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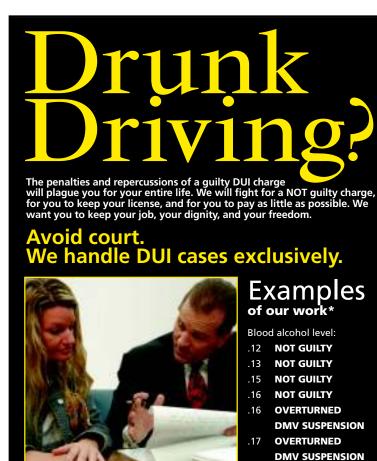


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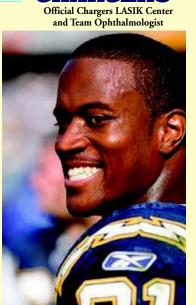
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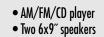
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Into the abyss Union-Tribune circulation continues to plummet. The collapse may not simply



reflect demographic and industry factors affecting other metro dailies. The downfall may in part reflect San Diegans' disgust with the continued mixing of news and editorial policy, such as the never-ending smear of City Attorney Mike Aguirre, whose poll popularity remains well above 50 percent and whose core supporters hold their views strongly.

On Monday of this week, the Audit Bureau of Circulations announced newspapers' circulations for the six months ended March 31 of this year compared with a similar period in 2006. The U-T's daily circulation was 296,331, down 6.6 percent from last year, Sunday was 378,696, down a stunning 7.3 percent from a year earlier. These figures, low as they are, continue to be bloated by "other paid" circulation, or those papers that land in your driveway gratuitously, purchased by retail advertisers. The North County Times's daily circulation inched up to 91,212, one of the few industry gains. Sunday was down slightly to 91,627. Daily circulation at the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register dropped 4.2 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

*U-T* staffers aren't surprised. They were told in the company house organ that December Sunday circulation plunged last year to 380,817 from 445,362 in December 2005. February's Sunday circulation was a mere 374,685, down from 406,534 a year earlier. Results for SignOnSanDiego.com have been volatile dropping sharply in December of last year but rebounding this February.

Ironically, the *U-T* showed its colors two days before the bad news hit. It ran another Aguirre hit piece last Saturday, probably timed to appear just before superior court judge Michael Wellington heard defense pleas Monday to have the city attorney's office removed from the influence-peddling case against **Tom Story**, the Sunroad Enterprises official charged with twisting arms of city bureaucrats without waiting the required year after leaving the city payroll. The piece was to run Sunday, according to inside sources, but was moved to Saturday to embarrass Aguirre, who was addressing the California Democratic Party Convention in San Diego that day. The matter was still being argued Wednesday.

The San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee has officially lauded Aguirre's efforts



to prosecute financial corruption plaguing the city. It also deplores the attempt by District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and others to take away the city attorney's ability to prosecute misdemeanors. That is widely considered another move to shield developers, the tourist industry, and the chamber of commerce — something

the U-T does regularly. It may regret that strategy.

"The *U-T* is improperly trying to influence the judge," says Aguirre, denouncing the story as "halftruths and innuendos." He says, "People are angry with the paper." Statistics suggest he may have a point.

Jailbirds Former Swiss banker Paul Erdman,

an all-time great financial writer, died April 23 at age 74, in Sonoma County, north of San Francisco. Not far away in Marin County, at last report, is former San Diego business/political wire-puller and jailbird Richard T. Silberman. In attempting to penetrate the murky offshore banking world, Silberman tapped Erdman's expertise several times and was involved peripherally in Erdman's becoming a writer.

Just before being arrested in an FBI money-laundering sting in 1989, Silberman boasted to a disguised agent that he had companies in offshore havens in Panama, Hong Kong, and Switzerland. Silberman was convicted the following year and served 37 months in prison. But he had been dabbling in offshore tax and secrecy havens for three decades. In 1960, Silberman and former San Diegan Charles E. Salik peddled stock in tax-protected, Bermuda-based Electronics International



Richard Silberman

Capital, whose mission was to invest in European electronics companies. But not understanding the code words, Silberman and Salik bought into some doggy companies. Enter Erdman, a Ph.D. from the University of Basel, who was hired to help. Silberman "was a little out of his depth," Erdman said in 1989. Losses mounted.

Finally, Silberman and Salik were ousted in a coup engineered by Jerome Kohlberg, who was later a founder of the legendary leveraged buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis & Roberts. Kohlberg's lawyer was Joe Flom, who went on to become Wall Street's premier takeover

Salik then launched a Swiss bank and hired Erdman as boss. The bank got involved in a currency-speculation scandal and failed ignominiously. Swiss authorities charged Erdman with "unfaithful management." He was detained for a year in a Swiss jail — well, sort of. His meals were sent in by his favorite restaurants. In this so-called confinement, he started penning novels. He went on to write some superb books: The Silver Bears, The Crash of '79, and The Panic of '89, among

In 1967, Silberman and Robert O. Peterson, who had made a bundle selling Jack in the Box to Ralston Purina, bought more than 20 percent of Southern California First National Bank, Under them, the oncestaid bank loaned money to 1960s go-go humbuggers such as Detroit banker Donald Parsons, Colorado's King Resources, and San Diego's U.S. Financial. Silberman and Peterson wanted to buy into a Swiss bank and again sought out Erdman. Banking authorities wouldn't permit Southern California First to do it, so Silberman and Peterson bought a position themselves. "They were attracted by the romance of Swiss banking," Erdman said. The next time Erdman saw Silberman was in 1980 when Jerry Brown was running for president. Erdman chatted with Silberman at a New York soiree attended by Jackie Onassis, Gore Vidal, and Norman Mailer. Silberman, then Brown's chief financial aide, "thought he was going to wind up being Secretary of the Treasury," chuckled Erdman. Silberman didn't make it.

— Don Bauder and Matt Potter

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#### **Bumptious Burro-crats**

By Don Bauder

ayor Jerry Sanders would like San Diegans to believe that the City's sins will soon be in the past. He inherited a mess

and proclaims he is fixing it. His predecessors practiced "delay, deny, or deceive,"

year. But as his administration's bumptious handling of two recent accounting and pension-related matters reveals, all that's changed is the alliteration. It's now "befog, besmirch,

For example, on March 16 the accounting firm KPMG released the longdelayed audit of 2003. In accounting patois, it was 'clean"; KPMG said it represented fairly"in all material respects" the City's then-condition. That same day, a beaming Sanders and his aides held a celebratory press conference. The KPMG report referred to a second report on the City's internal controls and said it was an integral part of the audit.

 an accounting system so disheveled it is wide open to errors and fraud. The second report was released to city officials on March 22.

That devastating

report concludes that

the City had — and,

importantly, still has

But San Diegans didn't learn about this document until April 19, when Councilmember Donna Frye finally got it from deputy comptroller Greg Levin and posted it on her website. Levin then fired

off a laughable memo chewing her out for sharing information with the public.

Similarly, there is a second instance of the City's withholding information from its elected officials: until Frye asked some questions at a council meeting on April 16, she and her colleagues had not heard about a scheme to switch the payment of pension benefits of what I call "the 100 Percent Club" — those city employees whose pensions will be 100 percent or more of their annual compensation — from the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System to the City's fragile general fund. Right now, that sum is a relatively modest \$22.8 million. But those who have been tracking city employees' billowing pension benefits say the liability will surge very quickly as growing numbers of retirees rake in 100 percent or more of their working years' pay. The pension fund is already bragging that its liabilities are falling yeah, because the City is picking up some of them.

First, let's consider KPMG's March 22 report that the City's internal controls stink. The report stated, "Although a number of changes in personnel and processes have been made from June 30, 2002

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#### **Neal Obermeyer**

and bamboozle."

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# The Hard Way to Cross the Border

By Ernie Grimm

Short southbound and long northbound waits are not always the norm at *la fron-*

tera internacional. During the weekday evening rush hour, the southbound ring sparkles in the spring

rush hour, the southbound wait at San Ysidro is often more than an hour. This nightly southbound situation is one of the problems Oscar Escobedo, president of the Consejo de Desarrollo Económico de Tijuana (Tijuana Economic Development Council), says his group has developed solutions for.

Escobedo sits at the corner of a conference table in fourth-floor Consejo offices near the site of the partially demolished downtown bullring. The table is big enough to seat 40 people. Sporting the brush mustache so common among Mexican men in their 50s, Escobedo, a restaurant and nightclub owner, is sharply dressed in a black suede jacket over a blue turtleneck. His diamond-studded wedding

sunlight coming in the windows. He looks out those windows over the rooftops of Tijuana toward the San Ysidro border port as he discusses a solution his group has formulated for long evening southbound waits. "Before Otay Mesa was built," he says, "the commercial crossing was just west of San Ysidro. In the U.S., it's called Virginia Street because that's the street that feeds it. In Mexico, we call it Chaparral. Because it was an operational border port in the past, it already has the binational permits to operate. They were never canceled. I think we could take advantage of that fact by reopening Chaparral/Virginia Street now. We don't have to wait until 2012.'

The year 2012 is when United States federal authorities hope to open a greatly expanded San Diego—Tijuana border crossing.

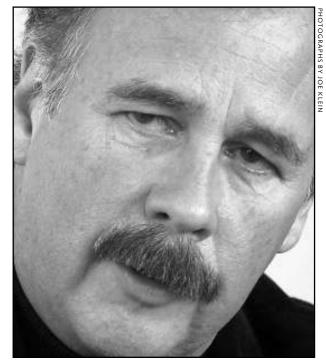
"Between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.," Escobedo continues, "there is a long wait to come into Mexico. And it's mostly the same people who had to wait more than an hour to get into the U.S. that morning. They have to wait another hour to get back into Mexico. So one of our proposals is, why don't we work on opening the Chaparral from 3:30 to 6:30 every day so we can handle some of that south-bound traffic?"

Contacted by e-mail through a press relations officer, Adele Fasano, the United States Customs and Border Protection official in charge of the San Diego field office, responds, "The El Chaparral/Virginia Street southbound crossing is a key component in the planned San Ysidro Redesign Project. However making it operational would be very complex. First, the highway infrastructure would need to be designed, funded, and built to handle the increased traffic. Surface streets

simply cannot handle this large amount of traffic. This issue would have to be addressed by the appropriate agencies. CBP is not responsible for addressing road access to ports of entry."

Escobedo says he and his group understand the infrastructure problem and have a solution. "We've talked to Mexican customs, and they say that there are 1.6 hectares [about four acres] of land on the Mexican side. That's enough space for an 18-lane border crossing and enough space for the cars to be backed up on the Mexican side, not on U.S. surface streets. And we could try it out maybe with the people who have the SENTRI pass, as a pilot program. And when both sides get the hang of it, we could open it up to other people."

SENTRI stands for Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Identification. Customs and Border Protection issues SENTRI passes to people from either country who are deemed low risks for illegal border activity. The pass, which costs \$129, allows officials at the border to identify both the car and driver



Oscar Escobedo

electronically as they approach the inspection gate. The approved car and pass holder must be together at the crossing. Lanes 2 and 3, to the far right as you come north, are dedicated to SENTRI users. (Lane 1 is for buses.) The San Diego field office of Customs and Border Protection has over 90,000 SENTRI users in its system. They can use the

pass any time of the day, but according to Escobedo, most of them use it at the same time of day, when they're trying to get to work in the morning. "At that time," he says, "it's overused. You can see 150 cars in each of the SENTRI lanes. We know that U.S. Customs officials can handle 100 to 120 cars per hour per lane. So you can do the math as far as the wait goes. But at other times, the SENTRI lanes are underused, maybe 8 or 10 cars. What we propose is that cards be given out for people to use the SENTRI lanes during specific hours when they are underused. U.S. Customs could give out exactly the number of time-specific cards that they can handle for that hour. So if they can handle 110 people between 6:30 and 7:30, they give out exactly 110 cards. As a pilot program, the cards could be given to a specific group, students maybe."

In response to this idea, Fasano wrote, "Lanes four and five are convertible for use as either SENTRI or regular traffic. We have also begun work to expand the number of SENTRI lanes to address increasing enrollment."

Another idea the Consejo de Desarrollo Económico champions is stacked inspection booths. Instead of one booth and one officer per lane, every lane would have two of each. It wouldn't cut waits in half, because a cleared car at the south booth might have to wait behind a car still being



SanYsidro border crossing (SENTRI lanes on right)

to the present, the City will need to continue to reorganize, improve and document its processes" (italics mine). KPMG

had audited only 2003, but it realized that today's processes are a mare's nest too. (Note: a mare's nest is defined as: 1. a fraud or 2, an extraordinarily complicated situation. Often it is difficult to distinguish one from the other.

KPMG stated that San Diego has to create an accounting system that is free of errors and fraud.)

The Sanders crew doesn't want the public to hear such things. For example, onetime auditor John Torell issued a

report in January of this year saying internal controls were "minimally adequate." That got changed by the mayor's minions to say the controls had improved and now assured "timely and accurate preparation" of city financial statements — an assertion KPMG wouldn't make. Torell quit that same month. It's little wonder that in late 2006, city employees said they had little respect for management's ethical standards.

Beginning in March, Frye

bugged Sanders burro-crats for the internal-controls report. When she got it on April 19, "It didn't say, 'This is a draft, this should not be released, no one should see this, it's not ready to go.' It said, 'Here you go," she says. So she posted

All hell broke loose. Levin sent a memo to all councilmembers whining that Frye's action was "fraught with risk and potential liability." He complained, "The premature release of this document to the public could have resulted in a material misrepresentation regarding the City's financial condition and its internal controls." Then, contradicting himself, he went on to write that most of the specific items in the report had earlier come before council in other forms, such as the Kroll report. "The public has had numerous opportunities to hear discussion of the comments contained in the report," he said. And yet releasing it was fraught with risk?

Next, Sanders wrote a letter to the Union-Tribune saying that the report had "nothing new." After all, KPMG had to restate an amazing 66 items totaling \$1.8 billion in the audit. That had already been reported, said the mayor.

Huh? If it contained nothing new, why was Levin so indignant? Here's a suspicion: the report mentions that in the City's accounting system, someone can "create vendors" or "enter invoices." That's Embezzlement 101. The controls were — and probably still are — so lax that an employee can create an invoice and endorse a check to himself. Or the employee can invent a vendor's name and route the loot to the fictional character - namely, his own pocket.

Sanders wants to outsource City work to outside vendors. This idea has been pushed by Carl DeMaio of the Performance Institute. But DeMaio says that to have such a system, "We have to have internal controls and oversight to make sure we get what we paid for. This is a city that can't manage itself out of a wet paper bag." That's obvious: in a March 23 report, KPMG said that it ground out 17 different drafts of the 2003 audit, including 6 after the December 1, 2006 version. That was just for 2003; there

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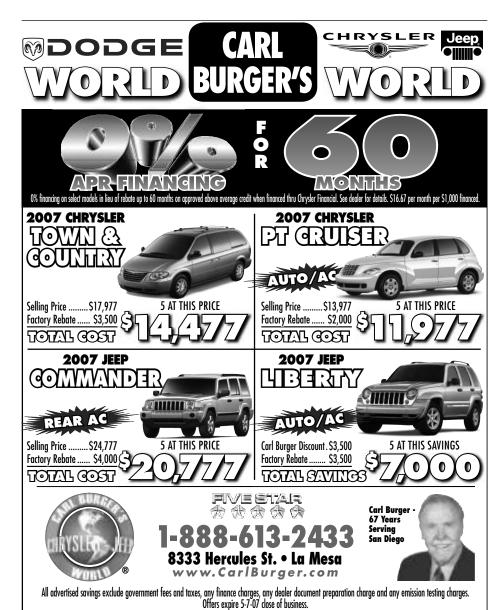
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are the 2004, 2005, and 2006 audits to go.

In trying to keep details of the internal-control report secret, Sanders's burro-crats will hardly fool Wall Street. Already, top-rated (insured AAA) San Diego municipal bonds yield 0.4 percent more than comparable AAA bonds. To attract buyers, the bonds must drop in price, sending the yields upward.

Bond analysts will certainly cock an eyebrow at San Diego's proposed method of switching the liability for the 100 Percent Club from the pension fund to the City's alreadyailing general fund. The pension fund has been boasting that its unfunded actuarial liability has come down by almost \$400 million. Frye noticed that in a San Diego

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City Employees' Retirement System document, there was a drop of \$22.8 million because of "proper treatment of IRS benefit limitations."

At a council meeting, she asked city financial officials what that was all about. Well, it seems that the Internal Revenue Service frowns on pensioners who receive 100 percent or more of their annual pay. The same applies to those retirees making more than \$225,000 a year from their previous municipal employment. So the pension board has to get those sums off its books. Frye notes that before she was in office in March 2001, the city council passed an act that created a Qualified Excess Benefit Arrangement that could accommodate the money shift.

Both Libertarian activist Richard Rider and DeMaio have been studying remuneration and retirement benefits of city employees. The number of retirees raking in 100 percent or more of their pay or amassing \$225,000 a year "is a growing figure," warns Rider.

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DeMaio points out that many escalators over the years have pushed up retirement benefits. In May 2000, the City settled a lawsuit, known as Corbett, that calls for a flat increase of 7 percent in benefits payable from pension assets. Corbett also mandates that on-the-job emoluments such as bonuses have to be reflected in retirement pay. He predicts that "the lion's share of people retiring after 1996 will join the exclusive club of those getting more than 100 percent of their pay." That will whack the general fund.

The council had a right to get this information before Frye pried it out of the Sanders donkeys. "They [burro-crats] are not providing information that we need to know," says Frye. "You have to turn into Nancy Drew, Girl Detective, to even get a document."



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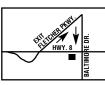
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#### **Cross the** border

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inspected at the north booth. But it would increase efficiency and shorten waits. This idea has met with more acceptance in the U.S. and was tried for a month early this year. Fasano says, "CBP initiated a 'stacked booth' pilot project at San Ysidro in January 2007 on lane 5 for both SEN-TRI and regular traffic modes.... CBP is in the process of gathering data on this pilot project to evaluate whether the concept should be expanded to other lanes."

Of all northbound crossers, truckers — who must use the Otay Mesa port — have it worst. "It takes anywhere from half a day to sometimes more for them to get across," Escobedo says. "And they don't have restrooms, they don't have food services, they don't have anything. It's a big headache for the drivers, and it's inefficient for the companies to have trucks and manpower just sitting there. What we are proposing is that U.S. officials come to the maquiladoras, check the trucks as they're being loaded, seal them at the maquiladora, and have them cross the border immediately, because they've already been inspected and sealed by a U.S. official. We would have to lobby officials in both countries to make that project work, but I don't think it would be that difficult."

Fasano responds, "The primary mission of CBP is to combat terrorism and to prevent instruments of terror from entering or leaving the United States.... Our goal is to secure our Nation's borders, but to achieve it in a way that does not stifle the flow of legitimate trade and travel.... In regards to the proposal about U.S. officials working in Mexico to preclear commercial trucks, CBP currently does not pre-clear commercial cargo on foreign soil in any mode of transportation. We do have the ability, as guests of foreign governments, and where CBP has formal agreements in place, to request and be present during sea cargo exams at foreign locations. However, this process is not an exemption from CBP processing/inspection once the cargo arrives in the U.S. In the trucking environment,

due to the distance, time, and accessibility of the cargo from where it is loaded until it crosses the border, the safeguarding of the cargo is significantly more difficult to accomplish. Thus, this operational model would not sig-

nificantly enhance the crossborder movement of lowrisk cargo into the U.S."

The economic development council has met with U.S. officials from the Border Patrol, Caltrans, the San Diego Association of Governments, and other agencies to pitch these ideas. "They're always very polite," Escobedo says, "and they listen to all our petitions."

But Escobedo says the answer to those petitions seldom changes. "They say, 'It

would be impossible, for homeland security reasons, to authorize that."

Fasano says that's not a pat answer. "To secure the border and protect our nation is not an excuse but rather the core mission of CBP. Tighter

border security continues to result in the seizure of large quantities of narcotics, the apprehension of immigration fraud and smuggling, and the arrest of individuals with outstanding felony arrest warrants." ■



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#### **Fur Flies**

My comment is in regards to the woman on the cover of the April 19 issue ("Cool San Diego") with the dead fox draped over her shoulder. It is not, nor has it ever been, "cool" to wear fur.

Cathy Cronce Oceanside

### The Curse Of Insomnia

Your cover (April 19) completely and utterly appalls me. I think it's highly irresponsible for everybody associated with the *Reader* to put a picture of a dead fox on the cover and consider that stylish, basically telling the San Diego public that this is the fashionable, in thing to do, to put dead animals on your person and pass this off as stylish.

That's disgusting. I will never, ever read the Reader again. I hope I never see a fur on the cover ever again, and I will tell everybody I know to never read the Reader again. And any of your advertisers or sponsors — I know lots and lots of business owners — I'm going to express to them my concerns as well and make sure they boycott the Reader. This is just completely and utterly outrageous and distasteful and wrong. So I hope whoever is responsible for this week's cover isn't able to sleep at night.

Name Withheld

#### **Goodbye Forever**

I am appalled and shocked upon seeing the cover of your April 19 issue of the Reader ("Cool San Diego"). How dare you perpetuate the fur industry's penchant for death in the name of fashion!!! Over the years, I have read less and less of the Reader due to your conservative, right-wing slant. Now I vow never to pick up a copy, even to read "Roam-O-Rama" or Matthew Alice. You've insulted me one last time. Goodbye, Reader, forever!

> Dr. Drew Searing via e-mail





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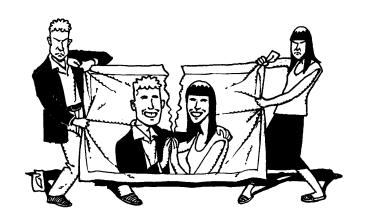
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I went through a wedding ceremony with witnesses to the vows in California, but no marriage license was ever filed. So there is no record of my marriage anywhere in the county or Sacramento. I was able to change my name on my driver's license and Social Security number without showing proof of marriage. Nine years later, my partner and I had irreconcilable differences and went our separate ways. Someone told us that since we were never legally married, there is no need for a divorce. But another person said that since there were witnesses to our ceremony, we need to get a divorce. Who is right? I want to remarry, but I don't know whether I will need to show proof that I am not married.

Hmmmmm... I don't know whether this is good news or bad news, Daphne. According to the Team Matthew Alice cavalcade of lawyers, you never were married in the first place, at least as California defines it. You fulfilled about two and a half of the five necessities for a valid hitch-up. That's consent of both parties, issuance of a license, a legally recognized solemnization, authentication of the ceremony by the minister and witnesses, and a certificate of registry. You just finessed the paperwork, which of course is what the courts want most of all. You and Mr. Ex were, at best, what the state calls putative spouses. (You can almost hear the sneer, can't you?) You each believed you were legally married, acted as if you were legally married, told anybody who would listen that you were husband and wife, got nifty anniversary presents, had pet names, wore matching jogging suits — did all that spousey stuff. Unfortunately, no paper. According to the California Family Code, that's all part of the deal. As a result, washing nine years' of socks and underwear only makes you a putative spouse, since CA doesn't recognize common-law marriage. I guess this leaves you free to become a blushing bride once again for the first time. When they ask if you've ever been married before, just say no.

Why do we "hedge" our bets? Hedge?

— High Roller, San Diego

Yeah, hedge. Like, a bunch of bushes. Same word, believe it or not. Originally a hedge marked a property boundary. By the 1400s the noun became a verb, meaning to limit or define. Three hundred years later it found its way into the worlds of gambling and investing — to place a backup bet that will compensate you in case your first bet tanks.

Why does Michelangelo's Moses (appear to) have horns?

— A Renaissance Fan, Golden Hill

Oh, it's all a big, big misunderstanding. Poor Moses has horns in hundreds of years' worth of paintings and statuary because somebody got a D in Hebrew. In the Book of Exodus, Moses encounters God, and according to the Hebrew text, his face shone radiantly, or emitted rays of light (karnu) — something along that order. So along comes St. Jerome, translating like crazy from Hebrew to Latin, he gets to the radiant face stuff, and blows it. Hebrew karnu becomes Latin *cornuta* (horns), and the rest is art history.

Hello, Matt:

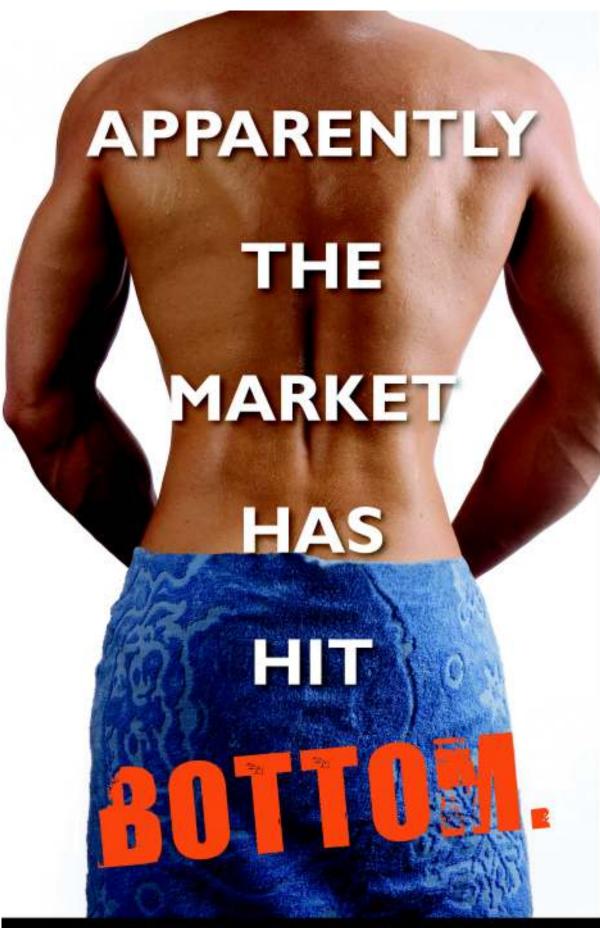
My wife and I reside on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. We are planning a road trip south sometime around the middle of May to Lake Havasu City, AZ. After years of driving Interstate 5, the boredom factor has taken over. We had planned to leave from the interior of BC and avoid most of the West Coast rush. Any ideas or suggestions?

— Elizabeth and John, Courtenay, British Columbia

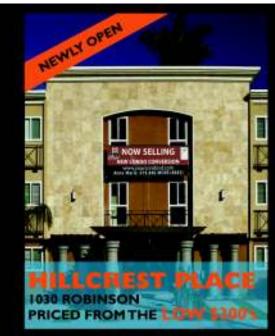
Well, you've certainly come to the wrong place for travel tips. The Alice clan hasn't been able to organize a vacation for at least a decade. Everything goes fine until we get about 50 miles from home, then the elves start fighting in the back seat, Pa Alice threatens to turn the Winnebago around and go home if they don't stop, they don't stop, so Pa Alice turns the Winnebago around and we go home. It's so bad now that Grandma Alice doesn't even bother to pack our suitcases. She just brings them out empty and loads them into the 'Bago, knowing we'll be home in an hour anyway. Last year she actually put a roast in the oven as we left for Branson, Missouri. By the time the elves had acted up and we got back, it was perfectly cooked. She sure has her timing down

But just because we can't help you doesn't mean there aren't a boatload of people out there in Aliceland with some good ideas. And now that anybody can slap a comment on the M.A. Web page comments board, well, here's your chance. So how does somebody get from BC to AZ on the roads less traveled? Anybody made that trip? Feel free to add your travelin' two cents.

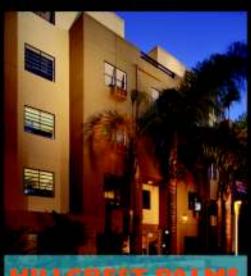
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## SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

# **Nothing In Particular**

ccasionally, life provides a moment when two people take to the dance floor; it's just another dance for them, but this time, this dance, they reveal who they are. On Sunday, Jeff Gordon won the Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway and passed Dale Earnhardt in NASCAR Nextel Cup Series wins with a total of 77.

Talladega can be found in Talladega County, state of Alabama, about 50 miles east of Birmingham. Besides 15,000 Talladegites, the city is home to the Talladega-Texaco Walk of Fame, which, according to its website, is "a beautiful landscaped park that covers one full city block...open 365 days a year with free admission." Lee De Forest, inventor of the vacuum tube, lived there for awhile when he was a kid. Talladega College invites you to apply. And that's about it, except for Talladega Superspeedway, 12 miles north of town.

Built in 1969, the facility is a 2.66-mile trioval with 18-degree banking on the front stretch, 33-degree banking in the turns, and seats for 145,000 fans. Figure 185,000 on race day. It is the biggest, fastest track on the circuit and the place Dale Earnhardt Senior won ten NASCAR Cup races. Home ground.

So, on Sunday, fans greeted Gordon's victory (under caution), with what cranks might call, "subdued appreciation." They pelted Gordon's car with beer cans.

There had been trouble the previous week at Phoenix International Raceway. Gordon won there, too. He took a victory lap holding a replica of Dale Earnhardt Senior's black No. 3 flag out the car's window. Gordon had tied Earnhardt's record and was showing respect. But, fans weren't having any. Beer cans swarmed his car.

Showing the kind of class you have to be born with, Dale Earnhardt Jr. acknowledged Gordon's gesture, lauded it, and then asked everyone not to throw beer cans. Instead, he suggested they throw rolls of toilet paper. You have to admire a man who thinks like that.

But, next Sunday, when Gordon won and passed Daddy Earnhardt in victories — at Talladega, no less — fans threw beer cans that caused Gordon to go onto the dance floor and reveal who he is. "I thought Junior had more power," Gordon said. "I thought they'd throw toilet paper, which is what he asked them to throw. I saw, maybe, one roll."

This story has moved into farce, which means I can finally enjoy it. Turns out Barry Bonds is having a very good year. Through May 1, he's batting .356 with 8 home runs. This makes him 13 home runs shy of Henry Aaron's record of 755.

No one able to open a refrigerator door believes Barry Bonds is clean. You might or might not care if he used steroids, but you know that he did. It is cheating, by the way. Without steroids, Bonds would be 100 to 150 home runs short of Aaron's record.

But, the man — either by luck, skill, or more likely a combination thereof — has played an epic cops-and-robbers game. Consider what he's gone through:

September 2003. Many kinds of cops raid BALCO Laboratories and the home of Bonds's personal trainer, Greg Anderson. The San Francisco Chronicle reports they seized documents that said Bonds was using steroids.

So, authorities have known about this for almost four years. You might remember it was a big deal back then, a crime so serious that the president of the United States talked about steroids during his 2004 State of the Union

Understanding the gravity of the crisis, federal prosecutors decided not to go after the super rich, super famous baseball stars who were using steroids, but to go after the criminal enterprise itself.

And, wouldn't you know, they got their men! Better, they got them without the muss and fuss of a trial and all the bulky evidence trials produce. Plea bargains were agreed to, and justice was metered out. BALCO vice president James Valent got probation. Steroids connect and Bonds's personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was sent to prison for three months! The kingpin, the grand evildoer, BALCO president Victor Conte, received a four-month prison sentence, and, in an act many thought was pure vengeance, got another four months in home confinement! Plus, Conte and Anderson are banned from owning firearms!

That about sums it up. Another victory for federal prosecutors. What's for lunch?

Then Beyond the Shadows was published in the spring of 2006. There is no way you can read that book and not be convinced that Bonds was using steroids. Much hub and bub ensues. Bonds, in his best move, sits out most of the 2006 season. Things quiet down, everybody goes back to sleep.

Now, Bonds is back, batting .356 and six weeks away from owning the most prestigious record in sports. I'm inclined to root for him. In fact, in a perfect world he would be indicted the day after he passes Aaron. While on

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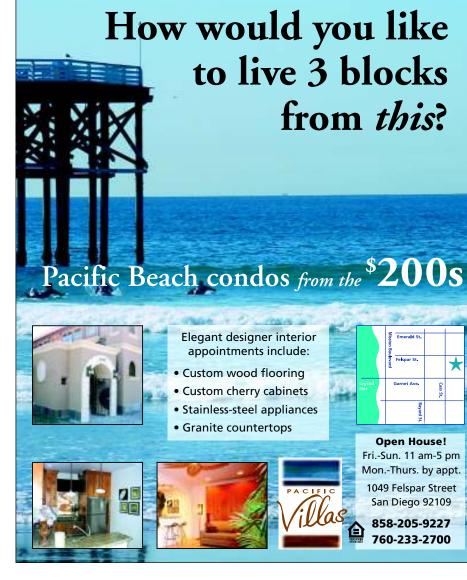
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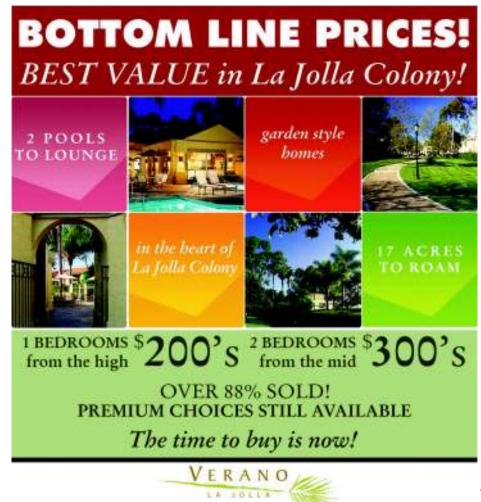


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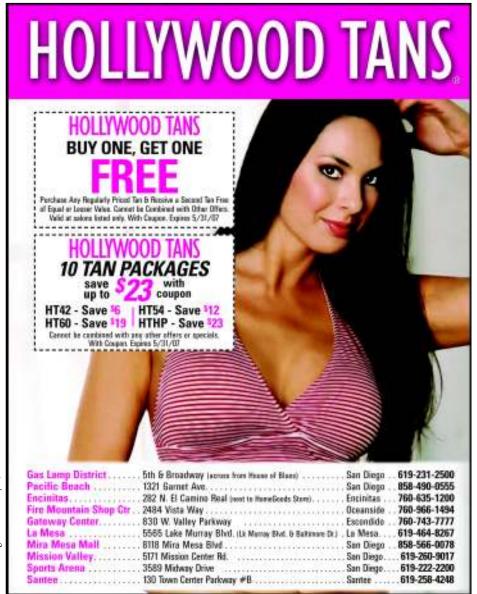




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## **SHEEP AND GOATS**

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

"Jesus came to start a movement, not an institution," says Jim Henderson, coauthor of Jim & Casper Go to Church: Frank Conversations about Faith, Churches, and Well-Meaning Christians. "As far as I can see, He never intended for what we call 'church' to be in existence. The casual way we accept this thing called Christianity is such an insult to the basic story and message of Jesus. I can't spend the remaining years of my sorry life standing by, watching this, and going, 'Oh, well.' It's a huge historical mistake."

Henderson is a self-described Jesus-follower, a man who is "overtly involved in trying to draw people into a relationship with Jesus." What's more, he says, he's a "spiritual anthropologist," a man interested in why Christians act the way they do and in getting them to reflect a bit. He stresses that he's not crying out, "Churches are stupid! Get out of church!" But he is curious as to why

Ioel Osteen's Lakewood megachurch in Houston makes its Sunday service into "showtime," where "the spotlight is all on Joel and his wife." He's curious because "I happen to know that they're helping a lot of people in that city, a lot of poor people. All I would say is, 'Put the story of the way Jesus is working through you in public, and give the preacher just three minutes to talk." In short: tone down the attraction and emphasize the mission. Shorter still: less show, more go.

Henderson got the idea of "holding up a mirror to churches and asking them if they like what they see." To that end, he started *Churchrater.com*, a website that evaluates church services in much the same manner as this column: an account of the service and ratings for singing, preaching, and friendliness. He also found Matt Casper, an atheist willing to spend a summer church-hopping with him and giving his reactions to what he encountered. Those visits provided the material for *Jim & Casper Go to Church*.

Casper wasn't just any atheist. For starters, he was baptized Catholic and grew up following his mother from church to church — she sang in the choir. (Two years ago, she became Catholic herself.) He also attended a Catholic university. Says Casper, "I think going to Catholic school was part of what started me down the road to losing my faith. My logical brain seized on the point — 'Wait a second, you mean the first gospel wasn't written until 70 years after Jesus died, and it wasn't written by this guy named Mark? I don't trust my own memory from last week, and I'm supposed to trust three generations of stories being passed around as fact? I can't do it." Eventually, he looked inside and found that his worldview "definitely didn't line up with one that entails or requires a supernatural element.

Still, that backstory left its mark, and when Henderson met his man, he found that "Matt demonstrated a serious familiarity with the same message of Jesus that I'm familiar with. But" — and this was what

made him an ideal participant — "he had a very limited exposure to the church scene — Christian church culture." And, happily for Henderson, "he's not a militant atheist. He's not, 'Up with atheism!' the way a recent convert to Christianity would be about faith."

Perhaps most important, Henderson met Casper in the first place because Casper was friends with Jason, a man who runs a home church here in San Diego. Marvels Henderson, "Here are two guys who have a very close friendship, but it's crafted out of something other than their beliefs or nonbeliefs. We're living in a time of incredible polarization, and I'd just like to model two people getting along and talking. Normally, they wouldn't be talking — they'd be arguing."

Henderson believes it's a conversation worth having. "If people who had never heard of Jesus wanted to see what Christians were most interested in," he writes, "they

would probably start their search in some of the same churches we visited.... Unless we're willing to remove the handles from the front door of our churches and publicly say to outsiders, 'We don't care what you think,' the church must become more reflective and repentant about how outsiders perceive us."

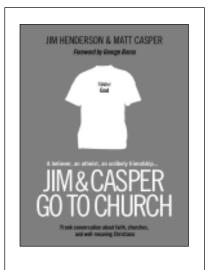
In conversation, he elaborates: "Churches keep talking so damn much about trying to reach people, and they suck at it. They don't even say 'Hello' when you go into the building." Or, as the two

found as they visited megachurches around the country, there are official greeters working the floor. This wasn't always the case; sometimes, they weren't greeted at all, and other times, they were greeted in what seemed a genuine fashion. Still, he wonders, "What does it say about the Christian community that we have to plan to have people say hello?"

Casper relates a story that didn't make it onto the page, one from a local megachurch. "After the service, they greeted me by saying, 'Hi, how are you? When did you come to Christ?' It's a massive assumption. And in some churches, I felt like an attractive girl in a bar full of drunken frat guys."

In the book, the informed atheist proves a tough critic, suspicious of polish and pizzazz, harsh on bigness and celebrity, impressed mostly by sincerity and accounts of good done for others here on earth. More often than not, Henderson lets Casper's comments go unchallenged; occasionally, he'll ask a clarifying question. He's not out to convert his man; he's out to understand him. "All innovation lies at the intersection of opposites," says Henderson. "For me to be paired up with somebody who basically thinks that what I believe is a fairy tale and not fight with him, but actually sit and listen and learn from him, creates a certain kind of creative tension."

— Matthew Lickona



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-EVE KELLY

My friend Bernice's ten-year-old son is pleading for guitar lessons. He's decided to be the next great rock guitarist. "I'm not sure where he came up with the idea," she said, "because we don't listen to that much rock." She agreed to give him guitar lessons but told him he would take classical guitar lessons. A music stand would be needed, I mused, and began the

research.
William Wilson,
guitarist and teacher
(619-300-6284;
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related to Bernice's
story. "Usually, when
the student is 12 or
13 years old, even if
they have been playing
classical guitar, they was

classical guitar, they want to become a rock player," he said. "It's inevitable. That's what happened with me. But in my experience, if you get to the student before that and sow the seeds of a little classical technique, they find the rock guitar bores them. It's not as hard, in many ways, as the classical guitar. So after a while, they go back to the classical guitar because that was a challenge. Some students you never get back, though; they are just lost."

Either way, Wilson said, a guitarist needs music stands. "I think most musicians have several music stands. I carry three of them in the back of my car. I have two at home and two at work."

Is there a certain height for guitar stands?

"With guitar-playing, we are unique in that you want a stand that's low. We usually sit when playing; the stand is just above knee level. We do that so the stand will not block the projection of the guitar. Also you can see what the guitar player is doing. With a big music stand, all you see when you look at the musician is the stand...instead of the guitar player's fingers."

Wilson usually uses a Manhasset stand. "The Manhasset Concertina Stand, which runs about \$50, is the smallest one I have seen," said Wilson. "It sits really low. You also can put stand extenders on it, called Stand Outs. They are plastic leaves that slide onto the music stand, so that when you need the stand to be wider, it will fit

stand to be wider, it will fi more than two sheets of music. The stand then holds four pages of music. With an instrument like a guitar, where you can't turn the pages, it helps to have four pages that show at one time. Some stands you can't use extenders on because they have a lip on the side."

Wilson did have a cautionary tale with the Manhasset stands.

"In my experience, the washers on the stand often break," he said. "If you put heavy stuff on it, the washers will break and the stand will be real flimsy on the top. So you have to change the washer. But that only happens when you overload it, which I do all the time. If you were using just sheets of music, that shouldn't be a problem."

For travel music stands, Wilson had another name for me. "I really like the Nilton

"With an instrument like a guitar, where you can't turn the pages, it helps to have four pages that show at one time."

Magic music stands [\$92.99 at *sharmusic.com*]. I had one that I used for years. They are made out of plastic, really light [under 3 ½ pounds], and they pack up fairly small.

"I also own a wooden stand that I use in my practice studio," he stated. "It comes apart into two pieces; you can adjust the height and the angle with these brass screws. Though I use my wooden stand, it is more for decoration."

What about the wire music stands? "They are the cheapest, so people often go for those," he continued, "but there are a couple of different styles of wire stands. Some you can't adjust the angles that your music is at, and those are the worst. Because when the stand is stuck at one angle and you can't alter it, sometimes it is hard to see if you are sitting up high or standing. Other wire stands you can tilt the music and those are decent."

Should the stand have a shelf?

"Most don't use one, but they probably should," continued Wilson. "When it comes

to learning guitar, you are oftentimes using a pick, and people lose those left and right. If they have a little shelf, they can have their pick and a pencil handy to make notes." The Manhasset Concertina Stand does not have a shelf, but Wilson says you can buy little plastic shelves that slip on to the bottom of the stand.

The salesman at Alan's Music Center filled me in on a few more details. "Student stands are a lightweight wire stand in the \$10 price range. They fold up to either a 17-inch length collapsed or a 21-inch collapsed. Some stands come with a bag. The better-quality stands have more durable stem feet and the desk is a solid desk so that you can clamp on a music light if you need to. Those range from \$22.50 to \$150.

"Some stands are hydraulic," he added, "you put your foot on the bottom of the stand and you pull up on the top part and it comes up and stops where you want it to. Other stands have a wing nut on the stand that you tighten in any position that you want it."

What are the feet options?

"Some of the feet on the stands fold up in a tripod fashion. Others are a round stand like the bottom of a microphone stand. There are advantages to both. The tripod you can fold up and take with you. It will fit in your car a little better."

What would be a middle-of-the-road quality stand?

"That would probably describe a Manhasset stand," he answered, "one that has a collapsible base, about a \$40 stand. It is longer lasting, heavier duty, and it has the solid desk that you could put a light on if you wanted to add a light. The desk can change attitudes, raising and turning it."

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An old wine-bibber having been smashed in a railway collision, some wine was poured on his lips to revive him. "Pauillac, 1873," he murmured and died.

— Ambrose Bierce

t was the first time I'd ever driven past Chino Farms and up the winding hill that leads to the nation's priciest zip code. Before leaving the house, David had Googled directions that included an aerial photo of our destination, a sprawling four-point-something-million-dollar home — one of many McChateaus shoe-horned

"I'm not just a bartender, you know.
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because I love
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into a gated and guarded, faux-Tuscan community. The most striking thing about the neighborhood (aside from the haphazard shape of the roofs, indicative of the Architecture-as-Afterthought school of design) was that there was scarcely 20 feet between each "sprawling estate."

The setting sun cast an orange glow on the rolling, admittedly Tuscan-looking hills. I drank in the vision, breathed deeply through

my nose, and almost understood why someone might choose to live so far from civilization. I nearly voiced my little insight, but changed my mind as we pulled up to the gate. A uniformed man emerged from a small cottage-like structure. He looked at me and I said, "We're here for the wine tasting." He asked for our names and then disappeared back into his hut to confirm that we were on "the list." Reappearing, he handed us a slip of pink paper, a visitor's pass to display on the dashboard. The pass was dated clearly a deterrent to anyone thinking of breaking free from the confines of their welcome.

I parked my car across the street from the house; before I'd even turned off the ignition, three young men approached. I was about to close my electric window, my finger poised above the button, when the one with the deep tan and sun-bleached hair said, "We'll be happy to park it for you." I pointed out the obvious, that I'd already parked, to which he said, "Oh, but they, like, don't really want people parking on this side of the street. So you'd have to, like, turn it around and park on the other side." He looked so eager. I resisted the urge to swing the car around myself, and opened the door. "There you go," I said, "keys are in there." He handed me a ticket and drove off in my '90s vintage, champagne-colored Corolla, presumably to park it as far away as possible from the row of plush Mercedes and BMW luxury sedans.

David and I walked the path to the front door, past a cascading waterfall croaking with live frogs. An imposing doorway opened onto a marble-floored grand foyer with a 20-foot-high ceiling, the entrance to the home-cum-venue for the charity wine tasting. This was David's deal. I appreciate a good sip of fermented grape juice, but I couldn't tell you whether it was fruit forward, backward, or diagonal. Both my beloved wine aficionado and I, however, know what we like, and we do not allow the opinion of some random wino with a newsletter to influence our judgment. Nor do we buy into the nouveau riche belief that "more expensive" equals "better."

Minutes after our arrival, an announcement was made for everyone to gather near the bar that was adjacent to one of *four* sitting rooms near the glass-fronted wine cellar in which some of the world's most extravagant wines were prominently displayed. A woman thanked us for coming and then launched into an orientation lecture. At the end of her spiel, she said, "And please be nice to the people pouring. They are not *just* bartenders. They are lawyers and writers and CEOs who have kindly offered to volunteer tonight."

"She did not just say that," I hissed at David. "In other words, if they were 'just' bartenders, then it would be okay for us to be assholes?"

Before David could respond to my outrage, a couple approached, their right hands extended for shaking. The woman, a fiftyish, smiley, salon-induced towhead, wore blue jeans on which flowers and butterflies had been painted in white. A shimmery silver blazer covered a matching camisole, and when she removed her glasses, setting them to rest between her breasts, I could see that her colored contacts matched the powdery lavender of her glittering, generously applied eye shadow.

"So how did you find out about this?" she asked. "You know Robin?" The woman eyed us expectantly. I told her we were on a list through the local charity organization. "Oh," she nodded, "Yeah, well, we live in

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Beverly Hills. We found out about it from Robin. She's doing our cellar. We have 5000 bottles of wine that she's helping us barcode."

"You must like to entertain," I said. "You could never drink that many bottles alone."

"There is nothing wrong with drinking alone. I drink alone all the time," she said.

"Well yeah, I agree with that, I was just saying... Oh, never mind," I said. "So, 5000, huh? Wow. That's a lot of wine."

We wriggled free from the cellar talk and headed to one of the tasting stations, where two men were discussing the terroir of a "hundred-point" bordeaux, meaning a bordeaux that someone with nose insurance declared "top of the vine." Terroir — a term bandied about by snobbish souses — is a French word meaning "sense of place," or the soil, weather, and whatnot that contribute to a wine's

"personality." David leaned over and, in a mock pompous tone, said, "I would say this is a naive bordeaux, a bit on the impetuous side, but I am certain that its transcendentalism will astound you."

"They may be using wine words," I said, "But do you know what I hear? 'My wallet is much bigger than yours.' 'Oh, yeah? Well, buddy, the girth of your wallet is nothing compared to the sheer immensity of my magnum.' How much you wanna make a bet one of those guys has a Ferrari? Come on," I grabbed David's hand. "All this chest-thumping is boring me. Let's go taste that barolo you donated."

A volunteer sommelier with the image of a corkscrew tattooed on his upper left arm poured two ounces of the Italian red wine into the glass David and I were sharing. We chatted for a bit, learned his name (Woody) and the various places around town that he currently works. Throughout the evening, the most interesting and scintillating conversations were with the volunteers pouring wine or the employees of Urban Kitchen, which was hired to cater the affair. Like all of the others we'd spoken to before him, Woody mentioned something about how "nice" we were.

The consensus of the volunteers was that, regardless of the earlier announcement that the people pouring wine were not "just" bartenders, many tasters had treated them as second-class citizens, not asking, but demanding their pours and stopping just short of impatiently snapping their fingers. Woody, who works in the food-service industry, was not as surprised by the dismissive behavior as some of the other volunteers, one of whom actually said, "I'm not just a bartender, you know. I'm volunteering because I love wine and this happens to be one of my charities. I'm a retired CEO."

Having decided that we were his kind of people, Woody invited David and me to join him for after-drink drinks at Tastes, a restaurant in Encinitas that pairs fine wines with menu selections created by wine-loving chef and owner Sean Fisher.

When we arrived, the restaurant was closed, but staff and friends were gathered around the bar. Once inside, introductions were made, corks let loose, wine was poured, and glasses appeared in our hands. Matthew, the bartender, asked David how the \$1500 bottle of Bryant Family Cabernet Sauvignon had tasted. David smiled and took a sip of Inniskillin's Vidal ice wine. "It was okay," he said. "But I'll tell you this. No matter how good a fifteen-hundred dollar wine is, it will never taste better than a five-dollar milkshake." ■



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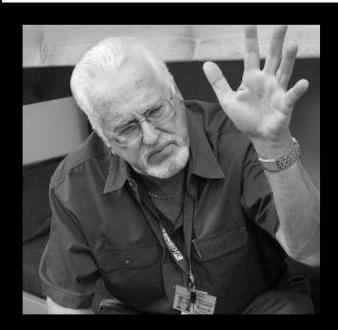
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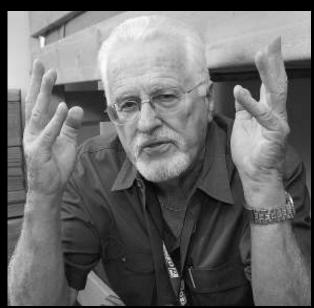
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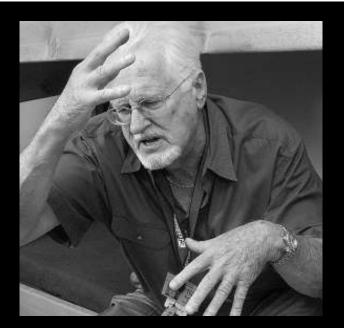
for the rest of your life?

don't think I've ever met an alcoholic I didn't like."

Thomas Clarence Kennedy was born and raised in San Diego. A product of Saint Augustine High School in North Park and the United States Army in the 1960s, Kennedy is a program administrator and substance-abuse counselor for the Volunteers of America. He is also, and every bit as much, a product of the Vietnam War and blended Scotch whiskey. His middle name came courtesy







# Right Through You

of his Franciscan priest uncle. A first-generation Irish-American kid growing up in a fast-growing border town famous for tuna fishing, Sea World, and a zoo, Kennedy was a pretty good baseball player, maybe more than pretty good, but all he'll say about it is, "I know I got looked at [for the minor leagues] but..." and shrugs. This is typical of the Kennedy ego.

Tom Kennedy is a tall man, several inches over six feet, with gray-blond hair cut short and a clipped Van Dyke beard. He wears glasses and speaks with a quiet hoarseness, possibly from doing so much of it in groups over the years. Seated in the lounge of Sobriety House, the residential treatment center at Second and Elm, in the same building that houses the San Diego Rescue Mission, he is quick to laugh and always greets co-workers and residents returning early from work

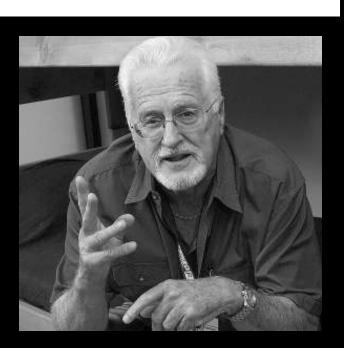
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I've known him for seven years. My last stint in rehab resulted from flipping a bus token. It came up tails, and I visited Kennedy at Sobriety House's former location at 1111 Island Avenue. (You can guess at "heads.") Kennedy smiled, invited me over to a couch where he was watching his Padres do very well, and said, "C'mon," and walked me over to detox or "the Inebriate Reception Cen-

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During the months I lived in Sobriety House, my relationship with Kennedy was casual in a sense, considering the situation, but gratifying, reassuring, and mostly funny. Kennedy's sense of humor, colored by his time in-country during the Vietnam War, is often black, sometimes shifting into ultraviolet, but he can in no sense be considered a negative man. He once backed me when a resident of Amigos Sobrios, along with a few of his friends from the Hispanic sister program to Sobriety House, threatened me with violence. But largely, our conversations have had to do with books. Kennedy brought a novel in for me

White Hotel by D.M. Thomas, and in exchange, I gave him C.S. Lewis's Great Divorce, which he later described as "one of the best books I ever read." The Thomas book had Sigmund Freud as a character, and Kennedy and I discussed Freud and his cocaine use on occasion, referring to him as "Ziggy." Kennedy called me Lazlo for a while, after I had expressed a nowfoggy desire (I was probably detoxing at the time) to write under the name Lazlo La Torque. Later I became Big Bad John, after the Jimmy Dean record, I suppose. In some of our private conversations, Kennedy spoke more openly

that he recommended: The about Vietnam experiences that he did not wish to include here, and I also lent him Dispatches, by Michael Herr. Sobriety, for me, was an idea whose time had come, and there was and is something about Kennedy's sobriety that reinforces the idea as a good When Kennedy freed some time for an interview, I was disappointed that he was not keen on discussing his Catholic background or war. We had talked about these things at some length, and I found them interesting and likely very much a

> Born in 1940, he graduated from high school in 1959 and still belongs to the alumni groups attending sports activities, among other things. "I went into the Army in the '60s, and I think that helped to blossom my chemical dependency. Originally, I was a weapons specialist, and though I got through the Army unscathed, I think it contributed to my alcoholism. When I got out of the military I met a girl, got married, and had three kids. I

part of him. Saying he

wished to avoid getting on

any negative tangents, he

suggested sticking solely to

recovery as a topic.

have a son now who is 47 years old and an electrical engineer, a daughter here in San Diego who is an underwriter for a large insurance company, and another daughter who is a supervisor in the billing department at Alvarado Hospital. I drank my way out of that marriage. I was in and out of treatment at several locations [around San Diego] in the late '60s, early '70s. The county back then ran detox, and I believe I was in there over 60 times on three-day stays. There was one time I was in there twice in one day. I graduated at 8:30 in the morning, and I was back for lunch. I never got above Market Street. I was finally in there for the last time in 1975

"I went to a place, at that time called 'Twelve-Step House' — it's now called 'Hartland House.' I went in there, telling myself, I'll live here a couple of weeks, get a paycheck, and leave. My prior job experience was in retail, at Kmart, as a store manager. I ended up staying at Twelve-Step for just about a year. Something happened to me in that house. I'd avoided recovery homes because I heard stories about them. But

and got into recovery.



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even after a couple of years, after I left Hartland House, I kept coming back and I'd help out. The manager that was there became the director—he's deceased now—Hobie Kilian. There was nothing clinical about this guy; it was either get in the program or die.

"He asked if I'd be interested in getting in the business, and the Hartland House hired me.

"Kilian was the guy who really got me interested in the field and got me to stick it out. After a time being program director there, I left and went back to retail, stayed in that about a month, and realized I missed working with alcoholics a lot. I talked with him, and he said, 'Come on back.' So from that time on — that was 1977 — I stayed approximately three years, and then I came down to Volunteers of America at 1111 Island Avenue and worked my way from counselor to administrator.

"I was there for four years. It was mostly what they call a social model back then. There was no clinical anything. I was there from 1980 to '84. Then some friends of mine, guys I knew, some Vietnam vets, started Vietnam Veterans of San Diego, and they were looking for an administrator.

"They had a recovery home site all picked out at a location called the Landing Zone, so they asked me to come down there. I was the director from 1984 to 1988. I kind of enjoyed that experience, but it got hectic after a while, a lot of pressure because you deal with — not just issues of alcohol and drug disorders — but a different crowd with PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder] and other combat-related problems. There was a big demand on me at the time. Eventually a woman I'd known named Rose Jones, an administrator at Rancho L'Abri out in Dulzura, gave me an opportunity and I went to work out there for a man named Dr. John Milner — another great teacher — who taught me

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everything I know about the clinical part of alcohol and drug addiction. Also out there was a Dr. Macfarlane, now deceased, who taught me much about the medical aspects of the disease. I spent from about 1988 to 2003 there as a therapist. I retired once in 1988, and I missed it so bad I came back and just handed out meds and things to keep my hand in.

"In 2003, I decided I wanted to go fishing and just go to my own AA meetings and stuff like that,

which I really like to do. In about a year I got bored again. So I sent a résumé in to the Volunteers of America. Full circle again. I started back with a Hispanic program they have, because they had no one at the time. This was Amigos Sobrios. It is still there, as you know. I was supervisor, the point man. My title here, as program director of Sobriety House, is registered addiction specialist.

"During that time, what it came down to was that I realized that my main job

was to stay sober. My job is not just doing what I do as employment; it is part of my recovery. Sometimes it's very rewarding, and sometimes it's very disappointing. After ten years in AA, I quit carrying caskets, it just got too sad.



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"My spiritual awakening consisted of, life goes on without my alcohol. There are still the bills, relationship problems, all the everyday things. The thing is that I don't have to drink."

This may sound elementary, unremarkable, but it is surprising how much of a revelation it can be to the active alcoholic. Kennedy once, in a group session, asked residents of the house, some 30 or so men and 5 women, "How many in here can't drink?" Nearly all of them raised their hands, certain it was the correct answer, the desired response, what they were supposed to say. "Wrong," Kennedy grinned. "Anyone in here can drink. It's legal, you're adults, you are physically capable of lifting a glass to your lips. You don't have to drink. You have a choice until you

take that drink, and then you lose the choice."

Another of Kennedy's trademark routines is part of his talk to those in recovery. He will empty his pockets on a podium or table: wallet, keys, change, etc.

to the bartender, along with your charge card and cash, when you order your next drink. His manner is consistently matter-of-fact, never evangelical.

"I know now that I have the freedom of choice, but

"Alcoholics are egotistical and self-centered, and they think they can do all this stuff themselves.

To admit they have a problem in this way is a sign of weakness."

Then he will ask the audience to imagine him setting his grandchildren alongside everything else and to pretend a few pieces of paper represent his marriage certificate, the deed to his house, bill of health, etc., all the things you might as well set on the bar and turn over

if I go that way, that's all the stuff that's going to go with it. Maybe not today or tomorrow but sooner or later."

Kennedy feels he must include longtime sponsor in AA, John L., whom he considers "another great teacher. The man is 85 years



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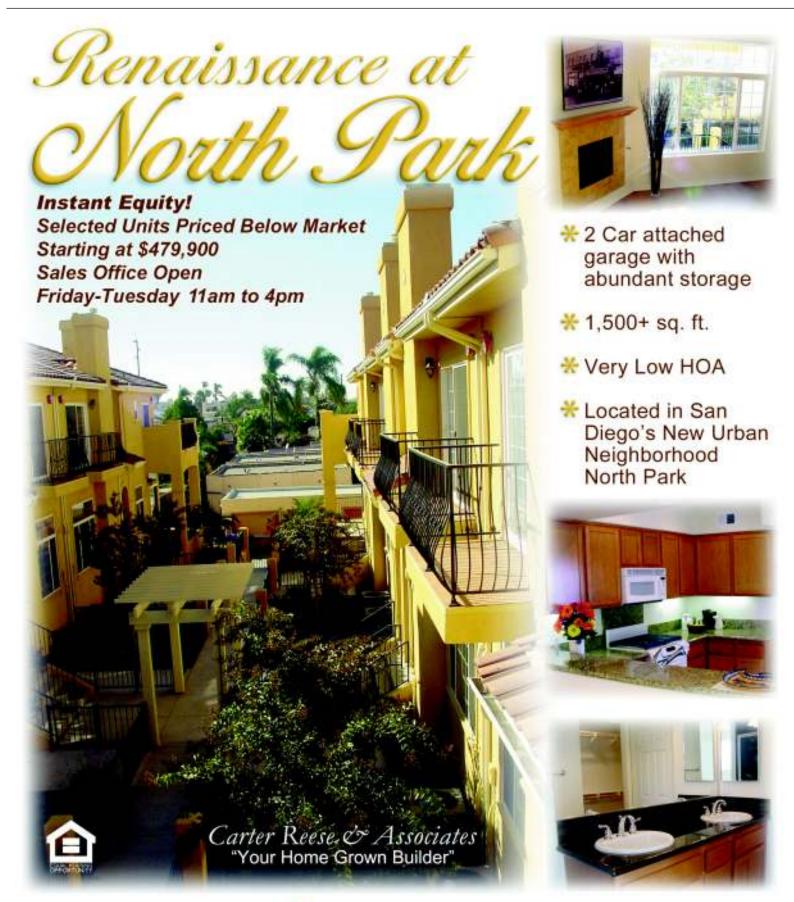
I ask Kennedy how much time he spends outside of recovery circles, and the answer is, "Quite a bit. I go to movies, I go out to dinner a lot with my wife. I like to do that a lot."

I tell him that I am still amazed, stunned really, at the level of ignorance that  $still \, surrounds \, alcoholism \,$ and drug addiction at this late date. "It's a disease of denial," he says. "Anybody can stop drinking. Anyone can achieve abstinence. The trick is, how do you stay stopped for the rest of your life?" I tell him that I meant, for example, the myth of willpower that continues and that I mean among those outside of recovery, among nonalcoholics. Kennedy continues in his vein. His concern is with alcoholics and not anyone else. "Alcoholics are egotistical and self-centered, and they think they can do all this stuff themselves. To admit they have a problem in this way is a sign of weakness. The whole thing is to develop some humility. AA is the only place I know where I've developed humility without being humiliated. The key is the thought process: I can't, God can, I think I'll let Him. Those are the first three steps of AA.

"I've been able to identify the negative of alcohol in performing my life task. What do I need to do to keep sober? A lot of people don't have the willingness to go past that. If anybody discovered how to do that, get that willingness, they'd become rich." At this point in the interview, we begin reminiscing about characters we both knew at Rancho L'Abri, where I had met Kennedy and spent six weeks in treatment that included, among other things, attending classes with the late Dr. John Milner. We commiserated on the sensibilities of this famous addictionologist and brought up other residents, including a wannabe Mafioso who had a habit of falling in love with female addicts and breaking down doors in their dorms. His family kept him there indefinitely. "This guy was so off the wall, they [his family] just kind of farmed him out to California and kept him in treatment centers. He actually did have a substance problem, but he had a whole lot more problems than that." We spoke of "med call," where I first encountered Tom Kennedy doling out my cardiac meds every day, and how the drug Haldol (a kind of tranquilizer) was so commonly prescribed to addicted residents that staff at Rancho L'Abri called it "Ranch Dressing." "Yeah, I learned a lot from Dr. Milner and Macfarlane and Al Perick, who wrote a lot of the state laws and regulations for alcohol and drug pro-

grams. He was a great man I worked for for about four years — deceased now. He taught me volumes on recovery, stuff I never would have thought of.

"So I consider myself someone who has worked both sides of the street: social models and clinical models. Some people need more than to just stop drinking. I'm back at the VOA, where I started out some 30 years ago, whatever it is, and I'll say this: it's very effective. I think it's one of the finer programs in the



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field. It's one of the finer programs I've worked for. The curriculum is excellent. Of course, it's come a long way from the old socialmodel days; we call it 'treatment' now. Now we dispense medications to clients. We're in transition. We're trying to get our own recovery home going. That process is going on right now. It's going to be like Sobriety House but not at this location. The ten-day [known sometimes as "Boot Camp for AA"] program is back on Island Avenue now, though some of them are here [at San Diego Rescue Mission]." The Island Avenue location was slated for the wrecking ball on January 1, 2007, and a 180plus condominium complex to be called "the Islands" was to be erected on that spot. That has changed, possibly because of the large number of already existing condominiums that are unsold, unleased, or unrented in the ballpark area. The politics are unclear at the moment, at least to

Kennedy. "I stay out of that mix pretty much," he says. Near VOA, the next trolley stop north, in fact, is Homequest, a sober-living environment for recovering addicts and alcoholics downtown. Joanne Barenco has been living there as an assistant manager for Homequest for the past year. She considers Kennedy to be a vital part of her recovery, having herself graduated from Sobriety House in late 2005. "He's just a really good human being," says Barenco, 51. "When I first got there [Sobriety House], I wasn't very confident in my recovery. I remember, as one of the things that stand out, was when he looked me square in the eye in those early days and said, 'Look, you can do this thing. If I can do it, you can do it.' And I believed him.

"I still believe him. I have to attribute any success I've had in my recovery — which is quite a lot, I believe — to Tom Kennedy. I trust the man, I respect the man, and I'm grateful

that Kennedy is part of my life. I still go down there to the new location for the Wednesday- night meetings when I'm not working. He means a lot to me. He's been through hell, and he's got it in him to help other people. It's great that God saw fit to let me cross paths with him. He's a special individual." Barenco presented Kennedy with his 31-year sobriety birthday cake at that Wednesday-night meeting in August of 2006.

In an attempt to gather quotes from those who might not be as sympathetic or kind, as approving or supportive of Kennedy as a professional or as a personality, I did find three dissenters, all of them former residents of Sobriety House. None were particularly articulate on the subject, but more to the point, none could cite examples or incidents that would indicate exactly why he was, in two examples, "an asshole," or in a third case, precisely what would give the



impression that Kennedy's belief system included a delusional sense that his digested food would give off no offensive scent. Neither would they allow their names to be used, though one offered to be quoted as "Thrasher-Dog" or "Rig."

Rick Ortiz, in his early 50s — a cook, writer, boxing enthusiast, counselor, and aspiring voice-over talent—has known Kennedy for some 25 years. "Since 1981 or '82. Tom had worked there then. Went away and came back. Yeah, a quarter of a century. He's been very instrumental in the process of my recovery. He's helped me with drug addiction and alcoholism in my personal life. And when I was a novice clinical assistant at Rancho L'Abri, where he also worked, he mentored me. He helped introduce me to the concept of the 12-step fellowship program. Many years down the line, he helped when I was working in the field. Personally, he has a great sense of humor and a side to him that has extreme depth that can help direct you, solutionize. He can help you help yourself, help you see a clear and present picture of your current dilemma. He'll give you a road map to help you get out of that and find some resolve. He's very talented that way."

"Few people, very few people, that I've known in my lifetime have that ability.

"I've gone from being a client to coworker or protégé to friend. I've had a very interesting relationship with him. He has counseled me in areas other than drugs and alcohol, and as a result, things are good in my life." What, I ask, does Ortiz think of Kennedy's technique — or non-technique — of having no official therapy session at any given time, no 50-minutehour approach? "He has a unique way of doing a oneon-one. It's almost as if he can see right through you. He's been doing this so long, it's like he can make an immediate assessment of

what you're doing right and what you're doing wrong. In a few words he can redirect you. With me, he knows me so goddamned well, it's really hard to pull the wool over his eyes. When I was a resident, he never bothered me about anything as long as I didn't get loaded. He had enough faith and confidence in my ability to get back on my feet, which I proved I could do, to leave me to my own devices pretty much." This brought us back to Kennedy's handsoff treatment policy, which might well be summed up in a joke that circulates in recovery. It may not be original with Kennedy's cocounselor Bob Heyenga at Sobriety House, but he was the one who told it to me, and we may have been speaking of Kennedy: "How many therapists does it take to change a light bulb?" The answer: "One, but the light bulb has to want to change."

"If you don't mind," I ask Kennedy as the shadows stretch in the basement







lounge area of the San Diego Rescue Mission,"what made you want to change?""Well, I'll tell you. My first marriage...not to break up my first wife's anonymity, she



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just celebrated 32 years of sobriety. She got sober six months before I did, and I saw her changing her attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors, becoming the person I had met years before, and that was a motivator. The other thing was my oldest daughter, Maureen. I remember one incident years ago. I had told her I wouldn't drink, and I was really sick one morning. You know, sick?" "Yes," I said. He meant hungover to the point of ineffable physical, mental, and spiritual anguish; what the book of Alcoholics Anonymous calls

"pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization.""I got up that way real early one morning and snuck into the kitchen to the refrigerator and got a beer. I stuffed a pillow around it and a towel so nobody could hear the phfffttt when I opened it. I sat on the couch next to this room-divider, drinking this beer and trying to get well, when I had the feeling someone was looking at me. I looked up at the room-divider, and peering at me from behind it was my daughter. Maureen was looking right at me, and she had tears in her

eyes. 'I thought you said you were never going to drink again,' she said.

"And I knew then that I had to do something. I knew I had to do something before that, but I just couldn't stop.

"But that got my attention. What keeps me sober is — of course, I've been remarried for 23 years, and I've got a 22-year-old daughter in this marriage — Ashley. She doesn't mind if I break her anonymity. She's a chip off the old block, but she's taken to recovery like a fish to water. My other kids never had any problem with alcohol and drug addiction. Life is good. Life goes on."∎

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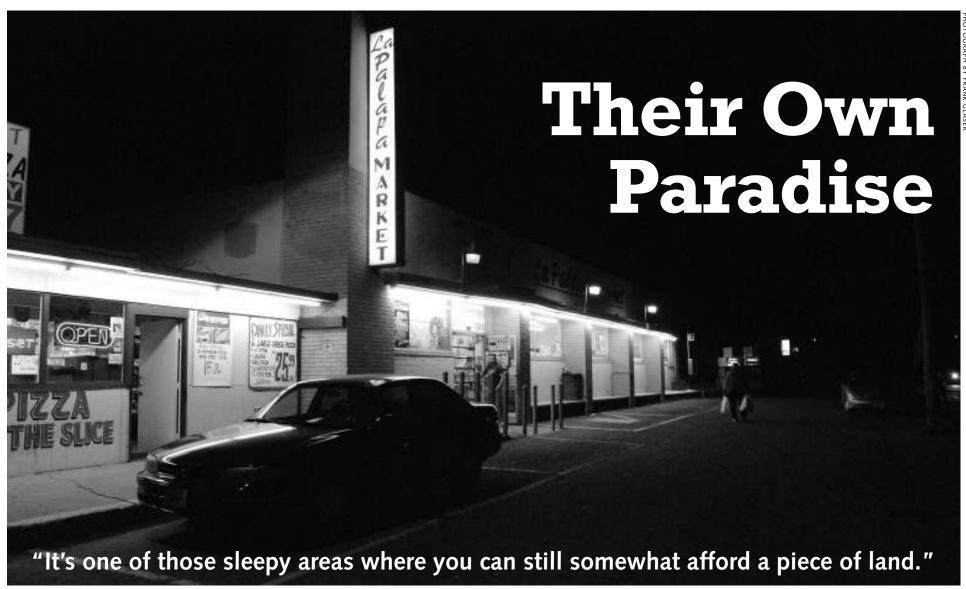
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Reo Drive, Paradise Hills

PARADISE HILLS lies in a small corner of southeastern San Diego, butting right up against National City and State Route 54. It's a low-lying neighborhood, despite the dips and bobs of the hills; the sky looms large over the slope-roofed houses atop the crest, while rows of compact, one-story homes line the streets below. Reo Drive, which cuts through the western side of the community, is home to the majority of Paradise Hills' businesses. Save for a minimart, everything is here: the post office, the pizza shop, the Mexican

restaurant, the medical clinic, and La Palapa, a grocery store. A few stores sit empty, including a former boutique and a gift shop. All of Reo Drive's businesses are mom-andpop operations - no Starbucks here with hand-painted and colorful signs beckoning customers. Many of the storefronts look untouched by modernization; La Palapa is painted a dusty but cheerful pink; the pizza joint offers the bucket-seat benches and stand-up arcade games of an era passed. There's a feeling of comfortable stagnancy

about the place, as though not much has changed in the past few decades, giving it a rare air of authenticity.

Paradise Hills feels decidedly '50s, in its layout as well as its architecture. From aerial photographs, the streets seem designed by postwar tract-housing developers; long thoroughfares loop cul-de-sacs, whose maddening no-outlet roads dead-end abruptly, perfect for cookie-cutter suburban dwellings. While the houses have a similar style ground-hugging, modestly sized, and rectangular — some tracts were built in the '50s, others in the decades that followed. Remodeled and added onto over the years, many houses now have their own design.

At the crest of one hill is a section of Navy housing, Spanish-style duplexes and fourplexes with tiled roofs and bright green lawns, built in the mid-1990s. These places have the benefit of a million-dollar view, one that extends all the way to the Coronado Islands. Down the hill, the story is a lit-

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the views often don't extend past the next-door neighbor. Some houses have new coats of paint, patched roofs, and cheery decorations a flamingo here, a pinwheel there — and others seem to have resigned themselves to decline. Sagging furniture sits on porches, some straggling out into the packed-dirt front yards. Trees have been hacked into stumps, the bodies of discarded televisions lying beside them. Other yards are crammed with toys — bikes, bright plastic playhouses, sandboxes and hand-lettered signs advertising day-care centers. Picket or chain-link fences line the properties, dividing the lots into neat little rectangles, giving a polite but firm air of protectiveness. There's a distinctly family feel about the place, though, one of a sturdy

This feeling isn't lost on potential homebuyers. "The

community.

houses have what realtors like to call — at least they liked to call when I was a young man — good bones," says Guy Preuss. Preuss, who's 65, bought his home in the mid-'70s and has lived

the next thing they do after they buy the house is they buy new shutters and paint and they fix 'em up. So the housing stock is pretty stable." The evidence of this is easy to see: newly planted

#### "A lot of those National City gangs consider this their turf."

in Paradise Hills ever since. He's seen the neighborhood shift from white collar to blue collar, from predominantly white to predominantly minority, and from families whose children are grown to an insurgence of younger families. Now he's seeing a shift from dilapidated to renovated. The houses are a worthy investment, according to Preuss. "If you buy the house as a fixer-upper, it's worth fixing up, because you can fix them up," he says. "So what happens is, these houses are bought by the young couples with two kids and half a dog and a quarter of a cat, and

sod, plywood covering holes in half-finished additions. and "For Sale" signs staked beside gleaming walkways.

No matter how sanitized an area can become, though, danger may remain close at hand, particularly with the younger set. "At first glance it seems really nice and safe and pretty," says Kate, manager of the Charles L. Lewis III Memorial Skate Park, at the foot of Potomac Street, "but from the things I hear from the kids, it's actually kind of a bad neighborhood." Kate, who is in her mid-20s, originally hails from Washington, D.C., but moved to California four

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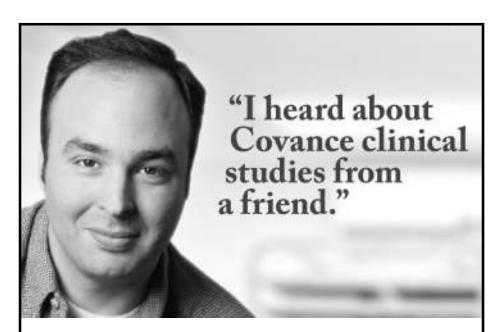
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years ago. She now resides in Mexico and commutes to Paradise Hills each morning to open up the park.

During the six months Kate's been at her post, quite a lot has gone on around her. "I saw a couple of gang fights," she says. "They were more up towards the recreation center on the top of the hill, and it was a couple of Samoan gangs, and there were, like, 20 or 30 kids on each side." She points to the



center, 300 yards to the south and just visible behind a row of trees. "They'll wait outside the recreation center for whichever kid they're waiting to jump, and they beat them up and then take off," she explains.

Another brawl she witnessed took place in the cricket field next to the skatepark. It was between two girls, 11 or 12 years old, from a school on the other side of Paradise Valley Road, and it got very ugly very fast. A couple of teenagers had warned Kate about it, so she had a cop there to meet them, but he wasn't of much use. "All of a sudden, like, 50 kids came running down the hill from the school and met in the field, and they made a big circle around the outside, and the cop was sitting on the side over here just watching the thing, waiting for it to happen," Kate describes.

She tried in vain to get him to intervene and finally broke up the fight herself by pretending to be on the phone with the cops, a ruse that caused the kids to scatter, chasing after their prey. "They gave the girl, like, a twominute head start, and then all 50 kids just started chasing her down Paradise Valley Road," Kate recalls. "Kids were in the middle of the street running down the hill, and traffic was stopped. It was crazy-crazy."

But the community is quieting, according to some. "Things have calmed down greatly," says Doug, who has spent all of his near-18 years in Paradise Hills. Doug attends Morse High School, in the adjacent community of North Bay Terraces, and is an avid artist and author of a blog, "Change Is Constant" (hiphophostage619. blogspot.com). "Gang-wise,

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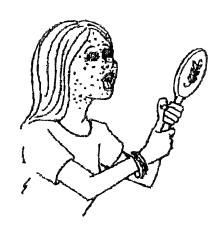
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things have calmed down, and cops have been cracking down on it. Pretty much the problem now is not even gangs anymore; it's about being better than another person, material stuff, you know what I'm saying?" He cradles his skateboard. "Gangs are still a factor here, because just a few weeks ago a friend of mine, he was shot around this area," Doug says slowly. "And it was around six o'clock when him and his good friend were shot, and they weren't even related to any kind of gang so... It's a shame that innocent people like him fall down victim to this kind of stuff."

Doug, who is the youngest in his family, has managed to avoid that lifestyle. "I listened to my mommy," he quips, then turns serious. "My two older brothers, they were into the gang stuff as well, like, they'd always tell me not to do the things they did, but early on when I was younger, I wouldn't understand what they were doing 'cause I was fortunate enough to have them keep all that stuff away from me. Because I've seen my friends, my peers, they're my age, and they'd have older brothers, even sisters, that wouldn't care if they were smoking pot or doing whatever, a lot of the gang stuff, in front of them, and they weren't ashamed of it. But I'm blessed to have two older brothers to be considerate about my future 'cause they don't want me messing up like them."

Many area kids end up "banging," joining gangs and causing upheaval in the neighborhood and within their families. Doug recently ran into an old friend from elementary school and realized that he'd joined PH, a local gang. "I found out his aka and that he was the same guy I saw on the news in a high-speed chase. I went, like, 'Wait, wait, wait. That's you?" His laughter doesn't undercut the seriousness of it. "It's ridiculous," he says, "but then again, the people I've known, I'm not surprised."

The gang's reach has its limits, though. Pat Fickling, the head librarian at the Paradise Hills Branch Library, considers the danger to be relative. "If you're hanging around with people who are questionable, then you're in for some questionable activ-



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ity," she says. "So, yeah, there is gang activity, and some of it spills over from National City because we're so close. And so a lot of those National City gangs consider this their turf. I don't think if you're walking down the streets, the odds are any better of something happening to you here than anywhere else. A lot of it is your perception."

Riad Mansour, who manages a convenience store, agrees. "Before working here, people used to talk about Paradise, like, very dangerous, you know? From my perspective, I think that's bogus." His store, which belongs to his aunt and uncle, is known as "Mom and Pops." Mansour has been here three months, moving from San Jose; before that, he lived in Iraq. "I mean, I see a lot of nice people here, you know?" he continues. "Family people, friendly people." So far, he's had few major problems, and in all the 18 years Mom and Pops has been in operation, everything has gone smoothly. Mansour does, however, acknowledge the danger. "I mean, it is dangerous because it's mixed with all different kinds of people, especially the young ones," he says. "That's what the danger comes from, the young people. Not, you know, older. Young fellas. Teenagers, 18s and 20s, 22s." The worst trouble they make for him is being loud in the store or, on occasion, stealing.

For Guy Preuss, the only evidence of gangs is the graffiti, which he can't stand. When his friends from the East Coast come to visit, he says, "I'm sort of ashamed. The only gang I really know of is the Paradise Hills Locos, and that's, once again, hearsay," he says, most likely speaking of PH, the gang Doug mentioned. "But who these damn Paradise Hills Locos are, I don't know. These people must be damn near my age now," Preuss says, laughing.

Even though he is not involved with any gangs, Doug knows their names, and he rattles them off: PH, which stands simply for "Paradise Hills"; BNG, or Bahala Na, a Filipino gang; STS, for Santanas; and AKP. Their graffiti scrawls across most of the sidewalks of Parkside Park with an almost gothic letter style, nearly illegible. "The ground is the gang's canvas," says Doug, "and

they're not really great artists." The crisscrossing layers of graffiti solidify the gangs' presence, making them loom larger than perhaps they are. But they're around.

Doug recalls a day "back in the '90s" when he was

accosted by a man who nearly ran him over outside his house, an experience he chronicles in his blog." 'Your ass didn't even stop at the STOP sign!' I yelled as I was walkin' into [my friend] Ken's ride," he

writes. The gangbanger wasn't having any of it and shouted back." 'I don't give a fuck! This is my 'hood! Aye! AYE!' " he bellowed, before driving off. Bristled, Doug continues venting his frustrations at the situation and those like it on the virtual pages of "Change." "I'm especially pissed at the fact that he claims this neighborhood that I grew up for my 17 years 'n' most likely went through the same bullshit he did," he writes, "fucking loser."

Aside from gangs, the biggest complaint of the area's residents has stemmed from the board-and-care facilities the neighborhood has cultivated over the years. Rather than catering to the

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buy lottery tickets and cigarettes. Some chitchat, almost incomprehensibly, with each other and with Mansour, who takes it all in stride. "I don't mind, you know," he says, referring to the cluster of folks who gather to sit in

moguls, there are those who seek to better the community rather than take advantage of it. Heavy improvements are planned for Paradise Hills, the biggest of which is the ongoing Reo Drive Revitalization Project,

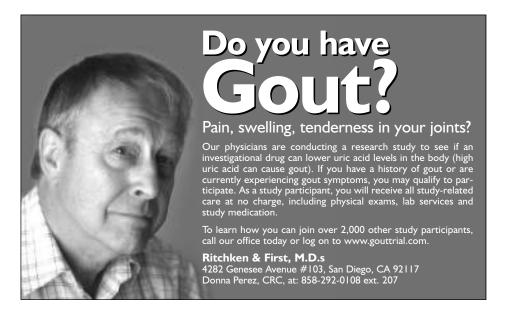
"We were up to \$900,000 somewhere around there which you would think would finish the project. They're still doing the engineering studies."

the plastic chairs outside the store, "if they get a soda, a smoke, or something." He stops, but adds quickly,"No

But along with gangs and absent board-and-care

which has been more than ten years in the making and aims to spruce up Paradise Hills' one-block commercial hub. The situation outside the rows of shops on Reo Drive is atrocious. Cars

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park in small lots of uneven and potholed blacktop that extends all the way to the curb. Sidewalks are almost nonexistent. At either end of the block sit two empty, weed-filled lots, one formerly a gas station and the other a failed recycling center. A third empty lot midblock is screened by a fence. It was Guy Preuss who, after spending a morning in South Park to grab breakfast, realized that there were alternatives to the current layout of Reo Drive. In South Park he saw a narrowed street, a widened sidewalk, and trees on Grape Street in front of the Big Kitchen. "There was a sign on the corner that said this was done with federal transportation money at \$750,000," Preuss says, "and I looked at that and said, 'How can this happen here and we have crap in Paradise Hills?'"

Preuss went to work. Along with various other

community activists, he spoke to the dean of the NewSchool of Architecture, former planning department head Michael Stepner, and Stepner organized a two-semester course that gave students, divided into two teams, the task of designing a revamped Reo Drive. "What happened is the students came up with models, and they came up with a little booklet," Preuss describes. "We had community meetings. On the corner we have

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a 99-cent store now, but at the time we had a storefront church in there, and the church let us use that for community meetings, and we had a merchant association and everybody bought into the project. We sort of combined the best features of the two teams for the street design."

The next step was finding funds. The project was awarded some park and rec money from the state about \$300,000 — and the City commenced engineering studies. Congressman Bob Filner came to visit the site. "He got us some transportation money," says Preuss, a \$300,000 grant, which required a 20 percent match from the City.

The students' work was both comprehensive and thorough. Phase one of their design included the 14-footwide sidewalks, the narrowed street, diagonal parking, and a landscaped median. But after the initial funds were raised, the project stalled. By 2003 enough money remained to plant eight small trees, build three crosswalks

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<u>Demographics</u>	
Population	17,42°
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There is a long, long way to go. Congressman Fil-

ner acquired another grant for the project, for \$250,000, which also requires a match from the City. "We were up to \$900,000 — somewhere around there — which you would think would finish the project," says Preuss. He pauses for emphasis. "They're still doing the engineering studies."

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No matter the setbacks, the project marches on. "We convinced Filner and Tony Young that if they finished this project, it uplifts the neighborhood," says Preuss, "and it's true. This is the only commercial center in Paradise Hills. You get the 14foot-wide sidewalks, you get the opportunity for little places like this to do sidewalk dining. Fourteen-foot-wide sidewalks make this commercially viable, and we start

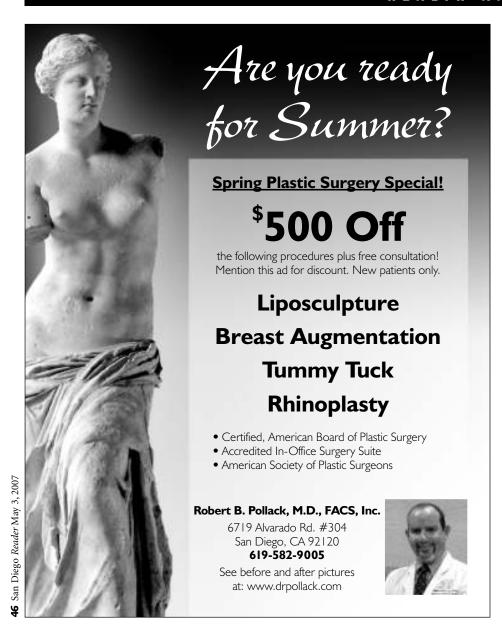
putting in sales-tax revenue back in the City."

Another project in the planning stage: a new library. Located two blocks south of the business district, the branch library, built in 1964, is showing signs of wear. Pat Fickling, who has been head librarian since 1994, points out stains on the particleboard ceiling where rainwater has threatened to spill

down onto shelves and ruin the books. "This is years and years and years' worth of leaks," she says, pointing to a buckling brown patch, "and that's just one of the places. There's a leak that's right over one of the Internet computers, and one morning we came in and the computers were just sitting in puddles of water." The library is scheduled to be replaced in 2010. "There's no site chosen, and there's no money, so I don't know exactly how they're going to do it, but it would be nice to go out on that note," says Fickling, speaking of her retirement, which is slated for the same year.

Fickling, who does not live in Paradise Hills but is a community champion nonetheless, watches over the library with a careful eye and has an acute understanding of the community's movements."There used to be a wonderful Mexican restaurant across the street," she says, pointing out the front window, "but they got priced out of business. I guess they kept raising the

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rent and raising the rent. And that was really a community gathering space too." Fickling makes a point of being a fixture in the area and attends many community events and meetings. "At one time, there was really a spirit of activism in this neighborhood," she says, shaking her head, pointing at an archived flyer for the library's "buy a brick, build a library program," which allowed residents to purchase a symbolic brick to help raise money for the present building. That was close to 40 years ago.

Despite what might seem like a lag in community activism — the PTA at one of the local schools, Fickling says, totals three parents several groups watch over Paradise Hills, the biggest of which is the Skyline–Paradise Hills Planning Committee. A mix of residents from both communities, the group's responsibilities include considering conditional-use permits - off-sale beer and wine licenses, housing-extension plans made by residents who wish to expand their homes,

and cell-phone towers, which not only provide additional phone service but can be a lucrative opportunity for homeowners. Many cellular companies construct what they call stealth antennas, which disguise the towers as light poles, chimneys, or trees. Homeowners can get up to 15 grand a year by allowing one of these to be installed on their property. The trees are strange structures, too tall and bright to be real trees, pouring forth a harvest of green boxes. There was recent grappling over one stealth antenna, which some considered an eyesore, but the resident finally won out; at 15 grand a pop, it's hard to argue against.

For those interested in grassroots organizations, there is the Paradise Hills Village Council, of which Guy Preuss is chair. "The Paradise Hills Village Council is basically an oral newsletter," Preuss explains. "People get together to complain about graffiti, to complain about the board and cares when they're not controlling their patients properly. It's a resource for

the politicians to make contact with the community. In the course of a year, field reps from all the elected officials will show up." The complaints and requests of the residents of Paradise Hills then get filtered to the Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Committee and eventually to the City.

One of the regular attendees at the village council's monthly meetings is Alonzo Alexander, a community relations officer, whose dual duty is to act as both community liaison and patrol cop. He rules his roost from a storefront office in the middle of a shopping center in the neighboring community of South Bay Terraces, a few blocks east of the skatepark. "We take more time out to deal with social issues that might be taking place in the community," Alexander says, by way of explaining his job. "For the most part, I'm still a cop. I'll arrest you, probably faster than most of the cops in the field, even though I'm community relations," he continues, laughing. "Granted, I want to do it with a smile, if I can, so you under-

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stand that we're not the bad guys, we are trying to provide a service."

Alexander spends most of his evenings shuttling from meeting to meeting, trying his best to make it to each and every one of 30 community meetings each month. His days start at ten o'clock in the morning and often end in the night hours. He also works closely with the director of the Navy housing and with its private security guards, keeping them up to date on goings on in the area. About a year ago, in an outsourcing move, the Navy partnered with a professional management and construction company in ownership of the housing, which greatly helped remedy some of the problems within it. "It's my understanding there were a lot of people that were asked to leave," says Alexander, "because they weren't within compliance. We also found out that a lot of the people that were asked to leave did not have rights to be there anyway. They had somehow managed to be involved in a sublet format, or they were there

living in housing while Soand-So was out at sea. So they weren't concerned about rules or who the neighbor was." He pauses. "As far as now, it feels like a...it's almost like a Ward Cleaver feel to me." And the impact on the surrounding community has been positive. "They have a park and they have ballgames and things like that, so a lot of people from the outer community will come and just sit and relax in there also," he says. "So I've got nothing but plusses about how that change has been seen."

Alexander's goal is to make open dialogue with the community — especially young people — his top priority, and he approaches his task with a firm, respectful grace. "One of the biggest things was getting out there and communicating with everybody," he says, "getting them to understand we're not saying that kids shouldn't be able to go and hang out, but we really need to monitor where they're hanging out, why, and who they're with, make them aware of the dangers that exist out

there so they understand when it's time to break up and move on. Don't stand around and let the problem get bigger for you." Alexander thinks it is working."That has been a change from when I first came here," he says, "because it used to be that people just wanted to stay in the house and stay out of the way, you know, 'I don't wanna be involved. I don't wanna take any chances. There's one or two knuckleheads who run through here and they'll do something stupid, newsworthy-wise, sensationally. Kids will be kids, no matter where you're at, and we'll expect a certain amount of activity from them. People are gonna be people, no matter where you're at, and you expect a certain amount of negativity, but most of it is positive."

Negative or positive: Guy Preuss is here to stay. Preuss remembers purchasing his house with help from a Navy buddy. Arriving by accident after his fleet orders were changed, he set his sights on property ownership almost immediately. "By the time I

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knew I was coming to San Diego, houses were selling for \$32,000, and when I got here, they were selling for \$42,000," he says, "so I immediately said, Well, just to keep pace with the market, I need to buy a home.' Besides, I didn't want to live on the base anymore, so I bought a house. And then I discovered, 'Oh, this is really a nice place to live,' and I never left."

Doug, on the other hand, wants out. He tucks his skateboard under his chin, looking out at the park he used to rule with his friends, a crew of skaters who often had to duck into the canyon as gangs strolled through to fight."I'd really like to get out of this place, like just as far as possible," he says, strongly though without malice. "I'd really like to visit New York. Experiencing downtown and the city life in general, I feel like it's for me, for someone to be, like, social and outgoing and, I don't know. I need diversity, basically. I'm actually getting tired of hanging around my own."

Alonzo Alexander, who lived in Paradise Hills with his wife and four daughters up until recently, loves the area; it's his base, his beat. "It's a hidden jewel," he says. "It's one of those sleepy areas where you can still somewhat afford a piece of land." He pauses, fiddles with his radio. "It's a hidden jewel that seems to be coming back," he says softly. ■

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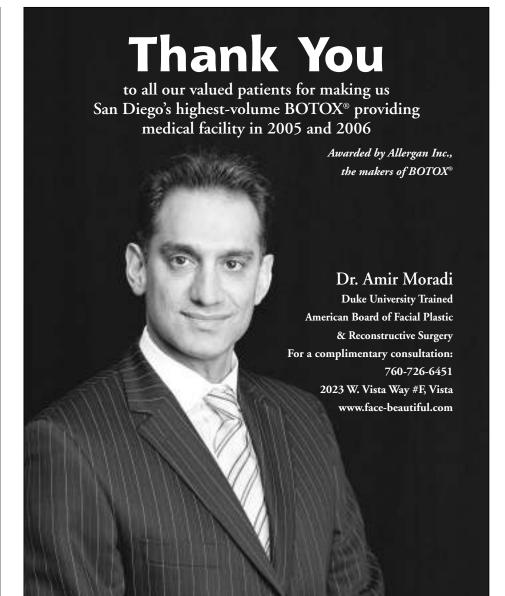
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Eventually, as colleges grew in size and prestige, their planners became interested in making architectural statements about their institutions' raison d'etre. In the early 19th Century, Eastern campuses suddenly became populated with Greek Revival edifices - two-story rectilinear buildings with Doric-columned porches, which supposedly demonstrated the American institutions' philosophical ties to Greco-Roman heritage, democracy, wisdom, and independence. Several decades later, Gothic Revival would become popular on campuses for its monumental scale and Medieval allegories, which denoted permanence, endurance, and respectability. By the mid-19th Century, students could attend classes in buildings that looked like Greek temples and Gothic churches.

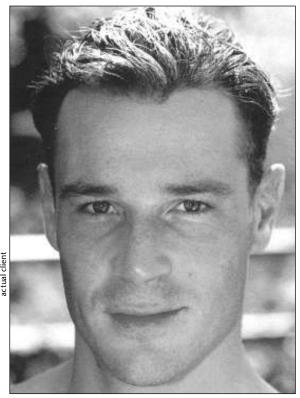
In the 1890s, a final "Edifice Complex" befell American campuses. "Beaux Arts fever" — an obsession with ponderous, large-scale, domedand-portico'd buildings — had already stricken America's landscape. Banks, churches, office buildings, libraries, even railroad stations resembled variations of the White House. University architects also seized upon the style to add formality, pomp, and circumstance to their campuses. Their Beaux Arts constructions attracted philanthropic benefactors who believed the Brobdingnagian Beaux Arts style was a perfect vehicle for ensuring their architectural immortality. These early—20th century captains of indus-

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U.C. Santa Cruz, and UCSD.

The three U.C. campuses were designed with "movement" in mind thousands of baby-boomer students and hundreds of their cars moving through the campuses' environments. Access roads, parking structures, and walkways now influenced (and sometimes dictated) building siting. The increased size of the campuses, larger than anything envisioned by 17th-century college builders, caused great concern to U.C.'s then-president Clark Kerr, who worried that the three U.C. campuses' sprawl would make college life "impersonal and overwhelming" for students.

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rather, he suggested they try to raise \$500 and secure a laboratory and requisite equipment for such a program. Ritter was able to convince newspaper magnate E.W. Scripps to donate the money (and a yacht) to the nascent marine biology program. And the owner of the Hotel Coronado granted Ritter temporary use of his Glorietta Bay boathouse.

Soon the boathouse became inadequate for Ritter's needs. Ritter again visited Scripps for another donation. This time, Scripps gave him \$1000 to build new marine biological digs but warned that "any shack would do." Obligingly, Ritter erected a green wooden shanty at La Jolla Cove, a tram line destination popular with San Diego residents and tourists. Already the scenic location was luring visitors to its shores with numerous attractions: boathouse dances, glass-bottom boat rides, and even a "diving professor" who set himself afire before plunging into the water. Ritter's laboratory soon became popular with beachgoers, who examined his extensive collection of marine specimens.

In 1909, Scripps's sister, Ellen Browning Scripps, donated nearly \$9700 for a larger, more permanent facility to be named the George H. Scripps Memorial Marine Biological Laboratory, in honor of the Scrippses' deceased older brother. Prominent local architect Irving Gill was chosen to supervise construction. The laboratory, completed the following year, was an unornamented utilitarian building of reinforced concrete that foreshadowed much of the architecture that would grace UCSD's acres some 50 years later.

Finally, in 1912, the University of California's regents accepted Ritter's marine biology program into the University's curricula. Ritter's research facilities were again renamed "Scripps Institution for Biological Research" and consisted of a laboratory, public aquarium, library/museum, pier, and 24 cottages, which Ritter's wife described as "truly mas-

culine in their planning and lack of conveniences." Groceries had to be delivered to the facilities once a week from town.

During the next decade, thousands of trees and shrubs were planted at the site at the order of the institute's new director, T. Wayland Vaughan, who had labeled the grounds "in lamentable condition." The Santa Fe Railway had previously planted a eucalyptus grove on the land for potential use as railroad ties. E.W. Scripps ordered more of the trees moved to the area, where today they still flourish, guarded by environmentally conscious UCSD faculty and students.

In 1925, the institute's name was changed yet another time to Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Although Ritter's dream institute was indeed growing in size and reputation, its physical campus remained crude and unimpressive. Six years later, architect Irving Gill's nephew, Louis, completed the \$120,000 Ritter Hall, which one former UCSD

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UCSD formally emerged as a college campus in 1960, when its first director, Roger Revelle, announced intentions to erect an "academic city on a hill" in La Jolla, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The San Diego City Council had offered to donate to the university "certain cityowned lands" for the development of an "Institute for Pure and Applied Physics" and an "Institute for Mechanics." The largesse included two World War II Marine bases, whose barracks were eventually converted into classrooms and offices.

In keeping with UC president Clark Kerr's vision of "academic neighborhoods," UCSD's 1200 acres are divided into five separate colleges, each with its own academic buildings and residence halls. Revelle College has an open plaza plan. Its buildings are predominantly exposed-concrete forms. Muir College, which was built as a single project in 1970, boasts a series of high-rise dorms grouped about an intimate outdoor space. It is considered by some to be UCSD's most successful architectural undertaking. Thurgood Marshall College, begun in 1979, is an amalgamation of stucco and concrete buildings, designed to appease students who had requested African mud huts and Spanish-style buildings to celebrate UCSD's diverse ethnicity. Warren College, at the north end of campus, includes several innovative engineering buildings and Mediterraneaninfluenced walkways. And Eleanor Roosevelt College, the newest of UCSD's minicolleges, flanks the Univer-

sity Center, with a grouping of halls named after continents.

The "gestalt" of UCSD's colleges is a juxtaposition of academic tradition and architectural invention. "The goal is to avoid the two extremes — total anarchy from building designs that are all different and oppressive homogeneity from buildings that all look the same," says UCSD Materials Science Professor Lea Rudee, who served as head of the college's building advisory committee and architectural review board.

A series of "master plans" has been implemented by UCSD's administrators to guide the site's long-term development "in order to create a campus, as opposed to just a collection of buildings," explains Patricia Aguilar, a former director of UCSD's campus planning. Aguilar contends that the most important aspect of campus architecture is not building design but "the spaces in between" — courtyards, quadrangles, lawns, and even parking lots — which have

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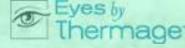
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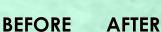
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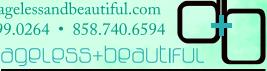


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Eight-story Geisel Library is UCSD's "signature building." It's a glassand-concrete structure resembling an *Independence Day* mothership that has descended on the La Jolla terrain. Originally designed by William Pereira in 1970, the building received a 220,000-square-foot underground addition from the architecture firm of Gunner Birkerts & Associates in 1993. The addition more than doubled the library's space. In 1995, Audrey Geisel, widow of Dr. Seuss author Theodor Geisel, donated what was said to be the largest individual gift in UCSD's history to the library (news reports estimated the gift at \$20 million). She claimed that her husband had once gazed at the large building and remarked, "If I had turned my thoughts toward designing a building, it might have looked strangely similar..."

That year, mimicking a Dr. Seussian plot, a water main ruptured near the library during construction work, sending 1.5 million

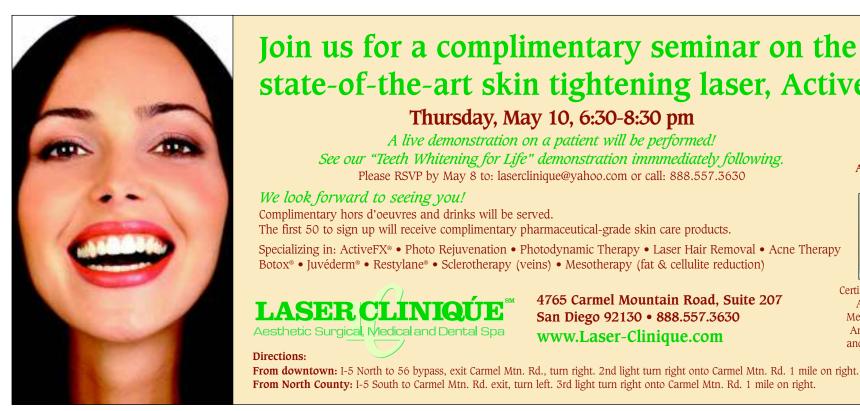
gallons of water rushing toward the structure. The library's electronic motion detectors opened the doors, welcoming the deluge into the library's interior and down to its lower floors, causing \$941,000 worth of damage.

Leading to the library is architect Peter Walker's "Library Walk," a quartermile, 30-foot-wide, chocolate-and-pewter path lined by 94 concrete benches. The walk, which was modeled after a Japanese temple passageway, according to Walker, links the Geisel Library to UCSD's School of Medicine.

The 164,000-squarefoot Price Center is the hub of UCSD student life. The parti-colored center consists of two L-shaped buildings, which, where connected, form an expansive piazza, along which flows a zigzagging manmade stream. The Center has a transparent façade that enables passersby to glimpse its interior goingson; it also permits natural light to stream into the center's interior spaces. Within the center is a 500-seat the-

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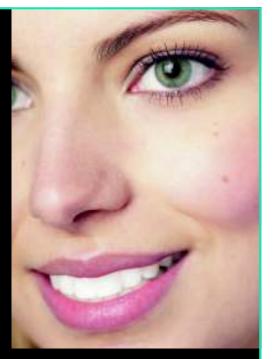


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Nearby is the Charles Powell Structures Laboratory, an unusual architectural work due to its function. Built to house seismic-stress experiments, the building is a 50′ x 120′ x 65′ thick-walled empty "shell" with a clean, simple exterior, three-foot-thick floor, and windows encircling the uppermost regions of its façade. "Basically, it's a big barn for smashing

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A building that has garnered criticism from some UCSD faculty for its reputed "stark, cold design" is the Visual Arts Facility by architects Neptune-Thomas-Davis and Rebecca Binder. According to faculty members, the building has been nicknamed "San Quentin" by some who work within it. Located near University Center, the Visual Arts Facility sports bars along a clean, stern façade. "Campus buildings are supposed to be active at ground level and be 'pedestrian friendly,' " said one former member of the university's architectural review board. "But that building is very chilling and unfriendly to passersby." Added a science faculty member, "It's got big gates, it's stark and sterile.... I just hope that it offers more inspiration to the artists who have to work in it."

Although UCSD is known for its science and medicine programs, it has gained repute for its hosting of the Stuart Collection, a series of public works of art sited throughout the campus, much of which provides commentary — some critical, some ques-

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Leading to the library is Alexis Smith's Snake Path, a 560-foot tiled pathway, shaped like a coiled reptile. Its sinewy body curves around a seven-foot-tall granite rendering of Milton's Paradise Lost then encircles a miniature Garden of Eden. The snake's tapered head and forked tongue point toward the library's entrance. Nearby is another Stuart Collection project,

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Other Stuart Collection notables include Nam June Paik's Something Pacific, William Wegman's La Jolla Vista View, and Niki de Saint Phalle's Sun God. Paik's Something Pacific is a series of stone-clad ruined television sets embedded in the lawn of the Media Center. Some of the sets are "watched" by armless Buddhas, who appear fixated by what they see...or don't see. William Wegman, known for his "transvestdog" photography, created a "nonscenic overlook" of La Jolla's housing developments, construction sites, and shopping centers. The installation includes a long bronze map showing "points of interest," a telescope, drinking fountain, and picnic table. And French sculptor Niki de Saint Phalle designed what some now refer to as "the UCSD mascot"—a 29-foot-high Aztecinspired monument consisting of a large, brightly colored bird astride an ivycovered concrete arch.

Although many regard the Stuart Collection as one of Southern California's most successful displays of public art, some UCSD faculty members are less than pleased with the collection's installations. "Frankly, I think it's an incredible waste," says one high-ranking UCSD administrator. "But the people who donate funds for such things probably wouldn't redirect their money to things the college needs, like a mass spectrometer.

"Many of the sculptures are too modern, too freaky. They don't appeal to those of us here who are conservative. For example, take that big 12-foot-high red-and-yellow shoe they put up [Elizabeth Murray's Red Shoe]. Give me a break..."

Constructed during an era of "dueling architectural styles" and mounting admissions, UCSD is a distant descendant of yesteryear's simple rural campuses. Its administrators hope that, through continued adherence to architectural master plans, the campus can flourish not only as a setting of educational inspiration, but as an example of graceful gestalt — an academic neighborhood that manages to escape the twin temptations of "complete anarchy" and "oppressive homogeneity." ■

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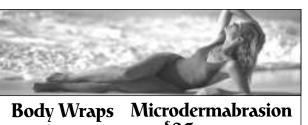
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#### **I Miss Them**

Well, this is the second week I've missed the book review, and I also missed the poetry, and I miss Judith Moore most of all, so please bring everything back — and I wish you could bring Judith back too. What I really liked about that column was that the author was interviewed, and I think it's important to hear the author's voice.

Tamara Bonilla Escondido

#### SROs Slip Through Cracks

Just wanted to make a couple of comments. First off, I agree with Krista from La Mesa 100 percent (Letters, April 19). Look, I think it's great you all want to promote your blogs page, but I agree, letters belong on letters page. Reading a blog is kind of like only getting one part of a conversation. You don't know what preceded on the blog; you don't know what followed after you stopped printing the blog. So maybe you should have like a blogs page and then a letters page. But I don't like the blogs on the letters page either.

Second item. Read with interest your story about the hotels in downtown San Diego, the residential hotels ("Tenants Turn Up Heat," "City Lights," April 19). This problem isn't limited to just that particular set of hotels. Most of these SROs in downtown San Diego violate so many different things — fire codes, health codes, lack of heat, lack of proper wiring, pest infestation, the list goes on and on. The problem is, there's no one that covers these. They also charge illegal guest fees. What this means is that let's say that you and I are hanging out watching the Padres on TV or watching the Chargers; the building I live in, after 8:00, if you want to hang out and watch the rest of the game, I have to pay \$15. Usually that money winds up going into the manager's pocket or the landlord's pocket. They treat these places like hotels when it suits them, treat them like apartments when they can collect more money for it. There is no department in

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One other thing, the past story you had on why people don't make eye contact ("Is the Sun in Your Eyes?" Cover Story, April 5). Well, partly because you also get things like, "Hey do you have any spare change?" or, "What the f\*\*\* you lookin' at, man?" Part of why people don't look people in the eye is the confrontational nature people have. I've lived in downtown San Diego for eight years now, and in addition to people not making eye contact, if you want to try a social experiment, walk around sometime and just say, "Hello," or "Good morning." You'll be surprised at how many people don't even acknowledge your existence and will just walk right on by you. So it's not just eye contact, it's ignoring people, that is, when they're not busy with their cell phones, their iPods, their Blackberries, their text messaging, and all this other stuff that makes wonderful ways to ignore our fellow man.

And the last thing I want to say is, as far as the ongoing comments on the Diva page. Look, part of the time, I would love to think that the Diva is a really cool individual. She'll make some comments or make some story, and it's like, wow, what a great insight this person has to life. Other times, I want to beat her with a stick for the fact that she's always bragging about how fabulous her life is and all of her wonderful drug use, and la-de-da, look-at-me, party-party-party.

Chaos Rabbit

#### **Outside, Looking**

I just wanted to write a brief letter in response to Ken Leighton's "Blurt" article entitled "Indier Than Thou" (October 19), which politely trashed the San Diego Indie Music Fest a few weeks ago.

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I'm learning that grabbing a burrito at El Zarape in University Heights is going to cost me a dollar or two more than Chipotle, a near-nationally recognized chain owned by Mc-Donald's. It's the sacrifice I usually choose to make to ensure that the privately owned places are still there next year, and the year after that. Music can be like that too.

As far as the argument of not recognizing any of the bands, well, being one of those acts that day, I'll choose not to take that statement personally. With the exception of some of the top names

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(Fishbone, Michelle Shocked, et al.), the reality is that nearly all of the participants, including me, have gained a certain level of mostly local notoriety, yet still are mostly unknown in the grand scheme of things. All the more reason to gather together to both provide and receive support to get our music heard. In the age of American Idol, I see quality independent music unknown to most as an asset — a grand and much-needed service provided — not a liability.

I've personally thanked Danielle and Alicia for the opportunity to participate in SDIMF this year, and I'll thank Ken Leighton for the "Blurt" article. It gives me an opportunity to thank them again, publicly.

To its author, I say, sometimes things from the outside look very different after stepping inside. Next time, take the chance. Show up. Look, listen, take it all in. You may enjoy it more than your projected suspicions.

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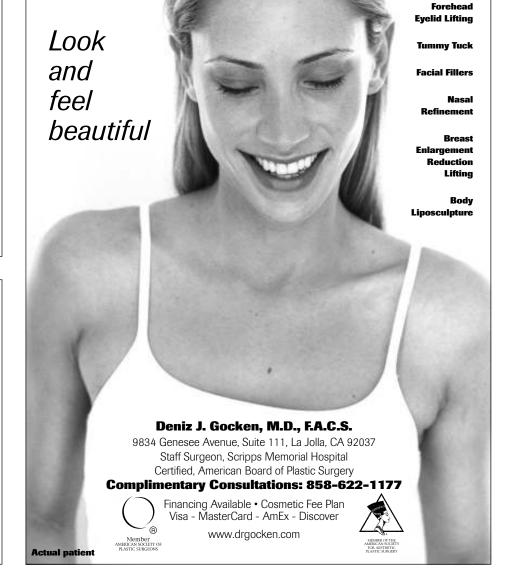
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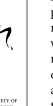
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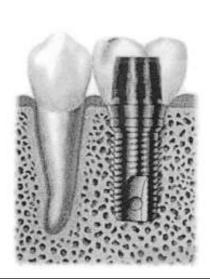
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#### **Anyone Want An Old** Pot Pie?

Re "The Well-Traveled Tomato" (Cover Story, March 8). What a wonderful article! I'll forward it to my daughter, who is studying nutrition at Columbia University. She's the one person in my life who, for the longest time, has been urging me to buy/eat from farmers' markets. She says in terms of nutrition, "They give you more bang for the buck."

Now that I'm excited by your article — and even more sickened by the frozen pot pie I forced myself to eat while reading the article — I'm determined to shop the farmers' markets for all my produce needs. I've even convinced myself to tackle "growing" my own food. I don't have a green thumb, but I do have a rabbit who loves to eat fresh cilantro, green lettuce, and parsley. And, I am told, he also produces some of the best fertilizer around — organic.

I can't seem to put Thomas Larson's articles down until I reach the end, and even then I still want to read on.

> Desiree van Saanen via e-mail

#### **Working Without** The Net

I have read parts of the Reader since I was a little girl, and I miss Ernie Pook's Comeek. Now, though, I adore Ollie's article "Remote Control King." I am dying to read more of his published works and hope that you can provide me with some titles and locations to find them. Hard copies only, if possible, as I may be the only girl in San Diego without a want or need for Internet.

> Heather Rose Midway

Ollie responds: First one is still in the works. Nothing published yet.

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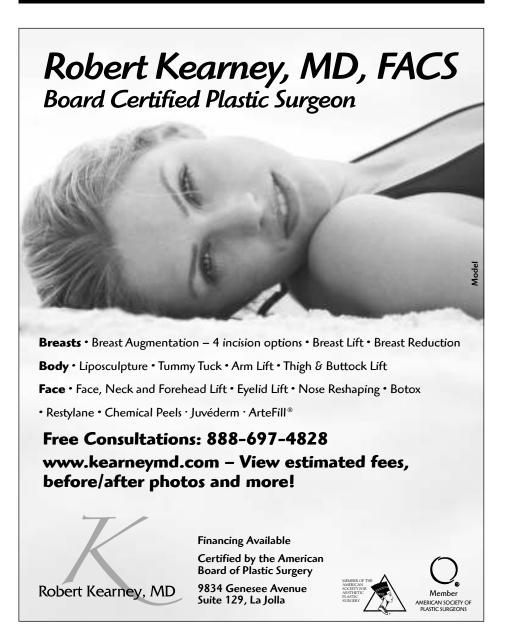
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Posted by Alex on 04/25/07, 5:28 p.m.

Newsflash: Angry indie artist discovers mass market culture is designed to sell culture to the masses. Film at 11.

Posted by Madcat (Grey Area) on 04/25/07, 10:06 p.m.

I am one of the artists who performed at this year's

Indie Music Fest. Alicia and Danielle are two of the most amazing women.... no wait....PEOPLE, I have ever meet. They have graciously offered their help to me and my group, knowing that we don't have a lot of money to offer them, simply because they heard our music and believe in us. They let us perform immediatly before Fishbone just because they believed in our music. They never once treated me like any of the numerous "penisheads" treated them. I have spent a good amount of time working with them and they never even mentioned most of the things I read in this article. They are so amazing yet completly humble. I was already impressed and forever thankful to them before but now I can't even find the words. They are the real deal and 100% practice what they preach. Peace & respect, MadCat

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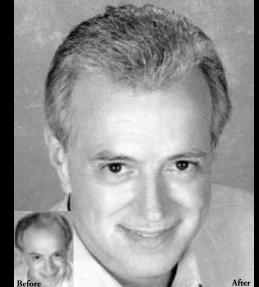
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Posted by Heidi P on 04/27/07, 10:45 a.m.

Posted by Laura Jane on

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joy to attend, promote, and

perform at. I've Emceed for all three years....Danielle &

Alicia ROCK~!~! ON stage and OFF. Their strength is in their music, in their kind, generous hearts, and in their enormous independently operated brains. Thanks for sharing the story of how the

SDIMF came to be and for

shining your light on INDIE music. And now I shall write

Barbarella~!/

04/26/07, 12:56 p.m.

Brava,

Danielle is the most honest person I have ever known and I have known her since 1983. I have long admired her, watched her evolve and grow personally and professionally. Despite all of the crap she has been through, the most amazing thing is she still keeps trying — as a musician, as an advocate for bettering our world, every day, in everything she does. Thanks for giving the truth she and Alicia have been dealing with in putting on an amazing event for the past three years.

Posted by Gina Angelique on 04/28/07, 8:51 p.m.

The context, or muck, i should say, that artists wade through to share their work these days must be understood in order to inspire change. The infinite isms that have made entertainment out of art are truly boundless. Every artist has a different path. Some say to hell with 'mainstream' right away, some arrive later, some never do. Artists are genuinely driven by a need to share their work and voice. we honor and celebrate each other and our community by listening. That's peace.



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#### **Sisters In Crime**

#### Mysterious San Diego

n the book I'm working on right now, someone makes a joke about something unlikely and says, 'The day that happens is the day we'll have full trust in our mayoral department," says author Morgan Hunt. On Saturday, May 5, Hunt will discuss and sign her new book Sticky Fingers at Mysterious Galaxy Books.

"There haven't been a whole lot of other books doing the same thing," Hunt says of her decision to set her mystery series in San Diego. "But there have been a few." In 1992, mystery author Janice Steinberg founded the San Diego chapter of Sisters in Crime, an

#### LOCAL **EVENTS**

organization that 'combats discrimination against women in the mystery field." Nine member-authors are

listed on the website.

More than one writer has incorporated the wildfires of recent years into their story, and the Santa Ana winds often play a central role. Steinberg's sleuth, Public radio reporter Margo Simon, investigates the cause of San Diego canyon fires in Death-Fires Dance, Author Martha C. Lawrence's Ashes of Aries is about a four-year-old boy who goes missing after a wildfire "aided by Santa Ana winds." The first sentence in Hunt's Sticky Fingers reads,

"August snapped its suspenders against a proud chest of Santa Ana heat.'

Mysterious Galaxy Books staff member Christine Van Such points out that in many

other mystery novels, rain and snow can play a major part in the story, often influencing the characters to stay indoors. Of a San Diego-based book, she would expect characters to spend more of their time outside. "You can't do that in 98 percent of the country 98 percent of the time," she adds.

Hunt's sleuth, a database expert and lesbian named Tess Camillo, lives on a fictitious street in Mission Hills with her heterosexual female massage therapist roommate. "She's endearing," Hunt says of the housemate character, "but she's a loopy, ditzy broad, very San Diegan, into alternative therapies, and she goes by her intuition and is often just as right as Tess is." Of her character's sexual orientation, Hunt says, "You can watch the Ellen show and somehow you would pick up that Ellen is a lesbian, but you wouldn't say it's a lesbian talk show. I don't want people to peg

[the book] as one that only lesbians would want to read any more than it would be true that only lesbians would want to watch Ellen's show.'

Characters that are into surfing or new agey, alternative ideas frequently appear in San Diego-based mystery books. Lawrence's sleuth, Elizabeth Chase, is a psychic private eye. Steinberg's Death in a City of Mystics deals with poisonous herbs mixed into a victim's tea. Alan Russell wrote The Fat Innkeeper, which, according to

his website, has sleuth Am Caulfield investigating "the death of a New Age conventioneer while struggling to keep a group of swingers under control." The story takes place at the

Hotel California in La Jolla, and the

main character, Caulfield, is an "aging ex-surfer. In an interview on her website, writer Taffy Cannon explains why she set her series in North County: "This series gave me a chance to call on some of the experiences I've had.... For instance, a lot of guys surf here, from ages 6 to what I call the Surf Geezers, fellows upwards of 70.... It's a whole fascinating subculture." Cannon's new book, Blood Matters, begins with a man being murdered in his Rancho Santa Fe mansion.

The most colorful real-life characters, Hunt says, are those who live in Ocean Beach. In Sticky Fingers, she describes the neighborhood as one in which "Bob Marley would have felt most comfortable — plenty of beach to make sand angels, more co-op grocers than fast-food chains, and more hashish than lattes."

Hunt's character discovers victims' bodies and interviews crime suspects in Balboa Park, the Ocean Beach Pier, Legoland, UCSD, and the Rosecrans cemetery. One thing about Tess that Hunt describes as inherently San Diegan is the joy the character takes in driving. "She'll cruise 85 up the I-5 in her Infiniti FX. [In San Diego], people will drive 75 to 80 if they can get by with it," Hunt says.

Van Such has some recommendations

for San Diego settings that mystery writers might want to use. The zoo and Wild Animal Park are her first picks. "There could be something that happened there, like a murder took place or an animal escaped, and they're trying to figure out how. Even the animals at the zoo are characters. like the cockatoo that used to be up at the front and the orangutan that used to get out of his enclosure on a regular basis.' Another good option

Diego's Comic-Con. Savs Van Such, "It's crowded, it's noisy, and you couldn't tell real blood from fake."

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**Author Morgan Hunt** discusses "Amateur **Sleuths Roving San Diego"** Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Mysterious Galaxy Books** 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard Clairemont Info: 858-268-4747 or

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**"El Hacha Puesta en la Raiz,** Geney Beltrán and Mayra Luna discuss their new book, Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (IJUANA)

**Carlos Niebla's Comedy** *La Reina de Su Casa* may be seen at various locations, May 3–7. Details: 011-52-664-687-9636.

"Noche de Comediantes," comedy by Mexican comedians Carlos Eduardo Rico and Los Huizapoles, Friday, May 4, 8 p.m., at Restaurant-Bar El Olivo (Carretera Tijuana-Ensenada km 106.5). Tickets: \$40, \$45. Proceeds benefit the Cruz Roja Mexicana. Reservations: 011-52-646-175-9049. (ENSENADA)

Fifth Annual Baja Book Signing and wine tasting at Pyramid Resort in Plaza del Mar (at km 57 on Rosarito-Ensenada free road), Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m.—5 p.m. More than a dozen Baja authors and storytellers will be on hand; sample Baja California wines (from 1 p.m.). 011-52-646-155-0265.

**Paella Contest and Bullfighting,** Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m., at L.A.

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

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This past rainy season delivered only a small share of moisture to grassy East Mesa in the Cuyamaca Mountains. So don't wait long if you want to enjoy spring-green rather than summer-yellow meadow vistas. Outlined here is a "grand tour" loop of 10.5 miles, which could take a long morning or a long afternoon to hike. As the map printed here suggests, other, shorter routes into the area are possible. Carry water, and be aware that travel here is by foot or horse only (no mountain bikes).

You start at the Sweetwater River bridge trailhead, on Highway 79, 15.2 miles south of Julian or 7.6 miles north of Interstate 8 at Descanso. From there, follow the Harvey Moore Trail south and east across a hillside dotted with singed oaks



Ferns on East Mesa

and covered with pioneering chaparral vegetation that has sprung up since the Cedar Fire. After about two miles, more burned oaks and pines appear. At the junction of the Dyar Spring Trail (2.4 miles), you'll have gained almost 800 feet, already the majority of the total elevation gain during the entire trip. East Mesa now lies ahead.

East Mesa isn't a mesa in the usual desert sense, but rather

a gently inclined bench of broad grasslands interrupted by tree- and brush-covered promontories. The diversity of habitats in this area supports possibly the largest deer herd in the county.

After climbing over a low saddle you come to a junction (3.4 miles). Turn left, and shortly after left again, to reach Granite Spring Primitive Camp (4.0 miles), off to the right side of the trail. A hand pump dispenses potable, but somewhat unpleasant-tasting, iron-rich water. You're better off drinking the water you've brought along.

From Granite Spring, return to the Harvey Moore Trail (which is now coincident with East Mesa Fire Road) and proceed generally north for another one mile to the next junction, where the Deer Park Trail, bound for Cleveland National Forest lands in the Laguna Mountains, heads east. Swing left and follow the continuation of the Harvey Moore Trail north, heading toward the south rim of the deep Harper Creek canyon. You descend gradually at first, then much more sharply on a zigzagging course that has proven difficult to maintain over the years. The post-fire recovery of native vegetation — oaks, pines, manzanita, ceanothus, mountain mahogany, and more — should be more rapid here than elsewhere, due to the slope's cooler, shadier, north-facing aspect. After an elevation loss of 700 feet, you reach Harper Creek.

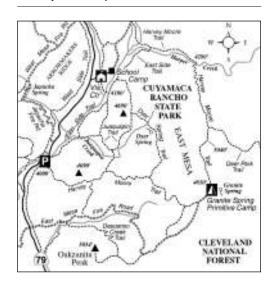
The trail turns west and follows Harper Creek downstream; after three crossings, it climbs abruptly up the brushy north slope to a position about 100 feet above the creek to avoid the rocky gorge below. It then contours for about 0.4 mile and then drops sharply to the bank of the creek just

below the gorge. Leave the Harvey Moore Trail at this point, cross the creek, and pick up the East Side Trail. Stay on the East Side Trail, enjoying a nearly consistent, slightly downhill stretch of nearly three miles, until you reach the Sweetwater River bridge trailhead.

#### **EAST MESA LOOP**

Visit East Mesa in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, and see how nature has recovered after the 2003 Cedar Fire

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Cetto Winery (at km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3). Expect flamenco dancing, paella, wine, bullfighting. Matadors Alfred Gutiérrez, Alejandro Vértiz, Octavio "El Payo" Garcia, Mario Aguilar meet up with bulls from Pepe Garfias. Tickets: \$50 for adults, free for those under 12. Reservations: 011-52-664-175-2363, 011-52-664-155-2264, 011-52-664-

**Agnostic Front** and other rock bands in concert, Saturday, May 5, 6 p.m., at Multikulti (at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street). \$12. 011-52-664-680-2631. (TIJUANA)

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**Banda El Recodo in Concert,** Saturday, May 5, 9 p.m., at Terrenazo Caliente (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-633-7300.

Rata Blanca in concert at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución), Saturday, May 5, 9 p.m. \$18 U.S. Tickets: 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Jazz Singing** by Iraida Noriega, Saturday, May 5, 9:30 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Privada 5 de Mayo #1320). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

**Lifeguard Association Triathlon** starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 6, at Hotel Coral y Marina, two miles north of Ensenada at Carretera Tijuana-Ensenada km 103. \$35. Registration: 011-52-646-185-0613. (ENSENADA)

San Antonio Poker Run, 100km rally for motorcycles, quads on offroad course at Rancho San Antonio in Ojos Negros (25 miles southeast of Ensenada, via Highway 3 to San Felipe) on Sunday, May 6. Participants make five laps to get five cards and play poker at end of event; three best poker hands win cash prizes, trophies. Course boasts rivers, sand, technical roads, broad fast roads.

Registration: 9 a.m., riding noon–6 p.m., poker game 6 p.m. Registration: \$35, includes T-shirt, meal, drink. General admission: \$2. 011-52-646-112-0857. (ENSENADA)

**"The Little Mermaid,"** children's musical presented Sunday, May 6, at noon, 3, and 5 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Bulls from Montecristi meet up with matadors Fernando Ochoa, Sebastián Castella, and Alejandro Amaya on Sunday, May 6, 4 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

**The Comedy** *Como Envejecer con Gracia* presented at 6 and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Los Dandys** plan Mother's Day celebration, Thursday, May 10, 8 p.m., at Camino Real Hotel in Zona Río. Tickets: \$45, \$50, in-

clude dinner. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

Mother's Day Celebration Concert by Marisela, Thursday, May 10, 9 p.m., at Baby Rock Café in Zona Río. \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-634-2404. (TIJUANA)

Rafael Mendoza in Concert, Thursday, May 10, 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

#### **OUTDOORS**

Lavender in Bloom, the Lavender Fields open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting April 25. Meet on the main gift shop porch for "Walk and Talk" tours at 10:30 a.m. Free. 12460 Keys Creek Road. 760-742-1489. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Land Bird Migration** is in full swing this month in San Diego

County, with warblers and flycatchers among those most commonly seen. Warblers crawl along trees limbs and branches to dine on their favorite insects, while flycatchers, as the name suggests, catch their meals on the wing. Riparian areas such as the San Diego River through Mission Gorge and Marian Bear Park in San Clemente Canyon are favored by both birds and birdwatchers.

"May Gray" and "June Gloom," the generally dreary, overcast, latespring weather along San Diego's coastline, already visited in April and could intensify this month and next. Occasionally, the low clouds will stick around for several days. This is usually triggered by a "Catalina eddy," in which moist marine air drawn inland from the area around Santa Catalina Island forms low clouds over a wide area. In the absence of Catalina eddy conditions, San Diego's inland areas, at least, experience plenty of midday and afternoon sunshine.

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-growing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and backyard tree in the older residential areas.

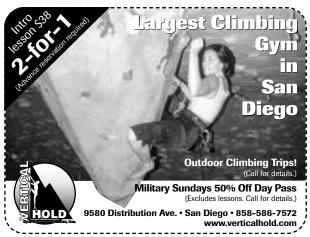
Wild Lilac (ceanothus) is currently blooming mostly at elevations higher than 4000 feet in San Diego County. Blossom colors range from pure white to various shades of blue or lavender. Some fine examples may be seen along the upper Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area atop Mount Laguna.

**Whelan Lake Bird Walk,** see many different species during walk hosted by Buena Vista Audubon Society to scope out avian migrants, Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-941-7824.

**Enjoy the Views** from atop Stanley Peak when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads strenuous six-mile round-trip hike on Saturday, May 5. Hike in Daley Ranch starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

**Explore Horsethief Canyon** during moderate hike hosted by Canyoneers, Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. promising 400-foot descent to canyon floor. Flat trail to Pine Valley Creek leads through live oaks, sycamores, wildflowers in Cleveland National Forest, Pine Creek Wilderness area. To reach spot from central San Diego, take







"Elfin Forest Way Up Trail," take this "Discover San Marcos Hike" on Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m.—noon. Enjoy great views after making it up hill of moderate difficulty. Trail is 1.5 miles oneway with a 600' elevation change; longer hike offered. Walking shoes recommended; bring water, trail snacks. Directions, registration: 760-744-9000 x3508. (SAN MARCOS)

**Lopez Canyon Flower Walk** led by Mike Kelly, Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos

Canyon Preserve. Expect to see endangered plants during slow-paced walk. Meet at Lopez Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Hike to the North End of Volcan Mountain and discuss past and future of park during rangerled outing, Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. Moderately difficult five-mile round-trip hike. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water. Directions to trailhead: 760-765-4098. Admission is free; parking is \$3. (JULIAN)

Seeing Red? Look for red-tailed hawks, red rocks, snakes, flowers during guided walks, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, May 5, 6, and 9, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero

t to see en-Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

> Nature Photography Hike planned Saturday, May 5, 9:30 a.m.–noon, at Wilderness Gardens Preserve (14209 Highway 76, ten miles east of I-15). All skill levels welcome. 760-742-1631. Parking fee: \$3. (PALA)

Explore the Urban Art Trail — the area that was the warehouse district from late 1800s to late 1900s — during Urban Safari walking tour led by Patty Fares, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (EAST VILLAGE)

**History Walk,** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Stargazing in the San Pasqual Valley, Saturday, May 5, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Event begins with orientation at 5:30 p.m., concludes around 11 p.m., weather permitting. 619-884-5527. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Family Campfire planned in amphitheater in Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road), Saturday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. Marshmallow roasting, hot cocoa, skits storytelling, songs. Blankets recommended. Program is free, parking is \$3. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

**California Native Plant Society Walk,** Sunday, May 6, 9 a.m., Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Where Is Switzer Canyon? Explore this spot and Burlingame neighborhood of pink sidewalks and 35 historic homes built in 1912 with Walkabout walkers, Sunday, May 6. Join group at 11:30 a.m. at 2412 30th Street (between Laurel and Kalmia Streets). Free. 619-231-7463. (SAN DIEGO)

**Circle a Maypole** (a "refurbished" 40-foot-tall cedar tree) to celebrate May Day, and enjoy entertainment by Moreton Bay Fig Morris Dancers (at noon and 2 p.m.), Sunday, May 6, at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). Free. 888-407-1489. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Nature Hike,** mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including May 6, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Rediscover Old Escondido East during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Tuesday, May 8, 2 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

#### DANCE

**"Off-Centre:** Spring Dance Concerts" presented Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Works directed by faculty, students, guests in variety of styles. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

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"Dance Break 2007," annual spring concerts offered May 4-6 in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Diverse choreography by faculty and students in a variety of dance styles showcased.

Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Turkey Trot Will Be Taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, May 4, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Hey Wire makes music, Chris Page calls for contradance, Friday, May 4, 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)

**University Dance Company** Spring Concerts, May 4-6 in Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Faculty choreographers include Joe Alter, Faith Jensen-Ismay, Melissa Nunn, Patricia Sandback, Leslie Seiters. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

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

#### **NIGERIAN POET**

and activist Chris Abani for New Writing Series, Tuesday, May 8, UCSD.

(SEE IN PERSON)



"Baile Habibi" (meaning "dance, my dear") is theme for Sohaila's ninth annual "dance extravaganza," Saturday, May 5, at Royal Palace Banquet Hall (1340 Broadway Street). Dinner dance features students; guest artists including Yazmina Zarod and the Sahara

Dancers from Tijuana, Ana Goebal, Estrella, others. \$40 tickets include dinner, performances, dancing to Manny Cepeda Band (10 p.m.). Dinner: 7 p.m., show: 8 p.m. Evening attire required. Reservations: 760-743-1235, 760-519-9615. (EL CAJON)

Ke Polani Ohana Halau Revue performance features Polynesian, Tahitian, Hawaiian dancing on Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m., in gymnasium at San Dieguito Academy (800 Santa Fe Drive). \$6.760-717-2053. (ENCINITAS)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including May 5, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100), Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8-11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

"Choreographers' Creations" see new works (contemporary to classical) by emerging choreographers, performed by members of San Diego Ballet on May 5 and 6. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, at Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade

(2650 Truxton Road). \$10 general. 619-294-7311. (POINT LOMA)

#### FILM

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: The Alps: Giants of Nature, Hurricane on the Bayou, Coral Reef Adventure (through April). "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases Mystery of the Nile (6 p.m.) and Whales (7 p.m.) on April 27. Ticket prices

and showtimes: 619-238-1233.

Billy Wilder's Comedy masterpiece starring MarilynMonroe and Jack Lemmon discussed by "film expert," UCSD professor Alain J.J. Cohen, and then screened, Friday, May 4, 2:30 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). Free. 619-463-9819.

First Friday Movies, enjoy Dis-

ney/Pixar's animated Cars on May 4, 7:30 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street). Bring a blanket, chair. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

The Vivid Documentary Ears, Open. Eyeballs, Click screens Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Film chronicles 12 weeks of basic training at a San Diego Marine base. Director





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"Movie Night" features screening of two Chaplin films to original music and Mozart's "Concerto for Flute and Harp" with Elena-Mashkovseva and Bamarre McGill, Friday, May 4, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Hutchins Consort presents music of Mahler, McNalley, Mozart. \$25 for two. 949-675-6010. (LA JOLLA)

The Lebanese Film West Beirut by Ziad Doueiri (1998) is story of three teenaged friends, two Muslims and one Christian, living in civil-war-torn Beirut in 1975. Flick screens for Heritage Language Program Film Festival on Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m., in room 4301 of Applied Physics and Mathematics Building at UCSD's Muir College. Free. 858-534-0693. In Arabic with English subtitles. (LA JOLLA)

"Jazz Innovators: From Bebop to Hard Bop, to Cool and More" is theme for "Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form" series on Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m., at Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The Gary Giddens documentary Celebrating Bird: The Triumph of Charlie Parker screens, with discussion led by SDSU professor Richard Thompson. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

"Al Otro Lado (To the Other Side)" — Mexico's official Oscar selection screens Monday, May 7, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Up for a "Riveting Portrait of Misunderstood Faith"? Joel Engardio and Tom Shepard's Knocking examines the Jehovah's Witnesses, looking at how Witnesses have shaped "history beyond the doorstep." Catch film on Wednesday, May 9, 6:15 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion follows. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

#### **Juried Student Video Festival** is Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m., in

Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Awards given in eight categories, from best narrative to most thought-provoking video. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Saturday Night Fever," 1977 John Badham drama starring John Travolta as Tony Manero, screens for spring film series, Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: The Alps: Giants of Nature, Hurricane on the Bayou, Everest, Coral Reef Adventure. "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases Bears (6 p.m.) and Space Station (7 p.m.) on May 4. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233.

New Works by Television and Film Students at San Diego State University showcased on Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at SDSU. Program includes fiction, documentary, animation, music videos, experimental works. \$10 tickets include "veggie-friendly" barbecue at 5:30 p.m. outside theater. 619-594-1375. (SDSU)

#### **LECTURES**

"Foreclosure and Bad Mortgages: How It Happens and What You Can Do About It" is topic when attorney John Brady speaks Thursday, May 3, noon, at San Diego County Public Law Library (main branch, 1105 Front Street). Free. Registration: 619-531-3900.

"The Cigarette in Global Lung History: How Flue Curing, Matches, Mechanization, and Mass Marketing Led to Mass Death and Deception" is weighty topic when Robert Proctor, historian of science at Stanford University, speaks Thursday, May 3, 4 p.m., in UCSD Natural Sciences building #120. Free. 858-534-0491. (LA JOLLA)

**Look at Life, Culture, Politi- cal Turmoil** along U.S.-Mexican

border when UCSD ethnic studies professor Robert R. Alvarez presents "History Alive" lecture for Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). Free. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Should the Creative Performing and Media Arts School be moved to current Ray Kroc Middle School site? Hear pros and cons when Carol Barry presents proposal Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m., in cafeteria at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute Drive). Also planned: presentation on AB1200, law proposed to increase penalties for repeat traffic offenders involved in hit and run accidents. Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

"Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana" presented by Rachel Teagle for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, May 4, 10 a.m. Teagle, a curator at Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, will present images of exhibition she curated that surveys 35 years of art-making in Tijuana. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Access to Justice: Assuring Democracy in San Diego" presented by City Attorney Michael Aguirre, Friday, May 4, noon, at San Diego County Public Law Li-

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brary (1105 Front Street). Free. Registration: 619-531-3900.

"Bountiful Botany — A Six-Part Tale" is told by MiraCosta associate faculty member Denise Stillinger for San Elijo Lagoon Lecture Series, Friday, May 4, 7 p.m., in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Free. 760-436-3944.

Better Living Through Paper, spend "A Day with Robert Lang" when the artist-scientist presents workshop exploring connections between origami and worlds of science, mathematics, and technology. Subject is "Origami in Science, Art, and Technology," 9 a.m.-noon, followed by workshop applying concepts of morning lecture, Saturday, May 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Mingei International Museum — North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. \$75 nonmembers. Reservations: 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Mozart's Marriage of Figaro illuminated in multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. (tickets distributed at 9:15), in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

"Benefits of Home Ownership" addressed during workshop by Amber Anderson of California Equities, Saturday, May 5, noon, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

"Theatre and War" is subject for symposium sponsored by Friends of Classics, Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m., in athletic center at San Diego State University, Panelists include Marianne McDonald, Michael Greenwald, George

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"World Social Forum 2007: Mobilizing 'We the Peoples' to Create Another World" — presentation by immigration attorney Lilia Velasquez and community activist Anne Hoiberg on issues, actions of World Social Forum, Sunday, May 6, 1:30 p.m., La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 619-223-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Young Art Tours led by middle and high school student artists at San Diego Museum of Art on Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m. "Learn what it is like to participate in this unique exhibition"; tours provide "new perspectives on creating art." Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931, (BALBOA PARK)

"Revisiting Rich Uncle Herman — A Case Study" is intriguing topic when Carol Baird speaks for "sharing meeting" hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, May 8, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

Surname Lists as found on Rootsweb message boards and mailing lists discussed by Margaret Read when Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society gathers, Tuesday, May 8, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-630-5720. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"How to Listen to Jazz 4: The Role of Drums in the Jazz Trio" presented Tuesday, May 8, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Drummer Joe LaBarbera discusses use of drums and percussion in jazz, as well as his playing with piano legend Bill Evans. LaBarbera will be joined by Mike Wofford (piano), Tom Warrington (bass). \$20 nonmembers. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Create a "Dry Jungle" when grower Greg Asbagh addresses the Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, May 9, 10 a.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Such a jungle boasts "plants that have a tropical look

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

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"Memorial Inscriptions, Cemetery, and Burial Records in Scotland" examined by Jackie Webster when Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association gathers Wednesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-7326. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Cooking Up Cancer Prevention** Cancer Project's Tracy Childs teaches cooking class on "Favoring Fiber," emphasizing cancer prevention and survival, Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m. at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. Registration: 858-679-9148.

**Collecting and Marketing Art** is topic when McNeil Sargent, co-

founder with Françoise Gilot of Printmakers Atelier and founder of Artist Equity, speaks Wednesday, May 9, 6 p.m., at Solana Beach Library (157 Stevens Avenue). Free. 760-929-9192. (SOLANA BEACH) How Do Judges Judge Art?

Tim Wride, curator at Los Angeles County Museum of Art, chronicles his four-day process of narrowing down 9800 submissions to a final selection of 103 works for 'The Art of Photography Show.' Talk is Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m., in Lyceum Theatre Gallery at Horton Plaza. Free. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Conversations with the Curator: Transactions," Stephanie Hanor leads tour of "TRANSactions," Thursday, May 10, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in museum admission. 858-454-3541, (LA JOLLA)

"Young Art 2007: Exploring Color," Nikki Oder, San Diego Museum of Art's "Young Art" coordinator, leads tours of exhibition with approximately 150 works created by kindergarten-12th grade San Diego students on May 10 and 13. Insight gallery tours begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The Historical Significance of Panorama Drive in the development of University Heights is focus when Alex Bevil, historian and New School of Architecture and Design adjunct professor, speaks Thursday, May 10, from 7 p.m., at

Grace Lutheran Church (3993 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

#### IN PERSON

Paul Huggins and Agogo in concert at noon on Thursday, May 3, in library plaza at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Light of Doom plays original rock and roll music for "Rock the Library" family concert, Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m., in Carlsbad City Library's Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). 760-602-2058. (LA COSTA)

"Jazz in the Night," a new musical featuring songs, stories of Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Billie Holiday, Charlie Parker, and others presented by Mariner Theatre Company, May 3-5. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday, in Mariner Theatre at Mar Vista High School (505 Elm Avenue). Piece was written, directed, choreographed by local vocalist Tokeli. \$8 general, \$5 students. 619-628-3074. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

No Singing and Dancing allowed! Students at Coronado School of the Arts present Footloose Thursday-Saturday, May 3-5. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. in campus theater, 650 D Avenue. General admission: \$12, reserved: \$15; discounts for seniors, children, students, 619-522-8969. (CORONADO)

Guitar Music by Peter Pupping on tap for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on May 3, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Acoustic Extravaganza, Ronny Cox performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Thursday, May 3 (\$15, \$20), followed by Don Edwards on Friday, May 4 (\$15, \$20). Vienna Teng takes stage on Sunday, May 6 (\$25, \$50); openers are Jessica and Jenny Owen Youngs. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at

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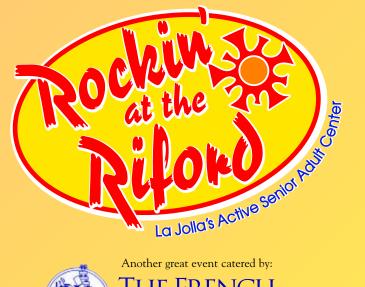
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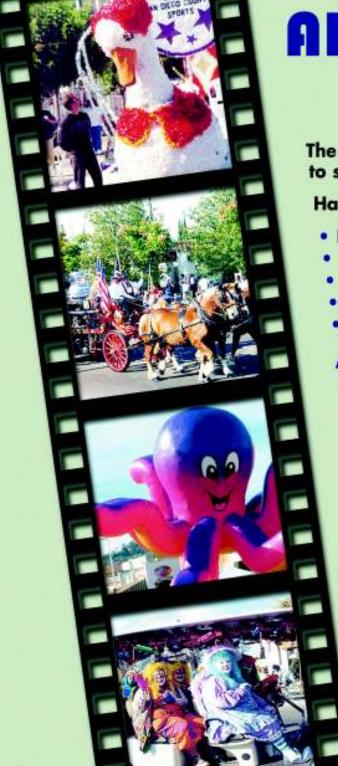
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#### World-Beat Music and Dance -

Damaru performs with Senegalese guest musicians Sene Africa, and there's bellydancing by Shalimar and Maisah, Thursday, May 3, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

#### Anna Nicole Smith's Sister,

Dona Hogan, discusses, signs her book, Train Wreck: The Life and Death of Anna Nicole Smith, Friday, May 4, 7 p.m., at Claire De Lune (2906 University Avenue).

Busy on 4th? Hogan will also sign books on Saturday, May 5, 3 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 619-459-3247, (NORTH PARK, ESCONDIDO)

#### Literary Arts Festival 2007 hosted by Grossmont College creative writing program con-

cludes on Friday, May 4, with "At Rise! Playwrights Festival," at 12:30 p.m., Griffin Gate. Free.

Lance Corporal Anthony Swofford, author of acclaimed autobiographical story Jarhead, will read from and sign his work on May 4, 7 p.m., in room 220. Find Grossmont College at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Free. 619-644-7486. (EL CAJON)

Jazz at the Point showcasing Gordon Goodwin and His Big Phat Band, Friday, May 4,

7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene College (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Broadway's Best," Gina Deluca and Eric Kunze perform May 4-6 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Duo will perform songs from Evita!, Phantom of the Opera, others. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 800-988-4253, (ESCONDIDO)

"Life's Not Fair (Part 3)," sketch comedy shows presented Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard), \$10, 619-220-8663. (NORTH PARK)

**Author** Luauna Stines signs AMother's Story this week. Catch her on Saturday, May 5, noon, at Berean Christian Store (8807 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Signing follows on Saturday, May 12, noon, at Loaves and Fishes Christian Store (510 Hacienda Drive suite 108; 760-758-1902). Final signing is Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m., at Escondido Christian Center (927 Idaho Avenue, 760-745-0505). Free. 760-789-6207. (CLAIREMONT, VISTA,

"Amateur Roving Sleuths Roving San Diego" is topic when debut mystery author Morgan Hunt visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m. Hunt's first mystery is Sticky Fingers. 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

#### OUT & ABOUT

**AVISHAI COHEN TRIO** for San Diego Jewish Music Festival, Sunday, May 6.

(SEE IN PERSON)



"A Great American Musical **Tour"** is theme for spring concerts by NoteAbles choral group, Saturday, May 5, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$10. 858-272-1287. (LA JOLLA)

Author Marjorie Hart reads from and signs Summer at Tiffany, Saturday, May 5, 5 p.m., at Cosmos Coffee Cafe (8278 La Mesa Boulevard). Holmes and a friend "were the first women to work on the floor of Tiffany in Manhattan in the 1940s." Reception afterwards across street at Maxwell's House of Books (8285 La Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-462-3387.

Busy on the 5th? Hart will also sign and discuss her book on Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA MESA, LA JOLLA)

Poet, Newspaper Editor, Investigative Journalist Jack Webb reads from his new books, The Best of Border Voices: Poet Laureates, Pulitzer Prize Winners and  $the\ Wisdom\ of\ Kids,\ Soul\ Riffs,\ Sat$ urday, May 5, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Puff, the Magic Dragon" is just one song written by Peter Yarrow, who plans concert on Saturday, May 5, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Yarrow is a founding member of Peter Paul & Marv. Tickets: \$43 general, \$5 for youth tickets purchased with each adult ticket. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Higher Ground, vocal jazz/gospel group from San Carlos United Methodist Church plans concert with music reflecting "great variety of sound 'hues' from the jazz and gospel genres — from rockin' to swayin' gospel, from somber to animated spirituals, from quiet jazz love songs to vigorous swing tunes." Concert begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Offering, 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

The Avishai Cohen Trio performs for eighth annual San Diego Jewish Music Festival, Sunday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Israeli-born bassist composer Avishai Cohen is joined by drummer Mark Guiliana, pianist Shai Maestro. Discussion with Cohen and KSDS's Claudia Russell follows. \$19 general. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show with Norma Jean, Richard Weiss, Jason Bang, Charlie Ayers, Travis Taylor, Allegra Barnett, Sunday, May 6, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free, 619-702-6010, 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

Jazz Music promised when Rob Thorsen and friends perform final mini-concert of season at noon on Monday, May 7, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), Free, 858-454-5872, (LA JOLLA)

Nigerian Poet and Activist Chris Abani reads for New Writing Series, Tuesday, May 8, 4:30 p.m., at UCSD's Visual Arts Performance Space. Abani's novels include The Virgin of Flames, Graceland, two novellas, poetry collections. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Los Angeles Times" Journalist Sam Quiñones will discuss his new book Antonio's Gun and Delfino's Dream: True Stories of Mexican Immigration on Tuesday, May 8, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue, 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

"4x4," Sushi Performance and Visual Art's performance series continues Tuesday, May 8, 8 p.m., at Bluefoot Bar and Lounge (3404 30th Street). Participants present new or in-progress works in "alternative, casual social setting"; all pieces low-tech, limited to ten minutes, performed on 4' x 4' stage. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10. 619-235-8466. (NORTH PARK)

The Bad Plus perform for KSDS-Jazz 88's Jazz Live series, Tuesday, May 8, 8 p.m., in Saville Theater at City College (1313 Park Boulevard). \$10. 619-388-3037. Concert



may be heard broadcast live on KSDS, 88.3 FM. (DOWNTOWN)

Comedian, Actor, Impressionist, and Sound Effects Guy Pablo Francisco in concert, Tuesday, May 8, 8 p.m., at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$17 general. 858-534-6467. (LINDA VISTA)

**La Jolla Novelist** Frederick Regenold signs *Tanto* and his three other books set in and around La Jolla, Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

**Poetry Readings** by Diane Quintrall Lewis and Mary Kay Rummel (*The Illuminations*) for Magee Park Poets, Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Open reading follows. Free. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

"The Latin Jazz Experience" is illuminated in concerts on Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Expect full big band with three Latin percussionists. \$10 general. 760-757-2121 x6434. (OCEANSIDE)

"Ladies' Night Out" presented by Palomar Women's Chorus, Thursday, May 10, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Listen for "folk music and Broadway show tunes with a light Latin flavor." \$5. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Berkeley Breathed Draws Your Mother! The Pulitzer Prize-winning author/comic strip artist reads and signs Mars Needs Moms, Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girad Avenue). Breathed "will sketch your family's favorite mother in each book purchased." Free admission. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**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 concludes with hunter/jumper week events through Sunday, May 6. The \$100,000 HBO Grand Prix of Del

Mar is Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m.

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)

Q: What's a "Volkswalk"? A: It is a noncompetitive walk on a designated trail. Take part in the California Volksmarch Association state convention volkswalks slated for May 4-6. The four walks start at Rancho Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte), showcase Poway and regional trail systems. Two walks are on trails and paved roads in Rancho Bernardo and north Poway area; another is on Piedras Pintadas trail in Bernardo Bay Natural Area; most strenuous walk leads from Lake Poway dam through Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, up to Lake Ramona dam and return. Walks are 10k in length, with a 5K option Events on Friday: noon—4 p.m., Saturday's hours are 7 a.m.—5 p.m., Sunday's events take place 7 a.m.—3 p.m. One walk can be done on Friday, all four walks are available on Saturday and Sunday. Individuals select how many, which walks to take. Free. Optional volksmarch credit and awards are available for \$3, \$5. 858-451-2130. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

San Diego Padres are in Florida for games against Marlins, May 4–6, at 4:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:05 a.m. on Sunday. Road trip continues with visit to Atlanta to meet up with Braves, May 7–10, at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:05 a.m. on Thursday. Tickets for future games: \$8–\$67.

Barrio Logan Grand Prix/Elite State Criterium Championships, Saturday, May 5, 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m., at corner of Newton Avenue and Beardsley Street. Categories for youth and adult riders. Fees for competitors. 619-239-4321. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**"Walk for Animals"** hosted by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, Saturday, May 5, 7:30 a.m.—noon, at Crown Point Shores. Bring your leashed pet! Pledges. 619-243-3408. (MISSION BAY)

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)

**California Liver Walk,** Saturday, May 5, starting at 7:30 a.m. at War Memorial Building (2920 Zoo Drive). Participants may select 5k

walk/run or turtle walk through San Diego Zoo. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. \$35 adults, \$25 children. 619-291-5483. (BALBOA PARK)

**2007 Race for Literacy** 8k run/walk boasts course along Highway 163. Event starts near Spreckels Organ Pavilion at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 6, finishes at Pantoja Park (on G Street). 760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Cinco de Mayo Celebrating, join Knickerbikers for 25-mile bicycle ride on Sunday, May 6, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Harbor Drive and Hawthorne. Bicycle out to Point Loma, Cabrillo Monument, then back to farmer's market on Imperial Avenue for lunch (bring money). 619-562-7677. (DOWNTOWN)

**Tennis, Anyone?** Seventh annual Tennis Fest is Sunday, May 6, noon–4 p.m., at Balboa Tennis Club (2221 Morley Field Drive). Instructional clinics, exhibition matches, pros demonstrating skills, playing tips, skill workouts, and drills. Free. Registration: 619-299-8647. (BALBOA PARK)

New Wave Pro Wrestling hosts 2007 Title Wave Tournament with competition by Kaos, SoCalCrazy, Anchors Away, Joey Ryan, many others, Sunday, May 6, 5 p.m., at Blanca's Fiesta Hall (1770 Palm Avenue). Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for kids under 10. 619-977-4323.

Showpark Ranch and Coast Classic runs Tuesday—Sunday, May 8–13, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-481-9085. Free. (DEL MAR)

Presidio After-Work Bicycle Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Tuesday, May 8. Ride of 14–20 miles with moderate hills, brisk pace, starts in Presidio Park parking lot at 5:15 p.m., heads out to Point Loma and back. Free. 619-403-1437. (POINT LOMA)

**Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing Season** continues with racing at 6:30 p.m. at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive).
Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. (BALBOA PARK)

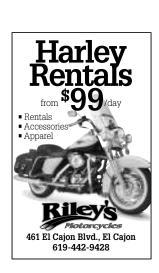
#### **SPECIAL**

**Ranunculus Rainbows,** the Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 13.

Visitors 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)

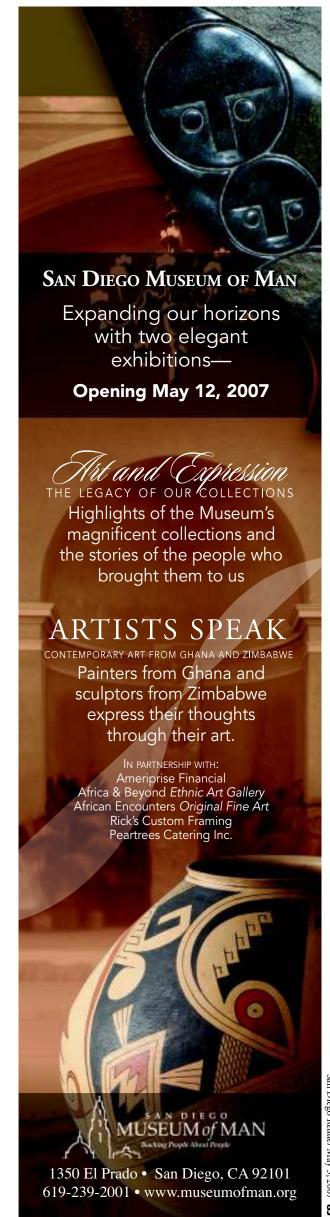
Looking for Unique Art Objects? Spring student art sale with work in variety of media at Palomar College runs May 3–5 at south end of campus (between Howard Brubeck Theatre and Lot 15 under green roof, 1140 West Mission Road). Hours: 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturday. 760-744-1150 x2302. (SAN MARCOS)

**Open House** planned Thursday, May 3, 6–8 p.m., at Hostelling International San Diego (521 Market Street). Learn how hostels work, eat Mediterranean cuisine, tour hostel, get questions answered. \$10. Required reservations: 619-338-9981 x2. (GASLAMP OUARTER)









Sixth Annual Spring Reverb,

celebrate spring with music, art, dance from Trummerflora Collective during Thursday Night Thing on May 3. Party starts at 7 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). An "international roster of musicians" will "push the limits of the musical imagination"; Lower Left dance will perform throughout galleries. Donation: \$3. 858-454-3541, (DOWNTOWN)

"Arms-Control Effectiveness in Today's World" explored Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Join discussion for free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Shelbys, Panteras, Mustangs showcased during Cruisin' Grand, Friday, May 4, 5–9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom, vintage, classic cars and trucks participate in cruise loop running down Grand Avenue and back up Second Avenue, Free viewing. 760-745-8877. Through September 28. (ESCONDIDO)

**Palomar Observatory Astron**omy Evening Tours sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center begin on Saturday, May 5. Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through 60-inch telescope (weather permitting). Tour hours: 3 p.m. to midnight. \$75 fee includes roundtrip bus transportation. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

San Diego Iris Show, Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, in Casa del Prado room 101. Free. 619-232-5762. (BALBOA PARK)

Gourd and Basket Weekend sponsored by Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild is Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). More than 30 basket and gourd art workshops offered, as well as artists' exhibits, supply vendors' booths, teachers' market, self-guided basket-maker's tour. Fees for classes. Advance registration recommended: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

La Mesa Beautiful's 27th Annual Plant Sale with all manner of plants on offer, May 5 and 6, at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church (4816 Glen Street). Sale opens at 9 a.m. both days, closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. 619-465-2391. (LA MESA)

"Castles of Carlsbad," fourth annual home tour presented by Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation features self-guided tour of six homes in Carlsbad, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$30. Ticket outlets: 760-602-2060. (CARLSBAD)

Point Loma Artists' Tour, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. See work in variety of media created by over 20 local artists at six members' homes. Free. Locations: 619-224-3742, 619-222-5459.

"Pugo de Mayo," 16th annual pug party, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Del Mar Fairgrounds. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ten and younger. 619-685-3580. (DEL MAR)

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

TRAVEL TO NEVERLAND!

Peter Pan by San Diego Junior Theatre, through May 13.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



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Visit 19 Private Gardens in variety of styles during Clairemont Town Council's 11th annual garden tour, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also planned: artshow, master gardeners, and master composters. Tickets for self-guided tour: \$10, available at UPS Store (Clairemont Square, 4809 Clairemont Drive). 858-831-

Dolly, Dolores, Lola — Redux! Second discussion of Vladimir

9555. (CLAIREMONT)

Nabokov's Lolita planned by Great Books Reading and Discussion Group on Saturday, May 5, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Eleventh Annual "5 on 5 Cinco de Mayo Block Party" is Saturday, May 5, 5 p.m.-midnight, with live music, dancing, food. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. Find fiesta on Fifth Avenue

(between Island Avenue and I Street) and on J Street (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues). 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

First Anniversary Celebration of Flying Panther Tattoo and Gallery includes DJ and art exhibition with new work by Rob Benavides, Bill Canales, and Jackie Dunn, Saturday, May 5, 8 p.m. Find Flying Panther Tattoos and Gallery at

2323 Broadway, suite 101. Free.

619-238-5713. (GOLDEN HILL)

Carlsbad Village Faire, Sunday, May 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with over 850 arts and crafts booths, antiques, pancake breakfast, food for sale, children's rides. Free, 760-945-9288, (CARLSBAD)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale during San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201.

San Diego Healing Arts Festival, Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Massage, acupuncture consultations; classes in yoga, meditation, qi gong, more. Free. 619-574-6909. (BALBOA PARK)

(ESCONDIDO)

Talmadge Art Show, over 40 local artists exhibit and sell work Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue). Free admission. 619-559-9082. (HILLCREST)

La Fiesta del Pueblo, Sunday, May 6, noon-7 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Bands include Banda El Recodo, Grupo Horoscopos, Toñita, others. Free. 619-235-0600. (DEL MAR)

House of Poland presents lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m. Free. Polish food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

"Inocencia: A Woman Who Challenged Fate" by Irene Armenta DesGeorges in newly re-

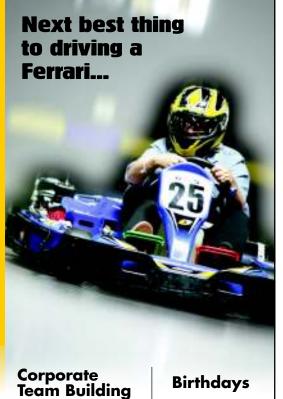


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**Cajon Classic Cruise Car Shows** continue on Wednesdays through August 29, 5–8 p.m., on East Main Street. "Charger Steve's Starz Carz" shine on May 9.Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Del Mar Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival, May 10–12, Thursday–Saturday,10 a.m.–5 p. m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Wide variety of supplies, notions, techniques for sewing, quilting, needle arts, embossing, more. Workshops, seminars, demonstrations. 858-793-555. (DEL MAR)

"Who Lost Iraq — Myths of the Iraq War" revealed, discussed when P&R Discussion group meets Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

#### **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. (DOWNTOWN)

#### FOR KIDS

"Ritsy Rosie and Bitsy Blossom Turn Over a New Leaf" with comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, May 6. Big Joe Productions presents *The Princess* and the Pea, May 9–13.

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)

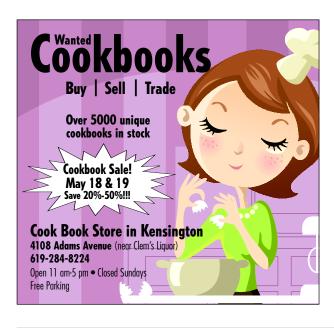
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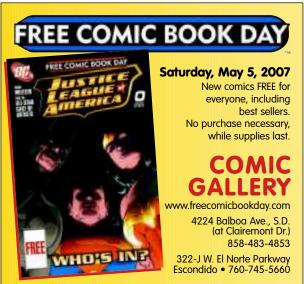
ter, the Lost Boys, and the Darling children when San Diego Junior Theatre presents *Peter Pan* through May 13 in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on May 12 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8–\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

**Kids' Magic Mile** Race for Literacy is Saturday, May 5. One-miler starts 8 a.m. near Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. \$17.760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

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Make Impressive and Tasty Treats when Janet Burgess presents "Mother's Day Special Treats," Sunday, May 6, 1–3 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$30. Reservations: 866-388-2665. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Sound Off,"** Spring Reverb returns. Join artists from Trummerflora collective for exploration of how music relates to art during family day events on Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard). Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541.

**Caldecott Honor Winner** Peter McCarty reads and signs *Fabian Escapes*, Tuesday, May 8, 4 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore

(7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Story Time** offered by storyteller Jean Riley every Thursday, 10 a.m., at Geppetto's toy store in Otay Ranch Town Center (2015 Birch Road). Activities, stories for toddlers, preschoolers, their parents. Free. 619-216-3471. (CHULA VISTA)

**Children's Author** D.J. MacHale signs, discusses *Pendragon: The Pilgrims of Raine*, Thursday, May 10, 3:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

#### 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,** "Juried Fine Art Exhibi-

tion 2007" continues through Saturday, June 9, along with display of art by students of Bonita Country Day School.

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.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

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

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

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. (HILLOREST)

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.

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

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were

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

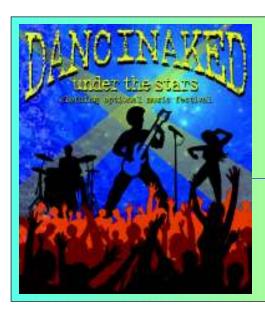
Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038.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

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. Also on view: "Edison Amberola Collection," early 20th-Century quilts and domestic artifacts, original furnishings, photographs, more. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

"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?

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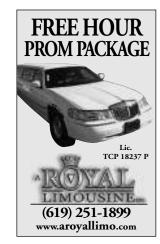
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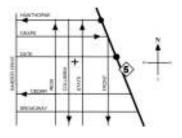
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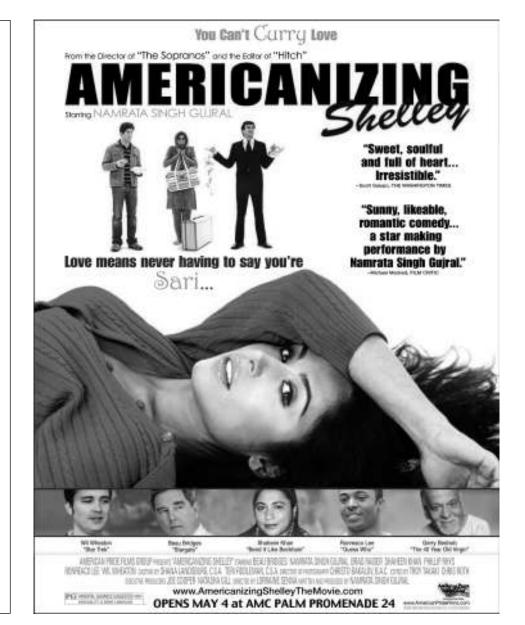
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# Calendar Local Events

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

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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#### CLASSICAL

**Palomar Electronic Music** performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, May 3, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Bach Family Album" explored by Murry Sidlin and San Diego Symphony for "Thursday Night Light" concert on Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program includes J.S. Bach's "Orchestral Suite No. 4 in D Major," pieces by C.P.E. Bach, J.C. Bach, W.F. Bach. Tickets: \$15-\$58.

Busy on the 3rd? Concert is repeated in Copley Symphony Hall for "Light Bulb Discovery" series on Saturday, May 5, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**Bold Adventurism Rules!** Student composers strut their stuff during concert by Palomar Electronic Music Ensemble, Thursday, May 3, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Directed by Madelyn Byrne. \$5 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Piano Prodigy Rossina Grieco plans concert, Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$27. Reservations: 858-454-

"Movie Night" features screening of two Chaplin films to original music and Mozart's "Concerto for Flute and Harp" with Elena-Mashkovseva and Bamarre McGill, Friday, May 4, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive).

Hutchins Consort presents music of Mahler, McNalley, Mozart. \$25 for two. 949-675-6010. (LA JOLLA)

Follow the Comic Exploits of Figaro, Count Almaviva, Rosina, and Dr. Bartolo in Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, the final production of season for San Diego Opera. Cast includes Polish baritone Mariusz Kwiecien, American bass-baritone Richard Bernstein, Armenian soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian, American soprano Pamela Armstrong. Conductor is Eduardo Müller, director is Linda Brovsky. Sung in Italian with text displayed above stage.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 5, 8, 16; at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 11; 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 13. Tickets: \$27-\$182. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

The Annual President's Concert presented by Palomar Symphony and Palomar Chorale on May 5 and 6 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Mahler's Fourth," Rand Steiger leads La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in concerts on May 5 and 6. Soprano Lucy Shelton joins group for "Luonnotar" by Sibelius and Mahler's "Symphony No. 4 in G Major." Concerts begin with Steven Hoey's "Five Rivers of Hades" (the Thomas Nee Commission winner). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$26 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138, (BALBOA PARK)

Solo Harpsichord Concert by Mary Barranger for Old Masters of Music and Art series at San Diego Museum of Art, Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m. Barranger is "in-orchestra pianist" for San Diego Symphony, principal pianist for San Diego Chamber Orchestra. Included in museum admission, 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The Kensington Trio performs Rachmaninoff's "Trio in G Minor (Elegiac)," "Trio in E Minor (Dumky)" by Dvořák, six "Hungarian Dances" by Brahms for "Pleasure of Your Company" music series, Sunday, May 6, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donation. 858-538-8158. Reception follows. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Spring Concert by San Diego Festival Chorus, Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m., at College Avenue Baptist Church (4747 College Avenue). The 75-voice chorus and 46-piece

symphony orchestra will perform Italian opera choruses from Nabucco, La Traviata, Il Trovatore, Rigoletto, Lucia di Lammermoor, Madama Butterfly, Aida, and "Feel the Spirit," a cycle of spirituals arranged by John Rutter, \$15, Reservations: 619-977-3181 or 619-421-0813. (COLLEGE)

Classical Music performed by Lisa Kim and Dana Burnett, Sunday, May 6, 4 p.m., at La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

Classical Pianist Bryan Verhove performs concert of works by Beethoven, Liszt, Mussorgsky for Musical Mosaics series, Sunday, May 6, 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street), Offering. Reception follows. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"The French Connection," Janice and Béla Fehér present multimedia program of French organ music, including works by Franck, Langlais, Widor on 104-rank Casavant Freres, Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Concert is accompanied by photographs of historic churches and organs. Recital follows reception for artists at 6 p.m. Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Madonna non Papa, early sacred music "characteristic of the Renaissance period" may be heard

when this ensemble of female singers performs Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m., for Vesper Concert Series at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

"Westwind's Greatest Hits" audience favorites promised during upcoming concerts by Westwind Brass. Concert on Monday, May 7, starts at 7 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jav Hopkins Drive). Recital repeats on Sunday, May 13, 4 p.m., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (700 D Avenue), \$15 general. 619-501-3562. (LA JOLLA, CORONADO)

**USD Chamber Music Ensembles** plan concert on Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Canyon Crest Academy Musicians perform pieces by Bimboni, Handel, Hollos, Mozart, Oliver Nelson, Jaco Pastorius, Jean Philippe Rameau, Sonny Rollins for family music series on Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free, 858-552-1668, (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Music Students Performance** Recital, Thursday, May 10, 12:15 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). 619-260-4171. Free. (LINDA VISTA)

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**Music Student Honors Recital** planned for Concert Hour series, Thursday, May 10, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316.

Annual Chamber Music Concert by San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory's advanced small ensembles offered Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive).

Free. 619-233-3232. (LA JOLLA)

Saxophone Senior Recital, Edward Hayes plays "Concerto for Saxophone" by Pierre Max Dubois and popular jazz tunes transcribed by Trent Kynaston with Daniel Green (piano) and Bryan Cabrera (percussion), Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). 619-260-4171. Free. (LINDA VISTA)

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#### GALLERIES

"Imagine," all-media student art show opens with reception on Thursday, May 3, 11 a.m., in Mira-Costa College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Through Tuesday, May 15. 760-757-5368. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Light and Lighter:** Photography and Sculpture" by Peggy Ann Jones opens with reception on Friday, May 4,6 p.m., and continues through Sunday, June 3, at Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue). 619-521-0676. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Istanbul: City of a Hundred Names," boasting new color photographs by Alex Webb, opens with reception on Friday, May 4, 6 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, 858-456-5620). Closes Saturday, June 9. (LA JOLLA)

Student Art Exhibition by students of Art Academy of San Diego opens with "brunch" reception, Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m., in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). 619-231-3900. Closes Friday, June 8. (DOWNTOWN)

Jewelry and Art Exhibition with work by local artists Michell Galindo, Gilda Correa, Bea Roberts, and Rafaela Simmons opens with reception on Saturday, May 5, noon-6 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 César Chávez Parkway); \$3 admission fee for reception. Through Saturday, May 26. 619-232-1699.

"Light Matters," new encaustic paintings by San Francisco artist Mark Perlman, opens with reception on Saturday, May 5, 3 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). Closes Friday, June 8. 858-459-3917. (LA JOLLA)

**"Ken Roberts: New Work,"** opens with reception on Saturday, May 5, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Exhibition — featuring landscape paintings, mostly plein-air oils, and studio pieces inspired by this outdoor work — closes Sunday, June 10. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Thelma Speed Houston: A Retrospective, Watercolors from 1933–1989" opens with gala benefit reception on Saturday, May 5, 6–10 p.m., at Vista Village Art Gallery (127 Main Street); \$50. Second opening reception on Sunday, May 6, 2–5 p.m., is free. Exhibition of nearly 100 paintings may be seen through Tuesday, May 29. 760-724-2829. (VISTA)

"Tenacious: All-Star Group Art Show" opens with reception on Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m., at Zedism Gallery (3540 Adams Avenue). Show, curated by Bill Pierce and Yuransky, continues through May. 619-283-1210. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Celebrate San Diego" during exhibition continuing through Sunday, May 13, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Meet artists during reception, Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

#### ART MUSEUMS

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

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

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

"Mi 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, August 12.

"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, May 6.

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

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

#### Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,

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

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

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

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

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

#### Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,

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

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

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point

allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyperreal spaces." Closes Sunday, May 13.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, images by contemporary artists addressing issues of narrative showcased in "Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now," continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Moffat, Gavin Hipkins, Pipo Nguyen Polixeni Papapaetrou, Nikki S. Lee, Jem Southam, and others was curated by Merry Foresta, director of Smithsonian Photography Initiative.

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

"Woman: A Celebration," also running through Sunday, 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 with work by Kenneth Capps, Jesus Y. Dominguez, Tom Driscoll, and James Skalman features sculptures "with shapes and designs from the subtle to the extreme," on display through Sunday, June 10. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

#### San Diego Museum of Art,

"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.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

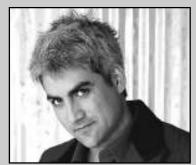








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**Unsavory Scene** "The bands always get paid up front because that's how they do business," says a business owner who provided support

contractors quoted for this story says he hopes Hagey's plan to pass Street Scene on to Live Nation won't result in the loss of expected revenue. Rob Hagey had no comment.

The first contractor says Hagey, in the past, always paid his bills in a timely enough fashion.

Though Live Nation

the inside track

for last year's Street Scene. Eight months after the event, more than one vendor of sound, lighting, and/or staging services still has not been paid.

"We had to borrow money to pay our employees," says the business owner who claims to have had to struggle to cover his labor costs. "This is more than just someone who doesn't pay their bills; many of us have had a long-term relationship with [Street Scene founder] Rob [Hagey]."

It is estimated that Street Scene's production costs (equipment use, setup and take-down, stage hands) were between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

"All these people did this work expecting to be paid," says another business owner who claims his company hasn't been paid. "Promoters take a gamble every time they do a show. [Hagey] has to step up and do what is right." One of the two

that Street Scene would take place in Del Mar on September 22 and 23, the Del Mar Fairgrounds board of directors meets Tuesday, May 8, to make a decision.

announced four weeks ago

On Monday, it was learned that the two sources for this story received payment for their services.

— Ken Leighton

#### **Circus Freaks Welcome**

Amanda Schendel, 25, says she and her college buddy Heather Adams, 23, throw "sweaty, dark, raging parties that last far beyond 2 a.m." at their underground party palace in Banker's Hill.

"We have an 800-squarefoot basement we like to
describe as a venue," says
Adams. For eight months,
they've staged themed shows
(African safari, Christmas on
Halloween, office party) with
bands, beer, and DJs. Bands
such as ¡Society! and the
Blackout Party have played,
and DJ Kipper and DJ Jose
have appeared.

"So far we've never had the cops there," says Adams.

"We're in a glorious spot, between a community garden and a construction site," says Schendel. "We still have our core group of college friends, and we've expanded on that."

The two Point Loma Nazarene grads discovered their ability to organize successful parties while attending their conservative college by the sea.

"There was not a lot of social interaction," says Schendel. "We discovered our own society of people that would go to every party we'd throw at garages or basements. They would know all the details about how to dress up. We had a lot of friends in bands and local promoters and bartenders we knew."

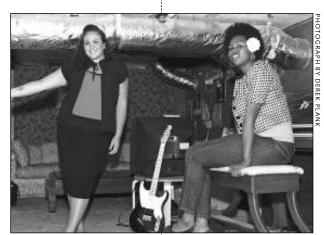
They say admission is cheaper for guests who dress

We're a little leery of clowns." Admission will be \$3 to \$5. (For info, see *myspace/sandiego houseparties.com*).

Heather works in video production and Amanda is a software copywriter. They've yet to make money on the parties.

"Two weeks ago we were driving home from Las Vegas," says Schendel. "We were talking about how much we hate our jobs and what if we could just put on parties? In three or four years we want to open our own venue.... Although it's a big city, San Diego has a very small-town feel to it. People want to come together for a good time with no pretensions. In L.A., it seems like local music is driven more by money and the coolness factor than by the music.'

— Ken Leighton



PARTY PALACE QUEENS (SCHENDEL AND ADAMS)

according to theme.

"Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects and the Viewmasters are playing...June 2. That theme will be circus freaks. We want a bearded lady, an elephant, and if we could get midgets, that would be nice. Those Wastrels from Hoover High... The day after the release of Led Zeppelin's first album, the band made its S.D. debut at the Fox Theatre on January 13, 1969. Later that year, less than a week before

Woodstock, the Brits were back to rattle the San Diego Sports Arena on August 10. must have been dipping into the orange sunshine! This has been on a few psych lists over



ZEPPELIN HONORED EARLY BY HOOVER HIGH BAND

And in May of the following year, one of the first known Zep covers was cut by Hoover High School's Stage Band.

For years, word of an inspired if slightly addled S.D. teen version of "Good Times, Bad Times" had circulated globally, though few had ever heard it or anything off the Hoover High band's 1970 Gets It On LP. ("High school band doing stoned covers of Led Zep and more" is how the online Acid Archives of Underground Sounds 1965–1982 [www.lysergia.com] itemized it.)

Yet, since L.A.-based record collector Jonathan Ward posted an mp3 of it on New Jersey-based radio station WFMU's "Beware of the Blog" section last month, people have listened and liked. Ward, a designated contributor, does an intriguing setup on the blog:

"Good lord! Those wastrels from Hoover High the years and for the most part, the bulk of the LP is fair to decent, with the usual high school covers of 'Spinning Wheel,' 'Stormy,' and even some Bach. However, the classic cut is their rockin' Zep cover (although their lumbering version of Jethro Tull's 'Nothing Is Easy' is good for a spin) for its studied, imitation Bonham beats, and its screechy vocal distortion."

"I found this on eBay a bunch of years ago," elaborates Ward by e-mail. "Paid a good amount for it — somewhere between \$70 and \$100. Don't recall where it was coming from. Overpriced probably, but it does have some rock/psych covers, so..."

Ward confirms that the record's label has a "Led Leplin" typo but also that, aside from songs and original artists, no other personnel or information is listed anywhere.

"Typical of high school





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band records in general: there are no credits except what you see on the front cover. The back cover, like most everything on the Century label [a defunct Saugus, California, specialty imprint] is blank except for the Century logo.'

No success yet identifying any Hoover High Stage Band players on the Zep track, but corroborating sources at the S.D. Unified School District (as well as a Dias Cardinales school yearbook) have confirmed band director William R. Carlson's 1970

William Carlson, 'has ventured into a combination of rock and jazz.' Although this is its first year, the band seems to be popular with the students, if their applause is any indication.... Mr. Carlson stated that 'the educational department is starting to realize that Jazz and Rock have to take an important place in teaching...

Listen to the Hoover High Band's "Good Times, Bad Times" at http://blog.wfmu.org/ freeform/2007/04/365\_days\_0 99\_th.html.

– David Stampone

We Need a New Dance **Diva** Douglas Foxworthy

cowrote "His Other Woman," the B-side of "This Girl Is a Woman Now, which was a top-ten hit in 1969 by locals Gary Puckett and the Union Gap.

"My first check was for



MIZ MANDY CHARTS

employ as an "instructional music teacher" at the Mid-City campus, adding that he was deemed "a really nice guy [who] did a really good job.'

An anonymous June 5, 1970, article entitled "Stage Band Has Rock Beat," discovered in Hoover's newspaper, offers more: "The group, according to Mr.

\$60,000," says Foxworthy. "The rovalties are the same for the A-side [songwriters] as with the [writers of] B-side [songs on 45 rpm vinyl]. Of course, they don't have Bsides anymore.'

Foxworthy says that he has since written major-label material for other bands. rovalties from which have

netted him over a half-

million dollars. The revenue helped him launch his Kearny Mesa-based Foxworthy Records. After seven years, his label just notched its first national chart hit - a dance remix of "In the Mix" by local singer Mandy Gasparich (Miz Mandy).

"It's number 37 with a bullet on Billboard's dance club play chart," says Foxworthy. "We hired record promoter Brad Lebeau, who first broke Madonna in dance clubs in 1983." Foxworthy details the strategy to make Miz Mandy — who works as a massage therapist and event planner — a household

"Dance club hits typically don't make any money. Our game plan is to break it on the dance charts, then get her on Latin pop, which is the next-easiest chart to break through. Then we want to break her on straightahead pop." Foxworthy says this plan will enable him to work around the fact that he doesn't have the promo cash it usually takes to break a new artist.

"It takes between \$1.5 million and \$3 million; I'm a little short."

*Overheard in San Diego:* Casbah

I SEEN YOU ON

THERE. HAVEN'T

Although Miz Mandy is not of Latin descent, the song was produced with Latin rhythms, flamenco-guitar flourishes, and backup lyrics done in Spanish by Cardiff producer Pat Pickslay. The extended remixed dance version that charted was crafted by DJ Scotty K, who is known for the remixes he's

PROBABLY I'M NOT

NOT.

We need a dance diva. There is a vacuum right now.

"It's hard to break anything from San Diego if it's not alternative rock," says Foxworthy. "We see no reason San Diego couldn't grow a few pop artists.'

– Ken Leighton

Tour Notes ... from the Screamin Yeehaws, a local

YEEHAWS SCREAM THE LOST-SHOE BLUES

done for Christina Aguilera, Seal, and Madonna.

'We need a new dance diva," says Pickslay. "When disco started, it was such a strong movement. I see an opening for someone to take that flag and raise it. Avril Lavigne is the pop rock diva.

self-described "HonkyTonk PunkRawk" band that claims its 2006 outings were exceptionally bizarre.

We traveled this country many times over," says singer Nick-Bone Hollerin. "There's been stuff done in front of Dumpsters, behind

Dumpsters, in the van, out of the van.

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"We left for four weeks to go to the East Coast. Getting out of the driveway, the key broke off in the ignition, and we used a screwdriver the whole rest of the time.

"We have a story about getting our second flat within two hours in the Arizona desert," says guitarist Silent Henry. "The first tour, our first flat happened...[near] San Antonio, Texas. It ripped up the fender, and two cops [at different times] came by and told us to fix it soon and get out of the heat 'cause people die all the time there."

"You want a fucked-up fan story," says Hollerin. "I got one - stealin' my goddamn shoes! Albuquerque, New Mexico. What are you going to do with no shoes with a month to go? And, there's no extra shoe money, know what I mean? That's when one of those Wal-Mart ten-dollar Velcro [shoes] come into play.

— Stefanie Howell

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#### Music to Match My Mood

"A lot of people say I sound like Simple Plan, Barenaked Ladies, and even Weird Al."

JAY ALLEN

SANFORD

n December of last year, new Web celeb Rex Hermogino won \$50,000 and his own Internet show in the Yahoo! Talent Show, an online video contest. Hermogino's homemade pilot landed him among five finalists, and an *Ameri*-

can Idol–like contest finale was filmed, currently streaming on *Yahoo.com*.

The 31-year-old graphic designer (born in the Philippines,

raised on Guam) has lived in San Diego since 2000. In addition to his cash prize, Hermogino won a development deal to produce or star in his own Web portal program. "Rex just had a particular presence and ability to capture the audience that could easily translate into an ongoing show on Yahoo!" said contest judge and MTV personality Tom Green in a press release. "The viewing and voting public really helped us narrow the field." Since being launched in October, the Yahoo! talent show site has reportedly been visited by about four million people, with 200,000 rating votes being cast.

Hermogino's winning pilot was among 5000 contest submissions. It contains several of his own music videos, including "Love on the Internet" (which won second-place winner in the 2006 San Diego Composers Guild Song Contest), where he's seen using a vacuum cleaner as a mi-

crophone. He also shares holiday tips from his bed, takes a video tour of San Diego, and interviews New Yorkers about their favorite pickup lines.

#### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR MUSIC?

"A lot of people say I sound like Simple Plan, Barenaked Ladies, and even Weird Al. Dinosaur Jr. is also mentioned a lot. I just like

to write stuff that fits the mood I'm in."

#### WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

"To be honest with you, I'm trying to learn Spanish on my own right now, so the songs currently in heavy rotation are norteño, the kind they play on Radio Latina and La Nueva 106.5 FM. Strange, huh? I've got some Tagalog music in there, some techno, house, classic and alternative rock, classical music, jazz, and new age...I also listen to my own songs. I'm always rewriting them."

#### **DESERT ISLAND DVDs?**

"I'd bring the *Lost* TV series; I'm so into that show. However, I refuse to watch if it's not on DVD. There's just too many commercials on TV, and I haven't bought a DVR yet. I'd also bring the movie *Hero*. I'd probably bring Fox's 24 so I can finally get into it. Can I bring *Smallville*, too?"



Rex Hermogino

#### WORST DATE?

"Have you ever gone on a dinner date and run out of things to talk about, even before the waiter brings the menu to your table? 'Oh, just shoot me now.'

#### **ADVICE TO BRITNEY SPEARS?**

"Get in contact with Sinéad O'Connor. She might need a backup singer."

#### **MOVIES OR TV?**

"Ilike TV series better than movies, because you're not limited to the entirety of a movie. In TV series, the next episode brings you a new plot and maybe new revelations. It keeps you wanting more, and the episodes come much sooner than movie sequels. That's a no-brainer."

#### STAR TREK OR STAR WARS?

"This is a tough one. I love both of them, and despite what I said about TV series being better than movies, any *Star Wars* episode is worth the wait. My philosophy professor said that the writers of *Star Trek* are philosophers who can't find jobs in a university. I think he's right. They write some of the most bizarre plots and create the most interesting characters."

#### SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"When I was in middle school, I attempted to do stand-up comedy at a talent show and got booed off the stage. No career there for me. I'll just stick to my music."





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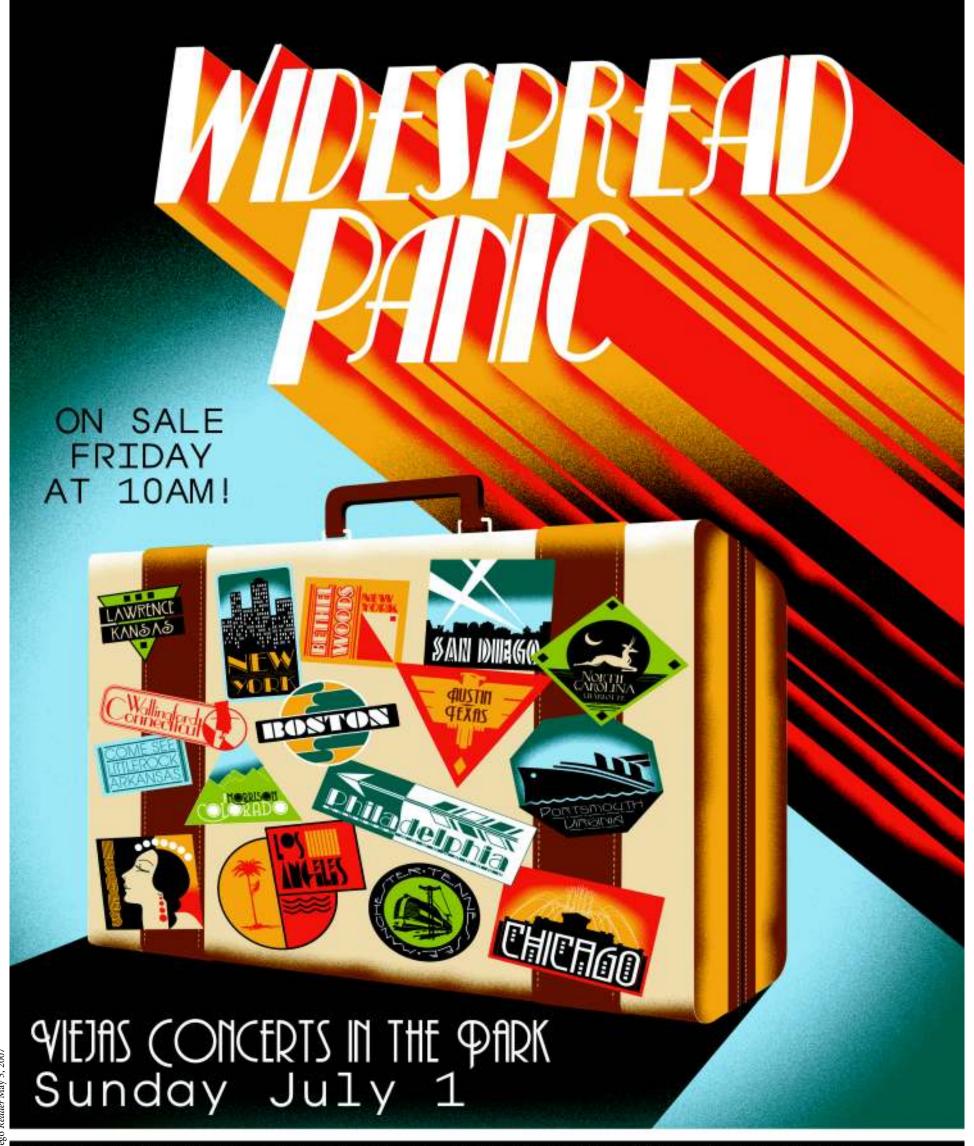
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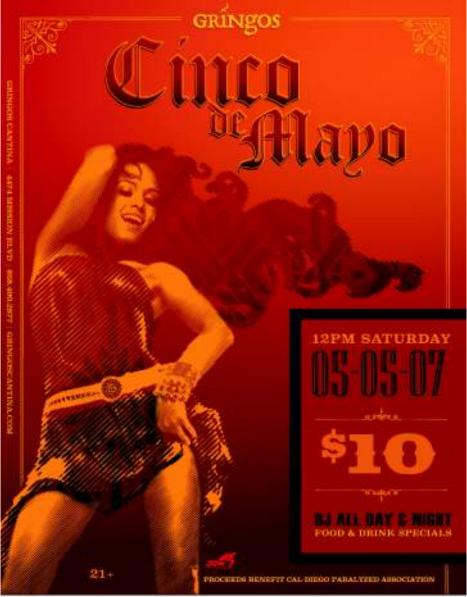


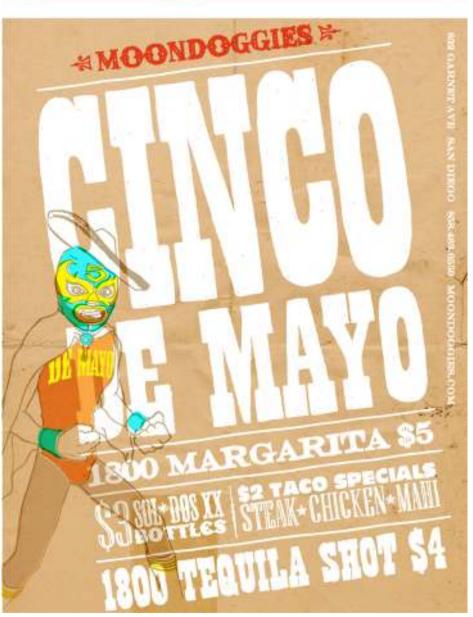




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Arcade Fire: Spreckels Theatre, Thursday, April 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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

#### 619-671-3600. **FRIDAY**

#### 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.

#### **SATURDAY**

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

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#### **SUNDAY**

**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.

#### **MONDAY**

Ghostface Killah: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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

**WEDNESDAY** 

Nas: 4th & B, Wednesday, May 2, 345 B

Tool: Cox Arena, Wednesday, May 2,

and Thursday, May 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

UPCOMING

CONCERTS

Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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

Ronny Cox: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, May 3, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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

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.

**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 Sympho Hall, Monday, May 7, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

Bright Eyes: Soma, Tuesday, May 8, 0 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 Tayern, Wednesday, May 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481

Pretty Ricky: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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,

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.

Les Nubians: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, May 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Tech N9ne: Belly Up Tayern. Wednesday, May 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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-

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

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"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.

Albert Hammond Jr.: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

The Expendables: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

#### Tish Hinojosa:

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

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

Chayanne: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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

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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 Kettne Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355

#### JUNE

The Hold Steady: 'Canes, Friday, June 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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

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 nmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Keith Urban: San Diego Sports Arena, 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.

**Mason Jennings:** House of Blues, Sunday, June 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Lindsev Buckingham: Humphrev'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.

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

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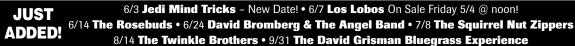






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**Elliott Yamin:** House of Blues, Friday, June 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**O.A.R.:** Open Air Theatre, Friday, June 15, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

**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.

**Sage Francis:** Soma, Sunday, June 17, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**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 John Butler Trio:** 4th & B, Wednesday, June 20, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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

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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-

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

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

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

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

**Alison Krauss:** San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, June 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.



BY DAVE GOOD

British synthpop duo Tears for Fears' timeless, effervescent radio classics were about things like megalomania or primal scream therapy, and the band's name was derived from the work of psychologist Arthur Janov. It's doubtful that many of their fans knew this. Even the cover art on *Songs from the Big Chair* (the title is another obscure psych reference) reveals nothing of TFF's inner workings. The band came off more like hair models than pop stars with intellect.

A number of artists have taken on TFF over the years with varying results, Gloria Gaynor, Ken Boothe, and Patti Smith among them. Fattburger's cover of "Everybody

Wants to Rule the World" spun smooth jazz cotton candy out of the pop hit. It was a Brooklyn-based jazz trio who call themselves the Bad Plus that finally illuminated the darker meanings of the song and gave it a second life in their new collection of jazz originals and popular covers titled Prog. In the Bad Plus vision, "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" has a somber texture and resolution it never had before, thanks in part to the uninhibited drumming of David King.

Unusual for a jazz trio is that with **Reid Anderson** on bass and the intuitive chording of pianist **Ethan Iverson**, all three instruments are equal in the mix. The Bad Plus think like traditional jazz players, but they have a gimmick. Alongside their own compositions they cover the works of others, most notably hard-rock bands. The Bad Plus give Black Sabbath Mahler-like intonations; Rush

that with **Reid**with ree instructors in the Bad Plus
becomes Gershwin-grandiose; and David
Bowie deconstructs into free jazz. The Bad
Plus are giving a Warholian rehash to music
that has been overworked and overplayed to
the point that we no longer really hear it.

THE BAD PLUS, Saville Theater, San Diego City College, Tuesday, May 8, 619-388-3676

**Acoustic Alchemy:** House of Blues, Thursday, June 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Lauryn 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. **Band of Horses:** 'Canes, Friday, July 6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**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.

**Brett Dennen:** House of Blues, Monday, July 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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,

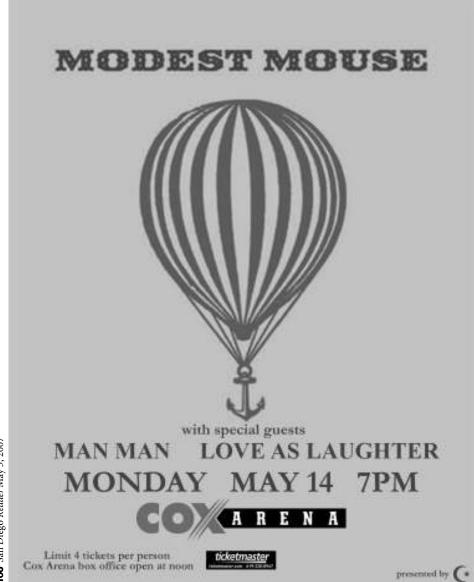
Wednesday, July 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

**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.







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THE WYLDE BUNCH

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: Vieias 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-

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-

**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

#### B.B. King and Etta James: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 4, 2241 Shelter

Island Drive, Shelter Island. The Temptations and the Four **Tops:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

#### Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday,

September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**Heart:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

America: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. Clay Walker: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20,

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

5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

Michael Bolton: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

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.



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The Dave Matthews Band and

**Stephen Marley:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

"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,

**Steve Tyrell:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

## Calendar

#### DANCE

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**Air Conditioned:** Wednesdays, *RockBoxx*, '70s and '80s rock. Thursdays, College Night, old-skool hip-hop, '80s, and funk with DJ 1979. Fridays, oldskool disco, funk, and '80s with DI Junior. Saturdays, *Juicy*, classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Brass Rail: Fridays, Element, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DI 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, downto 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.

Honey Bee Hive: Wednesdays. Mixtape Sessions, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DI Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Second Saturday of the month, classic and underground 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 ic. 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



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Head Like a Kite's enjoyable 2006 album Random Portraits of the Home Movie begins with the sound of a home film projector. It's a sound you may not have heard in a long time. Younger listeners who grew up with VHS or digital home movies may never have heard it. Next there's a little ominous music and then you hear the announcer from an old instructional film. That's something you may not have heard in a while either. It may remind you of old-fashioned television and, simultaneously, of '80s songs like "Nineteen" that sampled voices from old television.

When the music really kicks in, you may have a similar sense of temporal dislocation. Guitars stab out a rhythm that's inspired by turn-of-the-'80s post-punk which makes it sound like a lot of indie rock from the past five years. On top of the guitars are some squiggling electronic noises that sound like something from a '60s experiment in electronic music — or from '90s techno.

The man behind Head Like a Kite, Dave Einmo,

sings most of the songs, but sometimes his voice is obscured by electronics. At one point he hands over the microphone to one of the teenage girls from the band Smoosh, Einmo claims the inspiration for this album came in the form of a stash of old home movies his family made during his childhood. He sampled sounds from the movies and played some of



them while he was recording, trying to synch up his music with the shaky hand-held camera and rough cuts. In concert, he plays some of the films. That's one way to get people to sit through your home movies.

HEAD LIKE A KITE, Brick by Brick, Wednesday, May 9. 619-275-5483.

775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

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

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

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

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

Landlord Jim's: Sundays, Sunday Soulcial, DJ Buddha serves up old soul, R&B, and positive hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 1546 Broadway, downtown, 619-233-9998

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 DIs 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, DI 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 DIs Blackstone and Atari 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park, 619-284-6784.





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Rockola



6 pm • Motown The Corvelles

Friday, May 4

9:30 pm • Disco & Dance

Rising Star



Cinco de Mayo Latin fest 6 pm Domingo Siete 9:30 pm

Saturday, May 5

Viva Santana



Sunday, May 6 • 8 pm • Jazz

Scott Carter & New Breed Monday, May 7 7 pm • Blues

Blues Chill

Tuesday, May 8 8 pm • Original Rock

Gary Pfaff

Wednesday, May 9 8 pm • Jazz Vocalist

Jesse Davis

#### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

Sunday, May 13 Smooth Jazz

Native Vibe

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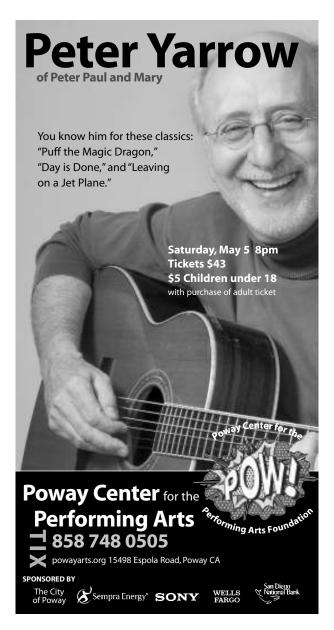


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#### **CLUBS BY AREA**

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#### **BEACHES**

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international/pop standards.

**Bar Leucadian,** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, *West of 5*, classic to modern rock.

**Blue Parrot,** 4993 Niagra 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, Semisi and Fulabula, reggae. Friday, Jeff Moore, blues. Saturday, Triple Shot, blues. Sunday, Good Medicine. Monday, the Flounders, acoustic. Tuesday, Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind, global jazz.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, Adam Roth, Jen Knight, Atlas of ID, and Grin's Edge, acoustic/alternative/pop. Friday, Diego Roots, One Drop, and the Stone Senses, reggae. Saturday, Thicker Than Thieves, Divided by Zero, Carbine, and the Lou Dog Trio, rock/alternative.

**Ché Café,** UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/rock/punk. Friday, *Diskonto*, *Doomsday Hour*, *Coaccin*, and *Basura*. Tuesday, *Dear Nora*, the Boyish Charms.

**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, Reggae Dub, Lexington, and Social Green, reggae. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Bamboula, Rev, the Strikers, and Those Rockin' Bullets. hard rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Allison Cornell*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Allison Cornell*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live

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

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Plato Soul*. Saturday, *Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat*, classic rock/funk. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam.

**La Valencia Hotel**, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Sunday, *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz

Leana Bistro and French Pastry Cafe, 5550 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-454-9094. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Will Faeber, Greg Pardue, and Gary Peck, rock/jazz/R&B.

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.

Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.n 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 iazz.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Kareya, Sand Dollar, and the Four Kings, reggae/rock. Friday, Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra and Delta Nove, jazz. Saturday, Yesterday's Papers, Liquid Image, and Split Finger, rock/reggae/ska.

**Thrusters,** 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/reggae/soul/blues.

**Tiki House,** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, Blind Heim, Nimuruv, and Tower 20 One, rock. Saturday, *Tap Water*, rock.

**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, Bobby Lee Rogers and the Codetalkers, rock. Friday, Gadfly, the Wagon, Oliver Reigns, and Lexington, reggae/rock/alternative. Saturday, Cubensis, classic rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Mike Pinto and the Masters, Straight Trippin', Ded Pigeons, and High Tide, reggae. Wednesday, the Middle-Earth Ensemble.

#### **DOWNTOWN**

**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. Saturday, *Jennifer Cunningham*, folk/pop.

**The Casbah,** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Transfer, the Sellping People, the Holy Rolling Empire, and Patrol.*Saturday, *Vinyl Radio, Dynamite Walls.* 

the Republic of Letters, and Illinois.
Sunday, Mono, World's End Girlfriend,
and the Drift. Monday, Demadiado,
Arckid, the Gift/Curse, and Pete Steward
and the Plastic Saviors. Tuesday, the
Blackout Party, a Scribe Amongst the
Lions, and Roses on Her Grave.
Wednesday, Elf Power and the Birds of

**Club Montage,** 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Dave Patrone. 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., "The Music of Gram Parsons" with Lou and Virginia Curtiss, the Shambles, Anna Troy, Sara Petite, Matt Curreri, Action Andy and His Haunted Honky Tonkers, the Coyote Problem, Mark DeCerbo and Four Eyes, and the Grams, acoustic/folk/alt-country. 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.

**Dublin Square,** 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, Josh Blue. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Janet Hammer-Jay Berman Duo, jazz. Tuesday, the Capitol Steps, satire/Americana/pop.

**G5-Georges on Fifth,** 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, Groove Sessions. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, blues.

**House of Blues,** 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/soul/reggae.

**Martini Ranch,** 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Live music.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Len Rainey and the Midnight Players. Friday, the Bill Magee Blues Band. Saturday, Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz. Sunday, Dave Camp Blues. Monday, the Kings of Pleasure. Tuesday, the Bayou Brothers. Wednesday, Blue Four.

**Princess Pub and Grille,** 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

**Rock Bottom,** 401 G Street, Gaslamp 619-231-7000. Live pop/rock/disco/dance.

**Sevilla,** 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz. Tuesday, *Orquesta 8.8*, salsa.

**The Shout House,** 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Monday, Peter Prince of Piano. Tuesday and Wednesday, Kevin McCully, piano.

Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Fran Loskota, pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Karen Giorgio, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Julio De La Huerta, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Faith Page, international/standards.

#### **SAN DIEGO**

**The Aero Club,** 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth iazz/funk.

**Blarney Stone Pub,** 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Tony Cummins, Irish folk. Monday, Pat and Joe and Allison Gill, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., Simeon Flick,

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative most nights. Call club for a complete list of performers. Thursday, 9 p.m., the Lab Rats, classic rock. Friday, the Gabba Gabba Heys.

**Claire de Lune**, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Live acoustic/folk/jazz.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Explosions in the Sky*, rock.

**Etta's Place**, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery,** 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Live blues/rock.

**Harry's Bar and American Grill,** 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, salsa. Monday, tango. Tuesday, hip-hop. Wednesday, swing.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Mark Hummell and the Blues Survivors. Friday, Makai, dance/disco. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Novamenco, flamenco, 9:45 p.m. p.m., Viva Santana, Latin rock. Sunday, two shows, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. to midnight, Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time, jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Trade Winds, island pop. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Glen Fisher and Jimmy Molidure, straight-ahead jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Soul Persuaders. sweet soul music.

**In Cahoots,** 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, 10 p.m., the Love Me Nots, the Woolly Bandits, and Thee Corsairs.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, Dave Berry, Steve Ybarra, and Whitton, acoustic/folk. Friday, Jenn Grinels, Lisa Sanders, and Southern Graffiti, acoustic/folk. Saturday, Alex Depue, Annie Dru, and the Blackout Party, acoustic/folk/pop. Sunday, Gregory Page, acoustic alternative. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, the Buddy Wuddy Blues Show

#### Lucky Star Nightclub and

Ballroom, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 9 p.m., Orquesta Rico Tumbao, salsa. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Victoria Rose Trio, vintage jazz/swing/rock.

#### O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub,

1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park.
619-276-5637. Music is
rock/punk/alternative rock/indie unless
otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., Johnny
Different, Zombie Surf Camp, Firethorn,
and the Black Market Hearts. Saturday,
the Continental Kings and the Mayan
Kings, Latin/Afro-beat/funk. Monday,
8 p.m., Mystery Train, blues. Tuesday,
9 p.m., the Exit Theory, the Flux Theory,
and Butterface. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the
Blackout Party.

**Old Time Music,** 2852 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-280-9035. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *Richard Gilewitz*, acoustic folk.

**The Ould Sod,** 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Sara Petite*, folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

**Pal Joey's,** 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Nite Life*, blues/swing.

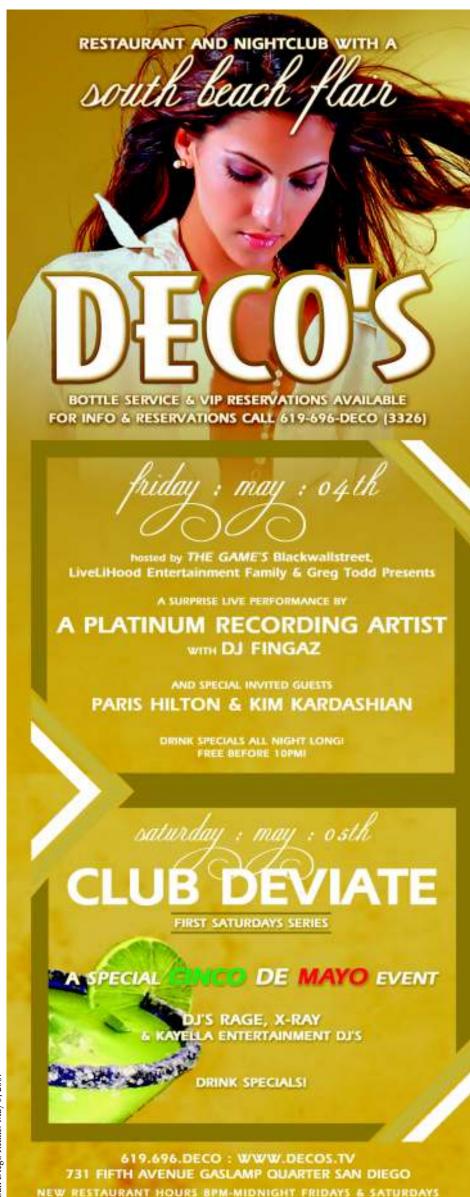
**The Prado Restaurant,** 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle,

**Prego Ristorante**, 1370 Frazee Road (Hazard Center), Mission Valley. 619-294-4700. Monday, the Jaime Valle/Rob Thorsen Jazz Duo.









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#### **SAN DIEGO**

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Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, the Ed Repisi Duo. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., Shawline Expression.

**Rosie O'Grady's,** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-372. Music is rock/funk. Thursday, the Continental Kings and Eco-Save. Friday, Fashion Whore. Saturday, What the Funk and Sharpstyle Records. Wednesday, Sinfonia Antarctica, the Transit War, and Crash Encore.

**Scolari's Office,** 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative music.

**Second Wind,** 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

**Sogno Di Vino,** 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, We Are the Fury, the Outline, Automatic Love Letter, Racio Races, and the Power Chords. Friday, the New Addiction, the Material, Rama Duke, the New Ages Heroes, Shooter, and Falling Face Forward. Saturday, Liferuiner, the Scars of Tomorrow, With Blood Comes Cleansing, Beneath the Sky, and Seventh Soldier. Sunday, the Number 12, Looks Like You, End of Eden, the 25th Hour, and Tragedy and Triumph.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Amelia Browning and the John Kopecky Trio. Saturday, Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta, R&B/Top 40/jazz.

**Terra,** on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

**Tio Leo's**, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Saturday, *Shockwave 4*, classic rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, Shockwave 4, classic rock. Saturday, Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra, swing/jazz. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Jazz Rand.

**The Tower Bar,** 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, punk rock. Saturday, *Batwings* and *the Vaginals*.

Trisler's Wine Bar, 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz saxophone.

**Tutto Mare,** 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

**Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant,** 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Peggy Lloyd*, easy

#### **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, Railroad Earth and Tony Furtado, blues/rock. Friday, Blonde Redhead and the Annuals, rock/alternative. Saturday, 9 p.m., Rufus Wainwright, adult contemporary. Monday, 9 p.m., the Wylde Bunch and Ghostface Killah, alternative hip-hop.

**Boar Cross'n,** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hiphop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *George Svoboda*, classic guitar.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., Patty Hall, folk/blues. Saturday, 8 p.m., Mike McGill, acoustic rock.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Joey*  Pearson. Saturday, 8 p.m., Winterhawk, acoustic.

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**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.

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**Cuvee Restaurant,** 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

**Del Dios Bar and Grill**, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, *Grand Canyon Sundown*, country. Saturday, *the Working Cowboy Band*, country.

**The Flying Bridge,** 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz.

**Game Time Tavern,** 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, 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.

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**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, live rock. Saturday, *the Dead Serial Killers*, metal.

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, West of 5, classic rock. Saturday, Boogie Nights, disco/Top 40. Sunday, live jazz. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Cradit 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. Thursday, the Donnis Trio, rock. Friday, Delilah Jones. Saturday, Bigfellas, rock.

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Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Justin Brothers, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., David Hauser, acoustic.

Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Gary Seiler,

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Live classic rock/rockabilly/acoustic.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, Northstar, classic rock. Friday, Mystique, jazz/R&B. Saturday, the Fall Guys, acoustic. Sunday, Jim Moore, acoustic folk. Monday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

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Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Johnson*, *Bosley and Morin*, acoustic trio.

**De Oro Mine Co.,** 9924 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-464-3351. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., also, Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tom Smerk*, classic oldies/folk/blues.

**Dirk's Niteclub**, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge,** 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204. Friday, the Cold Beer Band, classic rock. Saturday, Resentment, Hungover Tomorrow, Heim, and Swamp Ass, punk.

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**Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill,** 1221 Broadway, El Cajon. 619-447-5665. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Lab Rats*, classic rock.

**Tommy's Italian Restaurant,** 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *From K* to Z or the Wize Guys, swing/standards. Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. V Lounge: Friday, 10 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/soul/reggae.



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The Annuals: Belly Up Tavern

Arckid: The Casbah
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**Bamboula:** Dreamstreet, The Jumping

Basura: Ché Café

Batwings: Tower Bar

Beneath the Sky: Soma
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Dear Nora: Ché Café

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Diskonto: Ché Café

Divided by Zero: 'Canes

Doomsday Hour: Ché Café

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Shooter: Soma

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The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub

Brave Monster: The Jumping Turtle Butterface: O'Connell's Pub and

The Cold Beer Band: Fannie's

## as i hear it

Artist: Spud Davenport Song: "Time Bomb Mom" (From the CD Green)

Heard By: Anthony Frausto, UTC



It's kind of got a bluesy sound to it, in a way — kind of grassroots, to a point. I liked the piano part. The best part of the song was just the piano. It really did have a good message behind [the lyrics], and it hit on target about a bunch of different women who are stay-at-home moms or are just very unhappy within their family structure. I didn't think [the vocals] were that great. I listen to Howie Day and Gavin DeGraw, and that's what genre it is but I didn't think he quite pulled it off. [I could hear that song on] AM radio.

Artist: Chaz

Song: "The Coronation" (From their self-titled CD)

Heard By: Brenda Comparan, Chula Vista



I would consider it pop-punk. The vocals were really high-pitched. The music was good. I was mostly listening to the beats — I wasn't really listening to the lyrics. [I could see them on a bill] with the Subways or Head Automatica. I liked the music, but I didn't like the vocals. It was probably the "choir" parts that killed it. In a sense, it kind of reminded me of the Darkness...the high-pitched part.

Artist: Parker & the Numberman Song: "Big Money & the World Bank" (From the CD The Talented Tenth) Heard By: Anthony Silva, Point Loma



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Lyrically, [it reminded me] of Public Enemy. The beat was really simplistic but it really focused more on showcasing his talent as a lyricist and MC. It's talking about the oppression that's happening to a general culture of people and the institutionalized subjugation in that sense. It was pretty harsh. I thought it was composed really well. In some ways, the beat was a little too simplistic but I guess it was a demo, so that's to be expected. I could see hitting a punching bag to that [song]. That's kind of what it felt like: hitting the listener right and left with the effects of the lyrics.

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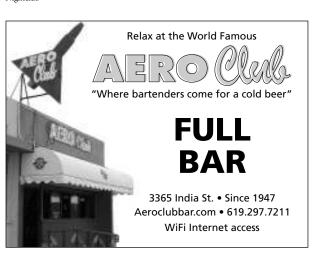


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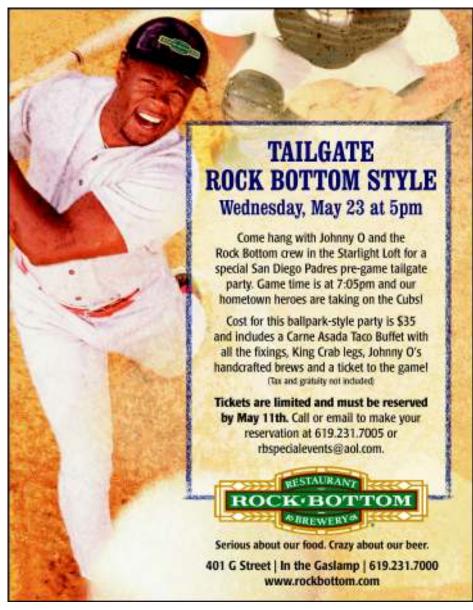


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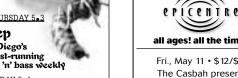
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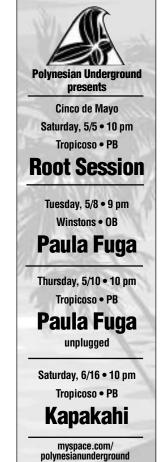
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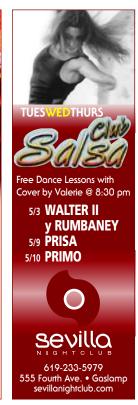
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## Crasher

## NOTHING FANCY

by Josh Board

of my favorite comics. Adam Carolla and David Alan Grier, came to town as part of a radio promotion for a 103.7 "Free FM" party at the Wavehouse in Mission Beach. Carolla's morning show replaced Howard Stern when Stern went to satellite radio, and Grier was one of Carolla's guests.

I crashed the VIP tent. where there was fruit, cheese, chips, skewers, and sandwiches. I ate well. When I met Carolla, I said, "Loveline sucks since you left. I can't listen to it anymore. I know you said you don't want people telling you that..."

"I haven't listened to it lately," he said. "It's not that I don't want people telling me that. It's nice of you to say. I just didn't want people telling me I should go back to that show. I feel I'm moving on to other things. I've already done the Man Show and Loveline, and I'm not going to be going back to those shows again."

I asked him if he'd be doing any new episodes of Crank

"Yeah. We're in the process of doing them right now."



Top: Adam Carolla (right) Tony Hawk (middle); Bottom right: David Alan Grier (left) Adam Carolla (right)

chances were I wouldn't get back

in. But if I didn't, there was no way she'd find me in the crowd. As I tried to decide what to do,

cal." He just smiled and walked

much I'd enjoyed him on In Living

Yankers with Carolla, all I thought

to say was, "I liked the rap you

did on Crank Yankers - hysteri-

Color and on talk shows. Since I

was just talking about Crank

I realized I had forgotten my cell phone in my car, and my date was supposed to meet me. If I'd left the VIP area, however,

Charger Shawn Merriman walked in with a gorgeous woman. I decided to hang back there a while longer.

I noticed a creepy guy taking pictures of the women walking by

the entrance. Some welcomed it, while others were annoyed. A woman locked in a cage had no choice. The photographer took several pictures of her. The cage was sponsored by a bail-bonds business that also distributed key chains with miniature handcuffs. These promotions were popular with the crowd.

When the show started, the place went crazy. The speakers were loud enough that the audience could hear everything. Someone who looked like Tony

Hawk sat down next to me. I didn't think it was him until Carolla said that Hawk would be one of his guests. Carolla then turned to Grier and asked him, "Why is it that black people don't skate?"

Grier was at the Civic Theatre doing The Wiz, and Carolla said, "You've made gazillions of dollars, so why are you doing Raisin in the Sun at the San Diego YMCA?"

I heard the DJs talking about a woman giving birth to a 14-pound baby. A woman nearby said, "That must be the biggest baby ever born. There was an 11pound baby in my family." I said, "I would've guessed the biggest baby ever born would be around 20 pounds." She replied, "A baby that big would need to be born wearing brakes. No baby could possibly be born that big. It's impossible. Men are always clueless about things like that."

I Googled it later and discovered that there had been a baby born that was about 20 pounds.

When I lit up a cigar, a woman came over and said, "My mom is 70. She went to Cuba and brought back cigars." I asked if

## "A baby that big would need to be born wearing brakes."

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she smoked them. "Oh, yeah. She smokes everything... pot, you name it." We got to talking and it turned out she moved here from Minnesota. She told me how she answered an ad in the paper for a sales job that turned out to be a telemarketing nightmare. She told me about the calls and being cursed out and hung up on.

As the conversation was going well with this attractive woman, I noticed my date watching us through the gate. I said, "Oh, hi. There you are..."

"Why aren't you answering your cell phone?" she asked.

"I left it in my car," I said and introduced her to the woman so she wouldn't get suspicious. I explained to her that I didn't want to leave the VIP area to retrieve my phone and asked security if she could come in. They let her back, and after some red wine, her mood lightened. It helped that the two ladies had a few things in common.

There was a bikini contest onstage, and when one woman showed her breasts. the crowd exploded. I overheard someone say, "I think the only people who saw that were in the first couple of rows." His friend said, "Who cares... It's not like we haven't seen boobs before. And why is Carolla even doing stuff like this? This is Howard Stern territory."

"What else are you supposed to do for a crowd of people at the beach," his friend replied, "roast marshmallows?"

A cute girl named Jordan won the bikini contest and was crowned Miss Adam Carolla San Diego. I said to a guy next to me, "Carolla always makes fun of his ugly, kinky hair...and Donald Trump has a pageant. What is it with guys with bad hair and beauty pageants?"

I saw an old friend near the wave machine and went over to talk to him. As we were catching up, I noticed he was looking over my shoulder. Behind me, Tony Hawk was taking off his clothes. I wasn't sure what he was doing, but he stripped down to what looked to be his underwear. I turned back

around to continue my story, and my buddy said, "Uh, what is going on with Hawk?"

"I don't know," I said. "Should we ask?"

I turned around and asked Hawk what was going on. "Everyone wants me to ride one of those waves. So, I'm going to go ride one."

I took out my camera for a picture.

Hawk grabbed a board and a crowd gathered poolside. I asked someone standing nearby if skaters are also good surfers. "We'll soon find out," he said.

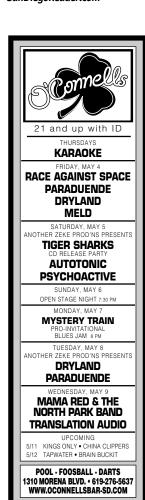
When Hawk caught a wave, he was a little shaky at first but was soon riding it and doing a few moves, cutting back and forth. I heard a woman behind me say, "Big deal. He's not even doing anything fancy."

I guess you can't make everyone happy.

Adam Carolla and his show, along with celebrity guests, will be back at the **Wavehouse in Belmont Park** tonight, May 3. ■

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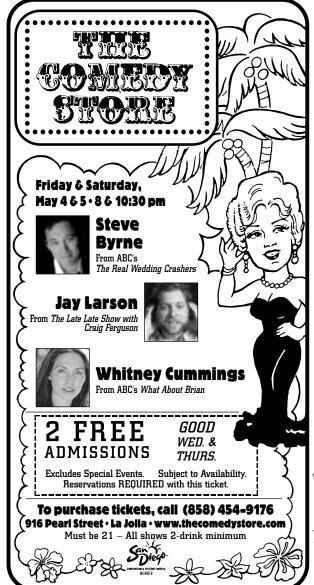
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## **Breathing Room**

The waitress slashed her legs so men would concentrate on her inner being.

ee's home-style diner's at 1621 Wylie Avenue, in Pittsburgh's Hill District. Across the street, the Prophet Samuel, bejeweled with rings, lies in an open casket at West's funeral parlor. A block-long queue of mourners

wants to rub his head for luck. A few doors down is Lutz's deli where, nine and a half years ago, Hambone painted the white man's big, wrap-around fence and got

paid a chicken when he swore it was worth a ham. Ever since, the homeless man has fixated on the injustice: "He gonna give me my ham!"

If you need answers even the — some say nefarious — prophet can't provide, leave the diner and head uphill to 1839 Wylie. Go around back and knock on the red door. That's where you'll meet Aunt Esther. She's either 322 or 349 years old (though she looks 500) and holds forth like a Delphic Oracle.

Beyond Wylie Avenue, in August Wilson's *Two Trains Running*, it's 1968: Vietnam, Nixon, Dr. King assassinated in Memphis, civil rights, Black Power. But instead of bandying generalities about the times, Wilson stays inside Lee's diner and recreates *its* world in micro-detail.

Sly, dapper Wolf uses the pay phone to run numbers; 65-year-old Holloway camps out and advises the hopeful to avoid false prophets and visit Aunt Esther. The waitress, slow-moving Risa, slashed her legs with a razor so men would concentrate on her inner being, not her legs. Hasn't happened.

Memphis Lee, the owner, has seen better days — and worse. When he found water on his property in Jackson, Mississippi, a white man named Stovall stole the land from him. Now Pittsburgh is urban renewing a 12-block area, including

Memphis's building. The city will offer much less, he's convinced, than it's worth. Like Hambone, Memphis won't settle for a chicken — or chicken feed.

Young Sterling, fresh from five years in prison, stirs everything up with new ideas ("black is beautiful"), a new prophet (Malcolm X), and blazing dreams.

August Wilson (1945–2005) grew up at 1727 Bedford Avenue, two blocks north of Wylie, in the '60s. He said, "The ideas of self-determination, self-respect, and self-defense that governed my life in the '60s I find just as valid and self-urging as 1996," when he spoke at Princeton University. *Two Trains Running* gives this trio of ideas human voices.

Blitzkrieg pacing has become the norm for Hollywood and television (how many movies these days are just extended chase scenes?), and in much theater. Form reigns over content, especially if the form moves at Mach 3. August Wilson's ten Pittsburgh-cycle plays, which chronicle the African-American experience during each decade of the 20th Century, unfold at a more deliberate pace, especially *Two Trains*. By the time characters make life-changing moves, you know them and



Willie C. Carpenter, Edi Gathegi in Two Trains Running

Two Trains Running, by August Wilson

**Old Globe Theatre,** Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

**Directed by Seret Scott;** cast: Montae Russell, Chuck Cooper, Roslyn Ruff, James Avery, Willie C. Carpenter, Edi Gathegi, Al White; scenic design, Tony Fanning; costumes, Karen Perry; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson

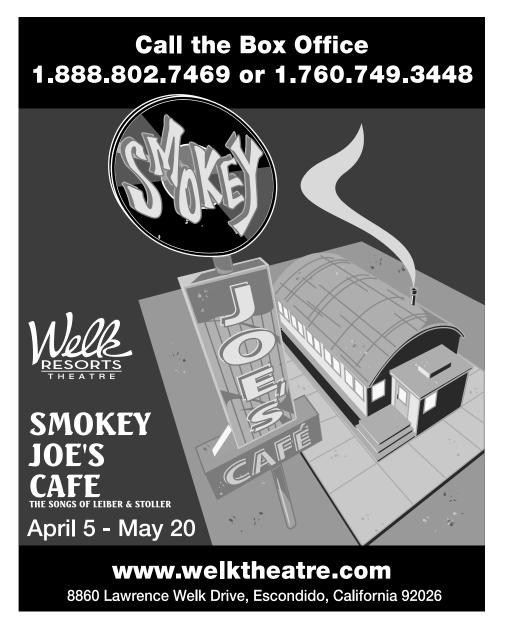
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their surroundings so well it's as if you've been a long-time regular at the diner. Also like Chekhov's dramas, they blend everyday concerns — the price of gas up to 72 cents a gallon! — with talk of hope, rage, injustice, and the "two trains" of life and death, running in opposite directions.

The Old Globe's opening-night performance had some first-act lulls, but overall it's hard to imagine a more faithful or compelling staging. For years, Wilson battled critics — of the antsy, Rev-It-Up School — about the allegedly sprawling shapes of his plays. Never once during the



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three-hour show does director Seret Scott hit the panic-pacing button. Instead, she gives Wilson's scenes, dialogue, and aria-like monologues time to breathe. And sink in.

Nineteen years ago, Chuck Cooper played a leonine Aufidius in the Old Globe's unforgettable John Hirsch-directed Coriolanus. Cooper's terrific Memphis can be a slavedriver (to poor Risa), a heckler (as when he questions West's "leak-proof" coffins), a time bomb, and a poet. Most remarkable: you watch Memphis parade around his domain, like a king, and swear the actor's giving 100 percent. Then, late in Act Two, Cooper doubles his intensity.

Young Edi Gathegi — remember the name! — looks a lot like Tommy Smith, the sprinter who, in the 1968 Olympics, made a Black Power fist when handed his gold medal. Gathegi's Sterling moves three times as fast as everyone else, and Roslyn Ruff's withdrawn Risa three times as slow. Together they create an ongoing verbal dance.

James Avery's sage, resonant-voiced Holloway talks as if he's already seen the play (and may be Wilson's raisonneur). Al White's precisely groomed West and Montae Russell's slick, superstitious Wolf are money-grubbers given surface dignity. And, as Hambone, Willie C. Carpenter adds dimensions of subtext to one of theater's most one-note characters.

On Tony Fanning's set, history's in black and white large photos of Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, and Wylie Avenue in the background — and Lee's diner's in color. Past-their-prime shades and hues give myriad details a lived-in look, including a menu that gets smaller and smaller as the day of demolition draws near.

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#### **Enchanted April**

A long, sketchy first act 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. For Act Two, the Lamb's Players stage does a Kansas-Oz. The women reach Italy (two minus their self-centered husbands). Cold characters thaw. Gloom departs. Smiles emerge. What had seemed tedious turns out to be a modest charmer. To her credit, director Deborah Gilmour Smyth accepts the play's structural flaws (heavy on the "before" and "after" of transformation) and doesn't sweep them under the carpet — or force wonders in triplicate. 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 play's seemingly daffy, though sneaky-wise tour guide. Kerry Meads captivates as the unlikely enchantress, whose good nature and gentle persistence slowly confrom here.

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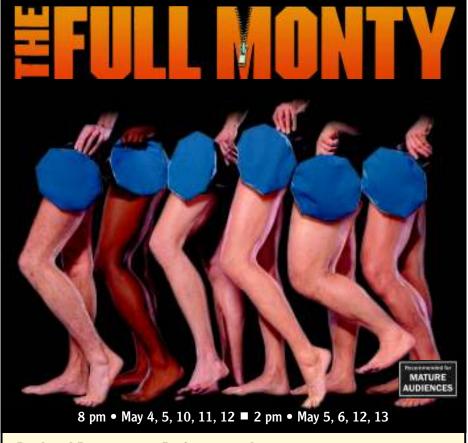
SDSU School of Theatre, Television, and Film presents Frank Galati's adaptation of the John Steinbeck novel. SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, DON POWELL THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 6: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

#### **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







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Choreographer Lee Martino • Director Nick DeGruccio Starring: Allan Snyder (Les Miserables on Broadway), Kevin McMahon (Forever Plaid, Broadway National Tour), Reggie Burrell (performed with Madonna, Michael Jackson and Gladys Knight) and San Diego's own Priscilla Allen



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 eve is a good thing. The openingnight 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 expressionisticabsurdist 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.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MAY 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

#### 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 sexual 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 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.

LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, ROSE CANYON, THROUGH MAY 6: FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-889-3190.

#### **Josephine Tonight**

Common Ground Theatre presents Wally Harper's musical biography of singer, dancer, and showbiz legend Josephine Baker, Floyd Gaffney directed. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THURSDAY, MAY 3, THROUGH MAY 20: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-232-3586

#### Life's Not Fair

North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe presents sketch comedy from a priest's failed confession to our president's imaginary friend. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, THROUGH MAY 5; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-220-8663.

#### Menopause the Musical

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

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN THROUGH AUGUST 26:

THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

#### My Wandering Boy

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of July Marie Myatt's drama about the search for Emmett. He's missing, and his boots were found on a homeless man. Bill Rauch directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH MAY 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

#### Peace

Chronos Theatre Group presents a staged reading of Aristophanes' comedy, in which he flies to heaven on a giant dung-eating beetle to rescue Peace from the clutches of war.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, MAY 8, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-295-5047.

#### Ramona

The nation's longest-running outdoor drama - now in its 84th season — tells of life and love in early California.

RAMONA BOWL, 27400 RAMONA BOWL ROAD, HEMET, THROUGH MAY 12: SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M. (GATES OPEN AT 1:00 P.M.). 800-645-4465

#### 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 BROAD-WAY, VISTA, THROUGH MAY 6; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

#### Route 66

Christian Community Theater offers the Roger Bean musical based on the road songs of the '50s and '60s, including "On the Road Again" and "Little Deuce Coupe." EAST COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CEN-TER, 210 EAST MAIN STREET, EL CA-JON, THROUGH MAY 5; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, MAY 5, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-588-0206.

#### Smokey 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. ES-CONDIDO, THROUGH MAY 20: TUESDAY. THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-8501.

#### The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster

HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY, 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SELECTED SATURDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639

#### **System Wonderland**

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages David Weiner's comedy about a film school student meant to revive a flagging creative team. David Emmes directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, THROUGH MAY 13; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

#### The Tutor

directed.

**Talking With** 

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Martin's series of monologues by

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become obsessions." D.I. Sullivan

STREET, HILLCREST, SATURDAY, MAY 5,

THROUGH MAY 27; FRIDAY AND SATUR-

DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

Vox Nova presents a staged reading of Allan Havis's new drama about "the perilous psychological trajectory of a tutor and his troubled student to save themselves." Ruff Yeager directed. A discussion with the writer, director, and cast follows the reading. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, MONDAY, MAY 7, AT 7:30 P.M.

#### Two Trains Running

Reviewed this issue. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MAY 27; SUN-DAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUN-DAY 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 "racetrack romp." It's opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club'll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

#### W:t The night I caught the North Coast

Rep's outstanding production, two people walked out about halfway through. This was a compliment. Stagings of Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winner should be uncompromising. Amid quotations of John Donne's poetry and MDs with clipboards and scurrying nurses, you watch a proud woman wither and die of cancer. NCRT director David Hay put no smile on grim details. What the exiting couple missed was the completed arc of Rosina Reynolds's gritty, deeply human performance. "No man is an island," Donne wrote. Vivian, a Donne scholar, lived as if surrounded by water. As she breaks down, she sheds protective layers and achieves an 11th-hour wholeness. We may see more acting of this high quality in 2007, though I doubt we'll see better. The stark clashes and grave extremes of *W;t* — life and death, humane and inhumane treatment of hospital patients, being "smart" versus being "kind" — have the dazzle of Metaphysical poetry. But, like Donne, the playwright laces the text with wit. Vivian's humor helps her find a kind of grace. Her mentor argues that a comma should separate "Death shall be no more" and "Death thou shalt die" in Holy Sonnet #6, because "nothing but a breath — a comma — separates life from life everlasting." The NCRT production offers visual evidence of this contention. Marty Burnett's scenic design has no "insuperable barriers." The stage is bare, save for curtains like those in a hospital that open and close and change scenes in a single breath. Critic's pick. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

987D LOMAS SANTA FE. SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SOME SATURDAYS) AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055

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## **Tea Shop Revival**

"This takes one and a half hours," warns Nancy Santos as my wife Carla and I walk into her Crown City Antiques and Tea Parlour on Coronado's Orange Avenue. "That's if you have the full high

No problem. We're on a quest for afternoon tea. Affordable but, well, classy. Carla has declared she's sick of coffee. The idea of afternoon tea has grabbed her, the ceremony, the slow-down thing, the antithesis of Starbucks-and-go. She likes the fact that tea ceremonies go back millennia in China. On the other hand, locally, tea seems to be a recent phenomenon. I've counted at least a dozen tea parlors opening up around the county. Carla had to make a reservation for this Saturday afternoon, and they wanted a deposit,

Inside, Crown City lives up to its Victorian promise. It's a symphony of cream damask tablecloths, antique-looking silk cabbage roses, a tall Victorian glass candlestick on each table, a turquoise velvet couch with matching chairs (where I guess you sip tea around a low table), a china cabinet on an elaborate old sideboard that holds a collection of flowery teapots and plates, and a gold-framed mirror at the end of the room. I can see why they don't allow kids under eight in here. "Palm court" piano music, probably Michael Bublé, plays tunes like "People Who Need People.'

We sit in harp-back wooden chairs and turn over the delicate teacups in front of us. "Royal Patrician Fine Bone China, England," it says around the base. Carla's impressed.

The choice is between afternoon teas with names like "Sir Anthony's Delight" (a cream tea), the "Lady Martha" salad tea, the "Lady Anne" afternoon tea, and the "Queen Barbara High Tea." Sir Anthony's is basically tea, a small fruit cup with cream and brown sugar, plus scones with lemon curd, and mock Devonshire cream. The Queen Barbara starts you off with a soup and proceeds with finger-sandwiches, scones, desserts, the Full Monty. It's the one Carla wants.

Since we're going "all the way," I ask for a sherry - medium dry. They also serve champagne. The idea is to settle your stomach and tweak your appetite. Very civilized.

A waitress named Marilyn, in Victorian black dress and white apron, comes to ask which tea



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we're having. "Queen Barbara," I say, mainly because we're really hungry.

The other big choice is which tea. Carla goes for the Ceylon "Sonata." I ask what else they have. Ha! More than 30 of them, green teas, black teas, white teas, red teas, tisanes, chais.

The names aren't always what they sound like: the woodsy White Monkey is a green tea. So how to choose? If you like the sweet teas,

go for ones with added fruit flavors. The House blend is a black tea with raspberry and vanilla flavors. Me, I just want simple, unadulterated tea, so I ask for an Assam, from the foothills of the Himalayas.

Marilyn brings two fine rococo silver teapots and gets ready to pour.

But here's where you realize that with ceremony come rules. First issue: milk first, or last? 'Well, it's easier to measure the milk if you put it in last," says Marilyn. But some scientists say if you pour milk into piping hot tea, its proteins

degrade and it makes the tea taste stale. On the other hand, High Society says pour the tea first. This is said to stem from the old days when only porcelain could tolerate piping-hot steeped tea without cracking. And only the rich could afford

porcelain. So the poor had to pour milk in first to save their cheap, more porous china cups from cracking. Pour, porous, poor us. Whatever, this is porcelain here,

so I let Marilyn pour the tea first. My Assam is a light orangey affair that doesn't seem to suffer from taking the milk last. And, yes, it goes well with the sherry.

Of course, first time here, you feel as if the whole room is watching your every move. You try to remember how to do things right. All those sharp-eved dames at the other tables have to be admirals' wives and society mavens. Just grasping a couple of cubes with the sugar nippers and dunking them into the tea without sending up splash-blobs is a tense operation.

## Crown City Antiques and Tea Parlour

★★★ (Very Good)

930 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4832.

HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 11a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, midday-5 p.m.

**PRICES:** Teas from \$9.94–\$25.95.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Teas, soups, finger sandwiches, petits fours, scones, tea breads,

PICK HITS: curried chicken salad sandwich; pear with cream cheese sandwich; puff pastry with Brie, apricot preserves, toasted almonds; cranberry-almond scones with lemon curd.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Reservations required; spirits extra; no children under eight years old.

#### **Horton Grand Hotel**

★★ (Good) 311 Island Avenue, downtown, 800-542-1886.

**HOURS:** Saturday, 2–5 p.m.

PRICES: Teas from \$16.95–\$19.95.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Teas, sandwiches, petits fours, fruits, scones, Scotch eggs, sausage

PICK HITS: Scotch egg, smoked salmon sandwich,

NEED TO KNOW: Can walk straight in, but reservations preferred. Difficult parking area.

## Shakespeare's Corner Shoppe ★★★ (Very Good)

3719 India Street, 619-683-2748.

**HOURS:** Thursday–Sunday, 12 noon–4 p.m. **PRICES:** \$3.25 (pot of tea)–\$17.95 (full after-

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: English-style finger sandwiches; hot, fresh-baked scones; sardine sandwiches; sausage rolls with Branston pickle; home-baked cake medleys.

PICK HITS: Scones, double Devon cream; sausage rolls with Branston pickle; sardine sandwiches. NEED TO KNOW: Reservations required; parking in rear; children's menu; lots of British food in retail store.

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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Others: Never put milk in tea infused with lemon. (The lemon's citric acid will curdle the proteins in the milk.) Never leave your spoon in the cup. Never sip your tea from the spoon.

"Man, can we get on with it?" I mutter to Carla, as Nancy comes up with two cups of soup. Potato leek. Beautiful creamy leek flavoring. Also goes well with the last of the sherry.

Now Nancy appears with a three-tiered silver-framed plate service. It's quite a sight, loaded with delicate little sandwiches and cakes and fruit and colorful candies.

"Start at the bottom," says Nancy.

That bottom layer has four crustless tea sandwiches, cucumber, with cream cheese and dill, curried chicken salad, egg salad with capers — nice touch — and pear with cream cheese, also a great combo. Between them nestles a shrimp delight, shrimp paste on a slice of toasted wheat mini-bread, and a round warm puff pastry with Brie melting inside, apricot preserves and toasted almonds on top — a totally seductive one-bite samba.

Caution: Objects in this story may appear larger than they actually are. Did I mention that? Everything is small. Next layer up are two tea breads, lemon poppy seed and banana walnut. And to clean your palate, a small bowl of grapes, pineapple, apple, and a single blackberry.

That's so you can dive in fresh to the top plate of desserts, jewels like the shortbread cookie with strawberry preserves, an apple turnover with caramel sauce, solid chocolate shaped like teapots and teacups, a strawberry banana parfait, and a white chocolate truffle.

Somewhere in the middle of all this eating, the scones arrive. Fresh-baked. Yes, tiny for my taste, but then I'm only a male. Also, the owner, Nancy Santos, doesn't make plain

scones. Pity. Still, I choose a fairly plain cranberry-almond, and it turns out fine. Carla goes for the cinnamon. The scones come with little pots of madeon-the-spot lemon curd and mock Devonshire cream. (Real Devonshire clotted cream comes from Devon or Cornin England. It's unpasteurized milk that's been heated so the cream rises to the top and clots. Unpasteurized isn't an option here, so folks usually do the next best thing by mixing milk with whipping cream and warming it.) Apparently, the Scottish thing to do is put equal amounts of lemon curd and cream on the scone. I go Scottish. They are hot, crumbly, and you can tell they've just been baked. Two gulps and they're gone.

I reach for my teapot to refill my cup. "Uh, no," says Carla. "The lady of the house always pours. Tradition, my good man." She pours.

Jessica, who also works here, tells us the lady-pouring thing was a custom established when teas from China and India were rare and expensive. The lady of the house couldn't trust the servants with the teas. She kept them in her boudoir and only reached for them when the servants were out of the room. Ergo, she had to do the pouring herself.

It turns out there's a lot more tea etiquette to learn, like, the proper way to stir in sugar. "No clink-clink," says Jessica. "Fold it in, without hitting the edge of the cup. Stir only two or three times. Any longer and the tea cools too much."

And then the big one: pinky up, or pinky down?

"No pinky," says Jessica. "That habit came from China, where they drank from tiny cups, smaller than sake cups."

One more cup rule: "You hold your cup with only your index finger through the cup handle." Even if the handle allows space for two, doing so is very "non-U," as Carla tells me the British say. ("Meaning non-Upper Crust, dahling.")

The amazing thing is how that hour and a half whisks by. We come out pretty full, and with Carla feeling civilization is at last catching her up.

Yes, the individual snacks

were kind of small, but they were all fresh and interesting. What I liked was that so many squeezed out a taste surprise when you chewed into them. The dill in the cream cheese sandwich, the capers in the egg salad sandwich, and that alltoo-brief encounter with the hot puff pastry with melting Brie under apricot preserves and toasted almonds. Funny how working at all these different little tastes takes longer, and by the time you get through it, plus having a few cups of Assam, you feel you've been through a decent meal. Besides, if you order the Queen Barbara, you can ask for more, at no extra cost. You can always play it again, Assam.

Of course, tea has had an image problem in the U.S. It's always had this snooty thing attached to it. OK, not always: In 1674, when the British took over New York from the Dutch, they found the ex-New Amsterdamers consumed more tea than all of England combined. In New York, tea was everybody's drink. But then came the high British taxes on tea, raising its price, and sparking a Revolution. At the time of the Boston Tea Party, the English joked that the reason the Americans had lost their taste for tea was that they had a peculiar way of mixing it in the salt water. Har-de har har. In Boston's Green Dragon Tavern, a hotbed of revolutionary sentiment, they used to say that if a man ordered tea, he was a Tory. If he ordered coffee, he was a Patriot. And even though it has been the rise and fall of beverage prices that has really dictated tea consumption over the two centuries since, tea still carries that whiff of the ruling classes, of association with things English, with privilege and exclusivity. Back in the 1880s, top-line hotels like the Ritz in Boston and the Plaza in New York made opulent afternoon teas de rigueur among the robber-baron society wives of the

So coffee stepped in and captured the popular market. And yet, worldwide, tea certainly has the greater following, and a way-longer history. They say tea first happened on a

The Chinese Emperor Shen Nung had water boiling in a pot over a fire when some leaves from a nearby camellia plant floated into the pot. He drank. licked his lips, and said it gave him, in what must be one of the world's most ancient quotes, "vigor of body, contentment of mind, and determination of purpose." Nearly 5000 years later, tea is second only to water in worldwide consumption. We Americans drink a lot less tea than other folks but still have been downing over two billion gallons per year since 1994. Okay, most of that's not "tea" tea: 1.8 billion of those gallons — 80 percent — was iced

breezy day back in 2737 B.C.

Downtown at the Horton Grand hotel, one of center city's afternoon tea pioneers, they've scaled back their teas to Saturday afternoons. It goes from two to five in their dining room next to the Ida Bailey bar, a bricky, flowery place that gives onto the courtyard. They have the full array of finger sandwiches — tomato, cucumber, egg salad, as well as smoked salmon — more generous scones, and other very British items like sausage rolls and a quartered Scotch egg, a hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage meat and breadcrumbs and then deep fried. Their tea choices are more limited, Earl Grey, Darjeeling, and English Breakfast, from tea bags and served in china, not porcelain cups. Tsk tsk. That doesn't make it any less delicious, and the fact that you get chocolatecovered strawberries and a glass of cream sherry thrown in for a lower price than at Crown City Antiques makes this one of the nicer deals around town.

Sir Thomas Lipton established a special relationship with San Diego nearly 100 years ago. He came to the 1915 Panama-California Exposition and created a tea plantation right here in Balboa Park, complete with Sri Lankan gardeners tending plants brought in from what was called Ceylon back then and young women stripping and curing tea leaves and preparing cups for visitors. San Diego loved him for it. The nearest thing to his exposition

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tea pavilion today may be the afternoon tea patio attached to Shakespeare's Corner Shoppe in the compound of the Shakespeare Pub at the top of India Street.

The tea place, a little cu-

riosity shop, is a charmer in

itself, crammed with every En-

glish food you can imagine. It

has a redwood deck outside, with wood shake sides and tables interrupted by eucalyptus trees soaring out through holes cut into the deck. A Union Jack flaps among them. Best of all, their afternoon tea (midday-four p.m., Thursday-Sunday) is one of the most reasonably priced, with nice hot fresh scones, and — yes! real, thick stand-alone clotted cream, Devon cream, not the imitation stuff. The bread on the finger sandwiches is slightly dry this day, but apart from that, everything is great, including a good choice of teas (I have Yorkshire Gold), bone china cups and saucers, a teapot standing on a candle warmer, sardine sandwiches, sausage rolls with Branston pickle (an essential combination, Brits say), ginger petit fours, half-chocolate biscuits for dunking in your tea veddy British - and even a bread pudding I could like. And — nice touch — the strawberry jam comes in a traditional beehive jar.

They say Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, started the whole English-style afternoon tea ceremony. She was feeling hungry one afternoon in the early 1800s and got the idea of not just brewing a cuppa but adding those newfangled bread snacks her buddy the Earl of Sandwich had created. Pretty soon she had a coterie of friends coming 'round to chai, chow, and chew the fat, and afternoon tea was born. Of course, they also say she desperately wanted to imitate the very chi-chi Japanese tea ceremony everybody talked about at the time with some awe.

So when I hear they actually do a tea ceremony in Balboa Park, at the San Diego-Japanese Friendship Garden, every first Tuesday (at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.), ain't no question about it. It only costs the \$3.00 garden-visit fee to attend. A

(that's how we feel) sit watching, as Soryo Ayako Stott kneels in her kimono on a mat on a raised dais and prepares the tea. She is a master of cha-no-yu (there's that "cha" word again), the Japanese tea ceremony, and nothing ruffles her. "This usually takes four hours," she says before she begins. Every single move is a delicate piece of theater. Sorvo explains that normally we'd take our shoes off and follow slightly opened shoji sliding-paper doors in from one sanctum to another, gradually shedding the tensions and cares of the world outside. The ceremony is designed to introduce harmony, beauty, and a soothing of the battered self. She even folds her napkin like a piece of origami.

dozen of us big clumpy people

She pounds the green tea. With lots of small gestures, she vigorously stirs it into the hot water with a beautiful, finetoothed circular wooden whisk, then offers the tea to a guest. You take a little candy, mostly soft marzipan, or some tougher ones shaped like miniature pinecones, before the tea. The tea tastes sort of chlorophylllike and apparently is full of good vitamins. You turn the decorated bowl each time you drink, and on the final sip, make sure to slurp loudly, to let the tea preparer know you are ready for a refill.

The nearest equivalent to this special tea is the Kona from Hawaii at the Tea Pavilion just outside the garden.

But the experience gets me thinking. Tea has come a long way, yet it is still something of a ceremony. Every time I sip a cup of chai right now, I think of Shen Nung in China 4744 years ago and that fortunate breeze that blew the camellia leaves into his pot. And then you fast-forward to today's 'bubble tea" or "pearl milk tea" fad hitting San Diego direct from Taiwan — chai with wide straws to suck up tapioca balls bobbing in the sweet milky tea. It's in every snack place in Clairemont, and for sure, it's about to mainstream. But look at it as just another variation of China's ancient gift to the world. Something to talk about next time you meet Aunt Agatha for high tea. ■





Bay, with a special Kids' Knee-High Buffet and soft piano music in the background, followed by a complimentary tour of Mission Bay aboard the W.D. Evans sternwheeler.



## **Broasted in Lakeside**

"They remember when it took three days to get up here from Mission Beach. Three days!"

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umble rumble. The little 848 bounces onto Woodside Avenue. It's, like, 1:15 p.m., and Woodside Avenue. It 8, IIKC, 1.12 p.11..., and as usual, I had to work this morning and no time for cawfee, grub, nuttin'. So when I see a big ol' sign that says "Kopper Kettle" outside a heat-

faded, '50s-looking, rock-and-glass place, my stomach walks me toward the bus door. Pull the bell. Jump out at Channel Road.

Whew. Getting roasted. It's so ho-ot. Vacant lots, dirt sidewalk, couple of vultures soaring overhead. It's scrappy not-quite-town, not-quite-country. Not that pretty,

but you feel the spaciousness, nature's tentacles reaching in between the clumps of buildings. I like it. Then, outside the place I get curious. They're touting something called "broasted chicken." What da heck is "broasted"?

I swing in through the doors. Brown booths, varnished skirting, cream walls, so many ceiling fans it looks like the chopper attack in Apocalypse Now. Ooh. I'm getting a smell of chicken. That the broasting?

I head for the counter, where Karen the waitress is standing, waiting.

"You guys still doing lunch? Or breakfast?" I

"Breakfast, lunch, and dinner," she says. "As long as you have it now."
"Why now?"

"Because we close at three."

Mark, two stools along, takes delivery of a pretty sizable burger with fries. Turns out to be the halfpound Kopper Kettle burger (\$6.80).

'Good?" I ask.

"Yeah. Of course, I have to say that. Karen's listening.

"The guys come here to be verbally abused," Karen says. "I'm just like their wives. It makes them feel at home. They're all used to me. Heck, I've

Mark says he's pretty new, only been coming for ten. I believe it, despite the wooden sign behind him that says:

"Early to bed

Early to rise Sit at Kopper Kettle Tell big lies.'

So I get a coffee (\$1.30 with refills) and look at the lunch burgers and sandwiches. They all come with fries or potato salad. Most interesting burger may be the Frisco, with two patties and Swiss cheese on

sourdough bread (\$6.25). Then they have a bunch of sandwiches, from the \$3.80 grilled cheese to the \$6.50 French dip, and soups (starting at \$1.60 cup) and salads. The chicken salad with cheese toast costs most at \$7.50.

The dinner menu has more expensive things, though nothing's outrageous. (A \$9.95 ten-ounce rib-eye steak about tops the list.) Hmm. Spaghetti sounds interesting. You can get it with a chili sauce (\$6.50). Or...aha! Thar she blows, as my great granddaddy Dan the whalerman would've said: '1/2 golden broasted chicken (\$6.65).'

So what's this about 'broasting'?" I ask Karen. "Just think broiling and roasting," she says. "The broaster's a big pressure cooker. It's great for deep-frying. The chicken retains its moisture, and it's less greasy." She points to the guy cooking in the kitchen. "Bill also wedge-cuts a raw potato, sprinkles it with seasoning flour, and broasts that too. It takes on the chicken's flavors. So-o-o good.'

Bill smiles from behind the servery. He can't hear, because of the exhaust fans. He and his brother Mike own the place.

Hmm. Broasted chicken and potato. Sounds great. Plus, I see every dinner dish comes with soup or salad and a choice of potato or cheese toast. That's one heckuva deal. I like that whole idea, except, um, ah, d'agh...but I still wanna have breakfast. I'm thinking the Country Breakfast (two sausage patties, two eggs, biscuits, and gravy, \$5.95), or, hey, Kopper Kettle's omelet. Karen says it's three eggs, onions, bell peppers, ham, cheddar cheese, "and our own salsa" melted on top, \$6.25.

"Could I have the broasted potato with that?" "Could he have the broasted potato with that?" Karen shouts to Bill.

Bill nods.

And by gumbo, I'm glad he does. Karen brings me the plate, then fills a small dish with ranch dressing. ("We make our own ranch, and blue cheese, and salsa," she says.) Those steaming, spicy, crunchy-outside-feathery-inside six-inch wedges of potato are totally scrumbo with the dip on their tips. The omelet's good, cheesy, salsa-spicy too, and the peppers chew fresh and crunchy. The wheat toast? Never get to it.

While I chomp, this guy Tom comes up. Settles in with a menu. Been living in Lakeside a while. "This used to be a cowboy town," he says. "But people don't realize it was a resort, too. The Lakeside Inn was like the Hotel Del in Coronado. Huge. Rich people came and stayed for the mountain air. That was over 100 years ago."

"My mom and dad are 92, 94," Karen says. "They're celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary this month. They remember when it took three days to get up here from Mission Beach. Three days!"

Everybody's talking back and forth. Karen, Tom, Mark, and Louisa, who's worked here 18 years. There're no secrets in Lakeside," Karen says.

Bill comes out and grabs a stool. Turns out he and Mike are originally from Greece. They came



from a three-café village named Pialia, near where those incredible mountaintop monasteries are. Does he miss it? "I'll never forget it. But we are Americans now," he says. "We took a chance here. Lakeside has been good to us."

How good? "Show your invite," says Karen. Bill brings out a gold-embossed invitation to a presentation from — wow! — Donald Trump. "Don't know how he found me," Bill says, modestly.

Wow. It's three o'clock already. They're closing. Time to get back out into the heat. I can see I'm gonna broast out there. ■

The Place: The Kopper Kettle, 12108 Woodside Avenue (at Winter Gardens Boulevard), Lakeside, 619-561-0628

Prices: Country Breakfast (two sausage patties, two eggs, biscuits, gravy), \$5.95; Kopper Kettle's omelet (three eggs, onions, bell peppers, ham, cheddar cheese, salsa), \$6.25; all-meat omelet (bacon, sausage, ham), \$7.40; three hotcakes, two eggs, \$5.60; Kopper Kettle burger (half-pounder, fries, or potato salad), \$6.80; Frisco Burger (two patties, Swiss cheese on sourdough), \$6.25; grilled-cheese sandwich, \$3.80; French dip, \$6.50; cup of soup, \$1.60; chicken salad, cheese toast, \$7.50; ten-ounce rib-eye steak dinner, \$9.95; spaghetti, chili sauce, \$6.50; half broasted chicken, \$6.65; many senior specials

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## **Spottswoode Matures**

"They paid about \$300 a ton.... The more sugar, the better. Flavor was not a question."

'm sitting in the Founders' Room at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, gazing up at a ceiling that does a remarkable impression of a pale gray orchid in full bloom, and sipping Spottswoode Sauvignon Blanc while a

gaggle of fastidious waitstaff pour their way slowly down two long tables festooned with glasses. Eight glasses at each place, each holding a sample of Spottswoode Cabernet Sauvignon: the '04, '03, '02, and '99, made by Rosemary Cakebread; the '96 from Pam Starr; the '91, '86, and '84 from

Tony Soter — winemaking luminaries all. The vintages span close to Spottswoode's entire history as a winery, but they're being poured to mark the 125th anniversary of the Spottswoode Estate.

Spottswoode began as Esmeralda, the property of one George Schonewald: a grand house, 17 acres of grapes, 4 acres of formal gardens. In the years that followed, it passed through various owners and various names: Joseph Bliss named it Stonehurst in 1906, then sold it in 1908 to Dr. George Allen, who called it Lyndenhurst. Allen headed back to San Francisco in 1910, and Mrs. Spotts, the new owner, named the place Spottswoode in honor of her late husband. That was still its name in 1970, when it caught the attention of Dr. Jack Novak of Rancho Santa Fe.

"We had never been to the Napa Valley," recalls Mary Novak, Jack's widow and Spottswoode's

proprietress. "We came up for Thanksgiving to visit some friends, who had moved up from Pasadena, and we thought, 'This is really, really beautiful. We could do this, too.' I think my husband" — who was 40 at the time — "had it at the

back of his mind that he didn't want to practice medicine all his life." He also had a sense of what was coming to his childhood neighborhood. Back then, says Mary, Rancho Santa Fe "was small, and fairly rural. We had 13 acres, and there were minimum 4-acre lots. It was not what you

would call a chi-chi, wealthy community. It didn't seem that way to us; it just seemed like a very nice place to live. We had just built a Mexican-style home, and I thought we would live there forever, but then we got the bug to move up north."

So north they went, taking their five children with them. ("We had more screaming and kicking from some than others," says Mary. "It was a very, very agricultural, rural community, and not very sophisticated at the time. We had a daughter who was going to be a sophomore in high school; that's a hard time to move from an environment like La Jolla Country Day to St. Helena. There was not much going on.") The five children were part of what made Spottswoode — with its grand-scale house — attractive. That, and the gardens, and the acreage for Jack to ride his tractor. "He liked his little machines. He used

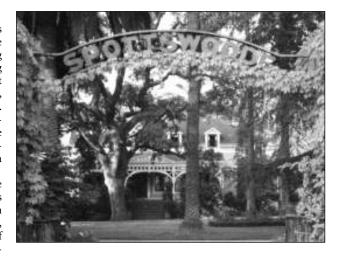
to race in the Baja 1000."

From the start, the plan was to make a go of it in the wine business — first, by selling grapes. "There were existing vineyards on the property, but they were very old, old vines, probably planted in the '40s. Non-irrigated, non-frost-protected, head-pruned. The varieties were French Columbard, Green Hungarian, and a field blend of reds."

"By the time we moved here in the early '70s," recalls Mary's daughter Beth Novak Milliken (also the winery's president), "Gallo was the biggest buyer of grapes in the valley. They controlled what was then the co-op.

We just picked the grapes and took them down there. They paid about \$300 a ton — based purely upon sugar levels. The more sugar, the better. Flavor was not a question."

The Novaks made that trip to the co-op just once, in 1972, the year they arrived. Gallo was still the chief player in Napa, but the new guard — Mondavi, Chappellet, Mayacamas, Heitz, Stag's Leap — was already digging in. By 1973, the Novaks were replanting the vineyard to Cabernet Sauvignon. "We just followed advice," says Mary, 'mainly from Justin Meyer at Silver Oak. He and Jack met early on, and they became good friends. And Rick Forman lived across the street. They're the ones that said, 'You've got to plant Cab.' The Novaks also planted a fair-sized chunk of Sauvignon Blanc, despite its second-tier status at the time. "The idea was to have a white varietal in the vineyard," says Beth, "and it wasn't going to be Chardonnay...



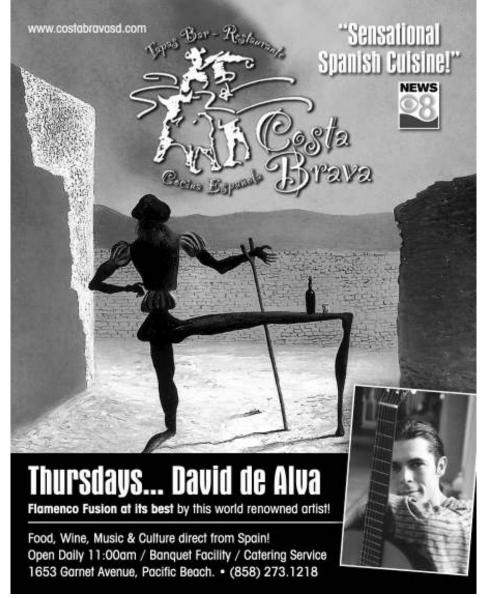
"Too warm," offers Mary.

"...and it wasn't going to be Gewürztraminer."

"And Sauvignon Blanc was a Bordeaux varietal," notes Mary — a white to complement the new focus on Cabernet.

But Jack didn't get to see Spottswoode come into its own. He died of a heart attack in 1977. "I had to choose what to do," says Mary. "I was living there with five children on this vineyard. We'd taken some day courses at Davis, but we were not oenophiles; we didn't know a lot about it. But I opted to stay. First of all, because I loved the property. And I loved the growing — more than I loved the winemaking end of it. I could see that I had a salable product. If I went back down to Rancho Santa Fe, I didn't have anything; I was a physician's wife who raised five children. It was basically an economic decision." She dug in. Five years later, she decided it was time for Spottswoode to start making its own wine and





hired Tony Soter.

"He'd been around the valley, at Chappellet and various places. He seemed like the right kind of guy. He was a philosophy major, not a Davis graduate. He liked to get the feel for an estate. He started managing the vineyards, because he thought it was important to know everything that was going on." It was Soter who, in 1985, convinced Novak to go organic in the vineyard, a risky move in several ways, including aesthetically. "Everyone liked to see their vineyards looking perfect, without one weed. It was hard to start; you knew you were going to be untidy. But it certainly worked for us." A newish trade sheet called Wine Spectator named the '85 Spottswoode Cab one of the top ten wines of the year. In '86, they dropped into the top 20, but '87 saw them back among the elite. "That kind of put us on the map.

The map has changed considerably in the ensuing 20 years; it's gotten a lot more crowded, of course, and there's a lot more fretting over buzz and cult status as a means of standing out. But, says Beth, Spottswoode hasn't had to play the game. "We've always gotten really good scores from Parker, so I wouldn't say we're under the radar. But there's an incredibly successful model out there — wineries that are inordinately successful" without much fanfare from the press.

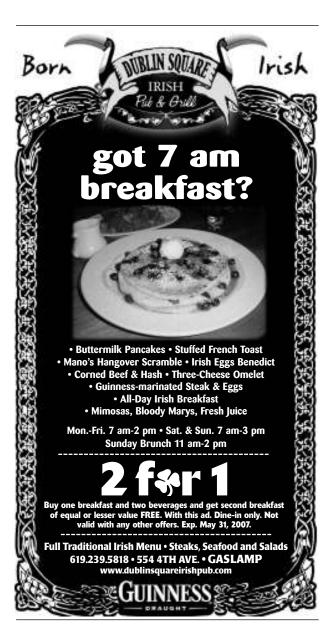
"Think of Groth, Duckhorn, Stag's Leap — very strong brand names that have been around a long time. They don't need buzz to sell the wine; they have it. It's been created because they've done the work for 25 years or more. We sell absolutely everything we make, and demand remains extraordinarily high, and we feel really good about that."

So, when the 125th anniversary started looming, it seemed like a time to throw a party — and to gather up some history. "I had so much," says Mary. "People gave me little clippings and pictures and things." They hired a historian to sift through the material and a graphic designer to make a book out of the best of it. "I think it's important to leave that for my family, so that everybody knows where we started from and what happened on the property. I think that too often, that stuff gets lost for the future generations. They never do have a history. It's kind of fun to have it all down here." ■

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#### **NORTH COASTAL**

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. N.W. (10/01)

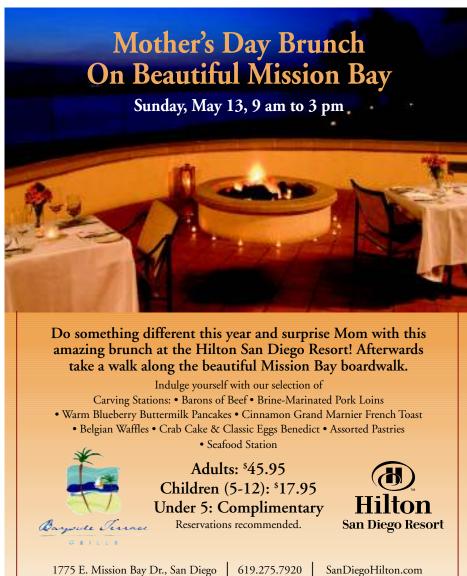
Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-in fused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a re-liable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch dinner. Inexpensive. S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multire-gional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. Most of their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — Ė B (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I





Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this greenwhite- and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is muy popular, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Osteria del Pescatore 1201

Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily spe-cials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla* nanna, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list, Reservations advised, Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. N.W. (5/05)

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reserva-tions urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lob-

ster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lob-ster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and in-dulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushimaster also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, espe cially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find do-mestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a va-riety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. -N.W. (8/03)

#### **NORTH INLAND**

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the saganaki, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with mezedakia, a big oval sampler of dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), lokaniko (a delicious Greek sausage), spanakopita (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/06)

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Vil-

lage, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, includ-ing a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright or-ange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. N.W. (8/03)

**Bistro 221** 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio

lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. -

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stonewalled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. N.W. (5/01)

**The Place: El Parque** 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods. and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting ongside an interesting bunch of agri-



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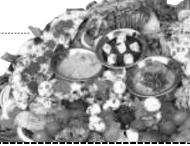
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cultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633, Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

#### LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Plava. La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a water-cress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. - S.M. (4/04)

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veg-gie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.* (1/06)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner nightly, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/02)

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (10/05)

**Sante Ristorante** 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (qui-eter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — *N.W.* (11/04)

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine ovsters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g. New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. N.W. (5/02)

**The Philadelphia Sandwich Co.** 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muf-

fulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/04)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rain-bow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a reallife reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elemen-tary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one or der. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. daily. Inexpensive.

#### THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par taramasalata), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (3/02)

**Cantina Panaderia** 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Is-abel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Missin, has imported much of her Mis-sion Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-con-fessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs,

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luscious scrambled eggs, huge sand wiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. -N.W. (10/04)

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch, Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. – N.W. (2/02)

**The Fishery** 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore,

but he does everything else — supply ing product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icv-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sand-wiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obses-sion with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — N.W. (2/06)

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 net), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This

place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here
— is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday: dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. In expensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and biergarten, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to sim ple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam

chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. N.W. (10/04)

#### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**El Comal** 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other location at 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811.) No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the mulita carne adobada (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of nuez (a refreshing walnut drink). Chula Vista location has parrillada meats. Breakfast through dinner until 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of

course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake' time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent "Lefty's carbonara" (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — E.B. (5/05)

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" - homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing and mustard is, as they say, "gemÉtlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The kitfo (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the gored-gored (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not

wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 6 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/01)

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-thecoffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily until 10 p.m. (until midnight Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/06)

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#### **EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA**

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Caion, 619-441-9708 Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

**Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria** Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standardissue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; till 2 p.m. Friday. Closed weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction. but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pil-

lowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas* rojas, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than capital tends to be less bittingly not than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuate* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, ans, and tortilla). Aztec huarache (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. In-expensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Caion Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) - aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey wholemilk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

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**Owl Cafe** 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive - E.B. (8/01)

#### **UPTOWN & OLD TOWN**

**Alex's Brown Bag** 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself Other Italian-American goodies in clude the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmi-giana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for

breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B. (9/01)

**Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth** Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dan*reuses, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like insalata di fileto with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with spaghetti della casa. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. -

DMood 4628 Park Boulevard (at University Heights overhead street sign), 619-297-6663. This delightfully decorated bistro offers eclectic Middle Eastern cuisine that's primarily Persian but offers touches of North Africa, India, Southern Europe, and the U.S. Don't miss the splended appetizer sam-pler (a full array of luscious Middle Eastern tapas), the pomegranate-glazed game hen stuffed with basmati rice and fruit, or the skewered lamb. The daily fresh fish gives talented chef Cecilia Tajonar a chance for creative play. Persian ice creams in sexy flavors (rosewater, orange blossom, pistachio) are among the dessert choices. Live entertainment at many brunches and week end dinners provide vibrant cultural experience. Interesting teas (including Persian and Moroccan); okay wine list; full bar. Reservations urged for large groups (call after noon). Street parking. Street patio in front and courtyard in back for al fresco dining in fair weather. Numerous vegetarian/vegan choices. Half-size salads available by request. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; Saturday and Sunday brunch. Moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

**Extraordinary Desserts** 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chefowner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boule vard (between University and El Ca-jon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smokerfriendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixedethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tues-day through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. - E.B. (4/05)

**Lotus Thai** 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market (at Ninth Avenue), downtown, 619-595-0115. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region certain zestiness, a love of strong citruses and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on soju (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/06)

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an as-tonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana tres leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussiedup margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.* (12/00)

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue (south of University), Hillcrest, 619-325-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from mezze (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade decor, all the cooking is from scratch no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian kebbeh, soujok sausages, and shrimp kebabs. Desserts include stan-dard Middle Eastern items such as baklava. Wines and beers include foodfriendly imports from Lebanon. Open daily, lunch 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (3/06)

**Saffron Noodles and Sate** 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-andwhite room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/04)

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked

salad of shrimp and avocados, or co-conut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/02)

#### DOWNTOWN

**Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine** 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients pre-pared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and notso-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. N.W. (9/03)

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/takeout? Here you're getting cheap-butgood Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pao hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even farther. Open 11







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a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/06)

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sportminded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting out side and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B. (4/03)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herbrich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio

and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of In**dia** 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cui sine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern fla vors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-sur-faced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. -N.W. (10/04)

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

**Osetra** 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious

bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly, Sunday through Thursday to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11:30 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — N.W. (10/04)

**The Palm** 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This upmarket chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest familyoperated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point - business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the "Slater Special" which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat gar-lic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchinettas* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/06)

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized "Mandarin" cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than

those at the 99-cent joints). Tofu with eggplant and "Mongolian Hotpot," a meatball casserole with Chinese cabage, are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — N.W. (1/06)

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful - especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the en-trées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Samba Grill 510 Fourth Avenue (Horton Plaza, top level), Gaslamp, 619-236-1000. This huge restaurant serves Brazilian food and Brazilian spirit. The format is a rodizio — waiters circulate through the room with tall swords, impaling an ever-changing assortment of grilled meats (highly salted and cooked well done, but zesty nonetheless). On the side is a vast bufet of additional Brazilian entrées, vegetables, and salads. The staff are charmers, but make sure to ask for appetizer

and dessert menus and the 100-bottle wine list if the server forgets to offer. Full bar includes authentic, irresistible Brazilian *Caipirinha* lime cocktails, made by a roving "Caipirinha Girl." Live band on weekends. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. weekends. \$35 buys a more-than-full meal. Half price for kiddies; reduced price for buffet food only; extra cost for a special "gaucho feast" that includes additional meats, plus wild game choices upon request. — N.W. (6/06)

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-Style" — meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinder blocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/05)

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this al-ways-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality Ama ebi (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including misobaked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. - N.W. (7/04)

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal - chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B (10/02)

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, whitetablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flipflops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**El Dorado** 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South













America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The papa relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with chancho, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies - but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spillout-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian - special to ask for is the verdure pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive.

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/01)

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Ave nue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401, and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby

Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is under-seasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shell-fish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily, Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

#### BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Ti-juana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country

Make reservations for Mother's Day now! food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) a la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 -1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (codorniz al moio de aio), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard, next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs'  $\ddot{\imath}_{\dot{\imath}}\Omega$ red spinachï;Ω? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monter-rey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatev mole sauce. You haul the huazontle branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heart-land of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: Dedos Montezuma (ϊ¿ΩMontezuma's fingers;  $\Omega$ ) is cactus stuffed with steak; torta de camaron seco is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; cecina Oaxaqueña cured meat with cactus salad. But

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La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baia wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and din-

Los Pelícanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surfand-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. - N.W. (4/03)

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-af-ternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mut-ton (borrego) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (birria de chivo) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rockbottom prices; cash only. N.W. (4/03)

#### Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Monday. Moderate. — E.B. (2/05) Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You're going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don't want over-complicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus - if ner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02) you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster ther-

**Fish House Vera Cruz** 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — S.M. (3/04)

midor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky

show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch

through dinner. Moderate. – E.B. (12/05)

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Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 North

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants - namely, mesquitegrilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and ex-pert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquitegrilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne alla sor-rentina — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)



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## Stop the World

To impose perspective is an important part of a critic's job, but it's a tricky part.

by the standard measurement of every seventh year, I figure I am due for my fifth sabbatical. So I will not apologize overmuch for taking my first. You are hereby notified, in plainest English, that you will be getting

no help from me in navigating your way through the next *Spider-Man*, the next *Shrek*, the next *Pirates of the* 

Caribbean, the next Harry Potter, the next Fantastic Four, the next Ocean's however many, the next 28 however long, the next whoever Almighty, the next Daddy Day whatever, the next Hostel, the next Die Hard, the next Rush Hour, the next Bourne, the next Bean. (Even The Simpsons Movie has the feel of a sequel.) The entire summer, in sum, is to be sat out. Hollywood doubtless looks upon the approaching parade as a Strong Lineup. My opting-out may be taken, or left, as an Opposing Viewpoint.

Most of the people in my circle, when told of this hiatus, seemed truly delighted about it. (A little *too* delighted, maybe?) How great! How wonderful! How lucky! How long? The old friend who probably best understands me, however, came closest to echoing the muffled voice in-

side my own head — You quitter! You pantywaist! You deadbeat! You! — but he stopped just short. Clearly, my feelings about the sabbatical are contradictory in the extreme: abashment at taking one, abashment at not

having taken one long ago. (Well, I'll have some time to grapple with that. The delight, if any, will come later.)

Slow learner that I am, I seem to have needed better than three decades to achieve the perspective that a single movie season here or there is neither here nor there, that another dozen blockbusters, give or take, amount to no more than a pinch of sand in the infinite hourglass.

While I still do intend to keep up in some fashion, I can afford, for now, to be a good deal choosier in what I see. Which is to say I'll have more time on my hands to choose what I want to see on DVD. (Much like an unpaid movie fan, a voluntary movie fan, a free-willed movie fan.) It will be a treat, too, to be choosier in taking notes in the dark, to reach for pen and paper only when severely provoked. It will be an even bigger treat not to be making such notes afterwards into sentences and paragraphs, and not to be meet-



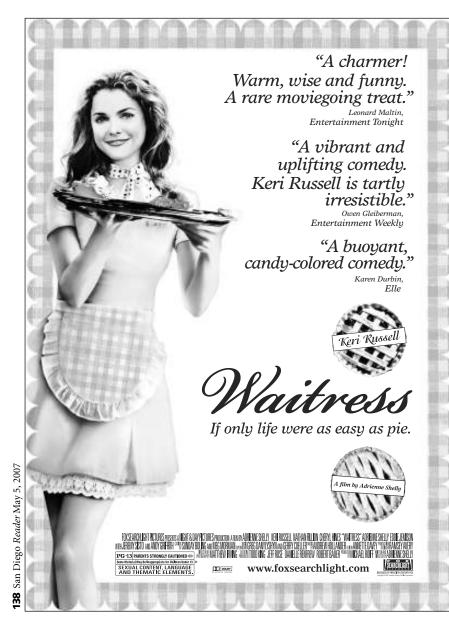
Spider-Man 3

ing weekly deadlines. (And let me nip in the bud any reckless speculation that I am following in the footsteps of the *Los Angeles Times* sportswriter, Mike Penner, and will be coming back in the fall under the byline of Lily White.) One of the things I am looking forward to, experimentally, is seeing the new movies on a deliberate delay, seeing *Ocean's Thirteen*, let's

say, when everyone else, having moved on, is gabbling about *Live Free or Die Hard*. The idea is to impose some perspective by force. To impose perspective — to resist the hype, to step back, to take the long view — is of course an important part of a critic's job, but it's a tricky part. You go into and come out of *Grindhouse* — if, like me in any case, you attend the

standing-room-only promotional screening — with the impression that it's a big deal. A week or two later you know it's not. Or anyhow I do. As I say, I'm a slow learner.

But the first order of business, or first order of leisure, is a drive up to L.A. in the next week to catch the latest Alain Resnais film, *Private Fears in Public Places*, which I cannot expect



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Nothing less, should the Resnais by any chance happen to trickle down our way, could tempt me to interrupt my time off. And there's nothing else I can think of that isn't less. The Coen brothers' upcoming film, No Country for Old Men, is coming up more precisely at Cannes later this month, though as yet I am unclear as to when it's coming up over here. But the brothers' first literary adaptation (of an overreaching Cormac McCarthy novel), following after their first remake (The Ladykillers Americanized), to say nothing of following after their five-minute segment in a compilation film (Paris, Je T'Aime, also upcoming, which I saw last year in Paris), quite snugly fits the definition of "less." If it can hold off until my return, great. If it can't, less great but still fine. Either way I won't miss it. And whether or not I write about it, I won't miss writing about it. If you catch my drift. See you downstream. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

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After the Wedding — A fair-haired Danish do-gooder at an insolvent Bombay orphanage is summoned against his will to his native Copenhagen on a hat-in-hand fundraising 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 dogooder'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. With Rolf Lassgard, Sidse Babett Knudsen, and Stine Fischer Christensen; directed by Susanne Bier. 2006.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/3)

#### **Bill and Ted's Excellent**

Adventure — An exaltation of stupidity, a trait the filmmakers would seem to know intimately. Two low-denominator highschool students — heavy-tongued, heavyeyelidded heavy-metal types — get their hands on a time machine to round up some helpers for their pending History report: Lincoln, Socrates, Freud, Beethoven, Genghis Khan, Billy the Kid, Joan of Arc. The assumption then (as if the movie hadn't been stupid enough already) is that these people, when deposited in the year 1988, would be able to think of nothing better to do than "party on." With Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter, and George Carlin; directed by Stephen Herek. 1989. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/6 MIDNIGHT)

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.

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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 course the alluring Mata Hari), far-fetched, hoked-up, "inspired by true events." Carice van Houten, the new face who plays the beautiful Jew, is indisputably beautiful. With Sebastian Koch and Thom Hoffman.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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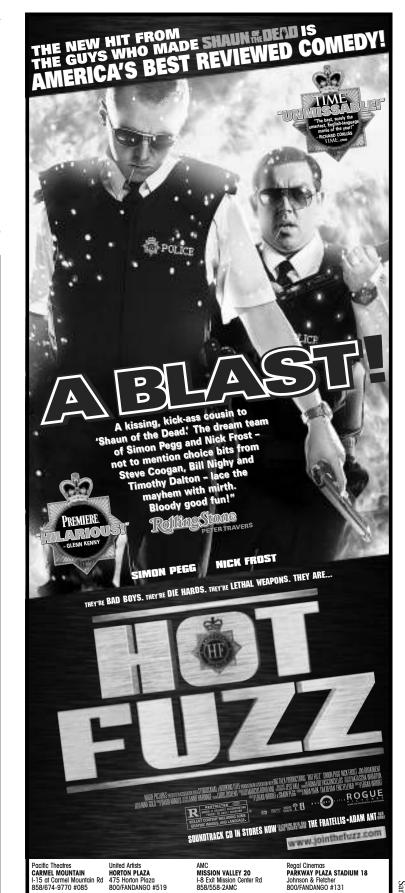
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Disturbia — Under house arrest for summer vacation (punchy opening scenes to explain how he got there), a troubled highschooler begins to observe his surroundings through a pair of binoculars, and convinces himself that his neighbor is a serial killer and that the new girl next door is a hottie. Teenage suburban technophiliac 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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Fracture — Legal thriller (not taken from a John Grisham novel or else it would have had a definite article at the head of its title) about a case of attempted murder in which the arrogant attempted murderer acts as his own attorney and the overconfident public prosecutor acts as a cat's-paw. The duel of wits is moderately diverting (until we have a moment or two to think it over), but one of the two duelists leaves a lot to be desired:



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## Calendar Movies

the young Assistant D.A. with a ninetyseven-percent conviction rate and a cushy new job lined up in the private sector at an elite corporate law firm. In a role that demands self-confidence, Ryan Gosling can supply only self-consciousness. Ultracasual, fidgety, mumbly, smart-alecky, he behaves like nothing so much as a college freshman intent on developing his own individual style after all the good styles have already been taken. He crinkles his brow, he bobs his head, he cocks an ear, he pulls his nose, he rubs his eyes, he squints, he snorts, he hunches his shoulders, he rocks on his heels, he chomps on a wad of gumhe always has to be doing something, if simply to keep himself busy and get himself noticed. And any presiding judge or empanelled jury, witness to these antics, would be compelled to wonder privately, Who let Junior fly solo? Even at barely half-power, Anthony Hopkins, more or less playing Hannibal Lecter without the appetite, appears seriously undermatched against him. With David Strathairn, Rosamund Pike, and Embeth Davidtz; directed by Gregory Hoblit, 2007.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-

MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Ghost Rider — Yet another Marvel Comic turned unmarvelous movie, about an Evel Knievel motorcycle daredevil (Nicolas Cage, with a black divot of a hairpiece) who has sold his soul to Mephistopheles (a bouffant Peter Fonda), though he flees his responsibilities as "the Devil's bounty hunter" and continues to pursue his chosen vocation. One of his stunts has him jumping the length of a football field over churning helicopter blades, "from field goal to field goal." No fewer than three different people employ that expression — "from field goal to field goal" — and you can only wonder why none of these actors, or else, in consideration of the collaborative nature of the medium, one of the producers, or the assistant director, or the script girl, or the best boy, or somebody, couldn't have spoken up to the writer and director, Mark Steven Johnson, and said, "Mark Steven, I'm not the writer here, but you know, they're really not called field goals, they're called goalposts." Not that that would have fixed the movie. It starts off with one of those patience-taxing prologues which keeps you

waiting twenty minutes for the star to appear, and which offers in his place a youthful incarnation that looks nothing like him. (At least the love interest is given a mole on her cheek to match that of Eva Mendes.) Even after that, the star tends to disappear whenever the action, so to speak, heats up, his head to be replaced at such times by a flaming skull (ooohhh!). And the action itself is of course not only cartoonish but a literal cartoon. The general effect is soporific — despite the fact that the Son of Satan (Wes Bentley), whose touch turns men to ash, is out to conquer the world — and the only counter to that effect is the ticklesome effect of the lame-brained dialogue.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 5/4)

**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-pictures, 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. (Hadn't they, in any event, done this already, Rodriguez directing and Tarantino writing, in From Dusk till Dawn, a schizophrenic graft of two distinct genres?) And the 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, loosesprocket jumps. But the modern settings of the films (text-messaging in both of them; a topical allusion to Osama bin Laden, the late Osama bin Laden, in the first one; the ludicrous casting of an A-list star, Nicolas Cage, as Fu Manchu in one of the fake trailers) transport these devices to the realm of the alternative universe, where badly beatup 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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 Hall-strom. 2007.

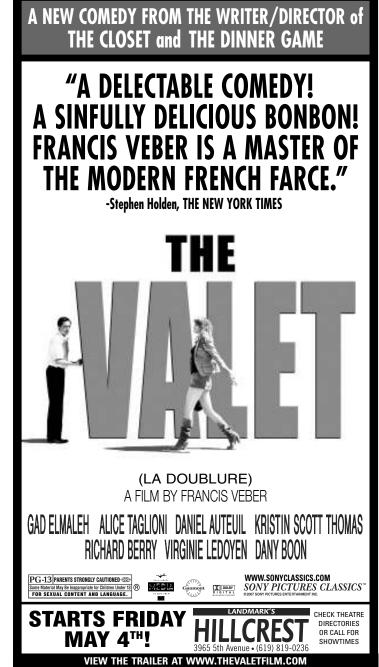
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7)

**Hot Fuzz** — British cop spoof from the team - Edgar Wright, director and cowriter together with the star, Simon Pegg — who brought you Shaun of the Dead, a zombie spoof. 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 stickup-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 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. With Nick Frost, Jim Broadbent, Paddy Considine, Timothy Dalton. 2007. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18;

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In the Land of Women — Jonathan Kasdan becomes the second son of Lawrence Kasdan, after Jake, to have followed his father into the director's chair. His feature debut 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 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 preteen daughter (Makenzie Vega) is still younger. His uncertain relationships with each of these, as confidant, advisor, whatever, are fairly absorbing in their development and evolvement; 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. 2007.

★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Invisible — Ghost story with Justin Chatwin, Margarita Levieva, and Marcia Gay Harden, directed by David S. Goyer. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/27)

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 firstperson 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.

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 loval socialist of spotless reputation despite his openly subversive friends and despite, too, his openly snooty manner. Ulrich Tukur, so memorable as the conscience-stricken Nazi of Amen, is good again in the less complex and less sympathetic role of the bureaucratic brownnoser who heads up the investigation. But the better role and better performance belong to another Ulrich, last name Mühe, coincidentally the conscienceless Doctor Mengele of Amen, now playing the relentless bullet-headed interrogator charged to carry out the dirty work, taking it all in (including the indiscretions of the higher-ups), giving nothing away, keeping his opinions to himself, eventually keeping his findings to himself as well, crawling a long way out on a limb. Martina Gedeck and Sebastian Koch as actress and playwright have some complexity, too, to complement and compromise their outward artiness. Watching it all unfold is more than passably interesting, if not particularly to look at (nauseously green), and even though the run-on epilogue is rather cumbersome. The new-name filmmaker bears a name befitting the monocle-brandishing antagonist in a Viennese operetta, Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck, 2006. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**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-forhire (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. \*\*\psi (ASIAMP 15)

Lucky You — Eric Bana as a professional gambler with personal problems, co-starring Drew Barrymore and Robert Duvall, directed by Curtis Hanson.

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MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/4)

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; 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 protoenvironmentalist, who braved the disparagement of gray-souled publishers ("Bunnies in jackets with brass buttons? However do vou imagine such things?"), as well as the disparagement of her meddling matchmaking mother, to produce her first book at the spinsterly age of thirty-two. The role encourages Renée Zellweger to behave a bit like a smug chipmunk sitting on the private knowledge of a secret stash of acorns. Or rather, since the actress served also as an executive producer, you could say she encouraged herself to behave like that. The vindication of history, while removing any tension from the proceedings, encourages the viewer to mirror the same smirk. Ewan McGregor is very game and quite charming as the damp-behind-the-ears publisher who gives her her big break and also provides hope (plus the merest wisp of tension) of a matrimonial Happily Ever After. And Bill Paterson, as the Potter paterfamilias, models a prodigious set of muttonchops. The touches of animation which bring the drawings of Beatrix Potter to life are too few to have been worth the bother, but not too few to imply dissatisfaction with, if not further disparagement of, those drawings. Must we regard her as a proto-animator, too? With Emily Watson and Barbara Flynn. 2006.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 4/27)

**The Namesake** — Soggy, sloggy 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



#### MIKE HARRELSON

Customer, Kensington Video

Enjoyable from the opening scene, Everything Is Illuminated is full of quirky characters and beautiful, panoramic vistas.
What starts out as an oddly funny character-driven movie slowly transforms itself into a serious reflection of culture and family. One of my all-time favorites.

The Funk Brothers have played on more number-one hits than the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and Elvis combined, but no one's ever heard of them. Standing in the Shadows of Motown is about the men who created the true sound behind Motown. The studio musicians who made those unforgettable introductions and riffs to our favorite Motown songs are celebrated in this first-class documentary. Contemporary hitmakers like Chaka Khan and Bootsie Collins belt out favorite oldies. Joan Osborne's "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted" will make you stand up and pump your arms. After Nancy and I saw this, we jumped into our car and drove to Borders to get the soundtrack.

EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED
(USA) 2005, Warner Brothers
List price: \$19.98
STANDING IN THE SHADOWS OF
MOTOWN (USA) 2002,
Lion's Gate
List price: \$9.98

#### **ERIK BOROWITZ**

Senior employee, Kensington Video

The Proposition, written and scored by Nick Cave, is an Australian western that leaves viewers with no redeeming social value. Almost overwhelmingly seductive in its savagery, the exquisite acting conveys the mercilessness of the untamed outback.

Manderlay is Lars von
Trier's sequel to Dogville, a film
that seemingly needed no
sequel until one sees this latest
chapter. It's a play intended
only to be a film, allowing the
viewer to gain a holistic view of
its characters and their actions.
A tale of apologist racism and
how too often there's a BandAid approach to problem-solving
rather then mending it at the
root, giving insight into today's
malaise.

Lady Vengeance, the last installment of Chan-wook Park's revenge trilogy, is his best work to date. Not quite as violent as Oldboy, it maintains the haunting and brutal allure. It overcomes earlier setbacks in computer effects, producing beautiful, melting scene transitions.

THE PROPOSITION (Australia)
2005, First Look
List price: \$14.98

MANDERLAY (Denmark) 2005,
IFC
List price: \$19.95

LADY VENGEANCE (South Korea)
2005, Tartan Video
List price: \$22.95

#### WINNIE HANFORD

Owner and guru, Kensington

In Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont, the elegant Joan Plowright moves to the Claremont Hotel in London with high hopes for the cosmopolitan pleasures of a big city. Another must-see — charming.

Cave of the Yellow Dog is about the bond between man, dog, and a family in Mongolia. Simple life but hard! Makes you appreciate what you have.

Blood Diamond offers an ex-mercenary turned smuggler amid the explosive civil war overtaking 1999 Sierra Leone. It's a gripping human-suffering story. Leonardo DiCaprio and Diimon Hounsou star.

Ballets Russes provides a rare glimpse of the remarkable dancers, choreographers, composers, and designers of dance in the 1930s, 1940s, and up through today. Great! A must-see.

MRS. PALFREY AT THE
CLAREMONT (England) 2005,
Westlake
List price: \$19.98
CAVE OF THE YELLOW DOG
(Mongolia) 2006, Tartan Video

List price: \$22.95

BLOOD DIAMOND (USA) 2006,

Warner Brothers List price: \$28.98

BALLETS RUSSES (USA) 2005,

Zeitgeist List price: \$29.99

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)

**Next** — A stolen Russian nuclear bomb makes its way to L.A., and both the FBI and the terrorists focus their eleventh-hour efforts on tracking down the one man who might prevent the disaster: a Vegas stage magician who can see two minutes(!) into the future, no trick. The second-sight premise is hard to swallow (although, with its possibility of endless do-overs, it facilitates some playful editing), and it doesn't go down easier wrapped inside an unswallowable plot. The original short story by

Philip K. Dick is called "The Golden Man," and the screenwriter who adapted it is called Goldman (first name, Gary), but Dame Fortune failed to smile. With Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore, Jessica Biel, Thomas Kretschmann, and Peter Falk; directed by Lee Tamahori. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-

NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Night at the Museum — *Jumanji*-esque jumble of special effects, in which all the exhibits at the Natural History Museum in New York City come to life after dark. This allows for a lot of, frankly an excess of, variety: Lilliputian cowboys and Roman soldiers who tie down the new night watchman like Gulliver; a mischievous monkey who pees on him, pickpockets his keys, and



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engages in a Three Stooges-style slapfest with him; a T-rex skeleton who wants to play fetch; a talking, bubblegum-chewing Easter Island head; Attila and some Huns; some lions, an elephant, a zebra, a rhino, and so on. It also allows for logical mix-ups whereby, for example, the wax figure of Teddy Roosevelt knows full well he's a wax figure of our twenty-sixth President, while the wax figure of Sakajawea is regarded as the actual, taxidermized Indian maid, a boon to the tour guide who is writing a dissertation on her. Director Shawn Levy oversees one decent cinematic moment, the contrasting views of the Lilliputians letting the air out of the tires of a van at the loading dock, an action which at close range looks as if they're trying to plug a hole in the fuselage of a jetliner at 30,000 feet, while from a distance it looks as if all is calm. Mickey Rooney has a nice little role as a truculent security guard forced into retirement (addressing his replacement variously as "Hotshot," "Hopscotch," "Butterscotch," etc.), and Ricky Gervais, of the British The Office, shows off his narrow range to good effect as another embarrassing boss, the high-handed museum director ("Control your young, please"). Ben Stiller, on the other hand, shows off his own narrow range at great length in the lead role, and Robin Williams (the wax Teddy) and Owen Wilson (toy cowboy) are instantaneously tiresome. With Carla Gugino, Dick Van Dyke, Bill Cobbs. Steve Coogan. 2006. ★ (RIVER VILLAGE 6)

Perfect Stranger — 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. Events unfold facilely and undemandingly until the tangle of that Surprise Twist. Only the willing fool will be (1) fooled and (2) fulfilled, 2007. • (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 intuits, "is seriously fucked up with this situation." At one point, she attempts to sort out the scrambled events on a hand-drawn calendar grid, but this doesn't clear up all confusion. Key question: will her advance knowledge of the fatal car crash allow her somehow to prevent it? Next question: will her additional knowledge of her husband's amorous dalliance at the office prevent her from wanting to prevent it? Your curiosity may be aroused (if never satisfied), but just as likely it may not. One potential impediment is Sandra Bullock's strange sedation, and another is director Mennan Yapo's preference for romantic goop over psychic tingle. Julian McMahon, Nia Long, Kate Nelligan, Amber Valletta, Peter Stormare.

• (GASLAMP 15)

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The Reaping — A miracle-debunker from LSU struggles to explain the sequence of Old Testament plagues visited upon a Bayou backwater called Haven. A sense of awe never arises, only a sense of awful. Hilary Swank and Idris Elba excepted and absolved. With David Morrissey, Stephen Rea, and AnnaSophia Robb; directed by Stephen Hopkins, 2007.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Red Road - British thriller, set in Glasgow, written and directed by Andrea Arnold and starring Kate Dickie, Tony Curran, Nathalie Press. (KEN, 5/4 THROUGH 10)

Shooter — A new Rambo for a new mil-

lennium. Marine Gunnery Sergeant Bob Lee Swagger (a compact, tense, stoic, unswaggering Mark Wahlberg), already abandoned once in the field in Ethiopia, is lured out of mountaintop retirement ostensibly to use his sniper know-how to foil a plot to assassinate the President but in reality to be fitted for a frame. The film, slickly fashioned by Antoine Fuqua, feeds off contradictory pieties of post-9/11: the righteousness of the fighting man (Support Our Troops) and the rottenness of the government (Bring Our Troops Home). "Don't really like the President much," the taciturn hero volunteers, and then broadening the political point, "Didn't like the one before him much, either." (Grunts, good; Commanders-in-Chief, bad.) The frightening efficiency, nay, invincibility, of the fighting man is liable to rally less consensus; and as our One-Man Army mows down more foes than you've got fingers and toes, he taxes your credulity if not your patience: two busy hours, action-packed, -crammed, -laden, -clogged. Still, there's sufficient pause for good character bits from Levon Helm as a bluegrass gunsmith and Ned Beatty as a Senatorial slimeball, and there's strong steady support from Michael Peña as a disarmed and disgraced FBI rookie who doggedly stays on the hunt and, alone among his colleagues, gets a clue. Danny Glover, Kate Mara, Elias Koteas. 2007. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Spider-Man 3 — The comic-book superhero (Tobey Maguire) battles old enemies and new, with Kirsten Dunst and James Franco, directed by Sam Raimi, (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKET PLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/4)

**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 funnelling 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 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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12: LA PALOMA: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Vacancy — An eighty-minute minimal thriller about a divorcing couple (Kate Beckinsale, Luke Wilson) brought close again by "one last great adventure together." Returning from the anniversary celebration of one pair of parents, they stray from the interstate, experience car trouble in the middle of nowhere and dead of night, and bed down at a godforsaken fleabag that turns out to be a literal death

trap: a hidden-camera set for snuff films. As with a Roach Motel, the guests check in, but they don't check out. Nimrod Antal, American-born director of the absurdistexistentialist Kontroll, came back from Hungary to give this some class and presumably to raise his economic standing if not his artistic. Mission accomplished. Stupidity with style. 2007.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Valet — Romantic deception from the French farceur, Francis Veber: a paparazzi photo captures a lowly parking valet in the same frame with a philandering industrialist and his supermodel girlfriend, and the industrialist then pays the valet to pretend that the supermodel is his own girlfriend. The mechanical plot is worth putting up with because the filmmaker, for all his frivolity, truly cares how his films look, and for this one he has enlisted cinematographer Robert Fraisse (Hotel Rwanda, La Bûche, Ronin, etc., etc.) to provide the luscious color - soft and smooth and fullspectrum. With Gad Elmaleh, Alice Taglioni, Daniel Auteuil, Kristin Scott Thomas, Virginie Ledoven, Danny Boon.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/4)

#### 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, Padraic Delaney, Liam Cunningham, 2006.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Year of the Dog — Offbeat comedy (meaning that the audience is not orchestrated into fortissimo laughter, but left, as it were, to play by ear) revolving around a

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#### **CENTRAL**

#### **CLAIREMONT**

#### **Town Square 14**

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Call theater for program information

#### **DOWNTOWN**

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **Grindhouse** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:25; **I Think I Love My Wife** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; The Invisible (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13) Fri. Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **The Lookout** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 4:30, 5:35, 7:25, 8:30, 10:25; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:25) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; Nomad (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:35; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Premonition (PG-13) (2:50) 5:00, 7:50, 10:00; **Premonition** (PG-15) Fri.-Sun. (3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **The Reaping** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; **Redline** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:25) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Zodiac** 

Horton Plaza 14

On (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 6:30, 9:50

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) The Condemned (R); Disturbia (PG-13);
Fracture (R); Hot Fuzz (R); Journey from the Fall (R): Meet the Robinsons (G): Miss Potter (PG); Spider-Man 3 (PG-13); Vacancy

#### **LA JOLLA**

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Blades of Glory (PG-13); Disturbia (PG-13); Fracture (R); In the Land of Women (PG-13); The Invisible (PG-13); Lucky You (PG-13); Meet the Robinsons (G); Next (PG-13); Spider-Man 3 (PG-13); 300 (R); Vacancy (R); Year of the Dog (PG-13)

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG) Sat. 11:55; 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.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

#### **MIRA MESA**

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

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4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Call theater for program information

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#### **Fashion Valley 18**

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

#### Mission Valley 7

510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 7:45; Fracture (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Hot Fuzz (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Meet the Robinsons (G) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15; Next (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; **Spi**der-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00,

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 1:45 Sun. 1:45; Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10) 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **The Condemned** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:55, 7:45, 11:00 Sun. 4:55, 7:45, 10:35; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05 Sun. 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; **Grindhouse** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 6:35; **Hot Fuzz** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40; **In the Land of Women** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:40; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45; **Kickin' It Old Skool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:20, 4:20, 7:25

10:30 Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 10:30; Meet the Robinsons (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Next (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:25; **Pathfinder** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:00, 10:50; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:40, 11:30) 12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 9:35, 10:15, 10:55, 11:35 Sun. (10:00, 10:40, 11:30) 12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 9:35, 10:15, 10:55; 300 (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Vacancy (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:15, 10:35

#### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri. (3:10) 5:30, 7:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50: The Con**demned** (R) Fri. (2:35) 5:20, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:20, 8:00; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:10, 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:45, 8:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 5:45, 8:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30, 3:05) 5:35, 6:30, 8:35, 9:35 Sat. (11:30, 12:05, 2:30, 3:05) 5:35, 6:30, 8:35, 9:35 Sun. (11:30, 12:05, 2:30, 3:05) 5:35, 6:30, 8:35

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Red Road** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

#### **UPTOWN**

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) The Lives of Others (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; The Name-

sake (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Valet** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **The Wind That Shakes the Barley** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:05, 5:05, 8:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 2:05, 5:05, 8:05; **Year of** the Dog (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Alps (No Rating) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00 6:00; Bears (G) Fri. 6:00p.m.; Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00; Hurricane on the Bayou (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00. 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 2:00, 5:00; Space Station 3D (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Too Hot Not to Handle** Fri.-Sun 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center**

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) Call theater for program information

fortyish dog-loving spinster who loses a dog, acquires and loses another one, acquires and loses fifteen more, and finally finds a new self. Part of that new self is vegan ("It's nice to have a word that can describe you. I've never had that before"), and most of it is animal-rightist, and none of it is bound up in identification with, or dependence on, or relation to, another person. Individuality incarnate. The path to get there encroaches uncomfortably at times on the personal space and rights of

others, and even edges dangerously close to madness, and yet it's generally amusing to follow and in the end quite affecting. Defying expectations every step of the way, the film does a number of things well. Grief over a pet, for starters, gets its full due, with only microscopic traces of irony. Canine cuteness, meantime, is kept on a prudently tight leash, and slobbiness given ample room to roam. The secondary characters equally and democratically pull their weight: the adenoidal nose-to-the-grindstone boss (Josh Pais), the monomaniacally marriage-minded black co-worker (Regina King), the knife collector and Not So Great White Hunter right next door (John C. Reilly), the asexual animal-shelter dog trainer (Peter Sarsgaard), the Ken and Barbie brother and sister-in-law (Thomas Mc-Carthy and Laura Dern) and their stiflingly sheltered offspring. And the lead performance of Molly Shannon, one of the less illustrious SNL alumni, could well form the foundation of a legacy. She shows herself

here to be a very good listener, a polite, selfless, sympathetic, empathic, active, demonstrative listener, and the sketchartistry of her TV work overall has blossomed into thoroughgoing meticulous draftsmanship. One might only wish that the distinct sensibility of writer and firsttime director Mike White (author or coauthor of Chuck and Buck, The Good Girl, School of Rock, Nacho Libre), who wrote the script specially for Shannon, had stretched a bit further into the visual side of things.

The mug-shot frontalism and flat symmetries of his compositions tend toward the clunky, and the diluted color seems to encase the images in frosty plastic, like the family photos in your wallet. 2007. ★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12,

FROM 5/4)

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri. (9:10, 11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (9:10, 11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:10, 9:35; **Blades of Glory** (PG-13) Fri. (9:20, 12:05, 2:35, 5:15) 8:05, 10:35 Sat. 5:15, 8:05, 10:35, (8:20, 12:05, 2:35) Sun. (9:20, 12:05, 2:35) 5:15, 8:05, 10:35; The **Condemned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 9:50; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:35, 7:15, 10:05; **Frac**ture (R) Fri. (11:10, 2:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:40; **The** Invisible (PG-13) Fri. (9:25, 11:55, 2:25, 5:05) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (9:25, 11:55, 2:25) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 2:20, 5:10) 8:10, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:20) 5:10, 8:10, 10:50; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 1:15, 4:30) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45, 10:30; Meet the Robinsons (G) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Next (PG-13) Fri. (9:05, 11:50, 2:40, 5:20) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (9:05, 11:50, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri. (4:15, 4:45, 5:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45, (8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15) Fri. (3:45a.m.) Sat.-Sun. 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11; Vacancy (R) Fri. (9:00, 11:15, 4:20) 6:55

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

Sat.-Sun. (9:00, 11:15) 4:20, 6:55

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Ghost Rider (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; The Invisible (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

#### **SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15 1:30, 3:45) 8:30; Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:45, 10:15; The Condemned (R) Fri.-Sun. 6:00, 10:45; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The** Invisible (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Meet the Robinsons (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15; Next (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri. (6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

#### South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

#### NORTH INLAND

#### **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Call theater for program information

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Call theater for program information

#### **POWAY**

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 3:15) 8:15, 10:30 Sat. (3:15) 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (3:15) 8:15; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **Kickin' It Old Skool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30) 5:30 Sun. (12:30); **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00, 4·15) 5·00, 7·15, 8·00, 10·15, 11·00 Sup. (10·30, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15) 5:00, 7:15, 8:00; **Meet** the Robinsons (G) Fri -Sat (11:30, 2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 4:45) 7:30; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30. 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Spi**der-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:00, 1:00,

3:00, 4:00) 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00 Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00) 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00) 6:00, 7:00

#### **SAN MARCOS**

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

#### **VISTA**

**Vista Village** Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 5:25) 10:15; Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 8:00, 10:20; The Condemned (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 10:00; Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:20; Fracture (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25, 5:10) 7:45, 10:25; Hot Fuzz (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15,

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 $5{:}15)~8{:}05,\,10{:}45;$  The Invisible  $(PG\mbox{-}13)~Fri.$ Sun. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 7:40; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35, 4:25) 7:10, 10:00; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50, 4:20); **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; Spider-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:40, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50) 6:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:15, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10 Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:40, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:50, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4.50) 6.05, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30; Vacancy (R) Fri Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:50, 10:05

#### **NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD**

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

**Hot Fuzz** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:10; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; **Spider**-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 7:15; **Disturbia** (PG-13) 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; Fracture (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; In the Land of Women (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (4:45) 9:45 Sun. (4:45); **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:30; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) The Hoax (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 8:00; Hot Fuzz (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Miss Potter** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Namesake** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 5:15, 10:45 Sun. (11:30) 5:15

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) The Lives of Others (R)

#### **LA COSTA**

#### La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15. 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Spider-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00,

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

**The Condemned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:45, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:30, 12:10, 2:50) 5:35, 8:10, 10:50; Fracture (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:55, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:35, 12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:00, 4:45) 7:25, 10:20; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:30; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sun. (9:45, 12:20, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; **Miss Potter** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:40, 12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 10:05; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:50, 12:20, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:30, 10:00, 12:15, 12:50, 1:20, 3:45, 4:10, 4:40) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; Vacancy (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

#### Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Call theater for program information

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## Fuerte decomiso

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Operativos de agencias federales lograron decomisos de drogas en una semana de hasta 7.5 millones de dólares con intercepciones en garitas, además el arresto de narcos, polleros, indocumentados y criminales en zonas montañosas y de difícil acceso.

La Patrulla Fronteriza de San Diego dio a conocer los resultados del operativo multi agencias "Operación Bloqueo" (Operation Block Island) en el corredor central del sector San Diego.

Por lo que arrestó cuatro mil 990 indocumentados, aprehendió a 111 criminales indocumentados y decomisó 54 vehículos.

Con la ayuda de diversas agencias gubernamentales y la Patrulla Fronteriza han logrado reforzar la seguridad en el sector San Diego y Sur de California.

El reforzamiento de la vigilancia y operaciones de control fronterizo del sector central de San Diego ha logrado la captura de delincuentes. tijuana



## Ejecutan a más

Omar Millán Gonzáles

Diario San Diego

Una decena de hombres fueron encontrados sin vida entre el domingo y el jueves de la semana pasada al Este de Tijuana.

Las sutoridades locales interpretaron estas ejecuciones como ajustes de cuentas del cártel de droga establecido en la región.

Creen que los ejecutados eran miembros de alguna mafia y su muerte responde a la detención de dos sicarios el pasado 18 de abril.

Las primeras tres víctimas aparecieron en un páramo de la colonia Pegaso de Otay el domingo 22 de abril.

Otras cinco fueron localizados en la colonia Las Torres Parte Alta el miércoles 25 de abril. Mientras que dos víctimas más fueron halladas el jueves en las colonias Mineral Santa Fe y la colonia Villa Floresta. deportes



## Son líderes

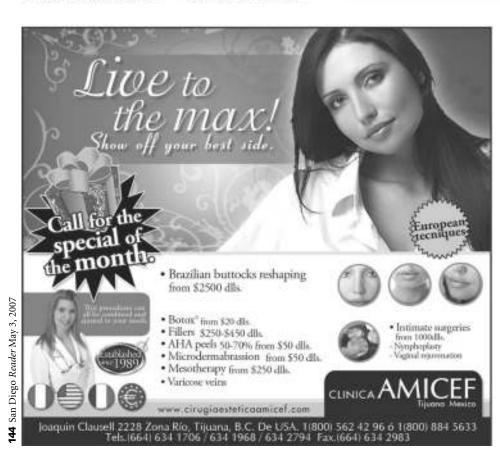
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Diablos Rojos de Toluca derrotó 3-0 a Cienciano de Perú para calificarse a octavos de final de la Copa Libertadores de futbol como líder del grupo que compartió con el Boca Junior de Argentina.

El mexicano Carlos María Morales anotó de penal al minuto 32 y después de remate a puerta abierta al 48 del tiempo corrido, mientras que el uruguayo Vicente Sánchez puso el 3-0 al 69, también en remate a puerta abierta en el partido jugado en el estadio "Nemesio Diez" de Toluca.

Al mando del técnico argentino Américo Gallego, Toluca conquistó el primer lugar del grupo 7 con doce puntos y se calificó por delante de Boca Juniors de Argentina, en tanto que Cienciano ha quedado eliminado junto con Bolívar de Bolivia.

Toluca no batalló mucho para hacerse del control ante un Cienciano que primero salió a defenderse y después no hizo mucho por atacar.







## Aceptan culpas

América Barcoló

Diario San Diego

En un acuerdo con la fiscalia federal en San Diego Gilberto e Ismael Higuera Guerrero se declararon culpables de delitos de narcotráfico, lavado de dinero, tortura, secuestro y asesinato de enemigos del Cartel de Tijuana.

'El Mayel' y 'El Gilillo' Higuera Guerrero son señalados como importantes lugartenientes de la Organización Arellano-Félix (AFO en inglés) una de las más importantes bandas de narcotráfico en México.

Ambos hermanos están acusados de una serie de crimenes perpetuados por la organización desde 1988 además de haber sido los responsables de traficar cientos de toneladas de cocaína y mariguana que fueron introducidas ilegalmente a Estados Unidos usando los puertos de entrada de Tijuana/Mexicali, además de ser los encargados de la vigilancia de las acciones delictivas de la banda en esa zona.

'El Gilillo', de 39 años, se declaró culpable en una sesión de la corte, después de comparecer ante la juez Alan Burn.

Contestando "sí es cierto", el menor de los Higuera Guerrero aceptó que sí participó en el secuestro, tortura y asesinato de oficiales corruptos de la ley y gobierno mexicano.



## Esperanza

Omar Millán Gonzáles

Diario San Diego

La mañana del 18 de abril, Gabriel celebró su cumpleaños número cinco en el albergue Eunime-DIF, un centro binacional que apoya a niños y familias portadores del VIH - Sida.

Unas 20 personas festejaron con él llevando regalos, un pastel y una piñata de "Bob Esponja". Gabriel se miraba feliz.

Desde que nació fue diagnosticado con VIH. Su madre, Reyna A, desconocía que era portadora y fue quien lo infectó.

La depresión, la inconsciencia y la culpa duraron varios meses en su mente, aseguró Reyna A. Hasta que en la sala de espera del Hospital General de Tijuana conoció a Rosalía Vázquez Martha y Juana Ortiz Quezada.

Ellas ofrecían pláticas de información y reanimación a mujeres que padecían la enfermedad o tenían un hijo con VIH.

Ambas sabían bien lo que enfrentaban los pacientes con esta enfermedad: Rosalía era voluntaria en el hospital de la Universidad de San Diego en el programa de VIH y trabajaba ahi en grupos de apoyo a familias desde 1996. Mientras que Juana tenía la experiencia de vivir con la enfermedad: sus hermanas Eunice y Noemi (de ahi el nombre compuesto Eunime de su fundación) fueron las primeras niñas diagnosticadas con VIH en Tijuana. Además su madre había muerto de sida.

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## Sabor mexicano

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Con animado evento empezaron los festejos de la tradicional fiesta del Cinco de Mayo en el corazón del centro de Chula Vista a lo largo de la calle tercera.

Con 200 puestos, comida, bailes, música y diversión para todas las edades la tradicional feria en las calles de esa ciudad miles de personas acudieron a deleitarse y divertirse.

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La 10 edición de la Fiesta del Cinco de Mayo la ciudad de Chula Vista dio cita a diversos expositores que ofrecieron información de diversas organizaciones y negocios, además de los tradicionales antojitos mexicanos que no pudieron faltar.

Entre los participantes se encontraban desde organismos independientes hasta agencias gubernamentales y de salud que dieron información a la comunidad

El corazón de esa ciudad se llenó de ambiente festivo divirtiendo a familias, así con gran éxito cerró la décima edición de esta tradicional flesta familiar que se ha arraigado en esta ciudad del Sur de la bahía y que es difrutado por miles de familias.





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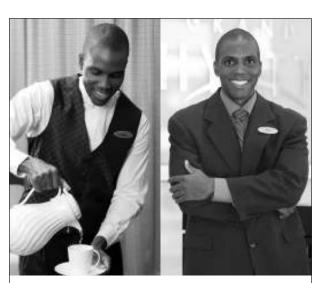
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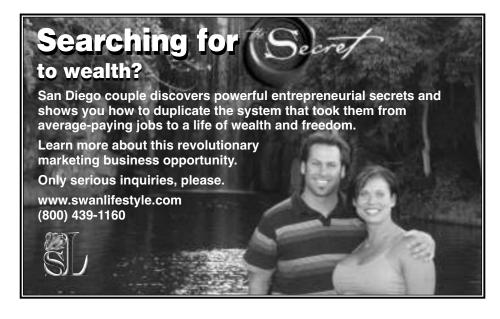


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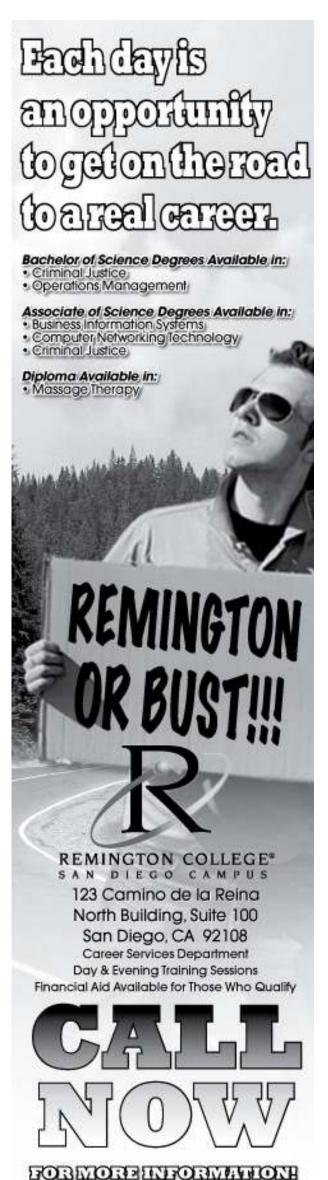
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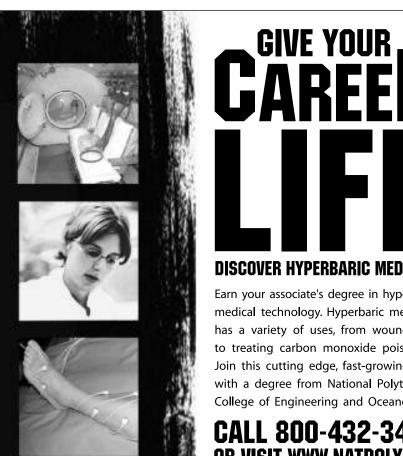
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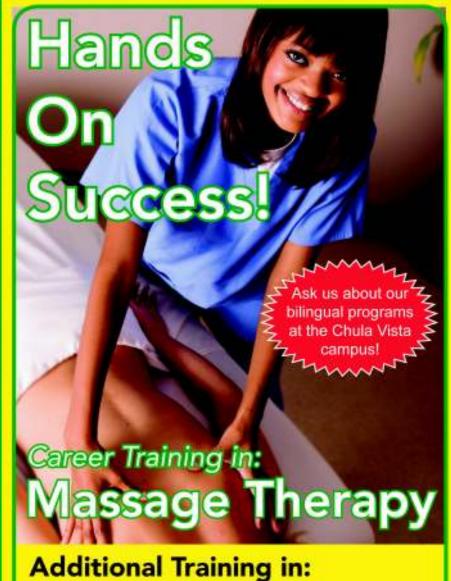
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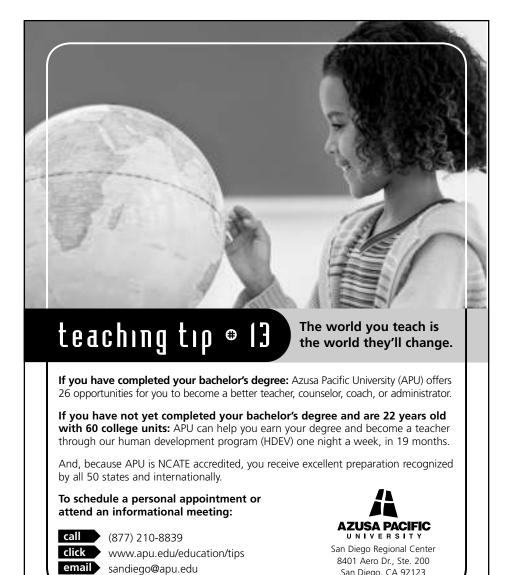
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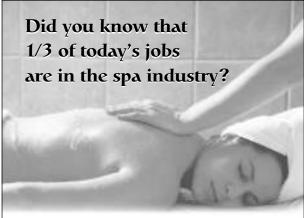
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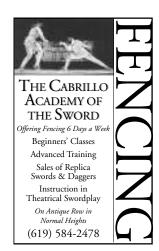
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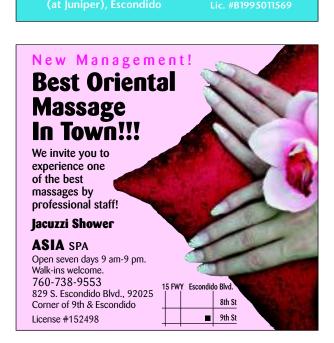
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- 17. Pitcher by a basin 18. Author Mario Vargas
- 19. Veers off in a new direction
- 20. Comedienne Sykes, when she's been caught by an angler?
- 23. Sister to Olga and Irina in
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- 25. 150% of due
- 28. "The Bells of \_\_\_\_\_" (classic 1945 film)
- 31. Place to travel along the southern tip of Baja?
- 33. 2005 Wonka portrayer
- 35. You might want to skip it
- 36. Two things depicted on the wall of a "Casablanca"-loving college graduate? 41. Another name for Cupid
- 43. Timber wolf
- 44. Reason why the shoreline of the Mediterranean is eroding?
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- 60. Home of the Sphinx
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- 69. Assuages
- 70. Voices

- 1. They don't start when the game
- 2. Light, in a way
- 3. AARP concern
- 4. Mason of "The Goodbye Girl"
- 5. Competent
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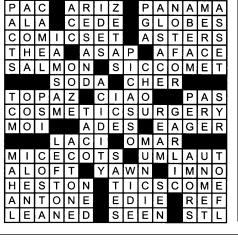
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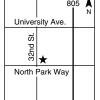
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Jane Loveday Real Estate

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res, that I am being chased or Y that I'm chasing someone. Twice a week, and I wake up scared. And I can't get back to sleep, either. I end up analyzing it and wondering how it relates to what is going on in my real life. The last two nights I've been chased. I hate it.



Steve Sherrill Network Administrator

Fashion Valley

 $\overline{F_{\text{embankment. Sometimes it's}}^{\text{alling...or driving my car off an}}$ taking my mountain bike over a ledge and anticipating the impact Anything where I'm falling and expect an impact seems to recur. I don't always wake up. Sometimes the dream switches to other scenarios, because my mind knows I'm not going to die. I seem to have these dreams once or twice a month.



Janis Danielson Secretary

National City

have two. The one I like is where I'm usually finding sunken treasure when I'm out on a boat or some kind of yacht. It started as a kid after a trip to Disneyland and seeing the stuff in a gift shop. The recurring nightmare also happens on the water. It's a huge shark attacking me. I have that dream every few weeks. The crazy thing is, I never go in the water. So neither of those things are likely to ever happen.



Jaimie Maher Medical Office

El Cajon

 $\overline{I^{\,\text{am falling off a building and}}_{\,\text{yelling and nothing comes out.}}$ This happens once a month. It's been happening since I was a teenage I wake up in a daze but am so glad it's just a dream and not reality. I think the fact that the dream has such an impact is probably why I dream about it again.



Lola Johnson Medical Field

Mira Mesa

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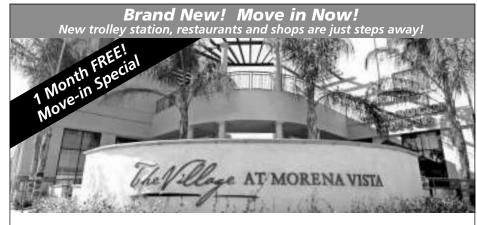
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gone too. My fiancée, Maureen, and I take it up the coast, camping and surfing, all the way up to Bodega

"There's no bathroom, so we stay in state parks for the showers, but there's a sink, propane stove, and refrigerator." Bill keeps his wetsuit in a gray plastic tub and his custom-shaped 6'1" Schrozbey fish in the cargo area. "I've had eight or nine boards in there at the same time. There's also a bar I can put across the front of the roof to hold more, but I've

never needed it." Near the rear of the van, above the bumper, is a factory-installed nozzle and hose connected to a 20-gallon tank Bill uses to rinse off after a session in the water.

Bill's family is from San Diego, but he says he's from "all over." He recounts a trip to Phoenix to visit his fiancée's mother. "We haven't been up to Alaska to see my mom yet, so we'll probably do that soon." Other plans for the year include a wedding in June, and after that, a baby; Maureen's expecting. "My two kids are grown and I'm starting over," Bill says.

He plans to continue his travel-and-family life, but will always return to San Diego. "I just got back from eight months in Tennessee. When I came in I went to Lahaina's. saw the boardwalk and the ocean, saw the rollerblading g-string guy and Slow-Mo, and I said, 'I'm home.'"

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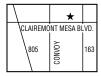


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Cold beer in hand? Well, sure, it's illegal, I told myself, but look on the bright side — he's a risk taker!

"Do you drive around with a beer often?" "All the time," he said.

Things were going okay in the car until we hit the freeway. Going 80 in a 65...I just kept my eye out for cops and hoped for the best. But later, when we ran a red light, I felt like I had to say something.

"Didn't you see the red light?" "Oh. Yeah, that light's always red." Okay. Can't argue with that.

I relaxed a little at his house, thankful to be alive. He made me a Cape Cod — so tantaliz-

ing, all that juicy red cranberry goodness — and I promptly spilled it all over the beige carpet in his room. I just stared down at it, mentally picturing a matching bloodstain next to it after he murdered me for ruining his carpet.

But it didn't seem to kill his mood, and he made me another drink. Fueled by vodka and feelings of guilt over the carpet, I treated him to a steamy make-out sesh. We rounded first base and headed for second, and he leaned in to whisper sweet nothings in my ear...

"I've seen this bra before," he murmured, "but it's okay. I'm sure you have other ones."

Wait a sec, I thought to myself; you're getting all this action and you still decide to criticize my lingerie? I would have put a stop to things right there, but I still felt I owed him for the carpet, and besides, it would have been awkward to reject him and then ask for a ride home.

Things got better the less we talked, and soon we were cuddling on his bed. I had practically forgotten the bra incident until he ran his hand down my leg and pronounced, with a hint of a sneer, "You could have at least shaved your legs."

What can a girl say to salvage her dignity in such a mortifying situation? I pled my case falteringly; the whole "I-was-drunk-in-Vegasall-weekend-and-only-got-homeminutes-before-you-got-there" routine, but it was halfhearted at best. There wasn't much to do after that conversation but go to sleep and hope I woke up with amnesia.

I didn't, of course, but next morning my ego, while definitely bruised, had somewhat recovered from the night before. I hate to admit it, but I saw this guy again, and again, and a few more times after that, until I finally figured out that he only wanted one thing from me. Sometimes I look back

and wonder how my self-esteem got that low, but I guess the whole thing was a learning experience. I now know, in my dating wisdom, not to ride in a car with someone drinking a can of beer, or to let a guy get to second just because I spilled cranberry juice all over his carpet, or to continue dating someone after they have had the audacity to tell me that I should have shaved my legs.

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#### **LEAD STORY**

 To fund a new Iraqi economy and government after the March 2003 invasion, the U.S. Federal Reserve shipped 484 pallets of shrinkwrapped U.S. currency weighing 363 tons, totaling more than \$4 billion, and, according to a House of Representatives committee staff report in February, most of the cash was either haphazardly disbursed or distributed to proper channels but with little follow-up tracking. By March 2007, The Times of London found bank records revealing, for instance, that two unremarkable Baghdad small-business men (appointed to the defense ministry) eventually deposited over \$1 billion in private accounts in Jordan, and that U.S. efforts to buy state-of-the-art equipment for the Iraqi army were undermined because middlemen purchased only cheap, obsolete Polish munitions and pocketed the savings.

#### **Can't Possibly Be True**

- A website based in Seattle encourages pedophiles to look all they want at kids (and gives tips for where the sightseeing is best) as long as they don't touch, and police admitted to Fox News in March that, so far, that's not illegal. Said founder Jack McClellan, 45 (whose preference is for girls aged between 3 and 11): "I really think this pedophilia hysteria is overblown.... There's a kind of code of ethics that these pedophiles have developed.... [Many people] have the attraction, but they're not going to do anything physical because of the laws." (After the Fox report, the Internet service provider closed the website.)

#### **First Things First**

 Preserve That Porn: (1) It looked like just another case of a man's hoarding junk in his apartment and providing a home for several hundred animals (in this case, pigeons and mice), but health officials in Toronto learned in a March raid that the resident was lucid enough to protect his extensive collection of pornography from feces by wrapping the items in plastic. (2) Reclusive high-tech engineer Michael Palmer, 53, was arrested in Los Gatos, Calif., in April and accused of hiding a mas-

sive cache of child porn in 15 ammunition canisters he had buried in seven Saddam-like spider holes on his property, near his ramshackle cabin.

#### Creme de la Weird

— In March, police in Trenton, N.J., arrested four men in separate incidents and learned that they fancy themselves as "diplomats" from the Abannaki Indigenous Nation and claim immunity from the laws of the "so-called planet Earth" (and, by the way, of Mars and Venus, as well). One allegedly possessed an unidentified "controlled substance," and the others were driving cars with made-up "diplomat" tags. The four showed no ostensible ties to the Abenaki Indigenous Nation, a tribe that first appeared in North America in the 17th Century and which is still present in the northeastern U.S.

#### **Cultural Diversity**

On Jan. 31, several hundred Japanese husbands recognized the second annual Beloved Wives Day to change the perception of Japanese men's notorious indifference to their spouses. Among the husbands' vows: be home from work by 8 p.m.; look into the missus's eyes and say, "thank you": and try to remember to call her by her name (instead of, as many apparently do in substitution, grunting at her). Divorce in Japan remains relatively rare, but marital estrangement has been increasing in recent years.

· Several matrilineal cultures exist in the world, but on Orango Island, off the African coast of tiny Guinea-Bissau, women's power to choose marriage partners is nearly absolute, according to a February Associated Press dispatch. By custom, the woman selects a man, then prepares a special dish of fish marinated in palm oil, after which any reluctance on his part is regarded as dishonoring his family. Before the couple can cohabit, though, a family home must be built from driftwood and mud bricks, and fortunately for the man, that, too, is her job. Islanders told the reporter that men are becoming more assertive, but that change has brought with it the unheard-of phenomenon of divorce.

 Spain has long been criticized for its traditions of animal abuse, such as bullfighting and, until recently, one village's festive custom of tossing a live goat from a church tower. German animal-welfare activists complained in March about another Spanish "sport": the flinging of live quail into the air (from a catapult) so that hunters can shoot them. ... Germany also has its ugliness, according to a March Der Spiegel report, with certain villages' customs of clubbing a hung-up goose and poking a cat with a broomstick through a hole in a crate.

#### **Latest Religious Messages**

- Among the world's emerging messiahs is lapsed-Catholic José de Jesús Miranda, 60, of Houston (who has ministries in 30 countries), whose message includes drinking ("Jesus [Christ] drank wine because he didn't have Dewar's [scotch]"), smoking, rejection of the concepts of sin and hell, and condemnation of Catholicism and the pope (according to a March report from ABC News). Though El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras recently banned him, he is said to have tens of thousands of followers, many of whom have tattooed themselves with "666" to honor Miranda's selfdescription as an antichrist.

A professional burglar was arrested in the village of Klevan, Ukraine, in February (according to a report from the German news agency DPA) after he broke into a church to steal gold fixtures, fell asleep, got locked in the weekendsonly facility for five days, and survived on the only liquid available: sacramental wine.

A senior Italian member of the Catholic organization Opus Dei, Ms. Paola Binetti, told a television interviewer in March that she often wraps a spiked chain around her upper thigh for two hours a day as punishment for her sins. Said a prominent Catholic writer (interviewed in London's *Daily Telegraph*), "The world is full of people who, thanks to God, freely choose their own type of suffering." Wrote the Opus Dei founder: "Blessed be pain. Loved be pain. Sanctified be pain...glorified be pain!"

#### The Campaign to Make Everything **Perfect**

(1) Britain's Health and Safety agency headquarters reportedly posted signs in various locations in the building warning workers not to attempt to move chairs and tables by themselves but to call for porters (for which 48 hours' notice was required). (In April, London's Daily Mail reported that the agency's workplace injury record was very low.) (2) The head teacher at Bramhall High School in Stockport, England, decreed recently that students who wear neckties to class must use clip-ons and not knotted ties, in part because of the risk of choking.

#### **Least Competent Criminals**

 Anthony Perone, 20, of Connecticut, pleaded guilty in March in connection with two stalking letters he admitted mailing to a woman he had fallen for in the third grade but who apparently had spurned him. The rambling, incoherent letters threatened death, and Perone had intended to send them anonymously, in that he wrote no return address on the envelopes. However, he lived with his mother and had given each envelope to her to mail, and, unknown to him, she had added his name and address before posting them.

#### **Readers' Choice**

· (1) In March, a British Airways economyclass passenger on a flight from Delhi, India, died onboard, and the corpse was moved to the lesscongested first-class section, to the chagrin of Paul Trinder, who had paid the equivalent of about \$6000 for his nearby seat. When he complained, he said he was told to "get over it" and that no refund would be offered. (2) In March, officials at the Gaza-Egypt border noticed that a Palestinian woman entering Gaza had a particularly lumpy upper body and searched her to reveal, strapped to her chest, three small crocodiles, which she had intended to sell to a zoo.

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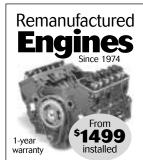
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### In the Reader

#### **Thirty Years Ago**

Terry Judkins would seem perfectly at home in Mission Beach, where he remembers "hanging out" as a high school kid. He has dark blond hair and a thin blond beard. He speaks Swedish with no trace of an American accent.... Terry grew up in Clairemont, and was graduated from Clairemont High School in 1965.... When orders to Vietnam arrived during a leave in San Diego, Terry made a lonely, very important decision. He decided to flee to Sweden.

— "HOMES AWAY FROM HOME: FROM SAN DIEGO TO STOCKHOLM," James Cravens, May 5, 1977

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

When Jack Ford, son of the former president, purchased the two-story Victorian office building at 826 Fifth Avenue a year and a half ago, he and partner George Gorton set out to eject the most conspicuous tenant: Pleasureland Adult Arcade. Pleasureland. Ford and Gorton, the latter of whom serves as manager of Mayor Wilson's campaign for U.S. Senate, didn't want to put up with being landlords to such a controversial tenant.

- CITY LIGHTS: "THIS LAND IS PLEASURELAND." Matt Potter, May 6, 1982

#### Twenty Years Ago

Mama says divorce is better than had they lived a lie for my sake.

I'm only chubby. A picky eater. My eating habits are bad. I won't eat meat or poultry. Mama says fact of the matter is, I eat what I please. With her finger stuck in my stomach, she points out that I eat chicken gravy, I slop down Campbell's chicken noodle soup.

— "FAMILY TRUTHS," Judith Moore, May 7, 1987

#### Fifteen Years Ago

When National Steel was growing and we didn't have enough room, and Harbor Drive cut down through the middle of the plant, we had to pull back and lose a lot of space. We were making boat parts there at the foot of Seventh and trucking them down to 28th Street, where we had conned Brennan out of a small area to launch the ships there.

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— "THE LET'S-GET-IT-DONE HARBORMASTER."

C. Arnholt Smith, May 7, 1992

#### **Ten Years Ago**

I have come back to San Diego 25 years later to eat, to discover how the eating life of this big city has changed. In 1972 I was, for a short time, restaurant reviewer for the newspaper now in your hands, the then-infant San Diego Reader. I lived in Del Mar, drove to school, and at the time had never even read a restaurant review, much less written anv.

Five years later, when I moved back to New York — that's what happens when you fall in love with a New Yorker — I became a restaurant critic, until last year eating (thousands upon thousands of meals) and writing (hundreds and hundreds of columns) weekly for The Village Voice.

— "THE CHEESE NEVER STANDS COMPLETELY ALONE," Jeff Weinstein, May 1, 1997

#### **Five Years Ago**

Assigned, in exchange for a sum equal to roughly a season's rent, the chore of composing a first-person account of the process of aging (heh heh), "growing old"...of copping in print to being old: an official GEEZER GIG.

My reluctance at first was natural. "I'm not there yet," I protested. "But I'll start taking



San Diego Reader, May 1, 1997

notes, OK?" (Had an editor or two "noticed something" 'fore I did?)

Inevitabilities are a pisser to sidestep. Geezer-hood comes when it comes fuggit — but just as inev' as suddenly, finally being there, now!, on the cusp of fucking dotage, my time/left measured in thimbles not buckets, was that I would be invited cajoled — roped into writing about it.

- "AUTUMN RHYTHM," Richard Meltzer, May 2, 2002

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#### THE FAKE GREEK

It all began in late 1994: I realized that my English was superior to that of my schoolmates, all of whom had more or less the same exposure to English that I had. This skill of mine, apart from arousing jealousy among my peers, who were struggling to obtain their precious language certificates which are valued in Greece infinitely more than actual knowledge of the respective foreign language — and not contributing in the least to my becoming more popular with girls, had an interesting side effect: I began to read English periodicals, bestowing myself with an uncanny-for-a-preteen wealth of knowledge about what was going on in Europe and the world — remember that there was no Wikipedia back

In March 1995, I spent one week with a host family in France and experienced, at a tender age, the Western European lifestyle as opposed to the Greek/Athenian/southern Balkan one: beautifully maintained cottages of the villages around Strasbourg, the breathtakingly fast Train à Grande Vitesse, medieval cathedrals, and Laserdisc players. When I returned to Athens, my immature and gullible mind was set on a single goal: when I grew up, I would be European.

The years went by, my English and French improved, and in 2003 I found myself in Bonn, Germany, as an exchange student. Upon my interaction with other students from around Europe, I realized that during the previous years I had somehow managed to become devoid of all traits that they considered Greek: I disliked feta and moussaka, I loathed syrtaki and the related traditional dances, I never drank ouzo, and I paid meticulous attention to my pronunciation of English, French, and German. Since none of the aforementioned characteristics corresponded to the image of Greeks they had

concocted based on films like Zorba and antiquated posters with corny archaic fonts and the port of Mykonos in the background, they baptized me "The Fake Greek."

While I wasn't exactly enthused about my new nickname and knew there was more to Greece than Zorba, there was little I could do to halt my "dehellenization." Everything was conspiring in its favor. In late 2002, what I call the "four unifying agents" of Europe were in place — Euro currency, the World Wide Web, the Europe-wide GSM cell phone network, and lowbudget airlines. Coupling these with the knowledge of languages spoken in adjacent countries, one could move seamlessly from one to the other in much the same way that one moves from Pennsylvania to Ohio. Who needed Athens anymore?

I was ready to jump on the European unification bandwagon, never to look back. I did not care so much about globalization but only about its European subset. Or, rather, the one that involved the affluent countries of Western Europe and Scandinavia. With every new language I would learn,

more countries would be added to my collection. I felt like a general, marking the territories that his troops have occupied so far on the military map and fantasizing about taking over the world.

Then I realized that there was a blemish in the picture. The E.U. was designed to facilitate the isotropic displacement of human and financial capital



across the continent, not some new mass migration from the poorer to the wealthier countries. And yet, that's exactly what my plan of becoming European would make me, a sophisticated migrating chameleon capable of assuming the pattern and color of its surroundings. Yet, becoming a chameleon is anything but easy. Each transformation costs time, money, and leaves vast quantities of emotional

debris behind. One, after all, has to give up most of the things he/she has been used to, reformat the hard drives, and start over.

Nevertheless, I had spent years convinced that this is what *had* to be done. Because Greece would never change, at least in my lifetime. Because Greeks were inert, lazy, fatalistic. Because they let corruption flourish

> and stifled any efforts to rise above the average. I did not deserve that. I pitied my friends who dreamt of becoming civil servants so as to secure their mediocre 1000euro salary for life. I was made for bigger things, and the unified Europe was the new land of opportu-

nity. I heard that Jeremy Rifkin had published a book entitled The European Dream, and I rejoiced, for I believed that this was a sign of me making the right choice. So what if I had to become a chameleon? I had already become a Fake Greek. The only problem was that I would never be a "Real European."

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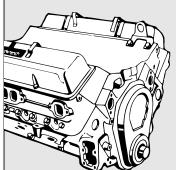
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POST DATE: April 18, 2007 Well, here again is someone making a career out of stating what should be obvious. Audiences are fragmenting. Media are fragmenting. Message channels within the fragmented media are fragmenting. Thing is, this is not a problem for advertising, it's a solution. We no longer have to be content with so-called mass audiences, narrowing the focus through creative execution. Now the media by itself can be micro-targeted, with creativity extending up and down the entire process.

Here's a quote from Jaffe: "My definition of advertising is trying to sell stuff to people who don't want to be sold to, using methods that applied 50 years ago and no longer are relevant."

I call that a pretty convenient definition of advertising for someone espousing the "eradication of advertising:" to specify a dated, irrelevant methodology appealing with limited success to a resistant audience. Yeah, that kind of advertising dies all the time. There's no need to eradicate it; it's already gone.

My definition of advertising worked 50 years ago, and still works today: performance art, with ROI.

See, all these new media gurus get confused because, being experts in media, they think the medium is everything. It isn't. The audience is everything, and you can distill that down to a single person, in a single moment. You touch that person, you move that person,

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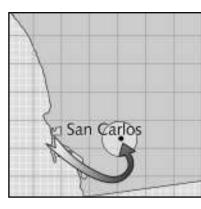
that's performance art. You do it with a commercial intent, that's advertising.

POST DATE: March 30, 2007 There's an awful lot of copying being done in major domestic markets. DaimlerChrysler, for instance, is being sued over a Jeep campaign that allegedly came too close for comfort to the "Choose Your Own Adventure" series of children's books. When I saw that campaign, I assumed there was a connection; it made smart marketing sense. But, apparently there wasn't, at least, not a conscious, legally secured one.

I never owned a "Choose Your Own Adventure" book; they were aimed at a younger market than I when they were introduced in 1979. That doesn't stop me from being aware of them, purely as a function of cultural literacy.

And I think that points to a fourth major factor driving the decline of creativity in advertising and branding: the rise of self-centeredness. There's a tendency among less-mature creatives to assume that every concept they have is original. So we see the same old ideas, done over and over again, in part because creative teams may not even be aware that they're repeating the past.

You can't innovate in a vacuum



POST DATE: March 28, 2007 Spring break is just days away! Here's a look at the marketing side of spring break, from The Washington Post (DC) via the Ashland Daily Tidings (Ashland, OR):

Buried in the article is one of the key reasons for all the loot being given away: research. Case in point: It was during research like this in Miami last year, says Victoria's Secret Direct copywriter Sarah Stark, that Pink discovered its demographic prefers the word

"underwear" to "panty."

There is just no substitute for getting out there in the trenches.

POST DATE: March 21, 2007 You can both entertain and sell. In fact, that combination has made

> for highly effective advertising for the past 100 years or so. It's nothing new. What is new, is that today an awful lot of ad creatives seem to be wannabe-screenwriters or wanna-befilm directors instead of craftsmanlike copywriters and art directors. The result has not been an improvement.

POST DATE: March 19, 2007 A branded broadband video player aimed at preschoolers has signed up its first advertiser....

First, there is no place in a preschooler's life for on-demand television. Sorry, that's just the way it is, I don't care how many child psychologists and researchers line up against me. Because I'm not talking about numbers and social norming and statistics, I'm talking about real children, having real childhoods.

The preschool years are the last ones in which parents can exercise a high degree of control over most

of the day's content. Those years, zero to five, are critical exploring years. Those are the years when children should be learning experientially - heaven knows, there's little time for that from age 5 to 20-something, when you're expected to learn from books and teachers and, yes, media content.

Note that I am an advertising copywriter; I have no training in child development. But, as a parent of two small children, it seems to me that plunking a preschoolage child in front of a television or computer deprives him or her of active learning. It models passivity and builds an expectation of entertainment instead of exploration.

Okay, on to a second point: advertising content...

If every toy comes with a preexisting storyline, its value as a creative plaything declines. That's why Tinkertoys and Lego blocks (and rocks and sticks and mud, for that matter) enhance creativity more than carefully defined action figures. That's not to say that Thomas the Tank Engine isn't a fine toy. But it is to say that the more established the storyline (in other words, the more entrenched the branding), the less creative value it has. The more you expose your child to corporate Thomas, the less freedom he or she has to engage an imaginary Thomas. And, the less ownership your child has of the whole play experience.

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MY HOMETOWN, SONORA, HAD A BIG SHAKEUP THIS WEEK. Traffic on Mono Way came to a standstill several times. Ranchers on their way to Jim's Feed and Tack store, construction workers driving to their job sites, and the elementary school bus were brought to

Wild turkeys, it seems, had taken up residence in the manzanita and scrub oaks up the hill behind Mother Lode Motors car dealership. For some reason known only to the turkey brain, in fitting with the turkey lifestyle, the birds waited until a good number of cars were chugging down Mono Way and then they'd charge out from their brush and down the hill and they'd run, gobble gobble gobbling, into the middle of the street. Every morning.

Now, you're not going to catch a turkey. Sure, you may outrun one in, say, a marathon. If you could keep them on the course and in the right direction somehow, yeah, a turkey wouldn't be much of a challenge over 26 miles. But in the space of a roadway where they can turn when you jump at them, or switch back and sprint between your legs when you bend down to grab one, all you're going to get is an armload of air. So despite the best efforts of the police who arrived every morning, the turkeys couldn't be stopped. They could only be chased away.

It caused quite a stir in Sonora. John Hinkley, the local newspaper reporter, was out there on Mono Way early in the morning before rush hour, with pen and paper, to see if he could get the scoop. That morning, John had a big, hot cup of coffee from the Miner's Shack diner in his hand, and he watched the cars roll down the hill.

But he was facing the wrong way. He was watching traffic instead of the hill behind him, and once there were enough vehicles passing by to satisfy the inexplicable workings of the turkey brain, the birds made their attack. One turkey, as it passed John, because it had evil intent in its little turkey heart, bit the reporter right on the butt cheek.

Well, John's coffee went flying into the air, the turkeys dashed out onto the blacktop, and a milk truck carrying the morning dairy down from the farms locked its brakes and took the cup of coffee right on the windshield and a squawking turkey right on the front bumper. The truck screeched through the intersection and knocked down the only traffic light in town. Turkey, coffee, and fresh cream all over the place.

Well, that was bigger news than John could handle, and pretty soon the TV camera crews from Modesto (the big city) were on scene and reporting live. Yes, sir, big shakeup in Sonora this week.

#### WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

#### Observations from the Coffeehouse

THURSDAY, MAY 3

JUMP START

VH1 6:00 A.M.

**CLAIRE DE LUNE** 

I'm going to start a coffeehouse band. Instead of the usual whining, acoustic, sensitive, chunkysweater rock that most coffeehouse bands play, we'll play really frantic jazz, and I'll sing-scream about teeth and steel-belted radial tires. My band will be called Shut the Hell Up This Is a Coffeehouse Not Philosophy 101 Class, Hippie, and our first single will be "Go Screw."

#### PRIDE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS FSW1 1:00 P.M.

#### CAFÉ FORTE

Good God, help me. While in a café, people will talk about the least-interesting garbage. A trio of idiots at the table next to mine is discussing the differences between jams and jellies. I want to slap them each on the neck hard and pour my coffee on their heads. "I am not interested in your HIGH VOLUME debate on the intricacies of fruit preserves! I am trying to draw up plans for a big red rocket to Mars!" I wonder if Einstein had this problem.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 4

**FULL HOUSE** FAM 3:00 P.M.

REBECCA'S CAFÉ

Listen, honey, if you're going to wear a maternity mini-skirt, you could at least cross your legs when you sit on the couch opposite mine. If you can't get your knees into a knot around that watermelon gut, could you drop a napkin in your lap? I don't need to see where that kid is coming from. I can't believe you thought a sheer panel of Lycra from your bellybutton to the top of your thighs was a good idea in this, your 14th month of pregnancy. I can't even look at my blueberry scone now.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 5

THE LADIES MAN COMEDY 9:30 A.M.

REBECCA'S CAFÉ

Sir, if you could close your laptop for a second. Yes, I know you're on the 19th level, but there's something a bit more interesting on the other side of your screen. And, ma'am, if you could shut your laptop as well. Yes, that report isn't going to type itself, but if you look over your spectacles, there's something I'd like you to see. You're 16 inches away

from each other every day and you've never even said hello. Okay, fine. Have it your way. Exchange instant messenger screen names. Just get to it.

#### **DIRTY JOBS**

DISCOVER 1:00 P.M.

CAFÉ FORTE

Coffeehouses seem like a cruel trick played on the digestive tract. Every pastry behind the gleaming glass case is high fiber. Every cup brims with fast-acting caffeine. There's one restroom in the back. You need a key and a retinal scan to get in. You're 15 race-with-thedevil minutes from home. Do you feel lucky,

#### SUNDAY, MAY 6

READING RAINBOW

PBS 11:30 A.M.

THE OTHER SIDE CAFÉ

Well, that was awful nice. That fellah bought my cup of coffee. Hmmm...this café seems different. Loud dance music. Blacked-out windows. The barista's wearing sunglasses. This coffee tastes terrible. How do they stay in business? Why are there no women in here? Oh! That's why he bought me the cup of coffee. Well, that explains all those flags out front.

#### MONDAY, MAY 7

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

CBS 11:00 A.M.

CAFFÉ CALABRIA

Oh, that's a grand idea. Give your kids an iced, whipped, coffee-and-sugar slushie. No, I don't mind that this little cracker cruncher is punching me in the temple or that your other yard ape is pulling the free magazine rack over. I will only sit back with delight as you ignore your wild pack of hooligans and I wait patiently, with my fingers tented in front of my face, for them to discover the dish of dog treats by the door. Ever closer. Ever closer.



Blue's Clues

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8

#### 1,000 PLACES TO SEE BEFORE YOU DIE TRAVEL 10:00 A.M.

#### RED PIANO INN, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

The worst coffee I've ever had in my life was in Cambodia. But because the waitress was very cute in her white apron and giggly, so giggly, I couldn't tell her it was awful. I pretended to drink the vile swill while she watched me. I had poured half of it in my mouth when she was called away by another customer, and I spit the wad of it out the window. When she returned I held my cup up, smiled, and gave the international gesture for "good coffee" by going "mmmm." She was so cute and giggly.

#### THE NEXT BITE

VS 10:00 A.M.

LESTAT'S

How very frightening. A Goth coffee bar. Because even the undead need a little pickme-up in the morning. Of course, you're very serious and depressed and you long for passion and blood, and this is your dungeon. Don't let that Rice Krispie treat go stale or your latte get cold, Vampirella.

#### **BLUE'S CLUES**

NICKELODEON 10:00 A.M.

**NEWBREAK CAFÉ** 

Ugh, with the dogs all the time. Believe it or not, dogs don't belong in a place where food is prepared and served. Although, it's not even that. I don't mind dogs, even if they are where I'm eating and drinking. But don't make your voice real high and speak like it's the dog that's talking. I don't care that he "just wants to say hi! I really want to say hi and sniff everything! Oh, hi! Hi, how are you?" I know you think it's quite clever, but it's really not that amazing that you understand the inner workings of your dog's mind and can vocalize what he's thinking. Moron.

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others. 619-260-8482. Momen's slacks, \$2 Blouses, \$1. Men's white shirts, \$1 Trousers, like new, \$7. Coats, \$7. Shoes size 9-1/2 to 10, \$5. Remington typewriter, manual, \$25. 619-583-3751.

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An early memory of Paul is his weeping while listening to Harry Belafonte sing "Take My Mother Home."

By John Brizzolara

I just got off the phone with the Specialist; on the job, she's the Specialist; off the job, she's Bugspray: full name Rocker Nutlev Bugspray. I've written about her before. We were talking about music and musicians like that guy Jeff Tweedy in Wilco and Leonard Cohen. The Specialist commented that certain relatives, close relatives of hers, seem to have no emotional association with music, which made me think about my own family and three remarkable examples of this: my father, my brother David (an actor and now a recruiter for the drama department at Yale University and the London Academy), and my son.

I come from a family of eight children, and every one of them, except David (who changed his last name to Byron during his L.A. movie/TV years) has an intense relationship of one kind or another with music. My oldest sister married a songwriter/musician (whom I used to play with in a high school band) and has sung with him for years. My next younger brother, Paul, who died in 2003, was hands down the best rock-and-roll (and fusion) drummer I've ever played with. In fact, an early memory of Paul is his weeping while listening to Harry Belafonte sing a song about the crucifixion called "Take My Mother Home." The next sister is a rabid rock fan, though not a musician. The next one down is a rock bass player (who once played with Joe Walsh). Then we have David, who sits with bemused fascination at Christmas gatherings while everyone else plays live music nonstop for days. Andrew is a brilliant

pianist and composer in New York. The youngest, Roni, went to Juilliard, is classically trained in voice and piano, and has written incredibly moving ballads

Memories of my father and music are brief. One involves him whistling Bent Fabric's "Alley Cat" and something called "Across the Alley from the Alamo." He had a deep moral suspicion of rock and roll and once wrote a letter to WGN in Chicago urging the removal of Hollywood A Go Go from the airwaves. He was deeply disturbed by the miniskirted go-go girls, and after hours of study and deliberation decided that youth, I suppose, must be protected from them. Meanwhile, he remained apparently unfazed one way or another by the Who singing, "Hope I die before I get old," and so forth, the Kinks, and at least a half dozen other rock bands at a rare moment in musical history putting out stuff as passionate, if primitive, as any decent opera.

I have no musical associations whatever with my brother David, though I once watched the man onstage at Yale for 20 minutes, enthralled, near tears, before I realized that it was my little brother I was watching as Cyrano de Bergerac.

My son does have a relationship with music, but it is certainly unlike my own. The first record I bought for him when he was a child was Mike Post's theme to the television show *Greatest American Hero*. You remember? "Believe it or not I'm walking on air...." He enjoyed Taco's one hit of "Puttin' on the Ritz," an '80s techno-camp equivalent of "Across the Alley from the Alamo," possibly. For years, during which he did have an ongoing fascination with Megadeth (we attended one of their concerts at Soma), the only real music in his life was pretty much the soundtrack to video games that evolved or devolved into death metal (currently the band Into Eternity), which he listens to while still playing video games.

I have a theory about my son's connection with music. Some years ago he was diagnosed with schizophrenia and, likely, schiz-affect. The flattened-affect aspect of this affliction is entirely in keeping with death metal. While the music does an end run around emotion, it instead taps imagination and has an additional salutary effect of rendering paranoia into manageable cartoons. My son's friend and sometimes roommate, Curtis, has been living with me briefly and has a similar diagnosis as my son. Currently, Curtis's favorite death-metal group is from Finland and called Verjnuarmu (no idea how to pronounce it) and timidly branches into melody above speed-crunch guitar and drums. This strikes me as almost apologetically introducing emotion into the music, all the while blustering away with 16th and 32nd notes on fret board and percussion as if to say, "Hey, we're still bad, oh yeah, don't worry, but dig this." "This" being emotion. Any kind of emotion.

Between this paragraph and the last, I checked e-mail and readers' com-



Taco/Verjnuarmu/Leonard Cohen

ments on the *Reader* message board, and here were more blustering complaints about my constant Oprah-like whining. The tone of these brief letters was tough guy/punk or say, heavy metal macho, which sent me off on a tangent about the secret sentimentality of hard rockers. Why do so many of these leather-clad, tatted, nipple-studded, and shaven-head brain trusts turn to pudding over Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird," one of the most pukingly effete epics of whine rock ever perpetrated? The answer is appallingly simple and has to do with sentimentality breeding everywhere in bad art in the absence of imagination, intellect, and genuine emotion.

The lyrics will have to do in place of the music or melody here, but in both these cases that will serve. They are roughly equivalent in depicting (1) sentiment and (2) emotion: Skynryd attempts to emote with the poetic equivalent of mascara running with beery tears: "I'm as free as a bird now, and this bird you cannot change...." Leonard Cohen's lyrics to a song called "Blue Alert" in as many chords on a lone piano, slow, sharp ninth chords intertwining through the vocal like cigarette smoke: "Your lip is cut...on the edge of her pleated skirt." One makes you want to weep into your 40-ouncer, I suppose; the other makes you want to blow your brains out with the lost glimpse, that long long gone down a deep blue drain of love apprehension of impossible beauty.

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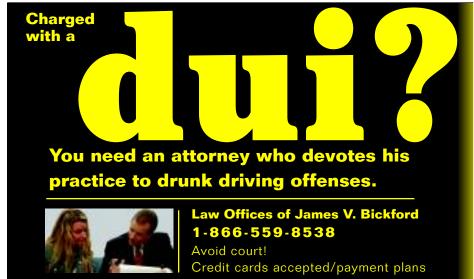
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