coley came to San Diego from Northern California last summer. Before that he lived in Washington, D.C., where he participated in another lawsuit over lack of hotel heat. "The Georgetown University Law Center helped us with that one," he says. "The hotel got hit with 30 different violations." Coley now has a new job and has rented an apartment.

"Wasn't it," I ask, "a lot colder in Washington?"

"Oh, yes," says Coley. "But it was tremendously cold in the Reiss this past winter." ■



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Politics And Poetry

I just finished reading your April 5 paper, the one that deals with detailed corruption in San Diego ("U-T and Police Lie About Aguirre," "City Lights"), and it's very informative. It sickens a person, really, in a sense, to read it. And I also enjoyed the article about the man who got the poetry position at San Diego State ("Starting at State," Feature Story). I have nine children, but none of them actually went to San Diego State — they went to the UC system. But having read that, I'm really sorry that none of them had the opportunity to meet the teacher of poetry. Thanks for your paper.

Pat Ramirez

Trump Sneaks Into PB?

I read with interest Don

Bauder's article ("U-T and Police Lie About Aguirre," "City Lights") in the April 5 issue of the Reader about what he aptly calls the Incest Perpetuation League (IPL). I, too, find it perplexing that so many of our mayors and city council members become so mesmerized by that wealthy cabal of developers and big-business interests that have for so long controlled this town. From giveaways of public lands to friendly real estate developers to building the stadium for poor John Moores and his Padres, that incestuous establishment, with the U-T as its biggest cheerleader, has continually — and with apparent impunity — transferred public land and tax revenues to its members.

Over the last 10 to 15 years, it has seemed that Bauder and Matt Potter are the only reporters who have been willing to unravel and expose all of their webs of deceit and obvious conflicts of interest. In local government, it appears that the only officials who resist the siren songs of large campaign contributions and U-T editorial endorsements are Donna Frye and Mike Aguirre. While Aguirre's tenaciousness has repeatedly been a thorn in the side of the IPL, he has both the courage and determination to do what he thinks is right for the city and taxpayers. I agree with former district attorney Ed Miller's assessment that Chief Lansdowne violated the law and his oath of office when he refused to execute a lawfully obtained search and seizure warrant. I am very disappointed in DA Bonnie Dumanis.

After years of having my blood pressure rise every

time I read the disingenuous, dishonest, and heavily biased U-T articles and editorials, I stopped reading it about seven years ago and started a subscription to a far better out-of-town paper. The only downside is that I do not get much local news. So I was startled recently when I learned that Mayor Sanders and a number of developers — local and national — are now campaigning (and, most likely, concocting secret deals behind closed doors) to eliminate the 30-foot height limit on buildings that has been the rule in this city for some years. According to some literature that was distributed to residents of Pacific Beach, even major developers like Donald Trump (who would be readily accepted as an honorary member of the IPL) have designs on land along our beaches, from Point Loma up to La Jolla, and are drooling at the thought of building very high-end, high-rise condos with ocean views.

We were told that Mayor Sanders strongly endorses this change, which I assume will have to be approved by ballot measure. Perhaps this is old news, but I — and many of my neighbors — were unaware of this plan. If you have not yet done a story about it, perhaps it would be a fitting subject to investigate and write about in a future issue of the only believable paper in this city, the Reader.

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The Return Of King George

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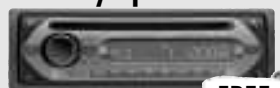
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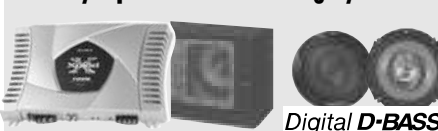
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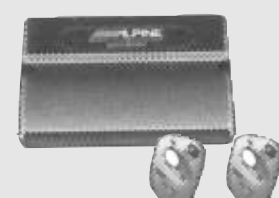


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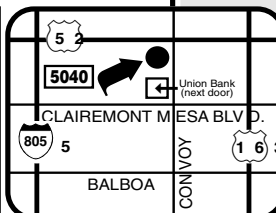


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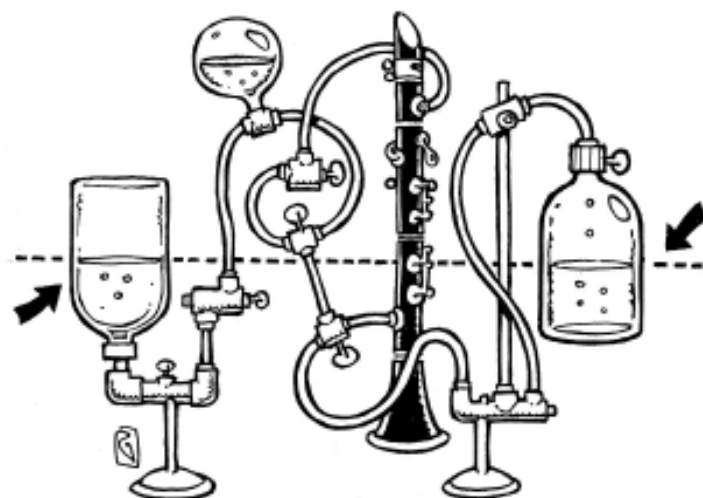
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FOR MY SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

Googling has now officially replaced thinking. A student is simply the passive device through which a teacher's question is transmitted to the Internet, where an answer magically appears. And heck, I didn't do my own homework in school. Not going to start now doing other people's. But thank you for asking and for saying "please" to a disembodied etherbeing who doesn't even have the power to send you to your room without dessert for not saying "please."

So, okay, you want your basic physics experiment that will be eye-catching yet scientifically relevant. For that you'll need a garden hose, a clarinet, a big cannoli shell (unstuffed), a five-inch PVC sewer pipe, ziti (uncooked, no sauce), a megaphone, bagpipes, a flute, and a large glass globe with a hole in the top and bottom. Stretch the garden hose straight and horizontal, close off the ends, and punch enough holes in it to stick each of the other objects into it perpendicularly — so water will flow through the hose and in and out of the bottom of the bagpipes, the ziti, etc. Now take a big bunch of water and pour it into, oh, maybe, the glass globe. It doesn't really matter. Start with the clarinet, if that suits you. After you've poured in what you figure is "enough" water, stand back and look at your experimental array. Take our word for it (since I guess you can't really see the water level in any but the glass), the water in each of the things stuck in the garden hose is at the same level as in each of the others. Straight as an arrow, an equal distance above the garden hose. The water's no higher in the sewer pipe than it is in the cannoli. Water has sought its own level and you've proved it. This works because gravity never sleeps, and because no matter the size or shape of the thing sticking out of the garden hose, the pressure of the water at any given point on the side of the thing will remain equal. Pour more water into the clarinet, and the level will change in all other things to come back into balance. You've also just shown that water will flow uphill inside a bagpipe if conditions are right.

Hello, Matt:

Each 12-ounce beer bottle says "10 cent CRV refund." When I took about 200 saved-up bottles to a recycle place, to my surprise, they did not count the bottles, just dumped them in a container to be weighed. When I was shown the refund and questioned it, they said it was, like, 10 cents a pound. The 10 cent CRV printed on the label can be deceiving. You naturally think, "Wow, I am getting back 10 cents. I better drink more!" I did the same thing at the local Albertsons shopping-center recycling place. I was given 5 cents CRV per bottle. This is confusing. In fact, that is when I later took the bottles to the recycle center, thinking I would get 10 cents instead of 5 cents per bottle. So, you are saying that the 10 cents per bottle CRV on the label means 10 cents per pound?

— Leonard, somewhere between the beer store and the recycle center

Zowie! Surprised you could find the recycle center after 200 beers. But that was your big mistake. You are due 5 or 10 cents back, depending on the size of the bottles (5 cents for less than 24 ounces, 10 cents for the larger ones) only if you bring in fewer than 50 at a time. Fewer than 50, the recycler folks count 'em out and pay you accordingly. More than 50, the law sez they can pay you by weight. The weight value isn't based on the CRV but on the market price for old beer bottles. Same applies to cans. So, see if you can get yourself up and out of the house every 49 beers or so to get your full recycle fee back.

Matt:

In August '06, I received a birthday card that sang to me "The Age of Aquarius" by the Fifth Dimension. The dang thing's still singing. Since then I've talked to friends whose singing cards have lasted three years. What powers these things, nuclear energy?

— M. Schimming, Oceanside

Scary little critters, those cards. Do kind of have a life of their own. They're powered by teeny three-volt lithium ion batteries stuck away in the fold of the card, along with the analog recording chip, amplifier, and flyspeck speakers. The whole Rube Goldberg device is activated when you open the card. When the card's closed, a tab slides between two contacts. When opened, the tab slides away and the juice flows. Since the device is analog, not digital, it draws very little power, so you might have to beat it to death with a stick when you just can't stand it anymore.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Sports Beat

I used to travel half the year. Many trips were to oddball places, so I flew on oddball airlines. As a consequence, although I have pro-league air miles on my scorecard, the total is diluted because my frequent-flyer miles are split between seven airlines.

One of my big accounts was with U.S. Airways, which, after bankruptcy, after shoving their pension obligations off to the federal government, announced that if I — and this goes for everyone else in my affinity cohort — did not fly on one of their wretched airplanes within the next 18 months, they would void my frequent-flyer miles.

This only reinforced my view that airplanes are for long-distance travel only. The hassle of getting to and being in an airport, the overbooked flights, lost luggage, laughable on-time records, prison food, all of it served up by workers who are paid too little and have too much power — a toxic combination that causes them to hate their customers — means I'll drive or take the train for any trip less than 600 miles.

A few months after my airline's extortion announcement, there came to my attention, by way of United States commercial mail, an offer to trade my airline miles for magazines.

Suddenly, I realized I had no idea what was going on in magazine world. After all, I'm vaguely connected to magazine world in the sense that I write and magazine writers write too. I really should know a little more about what my brothers and sisters do over there on the magazine side of the planet, so, on the spot, I decided to hoist the flag and acquire magazines. Actually, I could use an update. Other than the *New Yorker*, my magazine reading has been zero since the Internet came to town.

So, with a feeling of righteousness and of doing good works, I made my way down the list of magazines and checked the box next to: *Esquire*, *Maxim*, *Backpacker*, *Newsweek*, *Jet*, *Vanity Fair*, *Guns & Ammo*, *The Economist*, *Lucky*, *ESPN*, *Interview*, *Aquarium Fish Magazine*, *Harpers Bazaar*, *Log Homes Illustrated*, *Swap Meet Magazine*, and for the hell of it, a daily subscription to *Variety*, which, I note, goes for \$300 a year.

Fuck you, U.S. Airways.

Six weeks later, like stragglers trying to catch up to a defeated army, my subscriptions began to arrive. In that same way, when you go back to a place you lived 20 years ago and see

with new eyes all the changes that have taken place, changes that people living there now don't notice, I saw magazines as they were and as they are now.

I can report that general interest magazines have mutated into sinkholes for the culturally illiterate. Playgrounds for the incurious. From *Newsweek's* cover stories on health tips for seniors and what's new in cancer treatments to *Esquire's* seven ways to tie a tie, the 400-word cover article about nothing in particular is king. There's been an explosion of photographs and shriveling of editorial. A champion of the form is *Maxim*, which appears to have taken a stand that they don't need editorial; they're going to fill their pages with glossy ads, period. You have to admire that. And, of course, there's the always reliable *Guns and Ammo*. I simply picked up where I left off.

The rest took space in my mailbox. I glanced at their covers on the way to the dumpster, save for one... *Variety*. I found sports news there that I didn't see anywhere else.

A while back I wrote a column about unknown sports leagues. One was the USA Rock Paper Scissors League. It was a joke — I mean, the league was real, but it was a joke in context of what people think of when they think of professional athletic leagues. I put this league as one step above betting on which of two chickens will lay the first egg.

Last month *Variety* informed me, "ESPN has signed on to televise this year's USA Rock Paper Scissors League championship.... The second annual national championship tournament...will take place May 12 and 13 at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.... ESPN programming and acquisitions director Ilan Ben-Hanan said... "Nearly everyone has played Rock Paper Scissors, so it will be interesting to see the strategic skills displayed by this elite field of competitors...."

Again, *Variety* scooped with, "A. Smith & Co. has sealed an exclusive deal to head up production for the nascent Rocket Racing League — think Indy cars, but with rocket fuel and in the sky.

"Shingle topper Arthur Smith, the former head of Fox Sports Net and a CBC Network Sports vet, has already put together a plan to televise the sport, which would involve the planes competing across a race track in the air."

Nothing about the Chargers, though.

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Congregation size: 25

Staff size: 3

Sunday school enrollment: not yet

Annual budget: n/a

Weekly giving: about \$100

Singles program: no

Dress: casual

Diversity: majority Caucasian, some African American and Pacific Islander

Sunday worship: 11:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour

Website: www.oldcatholicroman.com

"I've been to some places that consider themselves liberal and accepting," said one congregant at St. John the Beloved. Those qualities were important to him because he was both gay and divorced. "But for them, 'liberal and accepting' meant the priest was in a Hawaiian shirt and there was dancing on the altar."

Not here. Here, the theology would allow for both gay and female clergy, but there would be no priests in Hawaiian shirts. The setting was humble: a small, octagonal chapel at University Christian Church ("examples of true, radical hospitality," said Rector Thomas Beckman). Two small stained-glass windows, depicting what might have been smoke and flame, joined a cross, a midcentury portrait of Jesus, and a Monet landscape as the room's principal adornment. But other elements seemed more ornate and more typically (even traditionally) Catholic. The embroidered trim on the altar cloth, matching both the tapestry surrounding the cross on the wall and the detail work on Father

Martin de Porres Griffin's vestments. Two pots of Easter lilies, placed beside two tall candlesticks before the altar. Just off to the left, a silver crucifix on a pole. A modest brass tabernacle, huddled in a corner beside a richly detailed Paschal candle. And when the acolytes entered the church during the entrance hymn, they wore black cassocks covered by white albs. "Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia/ All on earth with angels say, Alleluia."

More traditional gestures permeated the Mass: the priest slowly bowed his head when he mentioned Jesus' name in prayer. A snippet of Latin opened the Gloria, and the congregation intoned the Our Father. One congregant made the sign of the cross at the phrase "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" in the Sanctus, another knelt at the elevation of the Eucharist. In general, Griffin's words and motions seemed careful and deliberate — not formal to the point of seeming mannered, but not casual, or even ordinary.

Still, it wasn't all old-school Catholicism. Of necessity, piano took the place of an organ,

and the arrangements for the liturgical music had a modern, folksy feel. The sign of peace enjoyed a privileged status: nearly everybody wished the peace of Christ to nearly everybody else, often through an embrace instead of the more typical handshake. And there were two noticeable variations from standard Catholic liturgy: "For us and our salvation" replaced "For us men and our salvation" in the Creed, and the Eucharistic prayer did not include a prayer for the pope.

The Gospel told the story of Jesus visiting the disciples after His resurrection, appearing in their midst even though "the doors were locked," and saying "Peace be with you." In his homily, Griffin said, "Many times, the doors of our hearts are locked, but Jesus enters anyway, and He says, 'Peace be with you.' He breathed on them His holy spirit, and...there is safety in that place. The disciples feel safe in the care and the presence of Jesus."

Except for Thomas. "We hear about

Thomas not being present in the community when Jesus came the first time; Thomas saying, 'I won't believe unless I can physically see and touch my Savior.' How often am I in that place, saying, 'Lord, you can do these things, but I don't truly believe in my heart. I need to see.' What would have helped Thomas in that situation is the community.... Faith is centered in every one of our hearts, but we need others to help us see, to help us believe.... As Christians who believe in the resurrection of Christ, but who have not seen, we are called to continue to see Christ each day, to receive His peace and bring that peace to others, that they may believe. These are all signs that Christ is truly present and active in our world."

During the intercessory prayers, the acolyte prayed "that the Church's life in Christ continue to invite non-

believers to come to belief."

At the end of Mass, Rector Beckman, recently released from the hospital, took a moment to address the congregation. "I wanted to tell you...what a great deal this community has meant to me in my healing process, how very much I love you and how very much I believe in the work that we are doing. This gathering is a testimony to the living love that proceeds from God."

Just before the final blessing, Griffin mentioned that the church was selling polo shirts sporting the diocesan emblem. One congregant leaned over and murmured a joke to his neighbor: "Do any of them come with Roman collars?"

What happens when we die?

"We'll reach that place of glory," said Griffin, "and Jesus will — as in the Gospel today — He'll say, 'Peace be with you. Welcome to the place I have prepared for you.'"

— Matthew Lickona



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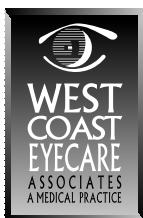
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—EVE KELLY

"Why is it that every time I use this jigsaw, the blade breaks right before I finish the project?" complained my father. My parents were visiting and Dad was spending a lot of time in the garage creating wooden toys for our kids. My hubby Patrick was a bit embarrassed. Dad knows how to use a jigsaw, so Patrick knew that the **\$30** Black and Decker jigsaw he bought ten years ago was probably to blame. "Every year," he told me after my parents had flown home, "I'm embarrassed by the cheapness of my jigsaw when your dad comes here. When I bought that thing, I went for the bottom of the line. But I can't seem to make a straight cut with it. I thought since I wasn't going to use it very often, I didn't need to buy a durable, contractor-grade saw. But maybe there is more to it than durability."



I decided to research and buy a quality jigsaw to spare my hubby more embarrassment and to relieve Dad's blade-breaking frustration. I spoke with a salesman at White Cap tool store to get some hints on what to buy. "You get what you pay for in any power tool that you buy," he explained. "If you buy an off-brand jigsaw, it is not going to perform as well. The tools we sell here are more for the contractor, the guys that are going to be depending on them to make money."

How much should you expect to pay? "I would say between **\$150** and **\$200**," he said. "I wouldn't spend more than \$200 if you are a homeowner. First, you want to look at how often you are going to be using the saw; what you are doing with it, how well you want your product to turn out, and how dependable you want it to be. If you are going to use it one time and probably never again, save yourself some money, go with a less expensive one. But if you will be using the tool for a hobby, buy a really good saw, buy dependability."

White Cap sells Bosch and DeWalt jigsaws. "With any tool there are going to be little characteristics for each one," he said. "Some highlights of the Bosch are one-touch blade change. You use one hand to get the blade into it, so it is really simple. The bevel, which is the plate on the bottom, is real easy to adjust, so you can adjust the angle that you are cutting. Some of the saws have dials for the trigger so that you can dial in your speed; you can set an adjustable speed."

"There are top-handled jigsaws and there are also fine-cut power hand saws, which are similar," he continued. "There are different SPMs, strokes-per-minute. There is one that has a five-amp motor, and it is a variable speed from 500 SPM to 3100 SPM. Having the variable speed is important so that you can fine-guide yourself around the material. Because, normally, when you are

"If you will be using the tool for a hobby, buy a really good saw, buy dependability."

using a jigsaw, you are cutting designs. So having that maneuverability, that variable speed, is very important with a jigsaw. Most jigsaws are from 500 to 3100 [SPM]. There is also different amperage for the different saws. Some saws have 5 amps, others 6.4 amps. More amps mean more power."

Patrick's old Black and Decker jigsaw is 2.5 amps. My man deserves more power. But the White Cap salesman, who asked not to be named, explained that there's more to look for than power. "When you are working with jigsaws, what wears out is the blade. So you want to be able to change the blade easily."

Patrick has to use a screwdriver to replace the blade on his jigsaw — always a source of grumbling (or worse), especially if he and the saw are at one end of the house and the screwdriver is in the garage at the other end.

"Also," the salesman continued, "You have to use the proper blade. Don't use a wood-cutting blade to cut metal. Bosch sells a set of five blades for **\$17**, contractor-grade, for metal and wood with nails."

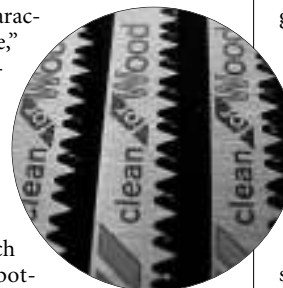
What size boards can you cut with a jigsaw? I asked him.

"It depends on what kind of blade," he replied. "Cutting capacity for aluminum is three-quarters of an inch thick. Plastics you can go an inch and a quarter; steel, three-eighths; stainless steel, one-eighth of an inch; and the cutting capacity for wood is three and three-eighths inches."

I've seen both Patrick and Dad get frustrated with tangled extension cords. I asked the salesman if White Cap sells any cordless jigsaws and if he'd recommend them.

"We sell a DeWalt cordless jigsaw (**\$121**)," he answered. "It is a little bit more compact and easier to use. It has 5.5 amps, so it is going to give you a lot of power. But, for use around the house, normally you have access to power, and it is not a big hassle to plug one in. You can set up in your garage or home shop and use a powered [corded] saw."

That night, I told Patrick I wanted him to buy himself a new jigsaw on me. I gave him all the information the White Cap man gave me, and I expected him to spend around **\$150**. He came home from Home Depot with a Ryobi jigsaw, which he described as not contractor-grade, but good do-it-yourself quality. The 5.5-amp saw featured a laser guide and a quick-release blade change for **\$69**.



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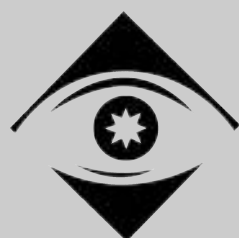
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If I'd belched, I'd have cleared the table, and some people would have passed out.

— My father

It was decided months ago that if they wanted to jump into the deep end of the pool, David's family should meet mine for the first time on a holiday. The final head count for Easter dinner was 24, 19 of whom were related to me. When I passed along this information to David, he remarked, "I'm looking forward to seeing the bear on the unicycle and fez-wearing midgets riding by in a go-cart."

They sequestered themselves in a corner of the living room and discussed politics with the enthusiasm of frat boys comparing notes on chicks and beer.

Our families had been prepped. David's parents and sister were warned of bedlam and irreverence. I informed my brethren of their guests' perennial preference for propriety. "They don't curse," I'd explained to my perplexed parents. "They eat chicken legs with a fork and knife." I had to answer a series of questions regarding this fact before I could move on to the next. "Not one of their children has ever had a tattoo or exotic piercing. Conversations about bodily func-

tions at the dinner table are right out."

David's parents stayed in a downtown hotel, while his sister, Michelle, camped on a futon in our living room. My cousin Jane from Staten Island, her husband, and their three children were staying at Mom's, or what I referred to as the "fun house."

"This might get confusing," I explained to David's family over breakfast at the Mission on Easter morning. "Today there will be two Janes, two Liams, and two Olivias. See, my cousin Jane has a Liam and Olivia. My sister Jane now has an Olivia, and my sister Heather has a Liam. It's easy, though, because with the kids, we say 'big or little Liam' or 'big or little Olivia' to indicate the older or younger ones; with the Janes, we just say 'cousin' Jane or 'sister' Jane, or we

use their last names." Watching the looks of consternation grow on the faces surrounding me, I cheerily added, "You'll catch on."

Mom fretted over details. She'd had the house scrubbed, the yard re-landscaped, the carpets cleaned, and the deck painted. She bought new towels for the bathrooms and made frequent trips to the grocery store. Michelle and David, however, seemed to be the most apprehensive. They struggled to prevent catastrophe by convincing their father not to wear his suit and desperately persuading me that applying red marker to the palms of my hands to simulate stigmata would *not* be as funny as I imagined.

Once through my Mom's door, we were presented with baskets of goodies. "The Easter bunny forgets no one," Mom said proudly. Thirty minutes after we'd arrived, David's mother, Ency, found me in the kitchen and said, "You overexaggerated, Barb; your family is so polite!"

"Just wait," I said forebodingly. I hadn't told her they were "rude," but I *had* made it clear that my family's definition of the word was vastly different from hers. My mother also cornered me to complain about my misrepresentation. "Ency is *wonderful*," she said. "I was expecting her to be cold, but she's *warm*!"

"Mom, I told you she was 'proper' and 'elegant'; that doesn't mean 'tight-lipped' and 'cold,'" I replied.

David said that my family was the most "normal" he'd ever seen them, almost "too"

normal. "I haven't heard anyone curse all day," he told me. "It's like *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. It's creepy." He'd obviously missed my conversation with my cousin Jane in the back yard — in ten minutes, she'd dropped enough F-bombs to level Chicago.

While I was chatting with Ency and Michelle, my sister Jane appeared with little Olivia in her arms, and Michelle asked if she could hold her. As Jane transferred the pink-wrapped papoose into Michelle's arms, she said, "Don't worry, she shouldn't be too fussy. I just topped her off."

"You just what?" asked Ency.

"Did you give her one boob or two?" Mom shouted from across the counter.

"Two," Jane called back. Then, in answer to Ency's question, she said, "You know," pointing to her chest and then to the baby, "I topped her off. And she went to the bathroom, too. She's set for a while." Michelle and Ency raised their brows at each other and then turned their attention to the tiny, pacifier-sucking person between them.

Six of us bustled around the kitchen making last-minute preparations for the meal. Michelle helped Heather with the salad, Jenny and cousin Jane tended to different types of garlic bread, Mom kept an eye on the lasagna, and I sauced and cheesed dozens of chicken-parmesan cutlets. As the temperature in the room rose, so did the mingled scents of garlic, tomato, vinegar, and baked bread. Ency stood to the side,

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staring at us in awe. "I could never do this," she said. "I could never have this many people in my kitchen. It's amazing. I love watching the production."

As I had predicted they would, my dad and Robert, David's father, sequestered themselves in a corner of the living room and discussed politics with the enthusiasm of frat boys comparing notes on chicks and beer. I interrupted, telling them it was time to move to the table, where the chicken was already settled and losing heat. "What are you guys conspiring over here, anyway?" I asked my father.

"We're working on bringing you and David back to the fold," he said. Robert nodded emphatically.

"And what kind of fold might that be?"

"The right-thinking fold," Dad said.

"If this has to do with religion or politics, you can just forget it," I advised.

Dad directed his next words to Robert, who nodded along: "There are none so blind as those who will not see, none so deaf as those who will not hear."

"All right, all right, that's enough, you two," I said. "*Mangia*."

Robert, the archetypal patriarch, seemed startled by my tone. While in his castle, I do my best to pre-

tend to be all the things I'm not — demure, submissive, secondary. At my mother's, the home that produced four strong, unyielding women, I can't help but hold my own. Robert half-teased my father, "What's this? First she runs the show with David, now she's telling you what to do?"

"That's right," Dad answered in kind. "I get no respect." Despite their Statler and Waldorf routine, the men obediently rose to their feet and walked to the table.

It would not have been practical to wait for every last person to settle into their seats before eating. Regardless, Ency and Robert waited patiently, as if for some kind of signal, to begin. Some were already eating. Finally, Ency asked no one in particular, "What should we do?" and I answered, "Eat," and took a bite of chicken to encourage her. Once she was convinced that enough people were chowing down, Ency allowed herself the first bite.

During the meal, Dad managed to slip in a suppository joke. The chandelier above grew bright and dim, bright and dim, as Bella, on tiptoes, conducted scientific experiments on the rheostat. Like my sisters, I jumped in and out of conversations, keeping

up with several of them at any given time. I intermittently glanced at Ency and Robert to see how they were holding up and often found them quiet, smiling, trying to take it all in.

When my sister Jane finished eating, she stood, grabbed her plate, and disappeared into the kitchen. Her husband, Simon, soon followed, then my cousin Jane, followed by her husband, Roger. Heather and Sean never even made it to the table; they had stayed in the kitchen, where they could see the dining room and still keep an eye on the children, who were parked in front of the blaring TV in the family room.

"Where's everyone going?" Ency asked. In her house, people request permission to be excused before leaving the table. My family, accustomed to eating on TV trays or laps, sees no reason to regulate who stands or sits.

"They'll be back," my mother answered breezily.

Some wandered into the other room to check on the kids; a few returned to the table with their Easter baskets and nibbled on candy. Ency and Robert remained seated. Mom announced she was making coffee, and when Robert said he would like a cup, she asked, "Would you like regular or decaf?"

"Regular, please,"

answered Robert.

Mom guffawed, and said, "That's great because I don't even *have* decaf. I was going to *lie*!" She continued to laugh all the way into the kitchen, leaving the few people left at the table to stare after her in bemusement.

My family was scattered to the four corners of the house when Ency and Robert began to say their goodbyes. In her authoritative, no-is-not-a-word manner, Mom said, "So now you're going to do *every* holiday here, right? You're coming back for

Thanksgiving, then Christmas, and then Easter again. Okay?" Before they had a chance to answer, Mom said, "Great, then it's settled." David and I caught each other's eyes, and agreed silently, *There's not enough wine in the world.* ■

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stunnas are celebrated in song by Federation featuring E-40, whose “Stunna Glasses at Night” (remaking Corey Hart’s “Sunglasses at Night”) surely represents the only time someone has ever rhymed “Spider Man” with “cayenne” (“Gotta pair make me look like Spider Man/ same color of the pepper called cayenne/ at night no sun don’t need a tan/ old school like a string and tin can”).

CELL PHONE STRAPS: The first time I saw a young lady in slinky attire reach down near her shoe to answer a ringing phone (this past month, at Stin-garee), I thought the Maxwell Smart shoe-phone had finally been invented. I soon noticed others with phones strapped to their ankles, courtesy of the CPC (cell phone case) Strap by HTL Wireless (around \$50 retail). Also worn on the wrist and arm, where multifunction phones meant to impress with lots of LCD lights tend to make the wearer look like an uncharacteristically fashionable Borg from *Star Trek*, one whose game involves stating — however subliminally — “I will assimilate you, resistance is futile.” Users have found the Strap can be worn with portable music players, enabling proliferation in public appli-



HTL wireless cell phone strap

cations outside those denoted by scant clothing and a dearth of pockets. Some use their Straps to carry a cell phone flask, which hides four ounces

of your favorite libation within a realistic-looking dummy phone, the new-millennium version of a Pepsi sticker for beer cans.

ECOLOGICAL GAS: Back when Kermit T. Frog sang, “It’s Not Easy Bein’ Green,” truer words were never croaked. Nowadays, though, even the Academy Awards have gone green, and there’s no reason you can’t too, even if you think “ecology” is a math course at City College. Alternative fuels such as ethanol first became available locally in 2003, with the opening of the RTC Fuel Depot on El Cajon Boulevard. Offering nine types of fuel, six of them for AFVs (alternative fuel vehicles) and three for bi-fuel, flex-fuel, and conventional cars, their biodiesel tank was the first in the city to dispense fuel made from recycled french fry grease. Now known as the Pearson Ford Fuel Depot, they carry a biodiesel made from soybeans called “BioWillie,” named after country singer Willie Nelson, who endorses it and christened the West Coast’s first Bio-Willie pump in a Pearson ceremony last year, when he poured several golden gallons into his tour-bus tank.





BOOZE IN DISGUISE: So-called “alcopop” is alcohol that looks like a soft drink. Fruity flavors sporting pastel labels are so easily mistaken for soda that teenagers brazenly display and consume them on area high school campuses, prompting the drinks to be nicknamed “cheerleader beer.” Seagram’s Pineapple Coconut Calypso Colada is blue and smells like suntan lotion, making it ideal for surreptitious sipping, while Mike’s Hard Cranberry Lemonade — pink, with 5.2 percent alcohol — looks and smells so innocuous that, in unmarked containers, it could fool even a taste test by enquiring figures of authority (cops, employers, teachers, parents, etc.). Needless to say, this irks said authorities, automatically guaranteeing alcopop as trendy for teens.

COCAINE ENERGY DRINK: “Instant rush,” “no crash!” and “possible feelings of euphoria” are among the promises made on the website for Cocaine Energy Drink. “San Diego is one of the two cities test-marketing this brand, which has the same effects as [the drug] cocaine,” says Dannah Hosford of the Youth Advocacy Coalition, which has petitioned local retailers to stop stocking the drink. “Cocaine has three and a half more times caffeine than Red Bull and is being marketed as legal liquid cocaine. It numbs the throat and causes a euphoric rush...7-Eleven has already pulled them off the shelves, and Circle K is considering it. I mean, it’s just another way of putting drugs directly into kids’ hands.” At around two dollars per can, Cocaine contains around 280 milligrams of caffeine (a cup of coffee usually tops out at around 100 milligrams).



Grammatique bag

FENG SHUI HAIRCUTS: So you want your head to enjoy a positive energy flow, or “chi,” as they say in China. First you fill out a form, with personal data such as your astrological sign, if you like sugar, and whether or not your diet includes meat. The cut begins with the stylist holding a compass near your head, since direction is related to intended results (cutting north is said to enhance romantic success). Followers of feng shui will tell you that the wrong hair-cut interrupts your positive energy flow, bringing bad luck along with those bad-hair days and preventing you from achieving success in life’s endeavors, something working women and aging hippies have long known and decried. Cosmically balanced haircuts average around \$200.

BREEDER BLING: Just because you’re rolling a rug rat doesn’t mean you can’t aim to impress with the Cadillac of baby buggies. A Rock Star Baby Infinity Stroller enables the well-heeled parents of La Jolla, Del Mar, and Rancho Santa Fe to keep up with any Jones on the (gated) block, weighing in at 24 pounds and averaging around \$500. It comes with height-adjustable handles, multiple-position features, car-seat adaptability, a removable hood, lockable swivel front wheels, and air-inflated pneumatic rear tires for a smooth ride no matter how bumpy the parking lot at Neiman Marcus (in case the escalator gives you a flat, an air pump is included). You can thank/blame the revered/reviled Jon Bon Jovi, who endorses/sells the stroller/status symbol alongside partner/drummer Tico Torres (possibly/probably best known/notorious for marrying/divorcing model/uh...model Eva Herzigova).



Rock Star Baby Infinity Stroller

GRAMMATIQUE BAGS AND PURSES: Frequently seen on the scene and dusting the bar at style-centered events such as Club Fashion Whore — held twice monthly at San Diego Sports Club — these individually handmade bags and purses have all the colors of a Deadhead’s T-shirt closet, but with stylistic touches such as the occasional silk necktie purse strap. Embroidered bags of Asian influence come with their own attached “chopsticks,” just one of the whimsical touches lavished by local designer Krystina Grammatica, who calls herself “the Grecian Dynamo” (referring to her ethnic heritage and the prolific bursts of energy that go into her creations). Some of the more oblong Grammatique purses that dangle bear unfortunate resemblance to festive colostomy bags, but they’re the ideal accessory for snaking a week’s worth of chow off the all-you-can-eat buffet.



Ernest Sewn jeans



Wool Fila warmup jacket



Sally Bee dress



Boardies beach shorts

INDIVIDUALLY SEWN JEANS: The Earnest Sewn label frequently adorns the jeans of scenesters slipping past the velvet ropes at Belo, Aubergine, and On Broadway. Each pair is hand-stamped and certified by the designer, as well as by the stitcher (who uses no machine guide, adding to each

pair's uniqueness), the hand-sander who sandpapers your pants into submission for you, and the "wet process technician" who washes the jeans, resin coats them, and oven bakes them to perfection (\$100 to \$200). Other trendy trousers include super-snug Serfontaine Rocksteady jeans for ladies, so

tight that farting in them makes it appear as though a mouse is running down your pant leg. Organic cotton jeans by Loomstate — said to be both ecologically and aesthetically friendly — can cost upwards of \$175, but there's a variety of organic jeanwear available around town from Japanese designers

that'll leave a few shekels in the pockets of your dungarees.

WOOL FILA WARMUP JACKETS: Styled for the gym but priced for the VIP lounge, Filas for women come super-model-sized and sugar-daddy priced, at around \$225 to \$250. Fila jackets in semi-solid colors are

seen at clubs where people in Gap khakis congregate to drink Peroni and martinis, such as the House of Blues (before 10 p.m. anyways, when they make you switch from glass to plastic cups). Also spotted at Moondoggies in PB, where women in Filas are usually accompanied by obsessively coiffed

dates in button-down collared frat-boy shirts that look as if the wearers had just attended the same sale or were members of a club or profession requiring mandatory uniforms.

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across the fabric that they nearly qualify as crane Halloween costumes (\$58).

BOARDIES BEACH SHORTS: Not just for the beach and Jimmy Buffett concerts, Boardies (average \$70) are de rigueur duds weekends at the 710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons), usually topped by either an Oklahoma State shirt (Saturdays) or a Chicago Bears jersey (Sundays). Boardies are also com-

mon at the Live Wire dive bar, seen sticking to the beer-marinated seats of their popular "leatherette booth." Bicyclists favor the same shorts, at the same venue, where cell-phone snappers are constantly digitizing Boardie-clad cyclists posing near the wrecked bike "sculpture" out front.

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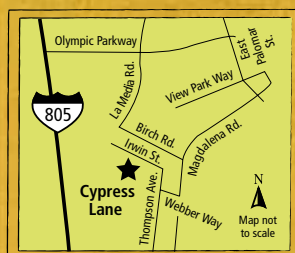
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GRAY HOODIES: Still in style — or more accurately in style again —

15 years after Grunge made it cool to look Canadian (no easy feat). Popular zip-up models include several with large round “rudder” zippers resembling door knockers. Hoodies are a fave at the Casbah, no matter the theme of that night’s entertainment, with shades varying all the way from gray to black and seen on everyone from Ben the door guy to the bar-

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tenders to scenesters in the courtyard ignoring the band and wearing their hoods up, pretending they don't want to be seen wanting to be seen.

RED CARPET STAPLES: Yves Saint Laurent, Calvin Klein, Versace, and Prada remain perennials at clubs and dinner emporiums where household-name designers are as credit-worthy as a platinum charge card. These blue-chip bling-slingers are all over the crowd at Aubergine on Fourth and Island, where trendy patrons watch each other using cell phones or text messaging at the bar rail to place drink orders for seated buddies. The club is so tuned to the Calvin Klein beat that even staff uniforms are personally provided by the designer whose very name is synonymous with fashionable jeans, iconic underwear, and bottled aromas with purportedly aphrodisiac qualities.

THAT '70s STYLE: Frock-of-ages gear dating back to the polyester decade is guaranteed to inspire an eight-track flashback, no matter how funkadelic your parliament, whether you're building a Brady Bunch or boogieing nights away with Donna Summer, all winter, until you fall. Platforms, go-go boots, jumpsuits, and hip-huggers with bell-bottoms wide enough for Arlo Guthrie to smuggle two or three keys into Los Angel-eeze with — all turn up at retro hideouts such as the Zombie Lounge, where rockabilly types mix with heavy-metal hairballs and girls batting powder-blue eyelids beneath Bettie Page bangs. Found at area second-handers specializing in pre-worn clothing, pre-donned hats, pre-handled gloves, and pre-disposed sunglasses that have gone in and out of fashion at

least a half-dozen times since the date of their manufacture.

THAT '80s STYLE: It's back in all its pastel-and-chiffon glory — even the shoulder pads built like twin aircraft

carriers — particularly at places such as the Beauty Bar, which looks for all the world like the photos we used to see of European nightclubs frequented by Boy George, Adam Ant, and Rod Stewart. Rosey at

sddialedin.blogspot.com says of one Beauty Bar visit: "Suddenly, I had an epiphany, courtesy of Napoleon Dynamite: a side ponytail... So many beautiful people, so many unfortunate fashion choices. Tiered

ruffly skirts. Track shorts and white slouch boots. Tight, stripey T-shirt dresses. I miss the eighties as much as anyone, they were good times for me, but the fashion trends do not merit resurrection....

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"Chocolate Bomb." Ambient music pumps from hidden corner speakers; under a glowing red LED light, wine sits in iron racks, glasses waiting above. There's even a chess set.

Over the seven months Cream has been open, owner Chris Coggan has updated his menu, which first featured a handful of sandwiches and pastries and has now expanded to the most recent addition, a blended tomato, cream, and artichoke soup known as "Tomato-choke." The creator of several custom smoothies, Coggan has expanded his dessert counter, which at one time offered the standard fare of Rice Krispie treats and chocolate chip cookies but now includes a selection of decadent desserts. There is the aforementioned Chocolate Bomb, popular with the Cream staff, a smooth, rich mousse

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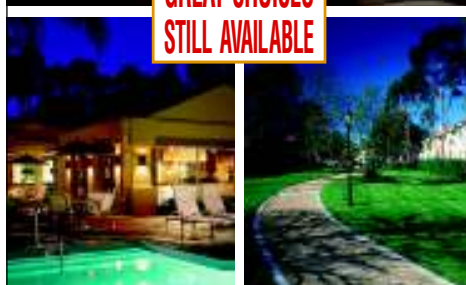
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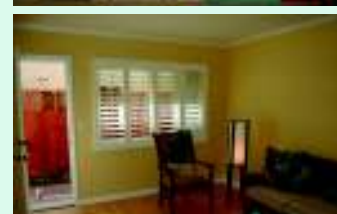
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covered with a dark chocolate shell and topped with an ornamental dollop of cream. The fruit tart, a hearty slab of crust, custard, and glazed strawberries, kiwi slices, and blueberries, is Coggan's personal treat of choice. He's also incorporated a selection of chocolate truffles, brownies, and bars made by local chocolatier Eclipse. Eclipse taps into the more serious side of chocolate. Some of the "infusions" are adventurous, like the peppered fig and goat cheese (and the poppy seed and anise) truffles. Some are definitely not for the faint of palate; one of the brownies includes, along with a milder hazelnut flavor, a startling hit of chili.

Coffee is still the main focus. There's Guatemalan, French, Hawaiian hazelnut, and a host of others, depending on the day. Coggan orders exclusively from



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and Coffee Au Lait (coffee with steamed milk). It's no wonder that "Cream" is actually an acronym, from the illustrious statement "Coffee Rules Everything Around Me," a title Coggan stole (and adapted) from the Wu-Tang Clan song "Cash Rules Everything Around Me." This is not without irony; when Coggan first got the idea for his business, the coffee aspect wasn't even a consideration. His intention was only to lease a small space behind Cream for his clothing store, Neighbourhood, which he runs with business partner Christine McLaughlin. Around the corner from Cream, Neighbourhood is stocked half with vintage items, half with small-label, small-batch brands. Rhinestone-studded, ruby-red slip-on flats mingle with hand-screened hoodies; limited-edition jewelry and military-styled caps hang from carefully dressed mannequins. Neighbourhood was the intention all along; Cream was a happy accident gone wild. "I had to buy this business in order to ensure that my sublease would be recognized by whomever was going to buy the building," Coggan explains, "[and] because the owner had to sell, he could have sold to somebody who would have kicked my ass right out. So, I basically had to take out a big second on my house and buy a coffeehouse."

With his soul patch beard and stylishly bed-headed hairdo, Coggan looks more like your older brother's cool friend than a business owner. He's energetic and friendly and knows many of his regular customers by name. So does his staff, an eclectic bunch of young men and women who have all the hipness — edgy haircuts, funky clothes,

discriminating musical tastes — associated with baristas but none of the pretense. The clientele has responded; while a few know Coggan and company from their pre-Cream days, many regulars have befriended

them through the new shop.

Before starting his clothing-and-coffee business, Coggan was exclusively an artist and designer. He has a background in both graffiti art and more "tradi-

tional" logo branding, experience he used to create his own design firm, Coggan Creative. The tailoring of Cream evokes the spark of the street and the tempered sleekness of a creative, communal working

space. Part of this is due to the building itself, which has a mid-'70s look, but Coggan is largely responsible for a complete renovation and redecoration. The result runs an interesting gamut between ware-

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mural of overlapping,
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Boulevard. Coggan's
graffiti influence isn't
lost either; on the
building's sides are two
massive spray-paint
pieces of voluptuous
women amid a swirl of
abstractions, both cour-
tesy of Coggan's network
of graffiti writers, known
collectively as "MSK." The two murals were
painted by crew mem-
bers Mac and Retna,
who worked by street-
light as a gathering
crowd looked on.

For Coggan, it all
comes back to art. "Just
the process of building
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offered up his own sav-
ings, and with that seed
money, the two jump-
started the company.

Through word of
mouth, help from pals
and family, and maxed-
out credit cards, Dirtbag
began to grow, enough
so that by 2000, both
Doug and Alves quit
their jobs and dedicated
their days to the busi-
ness. "We started hook-
ing up with a lot of
bands, which are all over,
you know, Slipknot,
Shadows Fall.... We've
worked with Dimebag,
with Damage Plan....
They just love Dirtbag,"
says Alves. "It's a slow
way to build a business,
but in reality, it's proba-
bly better off because
our foundation's so
strong right now. It's a



personal friendship with half the bands.”

The Dirtbag store, on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach, reflects the rock aesthetic. Stage lights hung from the ceiling showcase the clothes. In one corner, on a riser covered in corrugated steel, is a full drum set, behind which sits a bank of TVs three screens wide. Beside that is a full rack of limited-edition guitars made by a company called Boogie Street. Music, as Alves maintains, is central; every available inch of wall is covered with signed band posters. Thrashed cymbals and drumheads are mounted above the wall of TVs like art pieces, unreadable signatures splashed across them.


They’ve come a long way since the yellow-oval days. Discarding that lackadaisical handwritten logo, the first line of Dirtbag shirts began with an edgier

emblem, a blocky red-and-white “Dirtbag” done in a modernized Old English font and flanked by a pair of stars. This went on everything from tank tops to windbreakers to hats to wristbands and helped solidify the idea of Dirtbag as a rock-and-roll enterprise. The next shirt was a flaming skull and crossbones, also black and red. Lately, however, Dirtbag has expanded to include ornate images and multilayered designs. Winged skulls sit against a backdrop of faded lightning bolts, all printed atop a background of white. An animal skull (indexed on the Dirtbag website as the “Demonic Goat”) bears the initials “DB” across the bridge of its nose, red swirls curling out from its center. Calligraphic flourishes edge the classic Dirtbag logo, dripping white paint (or blood?) down the torso of a long-sleeved

thermal.

There are now Dirtbag handbags, chic “hobo”-style clutch purses that come in vinyl, velvet, and canvas and are priced modestly at \$25 apiece. There are also new Dirtbag hats, some modeled after military-style duckbills, others more outlandish, such as their British cabbie-style caps. This new fare features the newer Dirtbag look, with winged fleur-de-lis, embossed skulls, and Gothic print patterns. It’s still Dirtbag only...fancier.

“We’ve had grandparents 70, 80, 90 years old wearin’ it,” says Alves, who points out that their spokesmodel is a grandmother in her late 90s. She beckons from a nearby poster, where she sits in a lawn chair, decked out in a Dirtbag shirt and sunglasses, raising a martini aloft. “One guy might be a skater, one guy might



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be a surfer, one guy might be a computer nerd, whatever....” He pauses, shrugs his shoulders; the Dirtbag pose, perhaps. “So it works out.”

Recommended: Dirtbag Skull Logo: simple but effective design. Skull. Flames. Crossbones; Men’s Black Demoniac Goat Tee: a classically rendered contemporary punk/metal design.

FRACTALIZE
4919 Newport Avenue
619-546-4751
Website in the works

Fractalize sells not the traditional glass pipe-and-gag-shirt wares Ocean Beach has become famous for, but items geared to a slightly different crowd. Deep-beat music booms from unseen speakers: Thievery Corporation, Soul Coughing, hip-hop, reggae. Psychedelic poster art is on prominent display.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

play. A glass case boasts a collection of gems, uncut emeralds, and local abalone chips. Yes, hoodies and T-shirts line the back wall, but with a spin. Silhouetted birds fly up the arms of a

sweatshirt; a mandala-like sun design blooms on a brown thermal. Something is going on. “We focus on independent West Coast lines,” co-owner Ryan Potter explains. “Conscious clothing is the main thing all our items have in common, clothing that is made of envi-

ronmentally sustainable materials, hemp, bamboo, and organic cotton, and clothing made out of recycled plastic.”

Potter gives a quick tour, running through the brands. There’s Evolve Universal, which has a dreamy, illustrative style, and Dope Logo, a company that “hides” a

420 symbol (used by stoners as slang for pot) in each of its graphics — “subliminal living,” as Potter says. There’s Creation Skateboards, whose merchandise reflects a Rastafarian slant both in its color scheme and lion-centric images, and the Satori Movement, which mod-

els its logo after Tibetan calligraphy. Both are brands that use what Potter refers to as “sustainable materials,” bamboo, which makes a heavier fabric, like silk, and that old standby, hemp, which is tightly woven, thick under the fingers. Recycled plastic becomes fleece, soft and buttery. Some companies have a nature theme — birds, butterflies, vinelike designs — while others have a more hip-hop, graffiti-centric aesthetic, with funky letter-styles. Still others tackle the music world, weaving microphones and headphones into their logo designs and depicting dreadlocked DJs spinning records with caricatured fingers. On the back wall is a special line that screens ’70s-style art directly onto the garments, all rendered in eye-popping colors. There’s also the house brand, Off the Grid, started by Potter and co-owner Mac Briggs. Their mission is sustainable living, an idea hammered home by

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one of their first logos, a series of modernized windmills.

Potter makes intricately sewn patchwork corduroy pants and skirts hung on individual racks throughout the store. Before opening Fractalize, she traveled from music festival to music festival, following bands like Widespread Panic, moe., and Phish — though she is, by her own account, more of a Deadhead. The business is a collaboration between herself and Briggs, who also happens to be her husband. “It had always been a dream of both of ours, and so we made it happen,” says Potter. “Being down here, we just kind of jumped on the opportunity. This is such an ideal location, with street traffic and everything, that the moment we saw a for-lease sign, we jumped on it and made it happen. So it’s definitely a dream come true.”

Recommended: Off the Grid Windmill T-shirt: a strong, simple design on a bright red shirt; Blotter Art: intricately designed

posters perforated into tiny squares.

FUTURE OF STYLE
740 Fifth Ave
619-955-8046
www.futureofstyle.com

Future of Style is the anti-mall. Run by husband-and-wife team Dimas and Erika De La Cruz, the store is stocked exclusively with limited-edition, limited-run, indie designer stuff, from shirts to shoes. There are one-off jewelry pieces, belt buckles, and hats. Oh, and those shoes. They sit, high-tops and low-tops both, on a shelf of their own, as wildly colored and patterned as Easter eggs. “Right now, there’s a really big resurgence [of shoe collecting] that actually started back in the late ’70s but has become a really big phenomenon,” Dimas points out a pair of orange-and-purple low-tops dotted with little skulls. “Day of the Dead shoes,” he says, a theme both he and his wife have a personal connection to. “The thing about these shoes is that companies like Nike and

Adidas are creating limited-edition shoes done in small quantities, and lots of times they’ve collaborated with certain famous artists, and they release these shoes to special boutiques.”

It’s not just the shoes that are special. Each T-shirt here is a work of art, some designs ethereal, others emulating old punk posters, with raw splashes of color and rough, ridged lines. Some incorporate hip-hop celebrities into their motifs: Temple Effectives has rapper Notorious B.I.G. (or “Biggie”) on one of its shirts, a caricature of his face silhouetted in white against a graffiti-style burst of gray bubbles. Spoonfed, another brand sold at Future of Design, puts a hibiscus-flower-and-hand-grenade “lei” pattern around the shoulders of one shirt, with the words “Charlie don’t surf!” in the middle.

None of the merchandise is without flourish, in great contrast to the store itself. Most of the space is pure

white, a palate-cleanser that makes it easy to take in all the colors and patterns of the wares. Everything is within reach, and very little is locked up behind glass — and even these pieces feel accessible, well lit and well displayed within their cases. The store is expanding; once the small shop in the back of a larger downtown establishment, it’s moving into the now-vacant front section — a departure from the company’s first incarnation as an Internet business started up in 2003. “We actually kind of went backwards, because most companies



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start brick-and-mortar and then open up an Internet business," Dimas laughs. "But we were an Internet business that became a brick-and-mortar." The plan is for more clothes, more brands, more music, and of course, more shoes.

The clientele evokes "hipster with disposable income"; anyone else would have trouble affording the rarer clothing items Future of Style sells. "We basically cater to people that are looking for limited-edition graphic-design clothing, T-shirts and jackets that are done in limited quantities and are also kind of unique collectors' items as well," Dimas says. "All our T-

shirts have that aesthetic. You can't find them at malls or large department stores, and so it encompasses that whole street movement that's going on right now."

The street movement he speaks of isn't easy to pin down, and that is exactly the point: lines are crossed, messages mixed. Everyone gets in on the action. "Hip-hop was started in the early '80s, so it's already gone beyond a 20-year-old type of culture," Dimas explains. "Now you have your 35, and people pushing close to 40, and Generation X, and even Generation Y kind of all sharing the same enthusiasm for this type of culture."

Future of Style will

be changing constantly, and the De La Cruzes are ready for it. Street culture is evolutionary. "It's very universal now," Dimas says. "You can't look at a person and say that they're hip-hop now. 'Cause they can look like a punk-rock person and like hip-hop..." This, in his eyes, is a positive. "There's a really big crossover right now," he says, "and I'm interested to see where it's going to take us."

Recommended: Roulette Belt Buckle: it really spins!; "Brass" Knuckles Necklace: weapon-as-jewelry.

BLONDSTONE
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Blondstone owner Heidi Holman has a different kind of office accessory: a blowtorch. Ensconced in her brightly lit La Jolla headquarters, she rules her roost quietly from her workstation at the back of the store, head just visible over her desk. Holman has chosen to work in plain view, setting and soldering and stamping and cutting, set back from the action of the shop but still near enough to take part. Behind her, her apprentice, Anne, is busy fitting silver wire around pieces of glass. Both workstations are neat, in keeping with the light, airy theme of the store, and offer customers and visi-

tors a direct look at the process. A certain friendliness arises, the antithesis of artistic pretense.

Holman's signature is a piece known as the "Wave," a cut shell that forms a cresting swirl at its center. The sliced shell used is astonishing in its perfection and intricacy; it's hard to believe it was, before Holman cut it, formed naturally. Holman puts the Wave in rings, necklaces, and bracelets, but it is at its most beautiful on its own, hanging as a pendant from a leather cord or silver chain, delicate but solid. "That one took me months to figure out," she says, "just to bring something new, because seashells in sterling became popular in

the import industry, so my things weren't as unique. We've been doing the Wave for about three and a half, four years, and it got very popular. So I'm proud of that."

She also loves to set sea glass, something that flies off the shelves. She'll put it in rings, edging the silver around the glass with little flourishes kept simple enough for the beauty of the glass to shine through, and in rows of threes and fours for bracelets. "There's tons of artists that will bezel and set it," says Holman, "and there's just a high demand." She pauses to laugh. "[If] I don't have it, people kind of harp on me until I make it.

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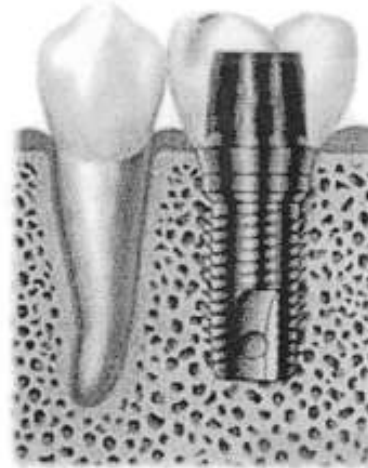
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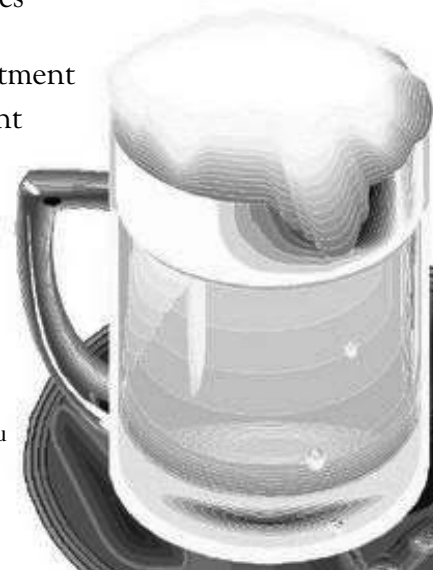
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Holman began making jewelry well before she got her official training in art metals at Stout — “like the beer,” she laughs — University in Wyoming. She arrived at shells naturally. “The seashells I’ve been doing for years, because of my love for beachcombing,” she says. This is also how she arrived at the name for her work, SOL (Spanish for sun) by Heidi. The letters S-O-L are incorporated into each piece she makes, mostly soldered or stamped onto the back side. Even here, she doesn’t skimp, often taking time to cut a hole in the back of a bezel so that the color of the

stone shows through. For Valentine’s Day, she cuts small hearts.

She works as she talks, forming a bezel, the little silver cup that is shaped to and will hold a shell for a pendant. The motions look second nature to her, as well they should. “I’ve been making jewelry since I was a little girl,” she says, firing up the blowtorch.

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and drink are standard fare — greasy, American, soda, beer, and mixers — the gigantic wave pools are not. For experts, there’s the Bruticus Maximus billed as a ten-foot monster, a constantly barreling tube of water that packs a major punch. It’s situated at the back of the Wavehouse, set up outdoors, like a stage, with hanging banks of stage lighting so that riders can go on long into the night. Music pumps from huge amplifiers, typical Green Day, along with a few pop-country numbers. Bruticus is where the pros hang out; sponsored flowboarders flip and splash across the jetting sheets, flying high over the lip before plum-

meting back down into the fray. Flowboarding, which is a bit like surfing, is done either on bodyboard-like boards or finless, stand-up ones the size of snowboards. It’s harder than it looks; over at the Flowmaster, which is a simple, single jet of water pumped up a small ramp, novices test their skills. It’s an odd mix of people; big, burly men dwarf the tiny kids they stand with in line. The kids, largely preteen boys, flip and carve and turn like seals in their wetsuits, laughing and slapping each other on the back. Some are so small they can barely push against the weight of the jetting water.

For the next session,

one intrepid young girl joins the pack of boys and men. She steps up for her turn apprehensively but is soon sliding down like a pro, big grin on her face. “Hi!” she yells cheerily at the onlookers as she nears the end of the ride. “Yeah, Alana!” her family cheers back.

After their run, the boys, shivering in their wetsuits, skitter their way to the foot of the thundering Bruticus, sliding into the hot tubs built into its base. They watch the flowboarders, one male, one female, as they show off their tricks, cheering when someone does something spectacular. Moms and siblings bring them Cokes and lemonade,

and they sip them from the safety of the hot tub as the water pounds in front of them.

However well the kids manage the Flowmaster, this is no indication of how those over the median age of 17 will fare. The older crowd has a much harder time. They step gingerly onto their boards and struggle for balance, skidding down the slight incline before biting the dust at the end. Some of these men are avid surfers; one onlooker whispers to another, watching as his friend skids out and falls in an impressive spray of water, “That guy surfs Mavericks!”

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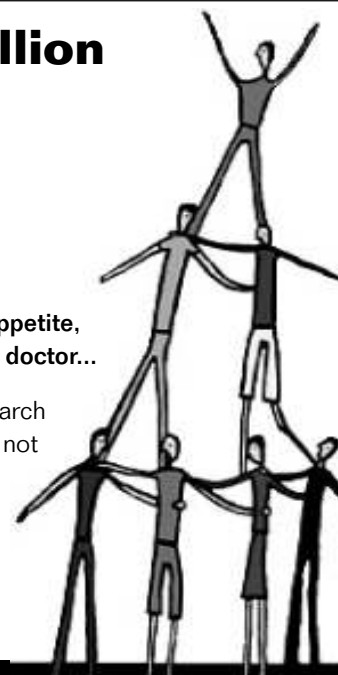
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Families gather under cabana-style umbrellas to eat; crowds of skater kids, decked out in fake metallic Mardi Gras beads, clog the tables closest to Bruticus. Some are clearly surfers, watching the wave calmly, calculating. Others are just there for the atmosphere, drinking beer and dogging girls. "Dude, that's my daughter," one woman says good-naturedly, tugging a blonde girl away from a group of college-age kids. To the girl she says, swatting her playfully on the arm, "I can't take you anywhere."

Recommended: The Flowmaster — tons of fun, less pain than the bigger waves (one guy dislocated his shoulder on Bruticus).

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According to locals, Bluefoot's previous incarnation was a bit of a hole. Now it gleams, open and inviting, light spilling out onto a small sidewalk patio. The bar is brand new, with steady black barstools and a full stock of draft beverages. A jukebox glows in the corner. In the back, tables are lit by glass-encased candles, highlighting the featured art that hangs on the wall. The DJ booth is back here too and, under it, a parked motorcycle.

In the early hours, Bluefoot is roomy and mellow. Couples and friends shoot pool to Sting's offbeat rhythms. Morrissey floats across the high ceilings like silk. Voices meld. Balls click. The flirting duo at the end of the bar ease their knees closer. College basketball rages on a few of the flat-screen televisions that frame the bar. The feather-haired bartender chews gum and restocks bowls of party mix. The options are

plentiful: Shoot pool. Look at art. Drink, inside or out. Watch. Yak. Stock the digital jukebox, which reverberates nicely around the main space. Sneak smooches in the back

room when nobody is looking.

As Bluefoot heats up, it becomes clear that this is a melting pot of a hangout. There's a range of ages, from postcollegiate to pre-Vietnam,

gay and straight, male and female, black and white. There's a diversity not seen in most bars, and a rare camaraderie. People talk to each other, make introductions, laugh over their drinks.

Nobody sits alone. Nobody scowls.

Pool, especially, levels the playing field. A short, gray-haired man teams up with a skinny, boyish young woman, and together they insti-

gate a lively game, pausing for long moments to mingle with the crowd at the bar. The basketball game, it seems, is getting good, and more and more heads turn toward the television, hands

RESEARCH STUDIES

There is hope...

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Do you wake up, and have trouble falling back to sleep?

A research study is being conducted to evaluate a medication in an investigational use for insomnia.

If you are 18 years of age or older and experience difficulty staying asleep, you may be eligible to participate in this study.

Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no cost and could be compensated up to \$400 for time and travel.

TYPE 2 DIABETES

The Power of Two

A combination medication may help lower blood sugar levels.

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

You may qualify if you are:

- ☐ At least 18 years of age
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- ☐ Taking oral medication for at least two months

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Do you think you have the flu?

You may qualify for a clinical research trial of a new investigative drug for the treatment of influenza.

To qualify, you must be 18 years of age or older, and have experienced a combination of the following symptoms within the last 48 hours:

- ◆ Fever of 100.4°
- ◆ Cough, sore throat or stuffy nose
- ◆ Headache, fatigue
- ◆ Sweating/chills

Qualified candidates will receive a medical exam, laboratory tests, and study medication at no charge. Participants could receive up to \$300 for time and travel.

Insomnia

Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days



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

To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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

Study participation includes, at no charge:

- Study visits with a medical professional
- Investigational study drug
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Do you or someone you know suffer from forgetfulness?

If you are:

- Male or female between 55 and 85 years of age
- Fluently read and speak English
- Are in good general health

and

- Forget names of people or places
- Lose things around the house
- Frequently have "senior moments"

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research trial for an investigational new medication.

Participants will receive free of charge:

- Study-related exams
- Investigational drug
- Compensation for time and travel

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twined around drinks, dipping into the bowls of party mix. People ease in through the doors; a fortyish blonde comes in from work, followed by a crowd of pierced, tattooed boys who take up residence at the bar. A couple in club wear play pool, chalking their hands at the talc trough, which has its own little corner by the patio doors.

The gray-haired man is getting impatient; his partner is looking at the television, chatting with a guy in a suit. "C'mon!" he shouts, as the woman turns back. "Shoot pool!"

Recommended: \$2.50
Pabst Blue Ribbon.

— *Rosa Jurjevic*

SLANG

BOBO: Generic or off-brand goods, most commonly of inferior quality and/or sold at substantial discount. It's increasingly used in reference to goods of illegitimate or illegal origin, including bootleg media or unlicensed "mix" recordings. Example: "Music Trader got rid of their bobo last year after investigators seized 195 CDs from their shop near SDSU." Also sometimes describes highly diluted recreational drugs, i.e., "Crackheads say the rock cocaine in Tijuana is bobo with baking soda."

DOING A HEISMAN: (A woman) making her

way through a male-heavy crowd with one arm covering her chest and the other outstretched — sometimes lifting one foot outward — in order to fend off amorous advances. Based on the football blocking maneuver depicted by the Heisman Trophy, it's heard (and seen) around crowded PB nightclubs like Moondoggies, where personal space is at a premium, thanks to a narrow dance floor encroached on by surrounding booths and the serving bar. Local DJs frequently spin "Do da Heisman" by Heizman Boiz, while patrons do a trophy-inspired dance seen in uploaded YouTube videos like

RESEARCH STUDIES

OCD, BDD & Hoarding Volunteers Needed

The UCSD Obsessive Compulsive Disorders Program is looking for people with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) and Compulsive Hoarding to take part in a study that is providing:

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BIPOLAR DISORDER DEPRESSION SCHIZOPHRENIA



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

For more information, please call the **Clinical Research Department at (858) 694-8350.**

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Decrease in Desire?

Have you noticed a decrease in sexual desire? You may qualify for a medical research study for women suffering from HSDD (Hypoactive Sexual Disorder), a common form of sexual dysfunction.

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Research Studies Offered by Medical Center for Clinical Research



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If you qualify, you'll receive study medication, medical exams, and lab tests at no charge. Financial compensation for time and travel may also be available.

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Are you in an *excessively* good mood?

Easily distracted? Irritable?

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A nationwide clinical research study is now seeking volunteers between the ages of 18 and 65 with bipolar disorder. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational drug in treating bipolar disorder with a manic episode.

Participants will receive study-related medical and psychiatric evaluations by a physician, and study medication, all at no cost. You may receive compensation for travel and expenses. Participants do not need medical insurance.



To get more information on how to participate in a bipolar clinical research study, please contact Excell Research:

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Diabetes Research Study

Profil Institute for Clinical Research is looking for volunteers with Type 2 Diabetes to participate in a clinical research study using an investigational medication.

You must be:

- Age 25 and up
- Using oral agents or diet controlled, but not taking insulin

If you qualify, Profil will provide:

- Study-related care at no charge
- Compensation up to \$2880 (some overnight stays)
- Shuttle service from the H Street trolley in Chula Vista, if needed.

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Periods Too Heavy?

If your periods are too heavy, a research study is underway using 2 investigational products for women with heavy menstrual periods. If you are over 18 years of age with regular periods and struggle with this heavy flow, you may want to consider this research study.

To possibly qualify you must:

- Be at least 18 years or older
- Have heavy but regular menstrual periods
- Not presently on oral contraception or willing to go off

Participants may receive study-related:

- Exam and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Lab studies, Pap smear and ultrasound
- Compensation up to \$1200 for your time and travel

For more information call:

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Medical Center for Clinical Research



Do you have trouble sleeping?

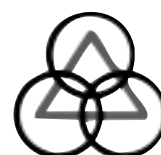
Are you:

- 18 years of age or older?
- History of insomnia for at least 4 weeks?
- Having difficulty staying asleep?
- In good general health?
- Sleeping less than 6.5 hours at least 4 nights per week?

Synergy Clinical Research is looking for volunteers for a medical research study of an investigational medication for insomnia.

Qualified participants may receive investigational medication, study-related physical exams and compensation for time and travel.

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“White Girls Doing the Heisman” and “Cheerleaders Do da Heisman.”

DOINK: To steal goods or services as a prank, or petty theft with no likely legal retribution; most often functions in conjunction with stealing trolley rides. Example: “If you doink a ride on the trolley, have the fare on you to avoid arrest if caught by transit cops.” No apparent relation to ’90s wrestling character Doink, whose face and hair were styled like a clown and who was usually accompanied by a similarly adorned and coiffed dwarf (“little person” being anachronistic in the context of professional wrestling).

GHOST RIDIN’ THE WHIP: A driver walking alongside a moving car so the vehicle (aka the “whip”) appears to be driven by an invisible “ghost.” San Diego police chief William Lans-

downe has warned of this dangerous street trend, which can include passengers hanging or jumping out open car doors and/or dancing on the hood or roof of the driverless car while it’s still in motion. Searching the phrase on YouTube with “San Diego” yields several examples of local ghost ridin’, including a truck in Chula Vista (viewed over 2400 times) whose two occupants only briefly emerge, and a red Porsche (around 1500 views) whose driver and



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Depression Study

Signs and symptoms:

- Feeling down and depressed?
- Lost interest in your normal activities?
- Lost your appetite?
- Having difficulty sleeping?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Depression.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Depression. **If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an investigational drug for the treatment of Depression at no cost to you.**

If you would like additional information regarding this study and are between the ages of 18 and 65, please contact:

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Bipolar?

Affiliated Research Institute is currently looking for men and women diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and unhappy with their current medications due to unpleasant side effects and/or weight gain. Patients suffering from bipolar disorder must be currently experiencing a major depressive episode and be willing to change their current medications. All necessary office visits, medical evaluations and study medication will be provided at no cost to qualified patients.

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Anxiety Study

Signs and Symptoms:

- Experiencing persistent worry?
- Feeling restless, irritable, or tense?
- Having difficulty sleeping?
- Having difficulty concentrating?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Anxiety.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Anxiety. **If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an investigational drug for the treatment of Anxiety at no cost to you.**

If you would like additional information regarding this study and are between the ages of 18 and 65, please contact:

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Athlete's Foot Study

Affiliated Research is currently enrolling people with visible signs of athlete's foot to participate in a research study. This study will compare an investigational generic cream to an already-marketed prescription cream and a placebo.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are 12 years of age or older
- Can visit our office 3 times in 6 weeks
- Have burning, itching or redness on your feet or between your toes

Study participants will receive:

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rider dance circles around the car until it rolls nearly to a stop. At this writing, among the other 400-plus ghost-ridin' clips on YouTube are several showing vehicles getting wrecked.

GONE CRISCO: To gain a great deal of weight in the buttocks. Crisco brand shortening is a lard substitute traditionally packed into metal containers, often referred to as "fat in the can." Usually describes a female but technically gender ambivalent.

Example: "She's gone Crisco since getting hooked on Corvette Diner milkshakes." Occasionally used in relation to Crisco Twister, a well-greased variation on the game Twister that substitutes for oil or mud wrestling at venues of lowbrow repute ("The ladies ran out of oil so they've gone Crisco"). These sebaceous struggles are celebrated in Minus the Bear's song "Thanks for the Killer Game of Crisco Twister" ("Our girls are looking so good,

and it was getting cold").

GRAVER: A goth who attends raves or is partial to fashion and music associated with rave culture. Can conversely apply to a raver who openly displays affection for goth music and culture. Originally meant to denigrate, genre-straddling aficionados have adopted the term themselves, à la homosexuals claiming "queer" as their own word with an alternatively upbeat connotation. Once-goth-focused events like "Darkwave

RESEARCH STUDIES

Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with

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If you are between the ages of 18 and 65, you may be eligible to take part in a research study looking at the ability of an investigational drug to treat **Hepatitis C Infection**.

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Please call Medical Associates Research Group: 858-277-7177 to find out if you qualify to take part in this research study looking at the ability of an investigational drug to treat **Hepatitis C Infection**.

Age 55 or Older?

Covance is looking for individuals to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication.

You may qualify if you are:

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1-877-UCSD-SHY (1-877-827-3749)
or e-mail: veryshy@ucsd.edu

DO YOU HAVE TYPE 2 DIABETES?

If the answer is yes, Profil Institute for Clinical Research invites you to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational medication for people with Type 2 diabetes. You may qualify for this study if you:

- ❖ are 18-70 years of age, inclusive
- ❖ are overweight
- ❖ have Type 2 diabetes and not using insulin to control your diabetes

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Garden" — held Wednesdays at Kadan in Kensington — draw increasingly more graver clientele, as evidenced by posts at graver.tribe.net.

HOMOBLOVIOUS: Unable to tell when someone is demonstrably homosexual, i.e., a person lacking functional "gaydar." Popularized last year by syndicated radio comedian Tom Griswold of Clear Channel's *Bob and Tom Show*. Example: "She saw two men kissing at the Brass Rail but was so homoblivious that she assumed one was a hirsute female weightlifter."

HYPHY: A social movement reportedly originating in San Francisco, described at Wikipedia.com as "a hip-hop subculture based around ecstasy use, club drugs, and feel-good music in general." Hyphy music is charac-

terized by booming beats, and its signature dance moves — frequently fueled by mind-altering chemicals — tend to resemble syncope epileptic fits or just-beheaded poultry.

KLACK: To shoot somebody. Coined by local rapper Mitchy Slick in the song "Klack," recorded with Xzibit and the Strong Arm Steady hip-hop group (*Weapons of Mass Destruction*, 2004). Slick raps, "Klack for the niggaz that bang in the inner city and klack for the enemies creepin' to come and get me." Getting "klacked" is being shot, and a "klacker" is the person firing the gun. Origin refers to the sound of a gun hammer coming down as a firearm is shot. No relation to the Klack, Oakland's all-white pop country quartet whose name is a play

on the Knack, of "My Sharona" fame.

MOOSE KNUCKLE: Male version of the "camel toe," caused by tight pants adhering to the crotch and revealing the contours of one's genitals. As with camel toe, it alludes to animal foot anatomy that resembles a person's junk being squeezed by nearly vacuum-sealed fabric. Aside from frequent references on locally maintained MySpace pages, "Moose Knuckle" is popularly used around Hillcrest to describe a specific style of pants said to enhance the male "package" in the same way the Wonder Bra exaggerates cleavage. We're still seeking a local vendor claiming to offer such trousers (purely for research purposes...).

PROSTITOT: Underage girl whose wardrobe

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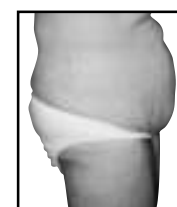
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and/or social habits resemble that of a prostitute. The phrase has been used in conjunction with actual teenage prostitution on the locally shot TV show *Veronica Mars*, but it more commonly describes young girls dressing beyond their years who are probably only partially aware of how provocative their clothing and manner may be. While girls fitting the "prostitutot" description abound at local shopping centers

and all-age music venues such as Soma and the Epicentre, the phrase is more likely to be uttered — usually derogatorily — by an adult witnessing same. A website apparently catering to pedophilic tendencies called *prostitutot.com* has been deleted.

PULLING OUT YOUR POLTZ: Local musicspeak for performing a song or set alternately silly and soul-searing. Refers to frequent Rugburn band

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member Steve Poltz, whose massive repertoire encompasses everything from goofy answering machine messages to love ballads both romantic and regretful (he co-penned Jewel's "You Were Meant for Me"). The former San Diegan who probably gets caught pulling out his Poltz most often would be coffeehouse gadfly Jason Mraz, especially during low-key, unannounced local performances.

SHIT IS BALLIN': Stuff is expensive and/or top-of-the-line. According to the online Urban Dictionary, someone ballin' is "One who is in a state of being extremely rich and likes to show off how rich he is." Skateboarders use "shit is ballin'" to reference expensive, high-

end gear. Usually meant to be complimentary, as on the webpage for local skate supply/fashion firm Streetmachine USA, which uses the phrase to hype equipment also said to be "on point like the Richter scale" (referencing Charles Richter's scale for rating earthquake magnitude). Sometimes used derogatorily to describe the gear of a poseur whose expensive equipment is meant to mask deficient ability.

SLEEVEAGE: A form of (usually female) breast cleavage, seen from the side courtesy of low-cut or large sleeve openings that reveal so-called "side boob." Outdoor summer concerts at Humphrey's frequently bring out much attendant sleeveage.

STUDYING HIS/HER ANATOMY: Openly gawking at someone's physical attributes, as popularized last year in a ubiquitous Cingular phone commercial featuring Armenian actress Angela Sarafyan (frequently called "the Cingular Umbrella Girl" online). In the ad, with its own cult following à la Mentos mania, she stands in the rain beneath a clear umbrella while breathlessly telling viewers about seeing her girlfriend's ex in the school library "studying the anatomy of a certain friend of ours." Now oft heard at local events characterized as "meat markets," such as Club Tremors at the PB Bar and Grill, where casually diminutive beach wear often allows for nearly literal application of the phrase.

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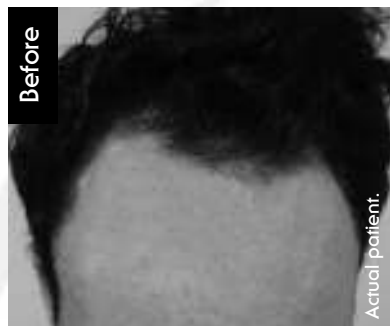
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YADADAMEAN?: Short-hand for "do you know what I mean?" Originally popularized by rapper Keak Da Sneak (aka Z-Kush), who — according to him and the MTV2 show *My Block* — coined the phrase "hyphy." Locally, "yadadamean?" is used frequently in online marketing of party events promoted by BBH Crew (who post hyphy party videos from San Diego on YouTube), and it crops up on the MySpace pages of several locals professing affinity for hip-hop in general and/or hyphy in particular.

YORK: Noun meaning vomit, i.e., "At 2:00 a.m., many Gaslamp parking lots smell like york." Alternate use as a verb — "makes me want to york" — would also be appropriate. Variation: "yorking," as in "Ten bucks to park, but there's a guy yorking on my car." ■

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Most men learn to be friends with each other from their fathers — and the men our fathers called friends.

I don't know how it is for men without fathers, or men whose fathers didn't have male friends to speak of — I know a few of each, and some seem to do all right in this area and others don't. The ones that succeed at friendship without that example — well, I don't know where they get it.

Maybe the movies. Maybe they just pull it up out of themselves, an instinct. An imperative, maybe a gene that can skip a generation or two.

I remember my old man taking me by the hand through the taverns in his old neighborhood in Chicago. My father was never a big

cigar smoke; neon Schlitz and Hamms signs over the back bar. Instead of a bar rail, the men rested their feet on cases of empty beer bottles. I was introduced and handed around as "Bobby's boy."

My dad seemed to be a celebrity. Over a few short beers, he made them all laugh. Everything he said

old at the time, is set up as a fight between my parents — not an unusual event — over some movie he wanted to see that had been condemned by the Catholic Church. My father stormed out of the house only to return two hours later. When asked by my mother where he had been, he said, the movies. What had

**"You're a sick unit, Buckrod," he said.
"But then you've always been a sick unit."**

drinker, but that's where his boyhood friends spent their evenings and weekends. The men would be drinking red wine from highball glasses or Schlitz beer from long-necked bottles. The taverns were dark and woody, the air curdled with green

seemed to be hilarious to these men. With each punch line, someone would tousle my crew-cut hair and wink as if to say, "What a riot, your old man!"

One joke I remember catching, and I must have been 12 years

he seen? "Navarone Sunday...I mean, *The Guns of Navarone!*" This brought a chorus of guffaws, and my dad told the story at three different taverns. Even I got it. *Never on Sunday* was the condemned movie.

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ized why my father was such a well-loved character in these West Side bars. He was a hero because he made it out of the neighborhood and was loved because he came back fairly regularly. But more than that, he made these morose, working-class men laugh.

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About a year ago, I had one of those surprise afternoons of happiness that God rations out like a short-pouring bartender in a Chinese restaurant lounge. I was moving out of my apartment with the help of two friends and my 13-year-old son. The circumstances were fairly downbeat; my mother's health was crapping out in the middle of nowhere, Illinois, and I was fresh from a bad ending to a soured love affair. I had to leave San Diego and move to Chicago in the dead of January. This was costing me money I didn't have; and I had just flushed my Prozac prescription down the toilet, having decided the stuff was too weird even for me. Still, I was laughing my ass off for most of the day. So

were my two friends. My son was nearly convulsed with mirth as we hauled couches and chairs.

My friends, I'll call them Mack and Steve, hadn't really met each other before. They were here to get my stuff into storage and put me on a train. They got along with each other immediately on the level of competing comedians. The fact that I was laughing at all under the cir-

cap. We were listening to Mack, a commercial research scientist and my friend for four years, tell us about his father, a Long Beach fireman.

"The fire department would be the first to arrive at a lot of hairy scenes, and one time they responded to a call about a domestic dispute with gunfire involved."

My son was listening attentively. It was heartening to see that bright focus

"Can you have a drink without projectile vomiting all over the living room?"

cumstances was voodoo enough, but my son isn't easy to crack up.

We took a lunch break and sat at a table in the sun outside of Fiore's Delicatessen on Washington in Mission Hills. Steve, a bartender and friend for eight years, was chewing pizza and grinning, his eyes narrowing and wrinkling beneath his Red Sox

trained on something besides a video game.

"Apparently this guy had taken a couple of shots at his wife with a .45 and missed her. By the time the ambulance arrived, along with my dad, the guy had put the gun in his mouth and blown the back of his head all over the walls." Pause here, to look at my son, back

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at Steve and me. "The wife was hysterical, of course. She was pounding her fists on my dad's chest and telling him to do something...give him mouth-to-mouth or CPR. My dad took the woman's wrists and brought them down slowly and said, 'Look, ma'am, the purpose of those measures is to get oxygen to the victim's brain.' He indicated the mess on the walls and said, 'Your husband's brains are getting plenty.'"

My son got it, all right. He was laughing with a kind of pained helplessness as though uncertain that he should be laughing at all. The rest of us were howling like we just watched the Roadrunner drop an anvil on Wile E. Coyote. I think it was my son's first encounter with black humor, but more to the point, I think it may have been his first glimpse of the way men are friends with each other.

You take the worst thing that can happen: death, cuckoldry, despair, oh, disease of the dick of some kind, and you put it out on the table,

shine a light on it in such a way that it looks like it's happening to somebody else, blow it up like a balloon, and then touch your cigar to it with a few well-chosen words. Ba-boom. Your worst nightmare is a cartoon.

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A few years earlier, I was rooming with Steve, my bartender friend. We had a small two-bedroom in Mission

out using any of those words), and it wasn't until the end of the night when we were both close to going into a coma that he acknowledged the bad medical news. "You're a sick unit, Buckrod," he said. "But then you've always been a sick unit."

Buckrod is what Steve calls me because of my fantasy to front an all-girl R&B group called Johnny Buck-

"I will personally buy you a case of good whiskey every six months if you quit smoking."

Hills with a great view of the airport. We had been in the place for about six weeks when I was diagnosed with lymph cancer. Steve and I got drunk and did what men do in situations like this — completely avoided talking about it.

Instead we talked about his obsessive, toxic, dysfunctional relationship with a Point Loma woman (with-

rod and the Love Pumps.

For the next ten months, Steve drove me around to doctors' appointments, chemo and radiation treatments, CAT scans, etc. Some weeks I felt better than others and could have driven myself, but I had to sell my car since I was too nauseated to work with any regularity. All that time, I can't remember Steve talking about

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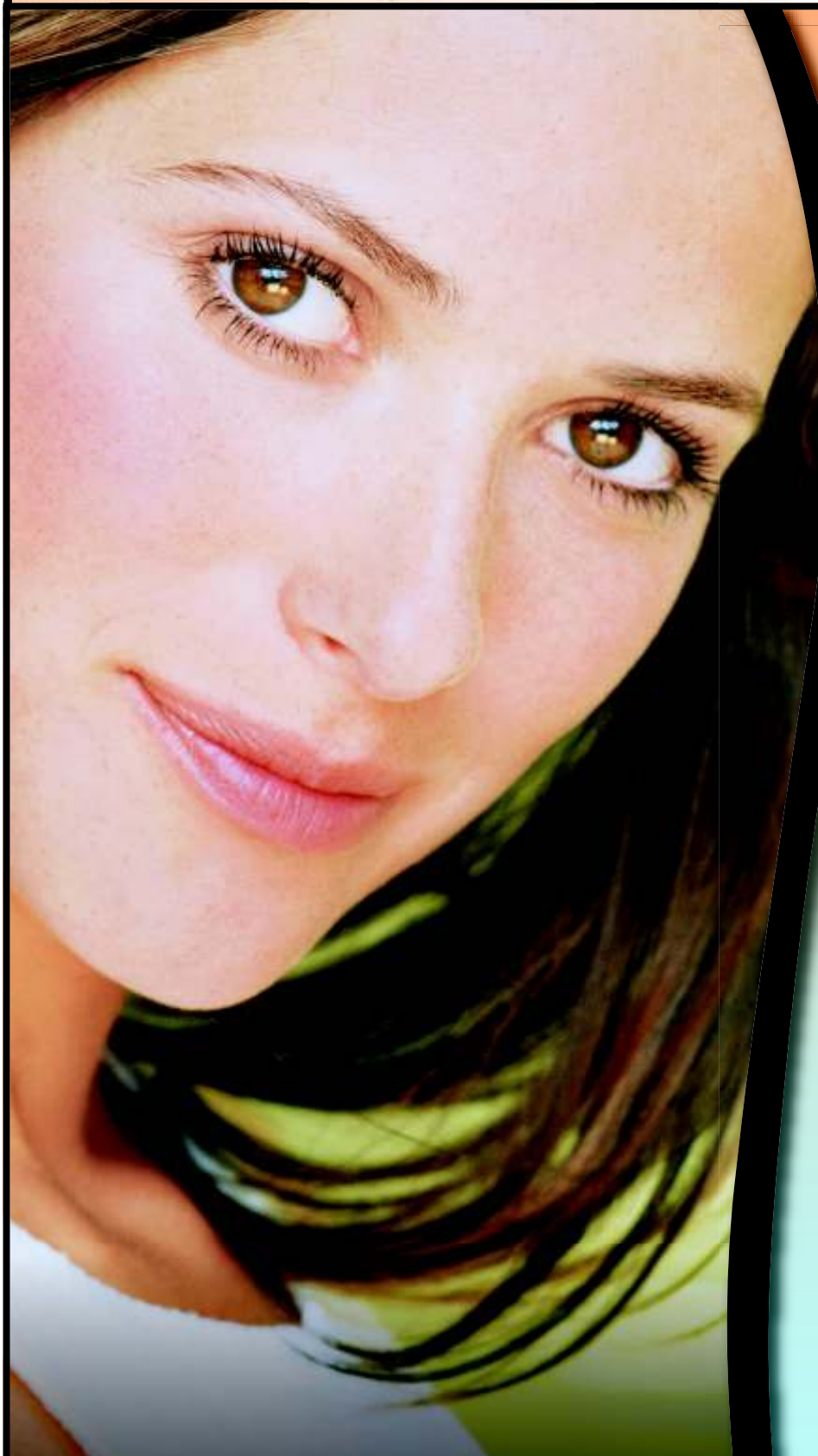
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cancer at all. Just "You're a sick unit, Buckrod."

During this time I was involved with a woman, too. She would sometimes drive me to treatments or stay up with me all night while I tried to puke my stomach inside out. But sometimes we fought, and I'd drive her away for days or weeks with ingeniously ugly displays of assholery. Steve didn't go anywhere. He seemed immune to my self-pity and rage and fear. Like everyone else around me who was close to me, he was afraid, too. Afraid for me. Afraid he'd lose a friend, maybe even a little afraid of me; I could sense a repulsion even in family members—as if cancer were contagious. But Steve didn't ever let that fear tell him how he was going to deal with a possibly dying friend.

During a month-long hiatus in chemotherapy, Steve bought a bottle of Bushmills. It was St. Patrick's Day. He said, "Can you have a drink without projectile vomiting all over the living room?"

"Yeah, it's been a while.

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There it was. He had said it for the first time.

I nodded and said, "Yeah, I do, but it's not lung cancer."

He would load up his car with empties from the bar and drive by and drop them on the lawn.

"You're hopeless. You are about as messed up as one man can be and still walk around. I'm not kidding about the case of whiskey. All you can drink for the rest of your life."

"I know you're not kidding." I knew he wasn't.

We drank the Bushmills, and he told me about his old man, who ran a tavern in

Pittsburgh somewhere. His dad was referred to as "El Supremo."

"One night the Supremo was hanging out with Bobby Johnson, an ex-cop and my dad's partner in the bar. Supremo didn't hang out at night as a rule, but this one night he got fairly whacked and staggered in about midnight. My mom clucked and tisked, but she didn't hassle him. It was an unusual thing

for him.

"Well, he got up early and probably still fried. He put the clothes on that he had been wearing the night before. He got my mom to put some lipstick marks around his shirt collar and had her call Bobby, who would have been opening the bar about then. He had my mom tell Bobby that

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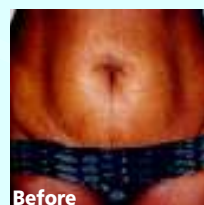


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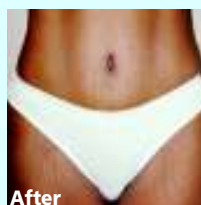
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Supremo had never come home the night before, and had he seen him?

"Well, Bobby was concerned. He said, 'Gee, Helen, we had a few drinks at the VFW, and Steve [Sr.] left about 11 or so. He didn't seem to be in bad shape. I'm sure he just stayed over at Donny's or Eddie's place. You want me to call around?' My mom said no, that was okay.

"Meanwhile, Supremo gets in the car and drives to the bar. He rushes in and says, 'Bobby, you gotta cover for me. I met this woman last night at Eddie's bar. I stopped off for one more, you know — after I left you at the VFW? This woman was unbelievable, Bobby. I couldn't help myself. Listen, if Helen calls, you gotta tell her I spent the night here in the back room.'

"Well, Bobby was really in a jackpot. He said, 'Steve, Helen already called. I said you probably stayed at Donny's or Eddie's. I said I hadn't seen you since about 11 last night.'

"Well, you gotta call her

back. Tell her you just found me in the back room and that I've been here all night.'

"Jesus, Steve. All right.' So Bobby calls up my mom and lies through his teeth. El Supremo never did tell Bobby that he was messing with him. It was just this private joke he always carried around with him.

"Another thing he did was, Bobby always was complaining about these college kids coming by and throwing empty beer cans on his lawn. Well, every chance the Supremo got, he would load up his car with empties from the bar and drive by and drop them on the lawn. One time he dumped about three cases of empties on the lawn, then rang Bobby's doorbell, and ran next door where he had parked the car. The next day Bobby comes in to work, and he says to my dad, 'Those little college bastards are getting cheekier. They even rang my doorbell yesterday, but they took off before I could grab 'em. I almost got 'em, Steve, I almost got 'em.'"

When Steve [Jr.] had finished his story and we

both laughed for a while, I said, "So that's where all this fucking with me comes from."

Steve nodded, smiling. "Exactly, Buckrod. It just seems like the thing to do."

* * *

When I met Mack, he had just gotten his PhD in biology (he was wearing a button that read THAT'S DR. FUCKHEAD TO YOU!), and his marriage was ending. I welcomed him to singles hell. We stood back to back in a few minor skirmishes in the battle of the sexes, and then eventually each of us got involved with women on a steady basis and our contact became more sporadic.

That men lead lopsided personal lives is possibly not an original observation but something worth mentioning. During my last excursion into romantic folly, I would turn down opportunities to spend time with these friends and others if I thought I might spend the time with HER. My almost complete neglect of my friendships is something I still wince over. Fortunately,

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both Mack and Steve have been there, too, and might do their own wincing now and again.

While I was in northern Illinois in the dead of last winter with my ailing mother, the only events I really looked forward to on a daily basis were the formations of wild geese that would wing south from Canada, the drunken duck hunters blowing away their own duck blinds with shotguns on the frozen lake outside my window, and the calls I got from Mack every few days.

Mack seemed to know I was pretty much cut off from what I called my “regular life” and would rack up his phone bill telling me the latest spate of blond jokes that were circulating in Southern California.

It wasn’t all we talked about, though. The 2000 miles between us seemed to open up areas of conversation we hadn’t really explored while hanging out at Jose’s in La Jolla or trying to get our computers to talk to each other. We started talking

about ourselves and religion and women and dogs and fathers. Mack’s relationship seemed to be going all right when one day in late spring he called and I could hear something very different in his voice. No blond jokes, no imitations of Sterling Hayden in *Dr. Strangelove*, didn’t even mention his dog.

“Sandy is boffing this guy who works in the lab with me. I know it. I saw his van out in front of her house this morning at seven o’clock.”

While I was coming out of the dark weeks and months that follow love gone south, Mack was just entering the shadows full of therapists, Prozac, heavy drinking (he called it “hitting the reset button”), and the bitter hard-on that accompanies fossilized emotions that visit in the night like banzai creditors.

It was my turn to call him every few days. My turn to say things like, “Hang on, man...you’re better off...you’ll feel bad for a while, and then eventually you won’t...” All the inanities, the mouthings, the empty words and fictions that are

somehow so vital.

The things he had said to me.

* * *

If I made anything like a New Year’s resolution, it was probably something like: *Never, ever shine your friends for the sake of something that even remotely smells like true love.* Never shine them. Period. Even if they call you up in the middle of a busy day (or the middle of the night) with absolutely nothing to say, it may somehow be vital that they say it. If you don’t take care of your relationships with people whose interest in you and your interest in them is more abiding than any romance — they will go away. And a man without friends is truly dickless and heartless and useless.

If I can teach my son anything besides chewing with his mouth closed, not getting wise with policemen, or never eating in a Mexican restaurant that does not have menudo on the menu — even if menudo makes you sick — it would be something like that. ■

— John Brizzolara

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in relation to the Regents Road bridge and the Sunroad Building scandals, that "they [Aguirre and Frye] 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."

I applaud your efforts and appreciate the tremendous costs incurred by confronting civic crimes judicially. But you are in error: the courts are not the only venue with a level playing field (really? with judges paid by the government?).

Fortunately, our Founding Fathers created a means to more cheaply and directly accomplish your ends: in the last clause of the First Amendment to our U.S.

Constitution. Until recently, this clause, the right to petition any level of government for the redress of grievances, had never been tested. We the People Foundation for Constitutional Education (<http://www.givemeliberty.org/>) is currently at the federal appellate court level seeking a positive definition of that clause. For years, Congress and the executive branch have hidden behind "sovereign immunity" arguments against mandatory responses to four WTP petitions, which claimed harm suffered by a defined class of citizens as a result of government actions abhorrent to the U.S. Constitution.

There is a county-level test of this right (by the founder of WTP) that is in play as well. As you may recall, our Revolutionary War was instigated by King

George's claim of sovereign immunity from petition enforcement. Have we come full circle so soon?

By this time many such petitions are in play locally around the country. Why? Because most folks don't have the deep pockets to fight the government in court every time it breaks the law.

Of course, the lawyer union (including judges) doesn't want this petition right to see the light of day because it will cut out their huge litigation fees. Just think of how much money and time could be saved by avoiding the courts! This route should be implemented here ASAP because the large volume of government crimes cannot be efficiently addressed judicially.

Lee Sullivan
via e-mail

ments from Website," April 12). I am basically a very shy person, but after visiting Chicago last summer and finding the people there so friendly, kind, and helpful, I was inspired to make eye contact and say hello to as many people as possible. Brian B, you come from a lovely city. For the most part, the response has been very positive. However, Mr. Selfmade, some guys are making this very difficult. Every day I walk six blocks through the Gaslamp on my way to and from work. Some men take my greeting as an invitation, instead of just a simple hello. If I try to keep walking and not engage in a drawn-out conversation, these guys start with the name-calling. I can't tell you how many times I've been called a bitch because I can't stand around chitchatting with some random guy. I'm not rude about it. I just smile and keep walking. Not only do I have someplace to be, but I am married and not hiding my wedding ring. If

I don't make eye contact, then Mr. Annoyed thinks I am "arrogant." Often when I don't acknowledge these types of guys, they are so annoyed that they call me bitch for not saying hello. I can't win, so sometimes I don't feel like wasting the energy, and I go back to keeping my head down. I wonder if these same guys call men names if they don't say hello or stop and give their phone numbers. Oh well, I guess I'm just a bitch.

Lia Trageser
via e-mail

Say Hi To Another Human Being

In response to "Is the Sun in Your Eyes or Are You Just Avoiding Me?" by Geoff Bouvier (Cover Story, April 5).

In regards to making eye contact, I think your interviewed subjects are missing the point entirely (which I'll address later). However, they do make another, very important, point.

The majority of your interviewees were concerned

with whether or not a person is checking them out, or hitting on them, and whether they think someone else is attractive. And *that* is the San Diego social scene in a nutshell: it's perceived as a big dating pool. Whether it is or not doesn't matter. The perception is real enough to affect people's attitudes.

However, the heart of the matter is that eye contact is not limited to whether or not you're attracted to someone.

Eye contact is about being friendly and acknowledging another human being. Period.

If you're shy, that's fine. If you're worried about being hit on, that's fine too. It's bound to happen no matter where you are. Sure, a lot of the time people in San Diego are looking for love, and it's uncomfortable to be stared down in a "dating predator" way. And there are a lot of people who are too busy or too caught up in their own personal agendas and prob-

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Holt Webb
via e-mail

Comments from Reader Website

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Posted by good article on 04/9/07, 6:09 p.m.

it is odd behavior, it's not just young women, it's 30-somethings too. Sometimes I have noticed, if they successfully repel an eye contact situation but their children make the dangerous choice to look at that human, they freak out a bit, even if it's another mother. maybe they are worried the other mother is hitting on them and potentially their child as well. lol.

Posted by unique to san diego on 04/9/07, 10:43 p.m.
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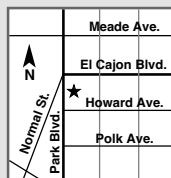


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Diego. Maybe someone
should do that story.

*Posted by Thomas Graves
on 04/10/07, 1:14 p.m.*

Megan Donahue said, "In Europe, if you make eye contact with somebody, or if you smile as you pass them on the street, they think you're crazy. [...]" [And I noticed that mostly in the big cities like Prague and Bernau. [...]" Well, I lived in *Brno* for six years during the 90's, and I noticed that whenever I was walking down a not-so-busy sidewalk in Brno and someone was walking towards me from the opposite direction, they always seemed to be staring into my eyes. This "bugged" me at first because I thought that maybe I looked strange to them or maybe like a tourist from the West. But I was relieved when I asked some of my Moravian friends about it (Brno is in the Moravian part of the Czech Republic) because they told me that's what everyone does to each other there, for the very simple reason that Moravians (and

Czechs too, I suppose) believe that they can see into another person's soul by looking into their eyes...

*Posted by Migraine on
04/10/07, 4:41 p.m.*

Has anyone heard of Los Angeles?! They are horrible when it comes to eye contact. My family is originally from the mid-west and could not stand LA with their novice attitudes... pompous demeanors and zero eye contact. At least here, they will look you in the eye. Stop complaining and go live in LA for a year and tell me what happens. Sincerely, A girl born and raised in LA

*Posted by Robert on
04/14/07, 12:35 p.m.*

For the many transplants and tourists in San Diego, who don't know many people, there might be a reluctance on their part not to make eye contact. As for the younger people, my sense is that there are a lot more males than females in S.D. which amps up the pressure on the ladies. This imbalance is true even with so many of the armed

forces being away. The excessive attention directed at the ladies may explain why some males perceive a lack of eye contact from the guys. This overrepresentation of males may also be why the ladies try to live in places where they believe there may be less attention from the males. With younger women most anywhere in this country, women look but they are more discrete. Some ladies don't make the eye contact because maybe they view it is safer not to or that they simply believe that they don't need to look. As for the comment about "not having game", less "games" would probably be healthy. Once one has left Junior High School...

*Posted by Jose Lopez on
04/15/07, 10:25 p.m.*

I have a big problem with looking people in the eye. it sucks because i feel like people think im less of a person because i cant have a conversation with anyone while staring them in the eye. I guess its because im younger and still in high-

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school. but for some reason contact is so awkward and intimidating. its something i wish i could improve on because it feels so unprofessional and rude not to be able to stare someone in the eye while there talking to you. anyways!! who is that girl on the cover!!! she's hot!

Blurt

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Posted by AntiPunk Crusader on 04/9/07, 9:17 p.m.
"Hardcore Punkers". What a bunch of illiterate goofballs! You punk people with you're empty threats crack me up! Hardcore what? Brainfreeze proba-

bly... Yea Commando! You have it right; posers! All of them! Parading around like freaks out of a video game, can't even spell their names, cussing and swearing and pretending they're going to do violence on people. Give me a break! Being a freak is their only way of getting attention. Punk started as a freak show, and it'll always be a freak show. It gives ugly people an excuse to be uglier. They're just whinny little children, crying for their bottles...

Posted by Rotny on 04/11/07, 10:20 p.m.
Regarding the Beauty Bar incident, I would like to add that the promoter is not necessarily a Beauty Bar employee. With that out of the way, i respect the music of ;society! but regardless of talent, self promotion goes a long way and when i have

a show, i would be embarrassed that none of my fans show up, mainly because i feel it's partly my responsibility to inform our public of any upcoming shows (not that it hasn't happened). Furthermore, i wish to point out that if you believe you deserve more commitment from the promoter, you should agree to it on paper beforehand or not play. Its either that, or work with people that you are close to and that you know will hook you up when things go bad. Hind-sight is 20/20 but to complain about it once the show is over is a complete and utter cop-out.

Music Review

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Posted by Brooklyn on 04/10/07, 11:15 a.m.
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Posted by Sydney, HarmonieWorks on 04/10/07, 9:15 p.m.

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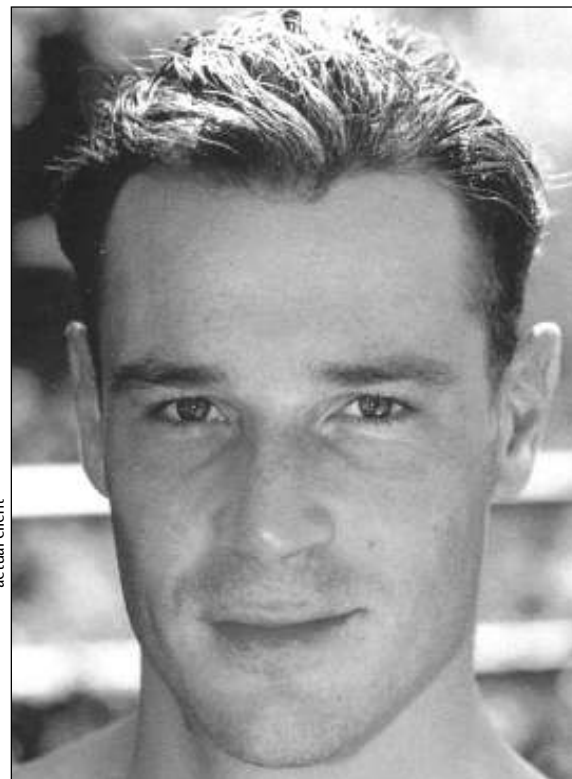
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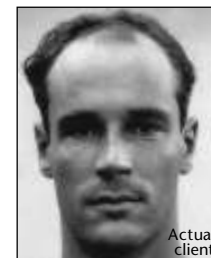
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City Lights

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Posted by Joe Varley on 04/10/07, 11:34 a.m.

While the City sleeps is a better name for what is go-

ing on at the San Diego International Airport Authority. All you have to do is review the agenda and minutes of past meetings. Multi million approvals for EIR reports that ignore millions of prior million dollar approvals of EIR reports. Millions for advertising to bring more people to Lindbergh field that is already operating at 110% capacity. Fat vendor contracts the run up to 10 years before being reviewed. Millions for more EIR on expansion that is now called “RE-CONFIGURATION”. Steven Cushman’s re-appointment to the Board was also curious. Most meetings are filled with black suited lawyers lob-

bing for the fat contracts doled out at each session. They discussed eminent domain easements to widen airplane traffic patterns on a single runway airport already declared as operating at 110% capacity.

Diary of a Diva

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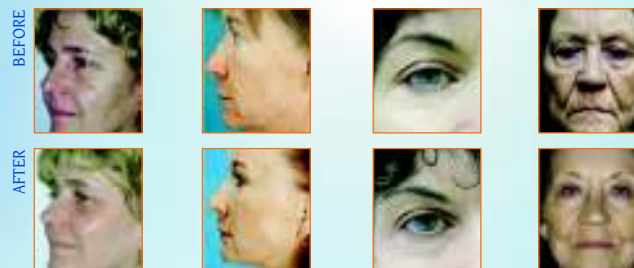
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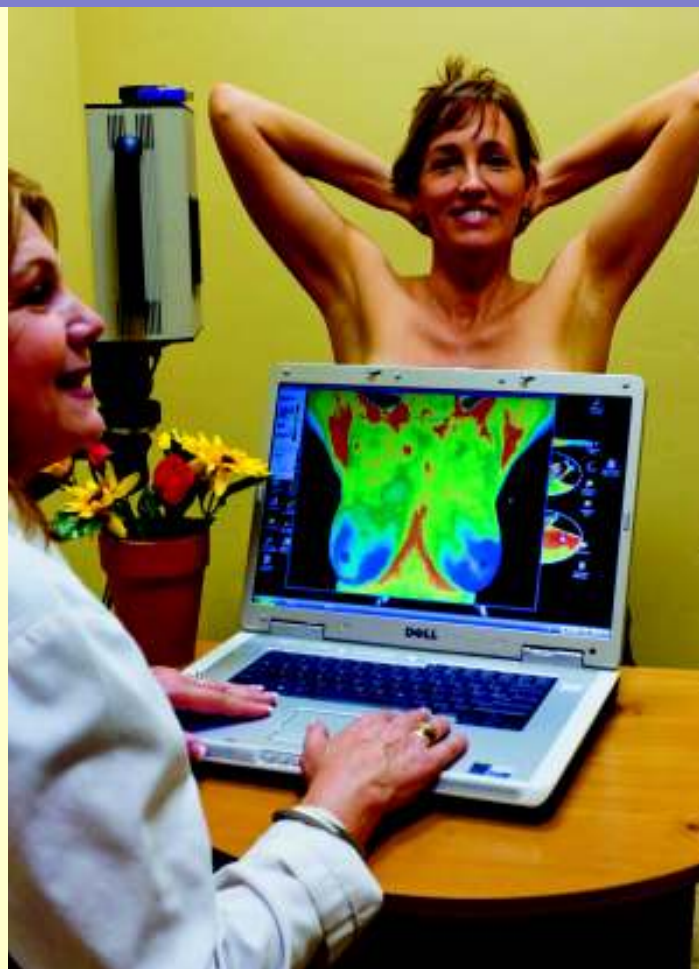
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Great Strides

Walk on Water Competition

Sometimes students will create something that is super stable but becomes too heavy and laborious to even move it," says Leonard Perry, professor of industrial engineering at the University of San Diego. "They'll have a structure that is really wide and heavy and sturdy, and you can stand on it and not fall, but they'll forget about the idea that they have to move that [structure] across an entire 25-meter swimming pool."

This weekend USD hosts the 16th Annual Walk on Water Competition, in which participating high school and college students design and build a pair of water-walking "shoes" and then demonstrate the efficacy of their creations. "It takes 20 to 30 hours to make a pair of shoes," says Martin Teachworth, physics teacher and science team coach for La Jolla High. "That's from 'Let's sit down and talk about it' to getting shoes that are completely finished. At the end of that 30 hours, they're ready to put them in the pool and practice walking."

Judges will be looking for three things: buoyancy, stability, and propulsion. Shoes must be less than eight feet long, and the cost of the materials cannot exceed \$100. "There are design restrictions, just like you'd have in the real world," explains Perry. "[Students are] incorporating engineering principles using the whole engineering design process — coming up with sketches, figuring out propulsion, stability, and flotation."

Most of the entries are made from

Styrofoam and duct tape. "One of the better designs was Styrofoam wrapped in fiberglass," says Perry. Perry has seen shoes made with inner tubes, two-liter plastic bottles, PVC piping, metal, and cardboard. His favorite design incorporated a paddle wheel for propulsion, "like the ones you see on old riverboats."

Teachworth describes most shoes as "two fat skis, eight feet long, a foot wide, and about four inches thick." Propulsion is particularly difficult to achieve. "You need to design a shoe so it will glide forward, but as soon as you move your foot back, you need it to grab the water, otherwise your feet will go back and forth, like on an elliptical machine — a lot of work but no motion. You have to design things to grab the water underneath."

The first year that students of Teachworth's participated in the competition (1996), their design consisted of wooden shoes with wooden flaps affixed beneath. "They were 12 inches long, so they floated," Teachworth remembers. "When they'd go forward, great, but when they went backward, they didn't go down and grab the water." To solve the problem, students filled empty dog food cans with rocks and affixed them to the flaps. To seal the wood they used leftover purple house paint. "They were the godawful-looking shoes you've ever seen, but darned if they didn't win," says Teachworth. The team took first place in the high school division; in the overall competition, they were second to a college team. One of those students is now an electrical engineer, another an aeronautical engineer, and a third just received a doctorate for geophysics.



Mishaps do occur. "The ratio is: If you make shoes shorter than you are tall, you're probably going to fall over front or back," says Teachworth. "Anything that can go wrong, does. Kids will get partway across, and then their shoes will fill with water and sink." One student accidentally put his foot through one of his cardboard shoes before the competition. His winning shoes of the same design from the year before had been kept at the USD campus and had been thrown in a trash bin earlier that morning, so the student fished one of his old shoes from the trash to replace the damaged one. The same design, as long as it is one's own, can be used year after year.

Though there have been many patents for water-traversing shoes (the

first of which was filed by Bostonian H.R. Rowlands in 1858), Perry does not yet see practical uses for water-walking technology. "It's more of a way to get high school students interested in science and engineering," he says, "which has always been labeled dull and boring and for nerds."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

"La Santa de San Luis," 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)

Comedian Carlos Eduardo Rico gives performance Friday,

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"Cuerpos en Transito," international dance festival represents dances from Cuba, Italy, and Mexico, Friday, April 20, through Sunday, April 29, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). "Regional Dancing Projects" lecture by Minerva Tapia, Gregorio Coral, and Jorge Domínguez at 6 p.m., Monday, April 23. More information: 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Municipal Master Run, Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m., Unidad Ti-

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Long and Winding Road, the semiannual Rosarito-Ensenada 50-mile fun bicycle ride is Saturday, April 21, starting at 10 a.m. at Rosarito Beach Hotel. 858-483-8777. (ROSARITO BEACH, ENSENADA)

Lucybell in Rock Concert Saturday, April 21, 8 p.m., at Box Underground, El Foro (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

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"Breve Historia de Baja California," with various authors presenting on Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Details: 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

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"Walk to the Flowers (and Strawberries)," San Diego County Rockhoppers host 5k and 10k volkswalk from Carlsbad Village to the strawberry and flower fields, Saturday, April 21. Walk at your own pace starting anytime between 8 a.m. and noon. Walk is free; optional *Volkspoint* credit is \$3. Event begins at Carlsbad Convention and Visitors' Center (400 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-746-0897. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Audubon Birding, Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m. at Old Mission Dam in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Expect to see migrating Western warblers, yellow warblers, black-headed grosbeaks, yellow-breasted chats, and least bell's vireos. Free. 619-668-3281. (MISSION GORGE)

Wildflower Hike in Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve during docent-led adventure, Saturday, April 21. Venture into most recently acquired property, including "some of the most scenic parts of Hell Creek." Free. Group adventure starts at 9 a.m. at staging area (19324 Santee Lane). 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

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"Wild Natives and Aliens on the Trails," Mission Trails Regional Park trail guides lead walks to identify plants on Saturday,

Sunday, and Wednesday, April 21, 22, and 25, 9:30 a.m. Meet at visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Learn to Track Animals and discover their natural environment during tracking-walk training event slated for Saturday, April 21, 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting at Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Wear shoes that can be muddy. Free. To reach site, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs. 760-715-4102. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

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Friends of Rose Creek beckon volunteers for variety of work in native plant garden, Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.-noon, behind Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Weed, water, plant native species. Bring work or gardening gloves, water. 858-405-7503. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Mt. Soledad's Native Plants, discover native and invasive plants of the region with California Native Plant Society, Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. Meet in the first parking lot at Mt. Soledad Natural Park, 6905 La Jolla Scenic Drive South. Free. 619-501-3789. (LA JOLLA)

Lake Morena Nature Hike with San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneers, Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Directions: Take I-8 to Buckman Springs Road exit; drive south five miles to Oak Drive; turn right (west), go about two miles to Lake Morena Drive. Turn

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Meet the Wildlife during Earth Day open house at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway) on Sunday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wild bird show, bat rescue, nature walks, garden tours, and taxidermy demonstration. Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Explore Piedra Pintadas Ridge with Canyoneers hikers on Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m. Easy walk overlooking Lake Hodges. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego River Walk hosted by Walkabout, Sunday, April 22. Outing over flat, paved surfaces promising views of river starts at 3:30 p.m. at Mission Valley trolley stop (behind Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, 1620 Camino de la Reina). Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION VALLEY)

Rediscover Escondido during walking tour led by Escondido History Center, Tuesday, April 24, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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DANCE

"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)

San Diego Academy of Ballet offers presentation of *Don Quixote* at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road) April 20-22. Featured dancers are former Grigorovich Ballet's Valeri Tchekechev, Vadim Slavitsky and Victoria Luchkina, and former Bolshoi dancer Maxim Tchernychev. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. \$7-\$25. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

"Viennese Waltz: Survival Steps" covered at beginner-friendly dance on Friday, April 20, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by "practice ball" at 8 p.m. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Old Twine String Band makes music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance, Friday, April 20, 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. (NORTH PARK)

"Uprooted," Eleven Heads production copresented by Sushi and SDSU School of Music and Dance for Sushi Takeout series in SDSU Studio Theatre, Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Group's work focuses on "uprooting" the work of five

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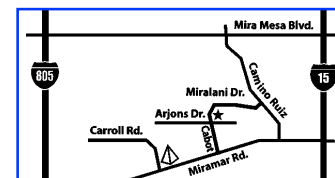
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Indian BharataNatyam Dance, presentation of "Indian values and concepts that are ever relevant to human life" performed by Naveena Niruparana on Saturday, April 21, 5 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$20-\$50. 858-200-7481. (LA JOLLA)

Mainly Balkan, Lee Otterholt leads workshop Saturday, April 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Request dancing follows. \$7. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

American Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dance-time Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. Nightclub two-step lesson at 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Callers are Ellen and Tyge on April 22. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

California's State Dance, learn West Coast swing with Yolanda — U.S. Open Swing Dance Cham-

pion — Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m. at Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue, suite E). \$10-\$13. 619-291-1601. (HILLCREST)

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

FILM

"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)

Ciao Professore, comedy about an upper-class teacher who ends up teaching "a group of street-smart southern Italian village kids." Screens Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., at House of Italy (across from Spreckels Organ Pavilion). In

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps: Giants of Nature*, *Hurricane on the Bayou*, *Reef Adventure*. "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Cosmic Voyage* (6 p.m.) and *Lewis & Clark* (7 p.m.) on April 20. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Bob and Jack's 52-Year Adventure, documentary follows Bob and Jack, a gay couple now in

their 80s who began their relationship in the Army in 1952. Film screens as part of FilmOut San Diego, Friday, April 20, noon, at Ken Cinema (4061 Adams Avenue). \$10. 619-291-3456. (KENSINGTON)

The Sequel *War of the Worlds: The Second Invasion* (1988) screens for Mars Society, Friday, April 20, 7 p.m., at Studio 106 (2323 Broadway). Free with reservation: 619-723-3456. (DOWNTOWN)

The Magic Flute, screening and commentary on the 1976 Ingmar Bergman film, which showcases

Mozart's famous opera. Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free; tickets distributed beginning at 9:15 a.m. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

St. Paul's Saturday Cinema, *Wit* follows a brilliant woman (played by Emma Thompson) as she faces a life-threatening illness. Also stars Christopher Lloyd and Eileen Atkins. Screens at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue) Saturday, April 21, 7 p.m. Free. 619-298-7261. (BANKERS HILL)

San Diego International Children's Film Festival takes over the Museum of Photographic Arts on upcoming Tuesdays (April 22, April 29, and May 5) with animation and filmmaking workshops and more than 90 international children's films to be shown, including animation, live-action, and documentaries, plus the San Diego premiere of *Big Top Winkle!* \$5, children 3 and under are free. Showtimes: 760-470-2481. (BALBOA PARK)

"Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form," series continues with "The Jazz Swing Era," 2 p.m., Sunday, April 22. Oren Jacoby's 1993 film *Benny Goodman: Adventures in the Kingdom of Swing* to be screened, with discussion led by SDSU music professor Rick Helzer. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Overconsumption and materialism examined in *Affluenza*, a KPBS documentary screening at Tierrasanta Library (4985 La Cuenta Drive), Monday, April 23, 6 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. 619-723-7048. (TIERRASANTA)

Called "the Best Film Yet to address 9/11 America," *The War Within* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Carlsbad Reads Together Films, see the film *Sophie's Choice* on Wednesday, April 25, in conjunction with community reading of Elie Wiesel's *Night*. 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 Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

Talking Heads Rockumentary *Stop Making Sense* (1984) screens for spring film series, Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (BALBOA PARK, LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

"British Military Records" discussed by June Hanson for England-Wales Interest Class, Thursday, April 19, 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-583-8352. (MISSION VALLEY)

"An Enduring Voice for California," San Diego State University continues honoring John Steinbeck with events during April.

Panelists Bill Neruccio, Joanna Brooks, Arturo J. Aldama, Fred Gardaphe, and others offer perspective on "Watching Steinbeck's Ethnic Eye/I," Thursday, April 19, 4 p.m., West Commons 220.

"Of Mice and Men, Mice and Beans, and Laughing Tomatoes — Steinbeck and Mexican-American Children's Authors" presented Wednesday, April 25, 4:30 p.m., in Gateway Building 1504. Panelists include Phillip Serrato, Pam Muñoz Ryan, Hernan Moreno-Hinojosa, Francisco X. Alarcon.

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Extension Program, Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., at Chula Vista Marina (550 Marina Parkway). Free. 858-694-3414. (DOWNTOWN)

"State Constitutionalism and Modern Governance: What's the Big Idea?" USD law professor Daniel B. Rodriguez speaks Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Required reservations: 619-260-6848. (LINDA VISTA)

"Planting with Your Pooch" presented Thursday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Learn about pet-friendly landscaping and remedies for chewers and diggers. \$10. 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Power of Art" explored by Steven Kern (director of the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut) on Friday, April 20, 10 a.m., in James S. Copley Auditorium at San Diego Museum of Art. Kern "will use the writings of Susan Sontag and Elaine Scarry as sources for his discussion." \$10. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Power of Art," presented by SDMA European art curator Steven Kern for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. Starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 20. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Dynamic Exercises and stretches that mimic backpacking led by Carol Evans of Guided Adventures in Nature at Adventure 16, Friday, April 20, 7 p.m., at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). (OCEANSIDE)

A Subtropical Nonpatented Exchange of avocado, cherimoya, and citrus wood to occur when California Rare Fruit Growers meet on Friday, April 20. Founder Paul Thompson will speak on propagation. Gathering starts at 7 p.m. in room 7003 (the new horticulture building) at Mira Costa College (One Barnard Drive). Free. 619-846-3337. (OCEANSIDE)

"Plant Propagation Made Easy" — learn techniques for preparing, storing, planting seeds, Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Bring samples of plants and seeds you wish to propagate. \$30. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Wood-Bottom Baskets," learn to twine natural reeds into baskets during program Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. For ages eight and up. \$38. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Pet Nutrition Seminar with Dr. Tamara Hebbler, holistic veterinarian, and Jan Rasmussen, author of *Scared Poopless*. Find out what's really in pet food and how it affects the animals that eat it, Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. at Dexter's Deli (1229 Camino del Mar). Free. 858-792-3707. (DEL MAR)

Redistricting Reform is topic for discussion hosted by League of Women Voters and Common Cause, Saturday, April 21, noon, at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (OCEANSIDE)

"Southern Comfort Food II: Let's Talk Steaks!" Chef Melvin Johnson of Batter Up! shares stories and recipes Saturday, April 21,

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noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$25. Reservations: 866-388-2665. (MISSION VALLEY)

Philippine Art Workshop for all ages, Saturday, April 21, 1 p.m., at House of the Philippines (Presidents Way at Pan American Plaza). Participants will "learn about traditional Philippine designs and handcraft their own representation of *tapa* (tree bark cloth)." Free. 619-804-8424. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Kite Club celebrates National Kite Month with kite-making workshop at Veterans Park (785 East Palomar Street) Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. Demonstration to follow. \$7. 619-691-5260. (SAN MARCOS)

SDMA Curator of Asian Art, Sonya Quintanilla, to speak about her book, *History of Early Stone Sculpture at Mathura (ca. 150 BCE-100CE)*, Saturday, April 21, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$20 general. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

Baja California showcased in mixed-media presentation by Bruce Berger and Miguel Angel de la Cueva, environmental authors of *Oasis of Stone: Visions of Baja California Sur*, Monday, April 23, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

"The Science of Human Reproduction: Implications for the Future of Genealogy" presented by Dr. Stephen Baird for North San Diego County Genealogical Society Tuesday, April 24, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-746-8185. (CARLSBAD)

"San Diego County Rocks," hands-on class and field trip exposes adults to "the three major rock types." Excursions planned from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 26,

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The Chiquito Trail, a multiuse (hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding) route down from Blue Jay Campground to Ortega Highway in the Santa Ana Mountains, is best explored (if hiking) in the one-way, downhill direction. Mountain bikers can use the local roads to fashion a loop. Along the trail you can enjoy cool passages through canyon bottoms and a long, view-rich traverse across a sunny ridge.

Your expedition begins just outside the campground, which is 2.5 miles up Long Canyon Road from Ortega Highway. It ends along Ortega Highway itself at the San Juan Loop Trail parking lot, which is opposite a local landmark called the Candy Store. The store is 21 miles east of Interstate 5 at San Juan Capistrano and about 10 miles west of Lake Elsinore near Interstate 15.



Along San Juan Creek

The starting point is actually the upper terminus for the San Juan Trail, which wends its way west for many miles, ending at a place called Hot Spring Canyon. You go only 1.8 miles downhill on the gently meandering San Juan Trail to the Chiquito Trail junction, and make a left turn there.

On the Chiquito Trail you descend east into the upper reaches of Lion Canyon, which normally has water flowing in it through the spring and early summer. In the next two miles you follow the bottom of Lion Canyon, downhill. That stretch is delightful, with patchy shade provided by large oaks — the survivors of wildfires — and young sycamores. On the banks of the creek you'll find poison oak (which hopefully you can identify and avoid); wild blackberry vines; toyon bushes; barberry shrubs; and ceanothus shrubs (aka "wild lilac"). Profuse displays of monkeyflower brighten the scene in April and May. The red monkeyflower and the sticky (yellow-flowered) monkeyflower may have hybridized here: the spectrum of monkeyflower colors includes orange, pink, and magenta, as well as the usual scarlet and light yellow hues.

At 4.2 miles, the trail makes an abrupt bend to the left and begins a long traverse across the ridge to the east. Just below this bend is Chiquito Falls, where the stream drops about 15 feet over an outcrop of granite. Impressive only after heavy rains, the site is a pleasant one anytime for a picnic.

Rising through scrubby chaparral and granitic boulders, the trail works around to a south-facing slope. The din of traffic from Ortega Highway less than one bee-line mile away is enough to convince you the end is near, but it's not. Instead, the trail curves northeast and crookedly descends for another two miles to a tributary of San Juan Canyon. During the long, downward traverse, look for hawks and golden eagles riding the thermals, and squirrels or lizards scurrying around at ground level.

Once you are in the tributary (wet or dry, depending on the amount of recent rainfall) you continue one more mile to the wide creek in San Juan Canyon.

The popular San Juan Loop Trail lies across that creek. Go either right or left (going left is the simpler alternative) around the loop to reach the parking lot opposite the Candy Store.

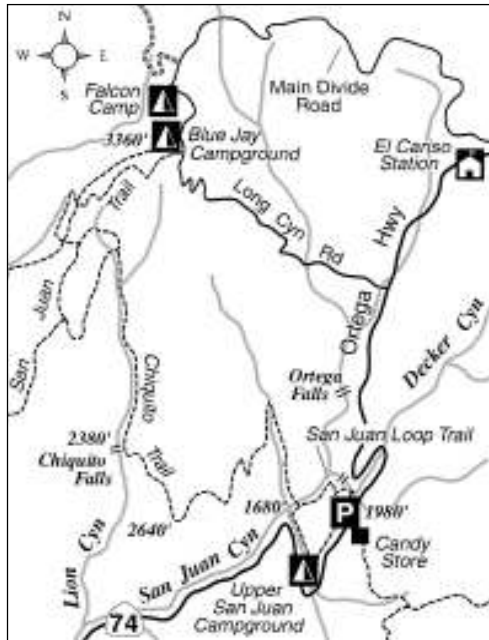
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"Apocalypso or Apoplecto: Maya Archaeology at SDSU and 'According to Mel'" presented by Joseph W. Ball of SDSU's department of anthropology on Tuesday, April 24, for San Diego County Archaeological Society. Ball will discuss recent release of motion picture *Apocalypso* and present his findings on the 2002-2005 archaeological investigations at the lost capital city of Acanmul, a Classic Period Maya center in Yucatan Peninsula. Free.

Talk starts at 7:30 p.m. at Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe (12122 Canyonside Park Drive). 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"The Age of Romanticism, Realism, and Impressionism" examined by historian Konrad Oberhuber, violinist Victoria Martino, and pianist Brent Johnson. Series looks at "The Generation of Schubert" on Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Fee: \$85 for series, \$19 per lectures. Series continues through May 15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Aboubakr Jamai to discuss "democratization and freedom of the

press in Morocco and the Middle East," Wednesday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. in Manchester Auditorium at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Jamai is the former editor of *Le Journal Hebdomadaire*. Free. Reservations: 619-260-6870. (LINDA VISTA)

Cooking Up Cancer Prevention, the Cancer Project's Tracy Childs teaches cooking class emphasizing cancer prevention and survival, Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. Registration: 858-679-9148. (MIRA MESA)

"Powerful Turning Points," learn "how to develop the power to attract what you want" during

lecture at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103), 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 25. Free. 760-505-0004. (CARLSBAD)

"Thinking Out of the Box," North Coast League of Women Voters to approach issues of global warming, water, juvenile justice, women's issues, public health, and the FCC on Wednesday, April 25, 6:45 p.m. at Carlsbad by the Sea, 2855 Carlsbad Boulevard. Free. 760-736-1608. (CARLSBAD)

"Endangered Frogs of North County," amphibian research scientist Jeffrey Lemm shares his knowledge of the worldwide decline in amphibians, including Mt.

Palomar's mountain yellow-legged frog, Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. Free. 760-804-1969. (CARLSBAD)

Artists from *The Marriage of Figaro* participate in Artists' Round Table — offering look at music, characters, behind-the-scenes work — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, April 26, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Free. 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

Poet Catherine Wagner, author of *Macular Hole*, reads for World Literary Series, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., in the Grand Salon (room 113) of the M. Gordon Clarke Field House at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-8077. (SAN MARCOS)

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)

"Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway," Broadway stars perform songs selected from the Broadway musicals they starred in, Friday, April 20, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$22-\$38. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Mexican Poet Alberto Blanco gives bilingual poetry reading Friday, April 20, 7 p.m. in Institute for Peace and Justice Theater at USD (5998 Alcalá Park). Evening opens with Mariachi Champana Nevin and selections from *Al Aire Libre: Canciones Para Entrar en Materia*, which is based on Blanco's poetry. Free. 619-260-4261. (LINDA VISTA)

An Evening of Poetry, local poets (including Olga Garcia, Jennifer Geran, Terry Hertzler, Jihmye, and Laurie Macrae) read their poems Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue) in conjunction with San Diego Writers, Ink. Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Fulbright Scholar, Blogger, Activist, "acclaimed techie" Cory Doctorow plans lecture, reading, and book signing, Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 at Mira-Costa College's San Elijo campus

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(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)

Langston Hughes Poetry Circle hosts poetry reading Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Poets from the African American Writers and Artists, the Invisible Children Club, and the Encanto Boys and Girls Club will perform. Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

"Howlistic Health and Spaw Day," learn latest in pet pampering on Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Muttropolis (7755 Girard Avenue and 227 South Cedros Avenue). Free. 858-459-WOOF. (LA JOLLA, SOLANA BEACH)

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)

Parental Controls to be signed by newly published author Faye Hollis-Moore, Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. at Sisters' Gift Shop, 576 East Mission Road, suite B. Free. 760-736-3126. (SAN MARCOS)

Big Brown, Greg Niemann will discuss and sign his new book, *Big Brown: The Untold Story of UPS*, which traces the 100-year history of the company, Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2895. (LA MESA)

Grammy-Nominee William Eaton in concert "reflecting his career as musician and instrument maker" at Museum of Making Music Saturday, April 21, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$18. Required reservations: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

UC President Emeritus Richard C. Atkinson will discuss his new book, *The Pursuit of Knowledge: Speeches and Papers of Richard C. Atkinson*, Saturday, April 21, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue, 858-456-1800). Free. (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)

Civic Youth Orchestra presents spring showcase Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m., at California Center for the Arts (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$15. 858-484-9635. (ESCONDIDO)

Dulce Pontes sings traditional Portuguese *fado* with "cultural influences from Europe, Africa, and the Mediterranean," Sunday, April 22, 8 p.m., for UCSD's Art-Power series at Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$30, \$34, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

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A Perfect Ganesh, starring Sandra Ellis-Troy and Pat DiMeo, presented by Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-494-4699. (LA COSTA)

Susan Patron, 2007 Newbery Medal winner will sign her book, *The Higher Power of Lucky*, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Meet journalist Cathryn Jakobson Ramin (*Carved in Sand: When Attention Fails and Memory Fades in Midlife*) at 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Taffy Cannon signs and discusses her latest mystery, *Blood Matters*, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, at Georgina Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. Free. 760-434-2870. (CARLSBAD)

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

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.

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)

Return of the Thursday After-Work Ride, join Sierra Club bicyclists for ride with moderate hills and brisk pace, Thursday, April 19. The 14- to 20-miler starts at 5:45 p.m. in Warehouse parking lot at corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real. Free. 858-509-8977. (CARMEL VALLEY)

San Diego Padres play in Petco Park against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday, April 19, 12:35 p.m. before heading to Colorado for a stretch against the Rockies April 20–22. The away-games continue when the Padres head to Arizona for another round

OUT & ABOUT

CALIFORNIA POET LAUREATE

Al Young at Carlsbad City Library, Sunday, April 22.

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with the Diamondbacks April 24–26. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

California Surf Series Contest comes to Avalanche Jetty Saturday, April 21, starting at 6:30 a.m. 760-722-6363. (OCEAN BEACH)

5k Run/Walk for National Alliance on Mental Illness, Saturday, April 21, starts and ends at 6th and Laurel Street. Registration at 7 a.m. 619-584-5564. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Parkinson’s 5k Walk and Fun Run, leashed dogs welcome to join this 21st annual event Saturday, April 21, at Liberty Station (2875 Dewey Road). Registration at 8 a.m. \$30 to enter, \$15 for children 12 and under. 858-273-6763. (POINT LOMA)

SD Jam by the Sea Lacrosse Tournament, four divisions will compete Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Warren Field at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive). Free. 619-666-6730. (LA JOLLA)

La Jolla Half Marathon, course begins at Del Mar Fairgrounds, winds up the coast, climbs the summit of Torrey Pines State Park, and completes in the park at La Jolla Cove. Sunday, April 22. 858-454-0777. (LA JOLLA)

Sharon’s Ride, Run, and Walk for Epilepsy Foundation, Sunday, April 22, at Tecolote Shores (on Mission Bay Drive,

north of Fiesta Island entrance). Music, entertainment, prizes, and a Phil’s BBQ picnic. Registration from 7:30–9 a.m. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

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)

“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)

“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)

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 auditorium 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)

Head to Toe Women’s Expo, April 20–22 in Exhibit Hall at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Find “Body and Soul City,” “Glitter Sector,” “Fashion Metropolis,” “Wall Street,” “Home and Hearth Quarters,” “Culinary Capital,” and “Philanthropic Promenade” from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. \$7 adults, kids under 12 free. 619-491-0677. (DEL MAR)

Gem Faire — over 80 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, April 20–22, at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). Show hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Texas Hold 'em Poker tournament hosted by Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Criminal Law Society, Friday, April 20, in Marina Village's Starboard Room (1936 Quivira Way). \$25 for players, \$10 for spectators. 925-325-7865. (MISSION BAY)

Adams Avenue Roots Festival, six stages of music, craft vendors, food, beer gardens, wine tastings, farmers' market, and more, Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. along Adams Avenue. Free. 619-282-7329. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Oceanside Days of Art, art festival along Pier View Way between North Coast Highway and Ditmar Street, Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 100 artists and 300 musicians, dancers, and performers expected. Free. 760-433-3632. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

Calling All Herpetoculturists! International Reptile Breeders Show and Sale features herpetoculturists, products, workshops, and lectures in the Activity Center at Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$8 adults, \$3 children. 619-445-9964. (DEL MAR)

Chicano Park Day, find traditional Aztec and folklorico dancing, music, food, crafts, and a lowrider car show 10 a.m. to

5 p.m., Saturday, April 21. Free. 619-563-4661. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Home and Garden Tour, four homes on San Vicente Valley Club tour, along with raffles, wine tasting, arts and crafts fair, luncheon, and fashion show, Saturday, April 21. Events from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., home tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10. 760-440-0047. (RAMONA)

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 21 and 22, 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. (ESCONDIDO)

Exotic Plant Society Show, Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, in room 101 of Casa del Prado, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 619-232-5762. (BALBOA PARK)

Mission Hills Historic Home Tour, Mission Hills Heritage sponsors five-home tour along Sunset Boulevard reflecting Spanish revival, Craftsman, Tudor revival, and midcentury modernist styles, Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$30. 619-497-1193. (MISSION HILLS)

Astronomy Day is slated for Saturday, April 21, noon-3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Dr. David Devine will lead a "walk through the solar system" when it is brought to scale throughout Balboa Park. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Taste of Uptown/Hillcrest," annual event offers select fare at Uptown restaurants, Saturday, April 21, noon to 4 p.m. \$25. 619-233-5008. (HILLCREST)

Avocado Festival, find guacamole, the Avocado 500 (a race using avocados as vehicles), culinary contests for both pros and amateurs, and more along Main Street on Sunday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. 760-728-5845. (FALLBROOK)

Classic Car Show, competition for pre-1973 vehicles, music, food, vendors, and raffles to benefit Rady Children's Hospital, Sunday,

April 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fun Bike Center, 5755 Kearny Villa Road. Free. 619-588-9155. (KEARNY MESA)

Poway Street Fair, Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's theme, "City in the Country," can be found throughout the 200-plus vendors' wares, arts, and crafts. Find the fair on Midland Road between Poway Road and Hilleary Place. 858-748-0016. (POWAY)

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)

Maryellene Deason premieres oil and acrylic works in show, "Artist of Nature," through Monday, April 30, hosted by Southwestern Artists' Association in Gallery 23 at Spanish Village (1770 Village Place). Meet Deason during reception Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m. Free admission. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

Tuber and Cutting Sale put on by the San Diego County Dahlia Society in room 101 of Casa del Prado, Tuesday, April 24, 7-8:30 p.m. 858-672-2593. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese Spring Festival, lineup includes abacus demonstration, koto and bamboo flute performances, Japanese tea ceremony, origami fashion show, and haiku readings, Wednesday, April 25, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive).

Festival continues Thursday, April 26, at 12:15 p.m. at Student Center Pavilion with taiko drum presentation and origami fashion show. Free. 760-757-2121, x7757. (OCEANSIDE)

3-D Stereo Slide Show planned Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., in Photo Arts Building (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard, adjacent to Spanish Village). High-quality 35mm stereo slides are projected; polarized glasses for guests. Free. 619-595-7856. (BALBOA PARK)

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LOCAL EVENTS

group meets Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Exercise Your Humor and creativity with “variety of active and interactive exercises...to give your funnybone a workout” led by Jacquie Lowell, Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., at Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). \$20. 858-581-0050. (MISSION HILLS)

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)

Battle of the Street Performers, “the extraordinary and the unusual” promised when street performers compete at Spring Busker Festival Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 619-235-4014. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

Gator by the Bay Festival, food and cultural event brings the

spirit of the Louisiana bayou to Spanish Landing Park (4100 North Harbor Drive). Enjoy bands, dancing, food, workshops, crafts, vendors, and Mardi Gras-style parades Saturday and Sunday, May 12–13, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days. \$15, kids 12 and under free. 619-234-8612. (HARBOR ISLAND)

FOR KIDS

“Pacific Tales” by Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers continues through Sunday, April 22, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Three Wishes* by Puppet Express, April 24–29.

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)

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)

The Hills Are Alive, Star Theatre Company and Coast Kids Theatre Company present *The Sound of Music* through April 29 at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). Performances at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Sunday evening performances are at 6 p.m. Tickets: \$14 general; \$10 seniors, students, mil-

OUT & ABOUT

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL Children’s Film Festival at Museum of Photographic Arts, Sunday, April 22.

(SEE FOR KIDS/FILM)



itary; \$6 for children under 6. 760-721-9983. (OCEANSIDE)

Eternity Skate session for youths 10–18 years old, Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Expect large wooden ramps for experienced skaters, smaller “Freshpark” ramps for beginners, music by Christian bands, skate demonstrations. Free. Valley Baptist Church, 4701 Sweetwater Road, 619-479-4155. (BONITA)

Build Your Own Underwater Robot during family day, Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Activities, demonstrations focus on remotely operated vehicles and “how they enable explorers to view the ocean bottom from the surface.” Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

“Illusions” is Topic when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, April 21, noon–3 p.m. Participants “make a free science experiment” to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego International Children’s Film Festival takes over the Museum of Photographic Arts (Sunday, April 22; Sunday, April 29; and Saturday, May 5) with animation and filmmaking workshops and more than 90 international children’s films to be shown, including animation, live-action, and documentaries, plus the San Diego premiere of *Big Top Winkle!* \$5, children 3 and under are free. Showtimes: 760-470-2481. (BALBOA PARK)

Lux Family Fiesta, biannual Lux Family Day, Sunday, April 22, 1–4 p.m., at Lux Art Institute (1550 South El Camino Real). Mexican crafts, mariachis, entertainment, all centered around Mexican photographer Ruben Ochoa, who will lead

workshops and speak about his new valise collection. Free. 760-436-6611. (ENCINITAS)

Tots and Tales interactive story time for preschoolers with animal stories, crafts, live animals on Thursday, April 26, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$2 per child. Required reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw

mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district’s 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road; 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s “Jim Crow” segregated passenger cars.

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper

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building, and relics from the Otoy Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Ran-

cho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "The Sonka Centennial, 1907-2007" commemorates immigrant German-Austrian family that fostered growth of modern Lemon Grove, laid cornerstone of its postagricultural economy with a successful general store. Exhibition recreates part of store, replete with horse collars, cheroots, textiles, feed, canned goods, and more. Through December. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May), "Aging for All Ages," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and

Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Law Enforcement Vehicles" star through Sunday, May 27. Show highlights last century of law enforcement in San Diego County. Vehicles represented include vintage paddy wagon, 1941 cruiser from Oceanside Police Department, 1951 Studebaker police car used in several *Batman* movies,

more.

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

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

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

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, "San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star*

of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Edward S. Curtis Refocused" offers Native American insight into Curtis's photo documentation of their lives. Curtis is famous for his photographs of recreated scenes of traditional life and ceremony, for portraits of tribe members wearing historic garments. Exhibition features prints of his photogravures taken in locations throughout U.S. and Canada and examines some controversial elements of Curtis's work, techniques he used.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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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)

Paavo 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)

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 at 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)

"Flamenco Fire," chamber music ensemble Camarada performs ten flamenco-inspired works — including pieces by Ibert, Granados, Ravel, Rodrigo, others — Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Cathedral (2728 6th Avenue). \$25. 619-231-3702. (BANKERS HILL)

Academy of Ancient Music presents Baroque program to include Handel's Concerti Grossi, Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 4," and a Water Music Suite by Telemann, Friday, April 20, 8 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (743 Prospect Street). Tickets \$30-\$35. 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

Opera Preview Plus! Screening and commentary on the 1976 Ingmar Bergman film *The Magic Flute*, which showcases Mozart's famous opera. Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free; tickets distributed beginning at 9:15 a.m. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

"Jacobs' Masterworks Series," conductor Otto-Werner Mueller, and pianists Jessie Chang and Jahja Ling join San Diego Symphony for 8 p.m. concerts on Saturday, April 21, and Friday, April 27, and 2 p.m. performance on Sunday, April 29, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program boasts Mozart's "Concerto No. 10 for 2 Pianos," Brahms's "Symphony No. 2," and Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. Tickets: \$15-\$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Takács Quartet, Gramophone-award winning string quartet "with an appealing genuineness and undimmed enthusiasm for music making" performs Saturday, April 21, 8 p.m., for UCSD's Art-Power series at Mandeville Audi-

torium. Tickets: \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio joined by violist Michael Tree for La Jolla Music Society's Revelle Chamber Music Series, Saturday, April 21, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Program includes piano quartets by Mozart, Brahms, and Richard Danielpour. Prelude by Stanley Walens, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Guest Organist George Butterfield plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"All Chopin," pianist Peter Gach performs Chopin selections including *The Four Impromptus* and "Sonata No. 3 in B Minor," Sunday, April 22, in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 2 p.m. \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Coloratura Soprano Alize Rozsnyai plans concert for "Pleasure of Your Company" music series, Sunday, April 22, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Pope Marcellus Mass" to be featured in concert by Pacific Camerata, Sunday, April 22, 7 p.m., St. George's Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street). Program will also include pieces by Orlando di Lasso and Tomás Luis da Victoria. Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 seniors, students. 619-527-4457. (MISSION BAY)

Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music (PACEM) submits the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble for a cappella performance of Russian sacred music and folk songs Sunday, April 22, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Offering. 619-298-7261. (MIDDLETOWN)

Rachmaninoff's "Vespers" to be sung in Russian when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus gives concert at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street) on Sunday, April 22. Additional performance Sunday, April 29, at

St. Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. \$10. 858-534-4637. (CARLSBAD, BANKERS HILL)

Pianist Daniel Noli and Tenor Alejandro Sole present mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 23, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

American Fingerstyle Guitar explored by local practitioner Arthur Golden in Concert Hour lecture/recital, Thursday, April 26, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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GALLERIES

"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)

Spanish Contemporary Artists featured during grand opening reception Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. at District 117 (1425 University Avenue, suite B). Free. 619-269-9178. (HILLCREST)

"Floral Rhapsody," various artists display works composed through various media during exhibition at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue) through April 29. Reception for the artists on Saturday, April 21, 5 p.m. Free. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

"Living Hawaii," Grant Pecoff shares paintings from his book, *Live Your Dream*, during reception Saturday, April 21, 5 p.m., at Pecoff Studios (1772 Kettner Boulevard). Free. 619-964-1990. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Bearded Constructs," Gregg Jabs's thesis exhibition at SDSU's Flor y Canto Gallery (5500 Campanile Drive) opens with reception Saturday, April 21, 6 p.m. Show closes Thursday, April 26. Free. 619-469-4690. (COLLEGE)

"Gente Creepy," Brezo and Trevor Presley display their paintings and three-dimensional pieces at Cleveland Street Gallery (222 Wisconsin Avenue) through May 19. Show opens with reception Saturday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. Free. 760-805-0423. (OCEANSIDE)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor" examines, "through a selection of more than 130 watercolors, the variety of subjects these artists explored over the years." Paintings include landscapes, cityscapes, animal studies, figurative genre, fruit and floral still-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 Kazakhstan, and mythology of the Steppes. The art objects are being shown in the U.S. for the first time. Through Sunday, April 22.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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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 post-war American art.” Closes Sunday, May 6.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date. Finnish video artist Eija-Liisa Ahtila presents *The Hour of Prayer*, a short tale about attachment and death based on the artist’s own life. The material is split into four parts; story has been edited to unfold on four screens. Through Sunday, May 27.

“Cerca Series: Héctor Zamora,” on view through Sunday, May 6, includes site-specific installation by

Mexico City-based artist. Zamora’s piece, entitled *Specular Reflexions*, consists of “application of two layers of two-way mirror film on all 16 gallery windows, creating a surface that functions both inside the Museum as well as outside the gallery.”

Richard Wright, an artist from Glasgow, Scotland, created two site-specific works in Strauss Gallery of the Jacobs Building during his August and September 2006 residency at MCASD. They’re on view through Sunday, September 23.

Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “TRANSactions: Contemporary 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 Cuclli. 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-for-

mat 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 Mofat, Gavin Hipkins, Pipa Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapetrou, Nikki S. Lee, Jem Southam, and others was curated by Merry Foresta, director of Smithsonian Photography Initiative.

“Rebels and Revelers: Experimental Decades 1970s–1980s, Gifts from the Joyce and Ted Strauss Collection,” showcases images by Thomas Barrow, Barbara Kasten, John Pfahl, Jo Ann Callis, Arthur Taussig, Ivan Pinkava, Barbara DeGenevieve, Leland Rice, and Ruth Thorne-Thompson, others. Exhibition highlights photography’s move beyond traditional black-and-white documentary school of artists like Ansel Adams to more expressive, personalized imagery. Closes Sunday, May 6.

“Woman: A Celebration,” also running through May 6, includes photographs of women by celebrated photographers such as Henri Cartier-Bresson, Ruth Orkin, August Sander, Mary Ellen Mark, Hiroshi Himaya, others.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, “Four San Diego Sculptors” exhibit opens Saturday, April 21. Kenneth Capps, Jesus Y. Dominguez, Tom Driscoll, and James Skelman will display sculptures “with shapes and designs from the subtle to the extreme” through Sunday, June 10. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

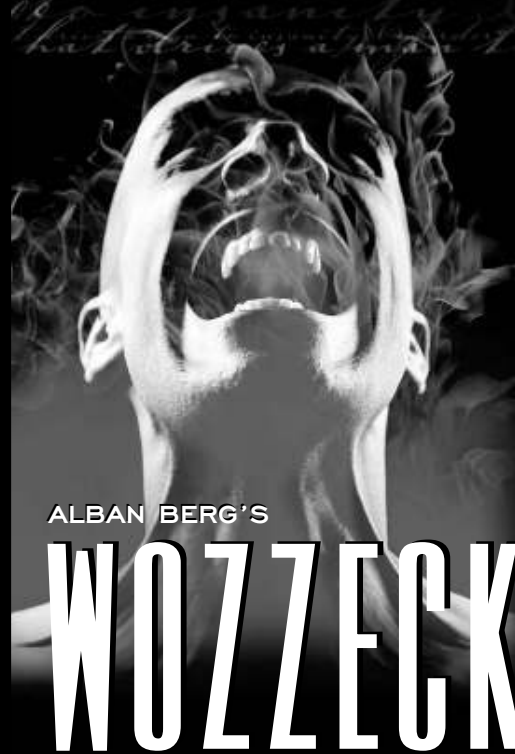
San Diego Museum of Art, “Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer’s Life, 1990–2005” features approximately 200 photographs by Leibovitz, including family photographs and portraits of public figures such as Colin Powell, Nicole Kidman, Brad Pitt, Merce Cunningham, Bill Clinton. Photographs provide glimpse into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

“Young Art 2007: Exploring Color,” 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.

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Sad Day for Hip Punk Drummer David Bronner runs the Escondido soap company founded by his grandfather in 1948. Although

was out, but I don't know if it was or wasn't," says Bolles. When Newport Beach police searched his 1968 Dodge van and found a bottle of Dr. Bronner's peppermint soap, Bolles was arrested on felony narcotics possession of a controlled substance; police claim the bottle contained the date-rape drug GHB.

guy's a really straight-up, open-book guy. He was guilty of being a punk-rock-looking dude driving in Newport Beach, which is full of rich white people...

"The Newport Beach cops had arrested someone earlier that day for GHB, and I think they just had GHB on the brain," Bronner says lab results — due in a couple of weeks — will prove Bolles's innocence.

"Bronner got me a pretty potent attorney," says Bolles. "I could have plea-bargained this away, but it seems so wrong because all I had was soap. I didn't even know what GHB was. I fancy myself a hipster, but it's a rather sad day when a hip punk rock drummer has to find out what a recreational drug is from a cop."

Bolles, 50, says he now stands by Dr. Bronner's soap more than ever: "It gives me the complexion of a 15-year-old girl."

— Ken Leighton

The Few, the Proud, the Rocking Metal singer/guitarist Josh McArdle and two other Marine corporals formed Hatchet Wound in Iraq. Now at Camp Pendleton, they practice in a

10' by 10' barracks; they started in McArdle's, moved to the drummer's (Hunter Schmaus), and now play in the bassist's room (Matt Brothers).

"The manager of the barracks flips out because we have so much [equipment]," says McArdle. "They say, 'You need to get that shit out of your room.' All we do is just move it three rooms down."

McArdle says that upon reaching the rank of E-4 (which all three have), the Marines will pay extra to allow for a larger, off-base residence.

"If you have a lot of household goods that overwhelm the barracks, they will help you out. If you have couches and shit, you can get it, but if you have \$20,000 in band equipment, you have to stay in your jail cell."

The three leatherneck rockers pass out their eight-song CD to other Marines, civilian bands, and at off-base music venues.

"If I meet another band and I give them a demo, it's, like, 'Yeah, these guys are

fucking jarheads, fuck these clowns. They aren't real musicians.'...

"Being in the Marine Corps is like being in a completely different society. You're in Southern California, but there are walls around the base that isolate you from everything else... But being in the Marine Corps definitely



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IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE JAIL (HATCHET WOUND)

gave us the drive to play and reach perfection."

The men intend to continue playing music in California when their four years are up next year.

"The music scene out here is completely different," says McArdle, who is from Asheville, North Carolina. "It's more competitive than it is back home. We don't even have a Guitar Center."

McArdle says each bandmember got tattoos on their arms before March 31, beating the ban on new body ink below the elbow.

"They would rather enforce a tattoo policy than make sure we have hot water or heat and air conditioning in our rooms. I think it's bullshit. They say they want to preserve Marine tradition when it is the tradition for Marines to have tattoos."

Hatchet Wound plays Saturday at Pier View Pub in Oceanside (formerly Bub's Whiskey Dive).

— Ken Leighton

Borders Crackdown "I will no longer be performing at Borders Stores in San Diego," read the subject line in an e-mailing from local guitarist Jim Earp on Monday, April 9. "Two days ago," Earp wrote, "all artists on the Borders roster received an e-mail from the Regional Marketing Director for Borders where he states that he has been advised that the stores can no longer allow CDs to be sold directly to the audience at performances for legal (tax) reasons..."

"That was from me," says Mike Gibb, a district marketing director for Borders

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the inside track

his Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap brand has generated controversy for its hemp content, he couldn't have imagined that the product would lead to the arrest of a pioneering punk drummer.

"I never knew him before this psychodrama," says Bronner about Germs drummer Don Bolles, who was arrested April 4 in Newport Beach.

"They said my brake light



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"Field tests are notoriously inaccurate," says Bronner, who paid for Bolles's bail, attorney, and court fees after hearing of the arrest. "The

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bookstores. "It's state law. We're required to collect tax on anything sold in our stores. And if musicians are selling directly to the audience, then we're required to collect and report tax on that, which we have no way of doing. So what musicians need to do is have a California Seller's permit [issued] through the State Board of Equalization. Then, they're responsible for it and we're not.... A couple [performers] have already downloaded the forms from the State Board of Equalization."

Earp declined to comment, but on Wednesday, April 11, he sent out another mass e-mail with this subject heading: "I'll be at Borders El Cajon this Friday night 4/13 with guitarist Rick Ruiz." Earp wrote that "After browsing the BOE site, I've concluded that — from a standpoint of legality — they are absolutely right!"

Gibb says there is no crackdown by the state under way and that to his knowledge neither Borders nor any other venues have been cited. "It was merely an effort on my part to make things right."

— Dave Good

Fall-Out-of-Favor Boy?

On April 6, Fall Out Boy announced that because of "personal issues" connected with bassist Pete Wentz, the band would postpone the first

two weeks of its headlining U.S. tour. Instead of beginning April 28, the tour now kicks off on May 11. Most of the dates on the first part of the tour were rescheduled to later in the summer. The local Coors Amphitheatre date set for April 18 was moved to July 1.

Five days after the postponement was announced, Wentz said rehab was not involved but that it had to do "with a health issue no one needs to worry about...it's more about being overworked."

One insider believes the show-shuffling has to do with



PETE WENTZ (LEFT)

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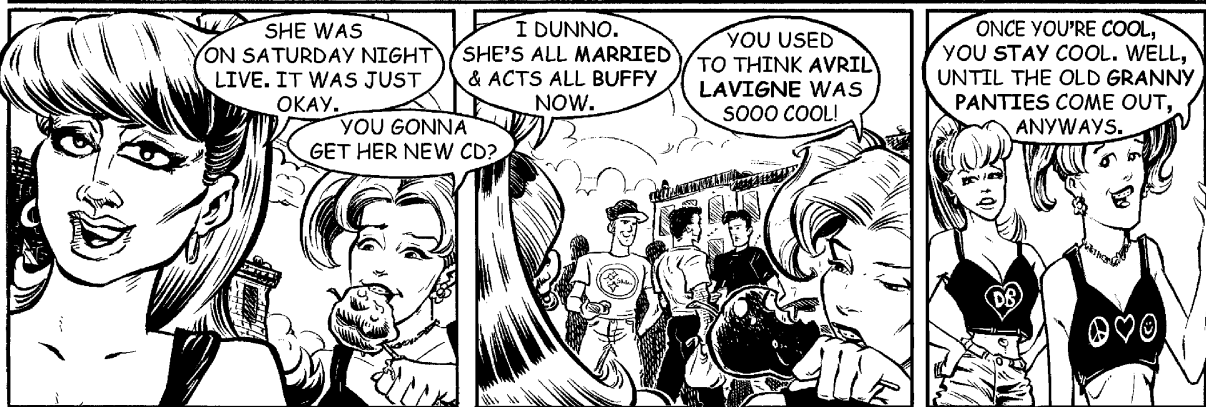
Fall Out Boy's performance fee.

"They are getting in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to play Coors," says the insider. "They wanted to sell 10,000 tickets to [break even] on that show. I heard when they postponed it that they had only sold about 4000 to 5000 tickets. They would have lost their ass. This gives them more time to sell more tickets."

— Ken Leighton

Loathsome Rockwrite Shuck

Veteran Portland garage-pop duo the Bugs includes S.D. native and Grossmont High School grad Michael Coumatos. On the band's new vinyl LP, Paul Haines and Coumatos alternate singer-guitarist and drummer duties on 18 stripped-down tunes that ask

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Coumatos sings in four languages, including a Greek song he learned from relatives when visiting the old country. Erstwhile S.D. songbird Lana Rebel, also now based in Oregon, joins in for some countrified guest vox.

But what's getting the record extra play are liner notes by rock-criticism forefather Richard Meltzer, 61, also of Portland. (North County resident Paul Williams is believed to have given Meltzer his first writing work in 1967, for his *Crawdaddy!* magazine.)

Meltzer's notes: "First things first. Unless there's a pressing need, like say you're genuinely psychotic, or less likely, in the thrall of an actual inspiration or idea (other than 'glory'...other than 'scoring'), nobody should be wasting his/her sacred/profane oo-poo-pa-doo playing Rock-A-Roll anymore — NOBODY, y'hear?... Before you start a band, or join a band, it is better by far that you pump gas; change the deep fat at Wendy's; fish pennies out of urinals at NASCAR hoedowns;

return to school and get a degree in Pus Farming.... All that said, I, the none too shabby R*i*t*c*h*a*r*d M*e*I*t*z*e*r, formerly R. Meltzer, Rockwriter Emeritus, originator of the whole sorry, loathsome rockwrite shuck, herewith endorse this dandy longplayer by the LONE EXCEPTION to any and all of the above...Bugs!!! Dig it, people: the Bugs are the flying fucking shit."

"He's been familiar with us for years...and seems to genuinely think we are not horrible," explains Haines. "When we started scheming about turning our 'masterpiece' CD-R into vinyl, we decided to ask him to do the liner notes. We figured we'd known him for years without hitting him up for a favor or acting like slaving fanboys, so why not ask. If he'd said no, we would've understood and it wouldn't have been a big deal; but he said yes, and we were stoked! I brought him a sack of vegetables (mostly potatoes) from one of the farmers' markets that I work at, in trade."

The Bugs play the Tower Bar this Friday, April 20.

— David Stampone

Folks Worth Saving Folk Arts Rare Records owner Lou

Curtiss was recently awarded \$35,128 by the Grammy Foundation Grant Program to preserve 400 tapes of concert performances.

"It only covers a fraction of my collection, but it's a start," he says. "I got my first reel-to-reel recorder in 1957, and I have over 8000 reels of live shows." The Grammy Foundation this year awarded a total of \$650,000 to 18 recipients; the money will be used to preserve music and for research projects. The UCLA Library and the Library of Congress will be digital repositories for copies of Curtiss's tapes.

"I taped all 20 years of the San Diego Folk Festival," says Curtiss, referring to the annual event he launched at SDSU in 1967, "and a lot of Adams Avenue Roots Festivals. The local events go all the way back to the early '60s, with guys like Mississippi John Hurt, Reverend Gary Davis, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, and a Big Joe Williams concert I taped around 1960.... Aside

from what I taped, I've acquired several collections, including one from a guy who used to follow the Duke Ellington Band and tape them in the '50s."

Curtiss says it's been a challenge to choose which 400 tapes to preserve. However, the oldest tapes aren't his biggest concern.

"The stuff from the '60s and '70s on their original reels



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hasn't deteriorated much. It's the tapes from the '80s that are fading [because] they were using inferior-quality components. Those are the recordings that need to be saved before they're gone forever."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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“I figured it would be very rock ’n’ roll to die by way of gig electrocution.”

San Diego’s Maria Claire is one busy bassist — she currently plays in four bands: Citizen Band (“power country rock on ephedra, caffeine, and Jameson”), the Cindy Lee Berryhill Band, the Barbara Nesbitt Band (“beautiful harmonies you need to hear to believe”), and, on occasion, the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal. She adds, “I’ve also played with Dave Howard, Gregory Page, Lisa Sanders, Tim Flannery, Sven-Erik Seaholm, Chuck Schiele, Christopher Dale, Spud Davenport, Girl Trouble, the Coyote Problem, Not Your Mom — a girl band! — Frank Williamson, and Dani Carroll.”

Claire also went to junior high and high school with Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam. “We were acting partners in our freshman year at San Dieguito High in Encinitas.”

She feels music, right now, “has got to go back to its roots. Stuff like what the Meters did in the ’70s — music that makes you move in that way that electronically assisted music just can’t. We’re in the midst of the pendulum effect,” she claims. “We went very techno in the late ’90s, just based on the idea that we actually could go techno. But the soul of music was compromised in the process. There are plenty of good producers, both internationally and right here in San Diego, that are committed to bringing the soul back. The pendulum will swing back to the real funk and soul.”

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

“Usually it’s logistics — just getting drums and big amps to fit on stages built for open mikes. I’ve almost taken a head or two off of unsuspecting customers at the Ould Sod. Sometimes it’s grouchy patrons who’ve been at a bar/club since noon and have been overserved by the time

the band rolls in. And sometimes, it’s getting my low A440 [string] to stop ringing in a big room.”

FAVORITE GUITAR?

“My main bass, ‘Goldie,’ a 1982 Custom Fender Jazz with gold hardware. Quite the pimp bass. So, yeah, do the math: I’ve had her for 25 years. She plays so great, and she’s been with me to Memphis, on USO tours, and, most importantly, she’s always there when I’m going through bad times. Goldie is my favorite friend; she’s a great listener.”

BEST GIG?

“For sheer massive rock ’n’ roll factor, I’d say when our band Main Street Magic performed as a finalist at the International Youth Talent Competition at the Memphis Coliseum. It was big. It was loud. I was 19 years old. Oh, and we lost the competition to somebody from Japan.”

WORST GIG?

“That’d be a tie between the night I had a salad-sized bowl of popcorn thrown at me onstage by a drunken fan that wanted ‘more Chairman of the Board!’ and playing a gig in an inch of standing water — yes, with electric instruments — with my cover band Balance, up in the hills above La Mesa. I figured it would be very rock ’n’ roll to die by way of gig electrocution.”

EARLIEST MEMORY?

“Getting stitches in my forehead after splitting my head open on park equipment while my parents were having a make-out session under a tree. I was three years old.”

PROM NIGHT?

“I didn’t go to my San Dieguito prom, but I went



Maria Claire

to Fallbrook High’s prom with Marc Burchstead. We went to the Cask ’n’ Cleaver in Oceanside for dinner, then the prom at Camp Pendleton. Yes, I actually went to the dance.”

WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

“The rough tracks to the solo CD I’m working on. Why? To decide which songs to ax and which to keep and to try to decide if I’m really any good.”

END-OF-THE-WORLD CDs?

“I asked Gene Simmons this same question at *Kiss Unplugged*, and all I got out of it was an inappropriate proposition. I’ll actually give you an answer:

1. Incubus, *Make Yourself*
2. *The Best of the Police*
3. Fleetwood Mac, *Rumours*
4. Blind Boys of Alabama, *Higher Ground*
5. NWA, *Straight Outta Compton*

I can’t believe I don’t have jazz or classical — I’d need a longer list.”

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUTS?

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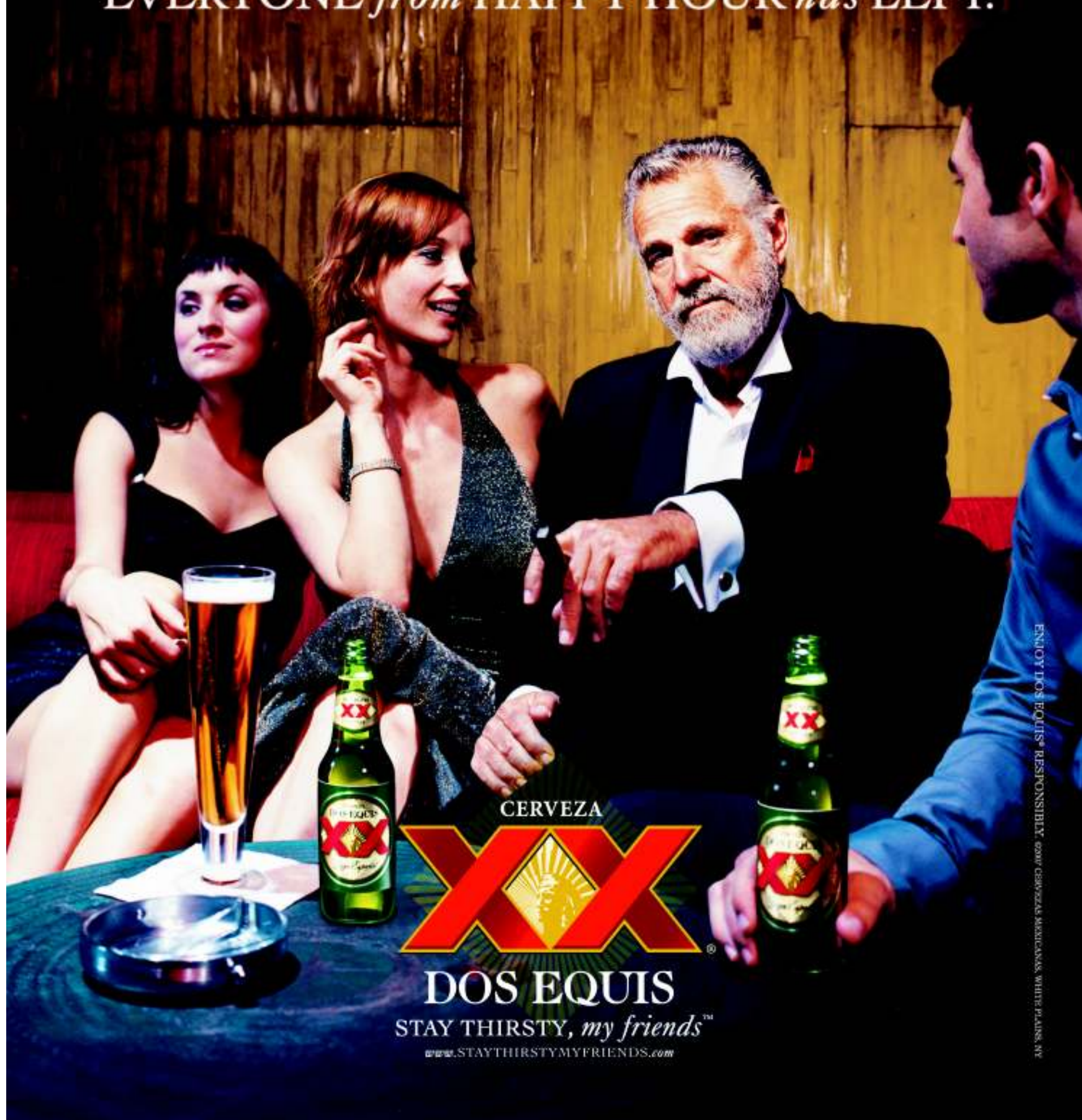
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FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

ZZ Top: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, April 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

APRIL

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.

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

Young Jeezy and **Lil Wayne:** ipayOne Center, Saturday, April 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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.

Don Edwards: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Stranger: 'Canes, Saturday, May 5, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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.

"Channel 93.3 Your Show": Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, May 11, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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

"Beach to Brewery Music Fest": Karl Strauss Brewery, Saturday, May 12, 5985 Santa Fe Street, Pacific Beach.

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.

Jesse Winchester: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, May 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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

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

Rory Block and **Kelly Joe Phelps:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

"91 X Fest": Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, May 20, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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.

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.

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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.

Jimmy LaFave: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, June 21, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Les Claypool: 4th & B, Tuesday, June 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The late Hasil Adkins performed as a one-man band because when he heard a radio DJ credit a song to Hank Williams, he didn’t realize that Williams was not playing all the instruments himself. Or so the story goes. In fact, the moment you hear Adkins you understand why he didn’t have a band. He was not the kind who played well with others — in any sense of the expression. Other stories about Adkins describe him as the kind of person who blurs the line between human being and wild animal.

Scott H. Biram is not Hasil Adkins, but he can play that role better than is probably

healthy for him. In interviews, Biram comes across as a relatively reasonable person. Onstage Biram turns into a fearsome figure, a possessed man in a trucker hat, preaching the blues, antagonizing his audience. On record, he’s unclassifiable. He veers between country, rockabilly, punk, blues, metal, and everything gets bathed in crusty reverb until you can’t tell what’s what — the sound of his foot stomping out the beat, the howl of feedback from his 1959 Gibson hollow body, his harmonica, his grunting and screaming.

One story that is quickly becoming part of the Biram legend has it that, in 2003, Biram miraculously survived a head-on collision with an 18-wheeler and then, a month later, played a live show with three broken limbs, a foot of his intestine removed, and an



SCOTT H. BIRAM

IV still stuck in his hand. We’ve all heard the expression, “The show must go on,” but that’s the kind of dedication that makes you question a performer’s sanity.

SCOTT H. BIRAM, The Casbah, Sunday, April 22, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

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.

Laurny Hill: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

JULY

Fall Out Boy and +44: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 1, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Moody Blues: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 2, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

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 Eisley: 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.

Tower of Power: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, July 25, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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.

Bob Weir and Keller Williams: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, 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.

Squeeze: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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.

“Warped Tour 2007”: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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.

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America: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Clay Walker: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Eddie Money: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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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.

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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, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Gaslamp Tavern: Thursdays, DJs Billie Knight, Tek, and guests spin true hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Billie Knight spins Tavern music. Sundays, DJ Tek spins '80s. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

Habana Restaurant: Saturdays, *Adventuras East*, salsa, merengue, and cha-cha with David Garcia and David Suave. 10 p.m. 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-713-2011.

Honey Bee Hive: Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions*, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass with DJs Walkkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Second Saturday of the month, classic and underground hip-hop, funk, and breaks with DJs Frantik, Thumbprint, and Pnutz. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe: Saturdays, *Candy Shop Young Adult Nightclub*, DJ'd hip-hop, R&B, dirty South, and live music. 8 p.m. 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-469-4113.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Jack's Lounge: Fridays, *Injoy Fridays* at Jack's, deep funky house music with DJ Misha and guests. Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

Kadan: Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: First Saturday of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Lowdown*, metal to old skool to classic rock to hip-hop with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Landlord Jim's: Sundays, *Sunday Soucial*, 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 Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen*, blues. Friday, *Uplift*, reggae. Saturday, *Capt. Kirk and the Beam Me Up Scotties*. Sunday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Monday, *Escalera*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Maldonado*, flamenco.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Yo Flaco!*, *Endris*, *City's Finest*, and *Audible Mainframe*, hip-hop/rock. Friday, *Barrington Levy*, reggae. Saturday, *Dead Man's Party and Manganista*, rock. Tuesday, *Ice Cube*, hip-hop. Wednesday, *Hangface*, *Dirty Madame*, and *Finback*, rock/alternative.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/rock/punk. Saturday, *the Power Chords*, *the Adored*, and *the Atoms*. Sunday, *the Pharmacy*, *Monsters from Mars*, *Jehova's Fitness*, and *James Rabbit*.

Clay's, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Live jazz.

Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Awaiting Samsara*, *Up in Arms* and *What Went Wrong*, hard rock. Friday, *World Without Sundays*, Warner Drive, *No Face*, and *the Royal Fever*, alternative rock. Saturday, *No Sign of Weakness*, *Chunky Monkey*, *Tainted Society*, and *Feeling of Hate*, hard rock. Wednesday, *Joe Cardillo*, *Chelsea Flor*, *Jesse Plack*, *Dave Berry*, *Allegra*, *Josh D'Amigo*, and *Emotion Sickness*.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Jennifer Cunningham*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry McCann*, reggae. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Charlie Braun*. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., open mike.

Kaito, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Friday and Saturday, live jazz.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It came as little surprise when **Sean Lennon** or his older half-brother Julian made recordings that sat well within the sonic footprint left behind by their famous father. The reviews were tedious; some thought Julian a John Lennon rip-off, some picked on Sean's guitar playing, while others still attempted to lump the boys into the "sons following in the paths of dead rock star dads" category, like Jason Bonham or Ziggy Marley. It is not a fault to be influenced by, or even to sound like, one's father, especially when the paternal imprint looms as large as that of a former Beatle or member of Led Zeppelin. Anyone who wonders where Jeff Buckley got his intense, unique sound need only listen to his

father Tim's *Starsailor*.

Sean Taro Ono Lennon was born in New York City in 1975. "Before you cross the street/ Take my hand," were the foretelling words John Lennon penned for "Beautiful Boy" after Sean's birth. "Life is just what happens to you/ When you're busy making other plans." Within five years, the elder Lennon was killed; Sean came of age in exclusive boarding schools. He told the *New York Times* that as a child he was more interested in his mom Yoko's music, but by 1997 he was dating Yuka Honda and making distinctly John Lennon sounds with Miho Hatori in Cibo Matto, a New York City-based art-rock band.

As did the Beatles, Sean Lennon has called Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys a major career influence, but Sean phrases more like his father, and he arranges like him as well. His is the perfect voice for singing the half-in half-out glassy pop whimsy he



SEAN LENNON

writes, wistful songs about former loves and all that — clever, but with a hard nod toward *Shaved Fish* or "Golden Slumbers." It is as if he is incapable of escaping the gravitas of *Abbey Road* — but what a fine place to spend one's musical career.

SEAN LENNON, Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 25, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$22.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Frankie Dee and the Funk-Natra Band*. Friday, *the Salt Lickers*, rock. Saturday, *Bill Magee*. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday,

6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Lobby: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar.

Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *the Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

Roppongi, 875 Prospect, La Jolla. 858-551-5252. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *J2*, vocal jazz/pop.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Music is rock/indie/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Stained Glass Saints*, *a Conscious Few*, *Straight Trippin'*, and *Moontucky Risin'*, rock/reggae/rockabilly. Friday, *Of One Mind*, *High Tide*, *Social Green*, and *Psychoactive*, reggae/rock.

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Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Friday and Saturday, *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/reggae/soul/blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, the *Rock'n Blues Hounds*. Saturday, the *Mississippi Mudsharks*, blues. Wednesday, *Mick Overman*.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Jazzilla*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., live world jazz.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *SambaDa*, Latin/funk. Friday, *Vegetation and Dubshack*, reggae/dub. Saturday, *Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations*, roots/reggae. Monday, the *Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Big Youth and Scientist*, reggae/dub. Wednesday, the *Harry Perry Band* and the *Eduh Poets*, reggae/dub, and *Canobliss*, metal rock.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Music is acoustic/folk. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Melissa Vaughan*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *TransAm*, *Zombi*, and *Black Taj*. Friday, the *Swingin' Utters* and *Tiltwheel*. Saturday, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, *Comfortable for You*, *Manuok*,

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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Sue Palmer*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, the *Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, the *Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy and the Bluesmen* or *Sue Palmer*.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, the *Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *Dregs of Sada*. Wednesday, *Private Domain*, unplugged.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Lou and Virginia Curtiss*, the *Shambles*, *Anna Troy*, *Sara Petite*, *Matt Curreri*, *Action Andy and His Haunted Honky Tonkers*, the *Coyote Problem*, *Mark DeCervo and Four Eyes*, and the *Grams*, acoustic/folk/country/alternative. Friday, 8 p.m., *Carlos Olmeda and Paul Hermosa*, pop folk. Saturday, the *Lori Bell Trio*, jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., the *Coronado Big Band*, swing/big band/jazz. Monday, 7:30 p.m., the *Palomar College Jazz Ensemble*.

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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the *Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Groove Sessions*. Tuesday, the *Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/soul/reggae.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., the *Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the *Soul Revue*, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/soul/reggae.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday and Friday, *Blue Four*. Saturday, *Soul Diego*. Sunday, *Chet Cannon*. Monday, the *Bayou Brothers*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, the *145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

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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 Prince of Piano*. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Kevin McCully*, piano.

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Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, traditional jazz/Gypsy swing.

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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live music is rock/metal/punk.

Last Call, 4977 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-9505. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Hugh Gaskins Band*, rockabilly/blues.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *4-Way Free*, *Josh D'Amigo*, *Ryan Horne*, and *Kyle Phelan*, acoustic/folk. Friday, *Eleanor England* with *the Shep Meyers Trio*, jazz. Saturday, *Dee Ray*, *Evan Bethany*, and *Lindsey Cook*, acoustic/folk. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Mobetta Loretta*, folk rock/blues. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *the Citizen Band*, rock.

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San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Live rock/alternative music.

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Writer

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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.

Vinbladh's, 4651 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-269-4620. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Jaime Valle* and *Bob Magnusson*, jazz.

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, *Pepper*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *the B-Side Players* and *Casa de Calacas*, Latin/funk. Saturday, 2 p.m., *Diego Roots* and *the Hi-Lites*, reggae, 9 p.m., *Metal Snake*, rock. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Tommy Castro*, *Charlie Musselwhite*, and *Nena Anderson*, blues. Monday, 8 p.m., *Grant-Lee Phillips* and *Patrick Park*, acoustic/folk. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Hal Ketchum* and *Southbound Johnny*, country. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Sean Lennon*, *Women and Children*, and *Kamila Thompson*.

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., live acoustic/folk/jazz/blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skibbereen*, Traditional Irish music.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Melissa Vaughan*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *John Borja*, contemporary jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, 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., *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Sons of Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Little Big Men* 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Backwater Blues Band*. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar*, classic rock.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

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Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday, *Night Shift*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Grateful Dads*, classic 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, *Knoboff* and *Tainted Society*. Friday, *Silence Betrayed*, *Fractured Halo*, *Landon*, *American Hitmen*, and *Translation Audio*. Saturday, *Stranger* and *Mean Dinosaur*. Sunday, *Light of Doom*, *Kentucky 6 Gun*, and *Death Wish II*. Wednesday, *Pound Foolish*, unplugged, and *J Minus*.

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 and Saturday, *Black Beans and Rice*, classic 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, *Idle Train*, rock. Saturday, *Shockwave 4*, rock. Sunday, live jazz. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing. Wednesday, *the Stone Senses*, *Horizon*, and *Natural Vibration*, reggae.

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.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the High Rolling Loners*, rock. Saturday, *Meliesa* and *Monkey Bites*. Wednesday, open mike.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita* and *Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

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EAST COUNTY

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday, *Rockandy*, classic rock. Saturday, *Red-Handed*, rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Benchmark*, country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Sunday and Monday, hip-hop.

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Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *the Honky Tonk Kings*, country.

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as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Mother Grundy**
Song: **"RockStar"** (From the CD *Funk Patrol*)
Heard By: **Christina Tufford**, College Area



Christina

Well, when I was listening to it, it sounded a lot like Rufio. It also reminded of the vocalist Mark [Hoppus] from blink-182. It was definitely very poppy. It was catchy, I guess. It's just really not my style. It was kind of cheesy [lyrically], really stereotypical. It didn't sound original to me. There was this ripping guitar solo for a couple of seconds that was a little surprising. The vocals are pretty mellow, so I was surprised to hear that [guitar solo]. [It would be a good song for] playing some beach volleyball with my friends.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Dawn**
Songs: **"Time," "Speed Queen," "Circa 1979"** (From their self-titled CD)
Heard By: **David Plell**, Spokane, WA



David

I would say the closest artist [they sound like] that I listen to would be Pinback. It's acoustic. It's all very clean and nothing too edgy. I like the drawn-out repetition on ["Circa 1979"]. From what I picked up on the lyrics on some of the [songs] was that they were just a little cheesy or generic. I could see them playing live in a coffee place and people enjoying it. Something low-key, I think.

Artist: **Trisula**
Song: **"Behind the Seems"** (From the CD *Our Pieces Came From Exploding Stars*)
Heard By: **Steve Tenney**, Hillcrest



Steve

The feel reminds me a lot of The Pretenders...of Chrissie Hynde. I don't even know if there's a girl in the band or not. I think the song structure was pretty good. I think that the bass was the strongest part of the song. I liked the bass a lot. The production was relatively mediocre, considering how well I think the song was written. It's nothing original, which it doesn't have to be to be good. I mean, what's original anymore, anyway? I could see that [on] a soundtrack, for sure.

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by Josh Board

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They had tiki torches, a thatch hut, and carpeting on the sand. Kamin explained, "We have friends that get us that carpet. It works perfectly, and when the party is over, we just roll the thing up and throw it away." I tell her that I'd been to some parties where people probably wished they could throw their carpet away.

She made me a drink and said, "It's a Cape Cod. It's vodka and cranberry juice. Well, someone told me that's what it's called." I didn't argue. She took me around and introduced me to her friends.

I noticed that several people were named Bob and that on the walls, it said "B.O.B." I asked about this and a guy jumped in and told me, "There are lots of locals named Bob, what can we say?" He said that the "B.O.B." had been around for 30 years.



Kamin introduced me to a person named Scary Terri. She said she got that name from bowling. "Did you have trouble keeping the ball in your own lane?" I asked. She ran over to talk to someone else, and I never found out how she got the nickname.

Psycho Dave told me that his father-in-law said he was normal. He seemed normal.

Then I met someone called Psycho Dave. I started to wonder if everyone at the party had a nickname. Dave told me that he was going through a divorce and that his wife wanted him to



Top: Kamin (left); Bottom left: The broken guitar, which made it through a few songs; Bottom right: Surfboard that was raffled off

go to see his friend's dad, a psychiatrist. I asked him if that was why his friends called him Psycho Dave. "No. My friends

called me that long before any of this. It was endearing, and it just sort of stuck."

His story didn't make a lot of sense to me. I thought he told me that his father-in-law

was also a psychiatrist but that he didn't want to talk to him. And at one point, Psycho Dave told me that his father-in-law said he was normal. He seemed normal.

A woman started talking to me about UFOs, and I thought, *she might not be normal....* They thought they saw UFOs at their campsite and "freaked out" watching them. The next morning, they discovered it was a group of kids at another campsite who were throwing bags

that they had lit on fire into the air. "Well...that's cool," I said. "My first UFO story I've ever gotten at a party."

Someone who overheard me said, "So, this is the best party you've ever been to, isn't it?"

"Well...I've been to a few mansions in Rancho Santa Fe that were awesome." She replied, "Yeah, well, they had to buy their greatness. We didn't."

I met a guy who owned a restaurant. He used to be a fireman in Texas. He told me he had been an extra in the movie *Paper Moon* and that he had played a character named Bubba in *Blazing Saddles*. I didn't remember the movie well enough to recall who that was.

A couple of women who were leaving overheard our conversation and said that they worked at a restaurant in Monterey and that one of them waited on Al Pacino once.

I heard someone playing ukulele and found out later that it was Kamin's mom. She also plays saxophone, banjo, and bongos.



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When I heard a couple guys playing acoustic guitar near the back, I went over to talk to them. They told me that they were in a band in the '60s called Smokestack Lightning. "Did you like the Yardbirds' version of that song?" I asked them. "We hated it!" they said in unison. Then one of them said, "Nobody did it better than Howlin' Wolf."

I saw a guy wearing a shirt that read, "I see drunk people." He had four empty beer cans near him. I saw older men laughing while looking at a year-book. They were wearing reading glasses and using cell phones to light the pages up in the night.

I listened to the waves hit the beach as I sipped my Cape Cod.

Someone asked me if I wanted a cookie, and I turned around expecting to see Girl Scout cookies. The cookies, however, were shaped like hands in the "hang loose" symbol — thumb and pinky stuck

out — and covered in frosting.

As I chewed my cookie, someone came over and told me about a person who does a great Scooby-Doo impression. I listened as he did it. I felt like a judge on *American Idol*. I wasn't sure if I should comment like Simon. Or better yet, "Good job, dog." Should I say, "Cartoon characters are a dime a dozen. Let's hear you do a Nicholson impression."

I smiled and said, "Sounded good."

Someone got a bonfire going, and though I tried

to take a photo of a large group of people standing near it, after a few shots of smoke blocking their faces, I gave up.

A woman told us that she was a guitarist, and we said we wanted to hear her play. There was a broken guitar nearby that someone fell on. It was in horrible condition and looked pieced together, as if it were a jigsaw puzzle.

"I'd play that if it wasn't broken," she said. Someone suggested, "I think it just needs to be tuned." We all had a laugh but then the woman picked

it up and played a few songs. When she finished, people applauded. I said, "I've seen guitar strings break during a song, but never a whole guitar.... When you got to the bridge on the second number, that thing was ready to burst." ■

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As Enchanting as You Want

Rarely in theater has someone so confused been so eloquent.

Flawed scripts, polished productions. The long, sketchy first act of *Enchanted April*, at Lamb's Players, recalls Chekhov's *Three Sisters*. But instead of going to Moscow, you wonder if four depressed women in 1922, under what seems a permanent downpour in Hampstead, northern London, will ever make it to sunny Italy.

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

Lotty and Rose talk about going and plan and assure each other that a vacation from husbands who pay them no heed's the right thing. They discuss finances. They invite Lady Caroline and Mrs. Graves (the former young and flapper-"modern," the latter ancient and stone-gruff; both emotional shut-ins). We meet the self-centered husbands, and Anthony Wilding, the thoughtful owner of San Salvatori, a small castle on the Mediterranean the women will rent for the month of April. We hear about "before" and "after," of enchantment, risk-taking, and Lotty's visions, which assure everyone that Tuscan sunshine and endless fields of spring flowers can effect miraculous changes. All the while, the characters dress in black, and beads of rain perspire down the sole window of Mike Buckley's curtain-shrouded set.

For Act Two, the stage does a Kansas-Oz. Sunshine basks a marble colonnade, from which white

wisteria droop like ripe grapes, with an orange glow. The play metamorphoses too. Cold characters thaw. Gloom departs. Smiles emerge. And every scene in Act Two gets better than the last. What had seemed tedious turns out to be a modest charmer.

Matthew Barber adapted the play from Elizabeth von Arnim's novel *The Enchanted April*, which, you'd swear, the movie *Under the Tuscan Sun* ransacked. Barber chose a 50/50 ratio of before (Hampstead in Act One) and after (Italy). Though it honors von Arnim's then-and-now theme and also suggests World War I and its aftermath, the balance creates a persistent sense throughout Act Two that entertaining material had to be trimmed. Farcical opportunities, even the characters' emotional blossomings, often rush by, as if late for the next luxury liner back to Britain.

To her credit, director Deborah Gilmour Smyth accepts the play's structural flaws and doesn't try to sweep them under the carpet. Instead, with a terrific ensemble cast, and accompanied by a cello fishtailing through the scene changes, she sustains a light, breezy tone, as if to say: this April in Mezzago, Italy, will be as enchanting as you want; it's up to you.

Which is the attitude of Lotty, the seemingly



Kerry Meads, Ayla Yarkut in *Enchanted April*

Enchanted April, by Matthew Barber, adapted from the novel by Elizabeth von Arnim
Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado
Directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth; cast: Kerry Meads, Ayla Yarkut, Ron Choularton, David Cochran Heath, Erin Byron, D'Ann Paton, Jason Heil, Rhona Gold; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Shon LeBlanc; lighting, Nathan Peirson; sound, Patrick Duffy
Playing through May 13; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-437-0600.

Sailor's Song, by John Patrick Shanley
New Village Arts, 2460 Impala Drive, Carlsbad
Directed by Kristianne Kurner; cast: Manny Fernandes, Amanda Morrow, Amanda Sitton, Doren Elias, Robin Christ; scenic design, Nick Fouch; costumes, Jessica John; lighting, Justin Hall; sound, Adam Brick; choreography, Robin Christ and Kathy Meyer
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Sailor's Song

daffy, though sneaky-wise, tour guide. Kerry Meads does some of her best work ever as the unlikely enchantress, whose good nature and gentle persistence slowly convince you that she can, in fact, see a bright future, even if it looks bleak from here.

*** Rich is confused. He never found a “breakthrough cause, something that puts me on the other side...with the people who know they’re alive.” Rarely in theater has someone so confused been so eloquent. And that goes for all the characters in John Patrick Shanley’s 90-minute “watercolor,” *Sailor’s Song*. Everyone makes explanatory — nay, *summary* — statements about life and the need to quit daydreaming and make fundamental choices (take the bird in the hand; forget the two in the bush). The play thinks its ideas for you.

Sailor’s Song’s a memory play. Rich returns to a crossroads, years ago, when he learned that “love isn’t being saved by an angel,” that beauty fades and “it all ends in bones.” Rich fell for two sisters: Lucy, a realist; and Joan, a spirit-medium. Even though his uncle John orders him to “chase one, even the mad one, and let the other go,” Rich wants to suspend the moment just prior to deciding. In effect, he denies life, while John, though he talks a good game, denies his wife’s death — the salt-and-pepper symmetry typical of Shanley’s schematic approach.

New Village Arts’ excellent production makes mystical

what the play renders explicit: before a wall of stars, actors waltz expertly to Strauss’s “Blue Danube”; a rowboat actually rows across Nick Fouch’s appealing, understated house-façade and restaurant tables set; a Dance of Death unfolds to Otis Redding’s immortal “Try a Little Tenderness” (though one prefers the *Live in Europe* version). Director Kristianne Kurner and choreographers Robin Christ (who performs the Dance of Death) and Kathy Meyer create the fluid dreamscapes everyone tells Rich to avoid.

Manny Fernandes makes Rich engaging and infuriating: you want to yell at him to climb down from that cloud. Doren Elias’s gruff John overflows with Shanleyan sagacity. The playwright pens dialogue in HEADLINES. Elias — no mean feat — makes them seem spontaneous. Dressed in Jessica John’s flowing summer silks, Amanda Morrow and Amanda Sitton charm as Lucy and Joan, the salt-and-pepper sisters. Morrow gets the best line: when Lucy pleads her case for Rich’s love, she says that just because Joan “can see around a corner once in a while doesn’t make her sane.” ■

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Enchanted April
Reviewed this issue. 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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Hold Please

Unlike the movie *9 to 5*, which skewers a sexist pig boss, in Annie Weisman’s barbed comedy, the philandering CEO remains in charge. She concentrates, instead, on the wars of the cubicles: two generations of secretaries form fragile alliances, then backstab and connive — and raise disturbing questions about “sisterhood” in the contemporary workplace. The play could use a stronger engine (emotional arcs tend to zigzag, and in trying not to tie a cozy knot, the conclusion verges on gender stereotypes). But it’s got Weisman’s genuine gifts for snappy dialogue, precise, revealing detail, and rafter-rattling humor. Weisman’s women may not be likable, but the Old Globe production makes it easy to worry about them.

Stephanie Beatriz plays young Erika as confident and spicy, even though Erika’s choices make you wonder how deluded a person can be. Starla Benford’s Grace seems at peace, but isn’t. Kandis Chappell gives disillusioned Agatha human touches that keep her from becoming a grotesque caricature (here and elsewhere Mary Larson’s costumes — Agatha all gray business, Erika nightclub-ready reds — define character to a T). Weisman’s most devastating portrait is young Jessica. Mercurial, intellectually flighty, she has “Google-consciousness.” She knows snippets about stray subjects, culled from Wikipedia blurbs, and assumes that the Internet has all the answers. Kate Arrington gets every inch of the woman for whom even a black eye is a good thing. The opening-night performance needed a brisker pace, especially between scenes. On the plus side, director Kirsten Brandt and lighting designer David Lee Cuthbert give the realistic piece an expressionistic-absurdist aura. Phones don’t ring; lights flash around the stage rim, suggesting that the time may come when even one secretary at the firm will be “redundant.”

Worth a try.

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How I Learned to Drive

The title sounds innocuous. But it refers to the stages in which Li’l Bit’s Uncle Peck became her abuser. Paula Vogel’s 1997 drama, on just about everyone’s “Best Plays of the ’90s” list, reveals its horrific subject by indirection. Uncle Peck doesn’t fit the drooling stereotype (Vogel says he should resemble Gregory Peck in *To Kill a Mockingbird*). And Li’l Bit is divided in half by three: “half wanting to run, half wanting to get it over with, half wanting to be held by him.” The script also calls for music from the ’60s (songs like the Ronettes’ “Be My Baby” and Joe Cocker’s “You Are So Beautiful” take on a disturbing tinge in the context of pedophilia). Lynx Performance and director Al Germani have done one of their finest efforts. Where Vogel asks for the suggestion of a song, members of the six-person cast, like a Greek chorus, often sing the entire version of a cappella (and often beautifully, though whole songs lag the pace). Unlike the script, which has a fortysomething Li’l Bit narrate, Germani cast preteen Alicia Randolph. She plays “Li’l Girl” — i.e. Li’l Bit prior to her uncle’s abuse. The choice is striking, but Randolph needs to enunciate her speeches much more clearly. The nonlinear play moves about like a lost drunk driver. Michelle Procopio negotiates Li’l Bit’s emotional zodiac with impressive intensity. Krista Bell, Allie Dana, and Kevin Koppman-Gue play multiple roles (and sing) effectively. And Jude Evans rightfully understates, to the point of being eerie, Uncle Peck, who, were it not for his harrowing perversity, would seem the most “normal” male in the story. “Sometimes Satan,” the poet sayeth, “comes as a man of peace.”

Critic’s pick.

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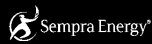
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Hold Please

Aeschylus's classic, doom-haunted trilogy (*Agamemnon*, *The Libation Bearers*, *The Eumenides*) into a single evening of theater. And except for inevitable and lengthy exposition (the first half hour, in fact), the vigorous script captures much of the original's sweep, from Agamemnon's double-bind sacrifice of Iphigenia (damned if he does, or doesn't) to Orestes's mirroring his father's plight (the Furies will torment him whether he kills Clytemnestra or not), though not all of its depth (a revision could also look at the pace of events, since the “greatest hits of the *Oresteia*” approach piles tragedy upon tragedy with relentless haste). The modern-dress 6th@Penn production, how-

ever, blares through the speeches and scenes, undercutting the strengths of the text. D.H. Auden wrote that “evil is unspectacular and always human.” Director Douglas Lay opts for the spectacular, almost nonstop, and encourages actors to force rather than feel intensities. Everyone *urges* their speeches onto the audience, often blurring the words in the process. Lay has had success with Greek tragedy before — his *Iphigenia in Aulis* was quite memorable — but this production lacks his usual polish and clarity: even a chorus of Libation Bearers, and another of the devil-red clad Furies, sing so harshly the words get lost. Anyone unfamiliar with the epic story would get lost as well. Much of

the acting is amateurish. The stand-outs make it appear more so. Donal Pugh, whether he's an Agamemnon glad to be home after a decade of war, or an above-the-fray Apollo, commands the stage and delivers his lines with precise, fluid phrasings. As does Monique Gaffney (who is having quite a 2007) as a regal Athena and thrice-cursed Cassandra, the seer no one believes (best moment: when Apollo declares that women are unnecessary for childbirth, Athena raises an eyebrow that, were it a tinge more severe, could flatten Mt. Olympus).

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late August Wilson what “Grass-roots Greeks” did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater’s rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for *Fences* in 1987 and *The Piano Lesson* in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the “largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade”). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: *The Piano Lesson*.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; TUESDAY, MAY 8, WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, AND TUESDAY, MAY 15 (SPACE TBA) AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

Renny’s Story

Janet S. Tiger’s play concerns a young Jewish woman in Warsaw who hid from the Nazis disguised as a Catholic farm girl, but what happened to her son Joseph? OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE, 2512 THIRD AVENUE (AT LAUREL), MIDTOWN, SATURDAY, APRIL 21, AT 8:15 P.M. 619-231-1456.

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

Reviewed this issue. 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” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Smoky Joe’s Cafe

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, ESCONDIDO, 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.

The Sopranos’ Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: “gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun.” HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY, 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SELECTED SATURDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

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 office or a torture chamber.” For Moxie’s production, Chini makes it both, which builds on the play’s ruling metaphor: like psychiatrists, military interrogators are “trained to read people” and to get “confessions,” 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 dueling interrogators.

Worth a try.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 29. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While

patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Two Trains Running

The Old Globe Theatre stages August Wilson’s critically acclaimed drama about life at a Pittsburgh diner at the end of the 1960s. Seret Scott directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, THROUGH MAY 27; SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

Win, Place, or Die...My Jockeys Are Killing Me!

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith’s interactive “race-track romp.” It’s opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club’ll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

Wit

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Margaret Edson’s Pulitzer Prize winner about a tough, brilliant woman facing her death. David Hay directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SOME SATURDAYS) AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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Food Porn

Jack's La Jolla has been on my "must do" list ever since it opened well over a year ago, but the daunting question was always "which Jack's?" The restaurant offers three distinct venues — the casual carnivore's moderately priced Grille; the seafoody top-floor Ocean Room, complete with view and sushi bar (with a sushi chef formerly at Ota); and the most formal venue, the Dining Room. Only way I could do them all would be to spend a week at a cheap motel in La Jolla. There are no cheap motels in La Jolla.

But then the Lynnester and Samurai Jim ate in the Dining Room during Restaurant Week and came back all a-rave. Three days of wrestling with TurboTax had yielded a nice refund [sound effect: slot machine paying off], which deserved a celebratory splurge dinner, so the Dining Room was the destination. Jack's now has an actual Jack — dessert chef Jack Fisher, fleeing from Addison. Jack may jump restaurants a little too swiftly (a jumping Jack indeed), but I love his avant-garde desserts, and his move spurred me to head to La Jolla with the Lynnester branch of the posse in tow.

We mounted the dozen-odd black steps to the entry of a handsome white building and were shown to a chic but cozy room done in blacks, whites, and greys, with a choice of semicircular booths and regular tables. On the same floor, in the back, is an atriumlike area leading to an open kitchen (inaudible from the Dining Room); farther forward and to one side is a casual bar-lounge serving upscale pub grub (the inevitable Kobe sliders, etc.), and a staircase to the higher realms. A piano player spins out jazzy vintage pop (Sinatra tunes, "Girl from Ipanema," etc.) that you hear in the dining room as a civilized accompaniment to conversation, not an invasion of it.

All the dishes on the menu, start to finish, have adventurous touches. The starter we loved best was a work of creative comfort food that, alas, is out of season and off-menu now: a creamy celery-root soup topped with a "butterscotch froth" (made with a touch of maple syrup, and balsamic vinegar to cut the sweetness). The soup concealed crunchy diced fresh celery and earthy house-made mini-ravioli with a filling of shaved fresh black truffles and truffle juice, baked potato pulp, crème fraîche, and a little agar-agar (to bind it). This soup is just the kind of food San Diego needs more of, sensual and approachable but unexpected. Its replacement is a green garlic soup that I'd love to try.

An appetizer of poached Maine lobster brings two tender, shelled claws in a lobster stock enhanced by tangy Kaffir lime juice, and other Asian flavors, and fresh herbs, gentled by risotto rice but sparked by the acidity of sweet-tart sticks of Fuji apple. It's small but lovely.

Lynne loves the daily changing appetizer pas-



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tas here, and that evening's choice was a have-to-have-it of twisty spiral macaroni (packaged, but from Italy) in a sort of Vietnamese seafood bouillabaisse that turned out to feature an intriguing vegetarian stock (made by simmering garlic, chiles, and ginger with Asian and Western condiments and herbs in tomato-water, then straining out the solids to leave a tangy golden broth). The soup was swimming with sweet shrimp (*ama ebi* in sushi lingo), shrimp, mussel meats, and baby octopus. The broth was thicker and sweeter than classic fish-based bouillabaisse, with a crunch of sautéed leeks — sexy both in taste and texture. Sometimes "food porn" is not in the words but in the mouth. Even the tiny octopi were tender, which means you can give in to the temptation of the baby octopus and fava salad (which we didn't try) with no fear of finding a plateful of rubber tarantulas.

Peekytoe crab salad sounded better than it tasted: "Fennel, sake, sea urchin broth," the menu said, plus a topping of tiny pieces of rosy sea urchin with vinaigrette. But I found the broth tart and too plentiful for the crab, and without warning, it proved spicy with Thai chilies. Much as I love hot pepper, which can do so much for the ubiquitous blue crab, it seemed excessive in the context of this delicate New England species.

The entrées were even better than the starters — no letdown, no coasting. Muscovy duck breast was the canvas for a dish so brilliant it struck several of us as funny. The breast slices were "rosy" as ordered, tender and rich, rubbed with star anise and accompanied by parsnips and a sweet kumquat confit in which each dainty slice of fruit was indi-

vidually visible. But the Zen-foodie joke lay in an irresistible pile of toasted ground cocoa nibs: flour, butter, and sugar, baked and then seasoned with toasted ground cloves and run through a Cuisinart-equivalent. It's as though the chef had pared

down the classic Mex-haute combo of mole poblano with turkey — this was cocoa and game bird reduced to essentials, a logical but original combination that tasted stunning.

Crispy Jidori chicken was another killer. As Kobe is to beef and Berkshire hogs are to pork, the black-legged Asian Jidori is to chickens — a breed raised for flavor, not fast growth or big breasts. And the cooks did it proud — not an overcooked morsel on either the upper or lower quarter of the half-chicken. The skin was as crisp as the menu advertised, and the tender meat tasted the way chicken used to taste, when it was a Sunday treat rather than a cheap commodity. (I'd bet Jidoris don't live the miserable life of "factory chickens" either.) Matching it strength for strength were well-conceived accompaniments of butternut squash ravioli (encased in delicate house-made pasta skins), black trumpet mushrooms, gently cooked greens, and rich brown butter tanged with Meyer lemon juice.

When we saw line-caught Maine cod on the menu, we all sat up. In New England, where cod has been a staple since colonial times, the species is now nearly extinct through overfishing. "Line caught" means, first, that it wasn't captured in one of the miles-long gillnets that have nearly wiped out the species — and also, that it's likely to have reached port fresh, the day it was caught. "This is the best cod I've ever eaten," said Mary Ann. For me — second best, only to the time I saw a day-

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

The Dining Room at Jack's La Jolla

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Modern, seasonal California-French cuisine, featuring creative combinations of luxury ingredients and local products. Well-chosen international wine list (including plenty from France), with sufficient choices by the glass; few bottles under \$50, many over \$100. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Poached Maine lobster appetizer; Maine cod; duck breast with cocoa nibs; crispy Jidori chicken; dessert of choice. Ask about the day's pasta. Chef recommends: slow-baked salmon with tosazu (Japanese soy, dashi, and rice vinegar sauce) and chanterelles.

NEED TO KNOW: Valet parking \$7. Wheelchair lift and elevator available to all floors; ask valets for directions. Reservations strongly advised, especially for weekends and prime dinner hours. Ambience dressy-casual to business-casual. Vegetarians accommodated by request (ask, and ye shall receive). Sound level is conversational.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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boat delivering cod to the waterfront dock of a seaside restaurant in Gloucester and decided to lunch there. (Tasted like sugar.) Delivered within 48 hours of its arrival on land, this was slow-cooked and tender, topped Portuguese-style with sweet peppers and slices of spicy chorizo, with a tropical-looking "leaf" of parsley purée painted along one side of the plate. Clams are supposedly part of the array, and in my doggie-bagged take-home, I even found one.

With two fowls and a fish, we needed a quadruped to round out the ranks. Roasted beef tenderloin was my companions' choice, mainly for its accompaniment of pickled short rib. (Lynne goes for short ribs whenever she sees them, and I certainly have no objections.) The tenderloin, splashed with its own *jus*, was a fine, tender piece of meat if that's what floats your boat. It is not, however, the most flavorful cut of the steer. The boneless pick-

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led short-rib meat underlaid a heap of carrot confit, topped by crisp, almost baconlike shreds of shallot. (Never realized shallots had so much *umami* — the Japanese term for happy-meat flavor.) All very fine, but less interesting than our other dishes. (On a do-over, I'd choose Colorado lamb loin with cardamom crumbs, since I love cardamom better than beef.)

For desserts, we split our choices between a new Jack Fisher invention and, urged by the waiter, the restaurant's "signature dessert," carried over from the previous pastry regime. This dish is called "melting Valrhona," a combination of intensely sweet molten chocolate and intensely tart passionfruit purée over coconut cookies, all under a hard chocolate crust. The contrasts of sweet and sour, hard and soft, shock the mouth. I still don't know if I like the combination. I found the sweet chocolate cloying, the passionfruit almost painfully acidic. Perhaps they should rename the dish "melting sadomasochism."

All in all, I was glad Jack Fisher has replaced that dessert's inventor. Jack contributed a citrus gratin, with fresh fruit flavors ranging from sour grapefruit to tangy tangerine to something soft and sweet that I couldn't quite identify, which reminded me of mangosteen, the most prized and exotic citrus of Thailand. All were robed in an almond cream sauce, and on the side, three little balls of exquisite blood-orange sorbet. I joked that maybe Jack had heard I was coming and deliberately declined to make one of his supernal panna cottas, just to force me to try something else.

Service? Way better than average. The waiter was considerate, helpful but not hovering, and fully familiar with the menu. We loved the chance to have a conversation without fighting the all-too-frequent deliberate "party noise" common in splashy new restaurants. We were not in the least tempted to shoot the piano player in the lounge next door.

As luck would have it, I ate at Jack's on an evening when I was strangely un-hungry. This made for substantial doggy-bagging. Over the next five nights I gently reheated and re-tasted the lobster appetizer, pasta bouillabaisse, and all the entrées. Nearly every dish knocked my socks off — far more intensely

than at the restaurant, now that I was free from the distractions of friends, waiters, music, and that continuous array of dishes. Savoring the flavors solo, one at a time in small quantities, rather than in a flashy parade, I realized what depths of flavor and culinary intelligence each held.

Few of us can afford to buy our own Picasso original, antique Tibetan *thanka*, or Song Dynasty scroll painting. (I'd bet that for those who do, these sublime objects devolve through familiarity into mere decor.) But at least for special occasions, many of us can manage a dinner where, bite by bite, we can experience bliss, even if the art vanishes down our gullets. So if you value cooking for its creativity as well as its sensuality, consider going to Jack's Dining Room and deliberately ordering too much, to take home leftovers and taste them again with your full concentration engaged. Amazing stuff.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Tony DiSalvo grew up with great food in Highland Falls, New York, a suburb within commuting distance from Manhattan. "Food and cooking have always been important in my family. We're Sicilian, first generation, from a small town near Palermo. Sicilian food is very different from mainland Italian, with a lot of African influences. And luckily, I got to travel a lot

when I was younger — Spain, Italy, France — I hit the big ones. My father... was very interested in exploring, from the Sicilian village food he grew up with to Cantonese and Shanghai food, in depth. He would do a Peking duck the real way, with a fan in front of the sink, or jellyfish. He would research everything, and we would go to Chinatown and get all the ingredients, go to a fish market that would sell Japanese fish species. We would cook together — things like mu shu pork, making the pancakes from scratch. So I grew up as a real foodie, and as my interest in it grew more serious, I saw it was something that I could do. At age 13, I worked 'under the counter' during the summer in the kitchen of a hotel in my hometown — chopping vegetables, opening oysters, making deviled eggs for eight hours straight. So I could see the reality of restaurant cooking. I was lucky, I didn't go into cooking school with a false sense of what it was really like.

"I was considering going to the Culinary Institute of America when I was still in high school, and luckily, I had a contact through a friend of my father to Jean-Georges Vongerichten [noted French chef in New York, a pioneer of fusion] when he still had only two restaurants, Jean-Georges and Jo Jo's. I started working at Jo Jo's even before I went to the Culinary Institute,

and afterward I did my externship there. When I graduated in '95, I worked at a small French bistro that has one Michelin star now, La Goulue, and then I went to Gramercy Tavern and worked under Tom Colicchio [another noted New York chef] for almost three years, when he still had just the one restaurant. I've been fortunate to hit some pretty strong places. Then I worked at Jean-Georges for about seven years — the last two of them as chef de cuisine. [Editor's note: the chef de cuisine is the number-two chef under the executive chef, charged with making sure the kitchen produces the executive chef's dishes properly. This includes cooking, tasting, and supervising sous-chefs.] I left to come to San Diego because Jack's made me a great offer, including a partnership, with the opportunity to do something totally new with my food — and I liked the prospect of raising my family out here. There's a lot of things I didn't get to do in New York that I could do here — including building a restaurant from scratch.

"It's important to me for what we're trying to represent that we use really good, fresh ingredients. We try to buy as much as possible locally. I don't go to Chino Farms in the winter, when their stuff is sort of bland, I go when it's interesting — in spring, summer, fall. Right now, it's vibrant and exciting, and I go

there every day on my way to work. When you go every day, you get much more of a sense of what's best there, rather than just ordering over the Internet or by phone. We also use Cunningham Farms and La Milpa, but some of the produce companies here are also doing a really good job, getting produce grown closer to L.A. And we use Brandt beef, a natural product from this area. We use a specialty mushroom purveyor who gets fresh chanterelles and porcini and morels from Europe, Michigan, Washington State. I don't like to mention all the ingredient sources on the menu. People just have to trust us to find the best products, because that's such a major part

of what we do.

"I think the most important thing in cooking is for each component to taste like what it is, and to build levels of flavor based on the essences of those flavors. If the dish is based upon the essence of each ingredient, I think you'll end up with something with more purity. If everything is masked with everything else, it's hard for each ingredient to express its own voice. That's where the cleanliness of the food comes in, and the separation of ingredients on the plate. If we put something on a plate, we want it to have a reason. At the core, we're just trying to take ingredients that go well with each other and make them interesting." ■

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Hair today, gone tomorrow," I say. "Very funny," Carla says. "Don't joke. I'm nervous."

It's haircut time in Coronado again. But this time Carla's going radically shorter. Plus she's determined to join the "go brunette" thing. She's been threatening this ever since Cameron Diaz did it at the Oscars. Why Coronado? 'Cause Diane, "the only one who understands me," has her haircut biz here.

We're ambling down Orange Avenue. Carla has my arm (yes, my gutsy gal's walking almost like the leg break never happened). She stops, just before Lamb's Players Theater, outside Cafe 1134.

I balk. "We've been here before," I say. "Let's try someplace new."

"This is new, mushhead. I know, because the gal who works nights is married to the son of the new owner, and my friend's girlfriend..."

I get lost in the Byzantine alleys of Carla's galpal network. But it seems the place changed hands a couple of years back, and, says Carla, the new owners stole a chef from Peohe's, the zillionaires' lair down by Coronado's ferry landing.

That gets my attention. There's a cutting little breeze this side of the avenue, so we bypass the sidewalk tables and go inside. Nice. Butter-yellow walls, huge, elaborate wood backboard, massive wrought-iron and glass-globe chandeliers, and a mezzanine level where you can hit the books or get together with your *novia*. We sit near the window. Interesting art's for sale on the walls, like one painting with the words, "Insanity is merely an opinion."

"Oh, yes!" I mutter, partly at that five-word message, partly from three magic words I see in the menu.

"Breakfast all day."

Carla's following her nose. I get a whiff too — cheese. Feta, maybe, or, like, those beautifully smelly cheeses the Europeans love, Camembert, Limburger. Carla leans over, sniffing the plates a waiter is bringing to two gents next door.

"Paninis," says one.

"The Roma," says the other, pointing to his.

"The Tuscany," says the first. "Mine's the one with the blue cheese."

Tuscany Man has a panini sandwich stuffed with roast beef, tomatoes, and lots of crumbled blue cheese, plus a pile of potato salad speckled with, what, chives? Herbs? It all cost him \$7.55. Mr. Roma's sandwich is smoked turkey, he says, with bacon, Swiss cheese, tomatoes, and basil. A cup of vegetable soup is part of his \$7.55 deal. I see the Porto Fino gives you tuna, cheese, and tomato, same price. The Venice, with eggplant, cheese, and avocado, is ten cents less.

Hmm. We look at wraps: turkey, tuna, veggie, or spinach and cheese, all around the \$7.50 range. A chicken pita goes for \$8.95. Various sandwiches and salads are all about the same price. The chicken pecan salad, with roasted pecans and "garlic crustinis" for \$8.95, sounds tempting, but no. Once again, I fall into the breakfast trap. They have breakfast sandwiches, egg scramblers and egg burritos, and omelets. And the very first omelet I spot hits the spot. The Cortez. Eggs and hey hey! Sautéed shrimp. Plus mushrooms, jack cheese, avocado, and sour cream, with fruit or sautéed potatoes and a slice of baguette, for \$7.55. I order that (with spuds) and a medium coffee (\$1.75). Carla goes for exactly what I also hankered for, that smelly blue-cheese Tuscany panini with potato salad (she could have had pasta salad, chips, or a cup of soup), and coffee.

The irony is that when it comes, though I get into mine — love the sautéed potatoes and green peppers and the whole idea of the shrimp-and-cream-stuffed omelet — even with some of their excellent house salsa, the shrimp feels a little watery, not enough sautéed flavor for me. I'm mulling this when Carla says, "Great panini, except it's too rich. No relief."

No problem. We swap. And man. Love it! Her Tuscany is just howling with flavor...the blue cheese, the beef, infused with artichoke aioli sauce. And the potato salad with — what? Rosemary? Basil? Nice herby flavor, anyway.

"Good." Carla's into my omelet. "They let you taste the shrimp. They don't drown it with garlic and spices."

Guess that's why we're such a great item.

So it's way past four by the time I walk with Carla down to her hair salon. She takes a deep breath. "Just be there at 1134 when I get back? Please? Here. A sawbuck. Beer on me, okay?"

Wow. Deal going down on Orange. One, I'd forgotten what a sawbuck was till she handed me this \$10 note. Two, just as well she did, because brunch bust my bank.

It's the evening crowd when I get back, around five. Hey, it's happy hour. From the conversation, you'd swear every customer's a thespian from Lamb's Players next door. Yana's at the counter. Carla's friend's friend, whatever. Spunky, attractive gal. Her husband Brady's beside her. "Try a Coronado beer," she says. "Remember Rick? The guy who used to own 1134? He started up the brewery down the road."

"How much?"

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Yana

it's 22 ounces, man."

It goes pretty quick. The hoppy beer and the happy hour.

"Bedford?"

For a moment I don't recognize her. Ohmy-god. Carla.

"What do you think?"

I'm thinking: so Cameron Diaz meets Britney Spears? Guess I'll get used to it. By 2008.

"Great!" I say. "Here, try this beer. 'Course it might make you, uh, lightheaded." ■

The Place: Cafe 1134, 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134

Type of Food: American

Prices: The Cortez omelet (with sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, cheese, avocado, sour cream, potatoes), \$7.55; Mykonos scrambler (with feta, onions, basil, fruit, or potatoes), \$6.65; Tuscany panini (with roast beef, tomatoes, blue cheese, and, e.g., potato-salad side), \$7.55; Roma panini (turkey, bacon, cheese), \$7.55; the Venice panini (with eggplant, cheese, avocado), \$7.45; Coronado Club wrap (turkey, avocado, bacon, cheese), \$7.55; curried tuna salad sandwich (tuna, mango chutney, curry), \$7.65; chicken pecan salad (chicken breast, roasted pecans), \$8.95

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The Devil in His Cellar

“France is known for great wine, but that will never happen down here, because we’re just South America.”

This sounds very dramatic,” begins Dave Batt, vice president for marketing and communications at Banfi Vintners (an import company). “Dramatic,” in this case, seems an appropriate tone to strike, since what he’s doing is describing the germination of *Vineland*, perhaps the world’s first musical about wine.

“About a year ago, I was walking in the vineyards of Concha y Toro, in the shadow of the Andes,” with Concha y Toro executive Giancarlo Bianchetti. “We were walking up a dusty road to get a better vantage point for looking at the vineyard, and I said, ‘What kind of interesting things have you been doing around the world?’ He said, ‘We’re looking for unique ways to build a relationship with our consumers and with the trade. We want to create excitement, so that we become the excitement, so we can come into town and people will want to come and learn.’”

“There, under the Andes, Bianchetti paused. It was one of those wistful moments at the end of a long day,” recalls Batt. “He said, ‘Before I retire, I would really like to see, somehow, a play or something that would tell the story of the Casillero del Diablo. We’ve got this ‘Cellar of the Devil,’ with this legend attached to it, and it’d be really cool to do a play. Something where we’re supporting the arts, but supporting them in a different way than having an art-gallery wine tasting.

Bringing our wine into the realm of the arts. But I don’t even know how you would go about that. Would you hire a playwright...”

Batt smiled. “He didn’t know my background. I grew up as a writer and producer in the commercial world — did a lot of stuff like that.” (The *Vineland* program notes that Batt used to work “only offices apart” from fellow ad man David Mamet and that Mamet told Batt, “Someday, the stage will come alive with your words.”) “I said, ‘Let me look into this Don Melchor character.’” Don Mel-

chor de Concha y Toro is the man credited with creating the legend about a devil in his cellar. He wanted “to save the wine from being ferreted away by folks who might want to taste it,” explains Batt.

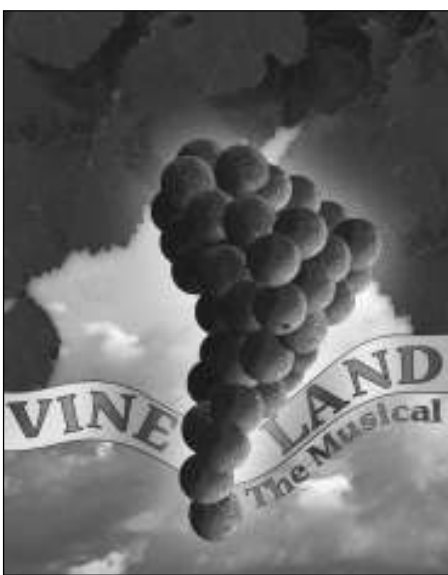
Melchor turned out to be more than a clever storyteller. He was a senator and entrepreneur who had witnessed Chile’s emergence onto the global economic stage through the mining of the Andes. “With that mindset, he said, ‘What else can we do?’ They were looking at the wine industry in Europe and saying, ‘France is known for great wine, but that will never happen down here, because we’re just South America.’ And Melchor said, ‘Let’s see if we can change that.’ He brought vines in from France — including Carmenere, which was wiped out in France by phylloxera but survives quite nicely here.”

Crush
 MATTHEW LICKONA

He also brought in a French viticulturist, even as his wife Emiliana imported a French landscape designer — a sweet setup for playwright Batt. “I imagined what it would be like to have these two French guys in the middle of South America.” The two became the play’s comic relief, and their rapid-fire game of charades as they seek to distract Don Melchor garnered what was easily the show’s biggest laugh. Batt piled on political intrigue, a fledgling love affair, and the strain created by Melchor’s devotion to his work and to his wife. He called up his friend John Mills — “he heads up the jazz department at the University of Texas at Austin” — ordered up a score, and voila. “He took the Broadway style for the American ear, and he brought the South American idiom into it. It’s entertainment. Wine is entertainment. A way to bring wine and entertainment together is clearly what the debut of *Vineland* the musical is all about.”

Directing duties went to Chicago theater mainstay Marc Robin, who pulled together a cast, built a show around a set consisting of eight chairs and a backdrop, and took *Vineland* on the road. “It’s a really entertaining evening of theater that’s also incredibly educational about the wine for the people who drink it and sell it. I tried to explain it to my mom, and I said, ‘It would be the equivalent of McDonald’s putting on a show for anybody that’s ever had a McDonald’s product or worked in a McDonald’s, so that they would understand where it came from.’ How many people in industries just don’t have a clue where the industry came from?”

The territory was not altogether unfamiliar but offered considerably more than what Robin was used to in the theater-as-marketing department. “I’ve done a lot of corporate things for pharmaceuticals, where you’re basically putting on a show to launch a product. This was differ-



ent. This was really a play: you meet people, you care about them, you get invested in them. There are social issues. It’s more than ‘I want ten dancers to dance around this Chrysler Sebring, and we’re going to make it so the girls are all wearing very little, and the boys all show their chests, and we’ll sell the car.’ There are people who are going to go just because they want to taste the wine. But we wanted to tell the story in an entertaining way, so that if your mother or brother or sister just happened to come upon it, they would want to sit and watch it, without even tasting the wine. I always try to get reactions from the people who were brought by somebody who wanted to be there, who were dragged along, and they’ve been really positive. They’ve been surprised by how



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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* should-n't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (1/05)*

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw...oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (6/05)*

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Corkage fee for BYO is \$15, but waived on Tuesdays. Reservations

urged. Lunch weekdays, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/04)*

El Callejon Restaurant Moonlight Plaza, 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeados* with a rich sauce of chilies and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There's even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. — *N.W. (9/06)*

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish'n'chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica's Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open Sunday through Wednesday until 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey-burger. Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Santa Fe BBQ Company 1505 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-632-5227. Santa Fe's exterior may look like a chain restaurant (the site used to be a Pat and Oscar's), but

there's original food here — Texas-style barbecue, slowly smoked over green oak in a giant enclosed pit-smoker. It's not the North County's smokiest "Q" (nor the moistest, either), but it's good, especially the tender beef brisket and beef ribs with a pleasing red Texas-style sweet sauce. (Remember, Texans love cattle — not pigs so much — so the pork items are lesser lights.) Side dishes include good, clean coleslaw (not too sugary) and thick, meaty beans. Order at the counter, and they'll bring your food to you to eat inside, outside, or to take home. Child friendly, with video games and a kiddie menu. Sports fans can watch the game on large plasma both indoors and on the dining patio. Beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Easy parking. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/06)*

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la,

there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/04)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with

vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aa-pams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Day-times are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W. (8/04)*

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 dinners. 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



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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)

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. “The cheese trade is dead,” says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its “overstuffed” meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you’re into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B. (10/01)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. (Also at 10184 Telesis Court, Sorrento Valley, 858-558-8964; and 11455 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-350-2700.) Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to “Parece” anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two “plain and simple” steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the “Popeye” omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

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)

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, lowbanquette 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)

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 as-

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sorted 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)

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 vegetari-

ans. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

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.



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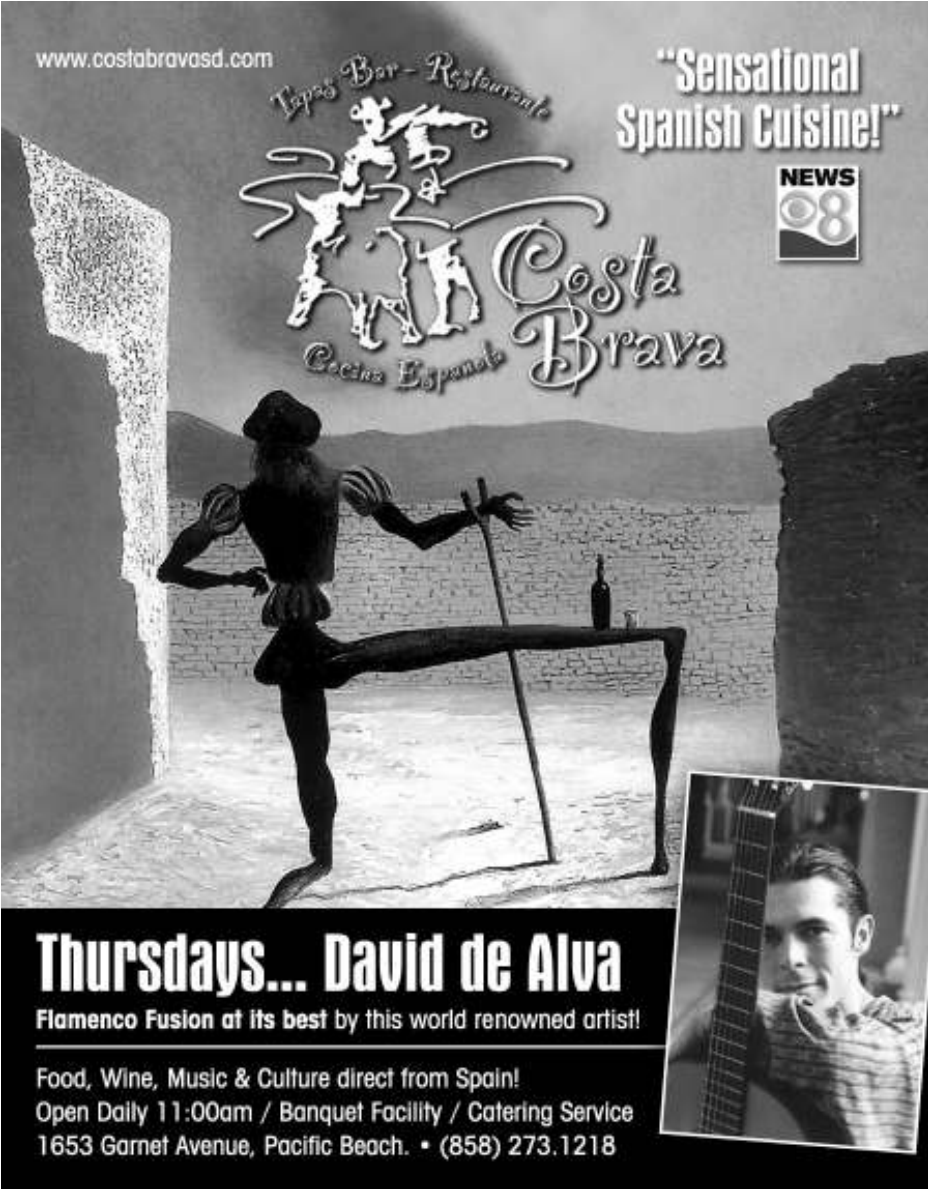
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East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. 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)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than

exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchily seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked

potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — *M.N. (12/99)*

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)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

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 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. Peo-

ple 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)*

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.*

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 surf-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramely-too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple

peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Seacoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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)*

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-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)*

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RESTAURANTS

CENTRAL
SAN DIEGO

Batter Up! Market Creek Plaza, 342 Euclid Avenue (at Market Street), Diamond District, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp’s late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be “pub grub,” but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First timers should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what’s on TV); quiet patio outside. Beer and wine license pending. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sundays. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/06)*

Elaine’s Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southcrest, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine’s a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war *and* Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don’t want change. So Elaine’s remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom “Hunter” omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — *E.B. (5/06)*

Hawthorn’s Restaurant Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, 2895 University (near 29th Street), North Park, 619-544-0940. When this long-standing Banker’s Hill restaurant moved to spiffy (if quite noisy) new digs here, the change proved positive in every way. Menu choices are now fewer but better, with superior ingredients including varied and seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. The kitchen now does more from scratch, and you can taste all these improvements on the plate. The fare is Mediterranean-American with Mexican touches. Most desserts outsourced. Wide-ranging wine list, full bar, corkage a reasonable \$15. Reservations recommended, especially on weekends. Expensive. — *N.W. (8/06)*

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Avenue (at 30th Street, across from Union Bank), North Park, 619-793-4758. The developing district around the North Park Theatre desperately needed a bakery, and Heaven Sent arrived. They produce a full range

of desserts, from breakfast pastries to cookies, tarts, pies, custards, and on through fancy cakes (the Tres Leches is especially good). The style is midwestern American, solid rather than ethereal. To drink: coffee, espresso, teas, hot chocolate, Italian sodas, and fruit juice. Open daily breakfast until after-dinner, past 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. — *N.W. (6/06)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you’ll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a “Peace Blossom,” or boarding his Italian “*Treno della Pace*.” Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped “Neatloaf” bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, “Infinite Blue” (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you’ll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese “people’s food” emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary “Special Sauce” Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including “33”; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W. (3/04)*

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It’s well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The “party rolls” (such as “stuffed tomato” and “honeymooners”) may not be original, but they’re delicious fun. Free

parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (1/05)*

EAST COUNTY &
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Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia’s great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you’re hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with “salsa cream aioli,” the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Negori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open six days for dinner; closed Monday. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a French-style sidewalk café. The successful “Por Favor” eateries’ owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it’s partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Tyler’s Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that’s sufficiently smoky, but

a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover’s heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pablito’s of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito’s claims “Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas.” Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the “Specialties” section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between), Wednesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon’s Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN &
OLD TOWN

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)*

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)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard (north of El Cajon Boulevard), Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you’re into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul’s Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gy-

ros. But go just to play bon vivant on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/05)*

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One’s statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian decor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry wood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially splotted with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore Style Rice Noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tangled with curry, and excellent, as is the Kung Pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/05)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Debo-rah Scott’s culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

La Posta de Acapulco’s Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can’t beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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)*

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Saigon on Fifth 3900 Fifth Avenue (on University), Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. This is the rare local Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the urban, French-influenced cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Huế, rather than the ubiquitous *pho* noodle soups of the North. The list of house specialties includes many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego, among them a smoked oyster omelet and a unique version of coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell. Many dishes here include honey, so the Boon (spicy noodle salad) deserves its name — a refreshing break from the sweetness. Well-chosen, reasonable wine list suits the food, as does the serene decor. Validated underground parking just north of the bank. Open daily, lunch and dinner until midnight. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (6/06)

Sausage King 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who runs this place does. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/06)

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the

“hot & spicy” star next to this item. As with any of their “spicy” offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D.* (6/05)

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don't ask for Velveta here. Everything else, they've got: sixty-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around \$30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky *Epousses Berthaut*, or the beautifully tangy *Schloss*. Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit — it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/06)

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)

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (8/01)

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)

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/01)

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices in-

clude Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called Certified *agnus*. Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.* (3/04)

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak.

Their midwestern grain-fed beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N.* (9/99)

Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*par-rillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp “la boca.” Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*ñoquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W.* (8/05)

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from

11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M.* (6/03)

Sidebar Deli California Western School of Law, corner of Second and Cedar, downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is “Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others.” It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/05)

Stingaree 454 Sixth Avenue (between J and K), Gaslamp, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes — little, medium, and large. It's a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday; rooftop noshing on Sunday afternoons. Dinners very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/06)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and



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choices on hand at each gas grill. Other sauces include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrees come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners nightly, open until midnight Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Tesoro 548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp, 619-234-5670. Sharp modern decor meets contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Highlights include appetizers of *panuchos de cochinita* (souful Yucatan-style pork and black bean mini-tostadas) and *tarta de rajás*, puff-pastry layers covered with strips of poblano chile and melted Oaxaca cheese in cream. Chicken in black Oaxacan mole sauce is an interesting, authentic entrée, and filet mignon in a sauce of *jamaica* (hibiscus flowers) is luscious. Unfortunately, few entrées include any veggies or starches, and since flavors are intense, the mouth yearns for relief. Side dishes (costing extra) are largely limited to rice, good beans, house-made tortillas, chiles. Full bar, including specialty tequila and beer drinks, Baja wines. Elevator available to mezzanine dining room and basement nightclub levels. Smart-casual dress, spiffy on weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. High moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/05)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

1500 Ocean Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Ocean Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. A lovely indoor-outdoor dining venue replaces the venerable walled-in Prince of Wales at the Del. Now the food is breezier, too — Jason Schaefer (formerly of Laurel) cooks up refined “California coastal cuisine” with French and Asian influences, constructed with the beautiful luxury ingredients of each season. There’s everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that’s dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (7/06)

Asian Noodles Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 1430 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You’ve got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It’s an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family’s Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup

(with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi, (Mr. Ma’s “Mi” — noodles). Yes, MaMi’s a little bland, but it’s filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/06)

Bistro D’Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy “Lizard Lounge” serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian “monk’s curry,” and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table’s first round of delicate “flower buns” with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W. (11/04)

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Avenue #9, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises “over 100 items daily.” Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It’s an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can’t fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You’re near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset “green flash” parties — this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/05)

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers’ favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there’s also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (11/04)

Lydia’s Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla

stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the *birria*.) Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

McP’s Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP’s patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it’s mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here’s the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players’ bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 3:30 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja’s heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food’s no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won’t — you’ll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana’s bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from

cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila’s aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That’s still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We’re talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The “Lighthouse of Mazatlán” is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eyed bites, it’s delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It’s great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (6/05)

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you’re at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it’s dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B. (5/05)

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden (“*escondida*”) mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*), the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (“*cabrito tatemado*”). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompope* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and “burnt milk” caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It’s hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rey del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road’s end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (1/05)

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if

traffic is ghastly at “the turn” (“*la vuelta*”) where RevoluciÃn hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinacion mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent ten-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/03)

Restaurante Don Quijote Hotel El Conquistador (ground floor), 10750 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 681-7955. This tribute to the great windmill tilter himself serves as breakfast, lunch, and dinner anchor for the town’s truest colonial Mexican *posada* (inn). It’s a world of glowing stained-glass windows, heavy doors, and black wrought iron. You expect Zorro himself to come clattering out from the shadows on his horse. The food is standard middle-class Mexican fare, but between quail dishes and enchiladas, creations like cheese-stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon pop out. Nicest surprise? *Sopa Azteca*, with tortilla strips, grated cheese, chopped dark red chiles, and avocado. Inexpensive to moderate. Open three meals, seven days. — E.B. (2/06)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of “themed” Italian. Bucca di Beppo (“Joe’s Cellar”) is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown’s rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield’s breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you’re having fun. Don’t leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/05)

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain’s first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro.

The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order “Hawaiian” pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Joe’s Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe’s is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food’s not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin’, raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it’s the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it’s a nationwide franchise, but it’s a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

Ruth’s Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren’t a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 but reasonable markups and wines over \$100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it’s noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

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Jonathan Kasdan becomes the second son of Lawrence Kasdan, after Jake, to have followed his father into the director's chair. His feature debut, *In the Land of Women*, is a relationship thing at about the Cameron Crowe level of wit and wisdom, although perhaps that name offers itself as a reference point because of the way in which every significant mood or moment is swept up, and along, by a pop song on the soundtrack. The "heartsick" hero — a twenty-six-year-old Hollywood screenwriter (soft porn but bigger ambitions) who has just been dumped by his gamine girlfriend, an up-and-coming actress and Levi's model — slinks out of L.A. and off to suburban Michigan to stay with his demented grandmother and to work on that long-brewing "personal" project about his high-school days. In nineteen movies out of twenty, he could be expected, there, to encounter a viable alternative or two, but even though he's surrounded by females, none is really viable as an alternative. Apart from his cranky, crotchety, foul-mouthed, bird-flipping, thoroughly stereotyped grandmother (Olympia Dukakis), the house across the street

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contains three other females, as well as the mostly absent man of the house. The mother, patently, is too old for him and has breast cancer (we can judge how serious the movie is from the fact that Meg Ryan shaves off her hair, or appears to have shaved off her hair, and throws up on the rug), and the angry Abstract Expressionist teenage daughter (Kristen Stewart) is much too young for him, and the precocious yoga-practicing French-speaking pre-teen daughter (Makenzie Vega) is still younger. They all, in any event, have something to learn and to teach. His uncertain relationships with each of them, as confidant, advisor, whatever, are fairly absorbing in their development and evolvment; and the film is plainly aiming for the human, the real, the true, even if the whole thing has been fastidiously planed and sanded and varnished to glide along like a sailboat on a glassy lake. And Adam Brody, with his sleepy slurry manner of speech and slouchy burdened posture, makes a sympathetic and a likable hero. And I suppose, if you can view him from that angle, a cute one. He looks as though he could still be playing collegians and even high-schoolers.



Hot Fuzz

Hot Fuzz, a British cop spoof, benefits from its proximity to *Reno 911! Miami*. Everything, as we are repeatedly reminded, is relative, and there are cop spoofs and cop spoofs. This one comes from the team — Edgar Wright, director and co-writer together with the star, Simon Pegg — who brought you *Shaun of the Dead*, a zombie spoof, and it constitutes neither an advance

nor a reverse. It holds its ground. If the laughter tends to be spotty and unlusty, the labor is always energetic, conscientious, attentive to detail, limitedly resourceful. Pegg, with a head like a handball, small and hard and perfectly round, stays commendably in character as a stick-up-the-butt straight arrow (beverage of choice, on duty or off: cranberry juice) who has

shamed his big-city colleagues with his four-hundred-percent higher arrest rate ("You can't be *Sheriff* of London!"), and has accordingly been reassigned to a cozy little hamlet that's "statistically" the safest place in the kingdom. (Telling detail: the completely bare Evidence Room at police headquarters.) The statistics, however, prove to be skewed by the peculiar

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policy of filing suspicious deaths under “accidents.” A serial killer would seem to be afoot, and some of the slayings are sufficiently gruesome to kill the laughs, if any were struggling into existence. And the endless climaxes, down the homestretch, are extremely taxing even as a spoof of the action-film cliché of endless climaxes. Still, one wouldn’t have wanted them to stop before the fistfight in the miniature village, an optical illusion of a literal Battle of the Titans, Godzilla-scale human figures in a kiddie theme park. Then again, one might have wanted them to stop, or turn aside, before the fistfight’s gruesome conclusion.

After the Wedding, directed by Susanne Bier, was the Danish also-ran for the most recent foreign-film Oscar. In it, a fair-haired do-gooder at an insolvent Bombay orphanage is summoned against his will to his native Copenhagen on a hat-in-hand fund-raising mission, and upon arrival is summoned additionally to the wedding of Mr. Moneybags’s daughter.

To our surprise (and who else’s?), Mrs. Moneybags turns out to be an old flame of the do-gooder, and the bride turns out (clearly to the do-gooder’s surprise) to be his biological daughter. Despite the credible if sometimes histrionic acting of the unknown faces (plus the newly known one of the *Casino Royale* villain, Mads Mikkelsen), despite the *vérité* camerawork and jaggedy jump cuts, despite the Third World social consciousness, this is basic soap opera. To say so is not to denigrate it, but perhaps is just to wish that it had a bit more polish, a bit more shine. It is not *pure* soap opera; it is impure soap opera. The digital video looks pretty decent, compared, anyway, to what we got used to seeing in the Dogma 95 days of the Danish cinema. Still, it’s a far cry from Universal Pictures in the Technicolor Fifties, and its grittiness and griminess stubbornly resist the suds.

Perfect Stranger has been designed for the perfect fool. Apparently built backwards from its final Surprise Twist, it looks until then to be a deluxe edition of a Lifetime Original, directed by the reputable James Foley (*At Close Range*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, among other gravities), with an Oscar-winning

star (the perennially underemployed Halle Berry) as a muckraking investigative reporter under a male pseudonym. When her lifelong girlfriend turns up on a slab at the morgue with belladonna in her system, she resolves to take a closer look at the departed’s latest Internet liaison, a married Madison Avenue mover-and-shaker (Bruce Willis, using his smirk for sinister purposes), and lands a temp job at his ad agency (key clients: Victoria’s Secret and recently acquired Reebok, thanks for the plugs), where he quickly rises to the bait, checking her up and down in slow-motion as they pass on the carpet. Tucked away in the background, she has a stock computer geek as a helper (Giovanni Ribisi, with his patented stuffy-nose delivery and demeanor), and the screen is often taken up by computer screen, an albatross of the contemporary cinema. Inasmuch as the scene in which the boss’s Amazonian leather-clad lesbian assistant admonishes the temp not to speak to the boss directly — a scene on view in the coming-attractions trailer — has been snipped from the finished print, the events unfold facilely and undemandingly until the tangle of that Surprise Twist. Only the willing fool will be (1) fooled and (2) fulfilled. ■



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After the Wedding — Reviewed this issue. With Mads Mikkelsen, Rolf Lassgard, Sidse Babbett Knudsen, and Stine Fischer Christensen; directed by Susanne Bier. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/20)

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)

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; 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 — Paul Verhoeven goes 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 obligatory 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

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★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Disturbia — Under house arrest for summer vacation (punchy opening scenes to explain how he got there), a troubled high-schooler begins to observe his surroundings through a pair of binoculars, and convinces himself that his neighbor is a serial killer and that the new girl next door is a hottie. Teenage suburban technophilic *Rear Window*, callously manipulative and in the end torturesome. With Shia LaBeouf, Sarah Roemer, Carrie-Anne Moss, David Morse, and Aaron Yoo; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2007.

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MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Firehouse Dog — Inane canine comedy about a screen star called Rxxxx — no, not a bestial porn star, but the big-budget action star of *Jurassic Bark* and *The Fast and*

the Furriest — who discovers his true vocation as a firefighting mascot. The human emotions and human villainy are a touch heavy, but they don't weigh down the pooch, particularly in his all-out dashes to the rescue. With Josh Hutcherson, Bruce Greenwood, Bill Nunn, and Dash Mihok; directed by Todd Holland. 2007.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

First Snow — The futile struggle against fate of an unnecessarily unsympathetic hero, a fast-talking flooring salesman who wants to transition to jukeboxes. Belabored, unbelievable, but sizzingly photographed in the Southwest desert by Eric Edwards, and played with strong conviction by Guy Pearce, Peter Perabó, William Fichtner, Rick Gonzalez, Jackie Burroughs, and especially, as an unshowy roadside fortune-teller, J.K. Simmons. Almost in spite of itself it works up some nice paranoid suspense, stopping short of the hammy climax. Written and directed by Mark Ferguson. 2007.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/19)

Fracture — Legal thriller with Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling, David Strathairn, and Rosamund Pike, directed by Gregory Hoblit.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR

HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/20)

Grindhouse — 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-pic-

tures, the Joe Bob Briggs drive-in movies, the 42nd Street grindhouse fare. *Planet Terror* and *Death Proof* by name, directed by separate hands, each 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 designated directors, Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino, those tasteless connoisseurs of cinema, were bad bets to carry it off with straight faces and restrained egos. (Hadrn'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 running

time of three hours and ten minutes — a concrete measure of unrestrained egos — proves to be wildly excessive, a grind indeed, despite 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

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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 showing in the shopping-mall multiplex of the 21st Century, and where even the lowest budget can afford the swankiest CGI. With Rose McGowan, Freddy Rodriguez, Marley Shelton, Kurt Russell, Rosario Dawson, Zoë Bell. 2007.

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The Hoax — A tall tale about a tall tale, the bogus “authorized autobiography” of Howard Hughes, peddled by Clifford Irving to McGraw-Hill in the early Seventies. Richard Gere, as the hungering writer (“The middle of my life is at hand. I don’t have a couch”), has some funny bits imitating Hughes’s speech patterns from tapes of his appearance before the U.S. Senate, as you might recall from *The Aviator*. And the richly embroidered account of how the charade was set in motion, and then kept in motion even as it began to disintegrate, will serve as either a reminder or an appetizer, depending on your level of familiarity. It is not to be trusted beyond that. With Alfred Molina, Marcia Gay Harden, Hope Davis, and Stanley Tucci; directed by Lasse Hallström. 2007.

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The Host — South Korean creature feature, a tad overlong and a bit wavery in tone, yet very well made on the whole, and especially well made in its computer-animated creature, a two-legged, amphibious, carnivorous, whale-scale fish, with a toothy Venus-flytrap mouth. (Blame it on the Americans, Scott Wilson specifically, dumping toxic chemicals from a U.S. Army base into the Han River.) The first sight of the beast, hanging batlike from the underside of a bridge, is as real as unreal can be; and director Joon-ho Bong mixes up a marvelous variety of views of the thing, far enough in the squinty distance to defy belief, and close as an express subway hurtling past the platform a few feet in front of your face. The shot of the beast vomiting up a pile of bones in its sewer lair is a certifiable



In the Land of Women

highlight. There are curious touches of pratfall comedy, from which the fish itself is not immune, slipping and rolling on unsteady land legs. And the narrow focus on one family’s search for a carried-off little girl (there’s scant evidence of a widespread hunt for the monster) threatens the movie continually with sentimentality, and at the end, when all surviving family members must get in on the act, threatens it with silliness. You might wish you could take the movie a little more seriously, but you can be quite content to take it playfully. Kang-ho Song, Hae-il Park, Doo-na Bae, A-sung Ko. 2006.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

Hot Fuzz — Reviewed this issue. With Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Jim Broadbent, and Timothy Dalton; directed by Edgar Wright. ★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/20)

In the Land of Women — Reviewed this issue. With Adam Brody, Meg Ryan, Kristen Stewart, and Olympia Dukakis; written and directed by Jonathan Kasdan. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION

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Into Great Silence — Philip Gröning’s nearly three-hour documentary on a Carthusian monastery in the French Alps, covering a space of time from winter to winter. (Since the German filmmaker, a one-man crew, spent but five months in the monastery, one must presume a bit of editing-room illusionism at work.) Evocative rather than instructive, lyrical rather than factual, sensorial rather than verbal, it is rich in sights and sounds, closely, carefully observed. Singly, the shots, the scenes, do not last long, do not drag. But they mount up. And up and up and up. A labor of love, with the accent on labor, this one-of-a-kind study is marked not so much by any great technical facility or stylistic flair as by its fundamental tact and restraint, a respect for its subject, not quite a reverence. Character interest is minimal. We do not get to “know” any of the monks, although, in individual portraits interspersed throughout, we get to look straight into the eyes of each of them, who endure the examination with

differing degrees of forbearance and comfort. These men are most often observed in solitary activities, reflective of their daily regimen: praying, reading, gardening, preparing or delivering or consuming food, and so on. There is no narrative thread. No one dies. No one quits. No one gets expelled. Nothing “happens.” The film in a sense is irreducible: impossible to encapsulate, impossible to summarize. Could it not, though, have been reduced in length? Possibly. Slightly. But who’s to say by how much? Gröning was granted — and he grants us in turn — a privileged view inside a private world, and it is not a world for the tourist on a tight schedule. It is a world for life. Our guide has not attempted to make that world palatable to the idle bystander, has not attempted unduly to process it and package it. The queue of people who will want access to it is bound to be miles shorter than a queue for the private world of, let’s say, the football locker room or the rock-group tour bus. But whomever this film is *for*, however few they may be, they’re lucky to have it. The gravest danger in the length of the thing is simply the temptation, by the end of it, to flatter yourself that you’ve become one of the boys, that you’ve grown “close.” Even at almost three hours, it is still only a glimpse. 2006. ★★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/19)

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)

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. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Lawrence of Arabia — The movie that introduced, world-wide, the tormented eyes of Peter O’Toole and the moony eyes of Omar Sharif is, more importantly, an unabridged lexicon of sun-and-sand imagery. Scrupulously compiled by director David Lean and his photographer Freddie Young (Nicolas Roeg served on the second unit), it’s the standard reference work for every desert movie ever since. Not even the fully restored (or nearly fully) Director’s Cut, however, all 220 or so minutes of it, can clear up the enigma of T.E. Lawrence. With Anthony Quinn, Alec Guinness, Arthur Kennedy, and Jack Hawkins. 1962. ★★ (KEN, 4/23)

The Lives of Others — The bad old days of the Berlin Wall and the Big Brother tactics of the GDR secret police, the Stasi. The case in point: a Party pooh-bah has the hots for a celebrated stage actress and, to clear the way, orders some dirt dug up on her playwright boyfriend, an apparently loyal socialist of spotless reputation despite his openly subversive friends and despite, too, his openly snooty manner. Ulrich Tukur, so memorable as the conscience-stricken Nazi of *Amen*, is good again in the less complex and less sympathetic role of the bureaucratic brownnoser who heads up the investigation. But the better role and better per-

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formance belong to another Ulrich, last name Mühe, coincidentally the conscience-less 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)

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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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)

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 mutton-chops. 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, THROUGH 4/19)

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)

Nashville — Robert Altman continues to course over salient features of the American Scene with amazing speed and mobility. His leaps-and-bounds progress is made to look effortless, smooth, liquidly because of his habit of skimming, primarily. Here, he and his allies visit Music City, U.S.A., but they arrive there with their ideas already in place and unalterable. Their air of amusement seems smugly knowing and not at all enlightening. Altman and Company have edged up to their chosen site and have declined to get more than their feet wet. It is surely an audacious idea, and worth pursuing, to do a movie about country music which employs no authentic country singers, only songs written by the imposter performers themselves, and a musical arranger without country music background or interest. The result: a curious lack of excitement in the music, lack of awareness of the music audience, lack of appreciation of the creative work involved. Altman uses a *Peyton Place* complicated structure, a thick weave of characters and plotlines. But, without doing any real plotting, he uses it to disguise the fact that he deals in one-note, monotonous, uncomplicated characters and events. Still, there are a few agreeable faces in the milling mob. Karen Black, more than anyone else, makes a recognizable attempt to sing country-style. David Peel displays a scrubbed pink face and impeccable manners as a docile college grad whose function in life is to be his Papa’s Pride. Lily Tomlin and two deaf-mute children create an interesting, arbitrary domestic situation, acting with perfectly straight faces in a movie overrun with smirks. Ronce Blakley, Allen Garfield, Barbara Harris, Henry Gibson, Keith Carradine, Geraldine Chaplin. 1975. ★ (KEN, 4/26)

Once Upon a Time in the West — The somewhat abridged — but plenty long as is — American version of Sergio Leone’s sprawling epic Western. It goes in, in a big way, for slow buildups and stretch-outs, for prolonged and perspiry agonies, for grizzle and grime, for cynicism about the larceny in the hearts of men, and for unparalleled villainy in the person of duster-dressed, to-bacco-spitting Henry Fonda. The brilliant camerawork is by Tonino Delli Colli, whose color sense appears to have come from extensive training in alchemy. With Charles Bronson, Jason Robards, Claudia Cardinale. 1969. ★★ (KEN, 4/24)

SEEN ON DVD

KRISTA PAGE

Executive director, FilmOut

Spain’s *20 Centimeters* played at last year’s FilmOut. Its main character Marieta (played by Monica Cervera of *El Crimen Perfecto*) is a work in progress: she dresses as a woman, has breast implants, but still retains the 20-centimeter remnant that prevents her from becoming the totally feminine woman she so greatly desires to be. Marieta also has narcolepsy and falls asleep in the most inappropriate places and at the most inopportune times. During these “narcoleptic episodes” she dreams of Broadway musical numbers in which she stars backed by a cast of hundreds decked out in the wildest of costumes! *20 Centimeters* is part hilarious musical comedy and part sensitive character portrayal of people who live just outside the edge of what is cruelly called “normal.”

20 CENTIMETERS
(Spain/France) 2005,
TLA
List price: \$24.99

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

JOE FERRELLI

Founder, FilmOut

David Leavitt’s novel *The Lost Language of Cranes*, about a father and son coming out at the same time, has been adeptly adapted to film. It’s understated, heartfelt, and wonderfully acted with charming turns by real-life gay director John Schlesinger (*Midnight Cowboy*) and Altman regular René Auberjonois.

Canada’s John Greyson has a unique arsenal of queer films to his credit. *Lilies’* story of blossoming love amongst a trio of young men in an all-boys school leads to jealousy and betrayal. Much of it is told through flashback via a prison “passion play,” with male convicts playing male and female roles.

Patricia Rozema’s exhilarating directorial debut, *I’ve Heard the Mermaids Singing*, was made on a shoestring budget. A thirty-something Toronto “gal Friday” (marvelously played by the quirky Sheila McCarthy) works at a private gallery and becomes enamored of her female boss. This minor gem confronts the mysteries of love and conceptions — and misconceptions — of art.

THE LOST LANGUAGE OF CRANES (England/USA) 1991,
BBC/Warner
List price: \$19.98
LILIES (Canada) 1996,
Wolfe Video
List price: \$29.95
I’VE HEARD THE MERMAIDS SINGING (Canada) 1987,
Miramax
List price: \$14.99

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 — Reviewed this issue. With Halle Berry, Bruce Willis, and Gio-

MICHAEL MCQ

Programmer, FilmOut

Anna offers Sally Kirkland’s brilliant Oscar-nominated performance about a middle-aged actress in New York City trying to find work. Imprisoned and exiled from her native Czechoslovakia 20 years earlier, she befriends a young Czech woman who speaks no English and is taught English by Anna and her lover, who help her start a film career while Anna can only find work as an understudy.

Q. Allan Brocka’s hilarious debut *Eating Out* is a sexy, full-on, gay comedy with all the elements you’d find in a mainstream “straight” teen comedy — gratuitous nudity, raunchy dialogue, and over-the-top performances. Worth seeing for the phone-sex scene alone.

Troy Garity’s and Lee Pace’s lead performances in *Soldier’s Girl* lend poignant credibility to this Golden Globe/Emmy/GLAAD nominated true story about a young soldier beaten to death for falling in love with a transgendered nightclub performer.

ANNA (USA) 1987,
Lions Gate
List price: \$14.98
EATING OUT (USA) 2004,
Ariztical
List price: \$24.95
SOLDIER’S GIRL (USA) 2003,
Showtime
List price: \$14.98

vanni 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)

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,

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-
CONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;
GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

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 osten-

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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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**CENTRAL
CLAIREMONT**

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Breach (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:45; **Firehouse Dog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:20; **Grindhouse** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30, 3:30) 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 8:40; **The Host** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 9:35; **I Think I Love My Wife** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; **The Lookout** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:35) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00, 3:15) 4:30, 5:55, 7:10, 8:40, 9:55; **Premotion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10, 3:00) 4:25, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; **Zodiac** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 9:10

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Amazing Grace (PG) Fri. (1:25, 4:10) 7:00
 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00; **Are We Done Yet?** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:00
 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:00;
Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 12:35, 2:35, 3:15, 5:00, 5:45) 7:25, 8:10, 10:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 12:35, 2:35, 3:15) 5:00, 5:45, 7:25, 8:10, 10:05, 10:35; **Fracture** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **The Hoax** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 6:40, 9:30; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20;
Journey from the Fall (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:25) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:30, 10:30;
Meet the Robinsons (G) Fri. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 7:00, 9:55; **Slow Burn** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:40p.m.;
The Trippler (R) Fri. (12:55, 3:20, 5:35) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25;
Vacancy (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:20, 4:30) 7:05, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:20) 4:30, 7:05, 9:15

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie
Film for Theaters (R); Blades of Glory
 (PG-13); **Disturbia** (PG-13); **Firehouse Dog**
 (PG); **Fracture** (R); **Grindhouse** (R); **In the**
Land of Women (PG-13); **Meet the Robins-**
ons (G); **Pathfinder** (R); **Perfect Stranger**
 (R); **The Reaping** (R); **Shooter** (R); **300** (R);
Vacancy (R)

La Jolla Village
 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Black Book (R) Fri. 2:10, 5:15, 8:20 Sat.-Sun.
 11:00, 2:10, 5:15, 8:20; **The Hoax** (R) Fri. 2:00,
 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40,
 7:20, 10:00; **Hot Fuzz** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00,
 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 10:50, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The**
Namesake (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
 Sat. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. 11:10,
 1:50, 4:30, 7:10; **Twelve Monkeys** (R) Sat.
 11:55p.m.

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. (11:10)
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. (11:45) 2:25, 5:10, 7:50,
10:20; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50)
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4:10, 7:05, 9:55; **Firehouse Dog** (PG) Fri.-Sun.
2:05; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:35,
7:20, 10:15; **Grindhouse** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15)
2:10, 6:05, 10:00; **The Hoax** (R) Fri.-Sun.
(10:20) 1:05, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40; **Hot Fuzz** (R)
Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; **In the
Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40)
2:30, 5:05, 7:55, 10:30; **Meet the Robinsons**

(G) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05;
Pathfinder (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 4:50, 7:25,
 10:00; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35)
 1:20, 4:25, 7:45, 10:40; **Premonition** (PG-13)
 Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 6:45, 9:20; **The Reaping** (R)
 Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **Shooter**
 (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:35;
300 (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:35, 7:40,
 10:45; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 4:20; **Va-
 cancy** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:10, 3:30, 5:55,
 8:10, 10:25; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.
 (11:15) 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25

Mission Valley 7
 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
Blades of Glory (PG-13); **Disturbia** (PG-13);
Fracture (R); **The Hoax** (R); **In the Land of**
Women (PG-13); **Meet the Robinsons** (G);
Perfect Stranger (R)

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:35)
 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. 3:10, 5:30,
 7:55, 10:10; **Blades of Glory** (PG-13) Fri.
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 Sat. (11:30) 12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 7:10, 7:50, 10:20
 Sun. 12:40, 1:50, 3:00, 5:25, 7:10, 7:50, 10:20;
Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 12:10,
 1:55, 2:40, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:05, 10:05, 10:45
 Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 8:05, 10:45 Sun.
 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 8:05 Sun. (11:15) 12:10, 1:55,
 2:40, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 8:05, 10:05; **Firehouse**
Dog (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35); **Fracture** (R) Fri.-
 Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25;
Grindhouse (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 2:30, 6:30,
 9:40, 10:30 Sun. (10:20) 2:30, 6:30, 9:40; **Hot**
Fuzz (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00,

9:55; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 12:45, 2:25, 3:15, 5:05, 5:45, 7:35, 10:15; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri. (11:20) 2:00, 4:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10 Sat. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10 Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25 Sun. 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:15, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30; **Vacancy** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 8:15, 9:45; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:45, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri. (3:10) 5:35, 7:50
Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 7:50; **Disturbia**
(PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:10, 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15,
2:40) 5:10, 7:40; **Grindhouse** (R) Fri. (3:50)
8:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 3:55) 8:05; **Perfect**
Stranger (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30 Sat.-Sun.
(12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.
(3:20) 5:45, 7:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:45,
7:55; **Vacancy** (R) Fri. (3:00) 5:05, 7:25 Sat.-
Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:05, 7:25

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
FilmOut San Diego *Lawrence of Arabia*
(G); *Nashville* (R); *Once upon a Time in the West* (PG-13); *2001: A Space Odyssey*
(G)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
After the Wedding (R) R1: 1:35, 4:25, 7:10
9:55 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55;
Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie
Film for Thangers (R) R1: 1:45, 4:35, 7:20,
10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05;
The Lives of Others (R) R1: 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; **The Name-**
sake (PG-13) R1: 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The**
Wind That Shakes the Barley (Not Rated)
R1: 2:05, 5:05, 8:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 2:05, 5:05,
8:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Alps (No Rating) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00
 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00,
 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not
 Rated) Fri. 3:00 Sat. Sun. 10:00, 3:00; **Cosmic
 Voyage** (NR) Fri. 6:00; **Hurricane on the
 Bayou** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat.
 11:00, 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00;
Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (No
 Rating) Fri. 7:00

San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
An Inconvenient Truth (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:00,
3:00; **Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.
11:00, 12:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

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Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
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Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri. 2:50, 5:05, 7:40, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:40, 9:55;
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun.; **Shooter** (R) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Blades of Glory** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Jakers! Wish upon a Story** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sun. (4:30) 9:45; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 7:15; **Vacancy** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)

Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters (R); **Are We Done Yet?** (PG); **Blades of Glory** (PG-13); **Disturbia** (PG-13); **Firehouse Dog** (PG); **Fracture** (R); **Grindhouse** (R); **Hot Fuzz** (R); **In the Land of Women** (PG-13); **The Last Mimzy** (PG); **Meet the Robinsons** (G); **Pathfinder** (R); **Perfect Stranger** (R); **Premonition** (PG-13); **The Reaping** (R); **Redline** (PG-13); **Shooter** (R); **300** (R); **TMNT** (PG); **Vacancy** (R); **Wild Hogs** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:05) 5:25, 7:35, 9:55 Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:25, 7:35; **Blades of Glory** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.

(12:35, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (12:35, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:55, 7:20; **Firehouse Dog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:30; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (12:55) 4:15, 7:00; **Grind-house** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:40 Sun. 7:00; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:00, 7:30; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:20, 7:55; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45 Sun. (12:50) 4:20, 7:05; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45; **300** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 7:15p.m.; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 2:45) 4:45; **Vacancy** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:10) 5:30, 8:00, 10:05 Sun. (12:30, 3:10) 5:30, 8:00

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:05, 10:25; **Are We Done Yet?** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 9:55; **Blades of Glory** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15, 10:00; **Firehouse Dog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25); **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:45, 4:40) 7:30, 10:35; **The Hoax** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 3:45) 7:10, 10:05; **Hot Fuzz** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:50, 4:45) 7:40, 10:35; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40; **Meet the**

Robinsons (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35, 4:20) 6:55, 9:35; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 8:10, 10:45; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:15) 7:35, 10:15; **The Reap-ing** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 5:00) 7:55, 10:30; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 7:05, 9:45; **Slow Burn** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:20p.m.); **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 3:05) 7:50, 10:40; **TMNT** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:35); **Vacancy** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:20) 8:00, 10:20; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:25) 6:50, 9:50

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POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

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7:00; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; **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; **Vacancy** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old

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VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

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Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:45, 1:30, 3:00, 3:40, 5:05, 5:50) 7:15, 8:10, 9:30, 10:25; **Wild Hogs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 7:05

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Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35 Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:25; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15; **Vacancy** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (11:40, 1:40, 3:40) 5:40, 7:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15; **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.-Sun. (11:00, 4:15); **Fracture** (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; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Jakers! Wish upon a Story** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:30) 7:15; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Vacancy** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

The Hoax (R); **Hot Fuzz** (R); **The Namesake** (PG-13); **Perfect Stranger** (R)

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101

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The Host (R); **Pan's Labyrinth** (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)

(760-599-8221)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Fracture** (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; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Jakers! Wish upon a Story** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

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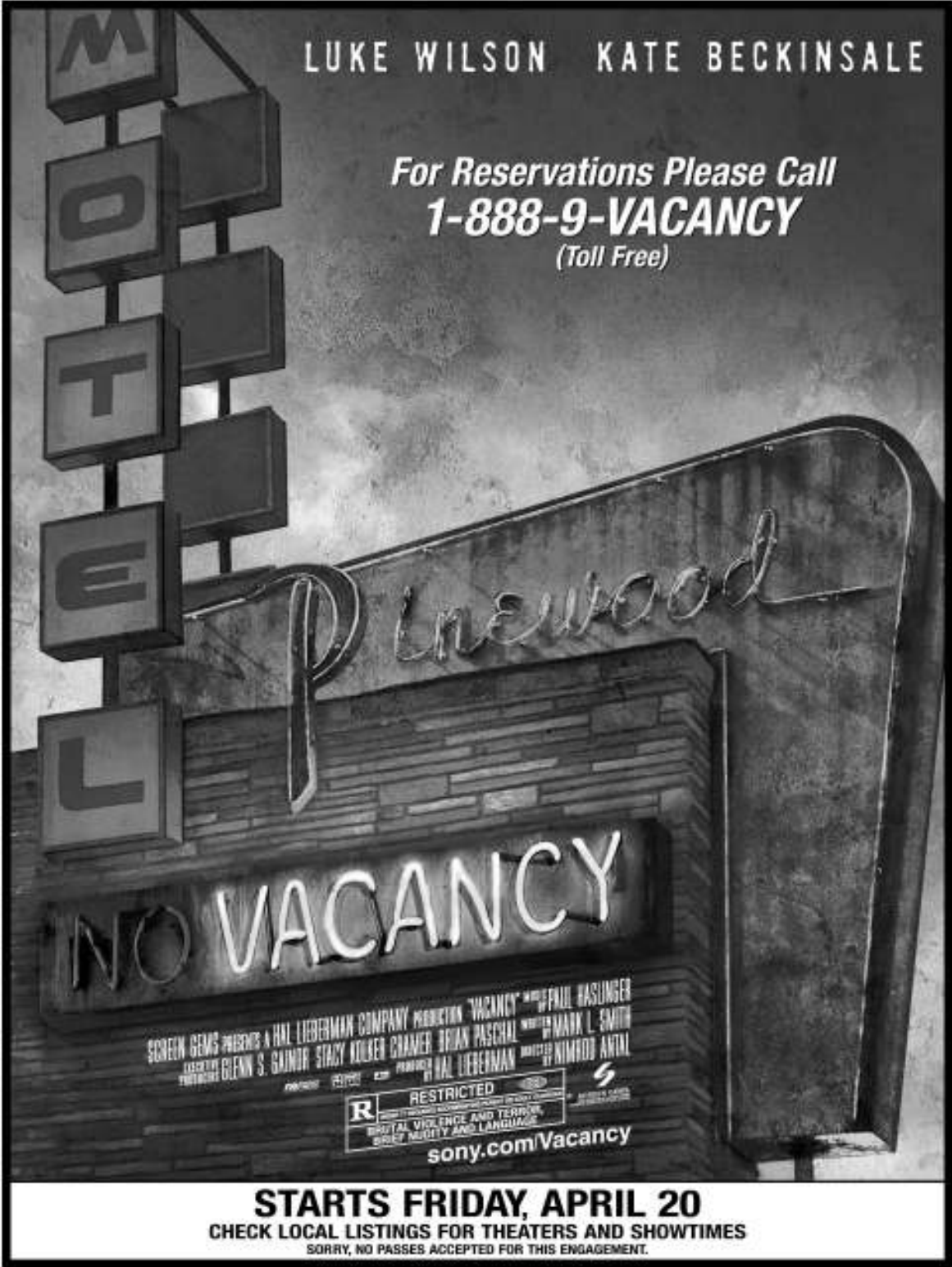
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Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)

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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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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 history 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



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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)

Twelve Monkeys — Time-travel brain-twister credited as “inspired [but not very] by the film *La Jetée*” — the 1962 experimental short composed exclusively of still shots, save one. There are some provocative or at least irksome notions in the script by David and Janet Peoples (Mr. and Mrs.), chief among them the implicit time-travel whopper of one person being two places (and two ages) at once. Any and all ingenuities, however, are avalanched by the customary Terry Gilliam baggage: overproduction; “daft” humor; textbook surrealism; physical repellence; a general ambience of total mess. With Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt, and Christopher Plummer. 1995. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/21 MIDNIGHT)

2001: A Space Odyssey — Much of its reputation comes from exposing the masses to special effects that had been done much more excitingly, not to mention economically, in experimental shorts. Only where money really counts — the finicky construction of model spaceships — does it move into new territory. Kubrick’s paranoid spoofs on modern technocracy have never been very sharp — not then, not before (*Dr. Strangelove*), and not after (*Clockwork Orange*). Nonetheless a definite feeling of awe creeps in now and then during this incomprehensible chronicle of mankind from birth to rebirth. 1968. ★★★★★ (KEN, 4/25)

Vacancy — Kate Beckinsale and Luke Wilson check into a death-trap motel, directed by the Hungarian Nimrod Antal.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/20)

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 C. McGinley; directed by Walt Becker. 2007. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Wind That Shakes the Barley — Ken Loach makes an uncharacteristic excursion into the past — the 1920s, though no more distanced — for an unbalanced view of the Irish “troubles” through the eyes and mouths of the oppressed. Largely unintelligible as a result of the difficult accents, the muddled sound, the nebulous narrative, the slippery directing touch. Even so, the unglamorous brutality (on both sides) makes its point, and an air of authenticity is attained through the atmospheric dank photography and the scrupulous period production, in particular the fine collection of caps and coats. With Cillian Murphy, Pdraic Delaney, Liam Cunningham. 2006. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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después, que les fue ocultada una cirugía mayor en el cerebro y una craneotomía.

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Todo un astro

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Medio siglo después de su partida, Pedro Infante brilla con la misma intensidad, porque es un ídolo, leyenda e historia.

Con varios homenajes, México recordó a su ídolo comenzando con un concierto realizado en Culiacán, además de la proyección de sus cintas y la transmisión radial de sus famosas melodías.

Infante nació en Guamúchil Sinaloa, en

el seno de una familia humilde trabajando desde niño.

En 1943 grabó sus primeros discos y su nombre comenzó a sonar en el país, sumado a su iniciada carrera en el cine, saltando a la fama sin retroceder.

Pedro Infante grabó 350 canciones y filmó casi 50 cintas donde interpretó diferentes personajes que lo convirtieron en el símbolo del pueblo,

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Sufren los niños

Diario San Diego

A un año de la histórica marcha en San Diego, grupos pro migrantes exigen la pronta aprobación de una reforma migratoria justa, los más afectados, como siempre, los niños, son los que menos culpa tienen en los problemas migratorios.

Víctimas de las redadas denunciaron el sufrimiento y temor ante las acciones inhumanas que realizan agentes de inmigración.

"Yo sufro mucho porque mis papás no están conmigo, se los llevaron los agentes, los extraño y no quiero que esto le pase a otros niños", narró triste la pequeña de 8 años, Adiline Muñoz.

Los desgarradores testimonios de niños fueron presentados el día nacional al llamado de acción para la pronta aprobación de una Reforma Migratoria Comprensiva.

Diversas organizaciones defensoras de migrantes recordaron la semana pasada la histórica marcha pro migrante en San Diego con una conferencia en la localidad desde donde salió la protesta el año en pasado.

Al igual que la historia de Adiline, dos niños residentes del Norte del Condado acudieron a pedir que las autoridades escuchen su clamor porque viven atemorizados ante el miedo por las acciones de inmigración.



Nadie los detiene

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El Pachuca sumó diez triunfos al ganar esta semana al Toluca por 2-0 y se mantiene como líder absoluto del torneo Clausura 2007 del fútbol mexicano.

Los goles fueron por parte de Omar Arellano al minuto 42 y del argentino Damián Álvarez, quien selló la victoria del Pachuca al minuto 71 en el estadio "Nemesio Díez" de Toluca, en el partido que cerró la jornada 15 del torneo mexicano.

Pachuca se recuperó del descalabro a mitad de semana gracias a lo práctico de su fútbol y a que aprovechó las debilidades de un Toluca irregular, para obtener al final de su encuentro un favorable 2-0.

De manera inteligente, el Pachuca reservó esfuerzos y resolvió el juego a favor en un par de jugadas rápidas, por la banda de la derecha.

El primer tanto de la visita fue obra de Omar Arellano. Dos minutos antes de que finalizara la primera mitad, Arellano se combinó por el extremo derecho con Marvin

Christian Giménez recibió por la derecha un balón recuperado en un ataque local y abrió el espacio para la llegada de Álvarez, quien se dejó llegar al meta Cristante para tocarle de primera por abajo del cuerpo y poner el 2-0 definitivo.

Toluca, antes un equipo a vencer, no ha podido ser el rival que en otros torneos daba miedo.



Son rescatados

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Las autoridades mexicanas rescataron a 54 ciudadanos que intentaban emigrar de forma ilegal a Estados Unidos y que al parecer fueron abandonados a su suerte por traficantes de personas cerca de la frontera, informaron el sábado fuentes oficiales.

El hallazgo de los inmigrantes legales se produjo el viernes y fue posible después de que la Policía peñalara por aire y por tierra la zona fronteriza de Tecate, en el estado noroccidental de Baja California.

El grupo rescatado permanecía extraviado y sin asistencia desde el jueves y en la operación fueron capturados dos supuestos "polleros" o "coyotes", como se conoce en México a los que ofrecen traslados clandestinos al otro lado de la frontera a cambio de dinero.

La Secretaría de Seguridad Pública del gobierno de ese estado indicó que el área rastreada es una de las de mayor incidencia de delitos y aclaró que el objetivo de la operación fue evitar que los criminales que actúan en ese territorio asaltaran a los emigrantes.

Al comenzar el operativo, que duró tres horas, la policía encontró a dos personas perdidas que llevaban dos días abandonadas en un área agreste y montañosa, una de ellas con una lesión en el tobillo izquierdo y a otra que no tenía agua ni alimentos.

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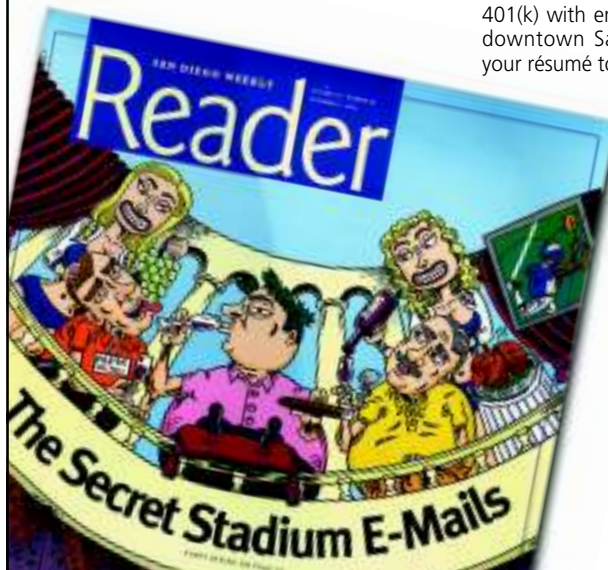
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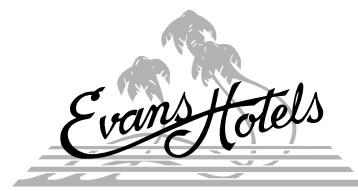
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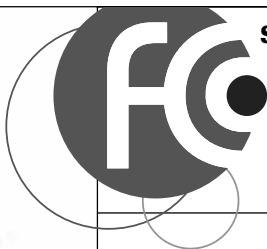
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Kerri DeRosier
Writer
Point Loma

Draw. To be an artist. I would love to paint with watercolors. Not professionally, just for fun. I have zero talent. I wouldn't mind being a professional singer. I do sing, but wouldn't mind singing better, on a professional level. That would be a hoot.



Millie McKibbin
Bank Manager
Kearny Mesa

Sing. As a kid I sang in church choirs. I like to sing to myself or my family. I wouldn't go on *American Idol* if I was given this talent or anything. I'd probably just join my church choir. Or sing to my kids...and grandkids, eventually.



Susan Jamaes
Printing Company
Ocean Beach

I would probably want the ability to sing well. I would join a group. I think I can sing, but others don't seem to enjoy my singing as much as I do. If I could pick a person to sound like, it would probably be Barbra Streisand.



Shari Mager
Wedding Consultant
Clairemont

To get onstage and sing. I took lessons in L.A. The lady wanted to put me in a recital with two songs. She introduced me saying that I had so much talent. I totally choked. I think she confused me with somebody else. I was 19 at the time. It was horrible.



Bronson Pate
Photographer
El Cajon

I was going to say massage, but I think I will go with good organization. I know that is broad. My wife would like that, though. I'm better at work than I am at home. Maybe because clients are on the line. I have gotten better over the years. But that is a talent I just don't seem to have.

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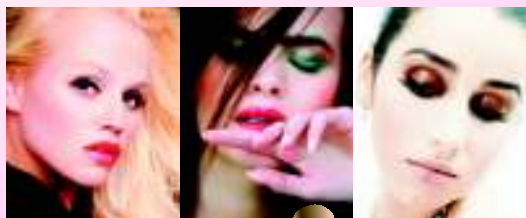
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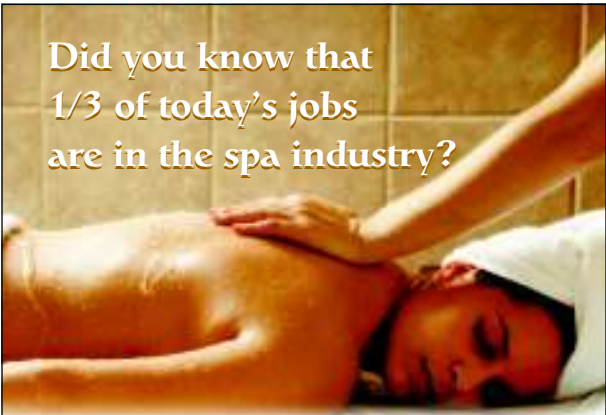
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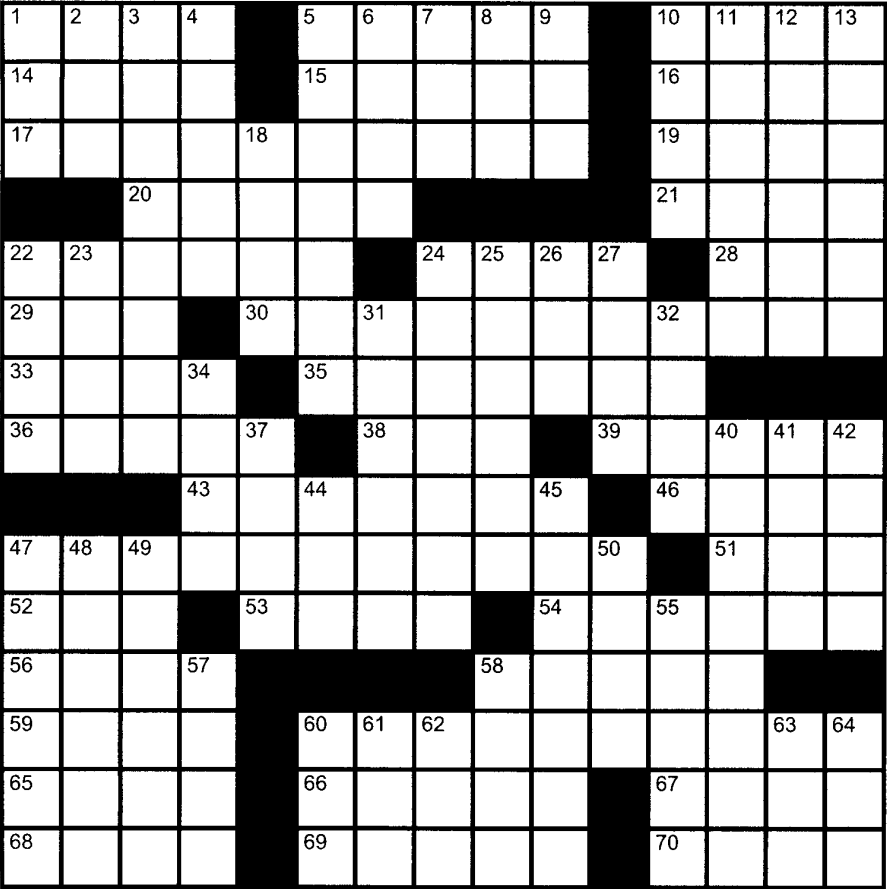
- Across**
- 1. It may be hard to swallow
 - 5. Cup, maybe
 - 10. Taping location of ABC's "Lost"
 - 14. Sewing case
 - 15. Show hospitality at the door
 - 16. Ladder rung
 - 17. It will kill a bill
 - 19. Hall of Fame pitcher Wilhelm
 - 20. Go back for more salsa
 - 21. Novelist Seton
 - 22. Wynn of "Dr. Strangelove"
 - 24. Mex. ladies
 - 28. Peachy-keen
 - 29. Que. neighbor
 - 30. Current worth
 - 33. "Superman" role
 - 35. Lawyer to avoid
 - 36. Light ____
 - 38. No. of ft. above sea level
 - 39. "____ all makes sense!"
 - 43. Big utility pipe
 - 46. "Good heavens!"
 - 47. Where George Washington is buried
51. Dadaist Jean
52. Aardvark victim
53. Ivory source
54. Precisely
56. "Project Runway" host Heidi
58. Pharmacy items
59. Land of shamrocks
60. Product line (or, if you look closely, something to spot in three places in this puzzle's grid)
65. Roomy places?
66. Furry outbacker
67. Spice Girl Halliwell
68. D'Urberville lass
69. Coral island
70. Wilson of "Wedding Crashers"

- Down**
- 1. Invigorate, with "up"
 - 2. "How was ____ know?"
 - 3. Women's rights activist Mott
 - 4. Compare
 - 5. Green films
 - 6. Say you'll go, say
 - 7. Mike and ____ (candy brand)
 - 8. Promgoer's woe
 - 9. Brian who produced U2's "The Joshua Tree"
 - 10. Dept. of Labor division
 - 11. Lacking a key, in music
 - 12. "Pst!"
 - 13. Comprehension
 - 18. Cheese tray selection
 - 22. Caffeine source
 - 23. Seth's son
 - 24. Subject of a Shelley ode

- 25. Two-thirds of RIP
- 26. Call letters?
- 27. "The Gutenberg Elegies" author Birkerts
- 31. Ving of "Pulp Fiction"
- 32. Suffix with buck
- 34. A coach may flash one
- 37. "Round and Round" rock group
- 40. "How's tricks?"
- 41. '50s Hungarian premier Nagy
- 42. Word with blood or body
- 44. "Law & Order: ____"
- 45. Fake
- 47. Hit the big time
- 48. Shopping with a mouse, e.g.
- 49. Driving school practice
- 50. Proper ____
- 55. To the max, '60s-style
- 57. Jumble
- 58. Compaq competitor
- 60. Letters before an alias
- 61. Lush
- 62. ____ Paolo, Brazil
- 63. Quattro - uno
- 64. Diesel of "XXX"

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- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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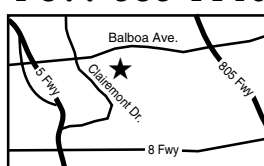


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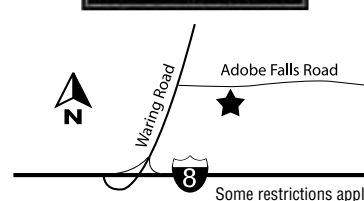
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Our first date was just so-so, and afterwards I backed off from seeing him again. My pulling away after that first encounter was probably a big incentive for him to pursue me, and then when I showed renewed interest it probably became a stimulus to him to move off and dis-appoint me.

He repeatedly pulled me close and then pushed me away. I felt off balance much of the time, and I was often confused. We had many long phone conversations in which he shared many details of his childhood. My sensitive and nurturing self felt sorry for his wounded inner child. I listened way too much. He was needy — for understanding, for attention, for acceptance — and my need to feel important was being fed by his neediness.

It was a neurotic lock. I see that now. Eventually we had about 12 more dates. I was flattered that he found me attractive and sexy. I kept thinking that if I could just love him enough, he'll get healthier, emotionally. He was

smart, articulate, and funny. He was well read. We were both teachers. I enjoyed his insights on politics and movies. We both loved dogs, books, children, traveling. He made me laugh. There was chemistry, and there were some magic moments. I felt needed.

All the while, the part of me that wasn't obsessed with Jim was urging caution. It was pointing out things that I preferred to ignore. He's a big gas bag. He always has to be the center of attention. He's always "on." He hardly ever asks a thing about me. He was rude to that poor waiter at the restaurant the first time we met. Gratuitous sarcasm about others. And he constantly dumps on his siblings and his parents!

Every past relationship that hadn't worked out for him was always someone else's fault. He told me stories of how he used people. He liked to mock people and put them down. My doubts began to smolder. "He's sweet to you now," I'd say to myself, "but if he's like that with others, you know your day will come. If you weren't ass over teakettle in love, you really might not like

him all that much."

One day I read a series of articles about love. Love, one said, was a form of insanity. The victim attributes impossible qualities to the beloved object. The victim becomes sleepless, loses appetite, and fails to think clearly. These, the article went on, are the symptoms of clinical psychosis! I'd heard all this before, but now it was sinking in. I reread every word. "There you are," murmured a little voice that was growing louder. "That's you."

He and I started bickering. Then, after a big argument, I ended it. And he wormed his way back into my good graces. We tried again. There were two more disconnects... and reconnects. The deathblow to our relationship came when I developed a concern about my health. I needed him to listen, and his response was, "I don't want any heavy emotional discussions."

What? After I had spent countless hours listening to him, being encouraging, being supportive? It was then that I realized that this man was unfixable, and I had to get out and stay out. One of my female friends said, "Try this: Say to yourself,

"I have more respect for myself than to do this anymore." She was right.

That was two years ago, and although I was devastated at first, my life eventually went back to normal. Women, you need to sit quietly with yourself and simply pay attention to your body. To your gut. To your feelings. Sit with them. Process them. What are you feeling? Can you find that place inside yourself where you just "know"?

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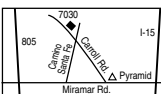
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— Doug Guetzloe, one of central Florida’s most prominent political operatives (and a subject of investigations by the Florida Elections Commission and a highway agency in Orlando), had long eluded criminal charges by denying any knowledge of unethical activities that prosecutors were sure he was involved in. However, late last year, Guetzloe missed a payment on his rental storage locker, and 50 boxes of his personal and professional records were seized and auctioned for \$10 to a curious citizen, who then gave them to Orlando’s WKMG-TV, which had several earlier investigations of Guetzloe still pending. Based on early readings of the storage-locker papers, Guetzloe was indicted for felony perjury in March, and the case continues.

People With Issues

— A federal appeals court in March turned down Ruth Parks’s challenge to her reelection loss in 2001 as the recorder-treasurer of Horseshoe Bend, Ark., which she blamed on a conspiracy by the mayor and police chief. The court concluded that voters, not a conspiracy, had defeated her, perhaps because of the prominence of her belief in UFOs and the conflicting views of her and her husband as to whether she personally had ever been abducted by aliens: She said she hadn’t, but her husband said she had, many times, and that the aliens had left scars.

Latest Rights

— Di Yerbury, the retiring vice chancellor of Australia’s Macquarie University, is embroiled in a dispute with her successor over her spending habits, leading the successor to seize 1000 pieces of art that Yerbury tried to take with her as she left. She has asserted that many of the works she had on display are her personal property, including a painting of a woman’s derriere that she said she posed for 31 years earlier, and she offered in February to have the then-wife of the painter testify that the posterior in the painting is indeed Yerbury’s.

— Former pastor and Southern Baptist leader

Lonnie Latham, who had for years prominently preached against homosexuality, was arrested outside a hotel in Oklahoma City in 2006 and charged with soliciting a lewd encounter with a man. But rather than tearfully apologize and enter rehab, Latham demanded a trial to proclaim his constitutional right to engage in consensual sex with an adult male, and in March 2007, he was acquitted.

Ironies

— (1) In January, a news crew for the Milwaukee station WDJT-TV, which was reporting a story on the danger of thin ice covering Big Muskego Lake, watched as their high-tech van’s driver mistakenly drove onto the lake and broke through the ice, ruining the expensive vehicle. (2) At a fancy, catered-food affair for the World Social Forum meeting at the five-star Windsor Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, in January (where participants munched between discussion sessions on, among other topics, world hunger), street kids who normally beg for food money downtown raided the facility and picked the tables clean.

— Mario Sims, 21, had his bail revoked, for a second time by a judge in Racine, Wis., in March, after he cut off his electronic monitoring device and hopped into a limousine to be driven to Chicago in order to be a guest on *The Jerry Springer Show*, where he announced that he will marry his soon-to-arrive baby’s mother, who is Sims’s half-sister. Sims was also a guest on the show last year, defending his affair with the woman.

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) Students from rival campus organizations at the Dawood Engineering College in Karachi, Pakistan, had fistfights and threw furniture at each other in a January confrontation over which group should get credit for putting up posters urging students not to fight on campus. (2) A condominium on New York City’s Upper East Side filed a \$500,000 lawsuit in February against a Subway sandwich shop on the building’s first floor, complaining about “nauseating”

food odors, but according to a *New York Sun* reporter, the dominant “smell” involved is a scent highly valued by many clear-nosed, non-New Yorkers: fresh-baked bread.

Are We Safe?

— (1) The Department of Homeland Security’s inspector general revealed in March that, although 52 teams are at work tracking down foreigners who remain in the country even after being ordered out, the agency still has a backlog of 620,000 of these fugitive aliens. (However, the inspector general also admitted that there are not enough jail cells to detain that many fugitives, anyway.) (2) In February, after a three-month court battle, Indian national Mohammed Yousuf Mullawala, 28, was ordered deported for submitting false documents to authorities after his visa expired. He originally attracted attention at a truck-driving school in Smithfield, R.I., where he was allegedly curious about buying dangerous chemicals. Also, while seemingly intent on learning to drive a big rig, he was reportedly uninterested in learning how to back one up.

— In March, a 35-year-old Iraqi national was detained at Los Angeles International Airport after security workers discovered a half-inch magnet, wrapped in gum and inside a napkin, tied by a coiled wire and housed in his rectum. He was released after he convinced investigators that he is merely a practitioner of therapeutic uses of magnets. (Earlier in 2007, *The Lancet* medical journal published a doctor’s letter to inform security officials that patients with perianal sepsis are typically treated by inserting suture material, knotted on one end but with the other extending outside the anus, a sight that might suggest to security monitors that drugs or explosives were at the other end of the string.)

Least Competent Criminals

— (1) Two Bulgarian nationals were arrested in San Marcos, Texas, in January after being caught allegedly robbing coin-change machines at an apartment complex, and police subsequently found apartment guides for several cities in their

van, along with a half-ton of quarters (\$18,700). (2) Kevin Russell, 21, was arrested in Hobart, Ind., in February when he went to a Chase Bank and tried to cash a Bank One check for \$50,000. The check was signed, “King Savior, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Servant.”

Recurring Themes

— Traditional Chinese celebrations have been mentioned several times in “News of the Weird,” including the annual Tombsweeping Festival in April, which calls on people to visit relatives’ graves and leave offerings that will improve the afterlives of the deceased. Actual objects (such as jewelry and money) are no longer required, as paper representations are considered just as effective. This year, according to an Agence France-Presse dispatch, paper illustrations of dancing girls will adorn many graves, along with paper “Viagra” pills (and even more questionably, paper renditions of condoms).

Compelling Explanations

— “[Death row] is the calmest place I’ve ever been in,” said convicted murderer Paul John Fitzpatrick in March to a judge in Largo, Fla., hoping to avoid a mere life sentence, which would place him in the general prison population. “I probably found the most peace I’ve ever had in my whole life [in his previous experience] on death row,” he said. “It’s just a hell of a lot easier...doing time with murderers than it is with fools.” (A decision was still pending at press time.)

— In January, Georgia’s devout governor, Sonny Perdue, ignored religion as the reason he supports the state’s Sunday no-beer-sales law (and religion would be a constitutionally impermissible basis for the law, anyway). Rather, Perdue said, the real beauty of the Sunday law is merely to force Georgians to manage their time better, by getting everyone to finish their shopping for spirits by Saturday.

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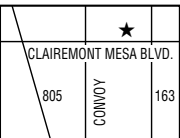
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Thirty Years Ago

Approximately 10,000 Indians reside in San Diego County, with roughly 7,500 living in an urban setting and 2,500 on or around the 17 reservations. There are four tribal clans native to the area. The Diegueños, located primarily in the southern part of the county, and named by the Spanish after the mission (San Diego), are identified with the Yuman language group, which is widespread throughout Mexico and along the border.

—“SURVIVORS,” David Helvarg, April 21, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

On the night of February 25, two San Diego policemen stumbled across a gang war on Sixth Avenue, between Market and Island streets. Bottles were thrown, knives and clubs brandished. The rival groups were transsexuals. They look for business in the blocks roughly bounded by Fourth and Tenth avenues to the west and east, Broadway to the north, and Market Street to the south. It was competition for the best street corners, coupled with an influx of transsexuals from other cities, that led to February’s confrontation.

—CITY LIGHTS: “THE BATTLE OF QUEENS’ CORNERS,”

Paul Krueger, April 22, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

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—“GRINGO STREET,” Neal Matthews, April 23, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Someone said General King has surrendered and everybody is to surrender to the Japs. We were supposed to destroy our weapons and the forest around Baguio and Mariveles.

We were quite dejected at that point, starved to death, sick. We’d been on starvation rations for days.

There were 12 to 15 of us together from antitank. We had malaria, dysentery, dengue fever. There are gaps in my memory of the 13 days as a POW on the Death March.

The first thing they did was take us out in

a bare field, line us up, and have us put all our personal effects on the ground and strip down to our shorts. Then they took everything they wanted from us. They took our used toothbrushes. And if they caught you with Japanese money on you, that was your death warrant.

—“DIE FREE: ESCAPE OF A BATAAN BATTLER,”

Leon Beck with Neal Matthews, April 23, 1992

Ten Years Ago

It’s just wrong to assert that Jacor “had Roger to lunch.” I’m on the air during the lunch hour. I never met with any Jacor person at any time on this issue. I read their memo on supporting the stadium and filed it.

Moreover, I never “berated” Richard Rider. I did denounce Bruce Henderson, who promised me he’d meet privately with Susan Golding to try and settle the lawsuit but then showed up with the media. Bruce lied to me and I didn’t appreciate it. But even then I continued to support the referendum.

Roger Hedgecock

—“LETTERS,” April 17, 1997

Five Years Ago

According to the Travelocity website, Lindbergh Field ranks number four on the list of



San Diego Reader, April 23, 1992

major airports “having overall waits of 60 minutes or longer due to increased security measures.”... At least two lucky San Diego city councilmembers have much less of an airport wait. After last week’s item here about San Diego city councilman Jim Madaffer being the only one to report getting a free parking space at Lindbergh from the port district, a staffer from the office of Madaffer’s fellow councilmember Toni Atkins called to note that Atkins, too, had claimed the coveted freebie.

—CITY LIGHTS: “UNLUCKY LINDY,” Matt Potter, April 18, 2002

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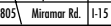
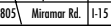
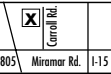
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FIFTEEN FEET FROM NATALIE

My interest in Natalie Portman began when I saw a trailer for *Mars Attacks*. I was 16. I didn't know who she was, but her almond eyes and aquiline nose caught my attention. I did research and found that she had appeared in a few films. After renting them, I was at an impasse. *Mars Attacks* had not yet been released, and I had exhausted her brief oeuvre.

Around this time, the term "world wide web" was becoming a part of the American lexicon. During a visit to my computer-equipped mother's home, I found that others shared my interest in Natalie and had built shrines to her on the Internet. I read all the interviews I could and discovered evidence that further fueled my obsession. Like me, Natalie was a 16-year-old junior in high school, a vegetarian of many years, and found the word "clutter" to be pleasing to the ear. I felt a common bond with her. All the older men taking an interest in the 16-year-old girl sickened me. It was okay for me to be interested in her; in fact, if one were to take stock of the evidence, I had many good reasons to be infatuated. She was meant for me, not all those other crazy, creepy guys. I knew what I had to do. I needed to go to New York to meet Natalie.

After coming to this conclusion, I attempted to hatch a plan to get to New York. I had many fantasies about hitchhiking there, spending a few days with some nonexistent artist friends, and just happening to see Natalie at a local pizza parlor. We would hit it off immediately, and she would bring me home to her artist mother and obstetrician father. Initially, they would be skeptical of my atheism, yet sensing their daughter's feelings, they would decide to reserve judgment. I

would help her rehearse for auditions, and she would provide the muse for my inner writer.

But reality sunk in: I lived 3000 miles away and could no sooner afford a trip to New York than I could a new pair of shoes.

A few months later, word came that the pilgrimage might actually come to fruition. My aunt offered to take me to New York City with her during spring break. I jumped at the chance. A quick look at queenamidallasplace.com verified what I had suspected: Natalie would be performing on Broadway in *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

I was worried that I wouldn't be able to convince my Aunt to see the tragic play, but she was game. And so it was that I ended up sitting 15 feet away from Natalie Portman for more than two hours. I couldn't believe my good fortune. After the show, I was surprised to discover that we had chosen a night when the cast would answer questions from the audience. Initially, Natalie didn't appear on stage, and my heart sank. I

was starting to worry that "select members of the cast" did not include her. But then she came out. She was giggly and acted like the teenage girl she was, yet she answered questions thoughtfully and professionally. My crush reached its highest point.

The next day I resolved to write Natalie a letter expressing how I felt. I tried



to formulate the right combination of words that would warrant a response. I cringe now to even think of the specifics of the mash note I later delivered to the play's stage manager. Needless to say, she never replied. But at the time, I was convinced she would write me back.

One Saturday, not long

after returning home, a hand-written envelope with a New York return address arrived in the mail. I allowed myself to be excited for a few seconds and then ripped open the envelope to find a brochure from Columbia College that I had requested while in New York.

My disappointment eventually evolved into disinterest. I stopped going to websites dedicated to Natalie, and 1999's *Anywhere But Here* was the last film I saw solely because she was in it. As she and I both began to become adults, my infatuation came to an end. I wanted the cuter, younger version of her, but she was long gone. As that form of her began to mature and change, so did the part of me that was so obsessed with her — she was left with severely prominent cheekbones, and I no longer have the ability to harbor celebrity crushes of such magnitude.

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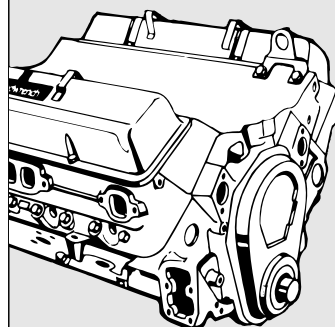
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BLOG DIEGO

I get frustrated hearing people talk about how Second Life isn't entertaining or that it's only useful for advertising to "freaks, furies, age-play perverts, and prank-loving adolescents." I decided to put together a list of things to do in Second Life as a resource for people curious about the game and something I can point to next time I read one of those misguided attacks.

I don't really blame the people who think there's nothing to do in Second Life. One of the areas where Second Life is weakest is in introducing newcomers to the world. The user interface is confusing, and, worse, once you've got that mastered, it's hard to figure out what to do. The newbie is confronted with an array of cybersex areas, online casinos, and sleazy make-money-fast schemes. But, once you get past that initial barrier, you'll find plenty of things to do in Second Life.

1. *Talk to other people.* I interviewed one Second Life skeptic who dismissed SL, saying it's just a chatroom with graphics. But that's actually one of its strengths. The 3D nature of Second Life allows me to suspend disbelief and be *somewhere else*, not at my desk staring at a screen. I can chat in Second Life for quite some time, exchanging jokes or having deeper discussions with friends.

2. *Dancing.* Here's how it works: You send your avatar off to an SL dance club or bar. There's music playing — it's streaming audio that

plays over your PC speakers. Everybody hears the same music. You click on a "dance ball," and away you go — your avatar starts dancing, with all the other dancing avatars. Sure, it looks silly, but that's part of the fun. And while you're dancing, you're engaged in text chat with the other dancers around you.

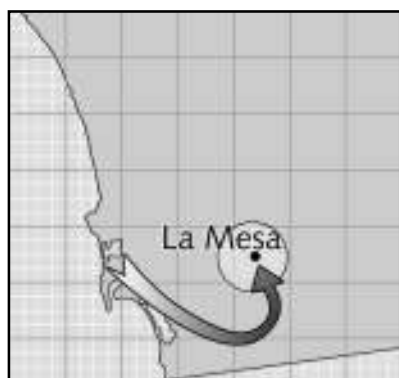
3. *Building and creating things.* People spend huge amounts of time in Second Life building and scripting houses and furniture and especially clothing and avatars. Users write scripts to control how the avatar moves. They create vehicles to drive or fly around or through Second Life.

4. *Doing business.* You can make real-world money in Second Life. But that's not what I'm talking about here. Most of the people in business in Second Life aren't making any significant amounts of money at all. Business is a game in Second Life.

The amounts of money changing hands are pretty small. You can

buy a nice suit of clothes in SL for about a buck and a quarter. You can buy a house for less than ten bucks.

Doing business in Second Life has many of the same benefits that it has in the real world. To do business, you have to talk to other peo-



ple. In SL as in RL, you have to find a place to sell your stuff; you have to advertise it and market it; you have to deal with customers.

Consider a Second Life dance hall: Somebody built it (more likely a team of somebodies). They employ DJs who are spinning music over streaming audio. The dance hall will employ hosts and

hostesses to make guests feel welcome. There are often people who work security, to guard against in-world pranksters known as "griefers." All these people are building community by talking and working together and having fun. The employees — DJs, hosts and hostesses, and security guards — are mostly in it for fun, role-playing at having jobs.

5. *Shopping.* With all those people building clothes and avatars and vehicles and things, Second Life has plenty of shops, and you can while away many pleasant hours committing SL retail. I like to do it alone, but many people do it with friends, same as shopping in the real world.

6. *Role-playing games.* The Second Life variety of RPG is half improvisational theater and half reenactment (like Civil War reenactors in real life). Players behave and move in character and interact with each other. Examples: Midian is sort of like *Sin City* or *Bladerunner* with vampires and hellhounds.

The activity in Midian sometimes involves cybersex, so be warned. Roma is a reenactment of the pageantry, holidays, and gladiator combat of ancient Rome. Tombstone recreates the cowboy town of Tombstone, AZ, at the time of the gunfight at the OK Corral.

7. *Other kinds of games.* You can find WoW/Everquest-style fantasy games in SL, as well as shoot-'em-ups, and even quidditch, from the Harry Potter novels. The other night, while wandering around SL, I found a delightful bowling alley, with one of those futuristic space-age signs that were so popular in the real world in the 1950s.

8. *See the sights.* Sightseeing is one of my favorite things to do. Just wander around Second Life, exploring and looking at all the beautiful things users have built. How do you know where to go? Well, you can ask people. The SL search tool, which is part of the software client, has a list of popular places, along with their coordinates. You can also search on keywords. When you're going somewhere, don't take the most direct route. Wander and look around a bit. Or just click places on the game map at random and see where you end up.

9. *Sailing.* The Nantucket Yacht Club and other in-game venues offer sailing in Second Life. Capture the virtual winds and cruise around the world.

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I don't know if anybody's ever asked. There have been a lot of people with signs and megaphones who march and shout about those things, but the standup thing to do is ask politely. You know, if somebody's bugging you or doing something uncool, the thing to do is ask them to quit it. I'm not sure that's happened yet, so I thought I'd start.

I know you've had to work hard to get where you are, and you and your friends should be compensated fairly. Sure, I'm all for that. I mean, I never went to college; hell, I barely graduated high school. I didn't work my way up through management positions, take leadership-training courses, rally employees, or successfully complete projects that made a company "hit its quarterly earnings projections." So I'm glad you guys are doing things like that.

I never ran for a public office, either. There's a lot involved in being elected, and I get that you guys used to be those high-powered leaders of companies or doctors and lawyers and things, and you've got that successful past and worked hard to get where you are.

But, look, you're in charge of how much money comes out of my paycheck, and you're in charge of who gets that money, and it looks like you're taking more from me and giving more to your friends in the suits. Sure, there's some amount of nepotism and net-working involved in any job; I'm cool with that, but you guys are breaking the law, or you're changing the law, to make it okay to give your buddies in the suits more money and take more from me. And, also, it sucks that kids are dying, *ours and theirs*.

So, could you stop that? Everyone. Can you guys quit doing those things?

Also, when the people on TV or in the papers or on the radio catch you doing that stuff — killing people or robbing or blowing things up — could you stop blaming them? Or, worse, could you stop killing them when they're in your country? TV reporters are only doing their job.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19

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MSNBC 5:00 A.M.

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NICK CANNON: SHORT CIRCUITZ

MTV 7:30 P.M.

There are a great number of things in youth culture with which I am out of touch. I prided myself on being a stalwart of generational ideas and change based on young minds. Now what am I? An old man who drinks too much cof-

fee and wants to slap kids off their skateboards as they roll past. Soon I think I will cultivate an odor about me, wear only ugly clothes, and snarl...to really embrace my new identity. Yelling at inanimate objects and wearing a hideous toupee can't be far behind.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

BONES

FOX 9:00 P.M.

It must be hard to come up with new television ideas. TV execs have to be rigid in their purpose. Shoving entertainment into the households of millions of people might sound easy, but it takes a lot of lubrication to get acceptance from the masses. Advertisers need to be cajoled and stroked. It's stiff work: putting pencil to paper with iron-pipe aggression. There's no magic wand for this sort of thing.

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TNT 8:00 A.M.

Don't want none unless you got buns, hon! How fitting that Jennifer Lopez was cast as the female lead.

SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES

SCIENCE 8:00 P.M.

Once I perfect my remotely beamed energy system and my brain has been scanned into an indestructible computer hard drive the size of an atom, I will captain a one-man glider into a black hole. In the distant universe on the other side of the hole, I will have my brain downloaded into the body of a giant robot rhinoceros, and I will eat a sun to beam the energy to earth. Then I will return to claim my right as ruler of the world and all the women, drugs, and cars that go along with it. You won't have to bow, but a kiss on the ring every now and then would be nice.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

BORN IN THE WRONG BODY

MSNBC 9:00 P.M.

Why is it okay to switch over from being a boy to being a girl or vice-versa, but it's not okay for me to want a bionic monkey tail, ram's horns, and bat wings? Sure, a doctor will pump me up with estrogen and lop off the man who does the thinking for me, but that doctor won't graft a second pair of arms under my first pair and make me four feet taller. It's racism is what it is. Or some kind of "cism." "Medical ethics," my fuzzy white rear end.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

SEX AND THE CITY

WGN 8:00 P.M.

Here's a list of things I've said recently after "the act" — you know, Making the Wookiee in the Rain: (1) "Yes, that is a banana on your neck." (2) "What am I: British all of a sudden?" (3) "Look! My Transformers all fit in the back of my Tonka dump truck." Oh, it takes a brave woman to date me. A brave woman, indeed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

SAM THE COOKING GUY

CA45D 5:30 P.M.



Bones

Here is my recipe for the best asparagus ever. First, boil your asparagus. I don't know how long. Enough so that they're not hard like sticks. Then, slather the nasty green plant with something to make it taste good. Some like mayonnaise or butter. I prefer hot sauce and hummus. Eat the whole gross thing. Here's the good part. Enjoy the "after effects." What I call, "Stinkle Tinkle." God, I love asparagus.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

NEWS 8

NBC 5:00 P.M.

My friend, Steve the Texan, and I have been discussing the case in which the drunk-driving football player was shot by an off-duty police officer here in San Diego. The reason given — the reason that is *always* given by the police, is that the football player reached into his waistband. No way to prove it. My word against yours. Steve the Texan says, "If I was that ball player's lawyer, my case would revolve around proof that on the night in question my client was wearing a sans-a-belt jumpsuit like the one my dad had in 1976." I want it in writing that Steve the Texan will be appointed as my attorney if I'm ever shot for a DUI.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

LINDSAY LOHAN'S SHOCKING MOMENTS

VH1 1:30 P.M.

It's too bad that I'm too old to take the Lindsay Lohan approach to fame. Make a couple kid movies. Never learn to act. Get rich and famous and be photographed for the cover of men's magazines all predicated on the fact that I'm a drunken, partying slut. I look good in a backless silky tank top and leather skirt, too. Damn.

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“Where are these so-called novels by...‘Brizolxkszzio?’”

By John Brizzolara

George Orwell once said something to the effect (which is why I won't put quotes around it, but I need to attribute it to him) that, ahem, deciding to write a novel is to deliberately undergo a prolonged illness, un-ahem. This strikes me as very true and puts me in the odd position of having been in touch with an editor who tells me, “I like it so far. I need to see more, completed if possible,” which is like hearing the doctor say, “Great outbreak of psoriasis. See me when it gets worse, kills you, or damn near anyway.” You've got to do it because this guy is one of the best at your type of disease. You'd normally never get an appointment with him if yours weren't a particularly interesting set of symptoms.

So, to get my effects in order...forget financially; that way will always lay chaos and never stopped me before. The fact that I already have a (mostly) full-time job is not a drawback either; again, it didn't stop me the first four times. Actually, make that three times. The third novel was my only paying job at the time. “Oh, really?” I can hear certain readers; “Where are these so-called novels by...‘Brizolxkszzio?’ I didn't see them by the Dean Grishams and the James Mitchums and the Henry Mailers, and,

oh yeah, the Stephen King section.” That's because they were all into and out of print during the big Halley's Comet hubbub and got lost in all the excitement. But they did get written and one way or another got out there.

Raymond Chandler had a method for self-discipline that involved sitting in front of the typewriter for an hour (I believe it was) every day; and while he did not have to work on his fiction, he forbade himself from doing anything else. He could not write a check or a letter, could not pare his nails, etc. I assume he allowed himself to smoke and — during certain periods of his life — to drink. Well, I have to sit here anyway by virtue of job #2 (or it could be considered job #2b) and during downtime from that task (about 45 minutes out of the hour), if I do not write a column or something else for the paper, I must work on the novel. When this sounds like asking a lot from myself, I think of my friend Chano, a Tijuana resident and La Jolla restaurant worker who does more every day by noon than most people do in a week. In fact, if I were to use Chano as a protagonist in a novel (which is not a bad idea), I can just hear the editor say, “I don't know. Is the reader going to believe somebody actually does all this stuff even before he gets to work?”

Budgeting time has given way to the next order of difficulty, which Colin Wilson calls the Paradoxical Nature of Freedom, and I will butcher if I try to paraphrase here (Wilson has filled volumes with similes, metaphors, analogies) but it has to do with that buoyant, first-day-of-a-holiday feeling turning to boredom and a sense of futility. Also, there is Wilson's radical suggestion (somewhat differently put than other existentialists) that the ordinary state of human consciousness is a kind of depression. You see, I have amassed an ingenious arsenal of obstacles, antipersonnel weapons to prevent me from doing anything as pretentiously fancy-pants as writing a novel. I have my mother's long generations of Calvinist moral objections to it and my Chicago upbringing telling me that writing novels is a gateway activity to drinking beer out of a glass and then styling the hair of my male friends while wearing hot pants.

There is one powerful antidote for all of this, however, and that is a story. I must tell a story to myself that I hunger for and is simply not available anywhere else. Finding that hunger is where the intellectual minefields are, and



here it is best to just close your eyes and use the force. If when you open your eyes, you find you have written *Clone Jedi of Tatooine*, well then, there you go.

Someone — Norman Mailer? No, Mario Puzo — once compared novel-writing to safecracking. The idea was that you could spend years with your ear to the tumbler, then one day crack that combination, the door swings open, and you are allowed to type — only it's nothing anyone wants to read, maybe not even you.

A story consists of a series of what-happens-next reactions in the person to whom you're telling the story, and at first that's you. So as I hold out an imagined event to myself like a carrot on a fishing line just a few paces before me, instead of asking me, “How's the novel going?” Please, God, not that. Ask, instead: “Catch anything today?”

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