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A young man with dark hair and glasses is looking intently at a chessboard. He is wearing a dark jacket over a green shirt. His right hand is resting on the board, and his left hand is visible in the foreground, reaching towards a chess piece. The chessboard is green and white, and several chess pieces are visible, including a large white king and a dark knight. The background is a plain white wall.

When You  
Play Chess,  
You Can't  
Hide Who  
You Are

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– Mischa Shirazi, San Diego, CA

#### Q: Is the surgery painful or difficult?

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– Greg Schwenk, San Diego, CA

#### Q: How soon after the process can I begin normal daily activities again?

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– Glenna T. Casey, Chula Vista, CA

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– T.P. Fortin, San Diego, CA

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– Sandra Macias, San Diego, CA

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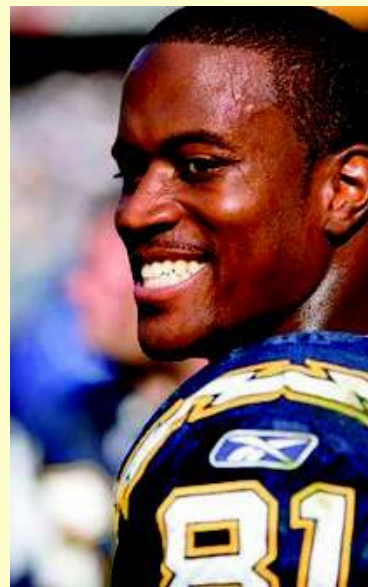
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## Soft hands, easy money

If state assemblyman **Joe Coto** has been looking particularly relaxed lately, maybe some credit should go to East County's Barona Indians, who anted up \$105 for a massage he received while at the Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino on March 23. According to a lobbying disclosure statement filed by the tribe last month,



Joe Coto



Richard Alarcón

**Adriana Ruelas**, the San Jose Democrat's chief of staff, also partook of a free rubdown; hers was worth \$95. **Minnie Santillan**, Coto's legislative director, got an \$85 facial. Both Coto and his former colleague **Richard Alarcón**, who left the assembly in March to take a seat on the Los Angeles City Council, got an "in-room Amenity — Chocolate Covered Strawberries," worth \$28.50.

Barona has also been up to some presidential politics, giving \$1000 to **Barack Obama's** campaign on March 23. In addition, the tribe contributed \$2500 to Montana Democratic senator **Max Baucus**, \$1000 to Illinois Democratic senator **Richard Durbin**, and \$1000 to California GOP congressman **Devin Nunes**. ... State politicians who get hungry for a free meal can always count on Sempra Energy, owner of San Diego Gas & Electric, among other ventures, to pick up the tab. In March, South Bay GOP assemblywoman **Shirley Horton** and chief of staff **Nancy Taffet** chowed down at the Oceanaire Seafood Room, downtown's gourmet fish house, for a total tab of \$90.71. In February, Verizon, the big phone company, shelled out \$42.65 for Democratic state senator **Christine Kehoe**, a loyal friend of the telecom industry, to dine at Sacramento's Lucca Restaurant. Pacific Gas & Electric paid \$11.62 each for February "refreshments" consumed by Del Mar GOP assemblyman **George Plescia** and chief of staff **Shaun Flanigan** at the DarkHorse Golf Club in Auburn, a Sacramento suburb.



Christine Kehoe

## Bloody mess

PolyHeme, that controversial blood substitute deployed in some of the city's poorest neighborhoods during trials conducted by UCSD three years ago, has come a cropper. Evanston, Illinois-based Northfield Laboratories announced on May 23 that of the 349 subjects given PolyHeme during the nationwide trial, 13.2 percent died, compared with a death rate of 9.9 percent for the 365 control subjects, who received standard saline solution from paramedics and whole blood when they arrived at the emergency room. In real numbers, 46 subjects treated with PolyHeme died compared to 36 in the control group, Northfield reported. Though North-

field denies it, critics claim that the dismal results are the beginning of the end for PolyHeme, the brainchild of Dr. **Steven Gould**, who founded Northfield more than 20 years ago solely to develop and market the blood substitute. "The last thing you would want in a drug is to make people worse than they would have been with standard treatment," Dr. **Sidney Wolfe**, head of a health research group for Public Citizen, the **Ralph Nader**-founded advocacy organization, told a reporter.

Northfield got an exemption from the federal Food and Drug Administration to test PolyHeme on comatose trauma victims unable to give their permission to participate in the study; the FDA required medical centers running the test to inform the public fully about what was going on. But in the city of San Diego, researchers quietly deployed plastic bags of the blood substitute on paramedic trucks — Oak Park's Medic 26, San Ysidro's Medic 29, and Nestor's Medic 62 — as well as at the downtown fire station, without telling the public about the locations or possible risks. Instead, upbeat pieces ran on TV news and in the *Union-Tribune*, featuring Dr. **David Hoyt**, then trauma director at UCSD Medical Center, hyping the study. In the March 23, 2004 *U-T* story, headlined "A new hope for saving of lives," Hoyt was quoted as saying, "These are people who are facing death in a few hours. Giving them this blood substitute might just save them when conventional treatment wouldn't."

Despite the negative results, Northfield's Gould said he would continue the company's uphill effort to get PolyHeme approved by the FDA. On May 23, Northfield stock fell 55 percent, from \$4.25 a share to \$1.90. There was no word on whether anybody in San Diego died as a result of the trial.

**Unschooler** Padres CEO and Rancho Santa Fe denizen **Sandy Alderson** has lost his bid to become a trustee of Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1969. Alderson's hard-fought election campaign, featuring a slick direct-mail piece and a website befitting a state assembly or senate race, was intended to combat the candidacy of **Stephen Smith**, a 1988 graduate and former clerk to Supreme Court Justice **Clarence Thomas**. Smith was put up by alumni conservatives who argued that the college had gone astray, failing to support the football team and coming down too hard on fraternity parties. Alderson, the candidate of the status quo, was endorsed by columnist, baseball fan, and onetime Padres boardmember **George Will** and opposed by **William F. Buckley Jr.** Final results: of 32,941 votes cast by 18,186 alumni voters (who could vote for all four candidates running if they wanted), Smith got the most votes, 9984. The school did not say how Alderson fared.



Sandy Alderson

— Matt Potter

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## Broke City Pays Well

By Don Bauder

Want a job with a good salary and great benefits? Work for the government.

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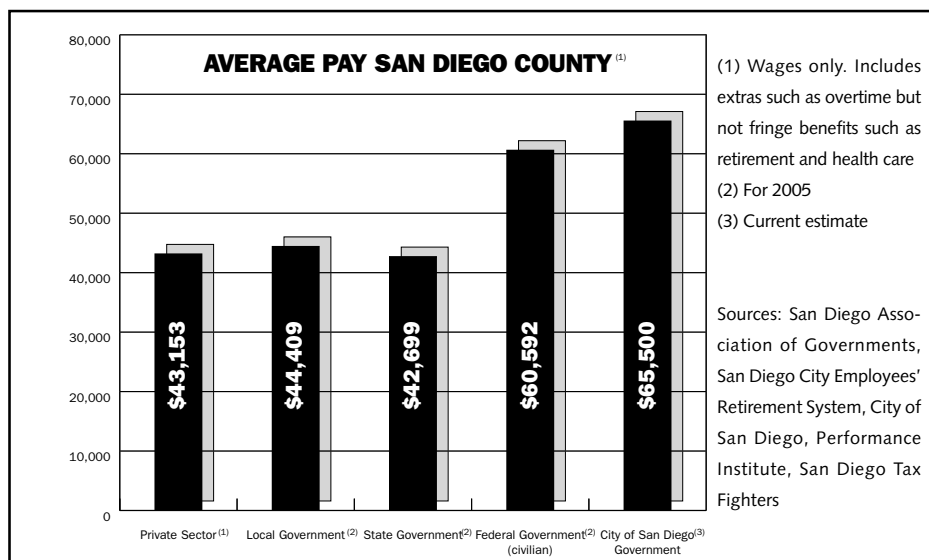
great benefits? Work for the City of San Diego. Yeah, that city teetering on the financial brink — the one that looted the employees' pension fund

retirement benefits. All around the country, government pay has been growing rapidly, and so have excessive fringe benefits. Meanwhile, the pri-

Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego.

Now, government pay is generally better — often as much as 50 percent better — than private-sector pay, while government benefits are more than twice as munificent, and employees can retire at younger ages. City of San Diego employees enjoy much higher salaries and benefits than their counterparts in the private sector and local and state government.

I asked Cheryl Mason, researcher for the San Diego



and then appeased the workers by granting benefits it couldn't afford to pay.

It's a myth that government workers must live with salaries that are lower than those in the private sector and then make up for their penury by getting generous

private sector has been shipping jobs to low-wage countries, thus slicing average worker pay, and has also trimmed benefits severely. "While salaries and benefits are rising for government employees, we're seeing a squeezing in the private sector," says

Association of Governments, about average salary levels in San Diego County's private

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## Tail Wags Dead Dog

**O**n Saturday, April 21, at the San Diego Four Points Sheraton, City Attorney Mike Aguirre delivered the keynote address to a conference sponsored by Municipal Officials for Redevelopment Reform, whose head is Chris Norby, chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Following is Aguirre's speech.

It's good to see you all. I wanted first of all to thank Chris and Marsha [Norby] for coming to San Diego...and all of you. It's very nice to see some of our San Diego revolutionary leaders out there. I see Richard Rider, a known revolutionary in San Diego.

You know, you all are so important, not only to your communities but to the entire state of California, because you are growing an idea that has, if it can fully flower, a real potential for bringing about the restoration of the power of government to actually serve the purpose that government is organized to serve. Which is to advance the general welfare and not the private economic interests of those bondholders and lawyers and self-seekers who use the government to gain unfair advantage over

their fellow citizens and, in the long haul, do great destruction to the ability of government to perform and meet its responsibilities.

I want to paint a picture for you, and I want you to imagine this last Monday morning. I was seated up on the dais, where the city council meets. And in the audience was a very large group of police officers and firemen. And one of the issues of financial irresponsibility that we have engaged here in the city of San Diego is that we created between two and three billion dollars' worth of benefits without any money to pay for it. And I tell my friends in law enforcement...I've been in law enforcement in one way or the other since I graduated from law school in '74. And I would prosecute about 35,000 cases a year with our police department and other law enforcement agencies. And we did that on the premise that our job is to maintain the standard of the law. And I said to our police officers, "How can you enforce the law when you

know that you are the beneficiaries of benefits that were created illegally? Both in terms of conflicts of financial interest, and where the financial interest in conjunction with the deals that were made in San Diego in 1996 and 2002, in which benefits were exchanged for an agreement to suspend the rules of arithmetic in counting the contributions that were needed to finance the benefits that were being given. And your union leaders come at the City every year or two or three with more demands and ever-escalating, cascading financial commitments from the City that the City can't meet. So much so that we were responsible for the largest municipal securities fraud in American history, which I had the unfortunate duty of negotiating with the SEC."

Now, you might say, "Well, well, what has that got to do with redevelopment?" What that has to do with redevelopment is that it is a clear signal that those who are in positions of responsibility in government are using their power irresponsibly to benefit those who are driving the political system.

You know, I don't know anything about redevelopment reform — and Chris knows more about it, and I'm so fortunate to be able

to be working with him — but I will tell you what I've seen about redevelopment reform. In 2002 and 2003 and 2004, the City of San Diego allowed a private developer to wipe out 26 square blocks of downtown San Diego...26 square blocks of downtown San Diego, in and around the ballpark. And the idea was, was this developer would be given that land, and he would use his private capital to build 2500 hotel rooms that would then generate the TOT [transient occupancy tax] necessary to make the payments on the bonds for the hotels. And right at the last moment, because I had been involved in that, right at the last moment, one of the lawyers for the promoter who had received this largesse from the City...told me that the owner had decided not to build the hotels after all because first-time hotel builders don't make any money. And he was going to still continue to receive the land and all of the entitlements but not build the hotels. And I said, "Well, that, that won't be possible," because myself and Pat Shea, both of us were involved in actually being in favor of the downtown ballpark, and we both said, "Well, you won't be able to do that because that would be a breach of your duty to the voters, because they voted



Mike Aguirre

for privately providing financing, and the government wasn't supposed to subsidize the payments for the bonds for the ballpark."

Well, I went to see the mayor, the mayor that *Time* magazine found to be one of the worst three mayors in the country, who is no longer the mayor, and I was not elected at the time, and I gave him a warning. I said, "Here's what I understand is coming... You should stop it!" The local newspaper, which was connected to the new downtown ballpark because nobody reads the newspaper except to read the sports page. Unfortunately. And I say that facetiously, but actually it's true... it's actually true. That if they wiped out the sports page, there would be almost no circulation for the newspaper. And so they've got themselves interconnected...economically interconnected.

So when you think about redevelopment and who's getting the goodies as a result of redevelopment, you have to understand that there are a number of constituent groups: the bondholders, I should say the bond underwriters; the lawyers, the big law firms that structure the deals; all the consultants that are hired to wire the deal at the council level; the cam-

paign contribution flow of cash that gets distributed. And then, in this particular case, the mayor was confronted with editorials and lobbying from the chamber of commerce.

Now, this is probably not true in other cities, but our chamber of commerce likes to help, uh, as many times as possible, ignore the free-market system and engage in corporate socialism. Where we, you know, I always say that if Winston Churchill were the mayor of San Diego, he would have said, "Never have so many given to so few," instead of the other way around. And it's true! What happened in this particular case is, the mayor folded. They changed the deal right at the last minute so that the City had to take on the financial burden of the bonds for the baseball park. And the owner got to walk away with the 26 square blocks...that were supposed to be used to build the hotels, and to do with them what he pleased. So the City paid for the ballpark, the owner put a little bit of money into the ballpark, relatively speaking, and walked away with 26 square blocks of downtown San Diego. As I said, I don't know *much* about redevelopment...but





## Broke City pays well

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sector, local government, state government, and federal government. The last data she had were for 2005. Fasten your seat belt: the average pay for the private sector was \$43,153, local government \$44,409, state government \$42,699, federal government (civilian only) \$60,592. These average salaries include overtime, bonus pay, etc.

She did not have the figure for City of San Diego employees. Carl DeMaio of the Performance Institute has compiled average pay for City workers by taking information from the San Diego

City Employees' Retirement System. Fasten that seat belt again: the average pay per City of San Diego employee is \$60,099, says DeMaio. But that does not include overtime and other extras. "If we include these figures, we are talking roughly \$65,000," he says. The last time I looked, \$65,000 was higher than \$43,000 — and remember, these figures don't include retirement benefits.

Libertarian activist Richard Rider, who got figures directly from the City, says that the average City salary (not including overtime, bonuses, etc.) is \$58,600. With overtime and bonuses, it goes up to \$66,000 or \$67,000, he estimates.

The generalization stands: using figures from the retirement system or from the City itself, private-sector workers on average need a 50 percent pay increase to match City of San Diego workers in salary.

Some could say that the comparison of average salaries is invidious. The City might need a higher percentage of well-trained, better-paid employees than the private sector, and that's why its average salary is higher. What's needed are studies of comparable jobs: say, what does a beginning plumber make working for the City versus what he or she makes in the private sector?

"That's the key statistic that no one has done any

comprehensive research on," says Rider. "I have been advocating this type of wage-comparison study for San Diego for two years, but it will cost a lot of money." Such a study may be done by the end of the summer, he says.

DeMaio has made some fragmentary comparisons. He looked at certain 2004 City of San Diego jobs and compared them with average pay for the same jobs throughout the county, both public and private sector, as calculated by the federal government's Bureau of Labor Statistics. In 2004, a locksmith made \$46,240 working for the City, compared with \$32,500 in the overall county labor market. Machinists:

\$47,393 with the City, \$33,480 countywide. Plumbers: \$49,253 City, \$43,120 countywide. Low-level administrative aide: \$40,043 City, \$29,870 countywide. "Labor unions put out misinformation; they are not taking a hit on the base salary," says DeMaio, pointing out that about 10 percent of City employees make \$100,000 or more, including overtime.

"No serious observer would say that the private-sector benefits are anywhere near as good as the public sector, and the 'we're making up for our low salaries' excuse is a bogus assertion," says Rider, noting, "In the City of San Diego, it's hard to imagine a nonsafety

employee retiring after 30 years with a pension of less than 110 percent of his or her highest salary during working years."

What about those benefits? According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics analysis, government employees earn more than \$12 an hour in pension benefits, compared with \$5 for private-sector workers. The bureau's tally of total compensation (including health care, pensions, etc.) shows that state and local government workers average \$34.13 an hour, versus \$23.41 in the private sector.

Donald Cohen, president of the liberal, labor-oriented Center on Policy Initiatives,

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points out that while City salaries may be better in low-paying jobs, they are much lower in the top jobs. "A janitor working for the City of San Diego makes \$30,000, gets \$5700 worth of health-care coverage, and gets a pension of \$37,500 a year after 30 years of service," he points

out. "A nonunion janitor makes \$16,000, maybe \$19,000 or \$20,000. Pension? Forget about it." If City leaders set salaries by comparing them to what equivalent workers make in the private sector, "We head toward being Calcutta; we increase the jobs under the poverty level. It's a race to the bottom."

However, there is a huge gap at the top: the private sector does vastly better —

one reason upwardly mobile young people aiming for management go into the private sector. Last year, chief executives of the 500 largest U.S. companies raked in an average \$15.2 million each, up 38 percent from the previous year, according to *Forbes* magazine. Four heads of hedge funds brought home more than \$1 billion in just one year, and the top 20 hedge fund managers earned an

average \$658 million last year. "Obscene," says Cohen, and few sane persons would disagree. Top-level government jobs may pay less than one-tenth of bloated private-sector salaries. (Here's a sampling of what chief executives of some San Diego companies brought home last year: Qualcomm, \$18.6 million; Sempra Energy, \$12.18 million; Invitrogen, \$5.4 million; Amylin Pharmaceuti-

cals, \$5 million; Jack in the Box, \$3.5 million; Leap Wireless, \$3.2 million.)

Traditionally, San Diego top executives bring in less than counterparts elsewhere, particularly in wealthy Silicon Valley. It's true of the average, too. "San Diego tends to be among the lowest in coastal California," says Gin. In 2005, the average San Diegan had a wage of \$41,260, according to Bureau of Labor

Statistics data. That compared with an average of \$57,980 in San Jose and \$37,870 nationally. But this means that City of San Diego employees bring in more than the average worker in San Jose, even though it's one of the top-paying areas of the nation. ■

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I think that's all you *need* to know.

The reason I'm so impressed with Chris is that I think he's actually been figuring this thing out, and he's been helping me out during the lunch here. I just wish we could bring him down here to San Diego and that what he has is contagious...because I want to talk about something even, you know, a little broader than the wonderful story I just told you. Because there's something that we have to figure out: Why are you all willing to make all of the personal sacrifices you've had to make in order to participate in this issue, to contribute for nothing, actually to give up your resources, give up your time, to try to make it a better situation for your communities, and for our state, and for the objectives and goals of government? Why are you willing to do those selfless acts, while at the same time our misguided brothers and sisters see government in such a different way? They see it as an opportunity to use the tools for the general welfare for their selfish purposes.

Now, I don't, at one point that struggle has been the eternal struggle in the United States, from the time that George Washington was sworn into office. I mean, think about this...the National Bank was given all of the deposits of the federal government. The National Bank was a private bank and lent out the money to private corporate and special interests, and whatever profit on interest was made, the private bank owners got that money. In other words, we paid and allowed the recipients of all the federal money to make a ton of money for the burden of keeping our money in their bank! And

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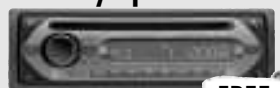
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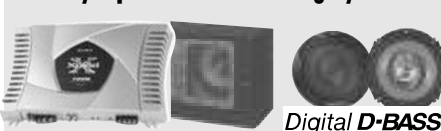
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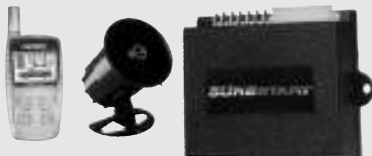
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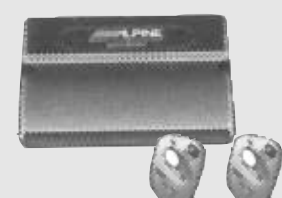


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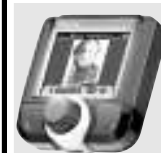
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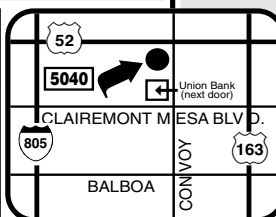


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that's what Andrew Jackson stood up and stopped. And put an end to it! And all those people just like, you know, just think if we would have been alive back then, we would have been part of that group that trashed the White House when he got nominated. 'Cause I do see some ruffians out there. I know them, and I've watched them operate, in their guerrilla ways of waging war. But my point is that that goes back to the struggle over the National Bank.

Fast-forward to the time of the Depression. And when everybody was flat on their back, and the economy was reeling and the banks were closing...the business community came to Washington and embraced Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. And the moment that stability was restored, they were back at it again. Vilifying him, and uh, vilifying him and what he stood for. As soon as the country was back functional at a level that was much better than the Depression that he had inherited. My point is that this is a constant struggle. So we should understand it as such. But our objective is really very simple. We want to use the power of government to work on common problems to advance the general welfare. And nothing more. And right now what we have is, we have an irrational system.

Let me tell you, in San Diego, where we are right now, in order to paint a picture of where you don't want to get. We have not...we have just finished our 2003 audit, of our, I should say, the audit of our 2003 financial statements. Isn't that great? Let's see, that leaves 2004, '05, and '06. Everybody else is already at '06. We're closing in quick! Now, in order to get our 2003 audit done, we spent not \$800,000, which is what the original contract was for, but \$8 million on the auditor. And in addition to that, we had to hire two outside firms. One to conduct the first \$6 million cover-up — for \$2 million they would have found something wrong, for \$6 [million] they said everything was okay. That was followed up by a second major-league cover-up by the former chair-

man of the SEC, Arthur Levitt, and that cost us \$20 million! All a scandal!

Every day when I go to work to try to represent the interests of the people of San Diego, I am confronted all day long either with the consequences of these catastrophic financial mistakes of the past or the effort to thwart any honest resolution and curtailment and reform of how we do business. And it is, it is, in audit terms, they call that whole area "internal controls." We have *no internal controls*. Internal controls means that you have an attitude at the top that everybody is supposed to comply with the law and the rules and regulations. Okay?

So, now, I don't know if that's the case in Sacramento, but I get a sense sometimes that Sacramento, that they play financial games with the budget. I don't want to go too far out on a limb on that! So in other words, you know, and I wish I had a blackboard here, because my sense of it is that we're like the size of a very small, a pea, here in San Diego. A little, tiny, multi-billion-dollar deficit in our pension plans due to financial shenanigans, and then, up here in Sacramento, you've got a gigantic, massive *bowl* of pension deficit that no one's even acknowledging, or at least they're getting to. Now what does that basically mean? And this is the thing that I told the police officers and the firemen in the audience. To create benefits that you have no money to pay for is a fiction, and you're never going to receive those benefits.

You're from Orange County. There was a famous case from Orange County called First Pension. And there were 10,000 victims of a pension scheme. And for six years, every quarter, the recipients or the participants in that pension, the First Pension Plan, received quarterly statements telling them about the ever-increasing value of their pensions. Unfortunately, it was all a lie. And there was no money, and it eventually collapsed, and it all went away. And there's, there's really nothing as sobering as to look at people who are 75 and 80 years old who have no other options, and they have no pension. And then, you try to figure out how they can put their lives back together. And

that's what's going to happen!

The whole...you get the prison guards lining up their pension benefits, negotiating with Jerry Brown, and then Gray Davis. And sometimes I almost think there's a connection between political endorsements and the bestowing of benefits on the political...on the unions. You know what I mean? I don't want to, of course, make any rash allegations. But you understand that when you give municipal unions, and employee unions, the kind of access that they have. That is, they run the election, they endorse the candidate. They then sit down with their endorsed candidate, who is now the elected official, and they negotiate their benefits. Where is the management? Who's on the management side of that equation? Nobody. And so then they create these massive benefits and promises that are basically "insufficient funds checks." And that's what's going on, up and down in every community. And then I hear people say, "Well, well, we're actuarially in good shape!" And I say, "Okay, well, let me take a look at your actuarial report." "Well, we use the EAM method, and then we slid over to the PUC method, and then we dice and slice and we stretch and we know, uh, we've got 20 years to pay, and then, you know, you know, and of course, we're anticipating that the money will be flowing in and..." And you say, you know, "That's what's called 'suspending the rules of arithmetic.'" And what good does that do? Does it make you feel good to have a check that has a very large number on it...that is stamped "insufficient funds"? Because, you know, and that's all that you basically have, because those benefits are never going to get paid. Not at the level that you're talking about.

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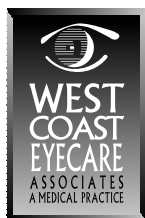
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the labor side. The thing I like about San Diego is we are equal-opportunity corrupters. Okay? The Democrats and the Republicans are corrupt. And that's the truth! Labor and business elements are corrupt. It's like a teeter-totter, you know? So let's talk about, on the, on the corporate side. Who thinks it's a good idea to guarantee the sale of every football ticket to a professional football game for ten years? That we guarantee you that you'll sell at least 60,000 tickets a game and that every ticket you don't sell, we'll buy it and you can raise the ticket prices as high as you want, unilaterally. Does anybody...who wants to sign up for that deal? And I go into the inner city, and I say, you know, "I am proposing the Aguirre Financial Advancement Plan. Every one of your businesses, we're gonna buy every good and service you can't sell, and you can set the price as high as you want." Everybody...who is in favor of that? You say, "You're crazy. No one would ever agree to that!" We agreed to that.

Mr. Rider and I had a little opportunity to try and stop it here in San Diego. Now, now think about that, first of all, the NFL, the NFL...the Chargers. What do we hear from our friends in the business community? *Save the Chargers!* You know, now, now in San Diego, I can go along with saving the seals, you know, or saving the puppies. But *save the*

*multimillion-dollar* football players, who are not getting enough money? You see, it's *insane*. So what did we do for them? In addition to the ticket guarantee, which we were going to do for ten years. And, and, you know, Richard and I both warned the City not to do that. So, Richard and I for the last ten years have taken turns...when the ticket guarantee blew up and is costing us millions of dollars, we would take turns to say, who could say "I told you so" in different languages. "Well, yes, we did anticipate that!" "I told you that that's what was going to happen!" "And that's exactly..." Well, we were interviewed so many times as a result of it, but that's the point is that they got it, and then they lamented it, but they *still* got the money. And they got the money because of all the corporate sports enthusiasts and those who are interconnected with it, you know, supported it.

So here's what happened. The ticket guarantee worked like this, it, we got 10 percent of the in-stadium revenue, the City did. But we deducted 100 percent of every unsold ticket, and they got to set the ticket prices as high as they wanted. And guess what happened? There was never any plus side for the City, and when there was, it was de minimis. So the deal that we signed with the Chargers lasts 20 years. So the ticket guarantee only lasts the first 10 years. But then in the sec-

ond 10 years would have made enough money to pay the bond, but by the way, yes, I hate to tell you we took out a 30-year bond. We had a 20-year lease and a 30-year bond — you can figure that out later — but, but we took out a bond, and it cost us \$173 million for the bond to renovate the stadium so we could get more sky boxes and more club seats so the Chargers could have more money. And *then* we gave them a ticket guarantee on top of that. And then we pay the bond payment, to put in all the improvements. But in the third game of the 2007 season, so in the third game of this season, the ticket guarantee went away.

Now, the ticket guarantee, as I've described it, was a rent reduction, so the rent is 10 percent of the take, of the in-stadium revenue...deduct whatever tickets we don't sell, and we get the net. But after the ticket guarantee is gone, then we get 10 percent of the net. Now, we added a person who was indicted for corruption here in San Diego, and he was put in charge of negotiating a redo of the ticket guarantee. He was made the vice mayor. And I guess maybe it was because he was the most honest alternative there is. So his name was Zucchet. Now, his name was in some people's minds "Zucket" [rhymes with "bucket"]. Why would I say "Zucket"? Well, because this is what he was charged with: He was at the city council

one day, and one of his constituents came in and said that he wanted to *stop* the strip-joint problem. And Mr. ...and he said, "I am a constituent of Mr. Zucket's." And it's really Zucchet, "Mr. Zucket's." And so Mr. Zucchet said, "Yes, we must do something about it. I'm gonna follow up on it, and I want that calendared to come back, and we're gonna do something about it."

Unfortunately, the guy really *wasn't* a constituent of Mr. Zucket's...he was actually a *bouncer* from a strip joint in Vegas. Who had paid off Mr. Zucchet and two other members of the council to come up with this scheme to actually protect the uh, the uh,

strip joint that they were involved with. And unfortunately for them, the FBI was in the audience and took it all down.

Now, after the allegations against Mr. Zucchet became known and he was charged with extortion in federal indictments...our mayor made him the deputy mayor of the city. And of course, at one level, I thought, "Who better to negotiate with the Chargers than someone who is indicted?" You know, we can match them foot, you know, shoulder to shoulder there. So anyways, so they go into negotiations, and here's the negotiations: they got rid of the ticket guarantee. Everybody celebrated their get-

ting rid of the ticket guarantee. You know how they got rid of it? They extended it all the way out to the end of the lease and made it permanent, so it didn't fluctuate anymore with the attendance; it actually was universally low. And it cost us another \$75 million. And the mayor had a press conference announcing that they had gotten rid of the ticket guarantee. And the news media carried that story, and that's how we got rid of the ticket guarantee. So, in other words, we're not talking about, you know, I mean, think about that! That's what we're talking about, and we're doing it all over again...right

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The voters passed a requirement that we have a 15-year amortization on our pension debt. So that means you only get to "slice and dice it" 15 times instead of...20? And our mayor, who, I like our mayor, but on this one I don't agree. Our mayor came forward and said, "Oh," he thought that that was unconstitutional, so we're not gonna obey what the voters said. So we're gonna go back to the 20. Which is really 29, or whatever, slicing and dicing you have to do. We had a...in our pension plan, we had an auditor, I mean, we had an actuary that we fired because he used the wrong assumptions. So then we hired a new actuary, and the new actuary used all the wrong assumptions again! And they justified it, because they said, "Well, that's okay! Because you never have to change...you don't necessarily have to change the assumptions when you hire a new actuary." And that's true, unless the reason that you hired the new actuary is because the old assumptions were *wrong*!

You needed to connect those two things, you know, on that.

Let me close by saying this, and I'll be glad to answer any questions. San Diego, during the energy crisis, was the first place to go down! And I represented all of the ratepayers back then, I represented the lieutenant governor who brought a big case, and I don't think we sued Pasadena, but uh, I'm glad you guys got away with whatever you did, I hope you used it for good purposes, but uh, my point is, is that, and I used to tell people that one thing that could have been done with eminent domain is we could have taken back some of those power plants when we knew they were manipulating the numbers and stopped it! And saved, you know, the ratepayers from suffering. But I used to tell people that the energy crisis was a murder/suicide. First Enron murdered the ratepayers, who couldn't afford to pay the bills because of the prices got so out of hand, and that in turn resulted in the suicide of Enron 'cause

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they didn't have anybody therefore to pay all the bills to make all their expect...er, their projections in Wall Street. And so, the whole industry really took a major beating.

And that is what *happens* when you have the kind of Ponzi scheme that we're running right now, and it doesn't make any difference if it's abuse of redevelopment, abuse of the collective-bargaining process, the whole imposition of taxes on people that use the taxes for purposes that are not related to the taxes, across the board. In other words, the *whole* system, the *whole system* is corrupt. And we need a systematic reform of the system. And we're not asking for anything revolutionary. We're not asking for everyone to put sod on their roofs and immediately, you know, convert to walking to work. What we're asking for is just simply to use the instrumentalities of government to advance the common welfare. That's all we're asking for.

And what you're doing, in advancing the cause of redevelopment reform, is really helping to lift the burden of educating everyone about how the system is being manipulated. My, my friends on the other side of San Diego, this is gonna come as a shock to you, but some of the special interests in San Diego will not be endorsing me for city attorney. They, they, they really feel that they liked the last city attorney a little better than this current one, because the city attorney's office played the role of the plausible excuse-maker for every illegal act that went down. And in exchange, the city attorney's office feasted at the trough of those illegal pension benefits, to the, to the extent that not only did they allow it to go on but that they personally benefited.

In that, in that, in that *scam*, this is how, this is how far it went: They allowed them to buy 17,000 years of pension benefits at *massively* below what the real costs are. They allowed them to have a DROP program, that they said was cost neutral, that gave them 5 years, so they could still work for the City and get their salaries and then they also got their pension benefit payment, plus 8 percent guaranteed interest, plus

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2 percent cost of living, plus 3.2 percent match, plus a 13th check as a Christmas present. And they have 401(k)s that have matches, *and* they have a savings plan that has matches. You see what I'm saying?

There is *no* connection between serving the public anymore in San Diego, because the purpose of San Diego city government that was reconstituted to serve the interests of the people who are supposed to be public servants. And that is what we don't want to see happen in the rest of the state. I don't know how bad it is elsewhere, I don't know how bad it is in Downey or Fullerton or in any of your other cities, or in Orange County. I do remember remotely hearing about some financial problems in Orange County, but I am sure, I am sure that there are no problems with the pensions in the cities and the county of Orange; I know that that probably is not a problem.

But you know, let me just close, uh, and say that you don't need labor unions and civil service. You see what I mean? Civil service really is enough. The labor unions come at the City every year, two years, three years, and they *stay*; there's no term limits. And they rig the system. I am a liberal Democrat. I represented César Chávez and his union when he died. Okay? I was a UC Berkeley student body president. Okay? I'm not saying this because I'm antiunion. I swear what I'm saying is *true*. It is absolutely wrong to have the labor unions...controlling the whole process, year in and year out. Jerry Brown is the person who put that system into effect when he was governor. It did not used to be that way in California. It is something that *has not worked*. The government has been captured by these labor unions. I don't know if that's the way it is at the state level, but in San Diego, that's the way it is. And they have used their power to strangle the ability of government to provide simple services. Last year we spent \$15 million on our Qualcomm football stadium so the Chargers could make \$70 [million], and \$2 million maintaining all the streets and roads in San Diego. Two million dollars! Thank you. ■

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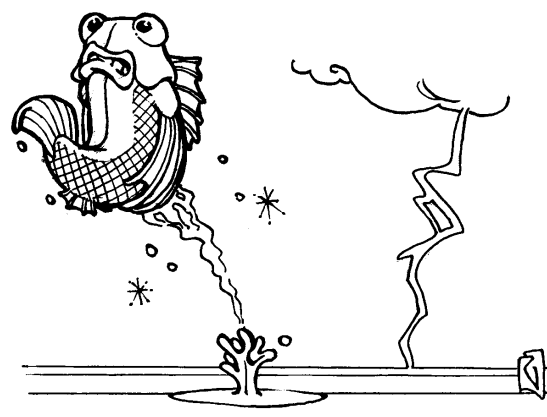




# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

Since water supposedly conducts electricity, why aren't people from coast to coast electrocuted when lightning strikes the ocean? We ask this since there is a slurry of revelers below the windows of our apartment who regale themselves in the pool at night after closing hours when we're trying to sleep. We've tried everything from asking nicely for them to pipe down to posing as a security guard and warning the drunkards. To no avail. What would be the outcome of the sauced slew if someone were to, say, plug in an electrical device, attach it to an extension cord, and throw it into the water?

— Sleepyhead, via e-mail

Assuming the pool isn't the size of the Pacific, you've actually got two different questions here. But we can understand; you're probably a little woozy from lack of sleep. First, we'll deal with the louts in the pool. Personally, we'd move, but if you're fed up enough and figure a jury would have to consider it justifiable homicide, then you've got a workable plan. Water is a good conductor of electricity. When the charge hits the *agua*, if there is no nearby grounded object (a person touching the plumbing, say), the charge disperses in all directions. The farther it travels, the weaker it gets. Depending on the size of your pool, a 120V appliance would have enough current force to fricassee all your rowdy neighbors. People have been killed in pools as a result of shorts in the underwater lighting systems, so a toaster should do the trick too.

You'll be foiled if you use a ground fault interrupter outlet or an appliance that automatically shuts itself off when a short's detected. But, hey — rather than ruining a perfectly good household gadget, why not cut the appliance off the cord and just throw in the cord? Guaranteed to do the job. And as we always say when we believe we could be arrested as accessories before the fact, when they put the cuffs on you, forget you ever heard my name. Or Grandma. Or the elves. We already are having trouble remembering yours.

If you throw a toaster into the Pacific, all you'll get is wet bread. If lightning strikes the Pacific, it's highly unlikely it would do any harm at all unless it hits a strike point that's somehow grounded. Or it hits a person. A sailboat would be a sitting duck for a lightning bolt. So would a sitting duck, for that matter. But with no grounded path to follow, the current in the bolt, again, would simply fade away. Nobody's done the measurements, but several lightning specialists estimate that the current from the average bolt that hits the water dissipates within a mile of the strike point.

M.A.

Where did we get the stupid expression, "The proof is in the pudding"? It doesn't make any sense to me.

— Wondering, San Diego

"Stupid," like, why's the proof in the pudding and not in cabbage rolls or Rice Krispie squares or tequila shooters? Yeah, we can see your point. But maybe it doesn't make sense to you because it's not the right stupid expression. The proof isn't in the pudding — "The proof of the pudding is in the eating" is the correct version. Is that any better? No? Hmm. The adage goes back so far — at least 700 years — that the word nerds have no single origin for it. What they were trying to say back in the 14th Century is, "Talk all you like about how good the pudding is. Until we try it we won't really know." It's undoubtedly British. And "pudding" is a general term for the dessert course over there. Not sure that has anything to do with the situation. Anyway, that's about all we can do for you. If the proof of the smartass is in the answer, well, we may have pulled up short this time.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have enclosed two comics from the Sunday Union, along with the same comics from two other Sunday papers that I read. Please note that the local paper doesn't have as many panels as the other two. Why aren't we getting the full strip in the Union?

— From Whom It May Concern

In some secret back room of the U-T lurk thousands of clipped-out Sunday-comic panels that never saw print. Is that what you're proposing? If you demand full cartoon value for your Sunday buck, from time to time you are definitely shortchanged. According to United Features Syndicate, newspapers have different space availabilities for multi-panel comic strips. Rather than ask a cartoonist for two or three renditions of each Sunday strip to suit these formats, the artist includes a drawing that in the funnies biz is called a throw-away panel. It's a panel that can be eliminated without ruining the joke — usually just one character striking a pose or some such, without dialogue. Space-challenged papers dump the throw-away and run the rest. And I'm amazed that a guy who reads three Sunday papers has time to notice stuff like this.


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## Great Race. Part One.

**A** Great Race seizes you, makes you wonder how a human being could start and finish such a thing. I don't include the Indy 500, any Formula 1 race, any NASCAR race, the America's Cup race, Boston Marathon, and the like on my list of Great Races. For me, a Great Race is one person and a great distance. Sailing has the Vendee Globe, a one-person, nonstop round-the-world race held every four years. Sled-dog racing has the Yukon Quest, one musher, one team, 1000 miles. Mushers must carry their own food and supplies.

San Diego is home to...make that, is in the same neighborhood as two Great Races: the Baja 1000 and the strangely overlooked Race Across America (RAAM), an annual bicycle race that begins on the Oceanside Municipal Pier and ends 3043 miles and nine days later in Atlantic City, New Jersey. *Outside Magazine* calls it the "World's Toughest Race."

RAAM, for those personhoods who compete in the Traditional Solo Division, is a pure Great Race. You start, the clock starts. You finish, the clock stops. The person with the least amount of time on his clock wins. Traditional solo cyclists typically ride 22 hours a day and gobble 10,000 calories while they pedal.

This year's solo race goes off at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 10 in Oceanside. Team divisions start at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12. Same place.

There are several to many divisions in RAAM, as there are in other Great Races, and I'll get to some of them later, but it's the solo riders who beckon you into the big top. Put your mind around one person, one bicycle, 3043 miles. Elevations run from 170 feet below sea level at Mecca, California (a little north of Salton Sea) to 10,550 feet at Colorado's Wolf Creek Pass. Add all the ups together and riders climb 108,600 feet by the time they hit the Atlantic Ocean. And they'll do it alone; race rules prohibit traditional solo riders from riding together.

For a Great Race, the buy-in is incredibly cheap. I found the following on RAAM's excellent website ([raceacrossamerica.org](http://raceacrossamerica.org)). This is Peter Moffett, 2007 race route director, talking about what it costs to compete.

You can do it for "\$10,000 and still do a reasonable job. On the low/medium end, you need two follow vehicles.... You will feed a crew of six to eight and keep them in motels for about 18 days.... If your crew is a friendly

lot, three or four in a room works at least part time.... Find a sponsor or two, and you may get your cost down to near \$0....

"If — and it's a big IF — you have friends who will crew and can put together a functional pace car with stuff at hand and you've got all your own riding gear, you should be able to do it for \$2000 to \$3000 USD, including entry fees, and all have a fantastic time.

"...Most RAAMsters will have at least two support vehicles.... They are in it to win. If you're in it for fun and to finish, you only need one reliable vehicle and a crew of three resourceful buddies. Everything else is redundant. Costs and manpower increase exponentially with the number of vehicles.

"I've crewed the solo race 17 times.... There is no correlation between money spent and chances of finishing, although winning is something else. Also, I've found that the bigger the crew, the less fun, because it becomes all about keeping the crew happy and the fleet of vehicles on the road. The rider is relegated to just being the excuse for the adventure...."

As I said, the race has many divisions. Besides Traditional Solo, there is Enduro Solo (riders must spend 40 hours off their bikes between Oceanside and Atlantic City). There are 13 two-person teams, 18 four-person teams, and 8 eight-person teams, plus corporate teams, age-specific teams, and more.

Next week we'll look at one of the eight-person teams, North Coast Cycling, which is connected to North Coast Church, an evangelical congregation headquartered in Vista. I should have said an evangelical and athletic congregation since two pastors, Jeff Holmes and Ron Downing, are on the team.

Also on the team is Pete Penseyres, 64, who owns RAAM's fastest solo record, plus two other RAAM records, and is a 2003 UltraCycling Hall of Fame inductee.

But, it's Pete's teammate and brother, Jim, who got my attention. Jim Penseyres, 2004 UltraCycling Hall of Fame inductee, lost his left leg four inches below the knee in Vietnam. He started his first RAAM solo race in 1985, finished after 11 days and change. Did it again in '87, finished in 11 days plus. And again in 1990, this time finishing in 10 days and change.

We'll talk to him next week.

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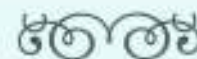
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**Sundayschool enrollment:** 125 in Sabbath school  
**Annual budget:** \$500,000 to Conference (pas-  
tor's salary drawn from this), plus \$200,000 for  
local upkeep, including Christian education  
**Weekly giving:** n/a  
**Singles program:** young adults program  
**Dress:** semiformal to formal  
**Diversity:** diverse  
**Sunday worship:** Sabbath (Saturday) service,  
10:45 a.m.  
**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour, 25 minutes  
**Website:** [www.pvchurch.org](http://www.pvchurch.org)

A wide range of musical styles carried a wide  
range of religious sentiments during the first  
half of the Sabbath serv-  
ice. Old-timey hymn  
piano, keeping the beat  
under the opening  
songs: "Majesty, wor-  
ship His majesty/ Jesus  
who died/ Now glori-  
fied/ King of all kings..."  
Bright, booming organ  
as a Navy man  
processed the flag down  
the aisle for Memorial  
Day: "Mine eyes have  
seen the glory of the  
coming of the Lord..."  
A more staid perform-  
ance under the theme  
song: "Marvelous Grace  
of our loving Lord/  
Grace that exceeds our  
sin and our guilt!" Pop  
piano under a young  
woman's solo: "Who is  
He, with the eyes that  
burn like fire? Who is  
He? Oh, the wonder  
He inspires." A tradi-  
tional piano duet dur-  
ing the second collec-  
tion to the tune of "Jesus  
Loves Me, This I Know."  
And, finally, acoustic  
guitar for a ballad:  
"Lord, you have my  
heart, and I will search  
for you/ Let me be to  
you a sacrifice."

After the children's story ("God needs  
each one of us in his toolbox") and the col-  
lection (children making their way up the  
aisles, tiny baskets in hand), congregant Harry  
Bennett stepped up to the lectern. "Prayer is  
the answer to every problem in life," he said,  
smiling. "Did you hear that? It puts us in tune  
with divine wisdom, which knows how to  
adjust everything perfectly.... Whatever you  
need; if you trust God, He will supply it. Folks,  
this is the second week of our Global Rain  
Prayer — potentially 16 million people pray-  
ing for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit... It's  
suggested that, in your private devotions, you  
pray for 40 minutes for the 40 days."

"Let us now kneel for prayer," said Pas-  
tor Will James, and the congregation shifted  
forward onto its knees, though there were no  
kneelers. "Good morning, Lord. I come to  
You this morning on behalf of this congrega-  
tion.... They have come in the expectation of  
a rich blessing from You during the service.  
We praise You because of who You are.... We  
come confessing the faults of this past week....

There are some who are struggling.... Be with  
them, Lord. Now, Lord, bless our worship."

The sermon returned to Bennett's theme  
of prayer. First, Pastor James cited Revelations  
18:1, which, he argued, referred to the time just  
before the Second Coming: "After this, I saw  
another angel coming down from heaven; he  
had great authority, and the earth was illu-  
minated by his splendor." But he cited Ezekiel  
43 to argue that the illumination was actually  
the splendor of God: "I saw the glory of the  
God of Israel...the land was radiant with His  
glory." After all, Jesus himself said in John 8:  
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows  
me...will have the light of life." When he says  
in Matthew 5, "You are the light of the world,"  
James explained, "He's saying that if we fol-  
low Him, we will have light. We are the light  
only insofar as we reflect Christ. We are His  
moon, if you please." More than that, "We are  
His angel messengers.... It's not the angel that's  
important; it's the message."

What is the mes-  
sage we bear? The angel  
in Revelation shouts,  
"Fallen, fallen is Baby-  
lon the Great! She has  
become a home for  
demons." And another  
heavenly voice says,  
"Come out of her, my  
people, so that you will  
not share in her sins."  
That, to James, echoed  
Revelations 14, "a pas-  
sage...very familiar to  
Adventists. We know  
it as the three angels'  
messages. The second  
of those angels also pro-  
claimed "Fallen, fallen  
is Babylon," but the first  
"had the eternal Gospel  
to proclaim to those  
who live on the earth."  
"That's the message,"  
said James. "The com-  
pleted, atoning sacri-  
fice of Christ. Fallen  
Babylon — the sins and  
all those things — is  
the *setting*.... Friends,  
I believe it is time once  
again for that message  
to be preached.... I  
believe that God is...set-  
ting in motion a move-  
ment that will finish  
the work, so we can



WILL JAMES

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delivery.....★★½

### Liturgy.....★★

### Music

congregational.....★★  
band.....★★½

### Snacks.....no snacks

### Architecture.....★★

### Friendliness.....★★★½

Poor to satisfactory.....(none)

Good.....★

Very good.....★★

Excellent.....★★★

Extraordinary.....★★★★

soon go home."

To that end, he exhorted the congrega-  
tion to participate in Operation Global Rain,  
praying for an outpouring of God's spirit, "so  
that we could fulfill the prophecy of Revela-  
tions 18."

What happens when we die?

"We believe in what many people refer  
to as the sleeping soul," said James. "In creation,  
God formed man...breathed into his nostrils  
the breath of life, and man became a living soul.  
When your breath leaves you, you return to  
dust, and you remain in the grave until the res-  
urrection, when Christ returns. There is no life,  
no thought during that time. There is not a  
soul that goes to heaven. At the resurrection,  
Christ gives that life again, and you are res-  
urrected with a perfect body. Resurrection  
and judgment are kind of simultaneous. The  
wicked are destroyed at that point, and the  
righteous go to heaven to be with Christ."

— Matthew Lickona

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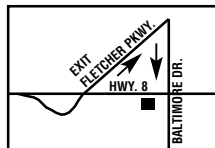
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—EVE KELLY

I've been tired, bordering on lopy, all week. I eat pretty well, and I do a bit of walking, but I was beginning to think more was needed. I scanned the bulletin board at Whole Foods — detox programs, vitamin regimens, colon hydrotherapy...

Rebecca Enders, an I-ACT (International Association for Colon Therapy) certified colon hydrotherapist at Inner Bliss (760-518-0979; [www.innerbliss.com](http://www.innerbliss.com)) in Del Mar, told me, "Colon hydrotherapy is also known as a colonic. It is a procedure that involves introducing a warm, low pressure flow of purified water into the colon, in hopes of softening and loosening waste material so that it can be released."

"Naturally," explained Enders, "the human body is designed to consume things the way we find them in nature; things like fruits and vegetables, which have water content and high fiber. We can handle meat and refined foods in smaller doses, but for the most part, our digestive tract is designed for fruits and vegetables. Today, people eat mainly processed foods that have little water or fiber. Without the bulk created from water and fiber, the colon muscles are not triggered for peristalsis, the contractions that move waste material through the colon. Waste material that does not move through in a timely manner will rot and produce more toxins, and may even provide a breeding ground for bad bacteria and yeast." She won't draw any connections between built-up waste and colon cancer, but she does note that the two regions where she typically finds the most buildup "correspond to where 80 percent of colon cancer occurs."

In addition to the rotting waste material, "even if we are trying to be healthy by eating a salad, unless it's organic, the vegetables will have pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides on them. They are all toxins. Personal-care products, prescription and over-the-counter medications, cleaning products, and even the water we bathe in [which contains chlorine] all have toxins." These toxins build up in the system if they are not eliminated regularly, and could lead to health problems in the future.

Enders said her clients come to her reporting issues such as "headaches, bloating, constipation, gas, digestive disorders, skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, and acne, low energy, and cloudy thinking. They even complain of food cravings, which could be due to poor absorption of nutrients."

A colon-hydrotherapy session starts out with getting the client to relax. "The first thing I do," said Enders, "is work pressure points along the legs that stimulate the colon. I also tune in to the body and see what it needs to relax. I have 15 different aromatherapy oils all with different applications. Lavender is proven to aid in relaxation and stress reduction. Orange oil has an uplifting property; I might use that if someone seems exhausted or a little down. I then do a massage around the temple, neck,



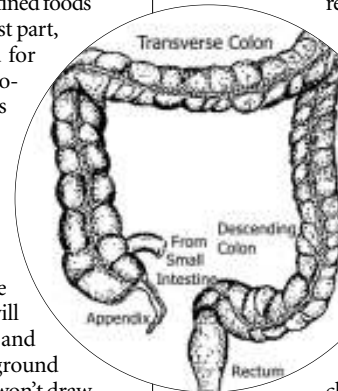
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and shoulders to aid in relaxation."

After the client is relaxed, it is time to start the colonic, which begins with the insertion of the disposable speculum. "The speculum is not very large — about a half-inch in diameter. It goes in only two inches, and sits in the rectum. Two tubes are connected to the speculum. One is the waste tube, which is how all of the waste material leaves the colon during the session. The other is the water tube, which brings in a very low pressure flow of warm purified water. The water is triple-filtered: a particle filter to remove any debris; a carbon filter to take out chlorine, heavy metals, and minerals; and a UV light which kills off any microorganisms." (While we're on the subject of cleanliness: Enders noted that every patient receives a new set of tubing, and that the procedure is very sanitary, with no wetness or odor. "Everything goes out the waste tube directly into the plumbing.")

Because the water enters at a very low pressure, it can eventually flow around the entire six feet of the colon. The amount of water used varies from person to person. During a session, a client will have multiple fills and releases. The client is filled with water, and then the waste is released. This cycle is repeated four to ten times, depending on the length of each fill and release. The fills range from a cup of water to a couple quarts of water, depending on the client's comfort level and how much waste material is in the colon. When the client feels that they have had



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enough water, or if Enders sees the pressure gauge rise, it is time for the client to release. "As long as they are comfortable, they can keep taking water. If they start feeling pressure — a sensation telling them they have to go to the bathroom — I stop. To facilitate maximum release, Enders massages the abdominal area and works reflexology points during the session."

Clients often report "an immediate feeling of being much lighter in the abdominal area, and that their stomach is very flat." Also, alleviation of the aforementioned conditions. "And one of the greatest things is that clients who come in regularly tell me they don't get sick anymore. I haven't been sick for eight years — not even a sniffle."

Single sessions of colon hydrotherapy cost \$85 and last one hour. Buying multiple sessions in a package saves money: 3 for \$240, 6 for \$460, and 12 for \$900. How often you should be treated depends on the client, said Enders. "Everyone has a different diet and lifestyle, different health conditions, different patterns of elimination, and different health goals. Once I do the health intake at the beginning of the session and see how the client releases during the colonic, I can make a better assessment of how many sessions should be done and how frequently they should be done. My goal is for people to remember what it feels like to feel healthy and vibrant. I don't want this to be just a quick fix. I want it to be the starting point for people to change their diet and lifestyle."

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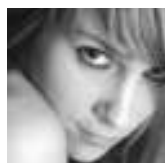
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# Dancing Bears

*With time, even a bear can learn to dance.*  
— Yiddish proverb

David doesn't dance. Sure, he may bob his head to the music here and there, and, if he's had enough wine, he might even sing along to something and tap his foot. But despite my attempts to talk him into it, David, not unlike John Lithgow's character in the movie *Footloose*, simply refuses to get down. Since nothing short of surgery could separate me from my other half, it's no wonder I haven't been dancing since we became attached.

**"Jen made it sound like ecstasy, but I don't know why I got so excited. For God's sake, they sell it at Henry's for ten dollars."**

I forgot who suggested it first, but it doesn't matter — once the idea was out there, it took on a life of its own. On Saturday night, my girlfriends and I were going dancing. Location was crucial. Downtown was briefly considered but tossed aside due to the prevalence of hip-hop music (way too hard to dance to) and irritating regulars (starving wolves in shiny shirts and bleached-blond sheep in

halter tops). For a group of women who want to dress up and dance to techno music without being molested or drooled upon, Hillcrest was the only way to go.

Nostalgic reveries of countless Thursday nights spent dancing to the heavy techno beats of resident DJ Jon Bishop's Club Hedonism led me to suggest Rich's as the venue for our dance therapy. Hedonism drew a mixed crowd — girls and guys, gay and straight — everyone resplendent in glitter and feathers, sucking on pacifiers and twirling glowsticks, or whatever happened to be the rave-y trend of the minute. The music was fast, the drinks were strong, and the majority of the clientele

were fun-loving gay men. It was perfect. Rosa and Amy were to be my dates for the evening. We rendezvoused at 10 a.m. with Janet and Jen for an hour of pre-dancing pampering in the new nail salon on Sixth Avenue. The old salon doesn't hold a flower-painted talon to the new one, which, in addition to having a friendlier staff, nicer decor, and more comfortable massage chairs, tunes its stereo to some satellite radio station that might as well be named, "Barb's Favorite House Music Picks 2000." The music transported me back to my rave days. By the end of our mani-pedi party, I was in the mood to find something suitably elaborate to wear, so we went in search of accoutrements and found some fabulous black feather lashes at Flashbacks.

"I'm a little concerned," I said to David while he was lacing my leather corset. "You're always worried about *something*," David sighed. Ignoring his comment, I continued, "What if I get sleepy?" It was a rhetorical question. I had already popped a Yellow Bullet High Velocity Energizer — a canary-colored capsule containing 300mg of caffeine that I got at a vitamin store — to stave off lethargy. I used to be a night owl. I once frequented a club that opened its doors at midnight and didn't close them until six in the morning. But in the past few years, I

have morphed from night owl into red-bellied robin. Accustomed to leaving my house at first light to go work out, I spring to life at 6 a.m. each morning without the aid of an alarm clock. Though my regimen endows me with abundant energy during the day, I'm usually tuckered out by ten. Rosa arrived on time at 8:30. We were both dressed in black. Amy soon showed up, illuminating my living room with her light blond hair, snowy white dress, and strappy, ivory heels. As we sipped our wine, Amy looked like an angel flanked by two dark, red-lipped devils. Amy had brought with her a bottle of sublingual B-12s that dissolve in your mouth for a "fast-acting energy boost." At least that's what our friend Jen said they would do. "My expectations are high," Amy said as she opened the bottle and doled out the little pink pills. We waited for what seemed like an eternity for the things to disappear in our mouths. Rosa lost her patience and chewed the rest of hers. Amy and I were steadfast. We finished our wine, and I asked Amy if she felt anything that could be attributed to the pill. "No," she answered. "Jen made it sound like ecstasy, but I don't know why I got so excited. For God's sake, they sell it at Henry's for ten dollars." I gave her a Yellow Bullet and then the three of us headed out. I didn't know if the club opened at 9 or 10. Either way, we all agreed that show-



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ing up at 9:45 would be terribly uncool, so we ducked into Bite, my current culinary crush, for a sake cocktail. My scalp started to tingle from the caffeine and ma huang mixture that had filled the yellow capsule. Without my glasses (which I'd traded for the two-inch long feathers on my lashes), I was as blind as a two-day-old kitten, but by staying close to my cohorts, I managed to make it to Rich's without stumbling.

There are as many types of gay men as there are straight — the sensitive guy, the party animal, the intellectual, etc. We entered the club expecting to be surrounded by searing hot flamboyancy, hoping for a massive dose of that spectacular mix of masculine energy and feminine wiles all wrapped up in sinewy, impeccably dressed packages. But we didn't get boys. We got bears.

Even sans specs, it didn't take me long to grok the scene. Over the dance floor, red and blue lights mingled with blackness, creating a color scheme evocative of the leather pride flag; a paw print — the symbol of the gay "bear" community — was emblazoned on a banner. I grabbed a flyer and held it close to my face. Apparently, it was not only the monthly party for bears (giant, furry men), but it was also the DVD release party for *Mr. Leather*.

Amy looked confused. Unlike Rosa and me, she had never partied with this particular faction of men. I think I made it worse when I tried to break down the gay-male-fetish community for her by briefly running through the nuances of drag queen vs. transvestite, top vs. bottom, leather vs. rubber, and B&D vs. S&M. "Forget it," I said in the end. "Let's dance."

Sandwiched between dozens of exposed fuzzy potbellies, we shook our groove thangs. Rosa swung her head like an

'80s rocker girl, Amy's moves were slow and sexy, and I gyrated to the beat like a kid stomping in a rain puddle.

To cope with the aggressive-looking bears towering above her, Amy, an itty-bitty thing, downed a few of the strong vodka concoctions for which Rich's is known. When the music became redundant almost two hours later, I suggested a change of venue.

"We'll do this again soon," I said, as we walked back up University Avenue. "Only, next time, I'll check to make sure the crowd is more our style."

"Yeah!" said Amy. It was after one and the street was closing down. Amy was irritated when we were turned away at both Wine Steals and Baja Betty's.

"I guess it's for the best. If places were open later, people would just keep drinking," I said. My opinion surprised me. I used to crave New York's

up-all-night mentality and lament San Diego's early-to-bed policy. But now that I've come to appreciate the joys of early rising and down comforters, I couldn't get home soon enough to brush my teeth and swath myself in Egyptian cotton.

Amy, teetering on her heels, said she'd leave her car at my place and catch a cab home. When she tried to get into a taxi that was already taken, and then needed reminding that her house keys and wallet were back at my place, I insisted on driving her home myself. Rosa perked up at the idea and asked if she could ride along. After we'd dropped our angel by her front door, Rosa turned to me with a guilty, impish smile on her face and spoke the words that are meant to be spoken after clubbing — words I hadn't heard since the last time I'd been dancing at Rich's over five years ago: "Hey, let's go to Jack in the Box!" ■

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“I played Nakamura. He was 18 years old at the time, at the 2005 U.S. Championship. His name is Hikaru Nakamura. And he’s the top U.S. player right now.”

This is the top chess player in San Diego, international master (IM) Cyrus Lakdawala, 46. He’s telling me about the strongest opponent he’s ever faced.

“This kid Nakamura’s just a natural genius,” Lakdawala says. “And I don’t normally use that term. I think it’s thrown about, like, ‘Oh, this guy’s a genius,’ and ‘That guy’s a genius.’ But Nakamura really *is* a genius. He was a

16-year-old grand master. The top seed at the U.S. Championship. I think he’s almost 20 now.”

Lakdawala has been a professional chess player for the past 27 years. He’s one of the best in the world. The average serious chess player rates about 1500. Lakdawala’s international rating is 2424. But the U.S. Champion, Nakamura, rates a 2651.

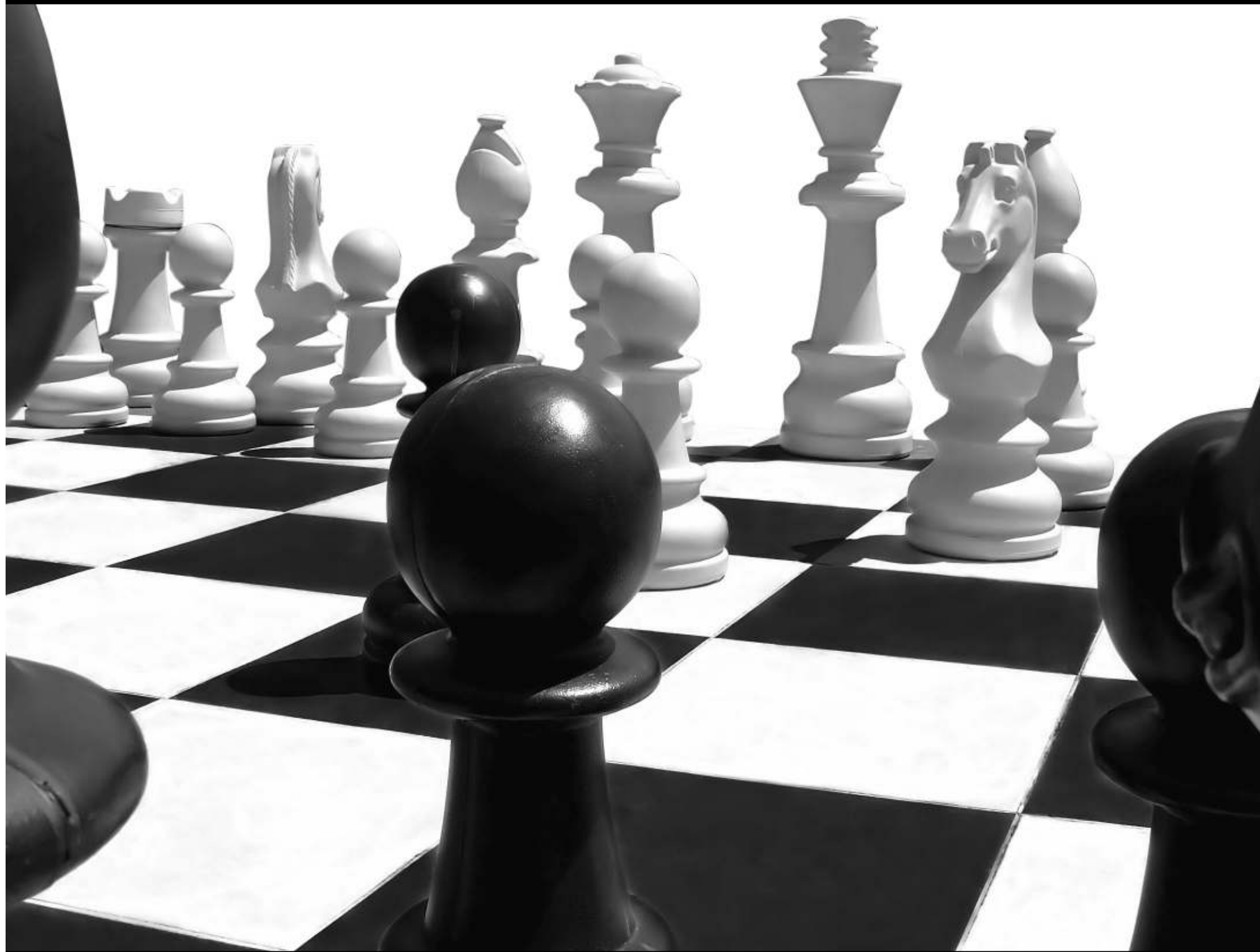
“When I played this kid,” Lakdawala says, “I remember one point in the game where I spent 45 minutes on this incredibly long combination. I had a horrible feeling in my heart that it wasn’t going to work, but I had to do it, because it looked like I was winning. I spent 45 minutes thinking it through, and I just

plunged into the position. I’d worked out what I felt was a win at every line. So I made my move. And Nakamura looked at the position, and then he sat back in his chair, and he looked up at the ceiling. He looked at the ceiling for about 5 minutes, after I moved. He didn’t even look at the board. He was just looking at the ceiling, which was actually very intimidating. He was working it out in his head and not looking at the board.”





# Can't Hide Who You Are



Lakdawala chuckles. “And then he made his move, and we banged out the entire sequence that I thought was going to happen. At the tail end, he saw one move further, and my whole position just collapsed completely. He saw this in his head in 5 minutes. He saw one move further than I did, in 5 minutes in his head, than what I could see in 45 minutes of looking at

the board. You just can’t beat someone like that. The genetics are too powerful. You would have to have blind luck. He would have to be sick, or just really off, or maybe I could beat him on a good day.”

Lakdawala was born in India in 1960, grew up in Montreal, and came to San Diego in 1978. Lakdawala’s father, who’s also a strong

player, taught young Cyrus chess when he was about eight. Now, Lakdawala teaches chess, plays it every day, and writes about the game for numerous organizations, such as Chess Ninja and the U.S. Chess Federation. He was the chess columnist for the *Union-Tribune* for almost ten years in the ’80s and early ’90s.

The first time I called Lakdawala on the



telephone, his son answered and passed him the phone. Lakdawala sounded friendly and had a kind of “aw, shucks” tone to his voice. I wanted to meet him. Would Wednesday night at the San Diego Chess Club be a good time and place? He told me that would work out fine. Next I asked him for the phone number of one of his students, the most talented young player in the area, a 17-year-old named Elliott Liu (whom we’ll meet later), and Lakdawala said, “I’m sorry, but could I call you back soon with that number?” We’d been chatting amiably for two minutes, but now he let it be known: he was in the middle of an online chess game. “I’m almost through playing,” he said. “It’s a blitz game. A three-minute game. I’ll call you in, like, five minutes, if that’s okay.”

I couldn’t believe it. He was having a conversation with me while playing chess with someone else. (And he won!) He was apologetic about not being able



Elliott Liu

to get the phone number just then — he was making quick chess moves, after all. “I play every day on the Internet,” he explained. “I’m considerably higher rated

than other players in San Diego, and I need to play international masters and grand masters, and the only way to do that is through the Internet.”

I can’t pat my head and rub my stomach at the same time, but Cyrus Lakdawala can be gracious while simultaneously competing in perhaps the most intricate

and challenging game ever invented.

The following Wednesday, I stroll up to the San Diego Chess Club on the outskirts of Balboa Park. It’s a chilly evening, just after dark, and the best chess players in town are beginning to arrive for the 2007 Club Championship. Lakdawala and I shake hands and talk a little chess. I recognize him from some of the photos online. He’s rather giant and looks gentle. He seems almost to have a permanent shrug, a genial indifference that is perhaps the result of hunching over chessboards for the better part of his life.

Lakdawala shows me around, introducing me to club president Ron Rezendes and to other local players, and it becomes apparent that everyone assumes I don’t know how to play chess. One older gentleman even explains some of the rules. I decide to play dumb and bide my time, nodding and taking notes in my yellow pad.

Finally, about a half hour before the tournament is scheduled to start, Lakdawala and I are standing near a chessboard with all the pieces set up, and I tell him I’d like to play him sometime. “Sure,” he answers. “We could play right now.” And we sit down to it.

What Lakdawala doesn’t know is that I used to play chess seriously in New York City in the early ’90s, and I was a pretty strong player then, right around an 1800. Chess ratings are figured by tabulating a player’s wins, losses, and draws in sanctioned matches. If you beat a higher-rated player, your own rating goes up a lot. If you beat a lower-rated player, it hardly goes up at all. If I were still rated 1800 and I beat Cyrus Lakdawala in an official tournament match, my rating might jump as many as 30 points from one game, while Lakdawala’s rating could plummet nearly as much.

So I take white and

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make a strong opening salvo. After six moves, I completely control the center of the board. Lakdawala sits back and kind of smiles over at me. "So you know how to play this game," he says. I swell with pride. I figure my only chance, playing an IM, is to try and take him by surprise. "I actually don't like my position right now at all," Lakdawala says, and leans forward again. And a few Chess Club members start to mill around, commenting that I clearly hold the upper hand.

It doesn't last long. Lakdawala attacks me with his bishop and his queen. Eight moves later, the game's over. I've been mated.

"I thought you were just a journalist," Lakdawala says. "But you play pretty well. You should join the Chess Club."

The San Diego Chess Club has been around since the 1960s. Today, the club

boasts 200 members, aged 9 to 84, who get together for tournaments on Wednesdays and Saturdays, as well as for informal games throughout the week.

Walking around the fluorescently lit main hall of the club, I look at the framed portraits and write-ups of former chess world champions, and it reminds me how I've always thought of chess as a silent blood sport, as well as a quest for immortality.

By 7:30 p.m., 90 or so of the strongest players in the area are bent over their boards, locked in battle. They'd all arrived with their zip-up bags full of plastic pieces and green-and-white roll-out chessboards and nifty time clocks. They'd checked to see who they were playing, and then they'd begun. It's the 2007 Club Championship, and the only sounds are the whirl of heating fans, the intermittent taps of 45 time



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Bruce Baker

clocks, and the creaking of 90 chairs.

"The game is a lot more tension-filled than it appears," Lakdawala explains later over the telephone. "You know, your heartbeat rises as you play. Your hands get sweaty. Every Saturday I play in the local weekly

tournament at the Chess Club, which is called the Gambito, and it's pretty routine. I've been playing in it for about six years. And still, every Saturday morning, I get kind of this


little, mild stomachache. Because it really feels like you're going into battle. It's just unbelievable how tiring a full day of chess is."

So you think chess is a sport?

"It's definitely a sport," he says. "There's no question about it."

So you're an athlete? "Yeah. I don't look like an athlete. I'm this overweight 46-year-old. But it's a different type of muscle. Your brain only works for so long. You can only put it through so many hours of intense concentration. And then it gives in and says, 'I'm too tired. I can't go on.' It's a different type of pushing yourself. You're really straining to not let your concentration lapse. Or let your calculations slow down or become inaccurate. And it's more like force of will. When you think of an athlete, you think of muscles. Like a sprinter is using leg power. It's mainly physical. But chess is a sport, and the muscle is your will."

Isn't chess also an art?



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"You think that the result of the game and the outcome of the tournament are what matter most, but after about a year or two, you don't even think about the tournament or who won or lost. You just think about the game itself, and that's the thing that lasts, that you can show to people and you can publish. To me, chess is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen that was created by the human mind."

What about the scientific aspects of chess? The observations, experiments, collection of data, and testing of hypotheses? Isn't chess also a science?

"That's a very satisfying aspect of the game," Lakdawala agrees. "Preparing for a game against a dangerous opponent, I come up with different strategies for whether I'm going to be playing white or black. I have strategies lined up against their opening systems before the game begins. So whichever opponent I get, and whichever

color pieces I have, I'm ready. I've worked out things at home. And of course, they've done the same thing. So it becomes this game of paranoia. They know that you know that they know. You're basically trying to get inside your opponent's mind so you can understand what they're going to do. So it's scientific, because you know the exact positions that are likely to arise. You put these on databases, and you research those positions, and you look for new ideas within those positions. Then you have a whole host of incredibly strong computer programs, and they will bang out suggestion after suggestion, and every once in a while, the computer will come up with some move that just makes you go, 'Wow.'"

Are computers better than people are at chess?

"I'd say definitely, yes," Lakdawala says, and this surprises me. "At the very highest level, there's still a doubt. But you know,



Cyrus Lakdawala

recently, the world champion, Vladimir Kramnik, very decisively lost a six-game match 4-2 against the program Deep Fritz. And if the world champion

is being manhandled, you know, a lower-level professional player has no chance against a strong chess-playing computer."

So if human psychol-

ogy and the human will and the human sense of beauty can be crushed by the scientific ability of a computer to maintain data and crunch possibilities, then this argues against chess being an art.

"I disagree," Lakdawala says. "I think the computer is just the tool used by the artist. If you have an Olympic sprinter, he's not going to be upset that the Porsche beat him in the hundred meters. And so, to me, I hear that argument a lot, and I just think of computers as a tool. We created them. And so, anything they produce has been created by us. I see them as a scientific tool that can be used."

Sport, art, science...in the end, isn't chess just a game?

"It is a game. The competitive aspect is there. And that's the part I'm most nervous about. Because your ego tends to get involved. You're playing for your reputation. And that can become a big hindrance. You have to try to down-play ego. You get so frozen and so afraid that your reputation will be damaged by losing this game that it affects your play."

I want Lakdawala to

talk about the killer instinct. I remember when the former world champion — and highest-rated player in the history of chess at 2851 — Gary Kasparov said that you had to want to crush your opponent.

"Arrogance, unfortunately, can be a big part of top-level chess," Lakdawala says. "Because it goes from 'Oh, I play chess really well' to 'Oh, I'm smarter than you.' And it's not necessarily true. But that seems to be the logical conclusion a lot of professional chess players come to. You can feel how the other guy really dislikes you sometimes, and he really wants to humiliate you and crush you. The natural reaction is 'Hey, I want to do the same thing to you.' Now, I really try to fight that. I feel that that's a mistake. To get your ego all wrapped up in it. Only because I think you lose a lot of energy in distraction, in anger, in wanting revenge, for instance, against an opponent. A lot of loss of energy just trying to protect your ego. Like you create this perimeter around your ego, and you're always guarding it."

I'm glad that Lakdawala has addressed chess and

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ego, because my impression of him is that he seems awfully nice. Even when I sat down to play him, his attitude gave no indication that I was playing the best player in the room, much less the 65th best player in the whole country.

"I try not to take the opponent into account," Lakdawala says. "That's a trap. I've seen too many chess players get caught in this trap of ego protection and arrogance, and it just ruins you as a human being. The way I see it is, my goal is to put my pieces in harmony with each other, and if I do that, the natural result will follow. I will win."

What is it that makes a good chess player? Is it repetition? The study of strategies? Innate talent? Some combination of factors?

"I think you need the genetics. I've taught hundreds, and possibly thousands, of students over the last 27 years or so. And I've known some that just deeply, deeply love the game but do not have the talent to be where they want to be. You have to have the spatial perception. You have to be able to have an image in your mind, a very complicated image, because you



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have 16 pieces on each side, so 32 pieces total, and 64 squares, and these pieces are moving on these squares, and you've got to be able to hold that in your mind and move forward with the pieces, and then reverse it, and go back to the starting position of your analysis. And you've got to be able to hold that very clearly. The more clearly you can hold it, the stronger player you're going to be. So I

would say genetics is the strongest factor."

Lakdawala thinks a moment. "But another very important thing is love of the game. I've seen very talented students who never went far because they didn't really love the game.... And the last thing is plain old hard work. You know, the ones who work hard tend to pass the ones who rely on their talent alone."

What does one work

on when one works on chess?

"Your structures. You can't know everything in chess. It's too vast. And so you have to become a specialist. You specialize in certain structures. And you get so you know, within that structure, every possibility, every trade which is good for you, every trade which is bad for you. You know the timing of when should I make this exchange,

when should I pass this pawn — things like that. Until you feel like you can beat anyone in the world in a particular position. Of course you can't, but you've got to get that feeling."

How do you give chess

lessons?

"Every chess lesson is different. I tailor it to the student. Some players are very intuitive, and it's better just to play them. And we go over and over and over a certain structure that I recommend for them. After a while, they get the feel of it through play. Others are more analytical, and we get on the computer, and we work on the computer using databases and chess-playing programs."

How much do you charge for a lesson?

"I charge \$35 an hour."

How many hours a week do you spend on chess?

"I would say at least eight hours a day, just like a regular job."

Could you guess at your yearly earnings through chess?

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Are you serious?  
 “They say that chess is the most played game in the world, but the problem is, it’s like everybody plays chess, but nobody plays chess seriously. Because honestly, it’s too much effort. If I had to live my life again, I would not play chess. I’m absolutely certain. If I had hindsight, I wouldn’t go near a chessboard.”

What would you do?  
 “Anything else. I’d be a doctor, a scientist, an attorney, anything but chess. The thing that really bugs me is that it requires a monster effort just to reach a level where you can see the innate beauty of the game. And that bugs me, because I could create a masterpiece, and you could publish it in the paper, and there would be 25 people in San Diego who could say, ‘Hey, that’s a masterpiece.’ Out of one million or two million readers who see it.”

Spoken like a true artist. Or a philosopher. Do you have a philosophy of chess?

“Yes.” Lakdawala barely hesitates before answering. “Chess is a mirror of who you are. Every character

flaw that you have — are you patient? are you reckless? are you a coward? — all that will show up in your chess. And every personality trait that’s virtuous will also show up in your chess. You can’t hide who you are. So, for me, I’m overly cautious, and, I hate to say it, but I’m cowardly in my chess. I’m that way in life. I can’t say I’m a complete coward, but I’m definitely a guy who looks before he leaps. I tend to be very cautious about everything.”

Yet you’re the best player of a war game in Southern California.

“But there are many generals who are cautious,” Lakdawala says. “You know, they don’t want to lose their men. I just tend to creep forward. I don’t tend to storm the opponent. I like to build and build and build, until there’s an overwhelming force in one sector, and then strike. I only strike if I think the opponent has no chance of repelling the strike.”

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In chess, a teacher is called



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a “second.” Cyrus Lakdawala is the second of Elliott Liu. Liu, a 17-year-old junior at the Bishop’s School in La Jolla, is Lakdawala’s star student. His international rating is 2196, and last year, he was the youngest qualifier for the U.S. Championships. According to the

International Chess Federation (FIDE), Liu is among the top 400 chess players in the United States.

So how did Liu come to play chess?

“Long story,” he says. “Apparently, when I was really little, like, around five years old, I was into the

whole medieval knights and war stuff, like every little kid. And for Christmas in ’94 or ’95, I got a picture book with all this cool stuff, and it happened to come with a little picture instruction book and a little board with plastic pieces, and it showed the basics of chess. And my dad and I just messed around with it. Nothing serious at all. And I liked it. I kept playing. Without really knowing it, I fell in love with the game. I wasn’t that good, but I just wanted to play every day. My parents told me that they would hide under the sheets when they’d hear the pieces rattle down the hall, because I’d always be coming to play with them.”

Liu sounds so self-possessed, so self-aware, and so mature, I can’t believe he’s only 17.

“I was becoming pretty obsessive,” he says, “but I didn’t think anything of it. And then my mom, to try and keep me occupied, checked out a library book of annotated chess games, thinking maybe I’d pay more attention to that and stop bothering her all the time. And keep in mind, I

couldn’t really read yet, but I learned chess notation, the chess language, before I could even read. And I started playing through those games. And my parents were amazed. They didn’t really know what to do with me. They kept getting me book after book. When that didn’t slow me down, they took me to a friend’s house who said he was good at chess. And I beat him. The next thing I know, my parents got a teacher for me. The first lesson, when he came to the house, before he could even start talking, I told him that I had a game to show him. And I replayed several of the games from the book from memory. And that was pretty much it. I mean, from then on, the rest is history, as they say.”

And you were five years old?

“Yes.”

Why do you think you took to this game?

“There are many aspects that I like. It’s very competitive. The whole basic idea of solving a problem has always been my thing. And in some sense, it feels like you’re a com-

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mander in some war or something, or like a football coach, where you have these players that you're trying to guide through this maze of life, and you try to win in the end. But besides that, it was just a natural thing that clicked. I think if I hadn't had this natural talent, there would probably be no way that I would play chess the way that I do. It's just one of those strange things that kind of happened."

Does Liu have other, similar proclivities? Does he solve Rubik's Cube with his eyes closed, for instance?

Is he a math whiz?

"No, no, no," he says quickly. "It's that one thing. People ask me if I have a photographic memory, but I don't. You give me a piece of poetry to memorize, and I can't do it. I am good at math, but not that good, really. People say there's a correlation between chess, music, and math, and maybe there is. I mean, I do play the cello."

Do you play any sports? "Yes, I'm pretty athletic. I used to play pretty much every sport when I was little, but now it's mainly just football. I play safety and

wide receiver on the Bishop's football team. And I think chess really helps my game. I'm quite the sports fanatic, especially a football fanatic, and I always thought it would be really cool to be an offensive coordinator someday, because it's the same type of stuff as chess. You learn your offense, you learn your plays, and your players move. When I'm on the field, it's the same thing. As a safety, I try to read the quarterback, stay a few steps ahead, and then maybe I guess right."

How big are you?

"I'm about 5'11" tall,

170 pounds."

So you're involved in both the ultimate nerdy high school activity and the ultimate popular high school activity?

"Right."

What gives? Are you a nerd? Or are you popular?

"Luckily, I've always been well rounded, and that's what I always try to be. Among my friends, I've gone from something they can't understand at all to something that's really cool and recognized everywhere. But all my friends support me. They respect that I'm good at something, even if

they really don't understand it fully."

What about your chess friends? Aren't they jealous when you go suit up and hang out with the cheerleaders and get all the cheers at pep rallies?

"Oh, I don't know. I guess they might be jealous. But I think I fit in with all different groups of people. I like to socialize a lot with every type of person. And when you have a background in something academic — and I guess you could say, 'nerdy' — and in something athletic, and you're well rounded like

that, then it really helps, because you can talk to almost anyone."

Where are you going to go to college? What are you going to study?

"I don't know," Liu says. "I'm thinking medical school. And right now I'm looking at Duke. And I'm also looking at the University of Maryland, because I have a full scholarship to go there."

To do what?

"To play chess."

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"The U.S. Championship is the most prestigious chess tournament in the country. And last year I was the youngest player. I was 16. I think the oldest player was in his 70s. So there's no age limit. It's just the best players against the best players. You have to qualify to be there. It's not like the World Series of Poker or anything where you can just buy in. Most of the guys who get in are either the top ten in the nation, or they qualify through open tournaments. But the way I got in was by winning the 2005 U.S. Cadet, which is the U.S. championship for under 16s, which was how I got the scholarship to Maryland. And then later on that year, they told me that because I'd won that, I'd qualified to play in this mini-tournament against

three other strong junior players. By some miracle, I won that, and I got into the U.S. Championships. In 2006, they were held in San Diego, so I was like the hometown kid, and I was the youngest player, and all the attention was just incredible. The whole chess nation is watching you. All your games are broadcast and everything. So that was an amazing experience."

How'd you do?

"I did as well as Cyrus and I predicted," Liu says. "We thought it would be a miracle if I even scored one point. There were nine games total. And the competition was incredible. All these guys were pros. And they were all adults."

And if you won nine games, you'd get nine points? And if you tied nine games, you'd get four?

"Yes, the scoring's like

that. And the winner ended up with seven points, I think. Which is a very good score in these type of tournaments. I got three, which was, by our standards, a very good tournament. I started out against these two grand masters who are very well known, and somehow I drew those games, which was totally unexpected. So I was floating on cloud nine, and I got a little ahead of myself. I went through a rough patch during the middle of the tournament, where I lost three of the next four games. I finished okay, to kind of save it. But overall, it was just a great experience."

Have you played in any other big-time tournaments?

"I played in the Pan-American Chess Championship in Ecuador last year." Liu's tone becomes ironic.

"To make a long story short, I'll just say that it was a very poorly organized tournament. The hotel that we stayed in had no heat, and it was winter there in the Andes. So it was about 30 or 40 degrees, and the playing hall was this huge stadium, and it was freezing. I had to wear ski clothing while I played. The hotel was even worse. Not only was it cold, but people partied throughout the night. You heard broken bottles, people vomiting, the trash-

dump people coming and making a racket. It was just ridiculous. And after all that, let's see...I somehow won the tournament. I won the gold medal. And in the process, I was accused of cheating, and then they cheated on me. But we appealed that, and we won."

How do you cheat at chess?

"There are a number of ways. There've been these huge scandals lately with computer cheating. There are these powerful chess-

playing computers that are mainstream now. Often-times, what people will do is they plant earpieces in their ears, or something like that, and then they have their guy back at the room relaying moves to them. It's relatively easy to do, but people have been caught at every level of chess. It's a big problem. They're even doing drug testing in chess now. They're trying to ban caffeine and brain stimulants. It's ridiculous."

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games can last for hours. I can't imagine sitting over a chessboard for five hours and not having any caffeine. And what if you have to go to the bathroom during a six-hour match?

"That's a common misperception," Liu says. "You don't have to sit in your chair for a whole chess match. I could never sit at a chess board for more than 15 minutes. I'm always walking around. Like, a lot of the tournaments are held in Vegas, and you go out of the room, and into the casino, and you can watch ESPN or something. You don't have to sit there at all. Which is good and bad, because you say, 'Well, what about cheating? The guy could go anywhere.' And that's kind of the honor-system thing. But in bigger tournaments, there's a loose rule that you shouldn't leave the room unless you have a good reason. And the rooms are usually huge. Chess tournaments are almost always played in big ballrooms or convention halls or something. It's not like you're confined in some tiny space. But you can get up, walk around,



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or get something to eat, because these games last so long, there's no way you could sit there the whole time. And I have a short attention span as it is, as strange as that sounds. I think I have a minor ADD issue when I play chess."

So that's how your personality externally affects

your chess. How does your personality come out through the game itself?

"Prior to the U.S. Championship, I was pretty wild and erratic. I got where I was, which was obviously very high, through a kind of 'live by the sword, die by the sword' type of attitude. Once I reached the U.S. Championship, after that tournament, I realized that to really get better, I could-

n't have that type of personality on the board. So I went home and retooled all my openings. Now I'm a much more conservative, solid player. But when the time's right, I usually lash out with some kind of crazy something."

So you're a little crazy. Is that because you're so young?

"Usually, kids in general are a lot more fickle,"

Liu concedes. "They like more exciting, crazy positions than the older people do."

What about killer instinct? Do you want to just dominate and crush your opponent?

"Definitely. Yes. Once you sit down at the board, you have to have the same thought process as a pitcher wanting to dominate a hitter, or a boxer wanting to knock someone out. You need to have that, or else the game can just slip out of your hands, like in any other sporting event."

Chess is a sport?

"There is always that debate," Liu says. "But it's definitely a sport. And those who play high-level competitive chess will know what I'm talking about. There was some statistic that playing a chess tournament was the equivalent of playing a bunch of soccer games in a row, or something like that. For someone my age, you can picture taking six SATs in a row over a three-day period, or that type of thing. After one intense chess game, you're just exhausted. And that kind of concentration burns calories. I actually lose weight throughout the course of a tournament."

You have to eat like Lance Armstrong or something. You have to eat a high-protein diet every night, you don't get much sleep, you have to prepare... It's weird. People don't realize what it really takes."

Is chess an art?

"It's definitely a combination of art and sport. For the people who play, it's a beautiful game. There are just beautiful games. There are prizes for brilliance at tournaments, and you don't have to win games to win those prizes. People who play the game appreciate well-played games. But you have to be careful not to get too fancy and artsy and then lose."

Is chess a science?

"Yes," he says. "There are definite rules and laws. And you have to study those."

How far, in the end, does Elliott Liu want to go with chess?

"As far as it takes me, I guess," says Liu. "Chess, unfortunately, isn't very lucrative, so I don't think I want to just pour everything into it. But I think I'll play throughout college, and I'd like to pick up the international master title. I'll just take it as far as it goes, and I'll be happy." ■

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# JORGE HANK TALKS



Jorge Hank

Last Wednesday, May 2, was a day of reckoning foretold by many Tijuana. They may not have been able to peg the exact date it would happen, but they knew it was coming: Antonio Vera Palestina would be captured. *They got Vera Palestina!* began as a midnight whisper the night before, when the former bodyguard wanted in connection with the murder of “El Gato” Felix was taken into custody at the border. *They got Vera Palestina!* became a shout just after sunrise amid the commotion at Eighth and Constitución, outside the Tijuana police station. Later in the morning it was official: they had finally captured Tijuana’s most-wanted fugitive, a short, bearded man who could at last shed light on one of the many unsolved murders of Mexican journalists.

As word of Vera’s arrest spread through the city, Jorge Hank Rhon, principal owner of the Caliente racetrack and the man Vera had guarded for the last several years, was in Mexico City. Ever since Vera’s disappearance, the April 20, 1988 murder of Héctor “Gato” Felix Miranda, a widely read columnist for the Tijuana newspaper *Zeta*, had been laid at Hank’s feet. Another of Hank’s bodyguards, Victoriano Medina Moreno, was convicted of the murder last August and sentenced to 27 years in prison. But it was Vera who many Tijuana believe actu-

ally pulled the trigger on the shotgun, and only Vera could provide the testimony that might implicate Hank in ordering the killing.

After Gato was blown away and Vera Palestina disappeared, Hank was never willing to say much about the affair. He doesn’t trust the Mexican press; and as long as *Zeta* kept reprinting Gato’s old columns and publishing a page on which the writer asks, from beyond the grave, “Hank, why did your bodyguards kill me?” he didn’t feel he could get a fair hearing from Tijuana reporters. But a couple of

weeks before Vera Palestina was apprehended in Los Angeles, Hank agreed to talk with the *Reader* about his life in Tijuana, his background in Mexico City, and the killing of El Gato.

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The story of Jorge Hank Rhon, 34-year-old son of a wealthy, powerful Mexican family, could be the plot of one of the luridly illustrated *lágrimas y risas* (tears and laughter) novellas so many Mexicans are addicted to. In 1985, at 29, Hank arrived in Tijuana to become general manager of the farthest-

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flung of the family's many business enterprises, the Caliente racetrack. He proceeded to throw around his considerable financial weight, becoming a social benefactor to schools, sports teams, and needy individuals, and godfather to numerous babies. He bought a fine restaurant, Alcazar Del Rio, and a new shopping center, Pueblo Amigo. He expanded and upgraded Caliente's off-track betting parlors and spent millions on a new restaurant and rehabilitation of the physical plant. He established a private zoo in the track's infield, which included camels, elephants, big cats, pygmy hippos, and a variety of birds, snakes, and wolves. He became Tijuana's most visible *chilango*—an epithet describing a person from Mexico City—in a city that mocked and professed hatred for *chilangos*. But unlike many of the city slickers who migrated to this area to get their fortunes out of the country or to try to make their fortunes in boomtown Tijuana, Hank was able to garner a grudging respect from the locals. El Gato himself had said of

Hank in 1986, "He is the antithesis of a *chilango*."

But two years later, El Gato was writing items about Hank in his column in the iconoclastic weekly *Zeta* that were the antithesis of flattery. He implied that Hank was a bisexual, coke-sniffing, philandering daddy's boy who was running the racetrack toward ruin, and he bit relentlessly at Hank's festive and profligate lifestyle. Of course, El Gato also lampooned other powerful and

not-so-powerful people in an obnoxious, obscene, and extremely popular style. It was the bitchy voice of a perspicacious gay man, which Gato was, and the intensity of his attacks on Rhon took on the petulance of the jilted.

And while Tijuana's middle class and the dispossessed seemed to read Gato's words as a kind of flip-side gospel handed down on paper tablets, upper-class and powerful people considered him the worst kind

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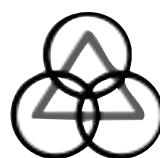
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of scandalmonger. "El Gato was such a corrupt son of a bitch, he could have been killed by anyone," remarks a *chilango* who knew Hank when they both attended a private school in Mexico City. "Zeta sells a lot more papers by claiming El Gato was martyred. But if people learned he was a declared homosexual and his ways of exacting things from people were very dirty, his martyrdom would evaporate. Many people would want to get rid of him on behalf of humanity."

By the time El Gato was murdered and two of Hank's security men were charged with the crime, Hank was

already experiencing some personal and professional difficulties — with Gato's considerable assistance. In the spring of 1987, Hank's brother Cuauhtémoc died in a diving accident near Cancun; then there was a short strike by workers at Caliente. By the fall of 1987, the Del Mar racetrack opened its satellite betting facility, and Caliente's revenues were chopped immediately in half. As Hank struggled to establish his own string of off-track betting parlors that would trump Del Mar by offering Las Vegas-style sports wagering, El Gato was assassinated, and Hank fell under suspicion as the "intellectual

author" of the crime.

At the same time, Hank's marriage of nine years was collapsing, and eventually his wife returned to Mexico City with the three children and divorced him. Finally, last November 25, Caliente's Alba Roja union put up the red-and-black strike flags, and to date, Hank has lost close to \$3 million due to the work stoppage. Three of his seven elephants have died, along with many of his snakes, because of the declining level of care he could provide them. (By law, Hank is barred from entering the track grounds during the strike.) He's had to sell off his black, twin-engine Lockheed JetStar

executive jet, a well as six of his beloved sports cars, including the Ferrari.

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But at the time Hank first met Héctor Felix Miranda, in May of 1986, the race-track was in the midst of an unusually good year. Caliente's management and labor reached a contract agreement five days before deadline, the first time in six years a contract was agreed to without a strike. "Everybody said, 'You're just a kid, you're too young to do this,'" he recounts proudly, recalling that event. The same day, Caliente threw a big fiesta celebrating the Day of the Child, in which some 50,000 Tijuana children were bused to the track for food, games, and gifts. Two days later, Caliente opened its exclusive Jockey Club restaurant. A few days later was the Kentucky Derby, traditionally the biggest Saturday of the year at Caliente. May 11 was the Miss Mexico pageant, broadcast worldwide. "It was the first time a beauty pageant was seen in China," Hank reports.

According to Hank, he first met Héctor Felix

Miranda a few days before the beauty pageant. He hadn't read much of El Gato's work, but "Some of my friends — my supposed-to-be friends — said, 'Do you know what he wrote about

blocks up Hank's street, reporters and editors were working in the Zeta offices on the upcoming anniversary issue marking the second year of Gato's murder. Downstairs, a Siberian tiger cub

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you?" Hank recalled, sitting on a couch upstairs in his mansion just east of the racetrack. Through the window behind him the red-and-black flags could be seen flapping atop the Alba Roja union hall, just across Agua Caliente Boulevard. Five

punctuated Hank's soft-spoken tone with shrieks.

Hank explained that before he met Felix, the columnist had written a few items mocking his long hair and had retold embarrassing stories about Hank's being refused entrance into

## RESEARCH STUDIES



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Caliente's Turf Club restaurant. Hank explains that for the first six months after he arrived in January 1985, he moved around the track incognito, just watching, listening, hanging out on the back stretch, trying to determine whether he wanted to

take over the track. Most track workers didn't know who the mysterious stranger was.

"So when we were doing 'Miss Mexico,' I told one of the guys that was in charge that when Felix comes out, tell him I have his tickets. I

just wanted to meet the guy and him to meet me. So he can say anything he likes after he meets me. After he knows who I am."

They met, and Hank told Gato he was available anytime the writer wanted to ask him something or

check out a tip. "After I knew who he was, if there was a press conference or anything, I used to kid around with him, always; when he was sitting down there I'd say, 'Okay, Felix, what do you want?'"

"Just playing with him,"

Hank recalls, "I started inviting him to the parties." The young businessman is famous for his taste for partying. His parties in Mexico City, on the private *frontón* at his parents' home, were legendary. Hank's father was a former governor of the state

of Mexico who became mayor of Mexico City in 1976. Hank's circle consisted of the "Lomas Juniors," the sons of the men who ran Mexico and lived in the exclusive Lomas Alias neighborhood of Mexico City. The "juniors" are disparaged in

## RESEARCH STUDIES



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los Hank Gonzalez, had a particular talent for good image-making, and he became one of the most popular mayors in recent times.

Invitations to Hank's get-togethers in Tijuana became badges of status in a society underpinned by symbolism. At one soirée, a carne asada cookout on the Caliente back stretch, Hank says he took Gato Felix aside and said, "Okay, you're coming to everything, so let's get it straight. You can say whatever you like about me, that's fine, I don't care. As long as you don't get into the family. That's it. My father and myself are public people, so



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like it, but I'm not a son of a bitch."

The two men then apparently headed off into an uneasy friendship. Gato would use his column to poke fun at Hank or manipulate Hank into helping someone, and Hank would either not read it (he says he quit reading Mexican newspapers 16 years ago, after too many lies were published about his father) or have it brought to his attention by an aide and would sometimes respond by doing what Gato asked of him in the column.

Hank was famous for helping out friends or acquaintances who were sick and couldn't afford good medical care. Hank recalls, "Once Gato wrote that there was someone sick in some hospital, and I should help him. And I saw [Gato] at the Jockey Club that week, and I said, 'Hey, come on, stop doing that. If I help this guy, you're going to write that I did, so people will start passing you letters to pass to me, asking me to help them too. And I've already got enough people who make it to the office asking for my help. And if I don't help this guy, you're going to write that I didn't, so come on. Don't do that anymore.'" Hank says he did help the man anyway, just that once, and that El Gato later printed an item saying that Hank had asked him to stop publishing personal appeals.

Hank is still besieged by people who want something from him. An old friend describes him as "lonely" even though he's surrounded by staffers who cater to his every need and suitors asking for his counsel and (usually) his money. A childhood friend of Hank's observed that his privileged status created in Hank an indelible sense of not fitting in and that this explains his passion for animals. "He had a handful of friends, but after you counted them you'd still have some fingers left over," the friend remarks. "He had this feeling of always being sought after for his money rather than his good self. His friends weren't nearly as wealthy as he was, so he was always picking up the check. He became shy of people, so he would become the good Dr. Daktari."

"It's been like this for 20 years," Hank explains.



"You get used to it after a while." He says that he considers it a challenge to test his own first impressions of people against their later behavior towards him. He has a firm handshake, not characteristically Mexican, and a way of looking at people with his velvety gray eyes, a feline type of sizing up. When asked if he believes people were attracted to him for his own good self or because of his money, he replied, "Ninety-nine percent of the time, it's because of my money." He claims it hasn't made him cynical.

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Sitting in Hank's luxurious living room, the conversation turns to more imme-

diate concerns.

*Did the relationship with El Gato change or turn sour?*

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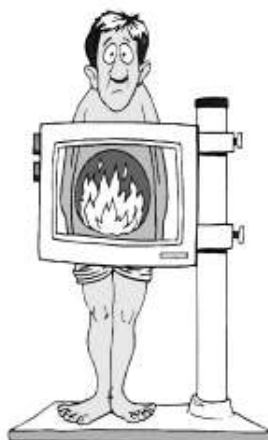
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very good friend of mine made me a party. And he asked a girl who was working with us in public relations to do the list and to invite everybody. [About] the girl doing the invitations, Gato had just written, 'It seems that this girl is going out with her boss,' or something like that." Her boss was Hank. "So she got mad. So she didn't invite him. After that, he got angry at me."

Sometime later, Hank says he invited both Jesus Blancornelas and Gato Felix, codirectors of *Zeta*, to Tijuana. Only Blanco came. When Hank asked where Felix was, Blanco told him Felix was mad because he hadn't been invited to the party during the Caribbean Classic. Eventually, Hank ran into Felix at

the Jockey Club and said, "Hey, don't be so... What happened was, you got mad because they didn't invite you to a party they did for me — so am I to blame? Come on, don't kid around." El Gato started laughing, according to Hank, and said, "Well, it's not really so."

"Sure it's so," Hank retorted. "You talk bad about her, tell everybody she's going out with me, which is not true, and she was sore with you. And you know she should be. And then she just decided not to invite you. And I didn't know anything about the invitations."

"But she invited Blanco," Gato pointed out.

"She could have invited the president of Mexico! Who cares? I didn't make

the invitations. Why get mad at me?"

Thus began a serious downturn in the friendship of two of Tijuana's most prominent men. Hank told his wife she ought not to bring *Zeta* home anymore to their bayfront house in the Coronado Cays. "I told her that this guy was mad at me now and that some of the things he printed were lies," Hank says. "And the paper had dirty words in it; I didn't want it around my children."

In early May of 1987, Hank's younger brother Cuauhtémoc died while scuba diving at the family's Yucatan ranch, near Cancun. He was an experienced cave diver, but on this day he entered the cave with a

novice diver and a new underwater scooter. He was not using the customary guide rope cave divers are supposed to attach to themselves, as a hedge against getting lost. When the scooter kicked up silt and wiped out the visibility inside the cave, the two divers became disoriented and perished, because they had no life line. Cuauhtémoc left behind a widow and four children. Hank's detractors say the family arrogance that led to his brother's fatal mistake is also at work in Hank's involvement with the Gato killing.

"After my brother died, I started growing the beard and the hair," Hank explains. "It was just for me a sort of reminder for myself of the things you didn't do that you

were planning to or hadn't been able to do with him.

"So I told Héctor at the Jockey Club, 'Hey, the only one who's going to give me problems with this is you. You're the only one. Everybody else asks me or maybe doesn't even ask me, but they don't criticize my self, my person. Criticize whatever you want, but not my ways of dressing or combing my hair. So I'm going to tell you that I'm going to grow my hair and beard for a year, because of my brother. I don't want anybody else to know why, especially not the newspapers. So, there you go.'"

Why did he tell this to Felix and ask him not to print it? A close friend of Hank's says that he often tests his friendships as a way of deter-

mining people's loyalty to him. Hank is also said to be a very good friend who frequently and sincerely inquired into the troubles and setbacks of his intimates. This, combined with his legendary generosity, makes his close associates "slavishly devoted" to him, explains the friend, satisfying his need to be in control.

Maybe Gato Felix felt that he had been trusted with a bit of Hank himself. If so, that might explain why his newspaper items turned so bitter when Hank betrayed his end of the bargain. In June of 1987, during a television interview with Jan Wood, Hank's public relations director, who has a show on Channel 6 called *Tijuana: Window to the South*,

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Wood surprised Hank by asking him why he was growing his hair and beard. "I never expected it, so I just answered it. I thought about it for a second and said, 'Well, my brother's dead, and it's sort of my way of remembering him.' And that's it. Then Héctor got real mad." After that, whenever Hank saw Felix at basketball games or boxing matches, he always sent over a beer. But they never spoke again.

But Hank was not the only bigwig to be vivisected by El Gato. The mayor of Tijuana, the governor, and dozens of other politicians and businessmen also took their licks in the column. Drug dealers too were jostled by Felix, leading to one

theory that the writer was silenced because he was about to reveal high-level drug transactions that were protected by the government. Recent reports of the involvement of senior PRI officials in the 1985 abduction of DBA agent Enrique Camarena lend some credence to the notion that a powerful cabal could have decided that El Gato had gone far enough and it was time to do something about him.

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“Yes. I’ve had bodyguards since I was 13. At those times [mid-1970s], there were a lot of political kidnappings and a lot of money kidnappings. And while not everybody liked my father when he was governor of the state of Mexico...you remember *Cartonlandia*, here in Tijuana? We had something like that

in the state of Mexico.” (*Cartonlandia* — cardboard city — is a common way that cities expand in Mexico. The one near Mexico City became Ciudad Netzahualcoyotl after Hank’s father, the governor, expropriated private land and awarded it to the squatters.) “But a lot of leaders didn’t agree with him, giving the right decision to the landholders. So he had a lot of enemies. So we started using bodyguards.”  
It was natural that Tony [Vera Palestina] would come with you to Tijuana — you were friends?  
“Yeah. I’m the godfather to one of his daughters. I just brought three or four guys with me: Beto [Alberto Murguia, a college chum that

Hank describes as ‘like a brother’ and who manages Pueblo Amigo], and Antonio [Vera Palestina].”  
Have the police ever talked with you about what happened to Gato?  
“No.”  
The gossip about that is because your father had the investigation halted. The investigation was declared closed about two weeks after the murder, which did seem rather quick to a lot of people. Do you think there’s anything to that?  
“They didn’t say it was closed because my father said something or did something. They said it was closed because they had found the murderers. That’s what they said.” The question is, why

didn’t they go higher and talk to the person who employed the suspects?  
“It’s very” — long pause — “funny. This guy that they have in jail, Medina, he was the bodyguard for the governor [Xicotencatl Leyva Mortera]. Then he became the bodyguard for the district attorney, Eliseo Aguiñaga. Then Eliseo was kicked out of district attorney, I think Xico had about four district attorneys.” (Aguiñaga resigned from office after he was reported to be involved in an alien-

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because he left with me, and they won't let him, but would you mind giving him a job? And I said sure, no problem. And he said, 'Just whenever I need him, send him to me.' And I said of course.

"I told Vera, 'This guy's not going to come to work, but we're still going to pay him. Whenever he comes to work, fine, whenever he doesn't, fine.'"

So you put him on the payroll as, like, a favor?

"Uh-huh. And so, Eliseo started not using him that much, and he started coming [to the track] a little bit more."

Did you get to know him at all?

"Yeah."

Do you think he did it?

"No."

Do you think he was involved?

"No."

Who do you think did it?

"That's for the law to decide." He chuckles without mirth.

Do you have any opinions?

"Not really. I know who didn't do it."

Vera Palestina?

"Yeah."

So why did he disappear, if he wasn't involved?

"In Mexico, you're guilty until proven otherwise. It's not like in the States." (Mex-

ico's system of law places a heavy burden of proof on the defendant to establish his innocence, as well as on the prosecution to prove guilt.)

He had to leave in order to protect himself? But if he wasn't involved, why would he be under suspicion?

"It was very easy. You could analyze the list [of suspected masterminds]. Everybody else on the list is my friend, so I won't talk about them, but there were very few people that could have done it. They were all mentioned. And if you start giving me names, I won't say yes to any of them. They have to have power, and they have

to have people around them. And one of them was myself." (The suspected "intellectual authors" of the assassination, as listed originally by Zeta, included Hank, his friend Murguia, Governor Xico and his brother Edgardo, former Tijuana mayor Federico Valdes, and former governor Roberta de la Madrid. Valdes and de la Madrid have since been eliminated from the list.)

"I've always been in the PRI [Mexico's long-time ruling political party]. You get used to being quiet when you need to. So that's what I did. I never talked about it. The thing is, the authorities were from the PRI, and

they decided that he was guilty, so that's why."

For Gato assassination theorists, this is a tantalizing morsel. What Hank had just implied — that he was keeping his mouth shut, taking his licks, jeopardizing his reputation, and refusing to defend himself vigorously because of loyalty to the political party that laid the murder rap on him — didn't become clear until later. Hank was contacted in Tijuana by phone for a clarification. This was the day Vera Palestina was captured, but the news hadn't yet broken. Hank said that after all this died down, maybe we could meet over lunch and he'd

explain — off the record — his own theory about who did the killing.

Why not clear yourself now? Can't you give an alternative theory to counter the one that points to you?

"I never put the finger on anyone — ever," he stated proudly.

What do you owe the PRI?

"Everything. My family owes everything to the PRI. I was born into it 34 years ago, when my father was mayor of Toluca. I will always be loyal to my authorities."

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go in Mexico. That's the way I was raised. Look, if I say something, I have to stick to it." Hank would have to be a formal accuser in any court case brought against someone he might incriminate. "No law works very far in Mexico."

Wasn't one of the main authorities a friend of yours too — Gustavo Romero Meza? Romero was the state judicial police agent put in charge of the investigation, who ultimately collected the state's

\$43,000 reward for solving the case.

"Yeah. Gustavo was introduced to me by one of the trainers [at Caliente], I think. He had horses here."

*That's used as another reason for why you weren't questioned, because you were actually friends with the main investigator. He was a buddy of yours.*

"If he had been a buddy of mine, he would not have put the blame on [my men]. And then it was real curi-

ous. There are two guys that they say did it. And they got the one who hadn't worked for me for long. Why didn't they get Vera first?"

This question has vexed Tijuana and reporters for two years. Medina was arrested on April 28, but the racetrack wasn't searched until three days later. By that time, Vera was gone, and all that was found was a cache of automatic weapons. Hank says the army and the police knew of the existence of these

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Vera's capture may now still the rumors that he was being hidden on one of the Hank family ranches or that he was dead. Those who

believe Hank wasn't involved in the Gato murder pointed out immediately that if Hank had been hiding Vera, how could the suspect have been located in Los Angeles? More logically, Hank could have used his billions to hide Vera in, say, Switzerland. This is an extension of the argument that the style of the assassination, in the police account of what happened, is decidedly *not* the way the calculating, fastidious Hank does things. If Hank wanted Gato killed, he would not have had his own bodyguards do the job and leave a trail of footprints back to the track. He could have imported a killer from, say, Colombia and had the guy flown back out of Mexico

on his private jet before the blood dried.

Gringos are the main proponents of that theory, but it doesn't wash for Mexicans. Tijuana's argue that Hank

they say, leads to arrogance and then to a cheapening of the value of life, in Hank's mind.

Not only had Gato insulted Hank's wife by writ-

admitted in his interview that he has "a lot of girlfriends" and that he had girlfriends before his wife left him. Hank lives in a culture in which married men frequently take mistresses, and Gato broke the taboo of silence about it. Moreover, Gato alleged that Hank was involved with cocaine and intimated that he was bisexual, both of which Hank denies. Taken together, in the Mexican mind, Gato's writings were the equivalent of waving a red cape in front of Hank until, finally, the bull charged.

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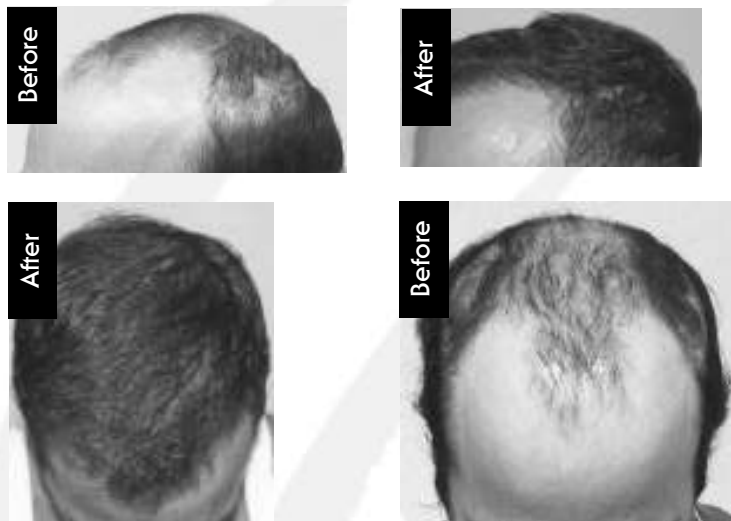
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*Is that true?*

"Yes and no," Hank replies, taking a sip of the magenta-colored herb tea he constantly drinks. "Álvarez is a very good friend of mine. He's still here; as a matter of fact, he moved down here. He's doing the construction [of a large garden behind Hank's house]. Victor is a good friend of mine. He had

a girlfriend, and they broke up after two and a half years. I started going out with her, and when I was at her place...and suddenly he appeared. The thing is, he had jumped a wall and come in through a bedroom window. I was down in the living room, and he came down the stairs from the bedrooms! He was very sore and very angry, and I said, 'Hey, come on, you're not dating her anymore. I even asked you, and you said you weren't, so

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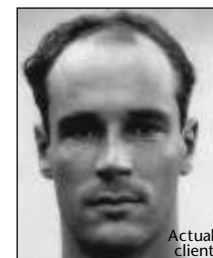
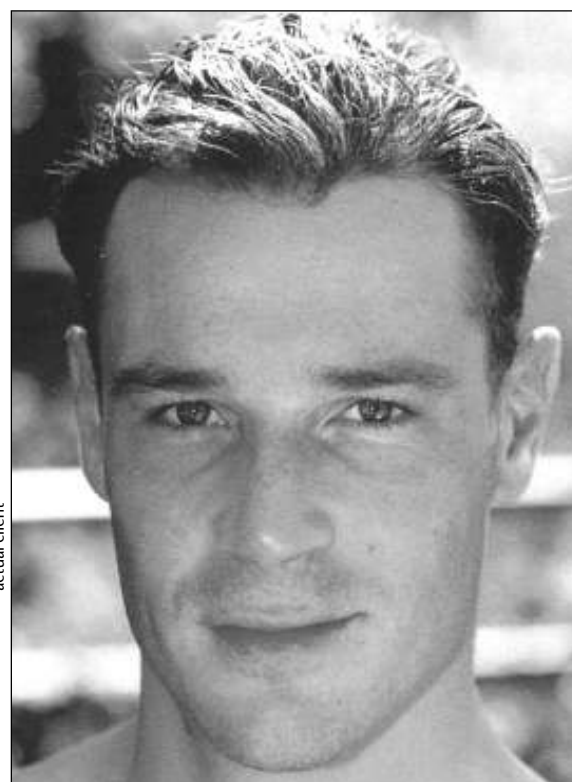
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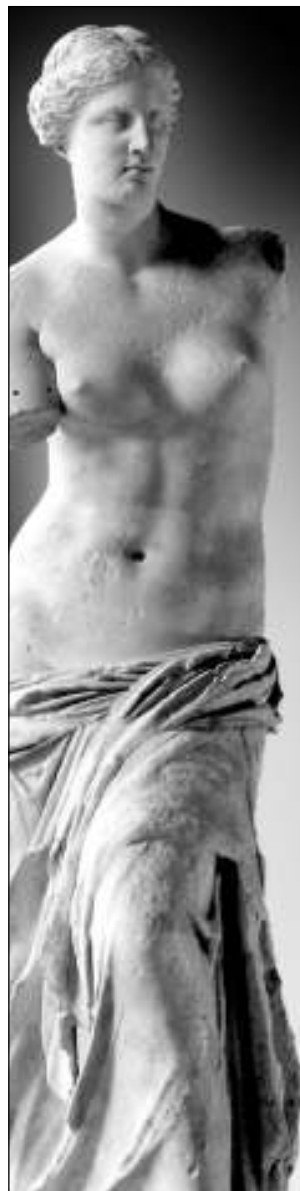
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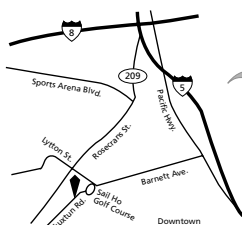
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what's the problem?' And he said, 'No, but she still loves me....'

"So I said, 'Whenever you want to come in, just knock on the door, because if the guys out there [Hank's bodyguards] see you come in through the window, they won't know it's you. If my bodyguards see someone jumping the wall, they're not supposed to think that it's someone from the house.' So he walked out.

"So when I left that night I told them, 'Hey, are you paid to sleep out here or to be guarding the place?' One of them was Vera Palestina. Later, Victor did it again when I was there. And so I

told [the bodyguards], 'Hey, if it happens once more, you're under arrest for a week. And then if it happens again, you better look for another job. If you can't guard the house that I'm in....'

"The third time they saw him, and they chased him in his car. They had a fight, and he was hurt." Hank acknowledged that his friend ended up in the hospital. But he takes pains to point out that he didn't "order" his bodyguards to hurt the man.

But when asked about the possibility that Vera Palestina might have acted on his own in killing Gato, as a service to Hank, he replied

that Vera would never do that.

*Why wouldn't he, given what happened to your friend at the girlfriend's home in Mexico City?*

"Because I know Antonio. He wouldn't have acted that way on his own."

*What about the \$10,000 voucher that one of the two bodyguards was reported to have cashed at the track on the day of the murder?*

"I did check on that, and that wasn't true. The security department, which Vera ran, bought a lot of patrol cars. Whenever he needed it, he asked me for the money, and I gave him vouchers. Then he got the receipts

back. They were for 10, for 5, for 20 thousand dollars, all the time. And I did check on that because everybody kept asking me, and there wasn't one. He might have cashed one that I gave him ten days before, but on that day, which I checked, there was none."

*So these things were like checks that you gave him to cash, and then he'd give \$10,000 to the car dealer? So he frequently handled large amounts of cash?*

"Yeah. I was, as a matter of fact, supplying the border police with cars and motorcycles and walkie-talkies." Hank was equipping and paying half the salary for a unit of officers

set up by Tijuana tourist interests to help Americans near the border. He had also purchased fire trucks, patrol cars, and ambulances for local agencies.

*Why do you think the police never interviewed you?*

"[The investigation] was something very rash, very quick. As a matter of fact, the pressure was on them—every May first, there's a parade of the workers. And they were going to have a big parade, and Zeta was going to be there and try to, I don't know, say bad things about me. Everybody. So it was very big pressure on the authorities to have the guilty...to find the guilty

guy [before May 1]. There had been a lot of killings, the same way, around that same time. A lot of drug people, money-cleaning people. There were at least four or five." Medina was trotted out in front of the press on April 30, showing signs of a beating, and he was already recanting the confession he had signed. The police announced then they were looking for Vera Palestina, who was missing.

*Wouldn't it be natural that the police would want to talk to the people that employed the suspects?*

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to be very much familiarized with guns. And the history in Mexico is that almost all the *guerrilleros* are ex-cops." Both Medina and Vera Palestina were ex-cops.

*But wouldn't it be assumed that they weren't acting on their own? If they did kill him, wouldn't they be protecting you somehow, to stop Gato from writing such nasty things about you? After all, he had broken that vow you asked him to take, about not writing about*

*your family.*

"Yeeeah..." Hank is dubious. "That is, if I thought they did it. But I still think they didn't. Medina and Vera. You're going to raise a lot of questions and make a lot of noise and make a lot of newspaper people angry because I've never said that. And it's very difficult [for me] to go and say the police did something they shouldn't have. But I think they did."

*You think they arrested the wrong people?*

"Yes."

After Vera was arrested last week attempts were made to talk to Hank in Mexico City. Through Jan Wood, who is in contact with him, Hank was offered a chance to clarify anything he had said in the interviews, in light of the arrest. But Hank never called. Wood said he wouldn't be talking to the press until he returned to Tijuana this week.

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I spent many hours in discussion with Hank, trying to divine whether or not he was involved in commissioning El Gato's murder. Obviously the circumstantial evidence against him is damning, so I kept looking for signs that he was lying, covering up, trying to lead me away from the crime. I've interviewed a lot of liars but I would not now count Hank among them.

He didn't sound or act like a man with something

awful to hide. Perhaps, if he is guilty, it wouldn't be evident in his demeanor if, in his own mind, he didn't author a murder but rather performed a service to his party or to his social class. That's possible, but I still believe he would have hinted at a darker side. Of course, it's also possible that he completely fooled me.

He showed none of the glee that some on the receiving end of El Gato's barbs, including some senior politi-

cians, reportedly expressed at the time of the murder. It is said in Tijuana that many people celebrated Felix's killing, but Hank didn't seem to be that kind of man. And yet he had a strong motive to do the deed, and he had control of the people who could carry it out. His employees have been charged with the crime. Did he order it? I doubt it. Sometimes the facts don't add up to the truth. ■

— Neal Matthews

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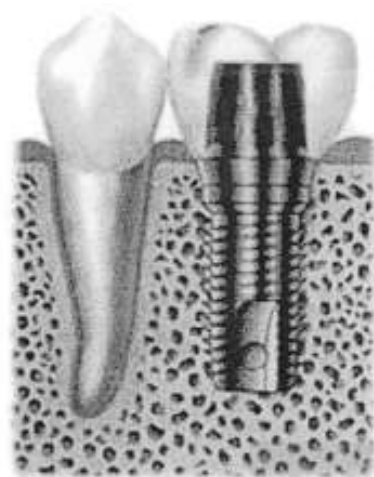
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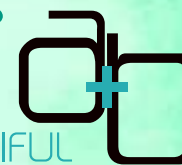
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### Hooray For Horticulture

Thank you for the extraordinary article on the horticultural wonders of Balboa Park ("The Fall of King Eucalyptus," Cover Story, May 24). And a big thanks to Mike Rasmusson and his vision! I've been enjoying the park for 40 years, since I've lived here, my favorite areas being the Cactus Garden, the Redwood Grove, and, of course, the Botanical Building. On last week's

visit, I truly noticed an incredible difference in foliage. It was magnificent. After visiting the Japanese Garden and hiking along the pretty trails of the Cactus Garden, I stopped at the Botanical Building. One very special feature that really caught my eye this time was the miniature Vietnamese landscape. Thanks to all of the park geniuses. You are appreciated.

Phyllis Hordin  
Normal Heights

### Muddlin' Middlin'

This is about the "Say What?" column (May 24). I'd like to tell Jennifer McWilliams that it's "fair to middlin'," which means that you feel somewhere between okay and middlin'. It's an old, old saying. It's just better than saying, "I feel really great."

Dale Anne Thompson  
Clairemont

### Willie's Woes

Has anyone else noticed how often Willie is in the

"Blurt" section with a woe-is-me story (May 24)? Everything that happens to him is someone else's fault. Messed-up rehearsal space, fights at his shows, band no-shows, damaged venues, etc. When is the public going to wake up and refuse to deal with this infantile jerk? If you don't believe what I say, check out some past "Blurts."

Nacho  
via e-mail

### Wildly Dreamy, Delicate, Madcap, Scruffy

I have been out of town, sick, and busy the past month (in that order), so I hadn't seen a Reader for at least that long. But having lived in San Diego for almost 25 years now, I wasn't at all surprised to see the usual lamentations about Duncan Shepherd in the "Letters" section of the May 24 issue. However, I was quite surprised by the editor's note that Shepherd is on

leave until the fall. After perusing Rich Goodsell's encomium for the A.V. Club and Clifton Odom's sideswipe at it, I promptly turned to the "Movie Review" section to see for myself what all the fuss was about.

Does A.V. Club stand for "Adjectival Volume"? I.e., are these people paid by the adjective ("joyous shared creative alchemy")? One would think that Nathan Rabin couldn't possibly cram one more adjective into a paragraph without causing it (or the reader's head) to burst, but he cleverly solves the problem by turning them into adverbs instead ("in every wildly emotive song," "delicate yet shatteringly powerful," "equally powerful unseen forces work just as doggedly"). This gem from his review of *Once* takes the prize: "In a genre full of dreamy escapism and madcap flights of fancy, this ingratiatingly scruffy, slice-of-

working-class-life treasure is brave enough to be quiet and restrained, yet littered with moments of transcendence, musical and otherwise." Honorable mention goes to Tasha Robinson on *Shrek the Third*: "The former explanation makes more real-world sense, but the latter one might explain why such a previously dynamic, aggressive character spends the entirety of *Shrek the Third* sheepishly responding to the usual cartoon mayhem with docile chuckles and weak, distracted temper." Yo, anyone got a blue pencil?

These reviews by the A.V. Club are either unreadable (see above), incomprehensible (I had no idea what Rabin was going on about in his review of *Fay Grim* — ironic in view of the usual accusations that Shepherd is arcane and effete), or some unhappy combination of both. Does this mean I will be forced to take recourse to David Elliott's excruciating prose in

the *Union-Tribune* for the duration? Sigh. Looks like it's going to be a long, long summer. Maybe I'll just go to the beach instead. Or better yet, pay me to go to the movies and I'll write the damned reviews for you until Duncan gets back.

While I'm at it, where the hell is Naomi Wise?

Name Withheld  
via e-mail

### Shut Up And Shoot

There is no such thing as "paparazzi membership," and I find it telling that Ivan refuses to state what makes him separate from these "members" (Letters, May 24). Ivan, you *are* paparazzi simply by the fact that you deny it so vehemently. If you weren't paparazzi, you never would have joined in this infantile exchange of words with Josh Board when you could have spent time taking pictures and making money; instead, you spent your time and energy trying to deny

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your "paparazzi membership" while looking like a fool in the process. The saddest part of it all is that you likely did so under the illusion that you had a reputation to keep. But I'd take a paparazzi "member" over you any day of the week.

Jay Douglass  
via e-mail

### Massage Underbelly

How unfortunate that Geoff Bouvier missed the opportunity to educate readers on the natural, no-side-effects world of holistic health in his story "Touchy Business" (Cover Story, May 17). Instead, the author focuses on "holistic healing's underbelly" (his words) and lapses into tabloid cliché, choosing to spend several pages discussing prostitution instead of health.

Equally disturbing is that Mueller College of Holistic Studies, now in its 31st year in San Diego, is identified only as the training ground for the prostitute Mr. Bouvier focuses on in his article. There is, of course, no way to actually link this person (who is identified by pseudonym) with Mueller College, but in fact two of the other legitimate therapists identified in the article did graduate from Mueller College. These holistic health practitioners spent over 1000 hours learning massage therapy, Asian bodywork, and many other healing modalities. This fact was not mentioned in the article.

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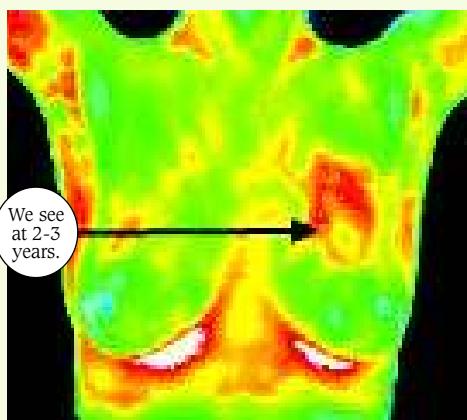
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### San Diego Chafes Masseur

I read this article ("Touchy Business," Cover Story, May 17) with great interest, since I graduated from the San Francisco School of Massage in January of 1988 and then had 14 years of experience doing licensed work in Gwinnett County in Georgia.

I did a very specific massage that was a combination of Swedish and Esalen. It is a very relaxing stress-and-tension-relief massage. I did this for 14 years part-time on women only and had a very good part-time business charging \$60 per hour.

When I moved to San Diego on November 2, 2002, I expected to be able to continue my part-time work with massage. Although I understand the licensing aspect of the article, San Diego has taken it too far. I never advertise as doing medical or sports massage. Only stress relief. But I get here, and in order to work in San Diego City, La Mesa, and other areas, I have to go back to school before I can get licensed. My 14 years of licensed work means nothing here.

So I have to work at my low-paying job at Wal-Mart, and the \$60-per-hour part-time work I can't do. See, I'm 60 years old, epileptic (well controlled), with other creditors, and I can't afford the \$15,000 to go back to school. I can't afford another loan to pay off, and since I have no kids and I make too much money working at Wal-Mart, I can't qualify for a government loan, so I have to live here in San Diego with my Wal-Mart income. It keeps me broke. It's too bad San Diego doesn't take your years of experience into consideration. It sure would have helped me.

Don Messer  
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### Creeping Crime

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("Jerry Sanders Is Susan Golding in Drag," "City Lights," April 26). The biggest increase in crime was caused by the Horton Plaza development in the 1980s (crime from 1982 to 1992 increased in Normal Heights 102 percent, North Park 62 percent, the College Area 73 percent, and City Heights 52 percent). Other communities such as Golden Hill and Hillcrest were also affected.

The city manager at the time withheld this information from elected officials, the public, and the media. I spoke with community associations, business associations, civic clubs, elected officials, and the media

about the dramatic crime increases. Today, we have the League of Women Voters and the Center on Policy Initiatives leading the way to set up their own charter review committee to protect these unprotected communities from downtown power brokers. The mayor's review committee is full of some of the same type characters that murdered, raped, assaulted, robbed, and stole cars from the Mid-City. Old crime skeletons are not pretty when they rise.

Oh, you might think that those are old crime wars. Well, I remember counting over 200 street people and homeless where the future

downtown ballpark was going to be built. Where did all of these downtown people end up going? Things were so bad, again, that Councilmember Atkins got on the TV to announce that crime was up again. Other research on crime comes from a 1987 *Los Angeles Times* article that stated that construction draws crime to the sites. I have never heard of a construction company doing a background check on its employees. Yes, there have been questions about gang activity and when did they actually start. Well, according to the report I read, it was in 1991. There were no funds requested until 1991. We desperately need a

group to protect the public interest. Thank you.

Mark MacKenzie  
College Area

#### Comments from Reader Website

#### Crasher Published May 23

Posted by fifibutton on 05/25/07, 1:53 a.m.

This is an important lesson for all victims. The more people who speak up, the harder it will be for these peadophiles to molest more innocent children. I think this article highlights an important issue about which more awareness must be raised

Posted by Gman on 05/25/07, 3:26 p.m.

This story touches on a problem that is more prevalent than we care to know. It seems that most molesters get away with their actions. It's a shame because it does have a profound psychological affect on the child and

how they will interact emotionally and physically in their adult life. Even though I enjoy the weekly Crasher humor it is a nice change of pace to read this serious side to The Crasher.

Posted by ANGELICA on 05/25/07, 3:28 p.m.

INTERESTING ARTICLE. I'M SURE STUFF LIKE THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME WITH CHILDREN. MORE PEOPLE NEED TO GET INVOLVED AND STOP THE ABUSE. ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. PARENTS SHOULD EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN TOO ON WHAT IS APPROPRIATE.

Posted by Portnoy on 05/26/07, 8:16 a.m.

I object to the title of this article: Lowriders and Low-lives. As if they are the same thing. The old trick of lumping something good with something bad to make it all bad. Murderers, teachers, thugs, lawyers, priests, and homosexuals. Get it?

#### Blog Diego Published May 23

Posted by Sassy 60 on 05/27/07, 1:14 p.m.

Great article! As a former momzy, well, I'm still a mother, but my daughters are 34 and 44, thank heaven! I can tell you that if you let your guilt raise your kids, life will become more and more horrible, because guilt isn't running them, just you. And they know it and will know it even better as they get older. Take a minute and imagine sweet little Elizabeth, the nose wiper, at age 15! Yikes! There's a good book called Logical Consequences that may be helpful to overly guilty parents. If it's not on Amazon.com look in used book stores. It's worth it.

#### Diary of a Diva Published May 23

Posted by Barbara D on 05/25/07, 1:44 p.m.

This was a fun read! I know many women who don't 'get' the sports thing. I

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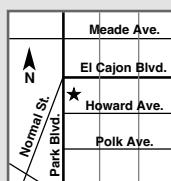
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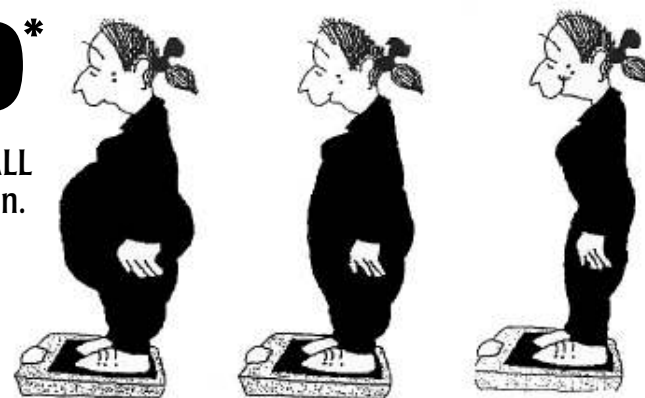
Posted by Rick Beach on 05/24/07, 10:19 a.m.

Fascinating scoop! More evidence that the whole relationship web tilts a skewed value system to benefit exploiters (aka developers). As an outsider, I relish taking the measure of these folks. For the past 18 months I worked on a land-use advisory-group for all San Diego airports with several attorneys, some involved with Sunroad: John Pon-

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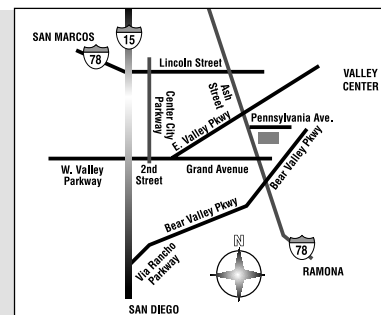
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der, Barbara Lichman, Paul Robinson. (I volunteer, but my guess is clients probably have been billed over \$250,000!) Generally, they disagree about limiting development around airports, but are respectful and earnest when challenged to protect public safety and the usability of airports. In person, they appear as real people. However, they do a job for a client. I've seen numerous examples where they take advantage of a selfish perspective when dealing with public benefit. Who they know contributes to that advantage. If the scales of justice are blind, then it helps to have heavyweights, well connected and well funded, to advance your cause.

### City Lights, by Don Bauder Published May 23

Posted by Gerald Blank  
on 05/24/07, 7:26 a.m.

Thank goodness for the Reader and independent reporters like Don Bauder who understand the lay of the land around San Diego. Now with the "story" (pun

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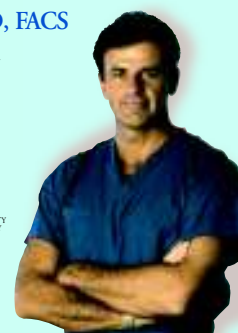


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intended) breaking that Sunroad's tax attorney's wife is a high-paid staff member in the mayor's office things look even more suspicious than before. Is this the source of the warrant leak? Will we ever know? Whatever one thinks of the warrant, it should not have been leaked. For a great collection of documents on this mess, see [www.sdairfields.com](http://www.sdairfields.com) where Community Airfields Association President Rick Beach has done a great job of putting the information in the public's view.

*Reply by Don Bauder:* Matt Potter did a great job smoking out that story on the Dubick conflict of interest. There is much more, as you know. The website that you mentioned is a good place to start.

*Posted by Rick Beach on 05/24/07, 10:44 a.m.* You suggest San Diego may

be more corrupt under Mayor Sanders based on last week's events. Oddly, I'll disagree. Not that things are less skewed towards exploiters but that classic corruption may actually be less now. My opinion is that Sanders, Froman, Waring and Barwick, the management chain for airport matters, all care deeply about public service. From reading documents produced from Development Services for the lawsuit, they too have a customer service attitude, although the customers are developers. What I do agree with is the graphic illustration of corruption in action. Non-traditional media and a few investigative journalists have pulled threads and found a pretty messy situation. Aaron Feldman picked the wrong time and place to strong-arm his building. But the Sunroad contro-

versy is tiny in comparison to the Chargers saga, the ballpark saga, the pension deals, etc. Sanders credibility problem is he ran against Donna Frye and promised what he couldn't deliver.

*Reply by Don Bauder:* I disagree that Sanders, Froman and Waring care deeply about public service. I don't know Barwick. Is San Diego more corrupt now than under Golding and Murphy? Definitely debatable. The ballpark deal (Pillage Village) was certainly a low point, and the result continues to drain the city financially, with sparsely-occupied condos generating little in taxes and running up bills for services and infrastructure. In deciding which administration has been most corrupt, the key will be whether the cabal succeeds in keeping the Sunroad matter out of court.

*Posted by billy davis on 05/24/07, 11:25 a.m.* Wow! What an eye opener, by Don Bauder. The Mayor, Lansdowne, Dumanis all

working for Sunroad. Plus the Mayor's office could be the source of the search warrant leak, after all the staff member is the wife of the Sunroad tax attorney.

*Reply by Don Bauder:* We'll have to find out if they or somebody in Development Services have been working directly for Sunroad. But indirectly? No doubt. In trying to keep any Sunroad matters out of court, they are carrying Sunroad's water, and might as well be on the payroll.

*Posted by Gerald Blank on 05/24/07, 11:59 a.m.* I don't know if it is a matter of the Mayor promised what he "couldn't" deliver, or what he "wouldn't" deliver. What's really happened here, IMHO, is that San Diegan's are finally so fed up with big money interests owning this city that the politicians significantly underestimated how angry people would be how they'd call the Mayor to account for this or any other impropriety. I hope the Mayor will soon under-

stand that, and issue a stop work order on the whole Sunroad building. (His recent stop work order for the top 20 feet is a joke, designed to make him look decisive: the outside of the building is 100% done! He stopped nothing. Big deal!) He should also tell the Development Services Department that Sunroad gets no permits from the City, for anything, anywhere, until the infamous building by an important airport comes down to 160 feet or lower, the federally allowed limit. That's what a truly strong Mayor would do. Do we have one? Most people doubt it.

*Reply by Don Bauder:* As you have pointed out, the mayor did NOT make a meaningful confession. He still wants the FAA and Caltrans to let the building rise to 180 feet in one spot. He also wants the FAA to get pilots to re-route around the building. The FAA and Caltrans should reject this ridiculous proposal forthwith. The building comes

down to 160 feet at the minimum. It might be best to bring it down to 45 feet; that was what was initially OK'd by the city. I certainly hope that San Diegans are now so fed up with developers running everything that a revolt is coming. People can only take so much road rage. There can't be more development until there is adequate infrastructure.

## Cover

**Published May 16**

*Posted by Holistic Health Practitioner on 05/21/07, 11:20 a.m.*

What a shame that this writer chose to take a sleazy, sensationalist approach to what is the number-one health and wellness modality in the United States. Instead of focusing on local prostitutes (come into the 21st century, Geoff), much more could have been said about the preventative and restorative benefits brought to the public by these trained professionals.

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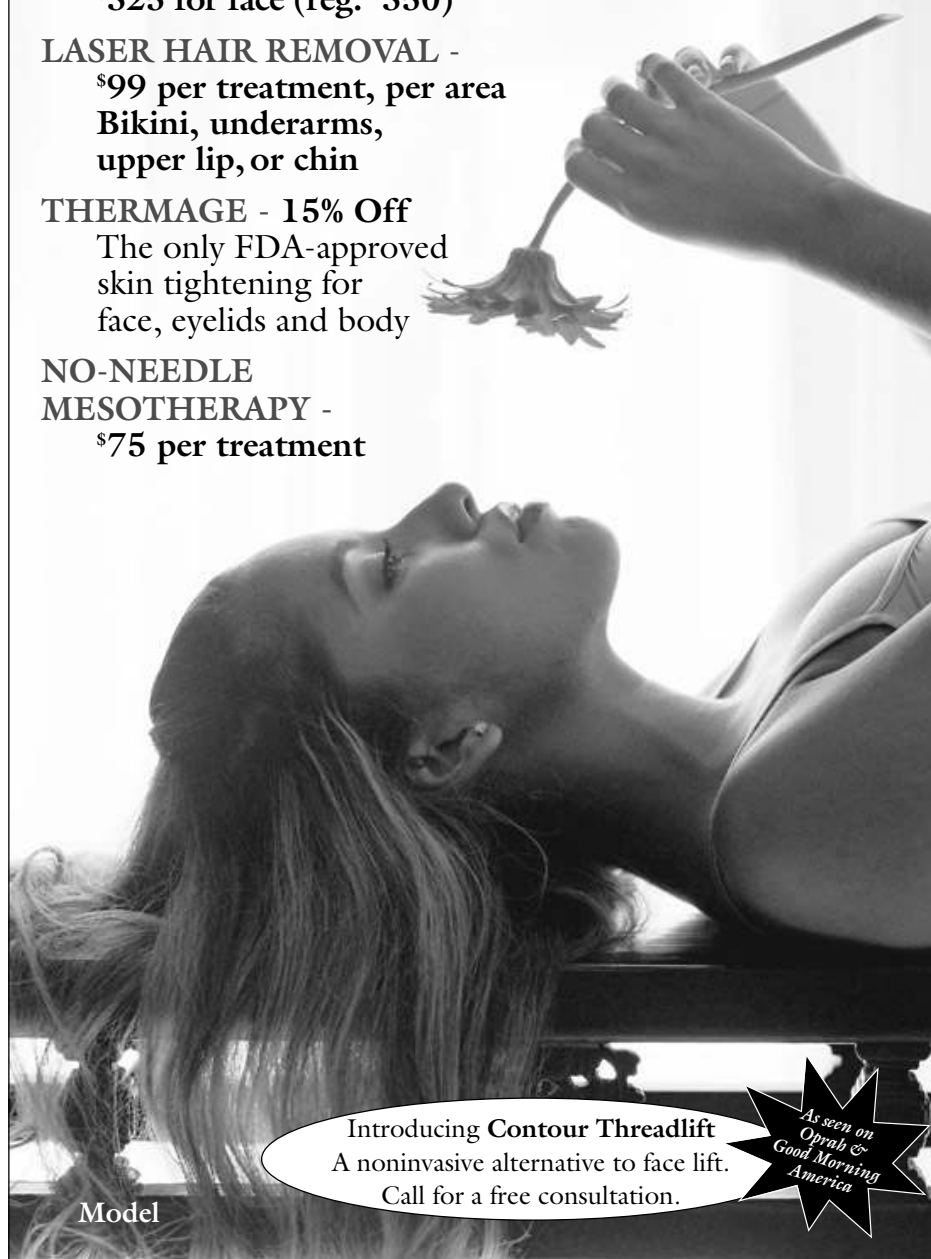
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**I** think the harpsichord is probably the more difficult instrument to make music on because it's not inherently a musical instrument," says music director and founder for the Bach Collegium San Diego Ruben Valenzuela. "The piano is designed to make music — it has a pedal to sustain notes, it's very sonorous, it rings. A harpsichord is sort of, like, not that. But when played well, if you have a really good instrument, then the harpsichord can be very expressive, especially for 18th-century music."

Valenzuela's harpsichord is a replica of Carlo Grimaldi's design, first built in 1697 (one of Grimaldi's original harpsichords is still intact and resides

at the Germanisches Museum in Nuremberg, Germany). "I had it built by a gentleman in New York," says Valenzuela. The eight-foot-long, approximately three-foot-tall instrument is made of cypress and boxwood and weighs around 100 pounds. "It's about six months old and was literally built from scratch using [Grimaldi's] plans." The replica cost Valenzuela \$12,000.

Valenzuela's harpsichord is one of 18 period instruments to be played in the collegium's performance of Handel's *Messiah*, taking place at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3. "These were the instruments that were in use when this music was being written," he says. "The older instruments bring to the surface a lot of nuance and subtlety which is lost on modern instruments."

Modern trumpets have valves that, when depressed, work like keys to change the pitch. Eighteenth-century trumpets are known as "natural trumpets." The natural trumpet player must achieve desired notes using only his lips. "It's a perilous instrument to play; there are the same amount of notes, but you have to make this all happen with just your lips, like on a bugle," says Valenzuela. "The modern trumpet is a very secure instrument and a lot easier to play, stable in terms of what it can do. The players that play these [earlier] instruments are highly specialized." Valenzuela knows few musicians who play both early and modern versions of an instrument.

Wind instruments, like oboes and trumpets, do not have the same "staying power" as stringed instruments. "You're not going to find wind instruments from that period that are still playing. They're all in museums." Modern production of period instruments is "nothing out of the ordinary," and Valenzuela insists that perfect replicas are easy to obtain.

A handful of the violins in Valenzuela's orchestra are 18th-century originals. "They use gut strings instead of steel strings, like catgut," Valenzuela explains. "When you think of a baroque violin, either played in that style or the instrument itself, it is closer to a folk or country fiddle."

The gut strings on a baroque violin are not pulled as taut as the steel strings on modern violins, lending the earlier instrument a softer sound. "A modern bow is designed to play a very even tone, from the bottom of the bow clear to the top, which



Ruben Valenzuela

was the aesthetic from the 19th Century to present day — to standardize things to have a good, long sound from the bottom of the bow to the tip. The baroque bow is completely opposite — their idea was, we want a very small portion of the bow to be the 'good' part of the bow, and the other part is not. They were looking for sound that is not uniform — a note starts and it develops and gets to the good part and, like, breaks away."

Valenzuela says baroque is making a comeback. "Philip Glass and Steve Reich [present-day composers] are often thought of as minimalists. In some ways, they were trying to get away from 19th-century and even early-20th-century German romanticism, which ruled and still rules. Any symphony orchestra's playlist is heavily weighted with Beethoven and Mozart; that was sort of the style that took over a good chunk of time."

Though playing of period instruments is popular, Valenzuela has encountered modern-instrument musicians who think studying older instruments is a

waste of time.

"There used to be a great division between modern players and us. Modern players say, 'What is the point of playing old instruments? Why go back? We play the improvements of your instruments, which were in transition to become our instruments.' But modern players now understand that, as in any other field, it's an aesthetic. I'm trying to get the music to speak in the way it was supposed to, with the composer's original intentions."

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### BAJA

Events that are underlined occur after June 7.

**The 25th Annual Book Fair** with author appearances, concerts, activities continues through Sunday, June 3, on Avenida Revolución. 011-52-664-688-1721. (TIJUANA)

**Book Fair** events at Box Underground on May 31 include author readings and signings by Alma Sonia Bejarano (5 p.m.), Fernando del Moral (6 p.m.), Agustín Meléndez Eyraud (7 p.m.), Ignacio Padilla (8 p.m.), and Irma Dorantes (8 p.m.). Find club on Avenida Revolución. Free. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**The Play** *Dulce Lentejuela* presented Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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**The Play** *A Que Jugamos* presented Friday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 1, 4, at 5, at Teatro Benito Juárez (Avenida Guadalupe, between Calles 2 and 4). The UABC Theater Workshop presents this Spanish-language children's play directed by Virginia Hernández. \$4. 011-52-646-176-3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

**Jaguares in Concert**, Friday, June 1, 9 p.m., Caliente Race Track Arena (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-608-4692. (TIJUANA)

**Rock Concert by Pastilla**, Friday, June 1, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$8. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**"Frontera Independiente,"** this international contemporary dance festival runs June 2-9 at "Centro por la 3a." Aguascalientes 286 (1800) in Colonia Cacho. Contemporary companies from Tijuana, San Diego, Los Angeles are participating. \$8 U.S. Details: 011-52-664-684-1947. (TIJUANA)

**Tecate Score Baja 500**, 39th annual off-road race for all manner of vehicles is June 2 and 3. Motorcycles and ATVs start at 6 a.m. on Saturday, followed by trucks and cars at approximately 10 a.m., in front of Riviera Cultural Center. Drivers cross finish line inside Campo de Softball José Negro Soto Stadium (at Calle 11 and Avenida Espinoza) on Sunday. Viewing is free for spectators. 818-225-8402. (ENSENADA)

**"Floricienta,"** a new version of "Cinderella" by Angélica Yaresi, may be enjoyed on Saturday, June 2, at 4:30 and 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$15, \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Electronic Music** promised when Time Again, Agente Calavera, Solución Mortal perform Saturday, June 2, 7 p.m., at Box Underground, El Foro (on Avenida Revolución). \$12 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Jamaica's Gregory Isaacs** performs with opening acts Quinto Sol, Elijah Emmanuel, others, Saturday, June 2, 8:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$17 in advance. 619-230-1190. (TIJUANA)

**Paella and Wine Festival** with food contests, music, entertainment, Sunday, June 3, noon, on Avenida Revolución. \$18. 011-52-664-638-5848. (TIJUANA)

**Mushroom Festival**, Sunday, June 3, 1-8 p.m., on Avenida López Mateos (between Avenida Alvarado and Avenida Blancarte). Food fair and restaurant culinary competition of mushroom-based dishes, mushroom exhibitions by science faculty of UABC University, live entertainment. Reservations: 011-52-646-174-0448. (ENSENADA)

**Manu Chao in Concert**, Sunday, June 3, 6 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Tickets: \$23, \$35 U.S. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

**Los Misterios de Lola** present *Chicago*, Sunday, June 3, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$12. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**"Comper-Miso,"** literature and music by author Germán Dehesa and singer Alejandro "Virulo" García at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río) on Wednesday, June 6, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$40, \$50 U.S. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

**Electronic Music** promised when Varukers performs Thursday, June 7, 11 p.m., at Box Underground (in old jai alai *frontón* on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

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**May Concludes** with a night well illuminated by moonlight. On Thursday, May 31, the full moon rises over the mountains about 25 minutes after sunset, spends the whole night arcing from east to west across the sky, and finally sets over the ocean near dawn on Friday. This particular full moon also qualifies as a so-called "blue moon" — the second full moon occurring within a single calendar month. When viewing the rising of the full moon on the 31st, note the bright "star" a few degrees to the left. That is the planet Jupiter.

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**Work Party** in honor of National Trails Day, Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m., at Wright's Field. Work is followed by guided walk led by Linda Richards, 11 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-722-6281. (ALPINE)

**Repair Work in Paso Picacho** at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-341-1746. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

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House (12020 Black Mountain Road) include reenactment of mail delivery along San Diego and San Antonio mail line, trail construction demonstrations, equestrian rides, children's activities, trails fair with vendors and exhibitors, archaeologists and historians excavating Ranch House, live music, more. Free. 858-484-7504 (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**Walk the Solana Beach Rail Trail** with Sierra Club family section on Saturday, June 2. Learn about ecology of rail trail during slow-paced activity. Outing begins at 10:30 a.m. on paved Solana Beach rail trail (on east side of Highway 101, just west of Solana Beach Train Station at Cedros Avenue and Lomas Santa Fe Drive). 858-880-9261. Free. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Whelan Lake Bird Walk**, see many different species during walk

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**Nature Hike**, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including June 3, 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)

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that date, the giant planet will be as close to us, and as bright in the sky, as it will get for the year. Jupiter can be recognized not only by its exceptional brilliance, but also by its tendency not to

twinkle as much as the other stars do. Jupiter's light, which emanates from a tiny "disk" (as opposed to a pinpoint) in the sky, is less susceptible to optical distortions when passing through Earth's atmosphere. Generally speaking, any planet seen in the sky twinkles much less than any stars appearing in the same part of the sky.

**DANCE**

**Ranting Banshee** makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contradance on Friday, June 1, 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)

**Abdoulaye Camara from Guinea**, West Africa, teaches one workshop open to all levels, as well as those who have never tried African dance, Saturday, June 2, 4 p.m., at Performing Arts Workshop (1105 2nd Street). Class accompanied by live drumming. \$15. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

**"In Studio,"** members of San Diego Ballet dance for fundraiser, Saturday, June 2, 5:30 p.m., at

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**American Latin and Ballroom Dance Party**, Saturday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dance-time Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. Foxtrot lesson at 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

**Live Balkan Music** played by Bay Area band Turlu, Saturday, June 2, 8 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). \$10. 619-281-565. (NORTH PARK)

**The American-Israeli Contemporary Dance Troupe** Keshet Chaim ("Rainbow of Life") performs for San Diego Jewish Music Festival, Saturday, June 2, 8 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Group's repertoire is inspired by Jewish life in many lands, covers span of history from Solomon and Sheba to present. Program includes *The Offering*, *Spirit of Israel*, *Chassidic-Russian Dance*, *From Spain to Jerusalem*, *The Yemenites: Immigrants of the Magic Carpet*, *Sababa Ba Midbar: Celebration in the Desert*. \$19. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

**English Country Dancing** takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Callers are Judee and Karin on June 3. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

**"We Dance/Our Dances,"** choreography and performance by dance students at UCSD, directed by Jean Isaacs, Wednesday-Saturday, June 6-9, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Potiker Theatre. Tickets: 858-534-4574. (LA JOLLA)

**Blurred Borders Dance Festival** with works by Patricia Rincon

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FILM

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,** currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps, Everest, Coral Reef Adventure*. “Fridays at the Fleet” showcases *Island of the Sharks* (6 p.m.) and *Yellowstone* (7 p.m.) on June 1. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**Reef Presents Premiere** of *Mixed Tape, Bobby: Volume One*, directed by Pete Santa Maria, screening Thursday, May 31, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$8 general. 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

**Cinema under the Stars** season continues with Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains in *Casablanca*, Thursday, May 31–Sunday, June 3. Next: *Batman* (1989) with Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton, June 7 and 8. Screenings start at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

**“Dean LeCrone vs. the Mutants of Comic-Con”** screens for Comics and Animation Filmfest, Saturday, June 2, 6 p.m., Mission Theatre (231 North Main Av-

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**“28 Seconds: The Killing of Fouad Kaady”** screens, followed by community discussion, Saturday, June 2, 7 p.m., at Rubber Rose (3812 Ray Street). Free. 619-378-0946. (NORTH PARK)

**Muse on Free Will** when Mark Forster’s *Stranger Than Fiction* screens for Sunday Matinee on June 3, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Stars Will Ferrell, Emma Thompson, Maggie Gyllenhaal. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**How About a “Snarky Homage”?** Van Flesher’s *Burning Annie* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, June 4, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Poder Escondido:** Stories of Latino Civic Engagement in Escondido” presented by Media Arts Center San Diego’s Teen Producers Project on Thursday, June 7, 6:30 p.m., at Orange Glen High School Performing Arts Center (2200 Glenridge Road). Students at Orange Glen High School produced two ten-minute documentaries focusing on Latino civic engagement in North County. Discussion follows with youth producers, video interviewees. Films

include *Seeds of Change* and *Poder Escondido/ Hidden Power*. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (ESCONDIDO)

LECTURES

**“New Methodologies in Connoisseurship** of Early Chinese Painting” — from 7th to 14th Centuries — documented by Yu Hui, professor of Chinese painting at the Palace Museum in Beijing, on Thursday, May 31, 1 p.m., for San Diego Museum of Art’s Asian Arts Council. \$10 general. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Four San Diego Sculptors”** Kenneth Capps, Jesus Y. Dominguez, Tom Driscoll, and James Skalman, whose works are currently on exhibit, speak about their work, Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). \$5 general. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**“Foam: The Birthplace of the New Lesbian Frontier”** is explored by author Eileen Myles for “Women’s Lecture Series,” Thursday, May 31. Myles has “been thinking kind of obsessively about when a witch, for example, is killed and all that’s left is a pile of foam. Or when a goddess appears and there’s also some bubbles. I’m not sure, but I think there’s more than one kind of reproduction....” Free lecture starts at 7 p.m. at San Diego LGBT Community Center (3909 Centre Street). 619-692-2077. (HILLCREST)

**“Raiders of the Lost Archives,”** learn to conduct basic historic research to determine if your home is a potential historic landmark or a contributor to a potential historic district during workshop series sponsored by University Heights Historical Society. Workshops planned on Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.; and June 16, 1–4 p.m., at Swedenborgian Church (4144 Campus Av-

enue). \$15 general. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**“Three Fantastic Salads,”** learn to make grilled-vegetable pasta salad with pesto-based dressing, strawberry and spinach salad with raspberry-chipotle dressing, Greek salad during class by chef Elizabeth of Elizabeth’s Kitchen, Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$33. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Psychoenergetic Science”** is topic when William Tiller from *What the Bleep Do We Know* discusses changing “physical reality” with your thoughts, Saturday, June 2, 6 p.m., at Scottish Rite Temple (1895 Camino del Rio

South). \$24.95. 619-298-1584. (MISSION VALLEY)

**“Impossible to Forget:** The Nazi Camps Fifty Years After” — celebrated landscape photographer Michael Kenna visits William D. Cannon Art Gallery to discuss his current exhibition, Saturday, June 2. The exhibit includes works he made over 12 years of extended visits to Nazi concentration camps in nine different countries. Free talk starts at 6 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

**“Vik Muniz on Vik Muniz,”** artist presents talk on his work, Saturday, June 2, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San

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## LOCAL EVENTS

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**Practitioners of the "Black Art,"** as early photography was called, needed to be part chemist, handyman, adventurer, artist. Wet plate photographer Wayne L. Pierce discusses "The Early Years of Photography" for 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, June 4. \$. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**Multi-Dog Household** workshop planned Tuesday, June 5, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Learn training secrets, "tips for peaceful coexistence between your canine family members." \$35. 619-299-7012 x2247. For humans only. (LINDA VISTA)

**Cooking Up Cancer Prevention** Cancer Project's Tracy Childs teaches cooking class on "Antioxidants and Phytochemicals," emphasizing cancer prevention and survival, Wednesday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. Registration: 858-679-9148. (MIRA MESA)

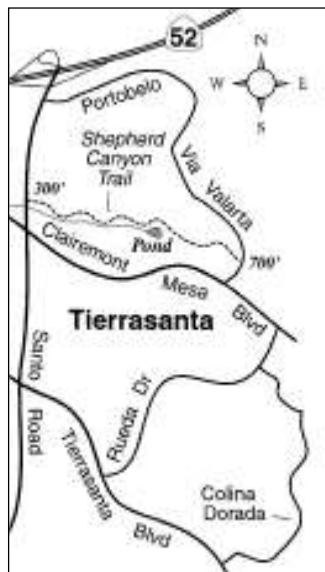
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## ROAM--RAMA

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The hiking/biking/jogging trail following a branch of Shepherd Canyon in Tierrasanta, dating from the 1980s, is an example of one of San Diego County's first "community" or "neighborhood" trails designed to serve the recreational needs of local residents. Today, trails like this one, which are considered to be neighborhood amenities, are common in newly built suburban and semiurban housing developments. The Shepherd Canyon trail (along with most others of its ilk) is open to leashed dogs as well as self-propelled humans.

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Dishwater Pond

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**Flower Floozie!** Annie Hayes, owner of Richmond nursery Annie's Annuals, plans slide show of "Exciting and Fabulous Mediterranean Climate Rarities" for San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, June 11, 6 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Center (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Plant sales, raffle. Ad-

mission: \$5 general. 760-295-7089.  
(KEARNY MESA)

## IN PERSON

**“Sonnets @ 6,”** experience “Waking Dreams” exhibit at San Diego Museum of Art through works of authors, poets who were inspired by Pre-Raphaelite movement. Poems, sonnets, plays by Shakespeare, Keats, Byron, Chaucer, Longfellow, Tennyson, Dante, and others will be featured on Thursday, May 31, 6 p.m. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Skank Agents** play ska tunes for “Rock the Library” family concert, Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m., in Carlsbad City Library’s Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). 760-602-2058. (LA COSTA)

**"Buddha Is as Buddha Does"**  
will be signed by Lama Surya Das,  
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**Aspire Playwrights Collective**  
**8:13 Series**, new play workshop  
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**Award-Winning Suspense**  
**Author** C.J. Box signs *Free Fire*, and suspense author Barry Eisler signs *Requiem for an Assassin*, Friday, June 1, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont

Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747).  
Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**Acoustic and Folk Music**  
planned when Jim Hinton and Daybreak perform Saturday, June 2, 6 p.m., at North County Church of Christ (130 Woodward). 760-745-7732. (ESCONDIDO)

**P.F. Sloan in Concert** for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**The Queen of Comedy Som-**  
**more and Friends**, with Willie  
and Woody Gilbert Esquivel and  
A.J. Jamal, Saturday, June 2,  
7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre  
(121 Broadway). Tickets: \$37, \$42,  
available through Ticketmaster  
(619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

**Traditional West African Music**  
played by SeneAfrica, Saturday,  
June 2, 7:30 p.m., at Yoganic Stu-  
dio (1450 University Ave. #201).  
Tickets: 619-294-7792. (HILLCREST)

**"Comics That Kill" —** laughs provided by Jennifer Murphy, Burger, Erin Schauer, Amanda Egge, Jason Bang, and Rick Gene on Saturday, June 2, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). \$10. Not for those under 14. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Headliner Is L.G. Brown** for comedy show on Saturday, June 2, 9 p.m., in Green Room at Twigg's (4590 Park Boulevard). Also on program: David Taylor, Mal Hall, Cate Gary, Zoltan, Eric Knowles. \$3 general. 619-987-3710. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Poetry Reading @ the Poetry Bench**, Sunday, June 3, noon. Sculpted bench is made of clay and strawbale, demonstrating natural building techniques. Can't make it on Sunday? Drop your poem in bench drop box and it will be read. Find bench at northeast corner of Quince Street and Sixth Avenue. Free. 619-807-9193. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Desert Poets" Reading** by Lori Davis and Ruth Nolan, Sunday, June 3, at Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Reception at 12:30 p.m., reading at 1 p.m., open mike follows (five minutes maximum). 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Basically Broadway,"** enjoy music of the stage when Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires present spring concert, Sunday, June 3, 2 p.m., at Pacific Beach Middle School (4676 Ingraham Street). 858-587-8951. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Pops Concert** by Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, June 3, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1440 Oakcrest Park Drive). Reservations: 760-489-2383, 760-436-6137. (ENCINITAS)

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Women's Chorus for spring concert, Sunday, June 3, 3 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1046 Solana Drive). Listen for Chinese mountain songs, Canadian folk songs, "Kasar Mie La Gaji" from Venezuela, more. Donation: \$10. 760-634-9809. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"The Happiest Place on Earth!"** South Bay Community Chorale presents spring concert with songs from Disney movies, Sunday, June 3, 4 p.m., in Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (on campus of EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway). \$5 general. 619-997-9818. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Music in the Park"** series commences with Night Shift playing classic rock, blues, music of the '60s, Sunday, June 3, 5 p.m., at Salt Creek Park Recreation Center (2710 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

**Musical Innovator**, five-time Grammy Award nominee David Benoit performs his contemporary jazz at California Center for the

Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), Sunday, June 3, at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30-\$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Singing in Comoran, Arabic, French,** and English, vocalist Nawal hails from the Comoros Islands. Her music, traditional to contemporary, may be heard during concert sponsored by Center for World Music on Sunday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., at Dizzy's (344 Seventh Avenue). \$15. 858-270-7467. (DOWNTOWN)

**Sunday Seizure Comedy** stand-up show with Danielle Stewart, Kris Leztec, Shannon Hatch, Jason Bang, Mal Hall on Sunday, June 3, 8 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free. 619-702-6010. 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

**"How We Create,"** La Jolla Pen Women host "Arts in Concert" program showcasing classic jazz artistry of Bette Miller (piano) and narrator Anne Hoiberg, focusing on "common threads of creativity among writers, artists, and musical composers." Program begins at 1 p.m. on Mon-

day, June 4, at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-245-1677. (LA JOLLA)

**Senior Showcase**, expect "a lively round-up of dance, musical theater, and instrumental music vignettes" by graduating seniors, Monday, June 4, 7 p.m., in theater at Coronado School of the Arts (650 D Avenue). All of the 23 performing artists are allotted four minutes to show "their best solo or small-ensemble work." \$8 general. 619-522-8969.

**Harry Bosch Returns!** Mystery author Michael Connelly signs, discusses *Overlook*, Monday, June 4, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Otherwise Normal People:** Inside the Thorny World of Competitive Rose Gardening" signed, discussed by author Aurelia Scott on Monday, June 4, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Scott follows "America's rose enthusiasts as they plan, pre-

pare, and compete" for Queen of Show honors. Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

**Susie Glaze and Highlonesome** play for music night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

**Noted Photographer** Robert Vavra reads from, signs *Michener's the Name*, Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Book includes more than 150 duotone photographs taken over course of 36-year friendship. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**"Girls Gone Weed"** — Los Angeles comics Jen Kober, Kristin Key, and Martha Marion take stage Tuesday, June 5, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). Cover: \$5, plus two-item minimum. 858-550-8088. (LA JOLLA)

**Poetry Unlimited Art and Music** boasts featured poet Hal Winegard, music by Dominique

(piano, flute) and Valerie Kim (piano, violin), Wednesday, June 6, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Hosted by Jean Frank. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

**Jazz in the Park** series continues with concert by Bob DeVos Quartet on Wednesday, June 6, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. DeVos's Hammond B-3 quartet includes Southern California organist Joe Bagg, guest tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander. \$20. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Project Turnaround Showcase 2007:** Overcoming Challenges" with inspirational speaker Mark Goffeney, Wednesday, June 6, in community hall at St. James (625 South Nardo Avenue). Celebration includes music, singing, short plays, art show, more. Art show at 7 p.m., performance at 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-481-3998. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Vesta,"** play examining a family's struggle with end-of-life issues is presented during dramatic

reading, Wednesday, June 6, 7 p.m., at San Rafael Church (17252 Bernardo Center Drive). Discussion follows at 8:30 p.m. Free. Registration: 858-635-1224. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**The Folk Collection** three-part-harmony '60s folk trio performs for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on June 7, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Changing the Way Americans Eat?** Bestselling author Michael Pollan speaks for UCSD's Revelle Forum on Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Pollan's most recent book is *The Omnivore's Dilemma*. \$35. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

**"Eat, Pray, Love"** author Elizabeth Gilbert visits Warwick's Bookstore to read from and sign her wonderful book, Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### SPORTS

**Region-One Arabian Horse Show** at Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday–Sunday, May 31–June 3. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

**San Diego Padres** are in Pittsburgh for game against Pirates, Thursday, May 31, 4:05 p.m. Road trip continues with games against Washington Nationals, June 1–3, at 4:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Los Angeles Dodgers arrive for games in Petco Park at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday, June 5–7. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Up for a Century?** Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders to peddle through Camp Pendleton to San Clemente and back on Sunday, June 3. The 100-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Free. 619-561-3846. (LA JOLLA)

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**What Lies Beneath?** “Bodies...the Exhibition” features more

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**“The Skin I’m In,”** African-American Student Union and African Unity League of San Diego City College present “African Nation Across the Globe” celebrations with music, food, clothes, dance, more, Thursday, May 31, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., in Gorton Quad at San Diego City Community College (1313 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-388-3552. (DOWNTOWN)

**What Happens When Oil Runs Out?** Bring your prognostications when P&R Discussion group meets Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

**Look, Up in the Sky! It’s “Cloud Cloud”!** To signal open-

## OUT & ABOUT

### WIEGHORST WESTERN

Heritage Days, Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, Olaf Wieghorst Museum.

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ing of his exhibition “Vik Muniz: Reflex,” Brazilian artist Muniz will move his art up into sky “to perform his photographic action” *Cloud Cloud*, San Diego on Friday, June 1, in San Diego (call for location and time). Muniz will use a pilot and a skywriting plane to sketch his illusion of a cloud in sky above San Diego, then photograph the ephemeral artwork before it disappears from sight.

*Cloud Cloud* will take place in the sky above MCASD La Jolla on Saturday, June 2, at 6 p.m., visible to all walking along Prospect Street

and Coast Boulevard. Free. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA)

**The Chimes Will Ring Out** atop UCSD’s Geisel Library on Friday, June 1, noon. University carillonneur Scott Paulson will play premiere of piece specially written by UCSD undergraduate composer Tom Ferguson to commemorate birthday of the late Joe Rubinger (who donated the rooftop chimes in 1989). Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

**Fire Truck Night** is Friday, June 1, when Cruisin’ Grand takes place 5–9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom,

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**Explore Scripps Pier by the Light of a Full Moon** when the pier, normally closed to public, is open for exploration on Friday, June 1, 7–9:30 p.m. Participants learn of structure’s history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Fee: \$20 for adults, \$17 for

those under 18. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Fiesta del Sol**, some 14 bands perform Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, for all-age event. Bands include Married by Elvis, Aggrolites, Young Dubliners, Skanic, Cash’d Out. Arts and crafts booths line streets 9 a.m.–5 p.m. both days; rock climbing, llama rides, diaper derby; food. To reach the fun, take I- 5 to Lomas Santa Fe exit, head west on Lomas Santa Fe to Fletcher Cove. Free admission. 858-755-4775 (SOLANA BEACH)

**Historic Garden Tour** hosted by San Diego Floral Association, with six gardens in Mission Hills and Point Loma, Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: \$20, may be purchased on day of tour at Rosecroft, an Italian renaissance residence built in 1912 at 530 Silvergate Avenue. 619-232-5762. (MISSION HILLS, POINT LOMA)

**Holistic Living Expo** with 70 exhibitors specializing in “intuitive insight, attraction and manifestation, love and beauty, rejuvenation and nutrition, exercise and bodywork, inspiration and creativity” is Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). Tickets: \$5 general, \$8 for two, \$3 for seniors and teens, free for children. 800-722-7330. (MISSION VALLEY)

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**Spectacular Specimens!** San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Show is June 2 and 3 in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Exhibitors on hand to answer questions, plant sale, demonstrations. Show opens at 10 a.m. both mornings, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 619-462-1805, 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

**Wieghorst Western Heritage Days** slated for June 2 and 3 at Olaf Wieghorst Museum (131 Rea Street). Cowboy poets and storytellers (Les Buffham, Ken Graydon and Phee Sherline, Harvey Sampson), mountain men encampment, blacksmithing, gunfight reenactments, Buffalo Soldiers, Native American dancers, live music (Mark Jackson Band, Judy Taylor, Jon Messenger, Deborah Liv Johnson, Trails and Rails, more). Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

**"Boy Eats World!"** Private chef/author Dave Lawrence cooks up "simple gourmet" recipes, Saturday, June 2, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$30. 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Piece in the Streets!** Street art, graffiti displays, and live painting by artists from San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco along with live music, Saturday, June 2, noon–1 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Café (6875 El Cajon Boulevard, suite B). L.A. street artist Tiki Jay One will be on hand. \$8. 619-469-4113. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Plato's "Apology"** is topic when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers, Saturday, June 2, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

**AcroYoga Workshops** planned at Ashtanga Yoga Center (1905 Calle Barcelona #218). "Pandora's Box" is theme on Saturday, June 2, 3–6 p.m.; with "flying, Thai massage, partner acrobatics" on Sunday, June 3, 2–4 p.m. No partners necessary, all levels welcome. Saturday: \$55, Sunday: \$40; \$70 for both days. Registration: 760-632-7093. (LA COSTA)

**The Annual All-Members Show** hosted by San Diego Portrait Society may be viewed through Wednesday, June 27, at Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Ron Goldman was juror. Award reception is Saturday, June 2, 3:30–5:30 p.m. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

**"Art Around Adams,"** dancers, singers, experimental improv, and actors perform alongside tents and venues showcasing art on Saturday, June 2, 4–10 p.m., from 30th and Adams all the way down Adams Avenue to Vista Street. The Art Miles Mural Project — uniting artists from throughout the world via mural-making — seeks to complete 12 miles of murals to be wrapped around Egypt's Great Pyramids in 2010; completed and in-progress murals will be on display. Free. 858-717-2607. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Boost Mobile Nightshift,** touring motor sports event boasting more than 500 custom show cars, drift racing exhibitions, rally races, and motorbike stunts is Saturday, June 2, 4–11 p.m., Coors Amphitheatre (2050 Entertainment Circle). Concert by rap

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**Civitan Classic Car Show,** Sunday, June 3, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Rancho Guajome Adobe (2201 North Santa Fe Avenue). Hot rods and custom cars, arts and crafts, auto-related vendors, food, live music. Awards at 2 p.m. Free for spectators. 760-724-2875. (VISTA)

**Operation Greyhound** celebrates 16 years of rescuing, adopting retired racing greyhounds with fundraiser reunion/picnic on Sunday, June 3, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Cornelius Ranch (273 Chicory Lane). "Greyhound contests" for best costumes, trickiest greyhound, most handsome, most beautiful; prize awarded to greyhound and family who traveled greatest distance to reach event. Donation: \$15 per person. 619-588-6611. (EL CAJON)

**Drop It!** Basic obedience six-week class covering "proper leadership skills," sit, stay, down, come, heel, leave it, drop it, other basic commands, problem behaviors begins Sunday, June 3, 9:30 a.m., at Mutropolis (7755 Girard Avenue). Dogs must be at least 16 weeks old. \$150. 858-414-7797. (LA JOLLA)

**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, June 3, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

**Japanese Cultural Bazaar,** Buddhist lecture, altar tour, martial arts and variety of cultural demonstrations, koto, taiko drumming, dance, ikebana, foods (for sale), games, and crafts for children — the party is Sunday, June 3, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street). Free. 619-239-0896. (SAN DIEGO)

**American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting** host art show through Sunday, July 1, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Reception: Sunday, June 3, 1–4 p.m. Free admission to reception. 760-729-6302, 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

**The House of Denmark** presents program of Danish music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, June 3, 2 p.m. Danish foods offered for sale. 619-234-0739. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**Coastal Writers' Group** meets first Monday each month, including June 4, 9–11 a.m., at Solana Beach Library (147 Stevens Avenue). Group includes writers of fiction, nonfiction, children's literature, other genres, and you're invited to join them. Free. 858-350-3108. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Craft Club** gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop, Monday, June 4, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**Calling All Beer Geeks and Bookworms!** The "Book and a Beer Club" convenes for discussion of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan on Monday

June 4, on grass at Stone Brewing Company (1999 Citracado Parkway). Guests include David Bronner (president of Dr. Bronner's) and Barry Logan, proprietor of La Milpa Organica Organic Farm.

Mix and mingle at 5:30 p.m., discussion at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs if you'd like; blankets provided for seating. Free. Requested reservations: 760-471-4999 x1700. (ESCONDIDO)

**Calligraphy and Mizuhiki Sale** with work by Mrs. Otani and Mrs. Hamada planned on Tuesday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in regular admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

**The San Diego a Cappella Girls' Ensemble** directed by Becky Rash of Active Audio and Entertainment hosts open house with a rehearsal to observe, Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m. Bring your questions. Free. Join group at 16475 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-717-5299. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Monster Truck Mania!** Monster trucks and performance by studio dancers from a Time to Dance promised during Cajon Classic Cruise car show on Wednesday, June 6, 5–8 p.m., on East Main Street. Cruise nights continue on Wednesdays through August 29. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

**What Is a Humanist?** Discuss with P&R discussion group on Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House. Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

**Leopold Bloom's 1904 Ramble** through Dublin on June 16, 1904, in James Joyce's *Ulysses* is com-

memorated with Bloomsday celebrations, Friday, June 15, noon–2:30 p.m., at UCSD Faculty Club (9500 Gilman Drive). Readings, Bloomsday lunch, short talks about Joyce, short film. \$25 fee includes lunch. Reservations by June 13: 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

## FOR KIDS

**"Pico's Pail"** — puppet show based on Mexican folk tales performed by Old-Fashioned Kite-Flying Puppeteers, May 30–June 3 at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *A Flower Fantasy* by Puppet Express, June 6–10.

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)

**"Under, Over, Around, and Through,"** this "parent participation preschool program" for kids three to five years old is Friday, June 1, 6 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$15 per adult/child couple. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**A "Science Extravaganza"** with science demonstrations set to music and "dramatic staging and lighting for all ages," Friday, June 1, 6:30 p.m., at La Costa Canyon High School (101 Maverick Way). \$5. 760-436-6136. (LA COSTA)

**The Musical** *The Secret Garden* performed by Christian Youth Theater, June 1–10, at Mission Hills High School auditorium (1 Mission Hills Court). Cast of over 40 is made up of students aged 8–18. Tickets: \$7–\$12. Showtimes, details: 619-588-0206, 800-696-1929. (SAN MARCOS)

**Discover Archaeology Day** is Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m.–noon, at Jack's Pond Nature Center (986 La Moree Road). Archaeologists from San Diego Archaeology Center describe how to excavate a dig, document discoveries, make rope, and create petroglyph-style art. \$3 per person. Required reservations: 760-744-9000 x3508. (SAN MARCOS)

**Pet Pals Kids' Club** convenes Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.–noon, at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Kids 6–13 have "fun with other animal-loving kids." \$15. Required reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

**Explore "Waking Dreams,"** collection of Victorian art with "depictions of legendary tales from literature and history" and enjoy variety of activities during family festival on Sunday, June 3, noon–4 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Artist demonstrations, interactive art projects, exhibition tours in English and Spanish. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Ordinary/Extraordinary"** is theme for family day events on Sunday, June 3, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard). Prepare to shift your perception as you alter objects of your own like Cerca Series artist William Feeney, who "transforms ordinary, everyday objects into works of art," changing perceptions. Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

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# Frontiersman

*Because his work is seldom only one thing, it looks mercurial, flashy, adroit.*

A strand of floral wire squiggles from a gallery wall and, following a pencil trace, forms a nervous oblong shape. The wire performs a kind of “Me and My Shadow” dance with a thin dark line created by the bright overhead lighting. The solo dance becomes a perky parade of a dozen or so contorted wires protruding from the wall. They possess a hearty fortitude, these frail objects

## REVIEW

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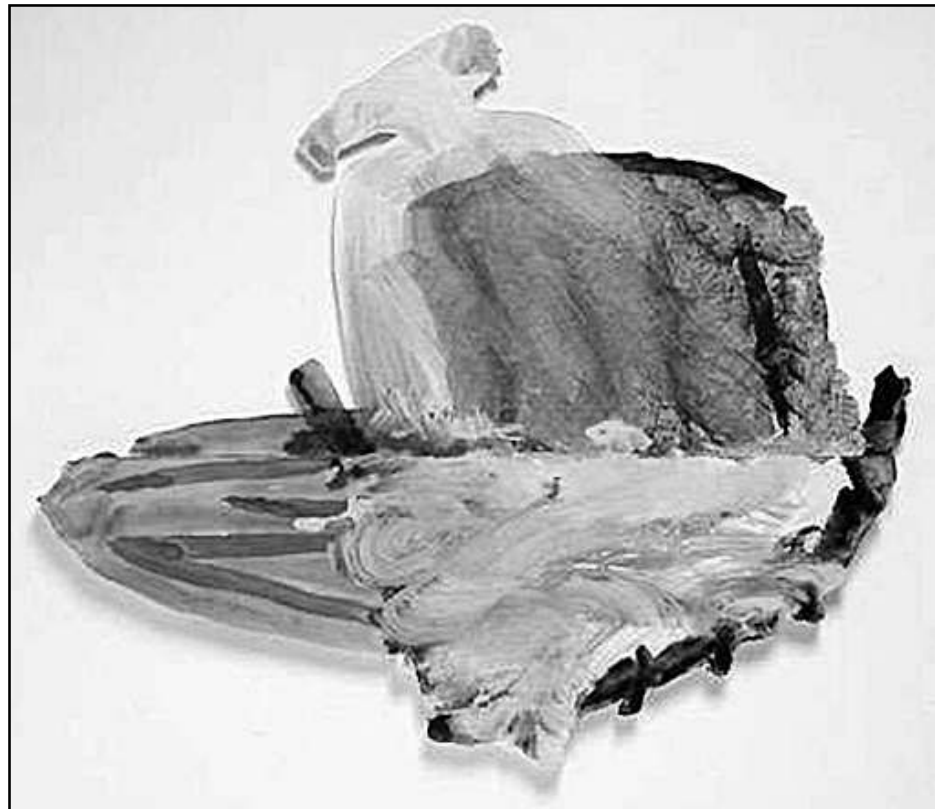
and their shadow lives. Their maker, Richard Tuttle, originated his “Wire Piece” series in 1972, but like much of his art, they are reinvented whenever he includes them in an exhibition. Each reinvention is the improvised result of a nearly monastic discipline: Tuttle stands shoeless before a wall, pencil in hand, meditating on the space, then draws a line, nails wire to the line’s foot, and unspools it to overshadow the extended line. It’s a kind of prayer, an act of seeking and finding, never the same iteration twice. Tuttle’s work — from these earlier pieces to the large, tented sculptures he made in the 1980s and the miniscule 1992 series “Fiction Fish” (painted forms, smaller than cigar boxes, suspended from wire practically to the floor), to recent multi-paneled wall hangings swabbed with acrylic polychromes and decorated with metal hooks, cardboard tubing, and other media — strikes us with its stark physicality and its ephemerality.

The impulse behind Tuttle’s art is to find whatever suffices to satisfy expressive needs; these needs entail inquiry into the material expression of contemplative states. The inquiry is on display at the ample retrospective of his work at the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art. Viewers unfamiliar with his work will be struck, before anything else, by the protean shapes and dimensions and materials. Many critics and artists regard him as a frontiersman who 40 years ago began to forge amalgams between painting, sculpture, installation, printmaking, even bookmaking, and who cleared a broad swath for artists experimenting with hybrid forms. Because his work is seldom only one thing (“Wire Piece” combines sculptural finesse with design and engineering), it looks

mercurial, flashy, adroit. In her catalog essay accompanying the exhibition, Madelaine Grynsztein refers to “the radically ambiguous nature of his work, which is neither sculpture nor painting nor drawing, neither two- nor three-dimensional, but a vivid and always-changing combination of all of the above.”

The ambiguity was there from the start. His first solo show in 1965 contained what he called “constructed paintings,” plywood forms sheathed in dyed canvas sewn to the wood. (Add handcraft to Tuttle’s methods.) Shortly after, he did away with canvas and applied as many as 20 coats of monochrome directly on wood cut to patterns with oscillating edges that imitated the wavering sweep of the paint. He sometimes hung them on walls, sometimes set them on the floor: they could be sculpted paintings or painted sculptures. In the late 1960s he was hand-cutting canvas (based on preliminary drawings), balling it up, tipping it in the common household dye Tintex, then hanging the swatches out to dry like laundry. The color-saturated cloth was indistinguishable from the surface wrinkles. The process, as in so much of Tuttle’s work, depended on the swing and sway of chance, on the artist’s relinquishing of certain controls. To add to the aleatory quality of his art, Tuttle puts his creations on walls or floors without specifying orientation. Nearly everything in the current exhibition has this handmade, thrown-up or thrown-down immediacy.

Born in New Jersey in 1941, Tuttle grew up in a fairly pious Protestant family of poetry lovers, so he was formed early on by a sensitivity to spiritual conversation and literary expression of feeling. The forms of the alphabet would later figure importantly in his art. During his college years in the early 1960s, he spent many weekends in New York just as Pop and concept-driven art were in ascendance. “Happenings” were happening. Tuttle’s primary interest was drawing, and his art is still grounded there, but like many artists who came of age in those days, he had little interest in conventional figuration or Abstract Expressionism. The traditional model of art as a



20 Pearls (7), 2003

### The Art of Richard Tuttle

**Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles**, 250 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles  
**Through Monday, July 30.** For additional information, call 213-626-6222 or [http://www.moca.org/museum/moca\\_grandave.php](http://www.moca.org/museum/moca_grandave.php).

subjective representation of a shared reality, or in the case of Abstract Expressionism an extremely idiosyncratic internalized reality, was being matched, and to some critical minds outstepped, by a model traceable back to Duchamp and his art-is-whatever-you-call-art aesthetic. The new art, whether it treated imagery and language for its iconic jolt (Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, Andy Warhol) or made art entirely of “irreducibles,” of line, color, and volume (Frank Stella, Richard Serra, and Ellsworth Kelly), emphasized autonomy, materiality, and a squared-up experience of art objects without any intervention of metaphor or “meaning.” These artists, like Tuttle, aspired to eliminate illusionism, not just

the illusionism of depictive representation but also the illusionism of spontaneous authenticity practiced by Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning. Frank Stella coined the new precept: “What you see is what you see.” (This, anyway, is the canned, oversimplified version of late 20th-century art history; history is never so straight cut.) Tuttle’s particular ambition, at any rate, has been to make objects that have an unmediated presence. He says that he doesn’t want to get in the way of his work, that he wants it to have, to be, its own primary reality; he wants “to brush aside everything that veils reality from us, in order to bring us face to face with reality itself.”

Tuttle’s art gives us pleasures that Minimal-

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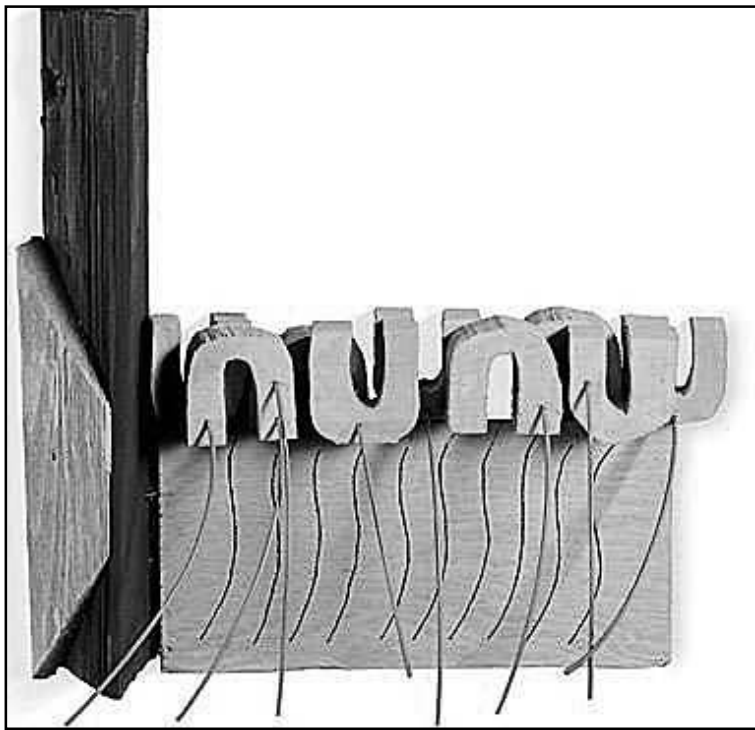
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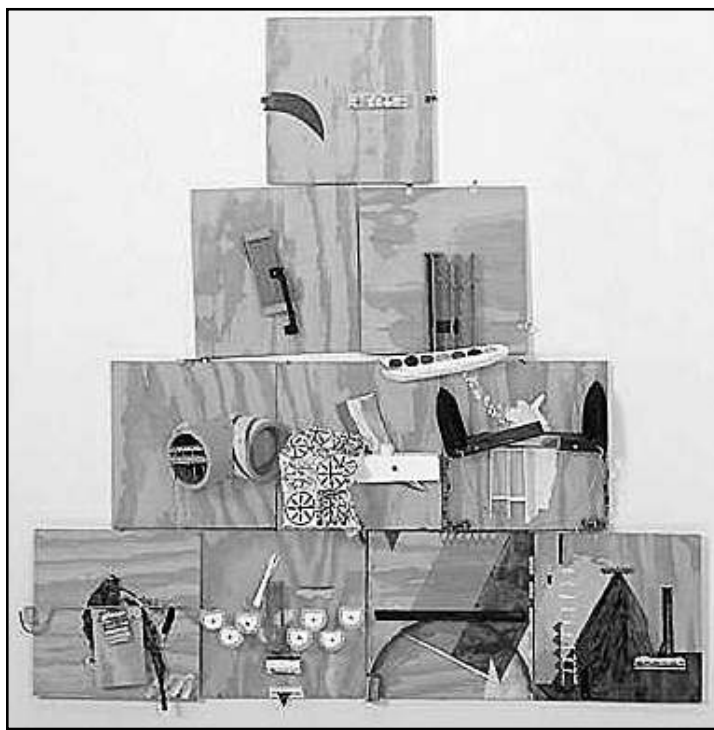
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ism's stripped-down cool and poker-faced reductiveness worked hard to avoid. Many of his titles, in fact, like *Fountain*, *Drift*, *Yellow Dancer*, and *Old Men and Their Garden* (which looks back to Rembrandt's *Susannah and the Elders*), conjure illusionism or reference of some sort. Resemblances jump out at us. *House*, a painted panel, resembles (a) a fence; (b) a Siamese twin *H* joined at the hip; (c) an architectural motif — while it remains a sign that refers to nothing except itself. And his brushwork is often so sensuous that we can't ignore its human authorship. For all the conceptual apparatus of his practice, Tuttle is anything but a depersonalizing artist. His interest in poetry, in language, in the alphabet as a set of hieroglyphs, is evident in *Letters*

(*The Twenty-Six Series*) from 1966. In its original installation, 26 forms bearing a hit-or-miss resemblance to the alphabet were spread on a table, and gallery visitors were encouraged to handle them; this looseness conformed to the rendering of what the avant-garde of the time, following Duchamp, believed to be the invisible veil that kept traditional art at an inviolable remove from observers. Later, in 1975, when he returned to the series, Tuttle constellated the same forms across a wall; yet another time he spread them on the floor. The different deployments suggested (a) a set of signs as painted forms; (b) sculptural objects; (c) floor mosaics. Some of the "letters" gesture to other things: the *L* looks like a carpenter's square; the broad flat *U* could be a canoe's hull; one indeterminate form *looks* like a letter but isn't — it may be a petroglyph copied from an Arizona canyon wall or that cool kitchen helper, the mezzaluna.

The constant in Tuttle's work, especially satisfying in the softened, billowing, lyrical paintings of the recent *20 Pearls*, is drawing. It's so supple and suggestive that you don't feel that you're viewing a product; you feel that you're witnessing the simultaneous present and

past of a mark-making event. The work conveys a palpable sense of the kinetics of the hand exercising not a deliberative process so much as chasing instinctual moves and directions and moods. The color drawings on paper, sometimes roughly framed in raw wood (the frames themselves sometimes painted), seem like excited episodes in the history of the line. He has said that he wants "a line that doesn't represent anything beyond itself; in other words, the means to represent does not represent anything." The body of work, thus far at least — Tuttle has remade old stuff and fashioned new things for the Los Angeles show — tracks the animal of curiosity as it pursues an as yet unknown and unknowable stopping point, which itself becomes provisional as soon as it comes into existence. Fixities are irrelevant to such an enterprise. Process and invention are everything. ■

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## GALLERIES

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**"Cool, Clear Water"** was theme for City of San Diego's 2007 Water Conservation Poster Contest. The 18 winners — out of thousands of student entries — will be honored during reception on Friday, June 1, 5 p.m., in San Diego Watercolor Society Showcase Gallery at NTC Promenade (2825 Dewey Road, suite 105). Winning posters on display through June alongside original paintings reflecting theme. 619-876-4550. (POINT LOMA)

**"Fragments"** by Allison Renshaw opens with reception, Friday, June 1, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane). 858-454-3409. Closes Saturday, July 7. (LA JOLLA)

**Spring Fine Art Show** at Banner Queen Gallery (36766 Highway 78) opens with reception for artists on Saturday, June 2, 1 p.m.

760-765-2168, 760-765-0815. Closes on Sunday, July 1. (JULIAN)

**"Propaganda: USSR Cold War Posters"** from the '60s" from collection of Tom Spillane open with reception on Saturday, June 2, 4-10 p.m., at Zedism Gallery (3540 Adams Avenue). Through June. 619-283-1210. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**"Old House Interiors"** Collection of paintings, pottery, textiles, furniture goes on exhibition with reception, Saturday, June 2, 5 p.m., at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). Exhibit is in conjunction with upcoming Old House Fair. 619-233-6679. Through Saturday, August 18. (GOLDEN HILL)

**Work in Variety of Media** created by local artists gathered in show opening with reception, Saturday June 2, 6 p.m., at Moon-glow Design Gallery (5763 La Jolla Boulevard). 858-459-3271. (LA JOLLA)

**"Two-Wheeled Artists,"** group exhibition with painting, sculpture, photography dedicated "to the art of the bicycle" by Matt and Anna Rope, Ron Peyton, and the Sugar Skulls opens with reception, Saturday, June 2, 7 p.m., at Playa Gallery (2938 Adams Avenue). 619-339-1136. Through June. (NORTH PARK)

## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum**, "Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor" examines,

"through a selection of more than 130 watercolors, the variety of subjects these artists explored over the years." Paintings include landscapes, cityscapes, animal studies, figurative genre, fruit and floral still-lives, Mexico.

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

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

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

All of these exhibitions close on Wednesday, July 4. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum**, "Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100," draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist's 75-year career. By Zeisel's accounting, she's designed more than 100,000 objects for home and table. She was the first designer in this country to produce an all-white dinner service and first to teach ceramics as industrial design for mass production rather than as handcraft. Closes Sunday, August 12.

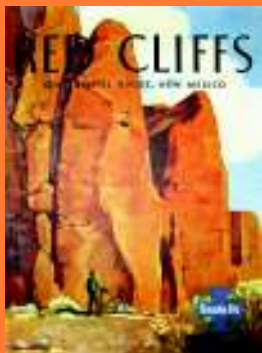
The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla**, "Vik Muniz: Reflex" — opening Saturday, June 2, and continuing through Sunday, September 2 — surveys more than 100 photographic works from 1988 to present, comprising "all of his major series to date." The Brazilian artist has been making photographs documenting his pictorial reconstructions of famous images of well-known people, photojournalism, and art history, constructed from materials including dirt, sugar, wire, string, chocolate syrup, peanut butter, ketchup, color chips, plastic toys, junk, diamonds.

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyper-real spaces." Closes Sunday, June 24.

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"Arthur Lavine: Peripatetic Pleasures and Meditations" continues through Sunday, September 2. Lavine served as a noncombat photographer during World War II, freelance magazine photographer in New York City in 1950s, spent 22 years as photographer for Chase Manhattan Bank.

"Nature and Spirit: The Photographs of Ansel Adams" — also closing on Sunday, September 2 — explores artists' mastery in translating light into an inspiring, finished photograph.

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

**San Diego Museum of Art**, iconic images of 19th-Century British art showcased in international touring exhibition drawn from "largest and most prestigious collection of Pre-Raphaelite art outside the United Kingdom," continuing through Sunday, July 29. "Waking Dreams: The Art of the Pre-Raphaelites from the Delaware Art Museum," boasts 130 paintings, watercolors, drawings, ceramics, jewelry, furniture from some of the most important artists of era. Highlights include Rossetti's *Water Willow* and *Lady Lilith*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Dream of Sardanapalus* by Ford Madox Brown, *Mary Magdalene* by Frederick Sandys.

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**Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major"** and overture to "The Creatures of Prometheus" are performed by 40-member New City Sinfonia for Spring Concert, Friday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Concert includes performances by pianist Ilana Mysior, three young winners of Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition, and Robert W. Parker's "Song for a Faraway Friend." Free. 619-527-4457. (HILLCREST)

**Year-End Concert** with works by Dvořák, Ravel, Copland, Shostakovich, Stravinsky planned by San Diego Young Artists Symphony, Saturday, June 2, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$10 general. 619-235-8067. (ESCONDIDO)

**Civic Organist** Carol Williams presents concert on Sunday, June 3, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Showcase Concert** by ensembles of San Diego Youth Symphony is Sunday, June 3, 4 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750

B Street). Tickets: \$20, \$25 general; discounts for students, seniors, military. 619-233-3232. (DOWNTOWN)

**Handel's "Messiah"** performed by Bach Collegium San Diego, a choir and period-instrument ensemble directed by Ruben Valenzuela, Sunday, June 3, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Stephen Sturk is guest conductor, joined by soprano Virginia Sublett, countertenor Martin Green, tenor Scott Whitaker, bass John Polhamus. Valenzuela delivers preconcert lecture: 6:15 p.m. Tickets: \$60 reserved, \$35 general, \$25 students. 619-341-1726. (BANKERS HILL)

**Former Civic Organist** Jared Jacobsen — currently organist at First Lutheran Church — plans concert, Sunday, June 3, 7 p.m., St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

**Fauré's "Requiem"** may be heard when Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra perform Sunday, June 3, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Concert includes "some favorite anthems from the choir's year." Offering. 858-729-5520. (LA JOLLA)

**"A Season of Suites and Dances"** — pieces by G.F. Handel, Copland, Mahler, and Enesco are promised when Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra performs Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Road). \$12 general. 619-697-6001. (SAN CARLOS)

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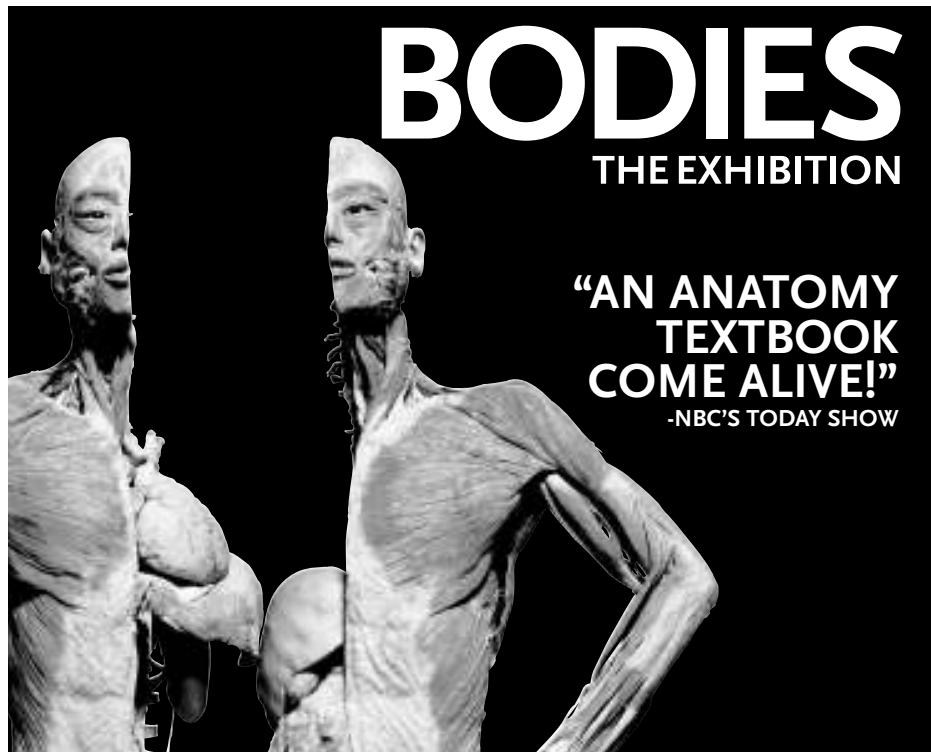
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Nick tells George, “I don’t know when you people are lying.” George replies, “You’re not supposed to.”

George and Martha can’t live with, or without, each other. At the end of Edward Albee’s *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* two questions surface: Can they live without the fantasy, the one safe subject, that held them together? And — as emphasized in the Old Globe Theatre’s staging — can they live without an audience? Does public performing hold them together as well?

**REVIEW**  
JEFF SMITH

The play’s always had Shakespearean echoes. Like Lady Macbeth, Martha’s stuck in a male-dominated world. A faculty wife in a small New England college — New Carthage, which suggests Dido getting dumped by yet another wayward Aeneas — her only means of influence is through her husband. When he fails to advance in the history department, so does Martha, who resorts to “internal subversion” for revenge.

Near play’s end, George tells Martha that the moon went down and came back up. She disagrees. He insists. The byplay recalls Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew*, where, to show his command over her, Petruchio tells Kate that the sun is actually the moon (and “shall be moon or star, or what I list”). Unlike Kate, who assents to her husband, Martha re-

fuses to accept George’s fiction. She maintains an equal, albeit fragile, footing.

The Old Globe’s staging is less epic than most, and at times too tidy (Alan E. Muraoka’s pleasant living room set’s hardly the “dump” Martha sees). But it stresses the play’s most im-

portant Shakespearean echo: how much of George and Martha’s late-night routines and charades, performed before Nick, an ambitious young professor and his “mousey” wife Honey, is just an act? Nick tells George, “I don’t know when you people are lying.” To which George replies, “You’re not supposed to.” So how insane are George and Martha? And how insane is Hamlet?

Martha says insanity is “the refuge we take when the unreality of the world weighs too heavily on our tiny heads.” Hamlet could have said that.

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James Sutorius, Monique Fowler in *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

**Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** by Edward Albee  
**Old Globe Theatre,** Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Balboa Park  
**Directed by Richard Seer;** cast: Monique Fowler, James Sutorius, Scott Ferrara, Nisi Sturgis; scenic design, Alan E. Muraoka; costumes, Charlotte Devaux; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson  
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another cocktail, and scathe anew. There’s even a familiarity to the scenes they play: as if part-rehearsed and part-improvised. Is this role-playing therapy? Do they need an audience to open up? As the “games” proceed — “Humiliate the Host,” “Get the Guests,” “Hump the



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Hostess,” and, the clincher, “Bringing Up Baby” — and blood flows “under the bridge,” is it truth or illusion, the sap of life or catsup?

Under Richard Seer’s expert direction, for much of the evening, you can’t be sure. He treats Act One as a sitcom. George evokes more deep laughter than any Neil Simon comedy. The spirit of “Fun and Games” infiltrates Acts Two and Three so effectively that, when “total war” prevails, the laugh sign’s still up for many in the audience. This reaction would show lack of directorial control in other comi-tragedies. At the Carter, however, the slippery line between the acted and the actual makes laughter as appropriate a response as shock.

When Martha tells George he doesn’t know the difference between truth and illusion, he replies, “No, but we must carry on as though we did.” To which Martha adds, “Amen.” And they do.

What stays real throughout are the effects of “performance” on Nick and Honey. Childless, like George and Martha, they too have secrets. Played by Nisi Sturgis, Honey erodes from an airhead ditz to a disaster area. When disillusionment shreds Honey, the trembling, emotionally blasted Sturgis almost steals the show.

Scott Ferrara’s Nick needs more underpinnings. Albee wrote the character as a blond, all-American jock with Josef Mengele leanings. If Nick had his way, he’d genetically engineer diversity out of existence — including the George and Martha’s of this world. Nick burns to rule (why else would he drag his wife to a 2:00 a.m. soiree?). Ferrara just scratches the surface and misses the character’s vaulting ambition. Nick says he doesn’t like to “get involved,” but deep down he’s thinking tenure-track, master race, and invade Poland.

On opening night, Monique Fowler had yet to put Martha’s myriad pieces together. When Alan Schneider directed Uta Hagen for the world premiere in 1962, he told her to “make big choices.” Fowler does as well. But the stagy, arm-waving gestures, frozen faces, and abrupt vocal risings and fallings too often feel planned, making Martha’s bipolar relationship with George an unequal match.

James Sutorius’s George, who holds his liquor better than a Viking in Valhalla, turns most of Act One into a stand-up routine and exerts an almost Prospero-like control over events. It’s as if he’s read the play and knows the pain their public “show” will cause. But, Sutorius makes clear in a deftly modulated performance, because he loves Martha, he’ll forge ahead and risk it all. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### All in the Timing

Due to popular demand, Ion Theatre reprises its hugely funny production of David Ives’s one-acts, this time in a downtown bistro with a lively atmosphere that enhances the playwright’s surrealist scenes (in *Sure Thing*, his reiteration of a chance meeting anticipates the movie *Groundhog Day*; *Philadelphia* says we live in varying mood states, which can change). Ion’s smart, daring physical comedy matches Ives’s poetic-absurdist language with visual accents (even the minimalist scenery gets changed with a flourish) and crisp business. Co-directors Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza accept only bold choices from a game four-person ensemble: energized Andrew Kennedy does Babels of voices; Jonathan Sachs handles roles as disparate as a typing chimp named Milton (his version of *Hamlet* begins “Of man’s first disobedience...”) to Leon Trotsky philosophizing with an axe in his skull; gifted Laura Bozanich shines as various women put in strange circumstances: from Philip Glass’s ex-lover (Glass buys a loaf of bread, and the cast turns the mundane event into a hilarious, postmodern show tune) to a lost, stuttering soul who believes “language is the opposite of loneliness” — and proves it; Kim Strassburger’s a scream as a chimp named Kafka (who keeps typing K’s and wonders if she’s being redundant) and as Trotsky’s mercurial wife so sex-crazed, at one point, she tumbles through a window. This show could run for a long, long time.

#### Worth a try.

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO, 1165 SIXTH AVENUE (CORNER OF SIXTH AND B), DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-374-6894.

### August Wilson Festival at Cygnet Theatre

This year, San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre performed staged readings of five of August Wilson’s “Pittsburgh Cycle” plays: *Joe Turner’s Come and Gone*, *7 Guin-tars*, *The Piano Lesson*, *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom*, and *Fences*. The se-

ries became so popular that many evenings sold out. From June 6 to June 10, Cygnet will host a festival of the readings, one per night, with the original performers. The festival begins with *Walking in the Shadows of August Wilson* (on Wednesday the 6th), a tribute performed by Antonio T.J. Johnson about the late African-American playwright’s enormous impact. Following the tribute, a forum of local directors will discuss “important issues, such as nontraditional casting.”

#### Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, THROUGH JUNE 10; FOR A SCHEDULE OF DAYS AND SHOWS, CALL 619-337-1525 X3 OR GO ONLINE AT WWW.CYGNETTHEATRE.COM.

### Baby

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the Maltby/Shire musical about three couples reflecting on the “joys (and terrors)” of parenting. Paula Kallustian directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH JUNE 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

### Beckett3

Three arts combine in Sledgehammer’s “aural and visual search” for Samuel Beckett, housed, and Beckett might have liked the irony, in “the Comfort Zone.” You enter through a hall of mirrors, inscribed with text (a sketchy story about “Samuel,” written by director Scott Feldsher), stones crunch at your feet. A sideways glance warps the letters (throughout the installation, words are present and absent: lights dim, a movie palimpsest over-inscribes, texts in multiple languages that can be read left to right, right to left — the words often refer to this duality — or top to bottom). Tim Root’s music, performed with (very loud) drums and woodwinds, joins Beckettian, quarter-tone repetitions with changing pitch centers. Is Becky Guttin’s sculpture, silver objects suspended from above, meat in a freezer, or devastated tree trunks after a fire? Mirrors ordered on the floor reflect something that has been stripped or skinned. A walkway on the east side and a small room, marked “Tumba,” are the most referential: suggestions of Winnie’s mound in *Happy Days*; Hamm’s bloody *Endgame* handkerchief; a black bowler hat and the skinny, leafless tree from *Godot*. Sledgehammer couldn’t get the rights to Beckett’s work. Thus the three-art approach, which will evoke different responses from different observers. I found the delib-

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erate vagueness annoying, at first. This is Beckett deconstructed. But, says his biographer Anthony Cronin, Beckett was the “last Modernist.” And he was after the opposite of “unfixed” meanings. “More and more,” he wrote, “my own language appears to me like a veil that must be torn apart in order to get at the things (or the Nothingness) behind it.” You can move through the installation at your own speed. The frequent giving and taking away of meanings felt like being in the shoes of Beckett’s characters — say, Vladimir or Estragon — and how they half-perceive, at best, the world.

**Worth a try.**

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, 4025 GOLDFINCH STREET, MISSION HILLS, THROUGH JUNE 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

**Bunbury**

What if some off-stage characters, in plays and literature, suddenly appeared and, arguing that “no life is trivial,” gave their side of the story? In Tom Jacobson’s inventive, albeit slight, comedy, they do, and a virus of happy endings breaks out: the Prozorovs hie to Moscow; George and Martha *do* have a son; Godot arrives. Structurally, the play’s herky-jerky — odd transitions and abundant backstory needed to move a scene forward — and the ending’s varnished schmaltz. But line-by-line, as Jacobsen imitates various styles from Shakespeare to Oscar Wilde, it’s a treat. For Diversionary The-

atre, director Esther Emery guides a strong cast over the rough spots and mines the play for humor. David McBean returns to San Diego as Bunbury. Part Oscar Wilde peacock, part Tennessee Williams porcupine, McBean delivers the quality performance expected from a Noel Award-winner (though he could speed-up his elegantly crafted deliveries). As Romeo’s jilted Rosalind, Melissa Fernandes exudes indignity, and playful fun, as she rip-roars through literature with optimistic anarchy (in the process illustrating how much of the “classics” of the stage and the page are downers). Nick Fouch, one of our most inventive scenic designers, creates a scenes-behind-the-scenes look with sliding curtains and minimal props. And Jennifer Brawn Giddings’s excellent costumes span the centuries: elaborate Renaissance and Victorian dresses; impoverished Didi and Gogo’s bowlers.

**Worth a try.**

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH JUNE 17; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 618-220-0097.

**Cabaret**

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**Desire Under the Elms**

On paper it looked like a lock. The same Cygnet Theatre team that did award-winning work with Ten-



Jim Chovick and Jessica John in *Desire Under the Elms*

nessee Williams’s *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* last year rejoined to produce Eugene O’Neill’s breakthrough tragedy. The opening-night performance, however, was strangely flat. If you don’t count fluctuating New England accents and fussy, unmotivated movement, the acting was consistent but consistently restrained and lacking O’Neill’s hallmark “size.” His characters are possessed, though not by demons. There’s no room for demons in these tormented psyches. Possibly to avoid the purple patches lurking in O’Neill’s script, or to make them seem more human and believable (as opposed to the “appalling humanness” he wanted), Cygnet toned down the epic intensities.

Some of the production’s best moments are unspoken. Director Sean Murray uses stage pictures to show daily life and the passage of time. The set, wooden planks and two platforms, lit evocatively by Eric Lotze, conjures the hardscrabble New England farm built by Ephraim Cabot. But even the set has shrinkage. The house and famous hovering elms (that O’Neill wanted to show a “sinister maternity”) are reduced to dollhouse-size in the rear. Of the cast, only Jim Chovick has the requisite larger-than-life size as Ephraim, a red-faced belligerent who will stay King of the Mountain to the end of his days, then tear the mountain down.

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**Hamlet**

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The Nochi Krohn Band at the Jewish Arts Festival

ferent bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

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**Something Worth Fighting For?** Six Christian groups and two secular bands played a “Hardcore Prom Show” at

cards,” says an attendee. “They didn’t know how to deal with things. There was a full-blown fight between the guards and the kids in the crowd. It was the guards who called the cops.”

One of the Christian rockers who played says, “The problem was that it was in a church, and the rules

“I think it was the security guards from the church who started pushing kids to the ground,” says Mike Hood, singer/guitarist for Hoods, a ten-year-old hardcore band

“The reason I came out here was because New York rappers had the limelight,” says Scheiderman. “No one cared if you were from Jersey; you had to be a lot more

favor of recording a verse over our songs. And then he would think about releasing it on his label.... I told him if I had \$1500 to throw away I’d buy some nice mikes, which is what I did.”

The three rappers contend they built up a Monday hip-hop night beginning last September at the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos, but that arrangement has changed.

“We got it so we’d get 100 people paying five dollars on a Monday night,” says Scheiderman. “We were going to have our CD-release party there on May 14, and they canceled us. Fuck the Turtle. The Blvd. [also in San Marcos] picked us up. It’s only 21-and-up there, but they have nice posters.”

— Ken Leighton

radio. “My heart hasn’t been in it.... Radio is going through the same struggles as retail record stores. Radio has competition with XM and Sirius [satellite radio].”

Leggio says all his exposure on Rock 105.3 hasn’t helped bring people into his Blue Meannie record store.

“In this day and age, you have people downloading music for free, Wal-Mart giving away music, and Best Buy selling CDs below cost. I could be on Rock 105.3 hours a day, and it wouldn’t get people into an independent record store to buy music.”

*Another State of Mind* may not continue after June 10, but “Nothing has been

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the inside track

College Avenue Baptist Church on May 19. Though it was the third time in 12 months that the church

weren’t being obeyed.” He says non-Christian bands Blood Stands Still and Hoods “swore heavily and got the

from Sacramento. “You had one over-steroided security guard who wanted to pick fights. Kids got pushed to the ground. In my eyes, the kids were defenseless; then the kids started fighting.”

The show was a fundraiser; tickets cost \$10. Bruce Robertson, business manager of the College Avenue Baptist Church, says, “That was the last event of its kind. We will not be having any more of those.” Concerts scheduled for June 21 and July 21 have been canceled.

Rian Molumby, of the local promotion company called Something Worth Fighting For, decided not to comment.

— Ken Leighton

vicious to get noticed if you were from Jersey. Now I find out it’s the same thing here.... In San Diego, every man is out for himself. You can’t name a single San Diego success story of a white guy who does hip-hop.”

North County native Ryan “K-Nine” Kernion concurs, saying, “Trying to do hip-hop in San Diego is like trying to do R&B in Montana.”

Kernion, Scheiderman, and New Jersey transplant Jay “P.I.T.” Rake perform as a trio.

“My first big cock-block in San Diego was with [Sicko Records founder] Lil Uno,” says Scheiderman. “I contacted him to get some opinions on some of my songs. He came back with ‘I’m behind your songs 100 percent.’ He said my shit was ridiculously hot. Then he proceeded to tell me that all I had to do was pay him \$1500 and then he would do us the

**School of Hard Raps**  
 New Jersey rapper Tim “Shy” Scheiderman moved here a year ago, hoping the local hip-hop scene would buoy his career. He says things are moving slowly.



HOODS PLAYED FOR A CROWD GONE NUTS

hosted a multiple-band concert, this time four police cars showed up and shut it down.

“They used 16-year-old kids for guards who did not have [state-issued] guard

crowd riled up.... The crowd went a little nuts. People got punched in the face.”

Local Christian bands Battle the Mothra and Thyne Scabbard joined the touring bands on the bill.



K-NINE, SHY, AND P.I.T. FORGE AHEAD

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**Headin’ Out to the Highway** “It was like a bachelor party every weekend,” says Norm Leggio of *Another State of Mind*, the ten-till-midnight Sunday radio show he has hosted for eight and a half years on Rock 105.3.

Leggio, who has interviewed Blackie Lawless of W.A.S.P., Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden, Rob Halford of Judas Priest, and John Bush of Anthrax, says his last show is June 10.

“I’m tired of waking up Monday morning with a hangover or still being drunk,” says Leggio, who turns 40 on Monday. He says the responsibilities of caring for his elderly parents, trying to maintain a relationship with his girlfriend, and keeping two businesses going has pulled him away from



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LEGGIO’S DAYS OF CAKE SOON OVER

decided yet,” says Rock 105.3 program director Shauna Moran.

Leggio, who sometimes would eat cake off the bodies of his in-studio strippers in the middle of a show, would

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not disclose how many times the girls took off their clothes. Was there ever any in-studio sex?

"No comment," says Leggio — he usually got away with his on-air debauchery.

"We only got yelled at once. It was when [morning show host] Mikey [Esparza] came in the next morning and found a Heineken bottle cap on the mixing board."

— Ken Leighton

**Jazz Is Not a Bodily Fluid**

Although San Diego is not known as much of a jazz town, Anthology, a restaurant/music venue opening June 6, could change that. Located in Little Italy between A and Ash streets, Anthology is a stylistic nod to the supper clubs of the '40s and will attempt to bring in an upscale clientele with national jazz acts such as Chick Corea, Lee Ritenour, and the Yellowjackets amongst the first bookings.

Seating 125 diners or 600 standing-room patrons, the 13,000-square-foot, two-floor site is owned by Howard Berkstrom. Michael Pritchard will function as director of music operations. This is Berkstrom's first nightspot, but Pritchard was manager and booker with Humphrey's Backstage Lounge for eight years, until 2006. Pritchard

got the job after Berkstrom's first choice — former Humphrey's main-stage booker Kenny Weissberg — declined the offer.

Though the lack of jazz-oriented venues in San Diego might be considered an indication of limited audience potential, Pritchard says, "San Diego has gotten a lot more 'metropolitan' in the last few years, and there is now a larger population looking for this sort of entertainment. Its time has come."

In addition to the regular music concerts, there will be "late-night jam sessions" in the club's upstairs lounge on weekend nights beginning at midnight.

Like most of San Diego, Little Italy has seen a population increase in the past decade, but Pritchard doesn't anticipate any of the same noise problems with neighbors that have plagued other area venues such as the Beauty Bar and San Diego



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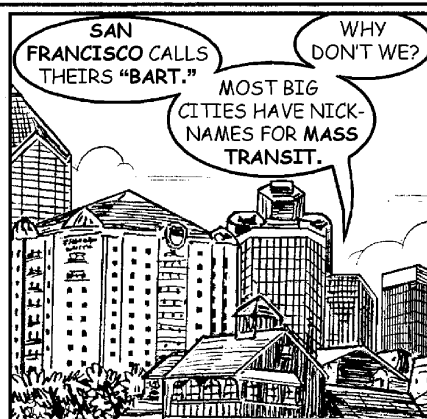
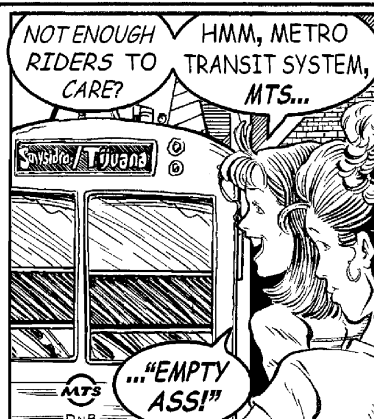
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"In actuality, where the club sits isn't zoned residential; we don't have any immediate contact points with area residents." Yet, "There has been a lot of acoustical engineering work done on the venue."

While the club will be

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open to music besides jazz, not all genres will be welcome. "No hip-hop, no rap, no death-metal," says Pritchard.

— Bart Mendoza

**Beaner Man vs. Dirty Sanchez**

On a new episode of his *Mind of Mencia* TV show, comedian Carlos Mencia aired P.O.D.'s first new music video to feature returning guitarist Marcos Curiel. The song is not from their upcoming new album; it's a superhero spoof done with Mencia called "Beaner Man." Among the lyrics:

"Found out he was super, when he farted flames out of his pooper/ He can't get a job, he doesn't have a green card/ Don't be surprised if you see him working your yard/ He wants to teach in an English department/ He fits a hundred in his studio apartment."

Beaner Man ("I'll save you all! I'm only five feet tall!") has fart-powered flight, wrist guns that shoot hot sauce and tequila, and the

ability to impregnate women instantly with a kiss. The video gets truly bizarre when former South Bay resident and actor Mario Lopez shows up as villain "Dirty Sanchez," which is slang for a sex act. After Beaner Man wins the battle, "Now all he wants is a taco." The video has been



WHO'S LAUGHING AT MENCIA?

uploaded to YouTube.

P.O.D. is recording a new album for Columbia Records. Curiel left the band in 2003 and rejoined in December 2006. P.O.D. appears tomorrow at the Sports Arena.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Let the Music Do the Talking** "I found this band in Sardinia, on an island off the coast of Italy," says former Dream Theater singer

Charlie Dominici, who for the past four years has been a La Mesa auto-finance accountant. "They don't even speak English, but I flew over there to record, and we just let the music do the talking."

The band — named Dominici — will make its concert debut June 5, opening for Dream Theater in Linz, Austria, before an estimated 20,000 people, as well as opening DT dates in Hungary and Croatia.

"I wanted to get some opening gigs [with Dream Theater], and I talk to Mike [Portnoy, drummer] all the time, but I didn't want to approach him personally and have him feel obligated and under pressure. But then I talked to Mike and the booking agent, and they offered us the slots."

Dominici was asked to leave Dream Theater after their first album. *Wikipedia.com* quotes Mike Portnoy saying, "It was like having Billy Joel sing in Queensryche."

In March 2004, Dominici rejoined the group onstage in L.A. for two songs. Any

chance of a reunion at the June gigs?

"It could happen," says



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the 54-year-old, "but I don't know... They already thought I was too old in 1989."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# Cruel Mistress

*“There’s just no substitute for the rush you get from banging on loud guitars and heavy drums.”*

**T**he great thing about San Diego is the musicians and their willingness to reach out to each other,” says guitar player Matt Silvia. “There is a spirit of community here that I’ve not seen in other places.” This seems to be a common refrain among local players: in other cities, musicians are cutthroat, competitive, and jealous — but not here.

“My first band in San Diego was called 8 Ball Rack,” said Silvia, “so named for its makeup of four guys and a girl. For a while, I had shifted focus from electric rock guitars and full-on drums to music driven by harmonies and acoustic guitars, but along the way I realized I really needed to make big rock noise again. There’s just no substitute for the rush you get from banging on loud guitars and heavy drums. Hence the reason for my current rock band, SweetTooth. We’ve taken a break from performing to concentrate on trying to get our first full-length CD finished. It’s been almost a year in the making.”

Silvia sometimes lends a hand to other local artists. “I’ve been helping out Christopher Dale, and I’ve recently begun playing with the legendary Dave Howard in a new band called the Shamey Jays.”

Silvia is currently on an East Coast tour with Christopher Dale, booking acoustic gigs in Cambridge, Boston, and Philadelphia. He returns to San Diego to perform with SweetTooth at Tio Leo’s on June 16.

## TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

“Volume level. I consider it my duty to make pleasant noise. This means the sound has to be under control and not offensive to the ear. It can be challenging because every room, every crowd, every band is different.”

## BEST GIG?

“I recently did a show with my two brothers, Mike and Kevin, that was a ton of fun. We all have been playing since we were ten or younger. Over the years we’ve learned a lot of songs together and have taught each other quite a bit. It’s fun performing with someone you’ve known all your life. We can anticipate each other really well. Of course, we all have different

perspectives on it. Mike tends to focus on covers because it pays better, and he has seven kids to feed. Kevin, on the other hand, has probably written more than 200 songs. I probably have the noisiest taste of the three of us.”

## WORST GIG?

“I won’t say the name of the venue, but it was an outdoor gig during rush hour on a Friday. I had to fight traffic and was late. The sun was in my eyes, and yet I was freezing. I broke four strings. The PA was held together with duct tape and powered with a flashlight battery, I think. I was fighting with my singer. Meanwhile, another band was setting up inside, on a beautiful, lighted stage with a nice sound system, leaving me to wonder why we were out on the kiddie stage. I’m getting myself all upset again. Let’s just move on...”

## YOUR AXE?

“I have a Les Paul Standard. I also have a Martin Dreadnought that I use for acoustic shows. I tend to play pretty hard, and a lot of my guitars show it. The Rock can be a cruel mistress.”

## EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

“Adam West.”

## WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER RIGHT NOW?

“Rough mixes of my rock band’s new recordings.”



PHOTOGRAPH BY TIM FLACK

Matt Silvia

I need to learn exactly the way I sang my parts the first time, so I can double the vocals.”

## END-OF-THE-WORLD CDs?

1. Soundgarden, *Down on the Upside*
2. Deadline Friday, *Days Gone*
3. The Black Crowes, *America*
4. The Beatles, *Abbey Road*
5. Tool, *Lateralus*

“I’ve beaten them all to death, and I’m still not sick of any of them.”

## FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

“O’Connell’s on Morena Boulevard. They do a great job with having good bands for a cheap cover.”

## FAVORITE QUOTE?

“I don’t know half of you as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve.” — Bilbo Baggins, in a speech on his

111th birthday

## HAUNTING DREAMS?

“Jeff Berkley [of San Diego’s Citizen Band] wandered onstage in the middle of a set, only he wasn’t Jeff Berkley — he was Yoda. And instead of playing a guitar, he busted out a light saber and told us all to get off his stage.”

## WHERE DO YOU SEE MUSIC GOING IN THE 21st CENTURY?

“I see everyone is making music in the future. Recording has suddenly become a common language among musicians. The craft has become more accessible, and it results in great sounds in your back yard — you know, ‘homegrown.’ It doesn’t have to be the faraway experience of the big arena or corporate radio. Pure, independent, local, original music is thriving, that’s where it is going — away from the boardroom, closer to home.” ■

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### Alan Parsons Live Project

Thursday, June 21 • 8:00

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Friday, June 22 • 7:30

### Jonny Lang

with special guest **Jon McLaughlin**  
Saturday, June 23 • 7:30

### Michael McDonald

Sunday, June 24 • 7:30

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Wednesday, June 27 • 8:00

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Sunday, July 8 • 7:30

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### Hootie & The Blowfish

with special guest **Cowboy Mouth**  
Sunday, July 29 • 7:30

### Tears For Fears

Monday, July 30 • 8:00

### Larry Carlton & Robben Ford

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

### MONDAY

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

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

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**The Faint**: Soma, Friday, June 8, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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

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

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**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.

**Umphey's McGee**: House of Blues, Thursday, June 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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

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

**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.

**Jane Monheit**: Anthology, Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. 619-595-0300.

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

**Tenacious D**: House of Blues, Saturday, June 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**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.

**Arturo Sandoval**: Anthology, Wednesday, June 20, and Thursday, June 21, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. 619-595-0300.

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

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**Radio Birdman**: The Casbah, Thursday, June 21, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

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

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**Long Beach Shortbus**: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, June 22, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Chick Corea**: Anthology, Friday, June 22, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

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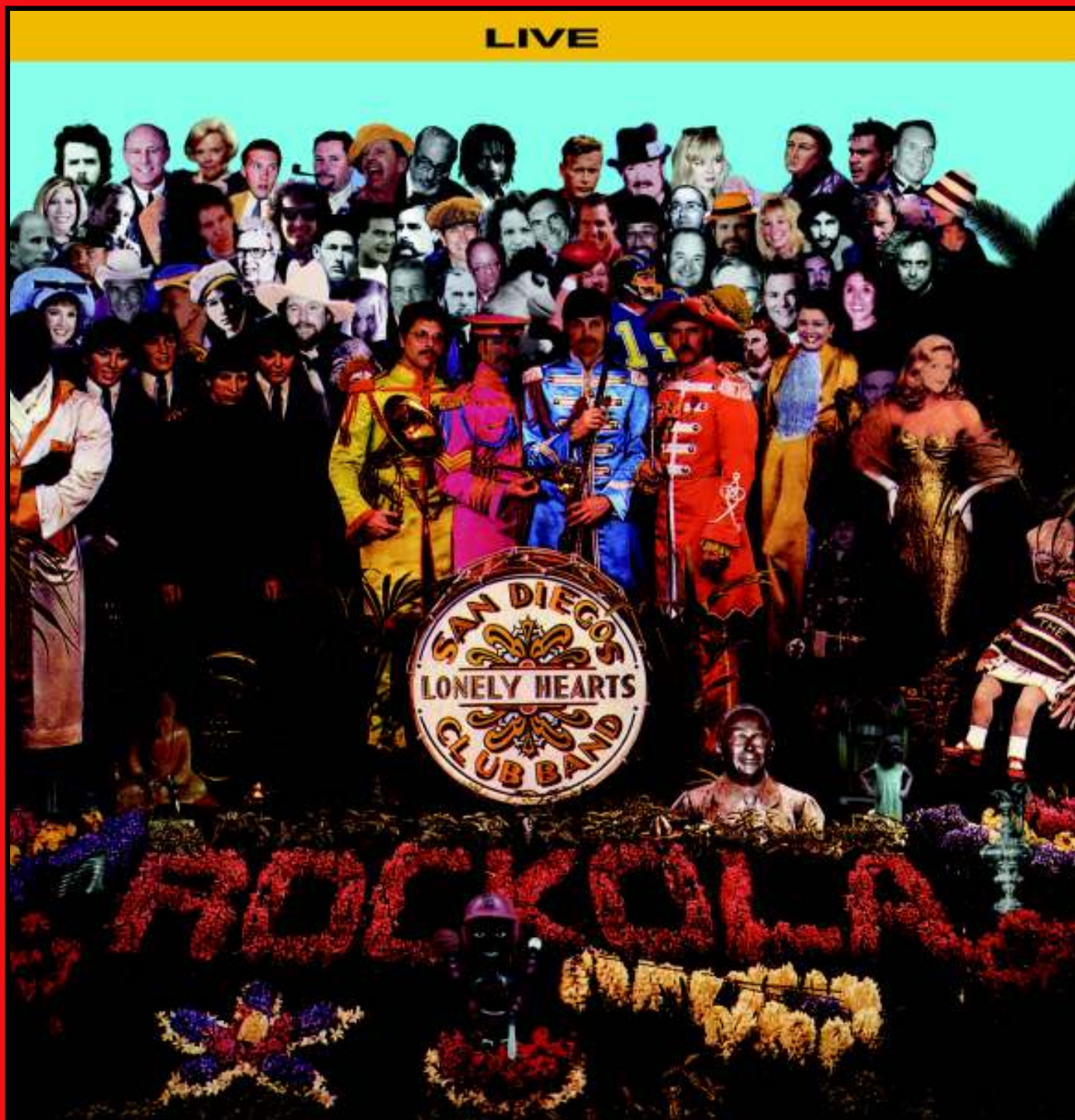
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**"Mariachi Festival":** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 24, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

**The Game:** 4th & B, Sunday, June 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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

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

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

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

**Xavier Rudd:** House of Blues, Tuesday, June 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Sugar Minott:** Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, June 26, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**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 Deftones:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, June 27, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**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.

**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.

**Brad Paisley:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, June 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**Biz Markie:** 'Canes, Friday, June 29, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

### JULY

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

**Widespread Panic:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 1, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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

**Joan Armatrading:** 4th & B, Monday, July 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**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.

**The Squirrel Nut Zippers:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, July 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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

**Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**The Royal Crown Revue:** Anthology, Tuesday, July, 10, and Wednesday, July 11, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. 619-595-0300.

**Ani DiFranco:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**The Disco Biscuits:** House of Blues, Wednesday, July 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Rusted Root:** House of Blues, Thursday, July 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Willie Nelson:** Open Air Theatre, Thursday, July 12, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

**The Psychedelic Furs:** 4th & B, Saturday, July 14, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Stephen Stills:** House of Blues, Saturday, July 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**The Beach Boys:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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**The Cowboy Junkies and Joan Osborne:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**Kenny Rankin:** Anthology, Tuesday, July 17, and Wednesday, July 18, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

**Boz Scaggs:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**"American Idols Live":** San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Polyphonic Spree:** 'Canes, Friday, July 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**John Hiatt and Shawn Colvin:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**Dream Theater:** Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, July 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

**Lyle Lovett and k.d. lang:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

**Lynyrd Skynyrd:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**Bob Weir and Keller Williams:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**Maximo Park:** The Casbah, Saturday, July 28, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**Hootie & the Blowfish:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**Rush:** Coors Amphitheatre, Monday, July 30, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**Tears for Fears:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**"Projekt Revolution":** Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 31, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

### AUGUST

**Tim McGraw and Faith Hill:** San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, August 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**Clay Aiken:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake:** House of Blues, Friday, August 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Vanilla Ice:** 'Canes, Friday, August 3, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**Berkley Hart:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, August 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Huey Lewis & the News:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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**Poison:** Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**Richie Furay and Chris Hillman:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Colin Hay:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Dramarama and a Flock of Seagulls:** House of Blues, Thursday, August 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Los Lonely Boys:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**India.Arie:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**UB40:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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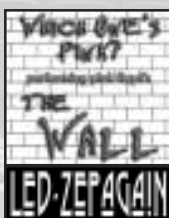
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**Diana Krall:** Viejas Concerts at  
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**Dr. John:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday,  
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**Crowded House:** Humphrey's  
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**"Warped Tour 2007":** Coors  
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**Blue October:** House of Blues, Friday,  
August 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.  
619-299-2583.

**Asia:** 4th & B, Friday, August 24, 345 B  
Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Beyonce:** Cox Arena, Sunday, August  
26, SDSU campus, College Area.  
619-594-0429.

**Lonestar:** 4th & B, Wednesday, August  
29, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-  
4343.

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

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

**Heart:** Palomar Starlight Theater,  
Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on  
Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

### SEPTEMBER

**Cecilio & Kapono:** Humphrey's  
Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September

2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter  
Island.

**B.B. King and Etta James:**  
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,  
Tuesday, September 4, 2241 Shelter  
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**Daryl Hall and John Oates:**  
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,  
Wednesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter  
Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**The Temptations and the Four  
Tops:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,  
Thursday, September 6, 2241 Shelter  
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**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy:**  
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday,  
September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive,  
Shelter Island.

**Rise Against:** Soma, Friday,  
September 7, 3350 Sports Arena  
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**Heart:** Humphrey's Concerts by the  
Bay, Sunday, September 9, 2241 Shelter  
Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

**Steve Vai:** Viejas Casino  
DreamCatcher Show Room, Monday,  
September 10, 5000 Willows Road,  
Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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

**Clay Walker:** Viejas Casino Concerts  
in the Park, Thursday, September 20,  
5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-  
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**Kelly Clarkson:** San Diego Sports  
Arena, Friday, September 21, 3500 Sports  
Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**"Street Scene":** Del Mar  
Fairgrounds, Saturday, September 22,  
and Sunday, September 23, 2260 Jimmy  
Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-  
1161.

**Eddie Money:** Viejas Casino Concerts  
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BY DAVE GOOD

To grasp the physics of what makes the jazz guitar of **Bob DeVos** click, you can invoke names like Grant Green and Wes Montgomery, key ancestry of the fat-toned progressive coolness that DeVos embraces. But to really get at what it is that DeVos does, you need to understand the Hammond B-3 organ. It is a huffing bear of an instrument that sounds as if it has a real heart and lungs for all the funk a single note can layer into a song. The B-3 growl is heard in the church and on the rock stage, in the blues bar, behind soul music of every stripe, and in jazz.

Organ jazz had its day, the golden era of which ran out during the '80s and primarily in

East Coast nightclubs. But as rich and perfect an instrument as a Hammond B-3 may be in a jazz combo, it falls flat without a guitar, and this is where Bob DeVos comes in.

DeVos came of age playing behind B-3 jazz greats like Trudy Pitts and Jimmy McGriff and Charles Earland. A guitarist in an organ combo is a busy guy; the players DeVos worked for were the kinds of old-schoolers who rarely worked from set lists but simply launched into tunes and expected their side-men to follow along. DeVos was suited for that work. At 12, he was teaching himself to play guitar leads by listening to records, a common and effective, if nonacademic, way to learn an instrument.

That said, DeVos seems less a guitarist than a horn player. His solos breathe like loopy bebop horn patterns, and he comps (plays rhythm while the organ takes a solo)



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**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*

*Where*, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Barry Weaver, Edgartronic, and more. Third Saturday of the month, *Club de Sade*, gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

**Shooterz:** Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

**South Park Bar & Grill:** Fridays, disco, funk, and electro with DJs Riddles and Rudy Palos. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696—0096.

**Whiskey Girl:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

**The Whistle Stop:** First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

### CLUBS BY AREA

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### BEACHES

**Bar Leucadian,** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Red Light Runner*, rock. Saturday, *Custard Pie*, classic rock.

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

**The Calypso Cafe,** 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live jazz/blues/reggae nightly. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen and Blues Streak*, blues.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

**'Canes,** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Friday, *the Hold Steady, Illinois, and Blitzen Trapper*. Saturday, *Dazed and Confused*, Led Zeppelin tribute, and *Jumping Jack Flash*, Rolling Stones tribute. Sunday, *the Stone Senses*, reggae. Wednesday, *Slack String*, *Don McCloskey*, *Mike Pinto*, and *Bryan Master*, acoustic/roots.

**Ché Café,** UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Saturday, *Hawmay Troof, Monsters from Mars*, and *Jehovah's Fitness*, alternative rock.

**Dreamstreet,** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Friday and Saturday, live rock/alternative/punk/hip-hop.

**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, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Ryan Bentley*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Daphne*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Alyzza Jacey*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Leila Lopez*.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB),** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live rock/rockabilly/folk/acoustic.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Final Warning*, rock. Friday, *Shady Grey*, rock. Saturday, *West of 5*, classic rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam. Wednesday, *Steel Foundation*, reggae.

**La Jolla Brew House,** 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-6279. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Nathan James and Ben Hernandez*, blues.

**La Scala,** 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

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

**The Lodge at Torrey Pines,** 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

**Pacific Beach Bar and Grill,** 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

**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 *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

**Roppongi,** 875 Prospect, La Jolla. 858-551-5252. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Janet Hammer and Jay Berman Duo*, jazz.

**Tiki House,** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, live rock.

**Winstons,** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Good Drinkin'* Weather, *SW Nomadic, Oliver Reigns*, and *Soul Ablaze*. Friday, *HR* and *Mike Pinto and the Mashers*, reggae. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Blue Turtle Seduction*, *Native, Justin James and the Sons of Beaches*, and *Shannon Noore*, tribal funk/reggae/pop.

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**Anthology,** 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Wednesday, *Bill Charlap*, jazz.

**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. Friday, 8 p.m., *Terry Matsuoka*, folk.

**The Casbah,** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Pretty Girls Make Graves, Kill Me Tomorrow*, and *Moon Rats*. Friday, *Laura Veirs, Saltbreakers*, and *Lake*. Saturday, *the Black Angels, Vietnam*, and *Spindrift*. Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *Young Galaxy, a.m. vibe*, and *Starline Theorie*. Tuesday, *Costanza*, *Ryan Lindsey*, and *Beneath the Underdog*.



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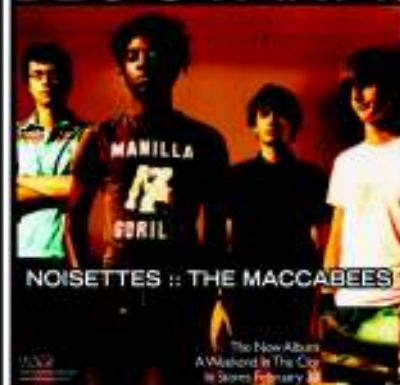
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**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

**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. Friday, 8 p.m., *ESP*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos and His Hammond B-3 Quartet*, jazz.

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

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Citizen Cope*, *Rachael Yamagata*, and *Alice Smith*, rock.

**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 Stiletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Bo Bice* and *Gary Nichols*, rock. Friday, *the Aquabats*, *Ozma*, and *Bad Credit*, rock. Sunday, *Pato Banton* and *Common Sense*, reggae. Wednesday, *Ima Robot*, *Los Abandoned*, *Tigercity*, and *Hairbrain Scheme*, alternative rock.

**Jimmy Love's**, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics*. '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., disco/dance. Monday,



Pretty Girls Make Graves, May 31, The Casbah

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, dance/Top 40.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Chet Cannon and the Committee*, 9 p.m., *Johnny "V" Vernazza*. Saturday, *Blue Four*. Sunday, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*. Monday, *Dave Camp Blues*. Tuesday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Wednesday, *the Bayou Brothers*.

**Rock Bottom**, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday night, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

**Sally's Seafood on the Water**, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo*, calypso.

**Sevilla**, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Asi Son*, salsa. 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.

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**American Legion Post 310**, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish folk. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Harold and Gabe*. Monday, *Pat and Joe and Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Skelpin* or *Robbie O'Reilly*.

**Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)**, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Johnson, Bosley and Morin*, acoustic trio.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, *Fing*, *This Year Zero*, and *Wahbah*. Friday, *Media Lab*, *Brick Bath*, *One Theory*, *Audkik*, and *Etched in Red*. Saturday, *Kavena*, *FM Revolver*, *Kemistry*, and *Six Reasons*. Wednesday, *the Tennessee Three*, *the Handsome Devils*, and *Road Noise*.

**Cafe on the Park**, 11611 Bernardo Plaza Court, San Diego. 858-613-2000. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Sandy Devito Trio*, jazz/Latin.

**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. Thursday, *the Colour*, and guests. Sunday, *Ours* and *April Bauer*.

**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 Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Criminal Funk*, '80s dance. Friday, 6 p.m. to

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**The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Divided by Zero*, *Pete Stewart and the Plastic Saviors*, *Staring at Strange*, and *Doomsday Device*, rock/alternative.

**Lestat's Coffee House**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Phil Leitner, Sven-Erik Seaholm, and Tim Mudd*. Friday, *Eleanor England and the Shep Meyers Trio*, jazz. Saturday, *Amy Kuney, Elijah Grindstaff, and Trevor Davis*. Sunday, *Megan Melara and Miles Joseph*. Wednesday, *Long Live Logos, Matt Hopper, and Palomino Comes Alive*, rock.

**Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom**, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 9 p.m., *Orquesta Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

**Martini's Bar and Grill**, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Mother Grundy and Paraduende*, rock/alternative/funk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Screamin' Yeehaws, Toothless George, His One-Man Band, and Critical Me*, punk/rock/alternative. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Bigfellas*, alternative/pop/classic rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Nuclear Tomorrow, Steve Hit Mike, and Bedpost Buzzard*, rock/punk/alternative. Wednesday, *the Blackout Party*, psychedelic rock.

**The Ould Sod,** 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

**Pal Joey's**, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*, blues/classic rock.

**Piazza Carmel**, 3890 Valley Centre Drive, San Diego. 619-987-1277. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

**The Prado Restaurant,** 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

**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.

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7372. Live rock/alternative/funk.

**Scolari's Office**, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock.

**Second Wind**, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, 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. Friday, *Elysia, the Knight of the Abyss, Carnifex, the Hoedown, and Ends with Enemy*. Saturday, *Mursic, Dare Devil Jane, the Stranger's Six, the Absens, Invictus, Misdelpia, and Demasiado*. Sunday, *the Handshake Murders, Destroyer Destroyer, Gaza, Pope Benedict, Knife Mill*. Disintegrator. Monday, *Moria, the Final Burden, Belay My Last, Burning the Masses, Imperial, and Aphotic Murder*. Wednesday, *Catherine, Endwell, It Prevails, Every Bridge Burned, and Tragedy and Triumph*.

**South Park Bar and Grill**, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, J.J. Lim's *Jazz Jam*. 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.

**Tio Leo's**, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Saturday, *Stars on Water*, rock.

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

**The Tower Bar**, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, *the Spits*, punk. Saturday, *Fifty on Their Heels*, punk.

**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.

## 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. Friday, 8 p.m., *Delta Nove*, rock/reggae/funk.

**Boar Cross'n**, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe,**  
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**Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)**, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sean Sommer*.

**Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)**, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, solo guitar. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Alan James*, folk.

**Carvers**, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the MLC Band*.

**Cheers**, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Bozanni Brothers*. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Sons of Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Professors*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae/R&B. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Nathan James* and *Ben Hernandez*, blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time*, jazz.

**Cuvee Restaurant**, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Del Mar Jazz Trio*.

**Finnegan's Pub and Grill**, 1814 Marron Road, Carlsbad. 760-720-5311. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Leperkhanz*, Irish rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Purple Haze*, alternative rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Tommy Price*, rock and roll. Sunday, 3 p.m., *the Upstairs Jazz Club*, jazz.

**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,

*Night Shift*, classic rock. Saturday, *Calico Ridge*, country.

**Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)**, 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, rock/blues.

**The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe**, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

**The Jumping Turtle**, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Kyle Whitcomp*, *Quiet Company*, *Theta Naught*, and *the Midwinters*. Friday, *the Wylde Bunch*, *Nero*, *Clockwork*, *Pain*, and *Plain Jane*. Saturday, *Jodie Foster's Army*, *Narcoleptic Youth*, *Authentic Sellout*, *Pig Champion*, and *Vietnam Hardcore*. Sunday, *Stereo Suite*, *Blood on the Tracks*, and *Invisibleland*. Wednesday, *Girl in a Coma* and *the Randies*.

**Mas Fina Cantina**, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**McCabe's Beach Club**, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

**Molly Malone's**, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**North Bar Sports and Spirits**, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Ocean House**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly. Saturday, live music. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing.

**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.

**Robbie's Roadhouse**, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The Montreal band **Young Galaxy** has a promotional interview posted on YouTube in which you can see the band's two leaders, **Stephen Ramsay** and **Catherine McCandless**, get a little uncomfortable when asked what it's like to work together in a band as a longtime couple. After a few moments of fidgeting and awkward jokes, McCandless mentions that it was hard for her when Ramsay was off touring for two years with his former band, Stars. And Ramsay says, "It was either give up music altogether or form a band together." It's kind of sweet that he apparently never thought of breaking up.

Romance and sweetness play big parts

in Young Galaxy's self-titled first album, released this spring. Ramsay and McCandless say they were aiming for a sound to make people swoon, and they nailed it. Every song lounges on a luxurious bed of organic-sounding synths, while guitars strum and drums pound. Even a Pink Floyd-ish number with the morbid title "The Sun's Coming Up and My Plane's Going Down" sounds like a soundtrack for the bedroom. So does the song that goes, "The institutions of the world will only serve to enslave us."

Mind you, the lyrics look a lot more shocking in print than they sound on the album. Young Galaxy follows the dream-pop rule of never letting the vocals get in the way of the atmosphere. (And, this being indie rock, the singing isn't the kind that demands or



rewards a lot of attention anyway.) Still, all this mood-setting doesn't give short shrift to the drums and guitars, and live recordings suggest the touring band rocks as much as it swoons.

**YOUNG GALAXY, The Casbah, Monday, June 4, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.**

*Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

**Surf N'Saddle**, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Fighting Chance*, reggae/rock/soul. Friday, 9 p.m., *Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat*, classic rock. Saturday, *Lifelike*, rock.

**Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant**, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Irish dance cabaret.

## SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

**Buon Giorno Restaurant**, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Stage 4*, jazz.

**The Butcher Shop**, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

**Cafe LaMaze**, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

**Hotel del Coronado**, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Gibson*, guitarist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*, guitarist.

1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar.

Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist.

Sun Deck: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

**Island Sports and Spirits**, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill**, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-

5280. Live music nightly, jazz/blues/rock/acoustic/folk.

## EAST COUNTY

**Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)**, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Alan James*, folk. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic folk.

**Dirk's Niteclub**, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Phat Daddy*, rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge**, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Zone 4*, classic rock.

**Driftwood**, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2429. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sator Square*, heavy metal.

**Fannie's Nightclub**, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Love Handles*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Spares*, *Noise God*, *the Experiments*, *Bedpost Buzzard*, and *Corporate Circus*, punk.

**Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel**, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, *Sundance*, country.

**Prescott Promenade**, 211½ East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-401-8858. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Kite Flying Society* and *Emery Byrd*, indie rock.

**Renegade Inn**, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, live country music.

**Second Wind**, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

**Tommy's Italian Restaurant**, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *From K to Z* or *the Wize Guys*, swing/standards.

**Viejas Casino**, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. V Lounge: Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/soul/reggae.

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**Lifelike:** Surf N'Saddle

**Long Live Logos:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Los Abandoned:** House of Blues

**The Love Handles:** Fannie's Nightclub

**Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat:** Surf N'Saddle

**The MLC Band:** Carvers

**Modern Day Moonshine:** Viejas Casino

**Mother Grundy:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Mursic:** Soma

**Nemesis:** Second Wind (San Carlos)

**Nero:** The Jumping Turtle

**Night Shift:** Game Time Tavern

**Noise God:** Fannie's Nightclub

**Ozma:** House of Blues

**Palomino Comes Alive:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Paraduende:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Phat Daddy:** Dirk's Niteclub

**Plain Jane:** The Jumping Turtle

**Tommy Price:** Finnegan's Pub and Grill

**The Professors:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**Purple Haze:** Finnegan's Pub and Grill

**Red Light Runner:** Bar Leucadian

**Road Noise:** Brick By Brick

**Ron's Garage:** Hotel del Coronado

**Sator Square:** The Driftwood Lounge

**The Screamin' Yeehaws:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Serious Guise:** Second Wind (Santee)

**Shady Grey:** The Kraken

**The Sons of Bordertown:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**The Spares:** Fannie's Nightclub

**Spindrift:** The Casbah

**Stars on Water:** Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

**Steve Hit Mike:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**The Stiletto:** Henry's Pub

**SW Nomadic:** Winstons

**Toothless George:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Vietnam:** The Casbah

**West of 5:** The Kraken

**Kyle Whitcomb:** The Jumping Turtle

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9:30 pm • Dance  
**Crush**



Sunday, June 3  
8 pm • Smooth Jazz

**Fattburger**



Monday, June 4  
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**Gil Barron:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**April Bauer:** Epicentre  
**Crush:** Humphrey's  
**Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorno Restaurant  
**James East:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**Mark Fulton:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**The Good Times:** Henry's Pub  
**The Love Rangers:** The Alley  
**Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House  
**The Reaganomics:** Jimmy Love's  
**The Soul Revue:** Jimmy Love's  
**The Ultratones:** Humphrey's

### JAZZ / BIG BAND

**Burnett Anderson:** Cafe LaMaze  
**The Archtones:** Croce's Jazz Bar  
**Tom Bishop:** Rancho Bernardo Inn  
**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado  
**Amelia Browning:** South Park Bar and Grill  
**Sammy Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze  
**Gilbert Castellanos and His Hammond B-3 Quartet:** Dizzy's  
**Sandy Chappel:** Cafe LaMaze  
**Bill Charlap:** Anthology  
**The Del Mar Jazz Trio:** Cuvee Restaurant  
**The Sandy Devito Trio:** Cafe on the Park  
**Eleanor England:** Lestat's Coffee House  
**ESP:** Dizzy's  
**Fattburger:** Humphrey's  
**Aubrey Fay:** Humphrey's

**Nick Fiore:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**From K to Z:** Tommy's Italian Restaurant  
**Jim Gibson:** Hotel del Coronado  
**John Guilino:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**The Janet Hammer and Jay Berman Duo:** Roppongi  
**Cynthia Hammond:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**The High Society Jazz Band:** Tio Leo's Lounge  
**Insight:** Jimmy Love's  
**Keith Jacobsen:** Piazza Carmel, La Valencia Hotel  
**The Jazz 101 Band:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**The John Kopecky Trio:** South Park Bar and Grill  
**Lady Dottie and the Diamonds:** Tio Leo's Lounge, Henry's Pub  
**Fran Laskota:** The Westgate Hotel  
**Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado  
**Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel  
**J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam:** South Park Bar and Grill  
**Masterpiece:** Jimmy Love's  
**Kevin McCully:** The Westgate Hotel  
**Jerry Melnick:** The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn  
**The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Croce's Jazz Bar  
**The Shep Meyers Trio:** Lestat's Coffee House  
**Mystique:** Jimmy Love's  
**Mike Nelson:** Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines  
**Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind:** The Calypso Cafe, Robbie's Roadhouse  
**Novamenco:** Humphrey's  
**Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice:** Pasquale on Prospect  
**Sue Palmer:** Croce's Jazz Bar  
**Dan Papaila:** The Lodge at Torrey Pines



## >hometown CDs

BY OLLIE

**Album:** *Mudgrass* (2007)  
**Artist:** Shoestring Strap  
**Label:** self-released  
**Where available/price:** Live shows for \$5, Cow Records and Lou's Records for \$10. Online at CDBaby and [www.shoestringstrap.com](http://www.shoestringstrap.com) for \$10  
**Songs:** 1) This Ain't Love 2) If Jesus Was Whiskey 3) Road Song 4) No Estoy Correcto (Ahorita) 5) I Ain't Right 6) Don't Think I Love You Anymore 7) Burrito 8) Memphis at Midnight 9) Ride That Train 10) All Night Wasted 11) This Town 12) Quarter in the Jukebox 13) Push Back the End 14) Liar  
**Band:** Dave Lowenstein (guitar, vocals, banjo, upright bass, melodica), Mark Markowitz (drums, percussion), Brennan Orndorff (lap steel, vocals, guitar, percussion), Kent Stephens (bass, vocals), Keith Tenzer (mandolin)  
**Website:** [www.shoestringstrap.com](http://www.shoestringstrap.com)  
**Extra info:** The band's San Diego CD-release party is scheduled for Friday, June 8, at Winstons in Ocean Beach

Shoestring Strap's second album, *Mudgrass*, isn't a departure in style from their first CD, *Finest Qualities*, but

it is better. On *Finest Qualities*, the band seemed almost timid in their playing. Professional, but a *little* unsure of their work. *Mudgrass* finds Shoestring Strap comfortable in their boots and settled into their weird melded country style.

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Shoestring Strap

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**Dave Patrone:** Croce's Jazz Bar  
**Peter Prince of Piano:** The Westgate Hotel  
**Primo:** Croce's Jazz Bar  
**Dave Scott:** Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar  
**Robert Sebastini:** Cafe LaMaze  
**Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**Stage 4:** Buon Giorno Restaurant  
**The Upstairs Jazz Club:** Finnegan's Pub and Grill  
**The Jaime Valle Quartet:** Tutto Mare  
**The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo:** Harry's Bar and American Grill  
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**The Wize Guys:** Tommy's Italian Restaurant  
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**Common Sense:** House of Blues  
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**Justin James and the Sons of Beaches:** Winstons

**The Jerry McCann Band:** Coyote Bar and Grill  
**Native:** Winstons  
**Mike Pinto:** 'Canes  
**Mike Pinto and the Mashers:** Winstons  
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# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Shyla Marie**

Song: **"The Phone Call"** (from the CD *To Be Continued...*)

Heard By: **Jessica Nuttall**, North Park



Jessica

It sounds like something I would hear on Jammin' Z-90. It had a clip in the beginning that was a phone call. I think the song was about her being offended that she has a friend that calls her, even though they're not really friends. It just kind of falls short of being its concept — the saxophone is making it real outdated. She has a nice voice, and she chose great backup vocals. It was a good, solid sound, bursting with femininity. It reminds me of somebody who would be on *American Idol* but wouldn't quite make it. The people would really like it because she's so sincere. She's got a lot of soul.

Artist: **The Sess**

Song: **"Conundrum of Coitus"** (from [www.myspace.com/thesess](http://www.myspace.com/thesess))

Heard By: **Josh Dexter**, Ocean Beach



Josh

I think the music reminded me of [Led] Zeppelin; it had kind of that older metal/Zeppelin vibe, I thought. The drums were interesting. I thought they structured the song pretty good. I thought the vocalist probably could have just been mixed better and had a better sound engineer not put so much reverb on the vocals on that track. I went to school for sound engineering. The music was great; I was entertained and it left me wondering what they were going to do next. I love to listen to music in the car. I think that's the best place to listen to [this song] — while you're driving.

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Artist **The Prayers**

Song: **"USA"** (from [www.myspace.com/thefuckingprayers](http://www.myspace.com/thefuckingprayers))

Heard By: **Kenny Hargrove**, Little Italy



Kenny

[It reminds me of] the Georgia Satellites, maybe the Beach Boys. It was pretty upbeat, I guess. The music was all tight, sounded good. Good lead guitar. I found the lyrics a little bit inane and repetitive. Something about a girl from South Carolina — they just kind of kept repeating that over and over — not real deep. The backup vocals were doo-wop and gave it a kind of surf feel. It definitely had a '60s kind of garage sound to it. [That song would go well with] driving along in your pickup truck with your best girl by your side on your way to the rodeo.

### EVERYTHING ELSE

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## ALICE IN COPLAND

by Josh Board

**b**efore the new noise laws, if there was a noise complaint from your party, the police showed up. People thought they only showed up if it was after 10:00 p.m. That's not the case. It could be any time of day. And, it could be for any volume of noise. It could be people playing video games if the neighbors thought you were too loud. If the police had to return a second time, they'd give you a ticket.

The new law says that the police could issue a \$1000 fine without a warning. And, the fine would be to the owners of the home. If the house was being rented to people in the SDSU area and the owners lived in Rancho Santa Fe, they'd be getting a bill, not the students.

I got a call from a guy named John who said, "We're having an Alice in Wonderland theme party." I couldn't imagine the cops would show up to that affair, but then John said, "If you have an instrument, bring it." I looked for my harmonica but couldn't find it.

My date said, "Oh, cool. I



have a dress from high school that looks like Alice's. I'll wear that. I have a Mad Hatter hat you could wear, too." Perfect.

When we arrived at the North Park home, I noticed that there was a party going on across the street. That was a



Top: Alice, who turned 30, in the middle; Bottom left: John on the right; Bottom right: Diana, who made most of the costumes at the Alice in Wonderland theme party, on the right

party was lame, I could go crash that one.

When we walked in, the

I admired her socks, which were decorated in the suits of playing cards, and she lifted her dress to show me that her underwear matched.

good sign — I knew the neighbors wouldn't be calling the cops, and if the Wonderland

living room had a drum circle going. My date looked at me and said, "I'm going to kill you!"

Nobody in here is wearing anything that remotely looks like Alice in Wonderland."

We walked through the living room and into the kitchen. That's where all the decorations were.

Huge cards were hung on the walls, and most of the people back there were in costume. John's costume was elaborate. "How long did it take you to make?" I asked him. "About a week. I had to make trips to the fabric store."

He had help from a red-head named Diana, his friend of seven years. She worked with a few other costumers, too. Her friends were taking advantage of the fact that she owned a dress business and knew what she was doing. Hearing about all the work they'd put into their costumes made me feel guilty about my hat.

The kitchen table was filled with a variety of vegetarian and vegan foods. There was a cake shaped like a mushroom. I wondered if the hippies I saw at the fire pit in the back yard were taking real mushrooms.

I met a guy who told me about the deli he manages in Sorrento Valley. "My dad was a race-car driver," he said, "so when he opened his first deli, he put his first race car in it." As he talked about the delis, I wondered if all the vegetarians would be bothered. When I excused myself, he said, "Come in some time. I'll give you some ribs. We make the best. And, we get the *Reader*, too. They're usually delivered on Wednesday."

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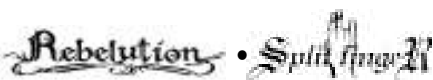
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## Crasher

I talked to Alice, who was turning 30, and, appropriately, was dressed as Alice from Alice in Wonderland. I admired her socks, which were decorated in the suits of playing cards, and she lifted her dress to show me that her underwear matched. If I was in a sitcom, I would've spit out my milk.

Ballots were passed out to vote on the costumes — "best costume," "best interpretation of character," "best guy," "best girl," and "most psychedelic." I said, "I don't think my hat is gonna win crap."

A few of us were given pens that didn't work. The guy next to me said, "I think the person who wins this is going to be the person who had a pen that worked." This same guy told me I took a picture of

him at a party a few years ago. He said, "I was playing a guitar in a band at a party you were at." I asked him for more details and he said, "There was a lot of beer, and it was a long time ago, so..."

He told me about an upcoming party in the desert. When he said it involved a sweat lodge, I lost interest. Ten minutes in the sauna after racquetball is about all I can take.

When more ballots were passed out, I said, "What is going on? This is worse than an Oscar party." These ballots said "best dish" and "best vegan dish." I thought these categories were weird — someone would be offended if their dish wasn't chosen.

I ran into a guy I've met before who makes his own instruments. I met him outside the Fiona Apple concert at the House of Blues. He had an instrument he wanted to show to Fiona Apple. When I brought that up, he said, "Yeah, her people were so mean. They wouldn't let her see it." I asked him about the various instruments he makes. He said he was going to go home and bring one of his instruments back to show me, but I never saw him again.

I asked John about the drum circle. "We've been doing those for a few years at Balboa Park. Sometimes

we do them under the full moon at Blacks Beach."

"Are you guys nude?"

"No. We just like the solitude...the location and being lit by the moonlight."

As the evening was winding down around 2:30 a.m., there were a few girls on the porch and two cops showed up. The drums were still going in the living room. One girl said, "Great, the strippers are here for the party."

John was called over to the door, and he hopped over with a big smile on his face, not realizing that there were two police officers there. He smiled and said, "What's up?" They looked at his costume and then one said, "I'm not even going to ask for I.D. I'm assuming you don't have it."

They couldn't have been nicer when they told us the party had to end, though I was kind of hoping they'd cuff Alice. It would've made for a great ending to my story, or some crazy Arlo Guthrie-style verse: "You can't make all the noise you want/ The drums, Alice, have to stop."

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# Everybody Loves Romaine

The Lynnester was saying, “I used to go to Piatti all the time with my friend Marsha, but she moved, and now I never get there. I really miss their lemon ravioli.” “Hey, I’ll be glad to go with you!” I piped up. “I’ve always been curious, and if you say it’s good, it must be.” A few weeks later, we were there.

“I thought you didn’t do chains,” Samurai Jim kidded me. “This is a chain?” I asked. Lynne owned that it was, with maybe three or four locations. It turns out to be larger still, with a dozen restaurants all over the state and in Texas and Oregon — but the original was in Marin County, and the first few additions were in Northern California wine country, so the “Bay Area foodie” ethos was built in (and I’m happy to say, it remains). Chefs at each restaurant have the freedom to buy local produce and create dishes to please the locals. When we looked at our menus, the first thing that leaped out from the appetizer list was *animelle* — sweetbreads. Another attention-grabber was a “salad” of warm grilled romaine wrapped in prosciutto. “Wow, these are pretty sophisticated dishes,” I said. “If it’s a chain, ’tis a far, far better chain than Macaroni Grill or Buca di Beppo — and Olive Garden, it sure ain’t.”

The restaurant is on a cute, cozy street in the La Jolla Shores neighborhood, and you enter past a cozy, darkish bar. The dining room is airy and bright, with glazed terra cotta tile flooring and a soundproofed white ceiling (which doesn’t help much against the yackety-yak that the hard floor magnifies). A lovely, heated garden patio is tucked away to the side, and blessed are they who get to eat there.

We began with carpaccio, which Lynne recalled fondly. Her memory proved accurate: It was well above the norm in tenderness, quality, and the gentle, fresh flavor of the thin-sliced raw beef tenderloin, with a perfectly balanced citrus-and-oil dressing. “The thing I love about Piatti is, it’s so consistent from one time to the next,” Lynne said. “If something’s good, it’s always good.”

Even better were two sophisticated starters. Our table’s favorite dish that evening had two hearts of romaine lettuce grilled in wide girdles of fine prosciutto and lightly dressed in a devastating hazelnut-oil vinaigrette. (With a deep inhale, you could smell the nuts the oil was pressed from.) The firm-tender lettuce had a pleasing faint bitterness, and the cured ham surrounding it was rich and piggy. The



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chef came up with this dish as a modification on the more classic combination of grilled radicchio with pancetta; we preferred this version. “Everybody loves romaine,” I observed. “Radicchio is more challenging.” Eating it side by side with the sweetbread appetizer was a lucky match of complementary flavors. The sweetbreads were juicy little bites, semicrisp outside with melting centers, sautéed with cremini mushrooms to mirror their earthiness without imposing the burden of a heavy sauce. Ahh, *bella Italia!* They know how to eat there!

We continued with a shared midcourse of the Lynnester’s fave, *ravioli al limone* — housemade squares (about 2½ inches to a side) with thin, tender pasta skins bulging with ricotta and a touch of basil, all bathed in a seductive lemon-cream sauce equipoised between tartness and suavity. Underneath, a surprise gift: The pouches were plated over thin lemon slices and barely wilted arugula. My sole quibble was that the ricotta, a tad granular, was not as creamy as the very best brands.

Given how enchanting this single pasta was — and the wealth of pasta dishes on this menu — you

should know some of the other choices I’d have loved to try, given enough nights to do so. I was sorely tempted by cavatappi with house-made Italian sausage, mushrooms, spinach, and roasted tomato sauce, and by the evening’s special of pasta

carbonara with green peas. Then there are mint-touched penne with red wine-braised lamb, rotolo filled with wild mushrooms in porcini sauce, and saffron pappardelle with

shrimp. If only Piatti was my neighborhood restaurant! I’d be eating there once a week to try every pasta, as so many local customers seem to do.

The brief gap between pastas and entrées afforded us a chance to eyeball our fellow diners and their choices. On a Friday night, even as late as 8:00 p.m., many were families, some running to three and four generations, with kids ranging from infants through middle school. We lucked out since the kids were all right that night (don’t take this as a guarantee), well-behaved junior gourmets-in-training, with “restaurant manners” well in hand. The babies didn’t shriek, nor did the toddlers throw food or tantrums. (In that way, too, Piatti is no Olive Garden.) Several families had chosen pizza

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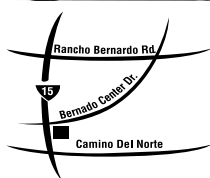
as their midcourse. The pizza margherita (with fresh tomatoes and mozzarella, named for a dead queen of Italy) was garnished with plentiful chopped Italian parsley to create the red-white-green color scheme of Italy’s flag and deepen the flavors of the topping. The pizza crusts were rolled very thin in the authentic Italian style.

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## RESTAURANTS

chicken is good," said Lynne — but we had already committed to the veal, which also had lemon juice. When the waitress took our orders, she mentioned the sides that come with each dish with a question mark in her voice — hinting that you can substitute other sides from the menu. In fact, Lynne has often done so in the past. The veal piccata comes with triangular cakes of dark, sticky, fried risotto, which we tried this time but wouldn't go for again. Lynne usually substitutes the lemon ravioli, their sauce sleekly mirroring the sharper lemon juice of the piccata's caper sauce. Whatever it comes with, the veal is a fine rendition, tender meat in a clean, tart sauce — a dish that's always lively if the kitchen is as competent as it is here.

Our best entrée was the fish du jour — sea bass with tomatoes, shallots, capers, thyme, and white wine. The fish was cooked just right, moist and tender, without our having said a word about doneness. The accompanying vegetable mixture made a light, fresh sauce, with new potatoes as the anchoring starch.

The most expensive main course was the least rewarding. Bistecca, a grilled rib-eye steak, just wasn't very interesting. Although it's Prime grade from

one of our best meat vendors, the beef was on the tough side, and despite the sassy herbed-butter topping, it had less flavor than expected. "Turf Club's is better," said Jim. "Yeah, Turf's garlic marinade is some kind of magic," Lynne said, "and their beef is tastier, too." However, after a couple of days in the fridge, the cold beef leftovers from Piatti developed more depth of flavor, making a great sandwich. Mysterious. The garlic mashed potatoes served alongside at the restaurant were boring, with the grainy texture that comes of skimping on dairy products. (I'll substitute the mushroom rotolo next time.)

Piatti does an expert job of accommodating diners who eat "family-style." When we told our waitress, Amanda, that we'd be sharing all the food, she thanked us with apparent sincerity and arranged to accommodate us. For each course, we received small individual plates to spoon out portions from the larger plates in the center. Happily, our small-looking table proved plenty roomy enough to fit all the dishware, even with three large entrée platters. Amanda also immediately grasped that three sharers of a steak would need not one but three steak knives. Even the busser was good: Once he understood that we were doggy-bagging a bit of *everything* (to be torn apart, examined, and retasted under bright kitchen fluorescents — though he didn't know *that*), we

didn't have to keep asking.

The dessert list could perhaps be more interesting. A lotta gelati. A flan-variant. A (yawn) tiramisu. I wish that non-Italian restaurants had never discovered tiramisu (it takes about ten minutes to assemble, which may be why it's become ubiquitous) and ruined it in so many fiendishly clever ways — because now I'm too wary of the miscarriages to order it. I'm sure Piatti's is better than most. We did find a couple of contenders: A *torta di limetta* is a tart topped with key-lime custard studded with fresh raspberries, over a thin bottom crust, set over a pool of raspberry sauce. The custard is a perfect balance between lightness and richness, tart and sweet, with a velvety texture. Even chocoholic Jim (when he isn't a samurai he's a chocoholic) preferred it to the rather stodgy chocolate bread pudding. The espresso was decent, and Amanda brought it right along with the desserts, as requested.

Piatti proves that a restaurant doesn't have to sell its soul if it multiplies. In La Jolla, the food is soaringly superior to a majority of the local standalone Italian eateries — it cleaves to the spirit of real Italian cuisine (from Italy, that is, not Hoboken), a country where farm folk pick vegetables twice a day and townspeople shop at produce stands for lunch, and again for dinner, to get the freshest veggies. Piatti's menu embodies those unimpeachable culinary virtues — freshness, simplicity,

and local seasonality. It's even better to learn from a Piatti veteran like Lynne that the quality of each dish doesn't vary with the chef's mood, the size of the crowd, or the phase of the moon. Here, if you love something, it will always be there for you, just the way you enjoyed it last time.

### ABOUT THE CHEF

Chef Pepe Ccapatinta has been with the La Jolla Piatti since its opening nearly 18 years ago, when he transferred south from the Sonoma location. The odd spelling of his name is not a typo: He's from Cuzco, Peru, high in the Andes. (Maybe the extra *c* stemmed from somebody gasping for breath at 13,000 feet while spelling the name.) "I was cooking since I was a child," he says. "I came from a large family — nine brothers, so with my parents and grandma we were 12 people in the household. Every time we cooked, we were cooking for an army."

"I graduated from college in Peru with a degree in hotel management, tourism, and beverages. I came to the States 21 years ago, looking for a career in my field, and I ended up getting a job in a kitchen. From there I went on to work in various restaurants in the Bay Area, Napa Valley, Sonoma. I was cooking French and Italian food, and I had the chance to go to Italy three times. I picked up what real Italian people eat. I went through the countryside, going to little trattorias to learn

what the local people eat. The areas I've explored most are Florence, Parma, and for the seafood, Liguria. This summer I'm going back and taking my wife there for a month."

"I opened the Piatti in Sonoma, worked some years with them, and then came here and opened the La Jolla branch. I've been here ever since. Each store [of Piatti] has their own chef and menu. They try to cater to their area. You'll find, tops, two or three dishes carried from one area of Piatti to another. For instance, we have *animelle*, sweetbreads; not all Piattis do. It is not a top seller, but people who love them order them, because they know they can't find them at many other restaurants here."

I asked how he managed to keep the food so consistent. Part of the answer is that most of his staff have been with him for years. He also trains them to maintain standards, regardless of how busy the restaurant is. As for substituting side dishes, it can be difficult on busy nights, but they take such requests anyway. "We're here to please the customers, so we do it," he says.

Why is the menu heavier on pasta than entrées? The answer is economics — plus, pleasing local diners. Pastas, at moderate prices, sell very well, especially since kids at this family-oriented restaurant love them. It also benefits the restaurant's bottom line. "We make more money on the pas-

tas. Your food costs are much less. On a steak my food cost is 40 percent, and on a pasta my food cost is 15 or 20 percent. And I hate to gouge people. We can charge less for the pastas. I don't want people to come here and feel, 'Oh, it's La Jolla, they can charge whatever they can get.'"

"My philosophy is to have a good experience in a restaurant, starting with the hostess, then the food, and always feeling like you are taken care of."

### Congratulatory note: Baja!

*Cooking on the Edge* by local chef Deborah Schneider (currently food-boss at the Del Mar Race-track) was named by *Food and Wine Magazine* as one of its top 25 cookbooks of the year. The book fully deserves the accolade: It's a superb cookbook full of in-depth regional detail. Even if you don't want to try cooking Baja-style (the recipes are awesomely well researched), if you plan to travel in Baja, you'll learn what to eat there, where and why, right down to which taco stand to seek out at the north (nontouristy) end of Rosarito. Plus, Schneider brings her wicked sense of humor to the prose. (The section describing various chiles had me LOL.) Way to go, Deb! Also a note of gossip: Last chance for fans of Amiko Gubbins's cuisine to enjoy her unique creations at Parallel 33. She's handing the reins to another chef in June so that she can "explore other options." ■

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# Like India Itself

*"It takes time to understand our food. You should come back, often."*

Luckily, I missed the bus. I was running up the road, heading for the bus stop to catch the 31, when the danged thing hurtled by. Huh. I'm puffing right outside Little India, a collection of grocery shops, sari shops, meditation centers, and eateries. I mosey into a big white warehouse filled with wholesale and retail stuff from India. It's called Ker.

A vegetarian eatery fills a whole half of this warehouse. It's way past three in the afternoon, but hey, the chafing dishes are still out. Guess I'll ask someone if I can still eat.

I wait around for a bit, and then a lone girl appears at the warehouse checkout. "Lunch?" I ask, and she says. "Yes. It's \$6.99." I pop through the divider door. The eatery has a couple dozen dishes of glistening golden, brown, green, and red food concoctions, yellow basmati rice, and sweets. Except, man...nobody's here. Just one gent in a red turban at the far end of the dining hall, watching a TV show.

What the heck. Don't know if I'm doing it right, but I pick up a metal tray with a circle of dents for holding the food and start loading up.

Each of the buffet dishes has a handprinted sign above it. Truly, I'm not sure what I'm picking, but I start with some basmati rice — I recognize that — and a couple of slices of naan, the bread. Then I pick out some aloo curry — that's potato — *dhal*, lentils, a dish of *chholle* (garbanzo beans), *bengam bata* eggplant, and heck, three or four more things.

I go to the drink table and pour water from a pitcher. Then I take it all to the great space beyond, filled with rows and rows of tables.

The walls are painted in green, white, and orange in the shape of Moghul palace arches, with banners of giant sparkling scarves in green and blue, plus red and orange, plus salmon-colored curtains and posters of gods like — who are they? Indra? Siva? Krishna? Ganesh?

I sit at a covered terrace in the back and dig in. The food? Like India itself. A collision of cultures and tastes. And the amazing thing is, they are all vegetables. Some smoky and roasted, others yogurty, others nutty. For a guy raised on spinach, this shows me what I've been missing. The vegetarian *paneer tikka* is rich and

cottage-cheesy. The *baingan ka burta* is a delicious, smoky-tasting roasted eggplant dish, rich in the flavor of coriander leaves and sautéed onions and chilis and tomatoes. Then I'm into a pretty interesting garbanzo-bean mix called *chholle*.

"That is about the most popular food for everyday in India," says this guy passing by. I notice he has the metal wrist-bangle that tells you he's a Sikh. His name's Amarjit. Turns out he's the chief cook here. It's not his first place. He's been cooking in California for 20 years, including at the India Palace in La Jolla. "We're empty now," he says, "but come on a Friday or Saturday. It is packed with Indian families."

He points to my garbanzos. "Do you want to try a very popular recipe?" I nod. He disappears and returns with some deep-fried sticks. "Curried *pakora*," he says. "Garbanzo with flour and vegetables. Yogurt-based. People love these on the weekend."

Hmm. Nice. They kind of remind you of deep-fried crumbed zucchini.

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Amarjit continues on down toward the TV set to join his friend. Heck, I finish up serving myself and join them, Amarjit and his friend in the turban, Jalwant Singh. He helps Amarjit in the kitchen. "Every Sikh's last name is 'Singh,'" says Jalwant. "It means 'lion,' or 'courageous like a lion.' We have often had to be courageous in defense of our religion."

Amarjit says the food they cook is mainly Punjabi, from the north, with a bit of Gujarat, also north, thrown in. "It takes time to understand our food," he says. "You should come back, often."

Uh-oh. All eyes on the TV. Two women confront each other over a lover and son. It's the final scene in an episode of *Garkhi Lakshmi Vertiya* — "Rich Daughter's House," a regular soap on the Hindi Channel.

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"You should get some dessert," says Amarjit. "It's closing."

I just get back to the buffet as this lady, Sandra, is covering the dishes. "But go ahead," she says.

"Can you explain some of these to me?" I ask.

Sandra shakes her head. "I am from Guatemala."

So I grab whatever I can and find out what they are from Amarjit. Imitation oranges, *penda* (yellow balls of sugar and milk and cardamom), *habshi halwa* (delicious chunks of milk, sugar, cashews, pistachio, cardamom, and almonds), and, oh Lord, mangos, in syrup.



Jalwant Singh

Sweet, tropical mango. Not the tasteless cousins that grow here and in Mexico. I'd come back just for these.

But it's *all* worth coming back for. At \$6.99, it's a deal, plus they let you have seconds. Next time, though, I'm going to bring Carla on a Saturday afternoon, when it's crowded.

Now, if I can just find the disappearing checkout girl to pay. ■

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# Dirt Simple

*"There are thousands of people in this country who would kill to design a wine label."*

**N**ews flash: looks count. According to Michael Brill — whose Crushpad venture helps winemaking dreams come true by sourcing, vinifying, aging, and bottling wine according to precise customer specifications — "people who go in on a barrel of wine tend to agree on wine style and winemaking decisions pretty quickly." It's the labels that wind up being the source of contention. "They have a very difficult time. Second in importance to what's in the bottle — and in many cases, equal to what's in the bottle — is the label. It's part of the creative expression. If the designer comes up with a shitty label, it destroys the whole two-year experience."

Crushpad has four members on its design team, and while they're pros, they're still stretched across hundreds of clients. "We want to constrain our exposure," says Brill, "so that people don't come in and eat up a hundred hours of design time. On the other hand, the label is what it is" — the face of the wine. An initial solution is "an online, Flash-based, interactive label designer. But maybe more important than that is this: we're opening our Crushnet community to third-party designers."

"Crushnet," explains Brill, "is basically a social networking site for people interested in winemaking. So if you want to find somebody to do some photography or artwork, or even design an

entire label, here's this whole community." A great big online pool of customer demand, just waiting for some smart designer to show up and start padding his résumé. "There are thousands of people in this country who would kill to design a wine label, in exchange for just a case of wine."

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MATTHEW LICKONA

The label is the last step in the whole Crushpad production process. Brill expects Crushnet to prove useful from the get-go. "In the past, if you came to us and said, 'I want to do this, but I don't want to spend \$7000-\$8000 for a barrel of wine; can you hook me up with a few people?' we basically had to say, 'No.' But Crushnet enables you to find people who are interested in making a similar style of wine — or existing groups that are making that wine — and connect with them. We do all the allocations and financial transactions online. And we allow you to share the experience by uploading photos and videos. There are blogs, and forums, and something we're calling enowiki, which is an online winemaking knowledge base. That's going to be more and more important as we grow. We're adding online reviews, so that you can taste other people's wines and review them."

In sum, "We're trying to take everything that's available to a winemaker up in Napa and make that available to people wherever they live." That includes the idyll that is the winemaker lunch —

everybody brings a few bottles and spends an afternoon tasting one another's handiwork and offering comment. Crushpad's online counterpart: the mosh pit. "Basically, you take some portion of your wine — say, 3 of your 25 cases, and you throw them in the mosh pit. In exchange, you get 3 cases of mixed, random wines. You get more variety, and you get to taste other wines that people in the community are making. You can give feedback to the community. We're doing it to mix it up, build a somewhat different wine economy — one that's a combination of online and physical."

Speaking of wine economies: "Part of Crushnet is a section where growers can build and define their own brands. We're working with them, telling them to capture things on video: pruning, green-harvesting, and so on. They can have e-mail on Crushnet, plus blogs and forums. Some of these growers have fruit that goes into \$100 bottles of wine, but nobody knows it, so they've got no real leverage. This way, they can deliver messages directly to the consumer. We think it will give a push to high-end growers to work with us."

That's from the production end; Crushnet can also serve retail aims. "Our second or third customer was a guy who lived in Springfield, Missouri, who made 200 cases of Pinot Noir for commercial resale. Very quickly, we realized that the people who had a passion for high-end wine, and for making high-end wine, generally also had the business acumen and the money to turn it into a business. We had to do a lot of scrambling to construct a service that would allow people to launch their own commercial wine brands without having to go through the agony of licensing, storage, e-commerce, federal and state compliance. It was very tricky behind the scenes, but from a client's perspective, it's dirt simple. We store the wine; we pick, pack, and ship; we do all the compliance reporting; we give them an e-commerce engine, and



Michael Brill

every month, they get a check. We've now got 70 commercial wine brands that have either launched or are in the process of launching, and we're starting to get reviews. We got some 92s on some of our first wines, and we've had huge jumps in quality."

Brill has had huge jumps in interest as well. But he doesn't want to lose the personal-interaction feel of the San Francisco winery, which has gotten just about as big as he wants it at 25,000-30,000 cases per year. So he's looking at expanding — first to Seattle, then to L.A., then to wherever demand and logistics dictate. "I think we're doing really well, but ultimately, this is a much bigger thing than one winery in San Francisco. Most of our customers don't live here, and I've had about 200 or 300 inquiries about opening a Crushpad facil-

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ity. My expectation is that in the next four or five years, there should be a Crushpad licensed facility or a competitor in many major cities.” He envisions wine-sharing between the regions, and even competitions: “the New York Cab-heads vs. the Wichita To-Kalon freaks.”

If all this talk of social networking around wine and local chapters linked via online interface sounds a touch familiar, it should: it’s not too far from the VinVillage social networking site recently started by local entrepreneur Rob Barnett. Crushnet caters to the makers and sellers, VinVillage to the consumers — those pursuing the wine lifestyle. So it’s no great surprise to learn that the two have joined forces — signing up for one automatically signs you up for the other. Brill envisions Crushpad providing wines for VinVillage gatherings, and his company has been developing “more educational products for smaller-scale things.” Things like wine-blending kits for small-group gatherings.

But Crushpad is first and foremost about making wine, and ultimately, that’s what Brill wants to offer VinVillage. “VinVillages could make their own wines. My feeling is that the reason you have a successful community is because people do something. So how many things do you do? If you’re part of a tasting group, you taste wine. That’s cool — it’s a great social environment, and you learn something. But the

thought is, what if you could be involved in something more substantial? What if you could get a larger group together, and that group is actually making their own wine? When you’ve got people creating something, it’s a pretty powerful thing. And if they’re driving not just one, but multiple wines, then they can be an economic force in themselves. And since they have the advantage of all living within the same region, they can share in the experience.”

To top it all off, the online platform that serves to connect VinVillages would provide a natural forum for the sort of cross-group sharing and competition that Brill sees as beneficial for building the larger wine community. And for Crushpad and VinVillage, community is pretty much the whole point. ■

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## NORTH COASTAL

**The Armenian Cafe** 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta* lea dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

**Blanca** Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-792-0072. The opening of sleek, sophisticated Blanca marks the arrival of our first 21st-century restaurant, highlighting perfect seasonal ingredients so radiantly and originally prepared that diners must rouse to rapt attention. Chef Wade Hageman, a protégé of renowned SF/Vegas chef Michael Mina, has imported a similarly complex, labor-intensive style of cooking that appeals as much to the mind as to the senses. He’s imported a major Mina strategem — showcasing an individual ingredient by presenting it in several different incarnations within the same dish, like musical variations on a theme. Blanca’s menu lists each item’s pedigree and primary garnishes, but those details don’t begin to describe the behind-the-scenes enhancements of marinades, brines, rubs, soaks, and

infusions that play subtle roles in the multilayered flavors that come to the table. Appetizers are especially adventurous, the wine list is exceptional (if mainly very pricey), and the restaurant’s decor is as modern and polished as the food. Dinner only. Reservations required. Very expensive. — N.W.

**California Bistro** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

**Joey’s Smokin’ B-B-Q** 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also Torrey Hills Center, 4645 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. Joey Maggione doesn’t produce Southern “Q” so much as So-Cal “Q” — more an homage to Memphis than anything you’d find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true “Q” fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the “su-weet” sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. House-made hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner, but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan** 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s

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does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Market Restaurant and Bar** 3702 Via de la Valle (at El Camino Real), Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Market occupies an odd location, way out in the boonies of far-east Del Mar, but it’s worth seeking out. The menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs chef-owner Carl Schroeder (formerly at Arterra) finds at the local produce market (Chino Farms) and from the nearby seas. Despite the ambitious food and prices, vibes are “neighborhood restaurant” — people are having a good time here, and so will you. For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good, with no letdown. At our visit, boneless beef shortribs, North Atlantic monkfish, bluenose bass, and venison chops were all imaginative, with perfectly sized portions and intriguing sides. Appetizers may include celery-root soup, Maine lobster salad, blue cheese soufflé, and a strudel of forest mushrooms and arti-

chokes, all of them scrumptious — but the menu could be completely different when you visit, so be prepared. This is truly seasonal, local cuisine, and hurray for that. Dinner nightly. Reservations essential. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W.

**Milton’s Deli** Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that’s your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

**The Original 101 Diner** 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It’s got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101’s vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café’s (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Pamplemousse Grille** 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappuccini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmos-

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**Pizza Port** 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) “Tasty Grub & Grog,” says the sign, and that’s just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (“Pizza Carlsbad”), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (“Pizza Solana”). Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Poseidon** 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water’s edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadlly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view’s the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**St. Germain’s Cafe** 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Vivace** Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here’s the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You’ll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the “mamma mia” joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. “Resort-casual” — no hats, shorts or jeans, or sandals — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W.

**When In Rome** 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — E.W.

**Zen Sushi and Martini Lounge** 2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard (south of Del Mar Fairgrounds), Del Mar, 858-259-0176. Zen offers a scene as well as food, with music on weekends. But the food is what counts, and it’s aces. The former head sushi chef of Japengo is in charge here, so you’re getting Japengo’s best flavors without the uh, social nonsense. Two menus are offered: a long one for the sushi bar, a shorter one for the fusion dishes — plus a happy hour menu that combines the best of both worlds. Sushi specialty rolls and fusion appetizers include a fine bushido roll, “Asian stacker” (avocado, chukka salad, and edge-seared red tuna piled on a deep-fried wonton cracker), and creamy tempura shrimp and lobster. The sushi has perfect near-sweet rice combined with wonderfully fresh seafood and well-considered garnishes. *Ama ebi*, “sweet shrimp,” is truly sweet and *uni* (sea urchin) fills your mouth with joy. The fusion entrées include a tender, flavorful, sugar-soy coated salmon It’s worth arriving early for the weeknight special happy hour menu (Sunday to Thursday, 5

p.m. to 7 p.m.), which offers tasty grazing at half price. Wine and sake list is extensive. Dinner nightly. Grazing moderate, full dinners expensive. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

**Addison** Grand Del Mar Resort, 5200 Grand Del Mar Way (turn off from Carmel Country Road), Carmel Valley, 858-314-1900. At this gala, gorgeous restaurant a mile or so uphill from the hotel at Doug Manchester’s new luxury resort, the brief menu offers dishes made with superior ingredients, executed flawlessly. However, it may be hard to warm up to the chef’s palate, which seems to favor sour, tart, and acidic notes, with no concessions to culinary comfort. The creative cooking involves strange flavor-combinations, such as well-seasoned lamb shank with a goat cheese tart served over a slick of acidic lemon-sorrel sauce plus uncured housemade sausage with a purée of Japanese *umiboshi*, fiercely sour plums that seem to come from a different universe than the meat. Or an amuse of tart yogurt punctuated by sour quince and puckery gooseberries. It seems to be more about the chef’s self-expression than about your pleasure, but many people love it — it apparently depends on what night you eat there. Service is formal, deluxe, and quite rigid: The bussers are your bosses. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday only. Reservations essential; request detailed route directions. Extremely expensive. — N.W.

**Asia Vous** 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does “fusion” better, and there’s not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else’s warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired combinations include sweetbreads with Chinese sausage, potato gnocchi with lobster and vanilla bean sauce, house-cured hamachi atop a flower-like heirloom tomato mandala, and a Kurobata pork shank treated like French “confit” but lightened by a sprightly salad accompaniment. Bartolomei’s desserts are not only housemade but as brilliant as the earlier courses. The international wine list is adventurous — all this, plus the unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service, too. (But the place can get noisy when full.) Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan) on the typical menu. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**Casa Reveles Mexican and Seafood Restaurant** Harvest Farms Village, 29000 Lilac Road, Valley Center, 760-749-8041. (Also at 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565.) “Revels,” as the locals pronounce it, is probably the best restaurant in Valley Center proper, offering zesty, careful cooking with some

unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several “stuffed” dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house’s slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. In fact, everything’s a good deal better than it has to be, given the lack of neighborhood competition. Definitely worth a stop-off when heading to or from the nearby casinos. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Family atmosphere, but watch out for karaoke nights (Wednesday and Saturday). Full bar (cantina attached). Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W.

**Centre City Cafe** 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little “motel row” just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W.

**Fiore’s** Harrah’s Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there’s an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with the-by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate to Oystar Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — N.W.

**The Grill** 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you’d expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they’re flexible. Want bacon, sausage, and ham in your breakfast pita? They’ll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Hacienda de Vega** 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican

restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You’ll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — N.W.

**San Diego Artisan Bakers** 1551 South Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you’ll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there’s nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W.

LA JOLLA

**Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

**Come On In!** 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. (Also at 10184 Telesis Court, Sorrento Valley, 858-558-8964; and 11455 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-350-2700.) Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to “Paree” anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two “plain and simple” steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the “Popeye” omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; diners a little more expensive. — E.B.

**Donovan’s Steak and Chop House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers,

among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W.

**George’s at the Cove** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. At George’s dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, California Modern Restaurant, chef Trey Foshee’s superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasizing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don’t miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon, Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or half-bottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service — make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace Bistro, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men’s restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale’s facilities. Downstairs dinner only; upstairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. — N.W.

**Tapenade** 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don’t even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe “sunset dinners” Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise,

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**Zenbu** 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**China Max** 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and

bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — *N.W.*

**IKEA Restaurant & Cafe** 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Seoul B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchily seaweed salads, radishes in

garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwae*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — *M.N.*

**Tropical Star** 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

**The Australian Pub** 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Broken Yolk Cafe** 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — \$19.99. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Hancock St. Cafe** 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Lamont Street Grill** 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Saska's** 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a

cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.*

**The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro** 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — *N.W.*

**Umi Sushi** 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**Apertivo** 3926 30th Street (between University and Lincoln), North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers "Italian tapas" of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday (weekends until 11 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Big Kitchen** 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Huffman's Bar-B-Que** 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Krakatoa** 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinna-

mon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**La Dona** 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**The Linkery** 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguista*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Antonio's Hacienda** 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the decor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families

abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.*

**Geno's Barbecue** 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He'd won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today, a new owner has continued the tradition. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Johnny B's** 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic

taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

**Valley House Restaurant** 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## FAR EAST

**Bernard's** The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar

and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable chardonnay (and beer works with this food, too). Closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Paipa's Oasis** Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B.*

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Bertrand at Mister A's** 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill** 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love

oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Brazil by the Hill** 142 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-692-1919. (Also Brazil by the Bay, 3770 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-692-1410.) The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodizios* (e.g., Rei Do Gado and Samba Grill). Here you can eat like a real *cariooca*, sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and Sao Paulo. You can happily make a grazing meal of "stuffed things," appetizers such as *coxinhas*, *pasteles*, *croquetas*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*); don't miss the luxurious fried bananas "Milanese." Ask for the house's Brazilian hot sauce, hotter and livelier than the Mexican bottled sauces on the tables. The main course

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masterpiece is *moqueca de peixe*, fish in a curry-like coconut milk stew. Other good choices include *prato feito* (beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans) or filet mignon with Catupiry, a stroganoff-like concoction made with a rich Brazilian cheese of the same name. Weekends, there's *feijoada*, the Brazilian national dish, but it's a rather thin and soupy version. Beer or wine are better choices than the cloying-sweet sake-based Caipirinhas. For dessert, try the passion fruit mousse — light, creamy, intense. Noisy room. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations accepted, but not needed. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**El Agave** 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**El Indio Mexican Restaurant** 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sub-

lime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

**El Zarape** 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

**Islander Grill** Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929. Here's a chance to sample the unique tropical cuisine of Guam, an island at the crossroads of the South Pacific. The cooking includes traces of Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate. Try the chicken *kelaguen*, a citric salad resembling ceviche, or the brilliant coconut shrimp (available as a starter or entrée). Stews are flavorful: The saucy "pot roast" is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam, and the chicken stews are equally savory. Other choices include a range of salty, teriyaki-style barbecued meats, barbecued chicken in a less salty marinade, plus numerous exotic appetizers. Free parking in small hotel lot. Everything available for take out. No alcohol. Lunch through dinner daily, early dinner Sundays. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Izakaya Masa** 928 Fort Stockton Drive, Suite #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An *izakaya* is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-

fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. *Chuka kurage*, superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (*kaki*), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. *Kushi-age*, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. *Maguro yamakake*, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine — a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Dinner daily; lunch Tuesday through Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro** 3940 Fourth Avenue, Suite 110 (downstairs below street level), Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. This could be the ideal neighborhood restaurant — if you love exploring Middle Eastern cuisines. The Moroccan specialties at Kous Kous are delicious, authentic, and healthful, and the witty, entertaining staff treat you like guests at an informal dinner party. Unlike most Moroccan restaurants in the U.S., the menu is à la carte rather than prix fixe, and seating is at normal chairs and tables, not floor cushions, so you can focus on the food and not some *Arabian Nights* fantasy. Start with a lively Chutney Sampler appetizer plate of *mezze*, Moroccan style, and if *b'stila* is on the menu, don't pass up this treat of minced chicken in a cinnamon-dusted filo crust. Entrée highlights include Lamb Tagine, slow-braised, greaseless fall-apart shanks with prunes, almonds, Moroccan seasonings and a touch of honey; and Chicken Mu'hammer, a tenderly braised half-chicken with quartered green olives and slivers of salty preserved lemons. All entrées come with lively, flawless couscous. Kebabs (filet mignon, shrimp, etc.) also come with a mixed green salad served with refreshing, lemony dressing. For dessert, housemade choices include refreshing fresh berries with orange liqueur and

rosewater and a creamy crème brûlée, plus pastries from Bread & Cie. Dinner nightly. Reservations urged for week-ends. Restaurant is below street level, elevator is left of the staircase to Martini's. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Laurel Restaurant** 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth), uptown, 619-239-2222. Freshly remodeled and remade by Tracey Borkum, the owner of Chive and Kensington Grill, the restaurant looks like a million bucks (the price she bought it for). In a chic, creamy dining room below street level you'll enjoy modern eclectic cuisine with French and Mediterranean flavors showcasing premium in-season ingredients, including free-range chicken. No bread unless you pay for it, but you get *edamame* to nibble while awaiting your order. The global wine list is extensive and expensive; selected bottles are half-price on Sundays. The full bar features creative cocktails and 20 sakes. Valet parking \$6. Several steps down from street level; disabled access via carport on Fifth Avenue (phone before coming to ensure that entry is open). Open for dinner nightly. Expensive, but an early-bird three-course chef menu is moderate. — *N.W.*

**Modus Super Club** 2204 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), Banker's Hill, 619-236-8516. Modus means "method," and what that means is that all the food is cooked from scratch in the classical French manner, with no shortcuts, no restaurant-supply products or frozen food, no fakery. Chef-owner Nathan Coulon designed this as a place for locals to drop in, nosh well on a little or a lot, and sip until all hours of the night. The menu, printed daily, offers about nine starters and five or six entrées. Confit of duck, hazelnut-crusted rack of lamb, and Quinault River sturgeon in season are all impressive. *Pommes frites* — "perfect French fries" — live up to their billing, and appetizer salads are just as idyllic. All desserts come from Mom — famed La Jolla pastry chef Michele Coulon. They look beautiful and taste as sweet and rich as society wedding cakes. This is a truly user-friendly spot, where going out to eat doesn't have to be a big

deal. Excellent wine list devised by co-owner/sommelier Scotty Johnson, full bar featuring creative cocktails with all-fresh ingredients blended by Ariana Johnson. Open nightly until 1 a.m. Reservations advisable for large parties and weekends. Expensive for full meals, moderate for grazing. — *N.W.*

**Shakespeare Pub & Grille** 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch weekdays and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## DOWNTOWN

**Blue Point** 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioners' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially for fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking on-site, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business-casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — *N.W.*

**Brickyard Coffee and Tea** 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina Dis-

trict, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Cafe Chloe** 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc*. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Chive** 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly,

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until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; “grazing” can be moderate. — *N.W.*

**Dobson’s** 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson’s is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

**Fleming’s Steak House & Wine Bar** 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an “old girls” club, or just a happy place where the term “a nice piece of meat” isn’t a bad thing? The mahogany of the “old boys” steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it’s Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M.*

**Galileo 101** West Tower, Harbor Club, 201 J Street (at Second Avenue), downtown. Also 10 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown, 619-702-7101. When new, Galileo 101 offered “avant-garde Italian” food that has gradually evolved into adventurous Euro-Cal cuisine, its dishes influenced by modern French cooking with a few Pacific Rim touches. Chef Joe Craig is putting all his talent and imagination into the seasonal menu, with generally splendid results. Moist, tender sea bass is served with rarely seen Hawaiian ubi — huge yams with rich-flavored deep-purple flesh. Flat-iron steak and short ribs are both made with ultra-tender,

flavorful Kobe beef, accompanied by zesty sides. The nightly specials are worth serious consideration — they’re where the chef fully stretches out and has some fun on the job. Creative appetizers may include scallops with *osso buco* and a wild boar tamale. Solid international wine list. Dinner nightly. Reservations advised. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**George’s on Fifth** 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger’s on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger’s rabbited and left it to his partner George Harrington. It’s still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster martini,” oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W.*

**Gourmet India** 810 Fourth Avenue (south of F Street), Gaslamp, 619-702-7967. Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical pan-regional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won’t find at the clones. Don’t miss the distinctive appetizers, especially the crunchy *sev poori* (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh topping), the *bel poori* (India’s favorite railway snack), or southern India’s *uttapam*, pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, accompanied by a coconutty fresh chutney. *Peshawari naan* is a spectacular tandoor-cooked bread stuffed with cashews, raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce. Entrées include the rarely seen *mirchi tikka*, tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright, spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madras Fish in coconut milk is a delicious Southern-style coconut milk curry, and the house specialty, Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and appropriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers. You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant’s budget. Lunch and dinner daily. (Park-

ing not validated at Horton.) Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Harbor House** 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Mid-westerner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned “haute” preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**House of Blues** 1055 Fifth Avenue (north of Broadway), downtown, 619-299-2583. HOB’s dining rooms (filled with vibrant folk art) are separate from the nightclub, so you don’t have to attend a performance to eat there. Highlight of the week is the prix-fixe Sunday “Gospel Brunch” in the basement (with near-hidden elevator access), a generous buffet of mainly tasty mainstream and Southern goodies, including extraordinary smoked roast beef. Upstairs, the regular menu mingles soul and Cajun dishes with pub grub. The gumbo is surprisingly successful (if not exactly personal or eccentric) and the jambalaya is real. Oddly bittersweet Voodoo Shrimp (aka “BBQ Shrimp”) comes with irresistible rosemary cornbread. A sampler of grilled Louisiana sausages is a hit. But some dishes denature regional flavors — the amiable, Tennessee-style baby back ribs are more Nashville suburb than downtown Memphis, while the humongous Cajun meatloaf and the bronzed catfish boast all the right Cajun spices but no Cajun flavor. Entrées come with vegetables, but consider amending them with tasty, inexpensive sides like superb sweet potato fries with housemade ketchup. Wine list is pitiful; have a Hurricane. Lunch and dinner nightly until 2 a.m. (except Sunday until midnight). “Lightning Lunch” prix fixe weekdays. Call for Gospel Brunch tickets. Dinner reservations essential; dinner packages available with access to shows. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**J-Six** Hotel Solamar, 616 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-531-8744. Chef Christian Graves is proud to be a card-carrying Slow Foodie, a movement dedicated to preserving traditional ways of farming, cooking, and caring for our food and planet. At J-Six, the kitchen bakes the breads and chef Graves cures charcuterie and makes sausages. The menu offers gently reared free-range meats and local produce. The chef’s assortment of charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. “Small plates” are not so small and will have you wiping the platters with the fresh bread, especially the devastating white-corn ravioli in season. Wait staff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are even better — rib-eye and Angus short ribs especially. Wine list is wide and creative. The rooftop J-Bar Lounge is crowded but fun for cocktails, sandwiches, and snacks. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, plus weekend brunch. Dinner reservations advised, especially on weekends. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Lou and Mickey’s** 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include “BBQ Shrimp, Manales’ Style,” a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye “Cowboy Steak.” Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request “Nude Room” for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into “Adventures” sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.*

**Molly’s** Marriott Hotel Marina, 333 West Harbor Drive (at Front Street), North Tower level 1 (sub-lobby level), downtown, 619-230-8909. Liberate this restaurant from the conventioneer occupation! The old gal has come back to life as a lovely, fresh young thing, thanks to chef Brian Sinnott, arriving from San Francisco’s top Italian restaurants. His seasonal cuisine offers clever, creative twists and superb local produce. Pick up a miniature menu at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you’re eating — you’ll appreciate all the more his astute combinations of unexpected ingredients. (Of course, some dishes are tried-and-trite clichés, however nicely prepared — conventioners, remember?) Try the stuffed squash blossoms or the diver scallops on celery root puree, when available. The vegetarian tasting-platter is tempting even to hard-core “carnies.” Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass, as well as a full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open for dinner. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Napa Valley Grille** 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent

grilled calamari. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

**The Oceanaire Seafood Room** 400 J Street (at Fourth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-858-2277. Oceanaire serves all manner of fresh seafood, including some rare species, from simple preparations to complex dishes with international influences (France, Italy, Asia, Louisiana, fusion). Fusion-y appetizers range from crab cakes (among the best in town) and lively El Diablo fried squid to disappointing oysters “Gatesafellar” and laughable “Cajun-rubbed” prawns. (“Eh, Soileau! C’mere, let me rub these prawns on you!”) Of a menu comprising some 30 entrées, the best dishes tend to be the least ambitious choices from the Simply Grilled and Broiled section. Or you can gamble on more elaborate but risky composed entrées — e.g., fire-roasted Mano de León scallops in an Asian-style treatment are earthy and delicious, but spiny lobster is buried under an overwhelming, incoherent sauce. Let K.I.S.S. be your guideline. Vegetables and side dishes, served family size at extra charge, aren’t wonderful. House-made desserts are pretty good and sized for groups. The Oyster Bar is a pleasant separate area for snacking or seasonal special dinners; in season, the Kumamotos are superb, other varieties less thrilling. Reservations urged, especially on weekends. Dinner daily. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Puerto la Boca** 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That’s what you’ll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you’re feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp “la boca.” Don’t eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — *N.W.*

**Sixth Avenue Bistro** 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po’ boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery’s big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Soleil @K** Gaslamp Marriott, 660 K Street (at Sixth), Gaslamp, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won’t scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own —

but be prepared for noise (even when the room’s empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crab sticks. Desserts are witty as well as tasty; entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some “finds,” full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

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**Azzura Point** Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The luxurious dining room and serene bayfront view are romantic and a bit dressy but far from stuffy. It’s not just for tourists, it’s a lovely evening’s get-away for locals. The Mediterranean-Northern Italian-Southern French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef’s tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a “sea spa” dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochère of the main lobby. Dinner daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

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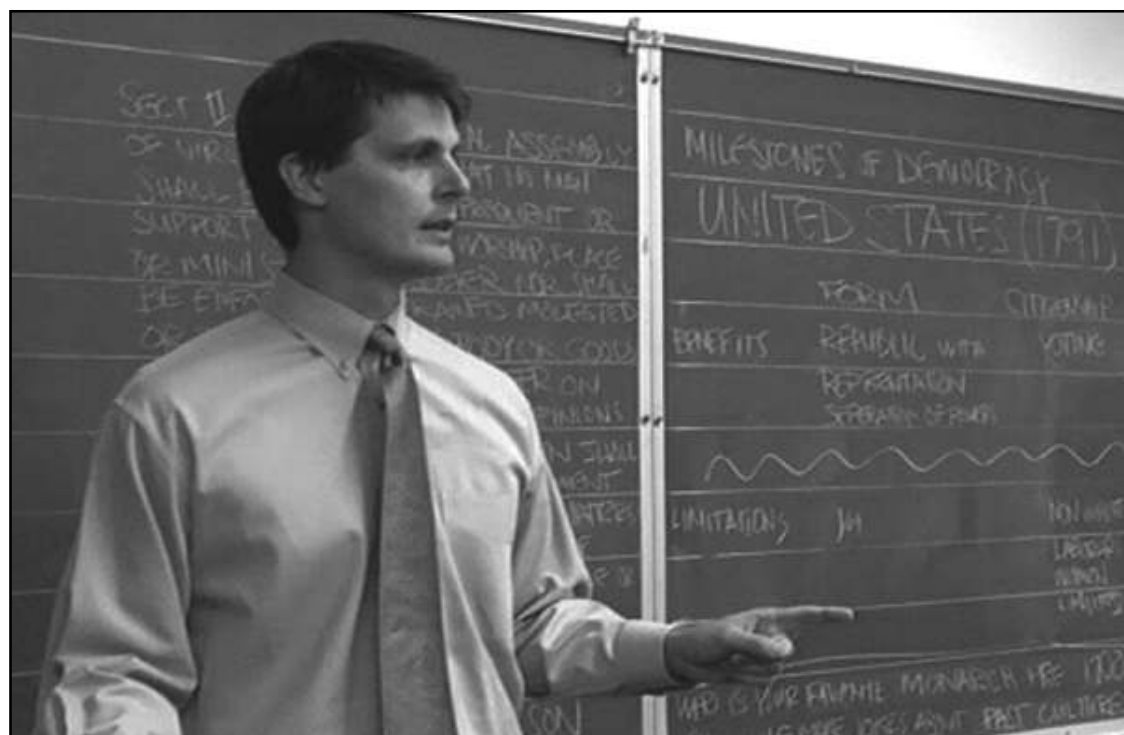
*A jittery teacher stumbles into a strange semi-flirtation with a gym teacher whom everyone assumes is gay.*

**T**hanks largely to the enduring popularity and influence of the British *Office* and its American counterpart, the past few years have produced a bevy of shows with a visual and comic vocabulary heavy on handheld camera, jittery editing, nervous laughter, awkward social interaction, and low-key character comedy. Unsurprisingly, this style of comedy is rapidly becoming nearly as clichéd as the staid, conventionally shot laughers that preceded it. *Chalk* is the latest heavily improvised mockumentary proudly traversing the tradition of *The Office* and Christopher Guest. It'd feel much fresher if it had been released even five years ago.

*Chalk* follows the travails of a group of neophyte teachers navigating the tricky waters of high school. Cowriter Chris Mass, one of a number of real-life teachers involved in the film, stars as an aggressive, self-absorbed educator unhealthily obsessed with winning "Teacher of the Year" at any

cost. Troy Schremmer plays an anxious, jittery teacher, queasily uncomfortable in his own skin, who stumbles into a strange semi-flirtation with Janelle Schremmer, a pushy gym teacher whom everyone assumes is gay due to her profession and boyish haircut.

*Chalk* mines nervous laughter from the gulf between teacher and student culture and the contrast between how its simultaneously self-conscious and oblivious teachers see themselves and how the rest of the world sees them. In one of the film's funniest sequences, students put teachers through a rigorous spelling bee on slang terms important to them. Cowriter/director Mike Akel clearly understands and has enormous affection for his milieu and his subjects, but in the absence of strong protagonists or satisfying character arcs, his agreeably forgettable film seldom builds to anything more than scattered chuckles. The downside to the low-key spontaneity of this com-



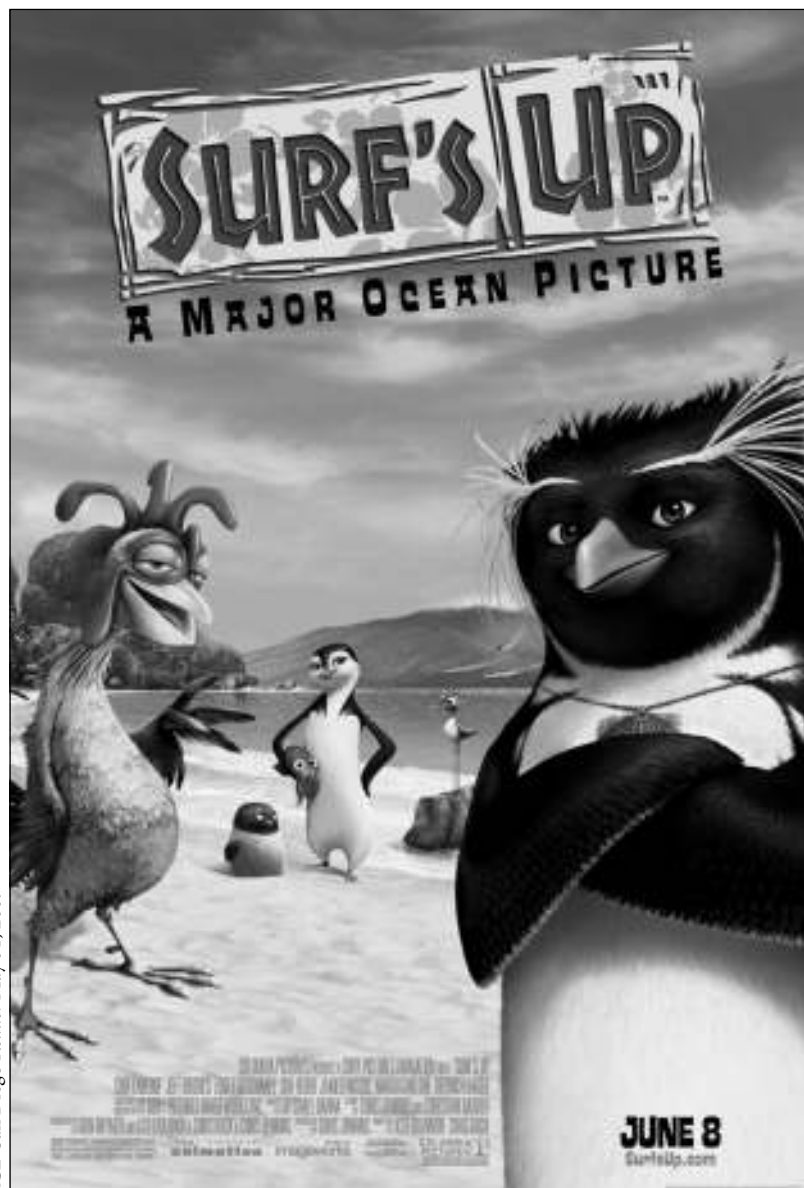
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edy style is an airy randomness that comes from prizing individual moments over a fully realized whole. *Chalk* pays homage to the kind of teachers students never forget, which makes it all the more perverse that it's so stubbornly, albeit affably, forgettable.

—Nathan Rabin  
*A.V. Club* Rating: B-

**W**illiam Friedkin has always been a tough director to pin down, since he works in so many different genres and eschews a recognizable visual sensibility in favor of feverish intensity and a hunger for verisimilitude that can be traced back to his early days directing documentaries. *Bug* takes Friedkin's rugged, hard-core anti-aesthetic to

radical extremes. It's the kind of movie where the makeup department's primary preoccupation involves making everyone look as ugly as possible, and the production designer scours Home Depot, looking for the most hideous color of paint to slather indifferently against the walls of the squalid motel room that functions as the film's primary setting.



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Like Friedkin's underrated previous film, *The Hunted*, the relentlessly claustrophobic *Bug* strips its story down to the basics. A dramatically grunged-up Ashley Judd is all jangled nerves and edgy intensity as a hard-luck waitress with a drinking problem, a coke habit she can't afford, a missing son, and an abusive ex-husband (Harry Connick Jr.) fresh out of jail and eager to pick up where he left off. Judd spies a brief respite from loneliness in the person of mysterious drifter Michael Shannon, an AWOL veteran with demons of his own.

As in *The Exorcist*, Friedkin establishes a tone of hard-edged, almost documentary-style realism before ratcheting up the horror to nearly unbearable levels. *Bug* skirts camp ridiculousness throughout, especially during a fever-dream last act in which Judd embraces Shannon's insanity with disconcerting conviction. Like a thinking man's *Number 23*, *Bug* seems to take place largely inside the demented psyche of someone with a loosening grasp on reality. At other times, *Bug* suggests *Safe* as remade by David Cronenberg, both in its biological, venereal horror and in its paranoia about a contemporary world hopelessly corrupted by viruses, germs, and infections, literal and metaphorical. Judd and Shannon's unnerving performances ensure that even when *Bug* leaps deliriously off the deep end, it remains rooted in the loneliness of two very sad people desperate for any kind of meaningful connection, no matter how mad or destructive. Even at its most preposterous — Friedkin's latest rivals his Druid horror flick *The Guardian* for sheer lunacy — *Bug* remains disconcerting, real, and raw. It poignantly suggests that some lost souls would rather be crazy and doomed than alone.

— Nathan Rabin  
A.V. Club Rating: B

The Marx Brothers classic *Duck Soup* contains a bit that applies nicely to the bellicose *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy, which reaches its conclusion with the nearly three-hour *At World's End*. When presented with a treasury report, Groucho's Rufus T. Firefly, the newly appointed president of Freedonia, declares it so simple that even a four-year-old child could understand it. "Now run out and find me a four-year-old child," he says. "I can't make head or tail of it." As a consequence of trying to turn a theme-park ride into a 463-minute trilogy, the *Pirates* movies are freighted by so much convoluted mythology and supernatural hoo-hah that perhaps only the very young can understand their dream logic. The last, longest, and most tedious of the bunch, *At World's End* sags under reams of exposition that not only fail to clarify the story but take away from the slapstick tomfoolery that made the first film (and a couple of sequences in the second) escapist fun.

Picking up where the second entry, *Dead Man's Chest*, left off, the new film finds bland heroes Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley teaming up with the once-dastardly Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) to find Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow, who's trapped in Davy Jones's locker. Here's where things get confusing: Bloom and the gang must first go through Singapore to get a special navigational map from Chinese pirate lord Chow Yun-Fat, who's one of several pirate lords who must unite in order to secure pirate freedom in the Seven Seas.

(There's also some business about a "Brethren of the Coast," and the "nine pieces of eight," but let's not get ahead of ourselves.) Meanwhile, the East India Trading Company has possession of Davy Jones's beating heart and has brought Jones and his *Flying Dutchman* ship into its quest to eradicate piratekind. And then there's Sparrow, whose predicament has left him with several metaphysical manifestations.

The *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy — and *At World's End* especially — stands as a lesson in the perils in blockbuster filmmaking: What started out as a fleet one-off swashbuckler with novel supernatural elements has become loaded and graceless, with each new entry barreling across the goal line like William "the Refrigerator" Perry. The

franchise's two chief assets — the surprise of Depp's swishy pirate and Gore Verbinski's dexterity at directing slapstick action sequences — have been eclipsed by expository scenes that confuse even more deeply in their attempt to clear things up. Should the franchise warrant still another sequel, the dialogue might as well be in Esperanto.

— Scott Tobias  
A.V. Club Rating: C- ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

*Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, and Andrea Gronvall,*

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**Away from Her** — However great Julie Christie might be, she's not generally regarded as a tragedienne. Yet after seeing this wonderful adaptation of Alice Munro's story "The Bear Came Over the Mountain," I began to think of Christie's roles in *Petulia* (1968) and *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* (1971) as way stations toward this career-defining performance. She plays a stylish woman in a successful 44-year marriage who struggles to keep her dignity after finding herself afflicted with Alzheimer's. The other leads (Michael Murphy, Olympia Dukakis, and Gordon Pinsent as

Christie's husband) are fine as well, but it's Christie who places this powerful love story about the cruelties of aging within hailing distance of Leo McCarey's sublime *Make Way for Tomorrow*. This is a film I expect to be carrying around with me for quite some time. Canadian actress Sarah Polley wrote and directed, in her feature debut. — J.R.

**Blades of Glory** — Will Ferrell and Jon Heder are rival figure skaters whose public brawl gets them banned from competition for life; after learning that they're still eligible for the pairs category, they decide to team up on the ice. "As if figure skating wasn't gay enough already," remarks one character, pre-

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cisely locating the movie's comic nerve ending — you just know these guys are going to wind up with their balls in each other's faces. Ben Stiller produced, and the movie is so reminiscent of *Zoolander* (2001) that I wish he had rounded up Owen Wilson and starred in it himself. Ferrell and Heder are pretty funny, but they're consistently upstaged by supporting players William Fichtner, Will Arnett, and Amy Poehler. The first-time directors are Will Speck and Josh Gordon. — *J.R.J.*

**Bug** — Reviewed this issue. Starring Ashley Judd and Michael Shannon; directed by William Friedkin.

**Casablanca** — Part of what makes this wartime Hollywood drama (1942) about love and political commitment so fondly remembered is its evocation of a time when the sentiment of this country about certain things appeared to be uni-



*Disturbia*

fied. (It's been suggested that communism is the political involvement that Bogart's grizzled casino owner Rick may be in retreat from at the beginning.) This hastily patched-together picture, which started out as

a B film, wound up getting an Oscar and displays a cozy, studio-bound claustrophobia that Howard Hawks improved upon in his superior spin-off *To Have and Have Not*. Then again, we get Humphrey Bogart, In-

grid Bergman, Claude Rains, Paul Henreid, Conrad Veidt, Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, Marcel Dalio, and S.Z. Sakall, and Dooley Wilson performing "As Time Goes By." — *J.R.*

**Chalk** — Reviewed this issue. With Troy Schremmer and Janelle Schremmer; directed by Mike Akel.

**Disturbia** — The pitch must have sounded like a no-brainer: a teenage, suburban remake of *Rear Window*, updated with digital technology. This time the bored voyeuristic hero (Shia LaBeouf) who's spying on his suspicious neighbor (David Morse) is under monitored house arrest for slugging his Spanish teacher. And this did keep me alert for a while, thanks partly to Sarah Roemer (who has some of *Cybill* Shepherd's insolence) in the Grace Kelly part and Carrie-Anne Moss as the hero's hot mother. If you're happy to watch a thriller about a tenth as good as Alfred Hitchcock's, director D.J. Caruso and screenwriters Christopher B. Landon and Carl Ellsworth hold up their end of the deal, at least until the proceedings devolve into standard horror-movie effects and minimal motivations. But of course Hitchcock's original never had to resort to thunder and lightning to goose up the suspense. — *J.R.*

**The Ex** — Even likable star Zach Braff can't salvage this clunker, a sour comedy about a fired Manhattan chef who moves his wife (Amanda Peet) and new baby to Ohio and takes a job there at his father-in-law's ad agency. As in *The Last Kiss*, Braff plays a man-child forced to grow up, but here his big obstacle is Jason Bateman, an alpha-male creative in a wheelchair who dated Peet in high school (and still has her panties). Artificial situations and feeble dialogue limit the laughs, despite the ad business setting — a missed opportunity for parody. Instead screenwriters David Guion and Michael Handelman play coy, pretending to make fun of the handicapped when the running joke is really that old saw about which guy's is bigger. With Charles Grodin and Mia Farrow, who deserve a better director than Jesse Peretz. — *A.G.*

**Fracture** — An engineer (Anthony Hopkins) goes on trial in Los Angeles for trying to murder his wife (Embeth Davidtz), and the prosecutor (Ryan Gosling) attempts to push through what appears to be an open-and-shut case but isn't. With its lavish architecture and Spielbergian lighting, this absorbing thriller has a high-toned look, but director Gregory Hoblit and writers Daniel Pyne and Glenn Gers got much of their training in TV cop shows, which shows in the adroit way they semaphorically abbreviate certain characters and plot developments to slide us past various incongruities. The main interest here is the juxtaposing of Gosling's Method acting with Hopkins's more classical style, a spectacle even more mesmerizing than the settings. With David Strathairn and Rosamund Pike. — *J.R.*

**Georgia Rule** — Lindsay Lohan's absenteeism on the set of this family drama prompted an angry letter from the CEO of Morgan Creek Productions calling her "discourteous, irresponsible, and unprofessional," but if she'd had any sense she'd never have shown up at all. Another flabby big-screen sitcom from *Happy Days* creator Garry

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*The Lives of Others*

Marshall, it stars Lohan as a California wild child whose fed-up mother (Felicity Huffman) parks her in Idaho with her rigid, God-fearing grandmother (Jane Fonda). The confused script trades in such heavy topics as alcoholism and child sexual abuse, but every dramatic scene plays like one of those schmaltzy *Happy Days* moments that inevitably drew a big “Awwwww!” from the studio audience. With Dermot Mulroney and Cary Elwes. — J.R.J.

**Gracie** — Coming-of-age sports drama. With Carly Schroeder, Elizabeth Shue, and Dermot Mulroney; directed by Davis Guggenheim.

**Grindhouse** — Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez’s celebration of ’70s-style sleaze, 191 minutes long including a short intermission, seems ideally suited for gleeful, mean-spirited 11-year-old boys who can sneak into this double bill despite the R rating. I enjoyed the invented trailers the directors fold into the mix, but despite the jokey “missing reels,” these two full-length features are each 20 minutes longer than they need to be, and neither one makes much sense as narrative. Rodriguez’s “Planet Terror” is virtually nothing but gross-out gags involving castration, dismemberment, mass murder, zombies, and Osama bin Laden. Tarantino’s “Death Proof” starts off as a meandering look at Austin’s Tex-Mex joints — there’s more gab here than in any of his work since the start of *Reservoir Dogs* — then gravitates into a blend of *Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!*, *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls*, and stunt-driving movies, culminating in some well-filmed action and more celebratory killing. With Rose McGowan, Freddy Rodriguez, Josh Brolin, Kurt Russell, Rosario Dawson, and Zoe Bell. — J.R.

**Hot Fuzz** — After scoring with the horror spoof *Shaun of the Dead*, British comedy writers Edgar Wright and Simon Pegg take on American cop thrillers, and as in their earlier movie the good humor bubbles up from a deep reservoir of affection for Hollywood schlock. Pegg, who played the underachieving Shaun of the earlier movie, plays it ramrod straight this time as an overachieving London patrolman assigned to a sleepy country village. Roly-poly Nick Frost also returns, as

gen) in this comedy written and directed by Judd Apatow (*The 40-Year-Old Virgin*).

**The Lives of Others** — I spent only an afternoon in East Germany before the Berlin Wall fell, but the fearful silence in public places left a lingering impression. The reasons behind it are explored by writer-director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck in his accomplished first feature, about the Stasi, the country’s secret police, which had a staff of over 90,000, plus countless informers, and spied on friend and foe alike. The fictional story here, set between 1984 and 1991, focuses on the investigation of a popular and patriotic playwright (Sebastian Koch); that the captain assigned to his case (touchingly played by Ulrich Mühe) is mainly sympathetic and working surreptitiously on the playwright’s behalf only makes this more disturbing. With Martina Gedeck (*Mostly Martha*). In German with subtitles. — J.R.

**Meet the Robinsons** — This lively Disney animation about an orphan inventor is being widely distributed in a 3-D process requiring special screens and projection, though it’s being shown in 2-D as well and the effects are well integrated into the story. Derived from a William Joyce book, it’s striking not for its originality but for its en-

Pegg’s partner, an incompetent bobby with a head full of melodrama derived from blockbusters like *Point Break* and *Bad Boys II*. The transplanted action clichés mix easily with the eccentric English characters, and as a director Wright is adept at framing and cutting for excitement as well as laughs. — J.R.J.

**Knocked Up** — A TV personality (Katherine Heigl) finds herself pregnant by a loutish layabout (Seth Ro-

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ergy in juggling familiar elements. There are time-travel paradoxes from Robert A. Heinlein and *Back to the Future*, frogs that reference *GoodFellas* by way of Chuck Jones's *One Froggy Evening*, a bowler hat from Magritte, and an eccentric family and topiary garden that recall Disney's *Alice in Wonderland* (1951), and the cheerfully totalitarian city of the future, known as "Todayland," seems like Disneyland boilerplate. But maybe one of the seven credited screenwriters dreamed up the subtitled dinosaurs. Stephen J. Anderson directed. — J.R.

**Miss Potter** — Renée Zellweger served as executive producer of this high-toned Beatrix Potter biopic, which may explain the unbridled cuteness of her starring performance; as the sheltered 36-year-old Londoner who created Peter Rabbit and struck gold with her illustrated children's stories, she seems on the verge of turning into a bunny and hopping off into the brush. Ewan McGregor is the eager young publisher Norman Warne, who took a chance on Potter's stories in 1902 and pressed her snobbish parents



The Namesake

for her hand; Emily Watson is Warne's sister, who befriended Potter. The twee romance was too much for me, though the movie's more interesting first half notes the innovations Warne introduced to popularize illustrated picture books for children. Chris Noonan (*Babe*) directed. — J.R.J.

**Mr. Brooks** — Psychological thriller starring Kevin Costner, Demi Moore, and William Hurt; directed by Bruce Evans.

**The Namesake** — After trying her hand at Thackeray with *Vanity Fair*, director Mira Nair has found a literary property much closer to her heart: Jhumpa Lahiri's best-selling novel about a Bengali couple and their children trying to find their place in American culture. The first part of the movie focuses on the parents, a college professor and his wife by arranged marriage (Bollywood stars Tabu and Irrfan Khan); the second belongs more to their headstrong, Americanized son (Kal Penn, earning his dramatic stripes after a series of collegiate comedies) as he grows to appreciate his roots. Connecting these two stories is a profound sense of identity being passed from one generation to the next, as the power of a great culture is personalized in a father's love for his son. — J.R.J.

**Next** — Nicolas Cage stars as a Las Vegas magician who can see two minutes into his own future, which proves endlessly handy when he's onstage or working a casino but doesn't have much national security potential; why an FBI agent (Julianne Moore) would enlist him to save Los Angeles from nuclear terrorists is never satisfactorily explained. As a result this busy sci-fi thriller often seems like a page full of equations rendered meaningless by an early misplaced decimal point. When the story finally collapses in a heap at the end, you'll probably want your money back, but that's where the title comes in: "Next!" Lee Tamahori directed; with Jessica Biel and, briefly, Peter Falk. — J.R.J.

**Once** — In the opening scene of John Carney's engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the wastrel who's snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep the money. That sort of humanity infuses the movie, a low-budget and leisurely plotted DV project in which the singer, a poor vacuum-cleaner repairman, falls in love with a young Czech immigrant (Markéta Irglová) who plays the piano and helps him put together a band for a demo session. The songs don't advance the narrative lyrically so much as follow the two characters' uncertain relationship through the slow realization of their themes; in particular a scene in which they first jam together in the back room of a

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**The Other Conquest** — Historical drama from Mexico starring Damián Delgado and José Carlos Rodríguez; directed by Salvador Carrasco.

**Paris, Je T'Aime** — Most features composed of sketches by different filmmakers are wildly uneven. This one is consistently mediocre, albeit pleasant and watchable. It helps that none of the episodes runs longer than five or six minutes. Many of the most famous areas of Paris — the Latin Quarter, the Champs-Élysées — are omitted, but Olivier Assayas, Gurinda Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Gerard Depardieu, Christopher Doyle, Vincenzo Natali, Alexander Payne, Bruno Podalydes, Walter Salles and Daniela Thomas, Nobuhiro Suwa, Tom Tykwer, and Gus Van Sant, among others, do pretty well with their chosen parts of the city. In English and subtitled French. — J.R.

**Perfect Stranger** — A tabloid journalist (Halle Berry), assisted by a computer geek (Giovanni Ribisi), goes undercover to pin the murder of her old friend on a tyrannical tycoon (Bruce Willis). This stupidly contrived thriller is all the more disappointing if you admire previous work by Berry and director James Foley (*After Dark, My Sweet*). Did they cynically opt for a lame and unpleasant script (by Todd Komarnicki), or did this make more sense before the suits got to it? Either way, they must have known how scuzzy all the characters are, and the plot twists only make the whole thing seem more phony. — J.R.

**Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** — Reviewed this issue. Starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, and Kiera Knightley; directed by Gore Verbinski.

**Shrek the Third** — The big green babysitter is back, but the charm has evaporated. Cinephiles will enjoy some of the in-jokes (watching an awful play, one character cracks, “This is worse than *Love Letters*”). But then, if you're a cinephile, why would you bother with this? Chris Miller and Raman Hui directed; with the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and Antonio Banderas. — J.R.J.

**Snow Cake** — Sentimental drama starring Alan Rickman, Sigourney Weaver, and Carrie-Ann Moss; directed by Marc Evans.

**Spider-Man 3** — Even longer than its predecessors, 3 piles on the series's usual comedy scenes and action sequences while adding some black slime from outer space and a few new actors (Thomas Haden Church, Topher Grace) to the more familiar faces (Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, J.K. Simmons, Rosemary Harris). And a pile is what it feels like, especially when two superheroes ultimately join forces to defeat three supervillains. Given how bogus the movie is whenever it departs from formula, it's not surprising that the funniest bit (in which Peter Parker becomes a disco smoothie) is stolen from Jerry Lewis's *Nutty Professor* or that the best special effects, involving a

gigantic Sandman, dimly echo *King Kong*. Director Sam Raimi tries to pump some life into this dutiful enterprise but seems more than a little bored himself, especially when he's getting mushy about Spider-Man's moral decline and regeneration. — J.R.

**300** — Frank Miller's graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae, where 300 Spartans battled the entire Persian army in 480 B.C., has been adapted into a CG sword-and-sandal epic. The disconnect between the human actors and the digital backgrounds is more pronounced here than in a futuristic adventure like *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, and because classic Hollywood cinema is so rich with epic images of antiquity, this can't help but seem chintzy. Still there are some striking ones — a dead tree studded with soldiers' bodies, hundreds of arrows swirling through the air like flies — though the palette leans mostly toward bluish backgrounds and dark crimson blood spray. Zack Snyder (the *Dawn of the Dead* remake) directed; intoning dramatically against green screens are Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, and Dominic West. — J.R.J.

**28 Weeks Later** — Director Danny Boyle and the original cast have all bailed out, but this sequel to the apocalyptic splatter flick *28 Days Later* (2002) is still well equipped to rip your face off. By now the highly contagious “rage virus” has swept the entire British mainland, its psychotic victims have all died of starvation, and a U.S.-led multinational force has established a sort of Green Zone whose shell-shocked residents are supposed to repopulate the island. But after the quarantined population is infected, snipers are ordered to shoot the healthy and the crazed alike. Juan Carlos Fresnadillo directed; with Rose Byrne, Robert Carlyle, Jeremy Renner, and Catherine McCormack. — J.R.J.

**The Valet** — After a tabloid publishes a photo of a corporate titan (Daniel Auteuil) with his supermodel mistress (Alice Taglioni), his attorney tries to spin the situation by locating the homely parking valet (Gad Elmaleh) who happened into the frame and paying him to pose as the model's lover. Writer-director Francis Veber (*The Dinner Game*) has been compared to everyone from Molière to Blake Edwards, but this sublime French farce reminded me most of Billy Wilder (whose last feature, *Buddy Buddy*, was adapted from a Veber play). As in Wilder's signature comedies, a hard shell of cynicism cracks with the swelling of a sincere and respectful friendship — in this case, between the valet and the model as they compare notes on their unhappy love lives and the value of physical beauty. In French with subtitles. — J.R.J.

**Waitress** — The late Adrienne Shelly, best known for her roles in *Sleep With Me* and Hal Hartley's *Trust* and *The Unbelievable Truth*, wrote and directed half a dozen films, three of them features, but this tangy, resourceful comedy-drama is the first I've seen. Keri Russell plays a gifted pie baker and

<div><div>SEEN ON</div><div>DVD</div></div> <div><div>NATHAN GIBBS</div><div>Filmmaker, <a href="http://www.nathangibbs.com/">www.nathangibbs.com/</a> <i>crayola-monologues</i></div></div> <div><div><i>Skins</i> — Set on a Native-American reservation in South Dakota, the local Sioux police officer oversteps his official capacity and turns vigilante to try and solve problems in the community. His drunken brother mistakenly gets hurt as the officer burns down a liquor store. <i>Children of Heaven</i> — An Iranian boy accidentally loses his sister's only pair of shoes. The two share one pair, trading behind their parents' back so both can continue to go to school. A foot-race competition offers hope — a pair of shoes for third prize. <i>Quinceañera</i> — The pastor's daughter finds herself pregnant, living with a great-uncle and gay cousin just months before her 15th birthday. The heart of each film is filled with strong family bonds that overcome the darkest tunnels.</div><div><div><i>SKINS</i> (USA) 2002, First Look Pictures List price: \$9.98 <i>CHILDREN OF HEAVEN</i> (Iran) 1997, Miramax List price: \$19.99 <i>QUINCEANERA</i> (USA) 2006, Sony Pictures List price: \$19.94</div></div></div>	<div><div>LUBINA BOGOEVA</div><div>Web designer and filmmaker, <a href="http://www.lubina.com">www.lubina.com</a></div></div> <div><div>Little Olive shines in <i>Little Miss Sunshine</i>, a comedy full of dark humor. Her dream to win a junior pageant takes her on a road trip with her family. Dysfunctional doesn't even begin to describe them. The movie goes beyond a simple farce about a family's (mis)adventures to offer a satirical look at society. If you could eliminate all the painful memories from your mind, would you? In <i>Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind</i>, Clementine tries a brain procedure that ensures only happy memories will fill her mind. The result is a poignant romance as she and her ex-boyfriend try to restore memories of their relationship. <i>Garden State's</i> title makes you think of sunshine and flowers but it delivers a dark romance with a satirical touch. Andrew (<i>Scrubs'</i> Zack Braff, who also writes and directs) returns home for a funeral and meets Natalie Portman while trying to go off his anti-depressants.</div><div><div><i>LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE</i> (USA) 2006, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$29.99 <i>ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND</i> (USA) 2004, Universal List price: \$19.98 <i>GARDEN STATE</i> (USA) 2004, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$14.98</div></div></div>	<div><div>CHAD MOSSHOLDER</div><div>Sound designer/music composer, Sony Online Entertainment and SDSU graduate film student, <a href="http://www.cwmossholder.com">www.cwmossholder.com</a></div></div> <div><div>A strange and beautiful DVD in my collection is my copy of <i>Week End</i> by Jean-Luc Godard. The film is indescribable. His work is in a league of its own. <i>Week End</i> is a masterpiece of cinema that's extremely funny, dark, and very intelligent. It's a ride you won't want to miss. Another DVD I would recommend is <i>Monkey Business</i>, one of my favorite Marx Brothers films. You can't go wrong with the Marx Brothers. Their brand of anarchy is exactly what this country needs. Thirdly, I recommend a film called <i>Sex and Fury</i>, an incredible sexploitation film from 1973. It was highly influential on Quentin Tarantino's <i>Kill Bill</i> series. It's beautifully shot and full of great action sequences. And it has that special '70s film look that I happen to be in love with.</div><div><div><i>WEEK END</i> (France) 1967, New Yorker Video List price: \$29.95 <i>MONKEY BUSINESS</i> (USA) 1931, Universal List price: \$17.99 <i>SEX AND FURY</i> (Japan) 1973, Panik House Entertainment List price: \$19.95</div></div></div>
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abused housewife who waits tables at a diner along with two romantically frustrated coworkers (Cheryl Hines and Shelly) and unexpectedly

finds herself pregnant. The film isn’t averse to reaching for Hollywood fantasies, but there’s a lot of what seems to be hard-earned wisdom here about women in bad marriages. The men tend to be either idealized (hunky Nathan Fillion, patriarchal Andy Griffith) or monstrously geeky (Jeremy Sisto and Ed-die Jemison), and Shelly clearly had

fun with all of these caricatures. — *J.R.*

**Year of the Dog** — After scripting two relatively mainstream comedies, *School of Rock* and *Nacho Libre*, Mike White makes his debut as writer-director with a story that harks back to his creepy *Chuck and Buck* (2000). Like the emotionally

retarded Buck, the main character here is sweet and innocent but also disturbed, a giving, middle-aged secretary (strikingly played by Molly Shannon) whose grief over the accidental poisoning of her beloved beagle curdles into an increasingly bel-ligerent defense of animal rights. Manohla Dargis has called this a movie about “empathy as a state of

grace,” but a more unpleasant coun-tertheme emerges in the single woman’s unspoken anger toward men. Despite the gimmicky direc-tion and a disappointing climax, this is a distinctive and unsettling comedy. With Regina King, John C. Reilly, Peter Sarsgaard, Josh Pais, and Laura Dern. — *J.R.J.*

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

## CENTRAL

### CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)  
**Bug** (R) Fri. (2:05) 4:50, 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:50, 7:10, 9:35 Mon. (11:20, 2:05, 4:50) 7:10, 9:35; **Fracture** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10 Sat. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10 Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 9:55 Mon. (2:30, 5:05) 7:35, 9:55; **Gracie** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25 Mon. (11:10, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:00, 3:00) 4:55, 7:05, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50 Sat. (11:15, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00) 4:55, 7:05, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50 Sun. (11:15, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00) 4:55, 7:05, 8:00, 9:55 Mon. (11:15, 2:00, 3:00, 4:55) 7:05, 8:00, 9:55; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri. (12:45) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20 Sat. (11:05, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00 Mon. (11:05, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 1:30, 2:40, 3:15) 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:10, 9:15, 10:05, 10:45 Sat. (11:00, 11:40, 12:15, 1:30, 2:40, 3:15) 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:10, 9:15, 10:05, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 11:40, 12:15, 1:30, 2:40, 3:15) 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:10, 9:15, 10:05, 10:45 Sat. (11:30, 12:10, 1:40, 2:20, 3:05) 4:25, 5:00, 6:40, 7:20, 8:05, 9:10, 9:45, 10:25 Sun. (11:30, 12:10, 1:40, 2:20, 3:05) 4:25, 5:00, 6:40, 7:20, 8:05, 9:10, 9:45 Mon. (11:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Mon. (1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 9:50

### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**Black Book** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15 Mon. (3:25) 6:40, 9:45; **Bug** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 10:05 Mon. (3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:05; **Gracie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15 Mon. (3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 10:05; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 10:05 Mon. (2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55; **Perfect Stranger** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20 Mon. (1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 12:55, 1:40, 2:25, 3:10, 3:55) 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00 Mon. (1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30) 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:20, 2:10, 3:00, 3:50) 4:40, 5:25, 6:20, 7:10, 8:00, 8:50, 9:40 Mon. (1:25, 2:15, 3:05, 3:55, 4:45, 5:35) 6:25, 7:15, 8:05, 9:00, 9:50; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:10 Mon. (1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40; **28 Weeks Later** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20 Mon. (2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
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### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
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#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**Away from Her** (PG-13); **The Namesake** (PG-13); **Paris, Je T’Aime** (R); **Waitress** (PG-13)

### MIRA MESA

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)  
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### MISSION HILLS

#### Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)  
**Casablanca** (Not Rated)

### MISSION VALLEY

#### Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)  
**Bug** (R); **Disturbia** (PG-13); **Fracture** (R); **Georgia Rule** (R); **Gracie** (PG-13); **Knocked Up** (R); **Mr. Brooks** (R); **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13); **Shrek the Third** (PG); **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13); **28 Weeks Later** (R)

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)  
**Bruce Springsteen With The Sessions Band Live in Dublin** (NR) Mon. 8:00; **Gracie** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45 Mon. (10:45a.m.); **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:30); **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30 Mon. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)  
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### STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)  
**Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (2:40) 5:30, 8:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:30, 8:20 Mon. (5:20) 8:05; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 3:05) 5:40, 6:45, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 3:00) 4:25, 6:30, 8:15 Mon. (4:20, 5:00) 7:55; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri. (2:45, 3:30) 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:00, 2:45, 3:30) 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:00 Mon. (5:10, 5:45) 7:25, 8:00; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:35, 8:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:35) 5:35, 8:30 Mon. (5:05) 8:10

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**Chalk** (PG-13) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Mon. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

### UPTOWN

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**The Lives of Others** (R); **Once** (R); **Paris, Je T’Aime** (R); **Waitress** (PG-13)

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**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 Mon. 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.-Mon. 2:00, 5:00; **Is-land of the Sharks** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **The Alps: Giants of Nature** (Not Rated) 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 Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00; **Yellowstone** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

#### San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)  
**Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri.-Mon. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Too Hot Not to Handle** Fri.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
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### LA MESA

#### Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)  
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### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road  
**Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:50, 4:50) 7:50, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:50 Mon. (10:50, 1:50, 4:50) 7:50, 10:50; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Mon. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30

### SANTEE

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  
**Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13); **Shrek the Third** (PG); **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13)

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)  
**Bug** (R) Fri.-Mon. 8:15, 10:45; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party: Best Friends Forever** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 1:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sun.-Mon. (10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Mon. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (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, 10:45; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (10:00, 11:15, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:30, 3:30) 7:00, 10:15

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)  
Call theater for program information

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)  
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### IMPERIAL BEACH

#### South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)  
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## NORTH INLAND

### CARMEL MOUNTAIN

#### Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)  
**Bug** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50 Mon. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50; **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15 Mon. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15; **Gracie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50 Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:25 Mon. (12:20, 2:35, 4:50) 7:25; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:15) 7:10, 9:55 Sun.-Mon. (12:30, 3:15) 7:10; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:20) 7:20, 10:10 Sun.-Mon. (12:40, 3:20) 7:20; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00 Mon. (12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:45, 5:00, 5:40) 7:00, 8:00; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15) 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15) 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45 Mon. (12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30) 7:00, 7:45; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (12:45) 4:30, 7:30 Mon. (12:45, 4:30) 7:30

### ESCONDIDO

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)  
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### FALLBROOK

#### River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)  
**Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45 Mon. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 2:00) 4:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 2:00) 4:30, 6:00, 8:15 Mon. (12:30, 2:00) 4:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:00; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30 Mon. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15 Mon. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

### POWAY

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)  
**Bug** (R) Fri.-Sat. 8:15, 10:45 Sun.-Mon. 8:15; **Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party: Best Friends Forever** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sun.-Mon. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:15, 7:45; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun.-Mon. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:15, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun.-Mon. (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:15, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:30, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45) 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45 Sun.-Mon. (10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45, 1:30, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45) 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun.-Mon. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15

### SAN MARCOS

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)  
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### VISTA

#### Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)  
**Bug** (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:10, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 10:05; **Gracie** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 2:05, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:05, 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00) 7:15, 8:00, 10:10, 10:50 Sun.-Mon. (10:30, 11:05, 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00) 7:15, 8:00, 10:10, 10:45; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Mon. (11:00, 1:50, 4:45) 7:45, 10:40; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:10, 11:50, 12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:20, 5:50) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:10, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 11:10, 11:50, 12:30, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:20, 5:50) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (11:45, 12:30, 2:10, 2:50, 4:40, 5:15) 7:00, 7:35, 9:20, 10:00; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:30, 1:35, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40; **Waitress** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:20

## NORTH COASTAL

### CARLSBAD

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)  
**Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:20, 1:10, 4:05) 7:00, 9:45 Sun.-Mon. (10:20, 1:10, 4:05) 7:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:00, 2:00, 3:45) 5:30, 7:30, 9:00 Sun.-Mon. (10:30, 12:00, 2:00, 3:45) 5:30, 7:30; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:10, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30 Sun.-Mon. (10:10, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15

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## Reformados

**América Barceló**

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Ayer era un pandillero que creía tener amigos, sus 'homies', con los que delinquía, se drogaba y tomaba, pero hoy, Mark Kirby, de 32 años, es un hombre incapacitado víctima de la violencia en las calles.

"No hay amigos, yo entré a las bandas e hice muchas cosas con ellos, pero después que otros pandilleros me golpearon y balacearon me llevaron al hospital, y mis amigos ya nunca me buscaron", dijo Mark mos-

trando diversas marcas de bala en sus piernas.

Mark y su hermano entraron a las pandillas cuando tenían 12 años, juntos realizaron varios delitos, que a Mark lo llevó a la cárcel y a su hermano a la muerte.

La Policía de San Diego estima que en esa ciudad hay tres mil 628 pandilleros documentados aunque existen muchos más que no han sido identificados, y los números siguen en aumento.

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## Les 'pegan'

Diario San Diego

Diversas bandas traficantes de heroína y otras drogas fueron desmanteladas en un operativo internacional dejando 44 sujetos arrestados y millones de dólares incautados.

La Fiscalía Federal informó la apertura de 10 casos que serán juzgados en San Diego por transportación de heroína, narcóticos, lavado y falsificación de dinero estadounidense.

Estas operaciones son resultados de tres años de

investigación conducidas por múltiples agencias federales Agencia Anti Drogas (DEA), Servicio Secreto, Buró de Inmigración y Seguridad Fronteriza (ICE), Oficina de Impuestos (IRS) y otras corporaciones policíacas.

El 'Operativo Jacket Racket' que fue encabezado por la DEA, investigó las mayores bandas de narcotraficantes de heroína en Colombia que introducen grandes cantidades de droga a Estados Unidos.

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## Revive

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## Pentacampeón

Pachuca se convirtió en pentacampeón del fútbol mexicano por quinta ocasión al derrotar el domingo a Águilas del América y quedarse con la copa del Torneo de Clausura 2007.

El juego de 'vuelta', como se le conoce a esta etapa, quedó 1-1 en el marcador, con goles de Cuauhtémoc Blanco por América y de Juan Carlos Cacho del lado de los campeones, para al final dejar el global 3-2 para Tuzos de Pachuca.

América tuvo un breve sueño al tomar ventaja en el 69 con un gol en tiro libre de Cuauhtémoc Blanco, en su despedida del equipo, pero cuando pujaba por el alargue para tener más tiempo, vino el gol de Cacho.

Ante un pletórico estadio Hidalgo, Cacho anotó el gol del título al minuto 83 con un remate franco a un servicio que le puso el argentino Damián Álvarez, el viernes, en el juego de 'ida' la victoria para Pachuca en el estadio Azteca de al finalizar 2-1 después de los 90 minutos de juego.

La final fue un partido cerrado, peleado, disputado, con un primer tiempo equilibrado y un complemento en el que América se fue encima hasta que Pachuca ajustó sus líneas para ser pentacampeón.

Más emociones en la portería del América que en la del Pachuca, pero las estrategias de los técnicos no dejaron espacios para la sorpresa.



## Vibró en SD

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Chayanne cumplió con el concierto que presentó el pasado sábado en San Diego, cuando se presentó en el Ipay One Center, en una salida que se puede decir "es de esas para no olvidarse".

El boricua hizo en el escenario lo que le pegó la gana, y sus fans lo disfrutaron al máximo.

El público se le entregó, mujeres de todas las edades, que entre gritos de histeria, besos y muestras de cariño, se morían por alcanzar de pérdida una mirada del cantante, no se diga de una 'agarradita' de mano.

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noche se 'regaló'.

Vestido de negro hace su aparición en el escenario con 'Si tú te vas' y luego luego invita a todos a bailar.

"Esta noche ustedes piden y yo obedezco; esta noche estoy regalado", dijo Chayanne después de saludar y de dos años de ausencia por San Diego.

Y si es una explosión musical y baile en el escenario, reconocer y se confiesa que es tímido.

"Yo soy tímido, yo sólo rompo el hielo en privacidad, pero si ustedes quieren, ustedes mandan, una por una atrás del camerino...", dijo y las damas se le entregan con gritos, chiflidos y yo, yo... papacito...

Al final de su última canción y al tratar de saludar a una fan se cayó del escenario.



## Juran lealtad

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Desde temprana hora del pasado jueves 24 de mayo, el edificio del ayuntamiento de San Diego comenzó a recibir cientos de visitantes que se apostaron en una larga fila que le dio la vuelta a la manzana, y es que el auditorio del Centro Cívico se convirtió en la sede de la ceremonia de ciudadanía de esta temporada en San Diego.

Más de mil 680 personas de 92 países tomaron protesta y juraron lealtad a Estados Unidos, al renunciar a sus países de origen, agitar la bandera estadounidense y a una sola voz, todos aceptaron su nueva patria.

La ceremonia de ciudadanía, que fue presidida

por un juez de la corte del Condado y autoridades de la Oficina de Inmigración y Ciudadanía, contó con mensajes de bienvenida y felicitación.

Entre aplausos y demostraciones de apoyo de los miles de acompañantes, la ceremonia se llevó bajo un solemne respeto, con el homenaje a la bandera, el himno nacional, la toma de protesta y el juramento de lealtad.

Uno de los momentos más emotivos fue cuando los nuevos estadounidenses se pararon para escuchar el nombre su país de origen, siendo los mexicanos y filipinos los que mayor número de personas obtuvieron en la audiencia.

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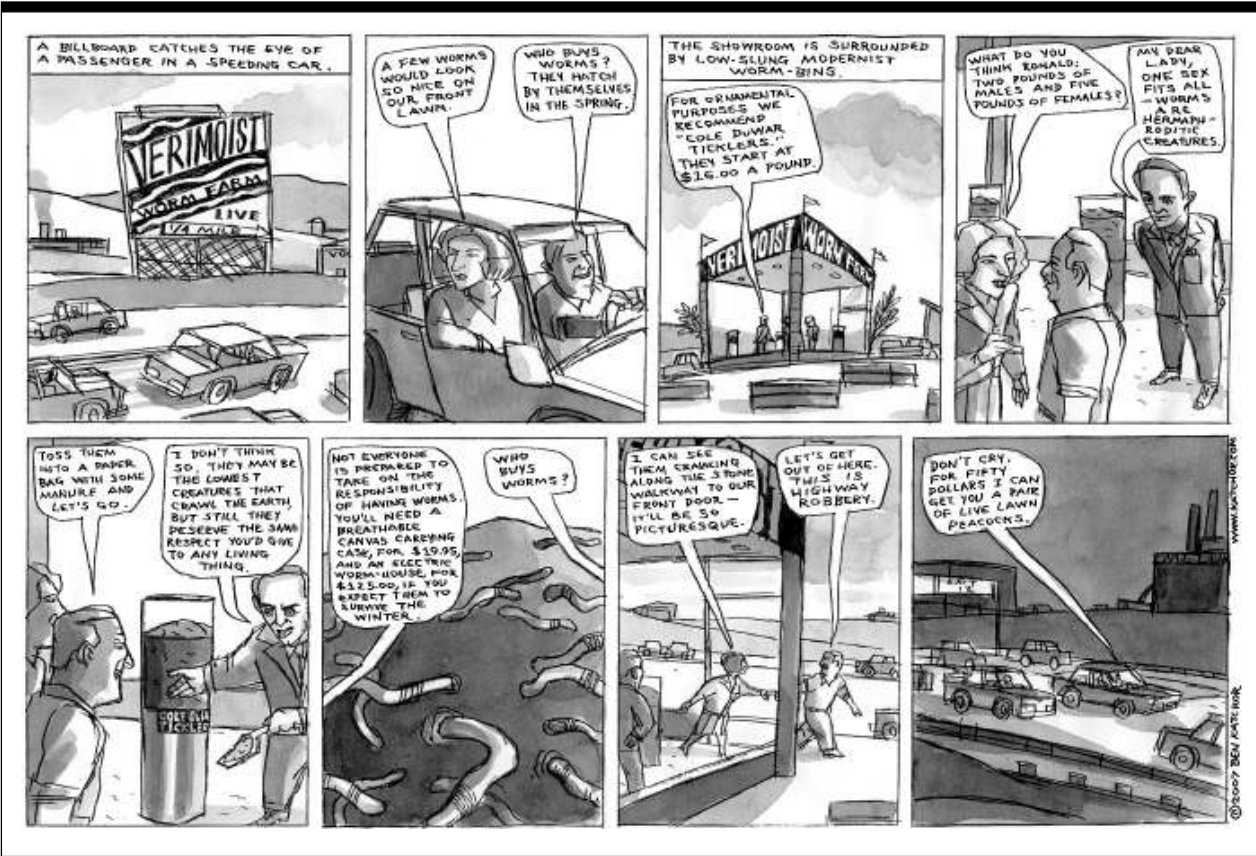
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# SurfMOBILE

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Phil carries a board he had in high school atop his '39 Ford. The board was shaped in 1962 by a local shaper, Duke Dana. “I don’t surf with it. It’s nostalgic,” he says.

It’s not his first surfboard. “I made my first board. Back then, you couldn’t walk into a surf shop to buy a board; there weren’t any shops. They didn’t make foam boards back then, and we didn’t have the kind of money kids have now. So, I made my first board out of balsa wood in shop class.”

He bought “Barney,” his four-door Ford, off the Internet and has set about rebuilding it. “I put a 350 Chevy in it, and kept the original ’39 run-



ning gear. It has a 1939 transmission and chassis. I had the brakes rebuilt because they were shot.”

Phil says he likes the rough exterior of his car. “It’s nothing to look at from out here, but I can put a wet board on it. Or put my wet

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Phil’s favorite surf spot is across from the

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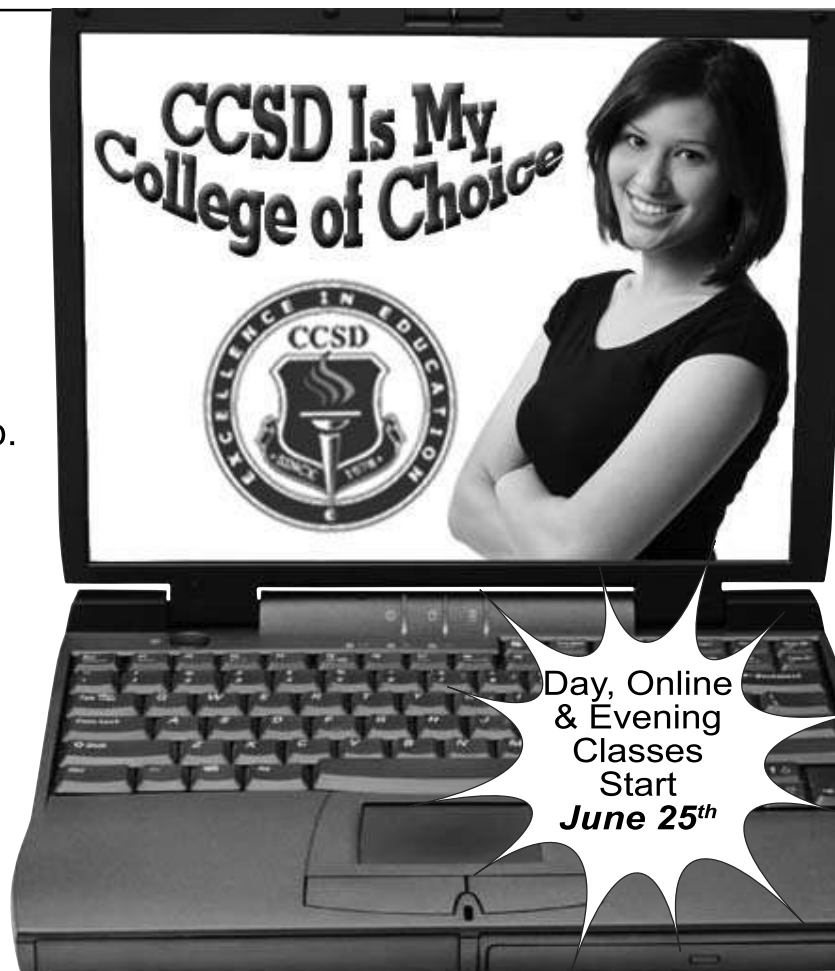
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James Weir  
*Singer*  
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I was 16. My mom was gone and I threw this huge party. I spent an entire day cleaning everything up so she wouldn't know. When my mom got home she called all my friends over. They're sitting there and she pulls out this list and starts reading it. She says, "Steve, six-pack of Corona. Dave, two bottles of rum." It goes on and on. I cleaned everything up but left the note sitting on the counter near the phone.



Wesley Johnston  
*Self-employed*  
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I was 30 seconds late to a psych class. The teacher told me to leave. I thought it was a test at first. When I realized it wasn't, I said that I deserved an education. He told me to leave again. I said no. It went back and forth. I said, "I didn't realize I was in high school. Can you show me where the nearest college is?" He screamed, "Get out of my classroom now!" I asked if he could give me Saturday detention instead. He walked out and got campus security and the SDPD, and I was escorted out.



Gwen Brooks  
*Student*  
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It goes a way back. I was 12. My brother was 10. We didn't know how to drive. My parents were at a party, and we took the spare keys to the station wagon. We got in the car and went back and forth on who would drive. He was in the driver's seat, and I told him to ease off the brake. He did that, and we went right through the garage. It caved right in on us. We were in such hot water. We got spanked and punished. When it came time for me to learn how to drive, I didn't even want to learn.



Karen Marinschaw  
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I was in my driveway and opened the door to let the dog in. He jumped on my foot and the pedal went down and I tried to steer the car away from the garage. It ended up hitting the front of the house and breaking the window. And, it hit the brick wall, completely splitting the car in two. I had opened the door before, and the dog jumped right into the passenger side.



Mario Fitzgerald  
*Guitarist*  
*Escondido*

It was getting married...twice. I apparently didn't learn the first time. I lost most of my money and personal items after the first divorce. I guess, as time goes by, we tend to forget how bad that experience was and it seems fine to do again. Let me just say that it's much worse the second time. I'll be paying for divorce number two for the rest of my life. I sometimes wonder if men were able to be legally married to two women simultaneously and they both sue for divorce, would the man then lose 100 percent of his stuff?

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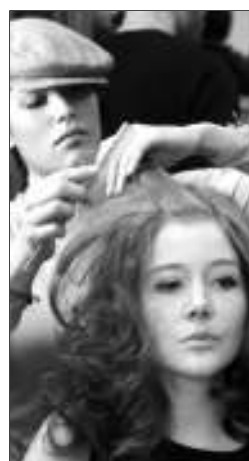
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### Across

- Get off the fence
- A bit cracked
- They're all that matter
- Online identity
- Neighbors of Cambodians
- Where a supermodel keeps her money?
- Causing a chill, maybe
- Realty unit
- "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- Comic Margaret
- Golf club used by a Hollywood actor?
- Sink
- The Sagebrush State
- Breastbones
- "Time \_\_\_\_\_ My Side"
- Primitive weapon belonging to a pop star?
- Salute
- Not as nice
- Warn
- Bygone women's magazine
- Small cut obtained by a '70s singer?
- Pierre's assent
- John of the Broncos
- They're often broken in the morning
- Robert's "Out of Africa" costar
- Water source for a director of comedies?
- Lake west of Carson City
- Title starter of a 1785 Robert Burns poem
- Thickset
- Rock group with a name from Greek myth
- Up to, for short

### Down

- Do better than, on Broadway
- Film with a memorable shower scene
- Holy type?
- Reply to a ques.
- Poke
- Physician's org.
- Russell's "Cinderella Man" costar
- Not tense
- Area between La Spezia and Cannes
- Paddle
- Caesar's 1002
- Budapest-to-Belgrade dir.
- "Norma \_\_\_\_\_"
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- Rocker Joan
- Place of temptation
- "Water Music" composer Ned
- Tabula \_\_\_\_\_
- "Eww" inducer
- Editor Talese
- 1964 Beatles hit
- Actress Carrie
- "Me, too"
- Entice
- Fit for picking
- Stokely Carmichael's org.
- Eat like a bird?
- Alts.
- Choice cut
- Not many
- Stop surfing
- Dracula player
- Ebert's former partner
- Uncle \_\_\_\_\_
- Russian refusals
- Suffix with ranch
- Peaks: Abbr.
- Polish off
- Pi follower
- Fate
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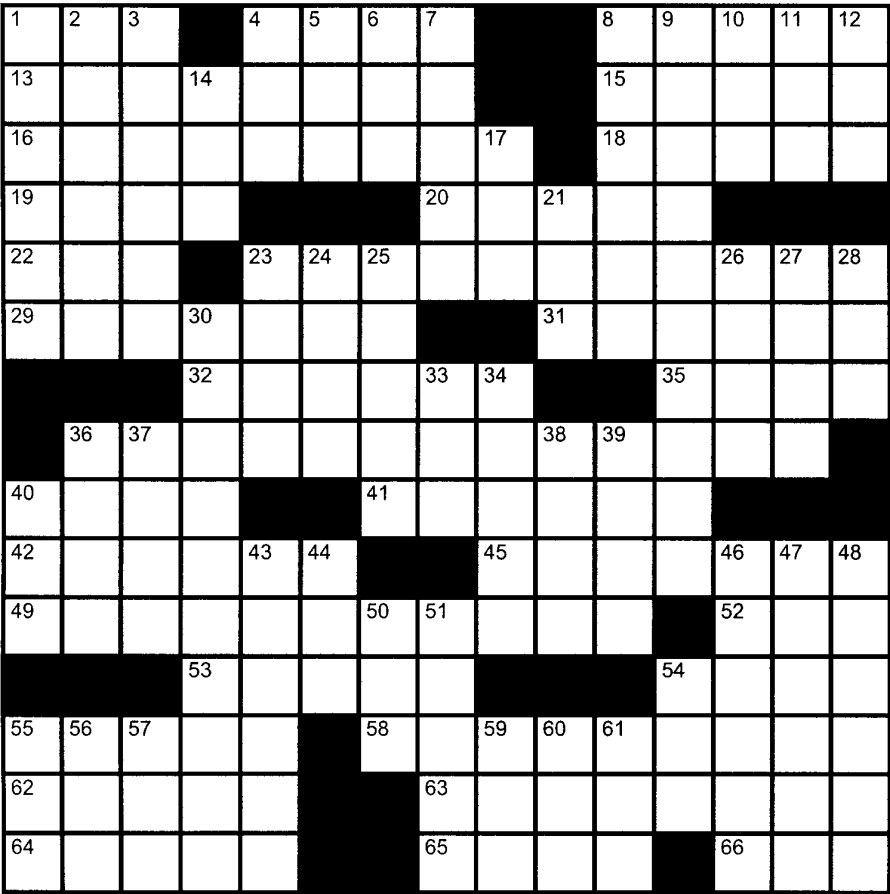
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**Teresita Capuli** | Age: 34 | Occupation: Writer | Lives: Chula Vista

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Something I'm using more often is from the show *Top Design*. In one of the episodes, someone said, **"You're like the mayor of Excuses Village."** I use that, but replace the "excuses" with whatever

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**AFTERNOON** of African Culture. Music, clothing, cuisine. June 10, 3-6pm. George Stevens Senior Center, 570 66th Street, San Diego 92114. 619-589-8628.

**CANNABIS PATIENTS ACT.** (Association Cannabis Therapeutics.) Nonprofit. Seeks caregiver/patients with questions about co-operatives, obtaining medicine, growing guidelines. Proposition 215, guidelines, speed kills! 619-528-0907.

**CARDIFF BY THE SEA WEATHER,** Website. Providing locals/others not so fortunate, current weather conditions, 5-day forecast, tide/earthquake/other information. Free service, [www.CardiffByTheSeaWeather.com](http://www.CardiffByTheSeaWeather.com).

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NAME This Place



Last week's place: (clue: Preserving the Maine attractions) Lakeside Historical Society headquarters, 9906 Maine Avenue, Lakeside. The Historical Society occupies the 1896 Old Community Church building at the corner of Maine and Parkside in the heart of Lakeside. The society was founded in 1972 to correct "90 years of neglect" since the town's beginnings. (Last week's winners: Ken Hallin, Janis Shackelford, Edd Doughty, John Nevara)

Q: San Andreas in San Diego?

**Describe** this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a Reader T-shirt. E-mail to [NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com](mailto:NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com); fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to Reader, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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**FREE LECTURE** On preventing foot, knee and hip problems without the use of drugs or surgeries. Will be held Tuesday, May 29, at 1274 Morena Boulevard, 6:30-7:30pm. Please call to reserve your seat. 619-964-2344.

**GAMERS UNITE!** San Diego area gaming groups need new members. Friendly.

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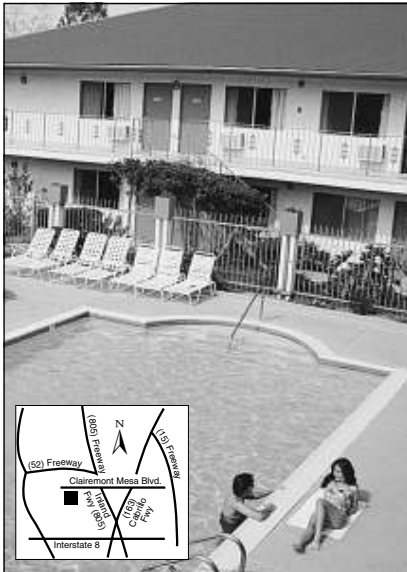
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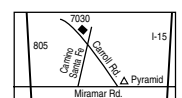
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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

A psychiatry department whose founder personally recommends valium to come down from LSD and once took a year off to be team psychiatrist for a professional football team is bound to be interesting.

David Miller, one of the psychiatry residents [at UCSD], complains that Dr. Banville spends too much time in his lab manufacturing psychedelics. "Dr. Banville's rule of thumb," he says, "is that a person who takes LSD only once every three months is probably sane."

—**"SHRUNKEN HEADS,"** Jim Steck, June 2, 1977

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

What was curious about the nurse as she moved expertly about the room, preparing my wife for surgery, was that her forearm was in a fresh cast. I noticed that it didn't hinder her in the least; she might have been born with it, for the way she arranged my wife on the bed and handled the trays of equipment and tore open a sponge-packet of Betadine, the curry-yellow antiseptic, with which she scrubbed Jane's abdomen for five full minutes by the clock. So absorbed was she in her duties that I became absorbed in them, and never thought to ask

how she'd happened to break her arm.

—**"TWO BY TWO,"** Joe Applegate, June 3, 1982

### Twenty Years Ago

This is a story about the collision of dreams in the arena of redevelopment politics. One dream was that of Danah Fayman, a wealthy and influential arts patron with powerful political allies. She wanted to convert San Diego's landmark Balboa Theater into an art museum, thereby ensuring employment for her talented friend, Sebastian "Lefty" Adler. The other dream was that of a group of much less influential and sometimes politically naïve preservationists, who wanted to prevent the Balboa from being reduced to a shell into which the museum would be inserted.

—**"STAGE FRIGHT,"** Bob McPhail, June 4, 1987

### Fifteen Years Ago

Although most of the mini and strip malls torched a month ago remain ghostlike spectres of the melted pot, a few hardy establishments, like those along devastated Washington Boulevard, have reopened, replacing looter-friendly plate glass with customer-unfriendly cinderblock.

Self-consciously toning down even its

tastefully minimal crime reportage, the *Los Angeles Times* plays up reports of a truce between the Crips and Bloods and an apparent rapprochement between Korean merchants and masked gang members. A cursory scan through my police radio on recent nights tells a different story.

—**"HELLA.,"** Adam Parfrey, June 4, 1992

### Ten Years Ago

I just want to let you know that on your cover story this week about Andrew Cunanan ("La Jolla Gentlemen and the Party Boy," May 22) that Norman Blachford was not at Andrew Cunanan's going-away party at California Cuisine, and I know that for a fact. So maybe you should check out your sources a little better.

—LETTERS: **"I KNOW THAT FOR A FACT,"**

Name Withheld, May 29, 1997

### Five Years Ago

By the time you read this, it may be sunny as hell. But most of May has been cold, gloomy, gray. It suits my predicament. You may call this mild depression or the blues.

There is something almost romantic, Gothic to me about overcast skies. One feels a license to moan like a 19th-century poet, stay



San Diego Reader, June 3, 1982

in bed, drink gin (which you don't even like), read a novel, or write one.

I haven't demurred from whining confessionally in these pages, and I don't intend to start. I see no point in making more of my life than it is. It's like something Oscar Wilde said when he publicly admitted homosexuality. To paraphrase, "They can't blackmail you if you give them the goods."

I have written this with great self-pity, that I am a drunk and a self-pitying failure. This remains true.

—T.G.I.F.: John Brizzolara, May 30, 2002

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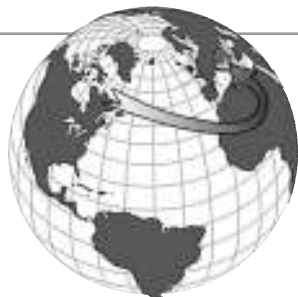
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## THE CATCH

On one of the many beautiful — thanks to global warming — winter mornings, I decided to take the bus to university. My intention was to attend a student assembly, gauge the political atmosphere, and estimate how long the sit-in would last — the students were protesting against the modification of a constitutional article on the event of which the foundation of private universities would become legal. The bus left me outside the main entrance, and after climbing to the second floor and admiring the breathtaking view over Athens — one can even see the ships at the port of Piraeus — I drew the courage to approach the auditorium where the assembly was taking place.

Entering during an assembly is no piece of cake: the windowless, poorly ventilated auditorium is packed with around 300 people more preoccupied with smoking and chatting than paying attention to the “democratic process.” Speakers from various student parties alternate at the podium, each engaging in the same leftist tirade as in all their former appearances — assembly sessions take place weekly during periods of “educational crises.”

As a nonsmoker, I had a hard time tolerating the suffocating atmosphere and soon sought refuge outside the entrance of the auditorium. That way I could monitor the progress of the assembly without accumulating enough tar in my lungs to pave a highway. To my right stood an attractive girl wearing a superfluous amount of makeup. She was engaged in a stagnant conversation with the nondescript guy beside her. She turned to me and inquired about which party was currently addressing the assembly. Despite my ignorance, we approached each other and, joined a second later by the nondescript guy, started a rather lively conversation about the demise of the student assembly. The nondescript fellow eventually excused himself,

and we were left alone. Inside the auditorium, Che Guevara wannabes roared about the “suppression of political liberties.” We talked about our future plans and scientific interests and then, out of the blue, she asked me for my phone number.

My internal alarm went off. For a fraction of a second, I was overwhelmed with joy, which was immediately succeeded by suspiciousness. As I was reciting the digit sequence, I imagined a huge blinking billboard right in front of me with the message “What the heck is going on?” Did she feel attracted to me to the extent of bluntly approaching me? Or was there some kind of *catch*? Was I nothing but a mere instrument, used to engender jealous feelings in her boyfriend, who may have been in our vicinity during our conversation? Or did she just think I could be an invaluable consultant, helping her make curriculum-related decisions based on my substantial experience as a student?

Nevertheless, a few hours later, as I was mentally going through the “footage” of the encounter, it suddenly occurred to me that the message of the aforementioned billboard is not something to

be taken for granted. *Why* should there be a catch? Why can't a blunt approach by a girl be considered *normal*? Why do the guys have to do all the work? And please don't get started with the whole social/evolutionary armchair science. I am fully aware of the saga about the males being the sturdy, bludgeon-carrying hunter-gatherers who, in primitive



societies, had to be strong and protecting in contrast to the feeble females. This is the 21st Century! Things have to change. But they will only do so at an abominably slow pace for warm-blooded wus...er, dudes like me. That is unless drastic steps are taken that will require the participation of the planet's entire single male population (*sinister Dr. Evil laughter*).

The *global conspiracy* I propose resembles Aristophanes's comedy *Lysistrata*, only with

the roles reversed. In my plan, men will simply cease approaching women with romantic intentions, depriving them of the attention that centuries of chivalry have made them take for granted. Confronted with the possibility of lifelong loneliness, single women will have no other option but to reprogram themselves and start making moves toward men on their own initiative.

One might object that some women already do that. It is true, but with my method, this will happen on a *massive* scale. When the new tendency has been established, men can gradually go back to their old practices,

which will now be *optional* and not *mandatory*. In this way, humanity will be ushered into a new era of relationship dynamics, where both sexes will equally try to approach one another. What a detriment to Angel DeDavid, Mr. Geheimnis, and Jeffrey Ross! And poor guys like me won't have to wonder about “frauds” and “catches.”

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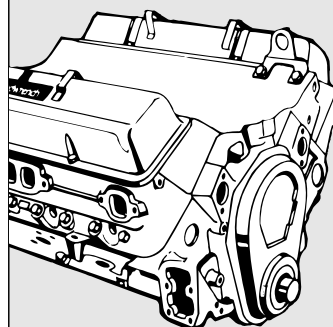


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# BLOG DIEGO

POST DATE: **May 22, 2007**

POST TITLE: **Song: "Platinum Blonde" by Blondie**

God, I love Deborah Harry. I have been infatuated with her since I was seven years old. There used to be an AM radio station in San Diego called "Mighty 690." They played all the BEST pop songs on Mighty 690. The Romantics, Devo, the Waitresses, Joan Jett, Duran Duran, Madonna... Those were the days. My taste has developed and improved since then. But I still love Deborah Harry.

I have been feeling superficial lately. Today's song is all about my new lovely hair. I spent an hour ironing it this morning. Smooth. Shiny. Straight. Almost platinum blonde.

POST DATE: **May 10, 2007**

POST TITLE: **Song: "Work It" by Missy Elliot**

"And think you can handle this ga-dunk, ga-dunk dunk,"

This afternoon, my 14-year-old daughter called me during her school lunch period. I was in the car and had this song cranked up. "Are you listening to Missy Elliot? Turn it down!" she asked/commanded; her friends laughed in the background. "Gawd!" she said. I wanted to turn it up louder, but maybe she had something important to tell me.

I like to compare this song to the work of my favorite women writers of yesteryear. I like this song for the same reason I love to read Virginia Woolf, Kate Chopin, and Fanny Fern.

I love the way Missy Elliot

"owns" in this song. She owns her sexuality in the same sense that my favorite women writers "owned" their identities, societal roles, and sexuality; it is empowering in the same way.

A woman from way-back-when who refused to have her identity determined by her domesticity is, to me, parallel to a woman today who says to us:

*"Girls, girls, get that cash  
If it's not a foul shakin' that  
ass  
Ain't no shame, ladies, do  
your thang  
Just make sure you ahead of  
tha game"*

POST DATE: **May 8, 2007**

POST TITLE: **Song: "Everything's Alright When You're Down" by the Jesus and Mary Chain**

The Flaming Lips make me happy. The Jesus and Mary Chain make me feel like telling the entire world to go fuck itself.

My hearing has been permanently damaged by my driving around in the car with "Barbed Wire Kisses" cranked up very very loud. My "me" time is filled with feedback. With Jim and William not giving a shit and being full of

themselves. Me being full of myself, too. A match made in heaven. They are such a bad influence on me. Such a sick and guilty pleasure.

*"I now have hit the ground  
And just look at what I found*



*Everything is alright when you're  
down, hey hey  
Strange as it can seem  
Like livin' in a scream  
Everything is alright when you're  
down, hey hey  
Everything I say is going wrong"*

Sometimes I feel like I have the "Midas Touch," that everything I touch turns to shit. Sometimes I feel like I am the shit. People who don't "get" my melancholy have been known to tell me to "snap out of it." The truth is, I don't want to snap out

of it — down is the new up.

POST DATE: **May 6, 2007**

POST TITLE: **Song: "Snow in Africa/Smiling Lantern" by They Came from the Stars, I Saw Them**  
Seventeen minutes and 52 seconds of bliss.

It has been in my head since I first heard it, which was not too long ago. It inspired some crazy dreams, and I can't let it go. I listen to it like I read a novel. I back-track and reread the parts that I think are especially clever and lovely.

This song is like a journey. I want to make the video. I see it now. I can't just listen to a song, I have to see it, smell it, feel it.

If I was a musician or sound engineer, I would tell you in music's terms why I like this song. But, I don't have that vocabulary. My best is that I love it. I'm enchanted, infatuated, sickly, prickly, sweet. And I hate it at the same time because it has consumed me.

POST DATE: **May 1, 2007**

POST TITLE: **Song: "Snowbird" by Loretta Lynn**

May should begin with a little melancholy.

It was my grandmother who introduced me to this song, to country music. I'm not talking the cheesy kind of country that we all hate, but the good pure painful stuff.

She would pace around her spare bedroom (the one with the turntable) and listen to sad songs. She'd tell me about the artists. She'd point out the humor in them. And then pace and cry and pace and cry. Same songs. Over and over.

This week, it walked right up and smacked me in the face: holy crap, I do that too.

"Snowbird" was one of them. I love this song because it takes me back to the sound of her feet on the ground. The sound of the needle being placed on the record. The smell of my grandmother. *"So little snowbird take it with you when you go*

*To that land of gentle breezes where  
the peaceful waters flow  
Spread your tiny wings...  
And if I could you know that I  
would fly away with you"*

What lost love was she missing? Where did she want to fly away to? What was she thinking about as she paced? I was too young to think of those things back then. Today, I might have asked. Too late for that though.

Did she want to be young again? I sure would love to be young again. And, now, I feel that strong pull to pace and pace and pace. When did I stop following MY heart? I aim to listen to it from now on.

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While you're flying around on any kind of upper, you'll do or say whatever it takes to get more. On downers you can stop and pass out in some anonymous hump until it's over, but speed is different. When I'm high on coke, my brain feels like a balloon, my optic nerves tether it down, and my nose does the thinking.

"Out of blow," is a heartbreaking time. A hole in my chest tells me that I'll never get more, that last hit was the last one of my life, this is as high as I'll ever be, and that is not enough. That horrid emotion has dragged me through bars, streets, bathrooms, train stations, parks, plywood shelters of bedraggled street people, angling for a fix in cities and villages around the world.

Banging my way out of a crack house in London, using a phone receiver to club the sunken-eyed skulls of the drug zombies, wasn't nearly the depth to which I would eventually sink. Banished from Singapore? A high point compared to what I did last summer in my career of excess consumption.

I was in a bar on 30th Street when I hit my lowest. My clear baggie was empty, and I tossed it into the restroom trash atop the wads of brown paper towels and jumped from the men's room to the dance floor in search of more. I scrolled through the gazes of all the club-goers, scanning for the flushed open, wide-pupil stare of a drug vampire.

When I found my mark, I followed him out of the bar and down the street to his apartment. His roommate was home. Friends from out of town were visiting. Someone was in his bed, so we locked ourselves in the bathroom and it's there that I did my worst deed.

My fair-haired angel with the largesse of Peruvian powder and soft hands, it turns out, was a fan of television. Waiting for the key loaded with a lump of chemicals to enter my nostril, I stood there, cramped beside the toilet, and made small talk about his favorite show, *The King of Queens*. I said I loved it, too, and rock bottom wasn't a distant concept, but the craggy crash pad where I landed, broken and scraped.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 31

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ABC 9:00 A.M.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 1

THE FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS

TBS 8:00 P.M.

I am terrified of Beyoncé Knowles. First of all, nocturnal predators are creepy, with their vertical slits as pupils and fangs that glow in moonlight. I read in an encyclopedia that her powerful hind legs can kick a man's head off his shoulders. The fact that she crosses the country by a system of tunnels only adds to my fright. At night, sometimes, I think I can hear her claws scraping at the stucco outside my bedroom wall. I cover my head with a pillow and scream, "Leave me alone, Beyoncé Knowles! I never did nothin' to you!"

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

ASTRO BOY

XEWT 12:30 P.M.

As a cartoon, I would be Liberty Boy. My red, white, and blue hair would streak back as I flew across the country, seeking out criminals to sock in the mouth. My eyes would be white stars, and if I was ever in trouble, my sidekick Bernie the Bald Eagle of Justice would screech, and his talons would cut through the ropes that bind me. LIBERTY BOY!

TRUE CARIBBEAN PIRATES

HISTORY 8:00 P.M.

I hope everyone is just in love with pirates. You're going to get an assload this summer. On this night, June 2, there are no fewer than three programs about our romantic swashbucklers of the high seas. And it's going to get worse. The media won't stop until we're each in an eye patch with a rumsickle in our mouth, drooling on a billowy blouse. Now, if you were French and you looked across the Atlantic and saw our masses stumbling from Wal-Mart in Shrek T-shirts affecting a pirate accent, wouldn't you roll your eyes too?

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

MEDIUMS: WE SEE DEAD PEOPLE

A&E 12:30 P.M.

It's all very dramatic, isn't it? People's "extraordinary gifts" all seem to deal with the dead, candles, burgundy cloaks, and that sort of thing. There are no mundane, impractical powers that handle useless day-to-day subjects. No one ever says, "I didn't ask for this ability. It was given to me by God. I never wanted to be able to smell a person's true armpit odor no matter how much deodorant has been applied, but I've got it, and I'm going to use it."

MONDAY, JUNE 4

THE ELLEN DEGENERES SHOW

DISCOVERY 4:00 P.M.

Desperation wafts off this show like the wavy lines of fumes from a gasoline pump. I'm sure the hostess bolts up in her bed, chased by nightmares of falling ratings and screams out, "No, please! I don't want to get a real job! This is the only thing I know how to do!"



Rachael Ray

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT

NBC 9:00 P.M.

I love that the celebrities involved in this show — the ones who are deciding who does and does not have talent — have no discernible talent themselves. Sharon Osbourne's only notable aptitude seems to be wrangling drug-punchy middle-aged rock stars. Hasselhoff is now famous for being famous, and I don't even know who the hell that other guy is or what he does. I'm not being sarcastic. I really love that these people would be selling cars if they hadn't somehow stumbled into show business. It's like that asthmatic kid with the glasses and eczema picking teammates for dodgeball. It promises to be unintentionally hilarious.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

SUZE ORMAN: WOMEN AND MONEY

PBS 8:00 P.M.

My father's motto is, "America started going downhill when we gave them the right to drive and vote." I try to shrug off his jaded and pessimistic teachings, to remember that their brains aren't smaller than ours, and that they weren't "put on this Earth to test our damn patience." But it's hard, oh Lord. Sometimes, it's hard.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

GETTING A TICKET IN AMERICA

COURT TV 9:00 P.M.

Until *Waiting in Line* debuts on the DMV channel, this is it. This is the worst of the worst. Hundreds of cable stations and, congratulations Court TV, you win. I would ask how anyone who works at Court TV can sleep at night knowing they produce this crap, but all they would have to do to inspire somnolence is to flip through their own dry programming.

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# T.G.I.F.

Instead of eggheads in government, we have television network executives, of course.

By John Brizzolara

A friend recently posted a comment on the TGIF Web page. It was in response to a column (TGIF, May 10) in which I quoted another reader's electro-feedback. The blurt or blog, beyond its butt stupidity, benighted grammar, and jail-phonics spelling, seemed to be written in some kind of futuristic, so-illiterate-it-becomes-neo-but-computer-savvy patois. My friend pointed out the similarity between the posted, garbled cyberjargon and the 1968 work of British science fiction writer John Brunner, *Stand on Zanzibar*, "All the shiggies and coddors doing hipcrimes at oh-five in the anti matter." (From the Brunner novel).

I agree that in some bizarre way we truly are living in the world postulated by Brunner three and a half decades ago. The feedback I posted was, if anything, more inscrutable and had none of what might be perceived as urban, sci-fi poetry.

Brunner experimented with a style like that and followed this format into at least two other novels, *The Sheep Look Up* and *The Jagged Orbit*. The *Zanzibar* title comes from his idea that by a certain year in the 21st Century, the population of Earth could stand navel to backside with each other and completely cover that island. A few years later, the population would be up to their ankles in the surf, and then the ocean would be at their knees by the year 2050. And so on.

This put me in mind of another science fiction writer, Cyril M. Kornbluth, who wrote a story in the early 1950s called "The Marching Morons," about the population explosion before

it was a real phenomenon. The premise of "Morons" is that shortly after WWII it became clear to all reasonable and intelligent people that there would be an inflation of the earth's population as a result of soldiers returning home from war. No science fiction so far; and all too soon, any science fictional aspect disappears from the story entirely. The reasonable and intelligent people decide to practice forms of birth control, leaving everyone else to proliferate indiscriminately, resulting in a massive population in the early 21st Century of comically stupid and unreasonable masses, with a handful of eggheads to watch over them in the form of government. The government provides giant finned cars with buttons and controls and lights that do nothing and speedometers that read, say, 1000 mph, when in fact the vehicle is incapable of going past 40.

Instead of eggheads in government (one might call Bush a lot of names but), we have television network executives, of course. (On television that Hummer dominating the city streets doesn't look quite as ridiculous as it does in the parking lot of Wal-Mart, does it?) And the network executives are in partnership with advertising executives. Cyril nailed that one too, with Fredrick Pohl in a novel called *The Space Merchants*. Reality TV — well, one just has to say it and the case is rested there pretty much. Anyone pointing out that the emperor (who is basically that guy eating giant dripping fast food in a Carl's Jr. commercial while doing an unwitting impersonation of David Hasselhoff) has a shoe-size IQ is not only unwelcome but a national traitor and an anarchist.

None of this is terribly new, but it has become more firmly embedded in the collective hunch we call reality since the Good War. I remember as early as 1971 having a conversation with a psychologist and motivational researcher for CBS television in which I pointed out the arrogance of television in assuming the American public was stupid. This followed a plea to explain why the British television series *The Prisoner* was not aired in the U.S. The exec pointed out that the highest-rated television show in America at the time was *Hee-Haw*, and according to those same Nielsen ratings (after experimental screenings of *The Prisoner* to people off the sidewalks of Sixth Avenue), the British show was likely to have the lowest possible numbers in this country.

Meanwhile, global warming is still considered science fiction by the militantly stupid; well over 100 million people watch *American Idol*, *Access Hollywood*, and *Entertainment Tonight*, while, say, Bill Moyers is relegated to a joke on *The Simpsons*. Mass audiences do not even have the wit, it seems, to be offended by something like *South Park* (about as dumbed down as possible) because they don't understand it.

Science fiction was once a resort for, at least, middle-brow — or middle-class, anyway — intellectuals. The genre got away with murder, for example, harpooning Senator Joe McCarthy in the 1950s, when no one else would



touch him. But science fiction's balls went the way of mass-market publishing, as it has been overtaken in its role of canary in the coal mine and reduced again to a literary ghetto for eggheads. I include myself as an egghead at times, if that isn't puffing myself up.

And with the mention of canaries in coal mines, that again brings up the recent death of Kurt Vonnegut Jr., who seemed to have passed away in a kind of depressed state of resignation. A few weeks ago, had you Googled his name, you would have seen a crude drawing, probably Vonnegut's own, of an empty birdcage, its door flung wide. Vonnegut took the gas emitted by billions who don't care to notice that we've imprisoned ourselves in a basket too small to hold us. We're too entranced by cell phones that tomorrow or the next day will tap dance, cash checks, and make toast. We are, as H.G. Wells once described us, "Naked apes nodding sagely to each other in the dung pile." And you can't dismiss Wells as a disgruntled dystopian, exactly.

And according to Anthony Burgess, a man who labored in the fields of science fiction with *Clockwork Orange*, *The Wanting Seed*, and others (though he labored up by the big house near the water), "Art delivers the goods religion only promises," but Art? According to Chad Mulligan's "HipCrime Vocab," in *Stand on Zanzibar*, it is defined: "ART — A friend of mine in Tulsa, Okla., when I was about eleven years old. I'd be interested to hear from him. There are so many pseudos around taking his name in vain."

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