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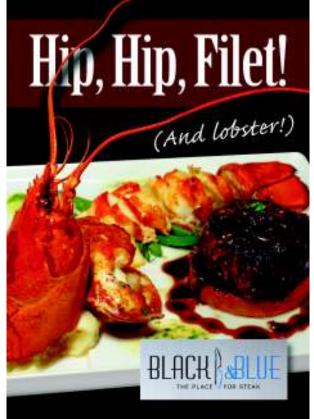
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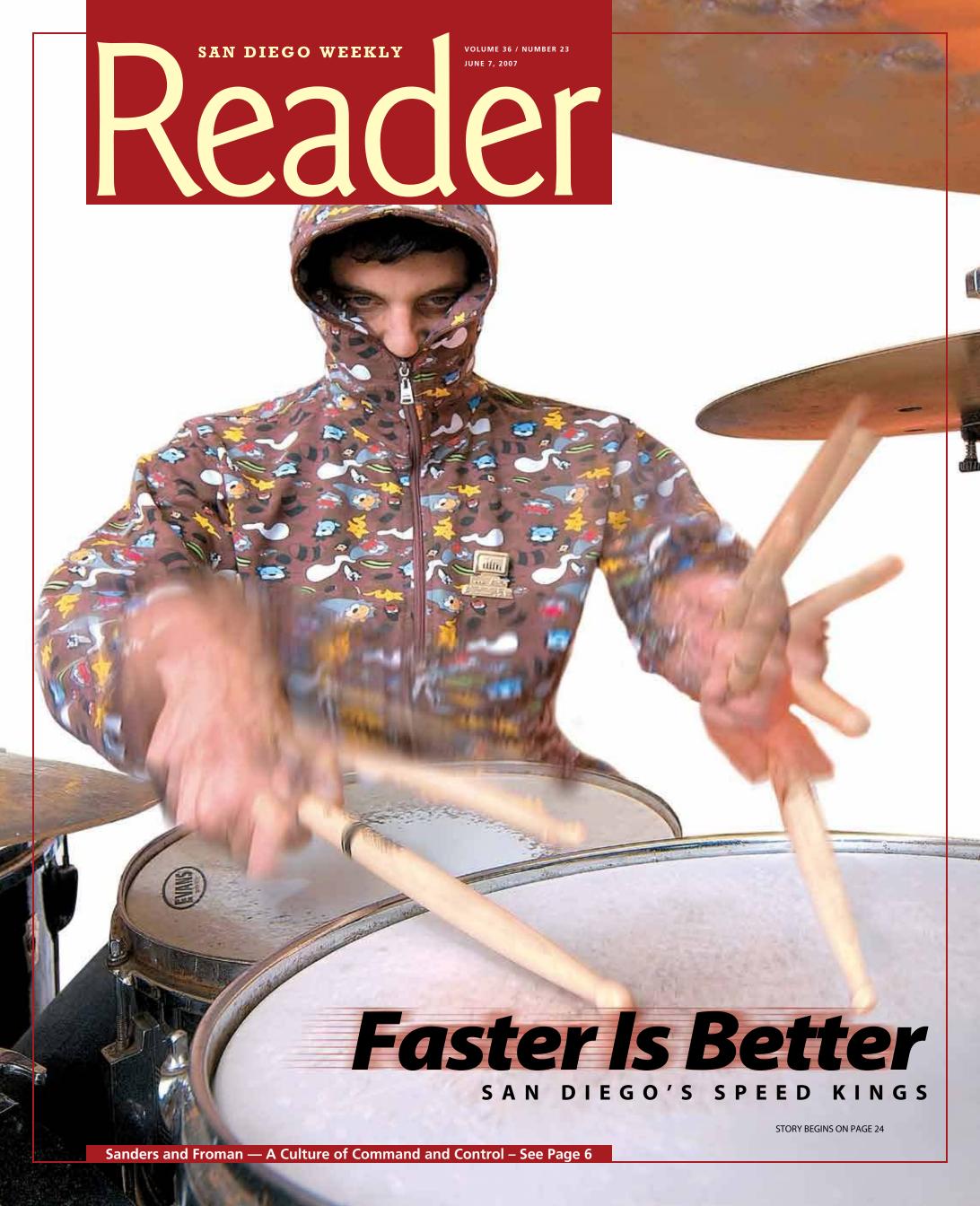


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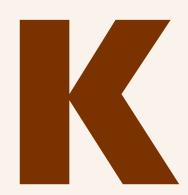
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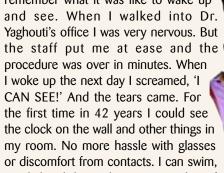
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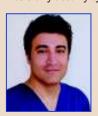
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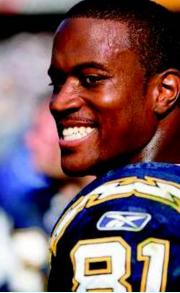
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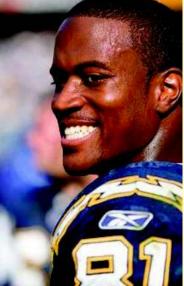
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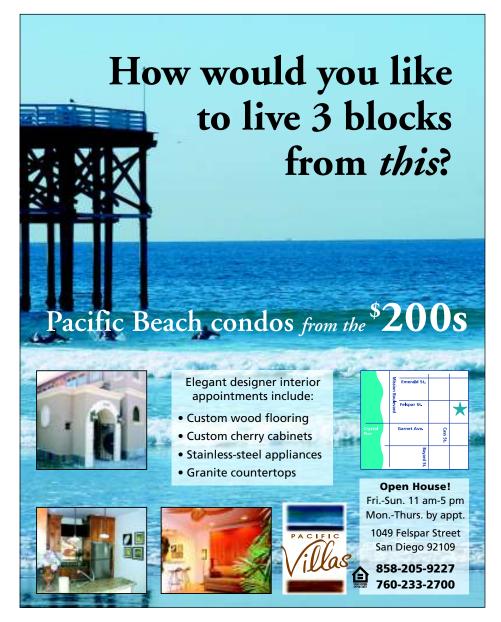
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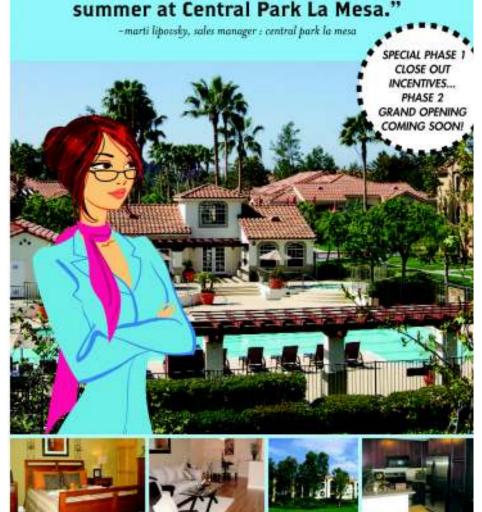
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Busy signals Anybody who's tried to sign on to municipal Wi-Fi in San Diego knows there isn't any. While other big cities like Philadel-



phia, San Francisco, and Seattle forge ahead with ambitious plans to provide residents and visitors

with cheap and easy access to the computer wireless service, the City of San Diego has relegated the matter to a small subcommittee of the mayor's Science and Technology Commission, where it has seemingly languished for over a year. Well, not quite. In the secretive fashion typical of the operating style of GOP mayor Jerry Sanders, it turns out that the City has been quietly negotiating for at least six months with EarthLink Municipal Networks, the Atlantabased firm that is building systems in Philadelphia and San Francisco, among other cities.

In Philadelphia, where the firm is building out a 135-square-mile Wi-Fi "mesh" network, as many as 300,000 households and businesses will be able to go online by the end of this summer, EarthLink says. The company is financing and building the Philadelphia system under a deal it reached with Wireless Philadelphia, a nonprofit the city set up to get the project off the ground. Though Wi-Fi will be free in some public spaces, including Norris Square and a portion of South Philly, a monthly contract at the system's standard speed of one megabyte per second will run \$19.95; three megabytes per second will cost an extra \$2. Low-income residents will be charged only \$9.95. That's a lot cheaper than the rates offered by San Diego cable providers Cox Communications and Time Warner, who are said to be gearing up to fight any kind of similar arrangement that might emerge here. Verizon Wireless and other mobile carriers who offer data services equivalent to Wi-Fi can also be expected to lobby against free or low-priced service plans.

Meanwhile, up in San Francisco, Mayor Gavin Newsom announced in April that his city had signed an agreement with EarthLink to set up a free, advertiser-supported Wi-Fi system; fees will be levied for faster, ad-free service, though there will also



be price breaks for those with lower incomes. In a news release outlining the deal, the mayor noted that the agreement was "the result of a uniquely transparent process noteworthy for the fact Gavin Newsom that all documents were posted online regularly."

Before entering into discussions with Earth-Link, Newsom added, the city issued a "Request for Information/Comment, which solicited extensive public input including over 300 public comments and 26 proposals from the private and non-profit sectors for how best to provide affordable, universal Wi-Fi."

Not so in San Diego, where EarthLink began talking to the City sometime last year without any notice to the public. A recent request under the state's Public Records Act for documents regarding the ongoing negotiations was met with a stony response from deputy city attorney Steven R. Lastomirsky, who wrote in a May 25 letter that "the public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the interest in disclosure."

After it was pointed out to Lastomirsky that the mayor's Wi-Fi study group had been given a brief report about the existence of the EarthLink proposal earlier this year, he relented slightly and provided a copy of a "non-binding letter of intent," dated last December 19, from EarthLink to the City. "The attached negotiation issue list describes the progress of our discussions towards a Definitive Agreement," wrote Donald B. Berryman, an Earth-Link executive vice president. "Any Definitive Agreement will include terms and conditions that are customary for such transactions." Rick Reynolds, the mayor's assistant chief operating officer, cosigned the agreement. Lastomirsky declined to turn over the issue list mentioned in the contract, referring all questions to Matt McGarvey, the City's chief information officer, who didn't return calls.

Lunch money When the board of directors of downtown's private Harborside School announced last week they were shutting it down



Stephen Edele

because there wasn't enough money to pay the bills, no one was more disappointed than headmaster Stephen Edele, who, according to a tax return filed by the school with the IRS last year, made \$90,000 in salary plus \$4500 in other compensation. (The document, covering the period from July

2004 through June 2005, also reveals that the kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school, a onetime pet project of Christy Walton, wife of the late John Walton, an heir to the Wal-Mart fortune, was already \$147,421 in the red on total revenue of \$1,303,483.)

By local private-prep-school standards, Edele wasn't particularly overpaid. At La Jolla's tony Gillispie School, a private elementary that reported total revenue of \$4,316,618 during the period between July 2005 and June 2006, head of school Jackie Yarbrough was paid \$150,000. Director of development **Nancy Torns** made \$71,000.

Some of the best-compensated private school execs can be found at Francis Parker School, which has 1200 students in pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade. There, chief advancement officer John Thorsen got a total of \$162,750 in pay and benefits, plus a \$4800 expense account; dean Paul Roudebush picked up \$138,625; principal Robert Gillingham received \$123,250; principal James P. Mitchell got \$118,625; and principal David M. Silver was paid \$110,250, plus \$24,000 in expenses. The school took in total revenue of \$27,088,303.

— Matt Potter

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Minuteman, **Minutewoman**

By Don Bauder

hey're all marching to the same drummer. Nobody is supposed to get out of step. The rule is to obey orders." That's activist

Norma Damashek talking about city government under Mayor Jerry Sanders, a former police chief, and his chief operating officer, Ronne Froman, a retired U.S. Navy rear

trying to do so. "There are tight controls and lines of authority. That is appropriate to a military, but a democracy dies if that's what you do."

In particular, Damashek



Jerry Sanders, Ronne Froman

admiral. "The police force is a quasi-military organization." The mayor's background "falls into the military model," and Froman, his second-in-command, can't shake her spitand-polish roots, if she is even and others are deeply concerned about the double-time pace at which the mayor's hand-picked charter review committee is trying to push through changes that would concentrate power in the mayor's office well beyond the scope of the so-called strong mayor concept.

Damashek has put her finger on a major problem of the Sanders administration: it is not compatible with democracy. "City employees are fearful to speak and directed not to speak," says Councilmember Donna Frye. "The public persona is 'I have an open government and people are free to speak,' but heaven help them if they do. They are not going to be long for this world."

"Somebody should give Ronne Froman a copy of the Federalist Papers," says Steve Erie, professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego. Those papers spell out protection of individual liberty, describing "checks and balances, separation of powers — the essence of representative government," says Erie. Today's city hall is all about "the Navy culture of command and control. Sanders and Froman represent that authoritarian culture" that has dominated San Diego for a century and once again is worsening. "Froman has complained to the mayor's charter committee about interference but she was complaining about people who were just doing their job in a democracy."

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Union-Tribspin

By Don Bauder

atching Mayor Jerry Sanders distort the truth is as disgusting as watching the *Union-Tribune* helping him do so. Friday,

June 1, was another example. At the request of the city attorney's office, Sanders released documents showing that in December of last year, Sanders administration officials, working from the mayor's office, helped Sunroad Enterprises circumvent the "stop work" order demanded by the city attorney's office. That office was trying to block completion of Sunroad's building near Montgomery Field that defies Federal Aviation Administration and California Department of Transportation standards. Bottom line: the building still sits near Montgomery Field,

and there is only smoke and

mirrors from the mayor's office, faithfully reported in the *U-T*.

Those June 1 documents were devastating. So to deflect attention from them, the mayor chose that day to denounce Sunroad as an irresponsible company. On the following three days, the *U-T* ignored the released documents, heaping praise Saturday on the mayor's embarrassingly belated denunciation of Sunroad.

On December 21 of last year, Marcela Escobar-Eck, head of the Development Services Department, wrote to Tom Story of Sunroad giving the company permission

to install weatherproofing "in the interest of saving the structure from damage." In essence, this wholly misleading missive gave Sunroad permission to evade the stop work directive from the city attorney's office. The documents released June 1 show that Sunroad's owner, Aaron Feldman, along with Story, sat in the mayor's office as the letter was being crafted. Much of the wording of that December 21 letter originated with Sunroad's outside attorney, Steven M. Strauss, and was edited by James Waring, Sanders's real estate czar. Negotiations between Strauss and Waring "got cut and pasted into Escobar-Eck's letter of December 21," says Gerald Blank, attorney for the Community Airfields Association of San Diego.

In the Escobar-Eck letter are these words: "Neither Sunroad nor its representatives

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The Cart-Theft Posse

By Joe Deegan

aying a company to return shopping carts that people were taking off our

enough, when Garrene pushes

beyond the dots, the cart's

wheels freeze inches before the

sidewalk. Using a handheld

device akin to a television

remote control, he then releases

the cart across Cherokee, I see

that it is not a Vons but a

CVS/pharmacy that owns it.

There isn't a CVS store within

two miles. About then, a hag-

gard-looking man pushes by

me a cart loaded with bulging

trash bags. Must not be a Vons

theory that Dave Reid explains

to me by phone from Burbank.

Reid is the executive vice pres-

ident of the California Shop-

ping Cart Retrieval Corpora-

tion. According to the

company's website, it opened

for business in 1993 with 200

client stores. Today it serves

2500 stores in California and

Nevada. Reid estimates that

his company retrieves 65,000

shopping carts annually in the

me, "is that as soon as a store

"What happens," Reid tells

city of San Diego alone.

It all lends credence to a

cart either, I think.

At my closer approach to

the lock.

lot got too expensive," says the manager of a supermarket in San Diego. "The ground under them that trigtruck driver who brought the gers a lock in the wheels if the cart rolls over them." Sure

carts back said he was finding them everywhere. Some idiot left one in a canyon. Don't mention my name or my store, though," he tells me, stepping from behind his checkout stand. "I don't want to piss off my customers."

In a Normal Heights neighborhood, I go looking for abandoned carts. The first one I see sits on the sidewalk across Cherokee Avenue from the Adams Avenue Vons store. But wait, I think, this Vons is known in the neighborhood to use an electronic system for locking the wheels of shopping carts that are taken off the store lot. How did the cart I'm spying get out there?

Over on the Vons lot, 18year-old Chris Garrene, in his senior year at Cathedral Catholic High School near Del Mar, is doing a 25-hour-per-week job pushing trains of carts into their holding enclosure. He agrees to demonstrate how the wheel locks work. "See these dots on the concrete?" he says, pointing to a line of circular orange marks in the Vons driveway several yards before the street. "There is something in the starts using a system to keep its carts on the lot, there will be people who leave the area to find carts at other stores, even if those stores are far off. We've found carts five miles from the stores that own them. When those folks get the carts, they bring them back into their neighborhoods, collecting bottles and cans along the way. They then take the loaded carts to the nearest recycling center." One of those recycling centers is in the parking lot at the Adams Avenue Vons.

This analysis does not comfort Mira Mesa resident Mary Moeller. To get my attention, she wrote in an e-mail: "Do you live on a corner lot like I do? My yard is not fenced all the way to the sidewalk, so has become the dropping off point for shopping carts for stores in my area. Currently I have Ralphs, Rite Aid, Babies R Us, and two Seafood City carts on my lawn."

Moeller, a retired schoolteacher, worries about children jumping in the carts and crashing if they roll down the hill. Her street, west of Miramar College and south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, slants slightly downhill. The Seafood City and Rite Aid stores are in a shopping center on Mira Mesa a half mile straight north of Moeller's home. From there Babies R Us is west on Mira Mesa and the Ralphs is east, at the corner of Mira Mesa and Black Mountain Road. Both stores are approximately one mile from Moeller's house.



borhood, I see two shopping carts tipped over on the sidewalk next to her house. "Somebody I know said not long ago," she tells me, "that when lots of shopping carts start appearing, it's a sign your area is becoming ghettoized. I'd say the problem up here is coming from a proliferation of group recovery homes that have moved in nearby. Then those folks go out collecting things they can

"Yesterday," Moeller continued in her e-mail, "I saw a woman pushing a cart full of groceries down our block and, since the cart looked familiar, I walked her home, which turned out to be two houses from mine. What are you going to do with the cart?' I asked her. 'Leave it on the corner,' she said. 'The store told me they will pick it up.'

make a little extra money on."

"Lies! I walked her to the corner where she left the cart." writes Moeller, "and visited the lady who lives on that corner. She is also plagued with carts dumped in her yard. I called Seafood City and spoke [twice] with the manager. He [said] he never gave anyone permission to take carts home and doesn't have them picked up on any particular corner. I drew a map and brought it to the store a week later so they could find the [carts] on our street. [When] I visited the store [again]...the manager was 'off for the day.' I feel like I'm being seen as a chronic pain in the you-know-what for complaining. Three carts are still here

"The police department tells me the only thing I can do is tell the store. The store manager complains because it costs \$2 per cart to get them returned. Can't clerks take shifts outside and make sure no one takes their carts? I'd get a ticket if I pushed them into the street, I don't want to litter someone else's yard, and my car isn't large enough to transport them back to the stores. Can I bill for lawn space rental?

"I do have sympathy for people who have no transportation and need to get their groceries...home," writes Moeller, "but they could park the carts in their garages and reuse them the next time they go shopping instead of stealing and abandoning them."

Despite the various means stores employ to retain control, unauthorized use of shopping carts is growing. According to California Shopping Cart Retrieval's Dave Reid, one factor is that "recycling rates just about doubled last year." But it is the increasing number of people not using cars that fuels the problem most of all. "Imagine a mother with a couple of kids going to the Laundromat or to get her weekly groceries," he says. "If she lives more than a block or two away, what alternative does she have? Mexican immigrants are used to buying drinking water where they come from, so you'll see them pushing away two five-gallon water bottles. In certain areas, where the store is far away, people have to take carts home."

gies to keep people from walking off with shopping carts may backfire on stores. He tells me of a market in Wilmington that he was servicing before it went to electronic cart locking. "The security companies will say that locking reduces cart loss by 80 percent," says Reid. "Over a two-year period, the Wilmington store was very proud that it had lost only four carts. But shortly afterward, they closed the store," he claims. "Look, when you lock up your carts, you're telling people that if you have to walk, then we don't want your business. Now, it's different, of course, if you have a captive audience of driving traffic. Then you can probably afford to lock up the carts."

Economy of scale is what allows the shopping-cartretrieval business to succeed. In most urban settings, where there are multiple stores, says Reid, "we bill on a regular-delivery basis and use a predetermined schedule set by customers. Every so often — once a day or several times a week we bring carts back and are paid by their numbers."

The fee sometimes has to rise above the standard \$2, however, to serve stores in such outlying areas as El Centro and Calexico — or even Alpine. "Then we negotiate," says Reid, go Reader June 77.

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Mary Moeller On a visit to Moeller's neighthree weeks later. And Reid believes that strate-

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The mayor's charter review committee is made up of 15 citizens, and a majority are lawyers, lobbyists, and toadies of various kinds representing the establishment, particularly developers. It's the plutocracy stumping for autocracy. The committee leaders are trying to get recommendations to the council by September 14 so the package can go on the ballot as early as February or perhaps June. Either date would be far too soon; the first meeting was only in April. The debate over such changes should take years and involve

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Damashek attended a meeting of one of the subcommittees. "Julie Dubick [Sanders's director of policy] was at the meeting, directing the whole event," says Damashek. "She is the mayor's envoy to the

committee, keeps them in line, keeps them from straying from what they are supposed to be talking about. It is not independent. The mayor set up this committee and issued statements on what he wants them to do."

A representative of the city attorney's office was in attendance."Dubick told that person to tell [City Attorney] Mike Aguirre that he has to stop using the word 'corrupt.'

This is a public meeting, Aguirre is an elected official, and the mayor's messenger is giving instructions [to him through his representative]."

This is the typical military mentality: the way to handle corruption is to issue an order forcing people to stop talking about it. One of the 15 members of the charter review committee (a member of the small minority representing communities) remarks, "The way

to end corruption is to let the sunshine in. But I have never heard anything like that mentioned in any of the meetings."

(As Matt Potter revealed in a recent Reader column, Julie Dubick's husband was representing Sunroad Enterprises in a tax matter at the same time the city bureaucracy was giving the developer the go-ahead to complete a building that defies Federal Aviation Administration and

California Department of Transportation height guidelines near airports.)

Damashek and the two minority committee members I interviewed report that the committee and subcommittee heads, along with a paid consultant, keep taking smallarms potshots at Aguirre. Again, this is typical military. The district attorney, attorney general's office, U.S. attorney's office (with Carol Lam now gone), the police and sheriff's offices are all in the pocket of San Diego's big money. Only Aguirre is fighting corruption. So Sanders and his committee heads want to make the city attorney's post an appointed one. Former mayor Pete Wilson was invited to address the committee: "Wilson wanted more positions that are now elected to be appointed; he tooted that horn, particularly regarding the city attorney," says one minority committee member.

Similarly, the committee heads want Sanders, in effect, to control the naming of a city auditor rather than having it an elected post. At one meeting, Andrea Tevlin of the Office of Independent Budget Analysis said that Sanders's system for controlling the auditor post is outdated, remembers Damashek. "Nobody is recommending that kind of system now," Damashek says. "But the mayor wants it. It looks like it is independent but isn't. It's a matter of keeping control of information so

typical of the military mindset." Tevlin reports to the council, not the mayor. At one committee meeting, Froman made "inappropriate" remarks about Tevlin, according to one minority committee member, and just recently the mayor's lackeys said they wanted to look at the independent budget analyst's job. That is hardly surprising: the word "independent" is in Tevlin's title. That's anathema to the military. One committee member recalls a discussion of whether meetings might be held out in the neighborhoods. The committee head was against doing much of it. "All these things are decided by the mayor [and his inner circle] when we are not around," says the member, who adds, "I'm beginning to think this charter committee is just for show. I'm being used." Communities are being shortchanged; the out-

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Sanders/Froman have a military communications machine. "Our City must speak with one voice at least with respect to the departments under my command," Sanders said in a note to staff August 4 of last year. "Employees in mayoral departments should reflect the opinions of my administration when speaking with the news media."

"The employees are supposed to write down and report whatever information councilmembers, the city attorney, or budget analyst request," says Frye. "The most difficult thing today is getting accurate, timely information without having to go through the spin machine."

"This Navy culture will grow with Ronne Froman; many more things will have a Navy twang," says a pro-community member of the charter review committee. This

member thinks the military mentality will particularly affect the business process reengineering initiative, along with companion plans to outsource government work to the private sector under competitive bidding. "This is a carbon copy of what the Department of Defense and Navy started doing in the mid- to late 1990s," says the member. The problem is that Sanders is counting on re-engineering to provide big savings, but he won't get specific on just what

that entails.

That's happening in the military, too. These processes "can make sense in some situations, but they are not allencompassing, and some say the government is not saving what it says it is saving," says the committee member. In San Diego, there will be one big risk: when work is outsourced to the private sector, "A contributor base is developed. It funds the mayor's campaigns."

Says Erie, who is writing a book for Stanford Press, Troubled Paradise: Fiscal Crisis and Political Turmoil in San Diego, "This administration needs a check on executive power. It's an imperial government with no checks, beholden to wealthy contributors, particularly developers." ■

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may, under any circumstances [emphasis mine], make any claim or assert any argument against the City for any costs or expenses of any type incurred after October 27, 2006." But on March 13, 2007, Strauss wrote City Attorney Mike Aguirre and warned that "Sunroad will hold the City liable" for expenses related to the city attorney's refusal to permit use of a construction crane or helicopter to put equipment in the building. Hmmm. Sunroad and Waring said at one point that the only remaining work was internal — "but that was an outright lie," says Blank. "They were putting heating and ventilating equipment on the roof, and we have pictures to prove it."

Blank observes that San Diego elected a supposedly strong mayor, "but he has proven nothing more than miserably weak when faced with developer interests." Of course, Feldman raised thousands of dollars for Sanders. The punch line: even though Sanders now says that Sunroad is irresponsible, and he professes to take blame for the debacle, his office is still negotiating with federal aviation authorities so Montgomery Field pilots will be forced to change their landing procedures and Sunroad can keep its too-tall building in place. Sing it again, San Diego: Hmmmm. ■

Cart theft

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"depending on factors like our travel time and how many carts we can pick up. The price per cart may go as high as \$3. Sometimes stores will quit using us

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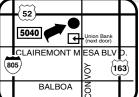
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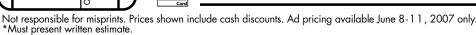
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Correction

The chess player on the cover of last week's *Reader* and on page 26 was misidentified. His name is Alan Tsoi.

Don't Stop At Starbucks

Re "Sporting Box," "Great Race. Part 1" (May 31).

I was part of a team that did Race Across America (RAAM) in 1998. What prompted me to write is the hype that you can do RAAM on the cheap. Technically, one could; practically, no way. In order to finish RAAM, the support crew has to be totally on top of what they are doing. Thus, the rule, only one cup of caffeine per day, be it coffee, tea, or cola. This includes riders. On the cheap is putting everyone at risk.

The race is hard enough as it is. The training is brutal. For six months, I spent at least four hours every day in the saddle; about 300 miles per week. Almost all of it was by myself. Lucky for me I (still) have a wife

that fed me, for I didn't have time for anything but eat, sleep, and go to work; no friend, no other family, nada!

My hat's off for anyone, solo or team, doing RAAM. My undying appreciation to the unsung heroes, their support crew.

P.S. Tyler is doing great, which made the effort all worth it.

Gregg Team Tyler

Patrick Daugherty responds: Greg, I don't understand what the one cup of coffee, tea, or cola has to do with being totally on top of it.

Here's a sentence from the column in question, "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." This indicates, at least to me, that there is a category of riders with money and purpose to win, another category of riders with little money and a purpose to finish.

We agree on a couple of things. Nobody can do it on the cheap in terms of the time they have to spend training. And every rider I talked to remarked how crucial it is to have good crew. Double that for having a good wife.

It's an inspiring race. Congratulations for riding it.

Helpful Hank

About Jorge Hank Rhon, an interesting insight that the public doesn't get through the media ("Jorge Hank Talks," Feature Story, May 31). Jorge has led an interesting life. It's full of controversies. Felix "El Gato" was an arrogant and unprofessional journalist. In his Mexican custom, he requested and received gratuities for his abilities. Psychologically, he would provide a Shakespearean/Freudian masterpiece for a plot. As an American, I can attest to Hank's generosity to underprivileged kids when help was needed.

Jorge has many critics because of personal jealousies and a Chilango heritage. People of Baja will have a final say in August, when they vote for their new governor.

> Jerry Lesser La Mesa

Art Of The Living

Regarding W.S. Di Piero's art review of a show at the Los Angeles Contemporary Museum of Art ("Frontiersman," May 31).

Last time I checked, it was the SAN DIEGO Reader. Is there no art in San Diego? If I want to read about Los Angeles, I'll buy the L.A. Times.

Another thing, get out of the museums and walk among the living. Every publication in San Diego writes the same long-winded reviews of the same shows.

I don't need to be told about shows that are overmentioned. Tell me about new and exciting work that I don't know about. Also, knock off the two-page reviews; the only person you're impressing is yourself. Cover two or three

shows in San Diego at one time; then I might take the time to read your entire review.

Now, go out there and cover some *San Diego* shows, but get the hell out of the museums.

Dan Adams Clairemont Mesa

In Toto, Too

First off, thanks for publishing my adjectival diatribe ("Wildly Dreamy, Delicate, Madcap, Scruffy," Letters, May 31) unedited (!) and in toto. Placated, I turned to the "Movie Review" section to see what the (now apparently "Onion") A.V. Club was up to this week. Bemused and placated all the more, I only got as far as the subtitle before my bloom of good will faded: a "jittery teacher... stumbles into a strange semi-flirtation with...a pushy gym teacher whom everyone assumes is gay." Apparently all the characters in the movie assume her is gay, this female gym teacher whom appears gay but whom is not.

Nice. So much for the blue pencil.

This week's series of questions: Has the "Movie Review" section been taken over by endearingly enthusiastic [sic] 18-year-olds with fatal, indelible childhood overexposure [sic again] to the Cookie Monster? Is this the 21st-century equivalent of Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland ("Hey, kids, let's put on a movie review section!")? Are you actually paying these people? Is there an adult in the house? Couldn't you maybe convince Beth Accomando of KPBS or Scott Marks of the Gay and Lesbian Times to moonlight for you over the summer instead? Please?

Otherwise, my offer of last week still stands — no, wait, I'll even sweeten the deal: just pay for my movie tickets, and I swear to God I'll write the damned reviews myself at no charge.

Okay, I concede, maybe I am being pedantic. But isn't this, like, a newspaper? With, like, copy editors? Meanwhile, the torrent, nay, avalanche of adjectives and adverbs continues unabated. I leave the last adjective to my friend Nathan Rabin: "...which makes it all the more perverse that it's so stubbornly, albeit affably, forgettable."

On the upside, Naomi Wise appears to be alive and well and back in place. Good. At least her can write.

Name Withheld by Request

Cheaters

Re Bauder article about Mayor Sanders and the Montgomery Field building height ("A Confession That Wasn't," "City Lights," May 24).

When the mob could no longer bankroll Las Vegas, it was taken over by the deeper pockets of big business who run it for profit. There's a lot not to like about the mob and developer-controlled San Diego government.

For example, developers want the land under Lindbergh Field, so the City continues to perform million-dollar studies without taxpayer approval and with no data to justify the need.

Next, and again without taxpayer approval, the City contracted \$250,000 for an outside audit by Kroll of the city budget, which came in years late at a final cost of \$20.3 million. This budget was then presented to a city council, and on August 9,

2006, the *Union-Tribune* said, "Kroll officials find widespread wrongdoing at City Hall, including deliberate disregard for the law, disregard for fiduciary responsibility and disregard for the financial welfare of the city's residents over an extended period of time."

Next the mayor said he would study it and report back his recommendations, most of which do not become a reality until Mayor Sanders leaves office. It is kind of like President Bush telling the press when asked when the U.S. would be out of Iraq that that would be for the next president to decide.

For anyone paying attention, the control of and corruption in city hall is no secret. Yet, on matters like the pension funding, city hall behaves like unfaithful men in denial who have lost the trust of their mates.

Roger Newell College Area

Get Out Of My E.R.!

I'm writing to express my outrage regarding the treatment of David Ross in the dastardly dumping case mentioned in "Water Man: Down, Then Out," by John Brizzolara, in your May 24 issue ("City Lights").

To be sure, this is not just an isolated incident in San Diego and the country in general. In fact, hospital dumping of indigents (or apparently indigent folks, in Mr. Ross's case) is a national embarrassment, as suggested in a recent 60 Minutes exposé of similar circumstances in Los Angeles.

One hopes that in the next national election cycle some sort of national health-care system becomes a central concern. We're told that our hospital and

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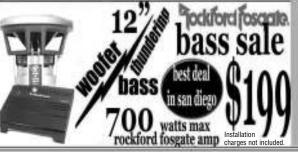
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Hey, Matt:

Where I live in University Heights there are signs everywhere on sidewalks, monuments, and such that say "University Heights" with an ostrich below. What's the deal with the ostrich?

— Dale in UH

Hike on over to the intersection of Park and Adams, face north, and imagine this scene. San Diego's most popular park ca. 1900, Mission Cliff Park; the nearby city trolley barn; and, next door, Harvey Bentley's Ostrich Farm (ladies' hat plumes, our specialty). Now imagine adventurous San Diegans taking the trolley to the park; *ooh*ing and *aah*ing at the view over the valley; then rounding out the day with a ride on one of Harvey's cranky birds.

Hey, Matthew:

How do you start a bank? They're well-lit businesses with polite staff and docile customers. Judging from the nice locations, expensive furniture, and money they have for advertising, banking seems reasonably profitable too. But why can't I find anything about how to start a bank? Can I simply mosey on down to some government office with bad parking, fill out an application, get a permit, rent a storefront, and pop up a Mike's Bank sign?

— Mike, Vista

Theoretically, you can mosey, fill out ap, and let 'er rip, Mike. But more realistically, complete this sentence: \$500 is how much I spent on (a) my shoes, (b) my car. Nothing in the law says you need \$500 shoes to start a bank, but it wouldn't hurt if you hung out with that crowd. After that, the paperwork isn't so bad.

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So, were you planning to put your brother-in-law on the board, just as soon as he gets out of prison? Is your major financial experience three summers as a checker at Big Lots? Does your business plan involve competing for customers with Wells Fargo? When you open your wallet, do moths fly out? I don't mean to stifle a man's ambitions, but you'd better have your financial ducks in a row, and they'd better be pretty wealthy and experienced ducks.

Heymatt:

Is it true that snakes won't go where geraniums grow? There has never been a snake anywhere near my geraniums, but I am only one person in a world of flowers.

— Snakeless in Chula

And a hippo's never been near your geraniums. And the research elves have never been near your geraniums. Wonder what that means? Anyway, don't count on posies to keep you from being snakebit. The snakes-geraniums business is an old, old bit of folk wisdom. Unfortunately, it came from some very dumb folk. It's kind of a perky rhyme, but otherwise, no clue why lives on after hundreds of years, since there's not a shred of truth to it. Maybe kept alive by a particularly crafty geranium salesman.

No Wonder Wisconsin's So Green!

Re: "Pee-tunias," last week. You wrote about "experiments" going on using human waste as fertilizer. In southern Wisconsin, that "experiment" has been going on for nearly 100 years. Milorganite, a lawn and garden fertilizer produced at a sewage treatment plant [from the remains of sewage sludge, by the city of Milwaukee Sewerage Commission] has been commercially available since 1925.... You can even buy the stuff on eBay. A friend of mine has fond memories (well, okay, I added the "fond") of a summer job in his teens that required him to shovel a big pile into the back of a pickup truck on a humid, sweltering day. He said that no matter where he stood, the wind would blow it into his sweaty face. So literally everyone in the Milwaukee area does essentially the same thing that P.R.'s friend does [pees on golf course fairways because he's lazy and it's "good" for the grass...], only they've found a much, much more dignified way to do it.

— Kel Tyree, San Diego

MILwaukee ORGANic NITrogen, the bestest thing to happen to golf courses since the invention of the curse word. I hope we have not given P.R.'s friend new ideas. Milorganite is actually made of the microbes that devour the sewage, said to be far better for grass, especially, than manure or chemical fertilizers.

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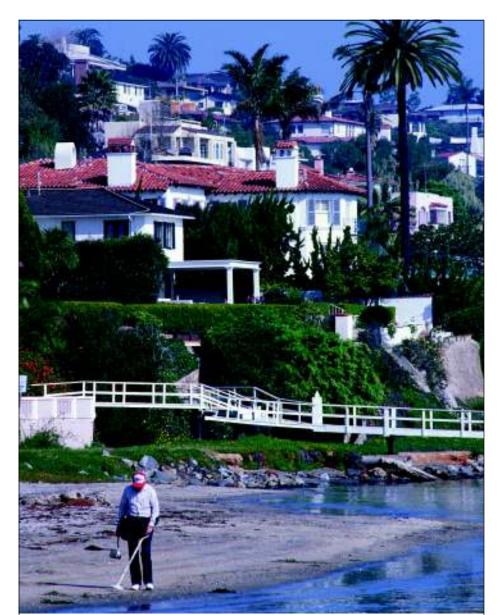
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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Great Race. Part Two.

ever heard of it." "It's a fairly unpublicized event," says Jim Penseyres. "ABC put it on TV from '81 through '87, but even then it didn't get much public attention.

Penseyres is referring to Race Across America (RAAM), an annual bicycle race that, on Sunday, will kick off its 26th running in Oceanside, and end 3043 miles later, in Atlantic City. Outside Magazine calls it the "World's Toughest Race."

Jim Penseyres, 60, and his brother Pete, 64, are members of the eight-man North Coast Cycling Team, representing North Coast Community Service, a nonprofit connected to Vista's North Coast Church. Both men are UltraCycling Hall of Fame inductees. Pete has run RAAM in three decades, owns or shares four records including the race's heavyweight title: fastest solo ride across America. It's a

record set in 1986, and no one has bettered him it yet. His brother, Jim, has run RAAM as a solo three times, as part of a record-setting four-person Human Powered Vehicle team once, and as part of an eight-person team once, going for twice this year.

Jim's on the phone. I wanted to know how the race

"My brother and I did the race in the '80s as a solo event. We switched off; one would run every other year.' Silence. "Over time the pain dissipates," Penseyres laughs.

"How did you prepare for a race that long?"

"We commuted back and forth to work. I had a commute that was 38 miles one way. So, I had a good base, even through the winter, as far as mileage. About six weeks before the race, we started increasing mileage and doing overnight rides...

'Overnight rides?" This could get ugly.

"We'd get off work on Friday and ride all night long. We rode out to Palm Springs, then around the Salton Sea, come up over Julian, and back to Fallbrook. We'd get 400 miles in and then have a day off."

Inconceivable. "Ride the whole 24 hours?"

Yeah. Our wives followed us in the car and shook their heads," Penseyres laughs. "But you have to simulate the race. You have to get used to riding all night."

Ride all night...penal colony on an asteroid. You make the choice. "And riding 400 miles in 24 hours gives you an idea of what a transcontinental race would be like?"

'Yeah. Anything over a couple hundred miles gets you into different problems. Some of them can be just feeling bad, not thinking you can go any further." Silence. "You don't jump into racing 3000 miles in a week. We built up. We were going 350 miles a week, and we built up to 450. I think we ended up at 800 or 900 miles a week.

"What about eating?"

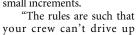
Your body is going downhill after the third day [of riding]. It's a fuel problem. How much fuel can you eat per hour is how long you can stay on the bike. Basically, it's being able to process," Penseyres laughs, "as much food as you can over a short period of time.

"I think '84 was the first year we started using liquid food. The product we were using, which is no longer available, was produced by a chemist who made food supplements for cancer patients. It had predigested amino acids in it. I'm not sure what went into it, but it was a complete food."

"It had already been digested so it was ready to go to work?'

Yummy. Perhaps it's time to move along. "What were you looking for when you went off the starting line that first time?'

"Just to be able to finish. You couldn't take the whole race in your mind. You could only look at the next town, and you'd ride to the next town. And after that you'd ride to the next town. You had to break it down into small increments.



alongside you and chit-chat; you're basically out there by yourself. You try and stay focused, but you daydream a lot. When you're staying up 22 hours a day, you go through an incredible emotional roller coaster.'

"What kind of support did you have?"

"For the solo event you always have a car right behind you with two or three people in it and bikes and so forth. We mostly took family members. Eating was always done on the bike. Urinating was also done on the bike. About the only time you had to get off was for a clothing change or go to the bathroom.

"If you're not on your bike rolling down the road, you're not making headway. So, we timed how long we were off the bike with a stopwatch. It was, 'Hey, you want to spend ten minutes in the can or do you want to go three or four minutes in the can and take off?

Readers can follow the race live at raceacross.america.org. By the way, Jim Penseyres lost his left leg (below the knee) in Vietnam.

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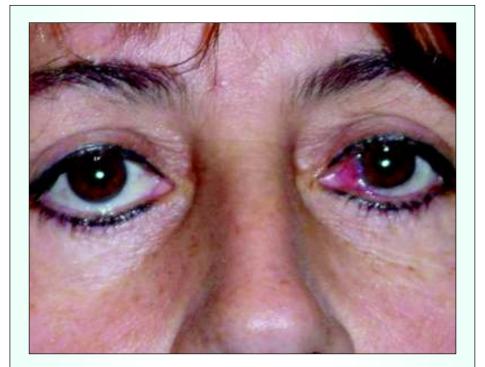
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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Episcopal Church Address: 3990 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-0943 Founded locally: 1953 Senior pastor: George M. Calvert Congregation size: 150 Staff size: 5 **Sunday school enrollment:** 10

Annual budget: \$200,000 Weekly giving: \$3850 Singles program: no

Dress: wide-ranging, but more formal than not Sunday worship: traditional service, 8:30 a.m.; contemporary service, 11 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes Website: www.followtheshepherd.org

"As we gaze at your kingly brightness/ So our faces display your likeness/ Ever changing from glory to glory/ Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine, Jesus, shine.

Those lines from the opening hymn (one

of many) caught something of the spirit pervading the Contemporary Communion Service at Good Shepherd. They touched on a profound and deeply traditional theological notion: that in beholding God, we are made like Him, and further, our own lives are a kind of participation in His divine life ("Mirrored here..."). But they were sung by a folk choir over a miked and twangy acoustic guitar, bongos, tambourines, handclaps, and a synthesizer.

The church itself shared in the feeling: a traditional (if cozy) inverted-ark, but entirely paneled with dark wood planks, giving the place a rustic feel. The Good Shepherd appeared in stained glass above the entrance, but all other windows were floor-toceiling '50s-style clear panes, looking out at the serene landscaping.

The congregation joined hands across the aisles for the "Our

Father" — a classically progressive practice. Reverend Calvert took pains to point out after the service that his was a "biblically orthodox congregation." Once again, tradition in modern garb, with frequent echoes of the old ways: the ornate gold cover on the Scriptures, a woman's half-genuflection before entering a pew, the prolonged elevation of the Eucharist.

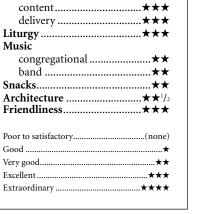
The form and language of the liturgy, however, was pure tradition. From the collect: "Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace...to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity." This was Trinity Sunday, "one of the great holy days of the Church year," in Calvert's words.

The readings dwelt on the glory of God enthroned in heaven — first Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by Seraphim, and then John's vision of the Lord surrounded by the four creatures traditionally associated with the gospels: an eagle, a lion, an ox, and a man. In both cases, the Lord was receiving worship and glory from His attendant host. The Gospel was a much quieter affair, but it commanded all of Calvert's attention in the message: Christ telling his disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the

"For the past 200 years, since the Enlightenment, we've been told that all we need is reason to put together the puzzles of life," proclaimed Calvert. "But life is too mysterious, too complex, to be figured out by reason alone. Our reason is limited and disordered.... Both Nazism and Communism claimed reason as their guide. Evil can seem so reasonable at

It wasn't that Calvert was down on reason: "Reason is good. I believe in reason. It's just that it's not enough." The Holy Spirit is also needed. "That's what Jesus was talking about in the Gospel.... Jesus wants to teach us further...the proper lesson at the proper time

in our life. It's both reason and the revelation



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of the Holy Spirit that will guide us through life," by guiding us "into all the truth." "When God the Holy Spirit comes in and pours into us the truth of God, how could that be anything less than the truth? It must be real; it must be objective...the truth that's absolutely true for the particular time in which God has given it to you." He gave examples of the Spirit's teaching in his own life, ranging from the profound (pastoral counsel) to the simply interesting (being guided to particular passages while preparing sermons).

Calvert described the Trinity using the words of the Swiss theologian Hans Kung: "God the Father is God above us, God the Son is God alongside of us, and God the Holy Spirit is God inside of us.'The truth and the life of the

Father and the Son flow into us through the Holy Spirit."

Before leading the recitation of the creed, Calvert exhorted the congregation: "The Nicene Creed is a Trinitarian Creed; it is full of the life of the Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us say it and look for the Trinity." And there He was: "We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty.... We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ.... We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.... With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified."

At the close of the service, Calvert gave the blessing: The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city, where He lives and reigns forever

What happens when we die?

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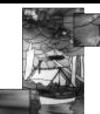
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Babies are in the air. Everywhere I go I see babies or pregnant moms. Among families and friends, it's no different. My children will have a few new cousins by year's end and a handful of new baby friends as well.

This got me thinking of interesting baby gifts. I didn't want to give the same old baby clothes at this season's round of baby showers. I got a great idea while talking to my friend Kathleen. "My second baby was a fussy baby," she told me. "I was at

my wits' end, and I learned a few infant massage techniques which became a life-saver in calming my baby."

Infant massage, what a great gift for a new mom, I thought. The next week I spoke with Laura Poore (619-886-6884; sdinfant massage.com), who was trained for infant massage through her job as a physical therapist. "I enjoyed it so much during the training that I decided to take it up on my own. I wanted to take massage back to where it's supposed to be used, with infants and families and as a bonding activity. Infant massage is for the bonding of the parents with their new infants. Touch and interaction create good hormones in both the parents and infant. It gets rid of stressful hormones in the bodies and helps the parent have a means to make their baby happy and make their baby relaxed. So it's definitely beneficial to both the parent and the baby. The dad doesn't have as many ways of interacting with the baby if they don't feed them, so massage can be a way that the dad feels he is really a part of that baby's life."

Poore says that infant massage also helps with colic or gas in babies. "There are certain techniques you can use on the stomach to help with gas or with colic. In some babies it can help them get into a better sleep routine by helping them learn to calm their body and fall asleep at night."

Is there a recommended order to do the massage?

"Along with the class, we give out a book for parents who want a more organized method. It recommends a 20- to 30-minute structured routine. But there are no set rules, no order that you

have to do it in. It's just what the baby enjoys and what works for you. There are some moms who take a half an hour or more every day and do it in one session. For people who are busier, they can rub a leg here and an arm there, whenever it fits their schedule. And as the child gets older, they can help choose what they want. Maybe one day they want their back rubbed, and one day they want something else rubbed. Part of the class is teaching you ways to make it more playful and fun and to help it grow with the baby. As they get older, and they aren't going

to just lay there and look at you and let you

do it, you change what strokes you do. Maybe you wouldn't do the chest strokes on a two-

"There are 10 to 15 strokes

on some body parts."

or three-year-old like you would on a baby." How many different massages do you teach in the class?

"It's grouped by body part. So you learn certain strokes for the legs, the arms, stomach, chest, and back and some that you do on the face. It varies, but there are 10 to 15 strokes on some body parts, like the legs. Some of the others have only about 5. Overall there are about 60 to 70 different strokes."

Are there certain oils that you recommend using?

"We use different types of cooking oils," she answered. "The main reason for that as opposed to using baby oil or lotions is that you

are spreading it all over your baby. You want it to be something that you would be willing to

feed them, in case they lick their hands and also because it's absorbed into the skin. So, the use of something very natural, and you can just go to the grocery store and pick up an oil. Certain oils are recommended, and we go over that in the class. The best ones are grapeseed oil and

olive oil and another good one is safflower oil. If some babies have allergies to certain things [such as peanut oil], we can always find different oils that will work for them."

Infant massage can be done with newborns, says Poore. "Really, the earlier you start the better, but it can be done anywhere up to a year, when they start getting so active that it's hard to keep them still to get used to it. But anywhere from birth up to a year is a really good time to start."

Is infant massage okay for all babies?

"If a baby had severe medical issues, the parent should check with their doctor. But for the most part, it's even really good with premature babies. It helps them with weight gain and becoming healthier. It's really good as long as there is not some type of skin condition or a heart condition.'

How long does it take to learn the techniques?

"It takes about a month to learn the technique, once-a-week classes." Poore offers private classes in the family home or in her own home. "Sometimes the class is held in the baby's bedroom or where they will be doing the massage. Or group classes can be organized among friends, and they can choose a location." Prices are based on how many people are in the class: \$60 for the larger group class four-week session; \$100 for a private four-week session. Each class lasts about an hour.

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by Barbarella

Minding His Business

First you take a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes you.

— F. Scott Fitzgerald

was three steps from the entrance of my building when I noticed him. He was ten paces beyond my door, farther than my eyes usually roam. But one doesn't need to be paying attention to notice certain things — like a blaring siren, the vision of a man lying face down on the sidewalk is impossible to ignore. The

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top of the man's head lay against the side of the building and his legs stretched across the walkway, the tips of his dirty white tennis shoes almost reaching the bus stop bench. A CD Walkman had half-fallen out of one of the pockets of his khaki shorts. As I drew closer, I saw the perfect circle of yellow vomit on the cement by the man's head.

Three people stood over him. Two used their

feet to nudge and poke the man in the legs and said things like, "Hey, man, are you okay?" The man didn't move.

"Have you called 911?" I asked them. The women and man stared back at me. "No? Do you know how long he's been here?" As I juggled the items in my arms (magazines, mail, and 16 cans of tuna shrink-wrapped together) and negotiated my phone, I learned that the passersby hadn't been there long; no one had seen the man conscious.

Two more people stopped and asked what was going on. "We don't know," I told them. I wiggled the phone at my ear and added, "I'm calling for an ambulance." They nodded, looked down at the man for a moment, and continued walking.

"I'll try too," said one of the women who had been there before me. She produced her phone and dialed. "Sometimes it's hard to get through." Two minutes later, while I was still on hold, someone answered the other woman's call. As she detailed the location and condition of the man, another guy appeared, crouched over the unconscious body, grabbed onto the man's sweatshirt, and tried to shake him awake. It worked — the previously inanimate man turned his head and opened his eyes. He struggled into a sitting position. "Oh, wait," I heard the woman say into the phone. "He's up now."

"Tell them he's *not* okay," I said, loud enough for whoever was on the other end of the line to hear. "This man is disoriented and doesn't seem able to stand up. His hands are swollen and his eyes are glazed over and bloodshot." I panicked that they wouldn't come, or that just before they arrived, the man — sick, drunk, or hopped up on drugs — would stagger into the busy street and get slammed by a passing car.

I breathed a sigh of relief when the woman pocketed her phone and said, "They're on their way."

I looked to the man standing by, tall and of a strong build, and said, "We should keep him in our sight. I'm really worried he's going to get up and try to go, and this guy clearly can't watch out for himself right now."

He nodded and said, "Yeah, he doesn't look too good."

I shifted my load and thought about the situation while keeping an eye on the seated sandy-haired fellow whose overcast gaze was as indistinct and misty as the sky above us. I wondered if someone had seen him vomit, if someone had seen him fall and, if so, why that person had chosen not to stop. Why did I stop? Why did I feel a sort of responsibility for this stranger's well-being? Why did I feel compelled to help someone who seemed to have chosen his current state of helplessness? I didn't want him to get in trouble. In California, one's inability to exercise care for one's own safety due to inebriation could result in a \$1000 fine at worst, time in the detox tank at best. This guy was so messed up that he couldn't stand. He was looking at me, but his gaze was vacant. As I stared at his eyes, I could almost feel his spinning, the disorienting absence of balance that kept him on the ground.

The sound of the siren upset the man





on the sidewalk. Tears rolled down his face, leaving dark pink trails on his dusty cheeks. "Why did you call?" he blubbered, his eyes fixed on some distant spot in the air. "I didn't do anything. I didn't bother anyone. I was minding my own business. Why did you...why?" He broke into sobs and tried again, unsuccessfully, to stand. Minding your own business? I thought. You can't even mind after yourself.

The fire truck arrived first. I stepped back as three uniformed men wearing purple latex gloves hopped off of the truck and approached the man, who was shielding his chest and face with his arms as though he were being attacked. "I was minding my own business! I didn't do anything!" His tears flowed more freely now and he shook his head back and forth like a child trying to refuse broccoli but knowing he will be forced to eat it anyway. In answer to one of the firemen's questions, the man mumbled something about suicide. This sparked an interrogation: Had he taken any pills? Did he still want to die? Should the cops be called or was he willing to go to the hospital? My chest tightened and my eyes welled with moisture as I watched the man shake his head and ask to be left alone in response to the barrage of questions

fired at him.

An ambulance pulled up in front of the fire truck and two paramedics popped out of the back with a stretcher. "Hey, we just saw you last week,' one of them said to the man, whom the firemen were helping to stand. They lifted him onto the stretcher. I pointed out the black wire earphones left on the sidewalk to one of the firefighters, and he grabbed them for the man. The kind city workers and I thanked each other, and I turned back toward the entrance of my building.

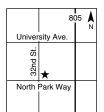
Two teenaged girls walked in with me. I hadn't noticed them outside, but they must have been there, because one of them said, "We're sorry we

didn't call 911. We wondered if we should, but then we didn't know what we were supposed to say."

"Don't worry about it, girls," I said, following them into the elevator. "In situations like this, nobody really knows what to say." ■

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I chatted with ten locals who have little in common except that they're all authorities in aerodynamics, connoisseurs of cadence, purveyors of pace, vendors of velocity, monarchs of momentum, and kings and queens of quick.



Kathy Marmack, animal-training manager at the San Diego Zoo

The fastest land animal is the cheetah. I understand that we have a cheetah at the zoo.

"The cheetah that we have is Karroo. She's six years old, and she's been at the zoo since she was three months old. Cheetahs don't become too large. Their average weight is about 75 to 135 pounds. Karroo weighs 107."

Does she ever get to run?
"Oh, yes! And it's wonderful. We take her out to the Wild Animal Park, and it's a specific activity that runs most

weekends throughout the year. It's called Cheetah Run Safari. It's limited to about 50 people at a time, and they take you out to, like, a little African outback with tents, so it's like a real safari. And not only do you get to watch a cheetah run, but you get to watch a falcon fly. A peregrine falcon, which is the fastest bird, actually."

How do you set up the running of the

"We have a track that's a little over 100 yards long, and it has soft turf on it. And we have a line that's pulled by a mechanical winch. And Karroo likes a

Speed Kings



Cheetah

green-and-purple giggle ball, a child's toy that makes a noise. She's loved that ball since she was very young, so it was an easy thing to teach her to pursue. We started by just putting her in an aluminum crate where we could easily open the door and throwing the ball up the hallway in front of her. And she'd run after it and capture it, and we'd give her a food reward so we could take the ball and do it again. And what was funny, she learned what we were doing so quickly, she would run back into her crate and stand there as if to say, 'I'm ready. Let's

do this again.'

"So the same thing happens at the Wild Animal Park. We take her down in a crate in a little electric vehicle, and we get it all set up: we put the lure on the ground and show it to her, and then we attach it to the line. And when we're ready, she'll run on the track after the lure. And she's so fast. The female cheetahs especially are really, really fast. And the toy goes into a box at the end of the track, after it's pulled. We're trying to switch her over to a toy octopus, because it balances better when it's pulled, instead of

bouncing along the turf the way the ball does. But it has to be pulled at least 75 miles per hour; otherwise she'd catch it. The lure starts pulling, and she springs out of the crate, and then she's in mad pursuit of this lure. It's phenomenal. She actually caught the lure twice last week."

How much faster than other cats are cheetahs?

"Cheetahs are much, much faster. They're made for speed. That's their claim to fame. They can go from 0 to 45 miles per hour in two seconds flat. Isn't that amazing? And it's evident when you watch them run. They're completely built for speed. They're very sleek, long-bodied, light-boned, and they have long legs. You know, everything about them says 'speed.' They're sleek, not fluffy; their fur is very short; they have a small head, small ears, so there's no wind resistance; and their mouth is small, so that they don't take down large prey. But the one thing that's really amazing is their paws. The cheetah's paws are very compact and tight; they're not big, fat, and squishy like other cats'. Their nails are blunt, too, and small,

and they're not really retractable. Only the dewclaw (the thumb) is partially retractable. And the pads on the bottoms of their feet are really deeply furrowed and wrinkled for grasping the ground. Cheetahs also have a very flexible spine, which enables them to spring and catapult along the ground. They're really physical marvels."

So they must be incredible hunters in the wild.

"They're daytime hunters, for the most part, because they have to avoid the other, larger predators like lions, hyenas, and leopards. And they're not designed for fighting. So the cheetah will do a hot pursuit of their prey, and they can only keep up their tremendous speed for about a quarter of a mile. After that, they're beat. They collapse in a heap, huffing and puffing, and sometimes it takes them half an hour to calm

down before they can eat. They're just incredible athletes."

Gabe Serbian, drummer for the Locust

What kind of music does *your band play?* "I like to call it an orchestrated car crash. But I've heard some other names for it, like 'sci-fi grindcore.' You know, superbrutal, just an all-out assault. Although now I think we're getting better at our instruments, and we can do a lot more than we used to. So it's still very aggressive at times, but maybe we're getting a little less frantic.'

Your fans are really into speed. One of them described your drumming as "insanely fast." Do you care about the sheer, allout speed of your drumming?

"When I'm playing, I know I'm playing fast, but it doesn't feel like I'm playing fast. I'll hear it



Gahe Serhia

later, and I'll be, like, 'Fuck, dude, that is pretty fast.' But when I'm playing, it's kind of like slow motion almost. Although when I'm done playing, I'm kind of like the cheetah. I heard they get really tired after they run down an antelope or a gazelle, right? That's how I am, because when I'm done, I just have to sit there and breathe a little bit before I can even talk or do anything."

When did you start playing drums?
"I started playing drums about 15 years ago when

I was about 15. I'm 30 now. I can play the guitar and keyboards and stuff, but I'm all self-taught, so I'm not like any studied cat or anything like that."

So you've never taken lessons?

"No. When I was 15 I had one drum lesson, but that was pretty much it. So I learned the proper way to sit behind a drum set, how to hold sticks right, and how my feet should be positioned, but that was pretty much it."

How did you go from there to being a superfast professional drummer? "I was just obsessed with it. All I did was play. All I did was practice playing drums."

How many hours a day do you play?
"Nowadays, I don't get to play as much as I'd like.
But I try to get behind my drums at least once a day, and then I'll play anywhere from an hour to four hours."

So do you practice

being faster? Do you practice speed techniques? "Not really. I just do it."

Have you ever entered any of those speed-drumming contests? "No, I've never done anything like that. I have wanted to get one of those things that joggers wear so they can determine how many steps they took when they went for a run. I want to get one of those so I can see how many times I hit my kick drum in a set. I haven't done that yet, but I want to try it out."

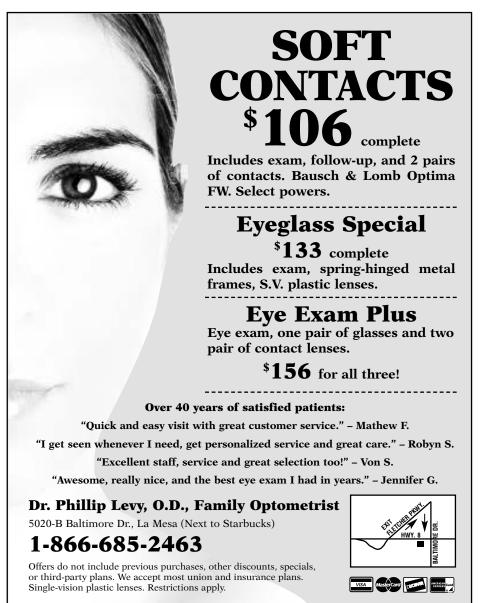
So it sounds as though you're more proud about how fast your feet are, not just your hands. "Well, kind of. Because it's a lot easier to play really fast with your hands. So I try to do, like, stick exercises with my feet, just to build more independence between my feet. I'm righthanded, so my right foot is what I follow through with, mostly. So I try to do stuff so I can



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strengthen my left foot a bit more. Like, there's a stick technique called a paradiddle that you do with the right and left hand. It's like right left right right, and then you switch it so it goes left right left left. But I do that with my feet, and I just practice that a bunch. It's pretty hard to do that left left part with my feet. So I just do that for a long time, and the next thing you know, my left foot's pretty strong. In fact, there's a beat called a 'blast beat,' where your snare drum's going dat-dat-dat-dat, really fast, and your feet are just doing pretty much the same thing, and my left hand is actually a bit faster than my right hand now, which is kind of weird. But I can do those 32nd notes really fast with my left hand now."

Do you have any idea *just how fast you are?* "I have no idea. I don't even know how you'd

gauge that, like, how to measure it. I just try to play as smoothly and fast as possible."

It does seem that trying to play fast would go against trying to play smoothly.

"Yes. Definitely. But I've been told that I'm really fluid. And that made sense to me. Because when I play my drums, it's, like, I don't know. You can either be kind of robotic and just nail it out, or you can be kind of fluid and move with the rhythms with your whole body. I move with the rhythms, and it makes it easier. It's almost like a dance, you know? Like, instead of just sitting there and trying to crank it out, I move with the rhythm, which makes it easier to let it out. And also, it creates a lot cleaner of a rhythm. It's not so jagged."

Isn't it essential to relax? Even though you're moving at that manic



speed, you have to really calm down, don't you? "Yeah, but it's kind of hard to. Especially when I'm playing live. That adrenaline. I get really excited, and it's kind of hard to relax. So I find myself in the middle of a song where I have to just

mentally kind of go, 'All right, man, you have to calm down.' Because otherwise I'm going to burn myself out. Like, when I'm playing, sometimes I'll realize that I'm holding my breath. So now I just try to remind myself that I have to breathe. I

even tried chewing gum for a while, like, to calm myself, but I would choke. And that was no fun. So I also do this other thing where I'll just stare at the wing nut on my crash cymbal, and it kind of relaxes me. Just staring at one thing that's stationary, it calms me down, and then the next thing I know, all the parts are just flowing together."

Darcy Ahner, associate head coach for the UCSD men's and women's track teams

How can human beings train to run faster? "Certainly, there's a built-in talent level. You can always get faster from where you are, but the talent level for speed — in terms of natural biomechanics — is a huge component. You have to have narrow hips and a high ratio of fasttwitch muscle. But height and weight don't matter much. There are fast sprinters who are short, and there are some that are very tall. But

speed is turnover times stride length. So it's how quick you are on the ground times how long your steps are. You have to have both."

So if I showed up at your track and wanted to run faster, what exercises would you do with me? "The best training for sprinting is sprinting. Now, from there it all falls into the category of speed endurance. You have to not only be fast, but you have to be able to hold that speed. You have to be efficient enough to maintain a high speed for an extended period of time. That's true for every race, from 60 meters on up."

So how does one become faster for longer? "You have to be able to continue to drive the ground but have relaxation through the rest of your body, so that all of your energy is really how much force you're putting into your ground contact. You want all of your energy to go into the downward movements of the legs and the downward movements









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of the arms. And then your recovery mechanics in the air have to be in a relaxed way. Getting your feet to snap up to your butt and getting your knees to come up high — that should be a recovery, not an action. It should be a reaction, where no force is applied, not an action that uses energy."

So it's all about efficiency of form?
"Yes."

And what's the best form for fast sprinting? "Let's see. You want to have a slight forward lean. You want to have a tall, strong posture: nothing loose, nothing bent over. You want the spine to be in a nice, tall position. Kind of like a pencil with an eraser on it. If the eraser on a pencil hits the ground, it'll bounce up nice and easily. But if you have an eraser on a string, then the forces are going everywhere, and there's no telling how it will

bounce. So the posture's very important. You want to have dorsiflex feet — as opposed to plantar flexion, where you point your toe like a ballerina — but you want to have the opposite. You want your feet flexed.

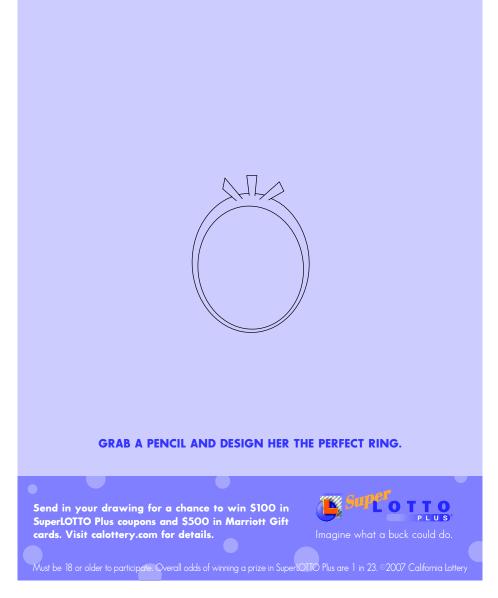
"Then, during a race, when you're in the acceleration phase, which is about 20 or 30 meters, you'll have an acyclic component, more up and down, and then when you start the topend speed phase, you want to have a cycling

motion, kind of like having your feet going in a big, giant circle. And it gets progressively more cyclic as the race goes on. So out of the starting blocks, you churn like a piston, knees up and down, high on the balls of your feet or up on your toes more. And then when you get out of acceleration, you get more of a big-circle motion, knees coming through high, feet flexed, and the foot comes through high to the butt."

So you break the









sprint races down into phases?

"Every coach does it a little differently, but, yes, most of us talk about the acceleration phase and the transitional phase and the speed-maintenance phase. But some coaches break it down even more than that."

What about these more subtle speed techniques we hear about, like racers shaving their legs and wearing sleek clothes? "I think that the mental component is extremely important, and a lot of athletes are really superstitious, and that can help them or hurt them. But for running, those things make very little difference. It's not the same as a swimmer when they shave their legs. It's just not."

And what about the musculatures of sprinters? How come most of them seem to have giant chests and legs and arms? "Sprinting requires a lot of power. The amount of



Whitney Johnson

force that's applied is extremely high. It's like when you lift a weight. There's two components that constitute muscle recruitment. One is

speed of movement, and the other is the amount of weight that's being lifted. When you're sprinting and your legs and arms are coming

down from a distance, there's a lot of force being applied into the ground. You've got the body-weight component, and you've got the maximum speed of movement. So the muscle recruitment for sprinting is tremendous. It's just about as high as you can

Lydia DeNecochea, executive director for RaceLegal.com

Tell me about RaceLegal.com. "The program started in 1998, and it was started by Dr. Stephen Bender, who was a professor from SDSU, and he was concerned with the public-health issue of young San Diegans dying and being seriously injured due to illegal street racing. In 2002, it got to the point where there were 16 dead and 31 injured. When you converted that into a rate, for every thousand who participated in street racing, 49 were either killed or seriously hurt. Dr. Bender obtained those statistics through surveillance and working together with the San Diego Police

Department."

So he started a legal street-racing program. When and where do you hold your races? "We 'shoot' between 24 and 30 times a year, so it comes out to about twice a month. We race at Qualcomm Stadium. It's always on Friday nights. We race from 6:00 p.m. until midnight, and it costs \$30 to race for the entire evening or \$8 to watch."

How many people show up? "We host an average of 200 racers and about 2000 spectators."

What are the rules? "The vehicle tech inspection pretty much follows National Hot Rod Association guidelines. And it depends on how fast your car goes. The faster you go, the more safety equipment you'll need. The most common things, you know, you have to wear a helmet, closed-toed shoes, long pants, a shirt with



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sleeves. And then your car has to have no leaks, you need a battery tiedown, the tires have to be in good shape, you can run nitrous [nitrous oxide], but it has to be outside, and so on."

So to inspect all those cars and run the races, it sounds as though you must have a lot of people working for you. "We're the only place that has side-by-side one-eighth-mile tracks. And we run both tracks. It takes about 60 of us to run the entire event."

And I understand the police get involved? "Yes, a part of our program is called Code 4, and they're off-duty police officers who have their own race cars that they trick out. They're black-and-whites, usually. And they come out and race against racers, and if a racer beats them, then he or she gets a T-

shirt that says they beat the police. But the big gift about that is having the opportunity for young San Diegans to meet police officers and to know that there are police officers who also like speed. So there's a communication that gets going there, and it's a really nice piece of the program."

You haven't had any legal troubles at any of the races?

"Never. The crowd is really respectful. It seems to be neutral ground. We have had colors come out, gangs will come out, different car clubs will come out, but everyone is really well behaved. They just use the racing as a way to do battle."

And the noise doesn't bother anyone? "We have a good-neighbor policy. No car can exceed 93 decibels. We use a meter that, if the

car sounds loud, then we take it aside and have it rev its engine up to 3000 rpms, and at 50 feet we measure at a certain angle and see if it's too loud. And if it's too loud, they can't race. You have to have mufflers. You can't race uncorked."

You set limits on the "Oh, yes. You cannot exceed 115 miles per hour or under six seconds for one-eighth of a mile. You can't go faster than that."

That seems low. But that's because it's only for an eighth of a mile? "Correct. Not many cars can get that fast that quickly."

And how do cars get that fast and quick? "Well, they all have their secrets. It's all modifications, and they're all performance things. I mean, by the time some of them get done, they have all of their engines and exhaust systems and everything reworked. So they know cause and effect very well. They know if they change one thing, then they need to change the other thing in order to support what it is that they want their car to do. You'll see drivers who pull out the back seats and passenger seats to get the cars lighter. Or

some cars run slicks, which are racing tires, for better grip, because we do treat the track. Nitrous also gives some of the cars that little extra juice. But mostly this is geared toward daily drivers. What they drive during the day is the majority of what you will see at the track. There are a few that trailer in cars that are

specifically designed for just racing — that aren't registered for the street — but that's only a handful."

Could you be more specific about how to tune a car for speed? For instance, how would you get 500 horsepower out of a 2.2-liter Honda engine? "Well, you'd have to address fuel management, the intake mani-









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the correct engine builder, such a goal would be rather easy to reach. But more important, this also costs more money."

It seems the emphasis is more on quickness, really, instead of all-out speed.

"Correct. It's more skill; it's coming off the line quick enough. A perfect reaction time is .5 seconds, so that's a goal. And then your second measuring point would be your 60-foot time. And then the elapsed time at an eighth of a

mile. So your driving skill really is what's going to determine how good of a racer you are."

Well, I'm just playing devil's advocate, but come on. Driving skill? All you have to do is just push your foot down hard and hold on tight.

"That's a real simplified version, because if you press the accelerator and you have a ton of horse-power, then the front end of your car could come up or the back end could slip out from underneath you. And then how do you get out of it when

you're fishtailing? You could go sideways. So there's all kinds of things during your burnout, when you warm up your tires, to when you get to the front line, to when you take off, that can all affect your elapsed time."

Have you ever had any accidents?
"We have had a couple guys lose control and hit the concrete rail but never two cars crashing into each other and certainly no one being transported to the hospital. So we've had some pretty banged-up cars,

but they've all been able to drive off. I think mostly what we've had accidentwise is some pretty banged-up egos."

Tony Daniels, project director for the California High-Speed Rail Authority

You're the project director for the CHSRA. Exactly what project are you directing?

"We're proposing a network of high-speed trains, operating at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour and covering the metropolitan markets of San Francisco, Sacramento, through the Central Valley into Los Angeles, Orange County, the Inland Empire, and to San Diego."

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the project-specific environmental documents and the preliminary engineering on the overall route."

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the start of construction."

And when will we have fast trains in San Diego?

"It depends on how it's staged. You can't build the whole 700 route miles in one go. We are estimating that if we had all the money and if everything went perfectly as planned, the whole system would be available by 2020. But there will be stages of that, and depending on what stage is built, we could be using the system before then, probably in the

order of six to seven years from now."

And what's the prospective total cost? "About \$40 billion."

Wow. Okay. Now, I'm from back East, and we have trains all over the place there. How come it seems there are so few trains by comparison in California? "I think it's just California's love of freeways and love of the automobile. But with the urban sprawl over the past 40 to 50 years, in the Bay Area and in the Los Angeles Basin and in San

Diego, more and more movement has gone toward transit and commuter rail. The fact that the population of this state over the next 20 years will go up maybe 11 to 12 million people — so you might have 50 million people in California — and you cannot build now enough freeways or airport gates to cater for that increase in population. And that leads you to needing something like the high-speed rail system that will link, for example, downtown L.A.











to downtown San Francisco in 2½ hours. And you can't beat that by air. It's not affected by any environment. Weather won't cause any delays, for example."

But I've heard that earthquakes would affect trains.

"Earthquakes could slow it down. But it's like in Japan. There are earthquake detectors on the tracks. And either that will stop the train or slow it down."

Automatically? Without intervention from an engineer? "That's correct."

So it sounds safe. And where would it stop? "Well, part of the train being fast is that it won't stop in many places. This isn't a commuter line; it's a high-speed line. The train would go from University City to downtown San Diego to Escondido to Murrieta. Riverside, Ontario, Anaheim, and into L.A. Then up to Burbank, Palmdale, Bakersfield, Fresno, Merced, Modesto, Sacramento, and then over into the Bay Area — San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland. That's the 700

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I've been on highspeed trains in Europe, and it's just amazing. It's as though you're gliding on ice. Can you describe what it feels like to travel at high speeds on a highspeed rail? "You don't feel the accel-

eration. It gets up to its highest speeds imperceptibly over several miles. And when you're traveling at 200 miles per hour, you don't feel that you are. It just feels effortless. The thing is, these trains can go much,

much faster than they do. The world record for high-speed trains was just set in France at 357 miles per hour. But that train only cruises at about 220, so it's not even breaking a sweat. So if you're sitting on the second deck of one of these trains, you'll get a beautiful view, and you won't even know that you're traveling. There's almost no motion you can feel at all. Until you look down — and then you'll see the ground blurring by, and the cars on the highways going 70

miles an hour will look

like they're crawling."

And what's the technology that makes these trains so fast and safe and efficient?

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Weight Gain

is often part of taking medications for

Schizophrenia

People taking medications for schizophrenia often worry about gaining weight. If you are taking an antipsychotic, you may qualify to participate in a clinical trial of an investigational drug that might not lead to weight gain.

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Restless legs keeping you awake at night?

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I understand you've been involved in some new technology for inline skates.

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But from a maneuverability standpoint turning, cornering, transitioning from forwards to backwards — we're talking phenomenally faster. From a quickness standpoint, meaning starting from a dead stop and the first ten feet, these skates are much. much quicker."

And what makes these skates so much quicker?

"The technology is called sprung frames. They've been developed over the course of the past ten years by a man in Los Angeles named Keith Longino. I'm his business partner. The company's called Sprung Suspension. And that's all we do — and all we've been doing — is building and

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testing prototypes of these frames. And in order to do something that's brand new, especially when you want speed and function, if you went to anybody and said, 'I have a new frame,' the first question out of their mouth would be, 'How light is it?' So in conjunction with that, when you need to build something light, you have to underbuild it and then continually correct it and fix the weak links. So over the last three years, we'd get a set of ten new prototypes, mount them on different guys' skates, find out what the weak link was, correct it, and then that went into changing the computer drawings and the molds. And it took between three to four months to move through each new prototype. And we're now to the point where the durability and the function is just unbelievable."

What's so special about these sprung frames?

"Okay. Every traditional inline frame today, whether it's for roller hockey, fitness skating, recreational skating on the boardwalks, speed skating, or aggressive skating, for the most part, is on an axle system that's solid. There's no give. We have the patented technology for independent wheel suspension. So each of the wheels moves independently. So if you can imagine, when you're taking off, your front wheel going down, and your next wheel a little bit more, and then your next wheel a little more. and your next wheel, okay? Then what you have is that same feeling as in ice hockey, where your ice blade cuts into the ice, and then you get that extra leverage. You get that extra torque on the floor longer, and then because of the suspension springs we have in there, you get sprung

out. When you go to

turn, you get the feeling that you're carving into turns, instead of just having a hard turn."

And that's the revolu-"Well, when you're talking about innovation in inline skates, you're usually talking about the wheels, which are changing all the time, and you're talking about boot comfort and feel. Now,

wheel technology has made some dramatic changes over the years, but they're just shaving inches now, if you know what I mean. It's like the swimmers who switch

their suits to lose one one-hundredth of a second, you know what I mean? But with these frames, and the leap we're taking, it's a pretty gigantic leap. For people

skating, it will change what they can do completely."

who are already into

Anke Kamrath, director of the user

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There is hope...

Pacific Sleep Medicine Research Centers offer hope, and help, for patients who suffer from a wide range of medical conditions. Transportation may be provided to qualified participants, and all participants receive compassionate care by our physicians and our team of healthcare professionals.



Do you have trouble falling or staying asleep?

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is participating in a national research study of individuals who regularly have trouble falling asleep or awake and unable to get back to sleep.

Interested participants must: ■ Be 18 - 64 years of age ■ Have trouble falling or staying asleep for at least 1 month

Study related care is provided at no charge, including a physical exam and investigational medication

Qualified participants could be compensated up to \$1,350 for participation in this study.

Trouble staying asleep?

Don't feel rested when you wake up?

A research study is currently being conducted by Pacific Sleep Medicine For individuals who are experiencing sleep problems throughout the night.

If you are at least 18 years old, you can be considered to participate in a clinical research trial on insomnia.

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Insomnia

Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days

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



To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

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

Study participation includes, at no charge:

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Are you suffering with Bipolar Disorder?

If you are 18 years or older, and you have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder, you may be able to participate in a new clinical research study of an investigational drug being studied for long-term use to see if it improves the condition of persons afflicted with this disorder.

- Volunteers who qualify will receive study drug and study-related medical care at no cost.
- You do not need medical insurance in order to participate.

If you are suffering from Bipolar Disorder and are having trouble managing the symptoms of this disorder, please contact Synergy Clinical Research Center at 1-888-619-7272 to learn more about how you may qualify to participate in this very important research trial.



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Are You Suffering from Insomnia? Do You Take Medication to Fall Asleep?

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If you are interested in participating in this new clinical study, you must be:

- Undergoing treatment for at least 3 months
- Currently using a prescription sleep medication at least
 4 nights per week
- Must be willing to discontinue current sleep medication (after signing an Informed Consent Document)

Study-related medical exams, laboratory tests and study medication are provided at no cost. Qualified participants could be compensated up to \$500 for time and travel.

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services division at the San Diego Supercomputer Center at UCSD

The Supercomputer Center has been around since 1986. I imagine that the supercomputer you had back then was even slower than the home computer I own now.

"Totally true. It was a Cray X-MP. I think it was around 250 megaflops."

Megaflops?

"Yes. A megaflop is a million floating-point operations per second. A flop is a 'floating-point operation,' so it's like a math operation, basically. So that old Cray could do about 250 million math operations per second."

And how fast is my computer now?
"If you have a system

with a gigahertz, it can probably do four times that."

Wow. So in 1986, supercomputers were a quarter as fast as personal computers now? "Pretty much. Yes."

And how fast is your supercomputer now? "Well, let me add something else to that. The networks back then were much slower as well. So the biggest networks across the country were only 56 kilobytes. So that's only thousands of bits per second. So you look at those two things and compare them to the numbers today. Systems today are still measured in flops, and of our two systems here, one is a 15 teraflop and one is a 17 teraflop. And 'tera' is trillion. So we went from mega to giga to tera."

And what's next? "Peta. A thousand trillion. And it's no joke. We've got a proposal in for a multi-petaflop system that the National Science Foundation has to approve. And just to push the envelope for you a little more, our archives here are usually one order of magnitude more than our operating systems, so we're storing petabytes of data in our archive already. And the next is exa. Exaflops. That's a quintillion. That's a one with 18 zeros after it."

How fast is that? Can you give me some perspective? "I asked some of our researchers how our supercomputer would compare with a desktop, and they were doing some work in protein folding. And these biologists told me that a threedimensional simulation that would take three years on a typical desktop could be done in 20 hours on our 17-teraflop system."

And how fast is San Diego's supercomputer compared to the world's fastest?

"I think we're in the top 25 right now. And it's kind of a leapfrog thing. Sometimes we're in the

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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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

• Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment

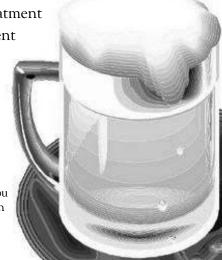
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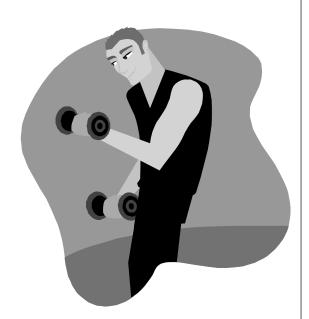
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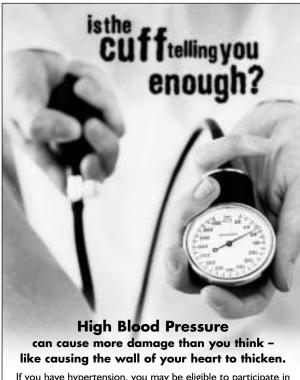


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For more information, please contact: 619-229-3909



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Is your Schizophrenia medication making you heavy?

If you have been diagnosed with schizophrenia and would like to participate in a study that monitors weight, you might consider participating in a medical research study that is studying an investigational drug for schizophrenia.

You may qualify if you are:

- · Diagnosed with schizophrenia · Between 18 and 65 years old
- · Have taken Zyprexa (Olanzapine) or Risperdal (Risperidone) for the past 3 months
- · Have not been hospitalized for schizophrenia in the past 3 months

Those who qualify will receive study-related procedures, such as physical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication.

For more information about this study, please contact:

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Depression Study

If you are one of the 15 million adults affected by depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research trial of a new depression medication now being studied.

You may be eligible for the study if:

- You are between the ages of 18 and 70
- You are experiencing symptoms of depression

All qualified participants will receive study-related care and study medication for up to 8 weeks at no cost.

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Bipolar?

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

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Are You Suffering with Bipolar Disorder?

If you are 18 years or older, and you have been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder, you may be able to participate in a new clinical research study of an investigational drug being studied for long-term use to see if it improves the condition of persons afflicted by this disorder.

- · Volunteers who qualify will receive study drug and study-related medical care at no cost.
- · You do not need medical insurance in order to participate.

If you are suffering from Bipolar Disorder and are having trouble managing the symptoms of this disorder, please contact Affiliated Research Institute to learn more about how you may qualify to participate in this very important research trial.

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- A Type II diabetic?
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- · Between 18 and 70 years of age?
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- · Available for study-related visits for a year?

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top 10, when we've just bought one, and then it gets a couple years old, and it'll drop back out."

All this sounds expensive. How much does it cost?

"One of our proposals is for a \$30 million computer, and another one is a proposal that will be very competitive, for the largest computer in the country. The government has a call out for a \$200 million computer. That one will be a multipetaflop system."

And what do these supercomputers look like?



"They just look like a bunch of pizza boxes stacked up in these racks. Our biggest system has 6144 processors. And they do take up a lot of rack space, but you can fit them into a 10,000square-foot machineroom floor. And there's a huge amount of cabling, miles of it, because each processor has to communicate with the others. But there are no screens or anything. It's not what you might think. You access them via the network. You can just log in from your laptop and be on the supercomputer. Scientists are using our computer from all over the country. They submit the code they want to run, check it a few hours later to see if it's done, and they take their results. We have a scheduling system, and sometimes we do full machine runs — and we really like to do that, because

we want to help the scientists push the envelope — but we also have a lot of codes that won't scale past 64 or 128 processors, so we can run a lot of those at once. But one of the biggest challenges is getting these codes to run across hundreds or even thousands of processors, because a lot of what we do can't be done in parallel; it has to be done in sequence. So it requires a lot of expertise to be able to parallelize these applications, and this comes down to the software folks who work for me, and they work closely with the scientists to help them parallelize their code. Actually, it's funny, but the biggest challenge for us is really electricity and cooling. Electricity bills for our current supercomputers are on the order of over \$1 million a year."

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

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You deal with fast horses? "I've been in the business over 35 years and done a lot of different aspects of the business. Right now what I'm doing is buying and selling racehorses. So it's my business to try to find the fastest horses, and so far it's working pretty well."

How do you find a fast horse? "Well, there's distance horses and sprinting horses and grass horses and dirt horses. So everybody's kind of looking for a little bit different horse. But you want to have the fastest one in that particular division you're looking for. Basically, you're looking for the best horse in a particular body style, the most athletic one you can possibly afford. For example, in the case of



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sprinters, you're looking for more of a short-coupled horse. They usually have big, huge hips on them. Instead of a long, stretchy body, they have more of a squished-up body. In a sprinter, you're looking for a Thoroughbred that looks like a quarter horse, basically. They tend to be kind of

chunkier and heavier looking. Whereas distance Thoroughbreds kind of look like those old paintings that you see from the 18th Century: the long, stretchy horses."

And if two horses are standing side by side, then where do you start looking for subtle signs that one might be faster?
"The whole issue is whether or not they're going to stay sound, and that comes down to how their legs are aligned. So you start kind of picking through that, basically. But if they have two exact body types and their legs are aligned the same, then you're going

to go off what their pedigree is."

Is pedigree really all that important? "Oh, it's all about pedigree. You have these proven records that go back hundreds of years that attest to the qualities of these horses' families. And that has a lot to do with everything, including how the horses are priced. Horses can cost anywhere from zero to millions of dollars, just because of their pedigrees. I got an unraced yearling filly for close to a million dollars just because of her pedigree."

Once you find a top pedigree, and you've got a good horse, then how do you make that horse faster?

"You don't make it faster. You breed the best with the best and hope for the best. When you're buying unraced horses, you try to give them to the trainers who will do the best job possible with them preparing them for the races, who are smart enough to know how to do it the right way. What you do is you bring out the natural ability in that horse. You won't make it any faster than it can naturally go, but a good trainer will bring out the best in a horse."

How do good trainers do that?
"It's a balance between fitness, spacing of the races, being able to figure out the horse mentally...
There's a lot of different things that go into it."

And how fast will a horse finally go?
"Well, for instance, these horses I'm looking at now, they're going eighths of a mile in around ten seconds. So if you work that out into miles per hour, it's about 40 to 45 miles per hour, for short bursts."

I've read that the fastest horses can run more like 55 miles per hour.

"As far as racing horses goes, the quarter horses who do quarter-mile sprints — or less, because they're actually going different yardage distances, for the most part — most quarter horses on those little sprints are going to be faster than Thoroughbreds. But once you get past a certain distance, then the Thoroughbreds just blow away the quarter horses. They have the stamina, whereas the quarter horses are bred to just go really fast for very short periods of time."

What's the best horse you've ever dealt with?
"I'd have to say Best Pal. He was one of my all-time favorites. I think he finished fourth on the all-time earnings list nationwide. So he was a pretty special horse. Anyone who lived in San Diego County during the time he was racing, about ten years ago, will remember him."

So this can be a pretty lucrative business? "No, not necessarily.

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Dave Sanford, engineering manager for the San **Diego Low-Speed** Wind Tunnel, **located on Pacific Highway**

Tell me about the tunnel. What does it look like? "From the outside, it looks like just a big gray building. But when you're inside the control room, you're looking

through a large, plateglass window into a test section that's 12 feet wide by 8 feet tall, and that's where we do all of our testing. So when we test the scale-model airplane or the bicyclist or the member of the USA Luge team, they will be in that test section, and we'll be running air over them, acquiring data."

So it isn't really a tunnel. "Well, it is a tunnel in

that it's a continuous-circuit facility. Which means that you can think of it as just this big doughnut that goes around with a big, giant prop motor in the back that pushes the air around, and it continues to go around and around and around. So the back



Control room, San Diego Supercomputer Center at UCSD

section of the tunnel is actually very large, and then it squeezes down into the test section and when it squeezes down, it makes the air go very fast — and when it

goes back up again, the air slows down. We can blow about 275 miles per hour in the test section."

So you could hurt somebody.

"Yes. We could kill them.

But we don't do that, of course. We had Biker Sherlock in here, who's a San Diego resident he's a downhill skateboarder — and we had him up to 123 miles an

hour before we blew him off his skateboard. And that was on Discovery Channel. But usually, you know, for cyclists, we're testing anywhere from 25 to 30 miles an hour, and the testing we did for the USA Luge Olympic team, we were testing those guys at 80 miles an hour."

I can picture how a bicyclist could use the wind tunnel, but a luge rider? What does he do, iust lie there on his sled? "Yes, he lies there on his sled, but then what we're testing is body positions and also suit materials."

How are you measuring what the air's doing to the suit material? "We use what's called a 'balance.' It's a loadmeasuring device.

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"So we've had com-

panies use the tunnel to test suit materials, and what they do is they'll have a cylinder of a fixed diameter, and they'll put a real tight cloth over it, and they'll measure the drag, and then they'll put a different cloth and a different cloth and figure out what material works best for that cylinder diameter at that velocity, and then they'll go to a different diameter. So it has a lot to do with how the flow stays attached or separates from the person moving through the air. So what Nike did for Lance Armstrong's time

trial suit — that suit was actually made of about four different materials, of four different roughnesses, depending on whether it was on his arms or on his legs or on his back. And that suit was customized for his body to optimize the flow around every part of his body."

What does this balance look like? "The one we do our sports testing on is just like a large platform. So it's probably about three feet long and two feet wide, and it's a plate that has a bunch of very accurate load cells attached to it in a specific way to measure all the loads that are acting on the test subject. And the one that we use for airplane testing is actually two inches in diameter — it looks like a little steel cylinder, and then the model of the airplane is mounted to the cylinder, and all the loads transfer through that into our data system."

That's ironic. The balance is bigger for the little person and smaller for the big airplane. "Well, we can't put a whole plane in here. We run one-tenth-scale model airplanes. And the way aerodynamics works, you just make some corrections, and you can scale that up. The problem with the cyclist or the slider is that

their weights are low and the air is moving over a larger area relative to their weight, so you're looking for a much smaller load with the tunnel at a lower speed and a lot less force, and then trying to pick out differences in that very small force number, so you have to have a larger balance that's going to be sensitive to that.

Larry Ricci, surfboard shaper for South Coast Surf Shops

Tell me about the fine art of shaping a surfboard. "There are a lot of different steps involved in building a surfboard. You start with a core, usually a polyurethane core or a Styrofoam core, which is called a 'blank.' Blanks are roughly shaped like a

surfboard, and they come out of a mold, and that's when the shapers get them, and we use various hand tools or machines to sculpt the raw form. If you've seen a surfboard, you know it has a foam core and then fiberglass and resin and cloth on the outside to encapsulate it, waterproof it, and give it strength. And then the fins are attached to give it control. And then you float on the water, the wind creates a wave, and you ride that energy."

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and if you have straighter, longer lines, then that's going to result in a longer, more drawnout turn and generally give you a flatter board and more all-out speed. In today's performance arena, though, people want boards that turn fast as well as go fast in all-out straight lines. So like I say, it's a recipe. You could widen the line of the surfboard, you could flatten the bottom, you could employ a variety of concaves into the bottom contour to provide lift. And then they all have fins, and a lot depends on the size of the fins how many you use, and where you put them on the board — because you have to push against something to get some forward motion against the waves, so there are different ways to reduce drag but still have control at high speeds. And

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Nice. You make it sound almost as if the surf itself doesn't matter if you have the right board. "Well, that's not really true. A lot of how you shape depends on the surfing conditions. With bigger waves there's a lot

more power, so you want boards that contain that energy, and you get speed inherent from the energy of the wave itself, so you want a design that gets its speed through control. And with small surf, which is generally the average day in Southern California — you know, the waves are chest-high, maybe, on the sets — so you want a different shape. In general, you want to be able to go fast without having to work terribly hard to generate that speed. That's why shapers and designers want to be able to create hull shapes and surfboard shapes that are either able to harness the speed of the wave or else, by design, create speed on a smaller, slower, mushier wave. So every shaper's goal is to design a board that's easily ridden but you can get speed in different situations."

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You couldn't make a board that's always fast in any situation? "Well, no. You'd need ideally a variety of boards. For example, your average 6-foot surfboard for small waves for a 150-pound individual would be inappropriate for 20-foot surf. There just isn't enough area for the surfer to paddle into it. I could get more technical, but..."

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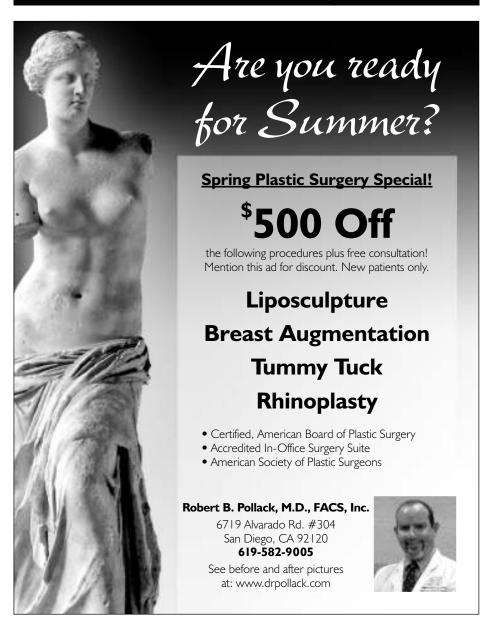
Is speed the best part of surfing?

"It is a great rush just to ride the wave itself, and most people just love the idea of speed, whether they're riding skateboards or bicycles or automobiles. But nowadays, just being able to take off on a flat-out big wave and drive down the face and get the speed is fun, but also being able to do the maneuvers turning and cutting that's fun, too."

Is there such a thing as a perfect surfboard? "Everyone talks about the magic board that got away, but there's no such thing. There's no such thing as a magic surfboard. But you can get pretty close." ■

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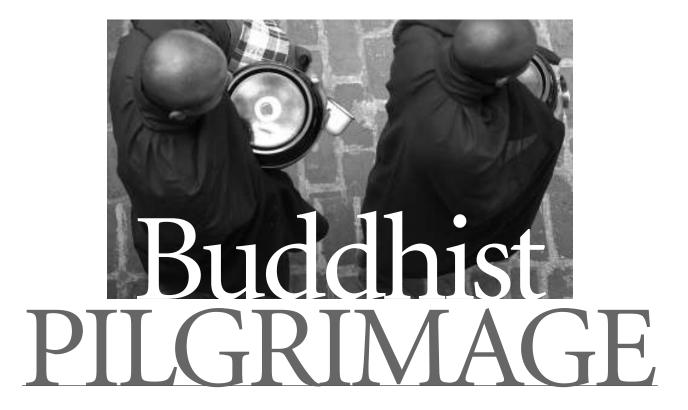
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I did not look down during the plane's descent, for I had no wish to glimpse the massive Boudhanath Stupa, the holy shrine that dominates the land-scape. Known as the Great Stupa, Boudhanath rises over 100 feet and is more than 300 feet around, garlanded in red, white, blue, green, and yellow prayer flags, each the size of a handkerchief. The painted eyes of the Buddha stare out into blue ether.

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Boudhanath Stupa

airplane) are urged to offer their best prayer, for that prayer is sure to be answered.

"I read that in one of my guidebooks," said the young American woman on my left. "Have you seen the stupa before?"

I had, on a visit in 1998. But I'd known nothing of this business of answered prayers. Putting the genie back in the bottle proved simple.

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The young woman said nothing, her mind on what lay below. Meanwhile, I pondered a dilemma: What do you ask for if your prayer is promised answering?

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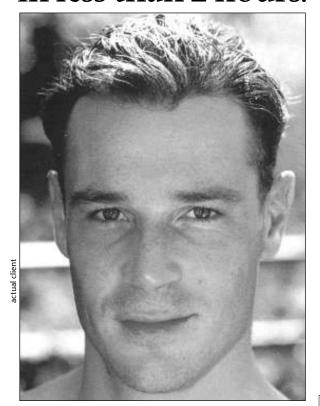
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I am both middle-aged and a Buddhist monk, so fame and fortune no longer hold much appeal. I could pray for quick enlightenment or to serve as an example to others, but the first seemed like cheating and the second almost banal. Luckily (as I had not yet settled on a prayer), the stupa did not appear on our side of the aircraft. Later, at the Hyatt hotel where our pilgrimage party would stay, through wall-sized windows I caught the wink of the shrine's golden entablature and looked away. I was still not prayer ready.

Locals circumambulate the stupa as a meditation, and the next morning our group decided to do the same. Tramping from the hotel to the shrine, moving ever closer and still not sure what I wanted to pray for, I felt my gut tighten. We reached the marketplace, and suddenly there was a parade of men with braided black hair and women in traditional long wraparound skirts, wearing chunks of turquoise and

coral. They spun their prayer wheels or fingered prayer beads with labor-coarsened hands. Two men wearing leather aprons and wooden hand-guards made full prostrations on the ground with each step. The circulating scene moved past like a merry-go-round. Bowls of birdseed, bought for a few rupees, sent flocks of pigeons lifting and dropping. Amid the tromping of feet, the rise of brown dust, the birds, and the chorus of bells, mangy dogs slept in spots of sunlight. Then we were upon the shrine itself, its thick walls a creamy white. The narrow gateway, the smoke of incense, the lines of people moving along the three outdoor tiers — I looked up at the painted eyes and gulped a prayer: May my three-week pilgrimage prove significant and valuable. As prayers go, it wasn't much.

The next day I lost my voice.

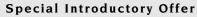
I visit my family in San Diego twice a year. Otherwise, I spend my time in a trailer in a forest in Northern California. I have no full-time job and little spending money. But last July, at the end of a meditation course, one student, Will Manson, gave me his newly resoled Pradas. The shoes were lavender and had a neon-orange stripe up the back, a contrast with my maroon robes. Unfortunately, they fit perfectly.

"But where will I wear them?" I asked.

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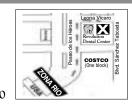
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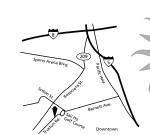
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My purple leather Pradas were overbuilt, heavy as Frye boots. I'd have to wear them. I was already carrying my L.L. Bean wool coat for nights in Nepal that were likely to turn cool. And there was my new Saints sweatshirt. An invitation had gone out to alumni to send photos of themselves shot in interesting places wearing the Saint Augustine High School logo. Thus did I show up at the airport in my Buddhist robes, the red-and-black Pendleton coat, and purple Pradas. The shoes forced me to lift and drop my feet with each step, like Boris Karloff in Frankenstein, and the backpack bent me forward so that in silhouette I was Charles

Laughton as Quasimodo in The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Twenty-five hours inflight (Hong Kong-Bangkok-Kathmandu), then through passport control, and finally into my room at the Hyatt. The appointments were deluxe. After a nap, I showered in the marble bathroom where mirrors reflected a part of me unseen since my mother gave up diapering.

There were 16 of us on the pilgrimage. Venerable Robina Courtin (Tibetan Buddhist monastics are addressed by this honorific), an Australian native maybe five feet tall, had helped to start a magazine, ran an international project teaching prisoners about Buddhism, and a few years before had begun the "Chasing Buddha" pilgrimages. Known to thunder upon occasion, the nun sat at the head of the table, her head shaved bald. When she spoke, everyone listened.

Amber Tamang, her assistant and a native of the region, folded his long body

into his seat. He had an air that promised infinite patience. His hair was thick as fur, so black it caught no highlights. Men admired him and women trusted him, for while he was handsome, his good looks were leavened with a tiny, comforting dose of the homely.

In addition, our party of pilgrims included a cardiac specialist, a mental-health nurse, a pair of lesbian lovers, a couple of gay men, a restaurateur, an art restorer, an architect from Massachusetts, and a junior high school history teacher on sabbatical. Of the two middle-aged women, one would stay behind in Nepal after the tour. The other was a European native and spoke six languages. Our first evening, this grandmother demonstrated bringing conversation to a standstill. In the struggle to identify a man who was not at the moment among us, she offered, "Isn't he the bald one?" Several men in our party had plenty of shiny pate showing, but the man in question, John, had enough blondish stuff not

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to qualify as bald. If she thought him bald, then what about the others; and how about fat?

We left our seats to examine the buffet. There was a pot of steaming beef stew and rice with lamb, warm breads, and salads. Our group stared in horror upon those things uncooked, however prettily displayed. Back at our seats, waiters laid starched white napkins (each the size of a pillowcase) on our laps and smoothed gently. This gesture caused not a few to squeak and jump in place.

Someone pulled out a bottle of Purell and passed it around.

We eyed pitchers of water standing on the sideboard as if their contents had been dredged from a crud-clogged water duct. Dr. Dover would have approved.

The next day, we followed Venerable Robina onto the second tier of the stupa. Amber had set out tin bowls and tea candles. We filled the bowls with water and lit the candles, then pulled out our prayer books, turned to the same page, and began to read aloud a prayer of refuge.

I was struck with a racking cough. I set aside my book, took deep breaths, and returned to the page. I read

aloud a word or two and again there it was. After a third try, Venerable Robina asked, "Something wrong?"

Over the next days, as we toured Kathmandu Valley, I coughed steadily and was forced to speak in a whisper.

For an offering of a few rupees, we saw the Living Goddess, a prepubescent girl standing in for some Hindu deity. The Goddess appeared at the second-story window of her parents' apartment. Heavily made up and testy, she poked her head out, then quickly withdrew.

At the village of Pharping, we visited shrines, includ-

ing one to the female Buddha, Vajra Yogini. Later, the sky aglow with the orange of sunset, we visited Swayambhunath Stupa, known as the Monkey Temple. There are more than 300 steps and wild monkeys crowd behind the first rise. Males and females have the same thoughtful gaze, but it is easy to spot which is which as nature has painted their sex organs fuchsia. They walk on all fours and gambol about, the females' nipples hanging like thimbles, and all the rest shamelessly exposed. They tore from our hands bags of rice carried for offering at the temple. They pickpocketed handkerchiefs, rupees, pens. They went for glasses and earrings, screeching and jibbering, eyeing us with an impersonal malevolence. I clutched my camera while, behind me, someone screamed. It was like running a gauntlet at the top of which stood the temple itself. There we lit candles, filled water bowls, and said our prayers, and, to return to our bus, slipped down the back way.

On the third day we left the Hyatt for Kopan Monastery, at the foothills of the Himalayas. The monastery was quiet, with well-tended lawns, a bookstore, and a café that served delicious banana pancakes. I washed dirty clothes in an outdoor tub, rubbing with soap, and pounded them with a rock. An exquisite stupa with waterworks and candelabras had been built in honor of a monk reported to have achieved Enlightenment in one lifetime. Our group joined in celebrating the fifth birthday party of a pretty little boy who was said to be the holy monk's reincarnation. We looked in the boy's face for signs.

Three times a day we'd sit in the dining room and enjoy the view. Below lay Kathmandu Valley, its buildings in blues and corals and poppy-red. With the rising landscape the scene grew

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emptier — structures replaced by terraced gardens that lifted into green, peaked hills, which gave way, finally, to a wall of mountains, the snow-capped Himalayas. The air was crisp and clear.

Nights carried up from the valley floor the howling of stray dogs and the screeches of feral cats. It was not easy to sleep. A bell rang at 5:00 a.m., awakening 300 monks. That last night, the air turned so cold around midnight it cut to the bone. I pulled on my Saints sweatshirt and ducked under the covers. In the morning, I took a photo of myself in the sweatshirt. The bathroom mirror threw back the flash, my face lost in the glare. The logo mirrored as a nonsense word: stniaS. On our way to the airport, we left at the Hyatt all that was deemed unnecessary in the warmer Indian climate. For me, this meant my wool coat and purple Pradas.

We boarded a Yeti Airlines plane, and 30 minutes later landed with a thud on the southwestern edge of Nepal. Outside, the air was

hot and dry. The grounds beyond the airport looked parched. In our party, the excitement was palpable. Here in the Buddha's birthplace, our pilgrimage would begin.

I was more concerned with being so close to India. We were near-touching the hem of the monster I remembered from eight years before. Like the others, I was excited, but my excitement had a different name: dread.

Two men waited for us in the parking lot, our driver and his apprentice. They smiled to make up for the English they did not speak. For the next two weeks, they'd deliver us to our hotels, chauffeur us to tourist venues, and drive for hours without a break. None of this - including time spent away from home and the danger of road accidents and bandits mattered, as tips from our group would come to more than \$1000.

We pilgrims were stopped in our tracks by the bus, small and painted milky white. Curtains of Benares muslin were drawn across the passenger windows. Like a good-looking blonde wearing sunglasses indoors, the vehicle seemed to be withholding something. We clambered onboard like school kids, our rush for seats restrained by the narrow aisle. The bus was built for smaller people.

The women took seats in front, the men in the back. I settled in, half-way back on the left. "Well, what do vou think?"Venerable Robina faced us from her front seat. We broke out in applause. "How're you doing?" I asked Jerry, who occupied the seat ahead of me. He had long legs and a bad knee, and more than any of us, he would suffer from the absence of leg room. But for the moment, he chose to ignore the obvious.

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we were still in Nepal and, by the time we got to the Hotel Lumbini Gardens, I was, as they say, onboard with the program. The program that afternoon was to visit the place of the Buddha's birth.

Lumbini Park was a ramble of trees, hedges, and flowering plants. Still, it was not hard to find the tree. It was among the largest and gleamed where gold-leaf had been rubbed into its trunk.

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We set up an altar of water bowls and tea candles, laid down our plastic tarp to sit on, and said prayers. Whether in Rome, Jerusalem, or Mecca, there is a moment in a pilgrimage when the

spirit of the undertaking hits home. This was it.

We spent two hours at prayer and looking about the gardens. It was dusk as we left the park. Booths were set up at the exit, where tourists could buy statues of the Buddha, postcards, and rosaries — items for sale at every holy site. Men moved among the pilgrims, goods draped over their arms.

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John and I left the park together. Wrapped up in a discussion of architecture and museum installations, we passed beyond the reef of beggars. We came, finally, upon several young men. In the purplish twilight, they looked harmless. A glint of metal — the party included two men in wheelchairs. The others must have delivered the chairs to their respective spots, for one fellow was in no shape to wheel himself over gravel. He had the skeletal look of a polio victim.

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wheelchair. I thrust a couple of American dollars at an attendant, who took the bills, laughing. They were all laughing. The man in the wheelchair followed me with his gaze, his pumpkin-size head leaning against the back of his chair, his mouth a dark hole.

We left Lumbini the next

morning, underwent passport control at the India/ Nepal border, changed rupees, and continued on to Balarampur. We set up our altar at Jeta Vana, a grassy space where the Buddha spent 25 rainy seasons in retreat. The quiet had a rare quality; something unseen seemed to tremble the air. So peaceful was this spot that we returned the next morning for private meditation. Then we set off for Kushinagar, 150 miles away. There the Buddha had died. I bought 12 dozen longstemmed lilies, and we laid them beside the statue of the sleeping Buddha.

The next day we visited Rambhar Stupa where the Buddha was cremated. The memorial was a pile of bricks 49 feet high, 155 feet around at the base, and 112 feet around at the highest terrace - all settled into a shape-

John and I joined busloads of pilgrims circumambulating the cremation

"How many bricks do you think are in that pile?" I asked.

The bricks, John said, were handmade, centuries old and of varying sizes. "They not only have irregular shapes, but voids of space around every brick." Any calculation, he concluded, was bound to be so inaccurate that he would not even guess.

The head of alumni at Saint Augustine High School had asked graduates to have themselves photographed in exotic locales wearing something with a Saints logo. I'd carted my sweatshirt to

every holy site we'd visited but never seemed to get my snapshot. Now, suddenly, there was a break in the crowd. I pulled the sweatshirt from my backpack.

"Take my picture!" I

idea what she was talking

"After the flooding and everything..." She pointed sadly to my sweatshirt. "Just

HUNDREDS OF PILGRIMS CIRCLED ON THE TOPMOST PROMENADE; OTHERS SAT OR MADE PROSTRATIONS IN THE GRASSY QUADS BELOW, A GREEN BRACELET ENCIRCLING THIS MOST HOLY OF BUDDHIST SITES. CHANTS OFFERED IN A MIX OF LANGUAGES FILLED THE NIGHT AIR.

held the thing up and positioned myself. "Can you see the letters?"

A passing American woman stopped. "How is it going down there now?"

"Pardon me?" I had no

terrible."

thought I was holding a sweatshirt of the NFL's New

Orleans Saints. Her empa-

thetic gaze suggested that

perhaps I'd owned a home

in New Orleans destroyed

by Hurricane Katrina.

The woman, I realized,

Memory plays tricks. When I reflect on how I left for college, I recall that it was on a train. I hear the far-off hoot of the whistle, then the train appears, an iron beast hissing smoke as it comes to a grinding halt. But in fact there was no train. I left home on a bus. My memory has marked my departure with a fiction: a locomotive steaming northward is a more singular image than a Greyhound bus churning down Broadway.

Wasn't I lucky to have sur-

vived? Wasn't I glad to be

My decision to never return to India needed no embossing. There were eight of us on that first pilgrimage, and after ten days, I'd witnessed enough of life on the subcontinent to be fed up. Rooms promised for noon could be let to another party at 11:00. "Sterilized" water might be drawn from any handy faucet and sealed to

look unopened. A confirmed first-class seat on a train was no assurance that the seat would be unoccupied. Train schedules were a joke.

We arrived two hours early at the station outside of Varanasi. Assured that the train was on time, we settled in to wait. After three hours, we learned that the train had "passed through five hours earlier." Why had the man at the ticket counter not said this in the first place? (Indians are loathe giving offense, never mind the inconvenience incurred.) One was prepared for late trains, for trains that never arrived. But how to accommodate a world where trains rattle blithely through stations hours ahead of schedule? That was the moment I promised myself: "Never again!"

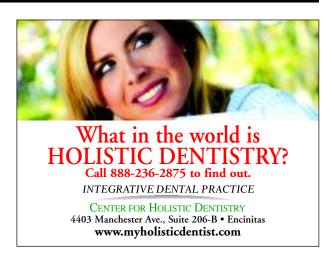
Now, eight years later, I was returning to Varanasi.

We arrived at eveningtime, dropped off our things, and headed for the Ganges. This was the last night of the

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Festival of Lights, and bumper-to-bumper traffic was complicated by water buffaloes and a herd of bleating goats moving among the cars, buses, scooters, and rickshaws. There was even an elephant, a gray hulk with tiny crazed eyes. In the old town, we traded our bus for rickshaws; for the last mile we walked.

Descending concrete steps, we joined a crowd at the river's edge. A chorus line of handsome young

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Hindu priests in yellow robes lifted and dropped fiery torches operated by a pulley system of bells and weights suspended from 12-foothigh beams. Some of our party paid to be taken out onto the Ganges to look at the show from the river itself, but I found a seat on shore. Soon a beggar appeared, grabbed my hand, and began crunching the knuckles. "Massage!" he explained.

Our group visited Saranath, where the Bud-

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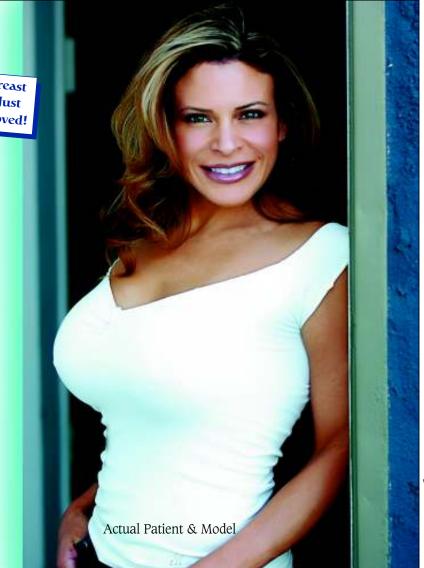
dha offered his first teaching after reaching Enlightenment. The next day we set off for Rajgir, a 12-hour drive. We visited the excavated buildings that had once been











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a part of Nalanda, a famous Buddhist university. On Saturday we awoke early, trod among sleeping cows, and at sunrise arrived at the top of Vulture Peak. We set up our altar. As the heat drew the fog from the valley floor, we were wrapped in misty vapor. At Vulture Peak, the Buddha taught the Heart Sutra, honored by all communities of Buddhists. We were joined by scores of pilgrims, including parties of Burmese monks and Vietnamese nuns. It was a highlight of the pilgrimage.

We arrived at the Root Institute, outside Bodhgaya, on Saturday evening. Begun as a homeless center, at Root Institute today there are clinics of all kinds, a leprosy center, and an orthopedic workshop, where casts are made for polio victims. There is a Women's Clinic, an AIDS awareness, prevention, and treatment program, diabetes care, and a TB clinic. There is even a dog-rescue center — perhaps the only one in all of India. We first visited bod-

hgaya at night, where colored lights created a fantasy of pretty shadows. Two thousand six hundred years ago, the ascetic, Siddhartha, sat under a Bodhi tree, promising not to move until he reached Enlightenment. The main stupa, which honors his achievement, rises to a height of 15 stories. It was bleached white under arc lights, while the bodhi tree – 50 feet tall and with branches stretching nearly as widewas draped in prayer flags, its trunk gleaming under applications of gold leaf. Bells chimed. Incense perfumed the air. Hundreds of pilgrims circled on the topmost promenade; others sat or made prostrations in the grassy quads below, a green bracelet encircling this most holy of Buddhist sites. Chants offered in a mix of languages filled the night air.

Monday was to be our last day here. I awoke early and with starlings trilling,

made my way from the institute. Dust lifted amid the back-and-forth of traffic so that the air glittered and the sun had a hazy corona.

Twenty minutes later, I faced the stupa and the bodhi tree. While I said my morning prayers, I watched Tenzin Lhundup, a handsome monk of 38 (like most, looking ten years younger), rise then drop to full-length prostrations. Each day he completed 2100 of them. We chatted when he took breaks to gulp water and wipe off sweat. He spoke little English, and I no Tibetan, but I left content.

On my way out, I stopped to offer prayers in the temple. Eight years before, Rajeesh, who sold wares in the square beyond the temple precinct, had warned me about the dangers of thieves. He would have told me to carry my sandals inside the temple. Instead, I'd hid them. I was in the temple for five minutes. When I went back out, my expensive German-made sandals were gone.

Their loss did not hit home until I'd climbed the steps and stepped outside the stupa gate. Then came the numbing knowledge that I was barefoot in the middle of the day. I felt like a lost kid. My Pradas were packed away in Nepal. In all the time I'd been in India and Nepal, I'd seen nothing that resembled a shoe store.

Beyond a second set of gates lav a commercial area. shops for passport photos and Internet access. I asked where I could buy shoes. A man pointed down a dirty alley.

They were all over me— "My friend!" — hawking postcards, CDs, views of the stupa, books on the Buddha. The trick was to look no one in the eve.

I found a shoe stall and a pair of rubber sandals that fit. The man wanted two hundred and forty rupees, about six dollars. I walked away with the salesman yelling, "How much you wanna pay?" I was angry, but I could not go far barefooted. When I returned, the salesman dropped another customer. "Two hundred forty rupees?"

I needed shoes and the man had shaved off 40 rupees. But the moment you name a price, the salesman knows with whom he is dealing. Too low and he thinks you're a fool; too high and he's on you like white on rice. "Too much!" I said, waving my hand. I made to walk away again when I heard a voice: "You are here in Bodhgaya eight years ago!"

I looked down.

"You are from California." It took me a moment to gather my wits, then I recognized Rajeesh, my old friend! He looked like the Tijuana marionettes that depict the mustachioed comedian, Cantinflas. I'd forgotten that polio had deprived Rajeesh of the full use of his left leg. I swept him up in a big hug. "It's you!" I explained how I'd lost my shoes.

I invited him for dinner at Root Institute and walked home in new rubber sandals (sold to locals for 80 rupees, and which I, with Rajeesh's help, purchased for 100). We were to have dinner that night near the stupa; as there was no way to contact Rajeesh, I walked into town and explained that we would meet at a restaurant. I took a rickshaw back. Something was going horribly wrong under my clothes; but I had no time to assess the problem because we were all trundled into rickshaws and sent back into town for dinner.

It was an informal affair of sandwiches and mango latis — a fruit-and-milk drink. Our party loved the latis, but Rajeesh ordered a different drink. "We don't drink milk in the afternoon," he explained, sipping apple cider. Milk could go bad in just a few hours.

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After our meal, I said goodbye to Rajeesh, then returned to the stupa for more prayers. By then, I knew I was in trouble. Walking twice to town and sweating under my clothes, I'd had a dust storm going on under my skirt. Moisture combined with gritty dust left my inner thighs chafed.

"I have to take a rick-shaw," I explained.

It was torture climbing in, but worse getting out. Someone gave me talcum powder and knockout pills, so I could sleep. The next day the pain was reduced, but my stomach was not right. We flew to Nepal, and at our farewell dinner at the Hyatt, six of us were sick to our stomachs. Rajeesh's comment about the milk had proved accurate.

We said our goodbyes the next morning and flew home, I still feeling under the weather.

If our pilgrimage did not close on a noble note, it was a success. Pilgrimages, I learned, do not begin upon arrival at a holy site, nor end when one departs. A pilgrimage is a mindset, and I was back in my forest retreat for a few weeks, and still feeling that sense of spiritual renewal, when I prepared to visit my family in San Diego.

A single road winds through the woods hereabouts and leads to town, with sharp turns, a dropoff, and not quite enough room for two cars. I was not strictly paying attention, and one of the locals, coming in the opposite direction, was driving too fast, when suddenly we were on top of each other. We swerved and avoided a collision. I did not know the other driver and he did not know me, but we flashed on each other as we passed. He was in his late 20s, wearing plaid, a local of limited prospects and, from his florid color, a nearly unlimited capacity to drink beer. As for what he saw, I heard it all in his passing: "Why don't you go back where you come from?"

If a pilgrimage must end at some moment, I expect mine ended here. I knew, of course, what he meant. But where had I come from? San Diego? India? Nepal? I could not say. I knew only that I'd at last returned home.

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health-care systems are overburdened, but what sort of country do we live in if we can't even deal with our own citizenry with a modicum of dignity? A hypocritical one, I suspect. S.W. Miller

via e-mail

Need To Know

I just wanted to let you know that I really appreciated the story you did on the Water Man and his problems with the hospital ("Water Man: Down, Then Out," "City Lights," May 24). I think this is something that people need to know about, and it is great that you take the time to inform the public of these types of topics that aren't typically discussed.

Just wanted to show my gratitude. Thank you.

Lindsey Ward via e-mail

Angel

Thanks for John Brizzolara's recent article on David Ross ("Water Man: Down, Then Out," "City Lights," May 24). I'm awed by David's will and perseverance. This guy is as close to a guardian angel as the street people will ever get. He helps from the heart on his own meager income (and a few contributions) and did so every day until he was attacked. If the readers out there would like to do something that really counts, please consider helping David Ross with his mission. You'll sleep better, and so will countless, nameless others.

> Chuck Brewer via e-mail

Comments from Reader Website

Cover Story Published May 30

Posted by Holly on 05/30/07, 5:29 p.m. The person pictured as "Elliott Liu" — both in the article and, presumably, on the cover — is NOT Elliott Liu, and in fact looks nothing like him. This inexplicable and unfortunate error obscures who Elliott is. The article also failed to mention that he is a titled FIDE Master.

Blog Diego Published May 30

Posted by Lorelie on 05/30/07, 3:06 p.m.

Wowzers! Paloma has a way with words that pull you into her mindset. Most people just listen to a song because it has a great hook or an awesome beat, but Paloma feels the music and it's message. Can't wait to read more of her stuff!

Posted by lorraine on 05/30/07, 5:41 p.m.

Loved the sweet, sad soulbearing reviews. I don't know all the music Paloma speaks of, but her words make me want to listen to it and breathe it in to test my own reaction.

Published May 30 Posted by Firy on 05/30/07, 12:38 p.m.

City Lights, by Matt Potter

"For 40 years, the U.S. Public Health Service has conducted a study in which human guinea pigs, not given proper treatment, have died of syphilis and its side effects," Associated Press reporter Jean Heller wrote on July 25, 1972. "The study was conducted to determine from autopsies what the disease does to the human body."

Posted by ryan on 05/31/07, 9:29 a.m.

Those medic units are assigned to a fire station but during transport of a patient then leave the district to go to the hospital. When that happens another ambulance comes into the district to cover. Often the units mentioned will be sent to another district for this reason. The units that were listed are some of the busiest in the system and see some of the highest rates of trauma (polyheme would most likely be needed in trauma, not medical, calls). Lunderstand the inference that residents of the 'poorest' neighborhoods were chosen as guinea pigs, but I don't think that is the primary reason why those districts were chosen. I could be wrong, but I think they are more interested in gathering data on the effectiveness of the product and they need to use it often to do so.

Matt Potter responds:

Ryan, There are two questions to be considered: 1. Why were the poor neighborhoods selected for the experiment in the first place? (Yes, volume of trauma cases was definitely one reason, which we have previously reported. The poor areas were indeed high-volume trauma neighborhoods, and Northfield wanted to get its "bang for the buck.") 2. Why weren't the residents of those poor areas, as well as the rest of the citizenry, explicity informed that their neighborhood trauma units had been selected for the experiment? The bio-ethicists we talked to said this was a serious omission on the part of UCSD and the City of San Diego.

City Lights, by Don **Bauder Published May 30**

Posted by Questions for Don on 05/30/07, 4:26 p.m. Mr. Bauder: You state in your article: "These average salaries include overtime, bonus pay, etc." I have asked city employees and they say that there is no such things as "bonus pay", yet you reference bonus pay in your story. Could you give an example of which workers get bonus pay? I also don't understand why or how overtime can be included in "average salary"? Isn't that like adding a consulting job onto a private sector job....and adding in onto their "average salary at the company? Finally, could you give an example of what you mean by "etc" when you said "These average salaries include overtime, bonus pay, etc."

Reply by Don Bauder: Bonus pay would include comp days and other emoluments not considered overtime. The word "salary" includes overtime so that the comparisons with the private sector would be apples to apples. In the private sector numbers cited in the article, included are profits from stock options, stock gifts, overtime, and the like. So government numbers included overtime and a miscellaneous category (called bonus) that included non-overtime extras.

Posted by Questions for Don on 05/31/07, 9:18 a.m. I still don't get it. Two questions. How can bonus pay be a comp day if no renumeration is involved? Isn't an emolument a type of fiscal consideration? Don't get me wrong, I love your pieces, but I really can't make sense of this one.

Reply by Don Bauder: If you get a day off with pay,

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it seems to me you are being reumerated without providing any labor input in return.

Posted by Ned on 05/31/07, 9:58 a.m.

Don, I have a few friends working for the deep pocketed City of San Diego. We are about the same level experience wise (civil engineers), but they make around 10% more. They will both retire at 56, will I'll be lucky to retire at 65. Not sour grapes, just astounded. Thanks!

Reply by Don Bauder: This is a story that most people don't know. Perceptions stay around long after reality has changed. Years ago, civilian government employees made less than their private sector counterparts in salary, but made up for it with generous retirements. But in the last 2 decades, the private sector has been slashing both salaries and reirement benefits (except at the top), so government pay and fringes are now far, far ahead (again, except at the top).

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Posted by retired too early on 05/31/07, 11:20 a.m. when i retired in the 90's my pay was way below the private sector, all i was promised was retirement benefits. now all of a sudden i am classified with the new high pay group and my benefits are at risk. i see why hedge funds pay so well, the county pays 45 million more this year for investment advice than last after losing 100 plus million. they even enjoyed a party in vegas to celebrate before admitting losing the investment and the interest gained. now you want to blame me for those extra benefits. how about getting somebody like the former canned LAMB to investigate the real cause of

this theft.

Reply by Don Bauder: I don't blame city or county employees who retired some time ago. I blame a system that permits current employees to rake in both higher pay and fringes than people get in the private sector. Mike Aguirre tried to do something about it, but the dishonest U-T and Kroll (taking in its \$20.3 million) pooh-poohed his effort, permitting a weakkneed judge to dispose of much of the case, although major portions are still pending. We are a little like Imperial Russia. Royal families are at the top (grossly overpaid corporate CEOs, hedge fund and private equity wheeler-dealers today); government bureaucrats also live comfortably; the peasants are living increasingly poorly.

Posted by Chuck on 05/31/07, 5:50 p.m.

Don... Civilian employee's will get social security at 62 or 65. City employee's do not get that substancial financial award because the city does not pay into it. This is a huge benefit to the civilian worker that the city worker does not get. Should you not have pointed that out?

Reply by Don Bauder: The city opted out of Social Security in the 1980s, but set up a second pension plan, Supplemental Pension Savings Plan, which is far better. The employee contributes 3 to 6 percent of pay and the city matches. This defined contribution plan is in addition to the defined benefit plan. When the employee dies, the money from SPSP is inheritable. That is not true of Social Security.

Posted by Billy Bob Henry on 05/31/07, 11:35 p.m.

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years work. The private worker is working 60% longer and getting maybe 70% less than their highest years pay than that of City PD/FD. The Supplemental plan that non public safety is allowed — can generate 140% of highest years salary. This is a scam plain and simple, brought on by Jack MrGrory — Jack should be prosecuted civilly for malfeasance of duty for this scam — and the penson board that agreed to it should rightfully so stand trial — lets hope they don't walk for their breach of fiduciary duty to both their members and the public. Don Bauder — you are one of the smartest business guys this City has ever seen. Keep up the good work you watch out for the tax payer and the scams never get by you.

Reply by Don Bauder: The combination of defined benefit/defined contribution plans that City workers enjoy assures that workers retire with more than 100 percent of their highest pay, and you are correct: some will retire with 140 percent of their highest pay. Is it a scam: yes? Is it prosecutable at this late date? From a practical standpoint, that's questionable. Remember, this is San Diego: scams are such a part of tradition that judges and prosecutors (other than the city attorney's office) look the other way.

Posted by TJ on 06/1/07, 11:35 a.m.

Don, thank you SO much for writing this story. Makes me think of an acquaintance who works for the City (white collar) who is incredibly overpaid. He's on vacation constantly. I can't figure out how he's been able to keep a job there. He'll be retiring in his 40s (was able to "buy" years of service toward retirement) with full benefits. He owns two homes, yet is always crying poverty. And all of us who are probably never going to be able to retire and certainly won't be able to afford health care when we pass 65 have to pay these peoples' salaries. Unbelievable.

Posted by JF on 06/1/07, 2:10 p.m.

Don, you state that city employees receive SPSP. Not true for public safety. I might point out that no combination of systems "assures" that an employee retires with more than 100%. In some cases, it may make it possible, but it certainly doesn't assure it. I can't speak for members of other departments, but about the biggest "bonus" a member of the fire department gets is a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins. Why do you think DeMaio chose not to include firefighters and cops in his review of salaries? As your article hinted, perhaps America should look to bring the salaries of our lower paid citizens up, rather than bring down those in the middle class.

Reply by Don Bauder: True, safety employees don't get SPSP. But I stand by Richard Rider's statement that nonsafety employees retiring after 30 years are going to make more than 100 percent of their highest pay, and probably 130 percent if they donated their full amount to SPSP. As to bonuses: some city employees make tiny or no contributions to their defined benefit plan; the city makes the payment, and it is considered a bonus.

Posted by JF on 06/1/07, 2:57 p.m.

Don, so you're saying that the negotiated retirement offset in lieu of pay raises counts as a bonus? This sure would've been a lot simpler if the council members in the past had have had the guts to simply give pay raises rather than trying to hide it in offsets.

City Lights, "Tail Wags Dead Dog" **Published May 30**

Posted by Firefighters NOT Firemen on 05/30/07, 11:16 a.m.

So Mike is a sexist too..... "And in the audience was a very large group of police officers and firemen". Why it thais SO hard? Not firewomen, not fire people, not lady firemen. Fire-

Posted by Upfront on 05/30/07, 4:10 p.m.

Mike sometimes makes very good points. Sometimes his illogical reasoning just doesn't make sense. But he consistently sounds like a madman, loosely connecting unrelated events and ranting crazily. I don't always dislike what he says, but let's face it, he hasn't been taking his medicaiton.

Posted by Darkwing on 05/30/07, 10:43 p.m.

Aguirre has more consistently made sense then any other politician I have heard in my 25 years in San Diego. Just because the UT and the political powers that be continually tell us he is a madman (as they steal the city blind) doesn't make it so. I find it refreshing to see a pol with a backbone in San Diego who is not in bed with either labor or developers. Can you name a single other one? Can you give a real example of why you think he sounds like a madman?

Posted by A local newspaper writer on 05/31/07, 10:42 a.m.

I was compelled to second Darkwing's appraisal of Mike Aguirre. To paraphrase Billy Joel: "It just might be a lunatic you're looking for."

Posted by Tim J. Pyle on 05/31/07, 10:56 p.m.

Mike Aguirre is the best thing that has happened to San Diego Government in the last 50 years! period. People might not like the messenger, you cannot obviously overlook the reality of facts and the truth that he speaks! The only people who can't see that either have not been a resident of this city that long or are just plain dead from the neck up!

Posted by josh h. on 06/1/07, 2:26 p.m.

"save the chargers"...from what? the millions they make every year on the backs of san diegans? good riddance if they leave...and good riddance to all these self-serving, strip club pandering liars we have, from the mayor to most of the city council to ccdc. the people of san diego should be taking to the streets in protest...bring back tar and feathering...kick these traitors from their cushy offices on broadway. i hope they all rot...

Posted by Kathi Ward on 06/2/07, 6:01 a.m.

How can the labor unions be running the city if they have no bargaining power? They cannot strike! Also, the city initiated the purchase of service program and the DROP program not the employees! Get your facts straight, AGHuirre!



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The Omnivore's Dilemma

ince I moved to California from New England, I find that I can pretty much eat anything I want without gaining weight," says Michael Pollan, author of The Omnivore's Dilemma. "I'm convinced that when you have high-quality food you don't need as much to be satisfied." Pollan will discuss his book on Tuesday, June 12, as a part of the University of California San Diego's Revelle Forum at the Neurosciences Institute.

Though Pollan says that his book about the origins of food consumed in America has turned many people into vege-

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tarians, he continues to eat meat. "The biggest change in the way I eat, based on my research, is that I

started avoiding industrial meat, or meat from animals that live in big confinement feed lots. Especially beef. What I saw there really put me off my feed, both as a matter of health and morality. I also stepped up my eating of fruits and vegetables, and I eat less processed stuff."

Pollan only purchases beef that has been grass fed. Cows that are fed corn, which is difficult for them to digest, are in a weakened state of health and thus antibiotics are often added to their diet to stave off infection. "You are what you eat, but you are also what you eat eats.'

Pollan says that "taking the trouble to figure out where your food came from"

makes one a more responsible eater. "In general, the more people know about where food comes from, the better choices they make." For example, after witnessing a pig in a cramped, smelly environment, Pollan says, "You wouldn't want to eat that stuff."

Pollan warns against a tendency to demonize food. "The misunderstanding is that food can be divided into evil nutrients and good nutrients; that if you eat good nutrients and avoid evil nutrients, you'll be healthy. In America, I think that the most common misunderstanding [about food] is that something like fat is toxic. But fat is good for you, your brain is 70 percent fat. You need to eat fat, but the right kind of fat." Pollan cites a recent study in which a psychologist asked, "What would be the one food you would take with you to survive on a desert island?" Responses included

spinach, hot dogs, salad, and chocolate. "The best choices are hot dogs and chocolate," says Pollan. "You need the energy and fat; you would die really quickly on spinach.'

There is very little processed food in Pollan's home, though he admits a weakness for chips. On a typical morning, Pollan will have oatmeal or eggs for breakfast. Occasionally he will add bacon from Niman Ranch, a company composed of independent family farmers

using only natural methods for raising livestock. For lunch, Pollan often enjoys bread and cheese, fruit with vogurt, or premade tamales he buys at Berkelev Bowl, an independent market in his Northern California

Michael Pollan



neighborhood. For dinner, Pollan might have steak, chicken, or fish. "We eat fish several times a week — salmon, halibut. We have fruit for dessert and occasionally a cookie." But you won't find the word 'Nabisco" in Pollan's pantry — all his baked goods come fresh from local bakeries.

Pollan says the consumers have more choices available than they might realize: there are many healthier alternatives to fast food or even boxed and canned food. "If you can buy food and cook it yourself, you will eat much better," he says. "The least healthy foods you couldn't possibly make in your kitchen, even if you wanted to. Like a Twinkie — no one could cook a Twinkie. If you have to shop for food, you look for real ingredients — you won't be adding things like high-fructose corn syrup.'

Food taboos and fads, Pollan explains, have a profound effect on the way Americans eat. Current faddish foods include almonds, pomegranates, and just about any item that has been the focus of recent health research and proven to contain antioxidants or to be "heart healthy." Taboos include carbohydrates and fat. "The Atkins diet put a taboo on carbs. That's a mistake — there are a lot of healthy carbs. Another current

taboo is trans fats. I generally try to avoid novelties in food, like margarine. I can't believe that eating whole-grain bread or even potatoes with skin is bad for you. Food that people have been eating for hundreds of years, there's evidence that it can't be bad for you.

Pollan stresses that Americans who obsess about food and health are precisely those who are prone to the unhealthy habit of binging and dieting. "Health is not the only reason to eat," he says. "There's pleasure, sociality, identity; people eat for all sorts of reasons. We lose track of that in

— Barbarella

The Omnivore's Dilemma. booksigning and discussion Tuesday, June 12 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Neurosciences Institute auditorium 10650 John Jay Hopkins Drive Cost: \$35 Info: 858-964-1056 or http://revelleforum.ucsd.edu





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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)

"Los Monologos de la Vagina" performed Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"April in Paris in June" is theme for concerts by singer/actress Joanne LaPointe, Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10. LaPointe sings "romantic French and English ballads and love songs" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Gertrude Pearlman Theatre at Campo La Jolla in Punta Banda (16 miles south of Ensenada). Donation: \$10. Recommended reservations: 011-52-646-154-2452.

Ironman Baja 70.3 Triathlon is Sunday, June 10, 7 a.m.—4 p.m., with nearly 1500 professional and amateur athletes expected to compete. Event consists of 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, 13.1-mile run in Hotel Coral and Marina area (north of Ensenada). Registration: 011-52-442-228-4320.

"From Cri Cri to Star Wars," Sinfónica Juvenil de Tijuana performs with conductor Pavel Getman, Sunday, June 10, 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$8 U.S. 011-52-664-687-

"Colección Particular" — Nelson Herrera Ysla reads from his poetry, Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free.

Ysla returns to Centro to present lecture on "Painting in Havana" on Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636.

"Camino a Cucamonga," Diego Moreno reads from his book, Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636.

"Solo Para Ellas," this "show only for girls" by Armando

González, Latin Lover, Roberto Assad, and Bobbie Larios is Thursday, June 14, 9 p.m., at Rodeo Santa Fe in Pueblo Amigo Mall, Zona Río. 011-52-664-682-4967. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

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

Agaves (a.k.a. century plants) are coming into bloom in many summer gardens this month. After a decade or more (not a century) of growth, the larger kinds of agave send up a tall, yellow-blossomed flower stalk from a base of fleshy, succulent, thorn-tipped leaves. The stalk and basal leaves die, but suckers make new plants and begin the cycle anew.

Buckwheat, a late-bloomer among native plants in our area, is showing off its small, inconspicuous clusters of cream-colored flowers this month. Several kinds of buckwheat, found in dry, sunny locations throughout San Diego County, are the source of the "wild buckwheat" honey sold locally. Near the coast look for flat-top buckwheat, common on southfacing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing shrubs of the sage-scrub plant community like black sage and California sagebrush.

Elderberry, two species of which range over most of San Diego

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County, is in full bloom this month. The flat-topped, creamy-white blossoms of this large shrub or small tree can be seen in the natural coastal canyon areas such as Tecolote Canyon and Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, as well as in the more moist areas of the foothills and mountains. The elderberry's tiny fruits, which ripen in late summer, have traditionally been used for various drinks and preserves.

"June Gloom," the cool and intermittently overcast conditions likely to dominate the beach and coastal areas through the remainder of this month, mocks the already sizzling temperatures inland. If it weren't for the ocean's enormous resistance to changes in temperature, the hottest weather along the coast would occur soon after the summer solstice — June 21. Our warmest beach weather will probably not arrive until August or September, just about the time the ocean water temperatures are peaking.

Western Azalea, a native rhododendron, is blooming this month in scattered locations throughout the county's higher mountains. Fond of semi-shade, it's often found growing along creeks and canyon bottoms. Like its ornamental cousins, western azalea's fragrant white (sometimes pink or yellow tinted) flowers are borne in ornate clusters. Palomar Mountain State Park harbors a colony of them alongside a trail linking Doane Valley and Chimney Flats. White-flowering azaleas will undoubtedly appear again along the Azalea Glen Trail in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, but it may take several years before

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Fried Eggs with Lots of Mustard!

Trail guides lead wheelchairfriendly walks to Old Mission Dam where fried egg flowers (a.k.a. Matilija poppies) and mustard plants flourish, Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park at Kumeyaay Campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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

Remove Trash along San Diego River on Saturday, June 9, starting at 9 a.m. at Hotel Circle Place. Equipment and refreshments provided. Free. 619-297-7380. (MISSION CORCE)

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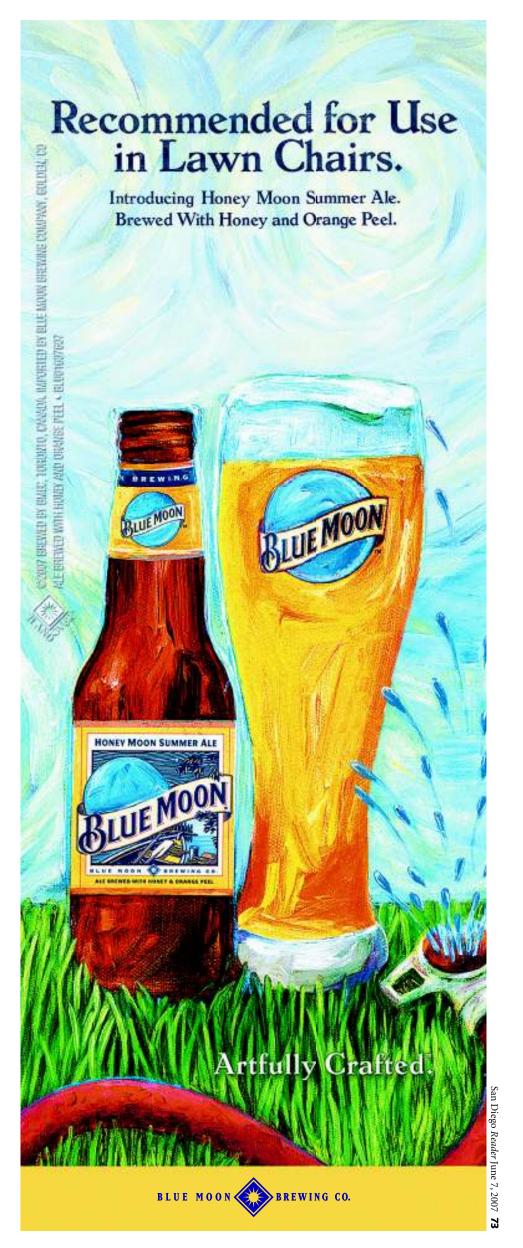












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Garnet Peak offers views of desert, Laguna Mountain Range. Take a strenuous hike on trail through Jeffrey pines to high chaparral with Canyoneers, Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Fee for parking. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST)

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

Got Metamorphosis? Find future caterpillars and chrysalises during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, June 9, 10, and 13, in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including June 9. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888, (DOWNTOWN)

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for housing.

To circumnavigate the historical park — a two-mile walk mostly on City of Carlsbad trails start at the Leo Carrillo trailhead parking lot off Poinsettia Lane near Melrose Drive and just west of Carrillo Elementary School. Begin by heading west on the wide unpaved trail. To the left and below, initially, are the fenced grounds of the historical park. After about 0.3 mile, turn left and cross one

of the most elaborately expensive hiking/biking bridges in the county. The concrete span takes you high over a broad ravine filled with riparian vegetation and a trickling stream, which will flow until the onset of summer heat.

On the far side of the bridge, curl upward along a hillside and make a left to go east, staying alongside some houses on the right and alongside the ravine on your left. Keep going until you reach pavement at the residential street called Via Conquistador. Make an immediate left and a quick left again, and you're on Carrillo Way, which leads in a block to the main entrance to Leo Carrillo Ranch Historical Park

At the historical park's entry gate you have two choices: If the park is closed, or if you are traveling with a pet, stay right on the path that squeezes between the historical park's perimeter wall and Melrose Drive. Stay on that route all

and by all means spend some time watching the resident peacocks. When you're fin-

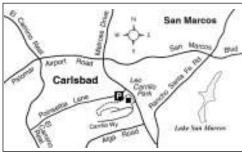
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ished with your visit, find the back gate at the park's northernmost corner (open during park hours only) and link up with the path alongside the perimeter wall that will



take you right back to the starting point.

> Arts (15498 Espola Road). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20 general. 858-748-0505. (POWAY) Contradance to calling by Chris Page, music by More the Merrier on Saturday, June 9, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$10.

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Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park

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The City Heights Urban Dance Group known as transcenDance performs Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8, 7 p.m., in Hoover High School Theater (4474 El Cajon Boulevard). Group seeks "to empower multicultural, inner-city youth through life-affirming power of the arts and performance," \$10, 619-252-7267, (CITY HEIGHTS)

Blurred Borders Dance Festival with works by Patricia Rincon Dance Collective, Yu Dance Theatre, and Rodney Mason runs June 7-10, in Saville Theatre at San Diego City College (at C Street and

14th Street). Cross-cultural dance

event was created to foster artistic

exchange and pollination of local, national, and international artists; this year's festival deals strongly with cultural identity and sense of place. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$20 general; June 7 is a



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The "Diva of Hustle"! Debra Hampton leads intermediate/advanced hustle workshop (\$15) at 7 p.m. when Hustle San Diego Club meets on Saturday, June 9, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Dance follows (\$7). 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Sunday Zapateado, Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances from different states of Mexico each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Season finale presented Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet and Tyge are callers on June 10. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

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

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

FILM

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Flock of Dodos (through June 15), The Alps: Giants of Nature, Coral Reef Adventure. "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases Dolphins (6 p.m.) and Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (7 p.m.) on June 8. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"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)

"24 Solo" chronicles Chris Eatough on his quest for a seventh world title in discipline of 24-hour solo mountain bike racing. Catch film on Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$8. 760-436-5744. (ENCINITAS)

"Cinema under the Stars," see Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson in Batman, Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8. Hitchcock's ever-wonderful Rear Window, with Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly, may be seen Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10. Enjoy Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant in Charade on Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15. Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"A Night in Havana: Dizzy Gillespie in Cuba" by John Holland screens Saturday, June 9, noon, at Beckwourth Library (721 San Pasqual Street). Free. 619-527-3404. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Russia's Entry for Best Foreign Language Film was *The Italian* by Andrei Kravchuk, offering a "bracing odyssey through post-Glasnost Russia," via the tale of a six-year-old orphan waiting to be adopted. Film screens Monday.

June 11, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Russian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Life and Debt," Stephanie Black's 2006 documentary focuses on stories of individual Jamaicans to illuminate complexity of international lending, free trade. See film on Monday, June 11, 7 p.m., during screening for Ocean Beach Grassroots

Organization and San Diego Activist at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Discussion follows. Free. 619-225-1083. (OCEAN BEACH)

Show Business Films featured for ongoing film series hosted by Carlsbad Library, with *Dreamgirls* (2006) on Wednesday, June 13. Screenings begin at 6 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026.

Steven Spielberg's 1977 Sci-Fi Classic Close Encounters of the Third Kind screens for spring film series, Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7.858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Sally of the Sawdust" screens for "Carol Dempster Silent Film Tribute" on Thursday, June 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. In this 1925 film, circus performer Dempster discovers she is

actually a wealthy heiress with the help of her friend, W.C. Fields. Live music for this silent film provided by Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. Tickets: \$5 members, students; \$8 nonmembers. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

l'oeil artist Linda Luisi, Thursday, June 7, 9:30 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). No prior drawing skills required. \$30 plus \$6 materials fee. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206.

The History of the San Diego Opera and upcoming season discussed during afternoon program when Daughters of the American Revolution meet, Thursday, June 7, 10:30 a.m., at Admiral Baker Golf Clubhouse (2400 Admiral Baker Road). DAR bronze medals will be awarded to JROTC students, instructors. \$15 fee includes lunch. Reservations: 858-279-2677. (GRANTVILLE)

Politics and Crime Fighting! San Diego City Attorney Michael Aguirre "has been a critic of city politics for many years"; he'll discuss his work for Sisters in Crime, Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). \$3. 858-748-6842. (HILLCREST)

Rose Canyon Watershed Alliance discusses proposals for cleaning up Rose Creek and creating usable open space when Clairemont Town Council meets Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m., at Clairemont High School cafeteria (4150 Ute Street). Executive editor of *Voice of San Diego* will discuss paper, current topics; also hear about changes at Clairemont high schools. Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

What Should You Do If Stopped by Police? "The American Dream" explored during lecture in Spanish, Friday, June 8, 9 a.m., at Garymar Academy (10251 Mast Boulevard). Immigrants from Latin America will

hear answers to questions including how to gain U.S. residency, how to get legal advice, more. Free. 619-258-0169. (SANTEE)

Award-Winning Journalist, Writer Adam Gopnik speaks Friday, June 8, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Gopnik has written for *New Yorker* for over 20 years, with recent essays on Charles Darwin, Shaker design, "busyness." His books include *Paris to the Moon, Through the Children's Gate: A Home in New York.* \$5. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PADK)

Comprehensive Introduction to Birding planned by Barbara Moore on nine consecutive Saturdays, June 9–August 4, 9 a.m.–noon, at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Behavior and habitat, shape and posture, color and pattern, birding types. \$75 general. Required reservations: 760-804-1969.

"Designing Landscapes with Native Plants" is subject on Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Care and placement of drought-tolerant natives, design ideas, more. \$13. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Bring Paper, Pen, Desire to Write — "Writing the Personal Narrative" is subject for workshop by author Karen Kenyon, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m., at Kensington/Normal Heights Library (4121 Adams Avenue). Free. Registration: 619-533-3974. (KENSINGTON)

Support Your Local Banjo Maker! Deering Banjo Factory offers workshops on Saturday, June 9. Lawson Peets of Deering presents banjo basics (10:30 a.m.), banjo maintenance (1 p.m.), banjo history (2:30 p.m.). Factory tours throughout day. Free. Register for workshops: 619-464-8252. Find Deering at 3733 Kenora Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

Herbal Tea Gardening is subject for class led by Karen England, Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). Learn to grow, harvest, dry herbs for your teapot. \$20. Registration: 760-944-9369. (VALLEY CENTER)

Celebrate Father's Day with chef Bernard Guillas, Saturday, June 9, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). Demonstrated recipes include stout beer-braised Kobe beef; Boniato mashed potatoes; grilled jumbo asparagus; a "secret barbecue sauce"! \$7 donation for Share Our Strength. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

Local Watercolor Artist Pat Dispenziere plans watercolor demonstration in conjunction with "Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor" at California Center for the Arts Museum (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Demonstration on Saturday, June 9, 1 p.m., is included in regular admission. 760-839-4174.

Fusion Italian/Mexican Feast, cooking class led by chef Elizabeth, Saturday, June 9, 1:30–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Learn three dishes combining flavors, seasonings used in Mexican and Italian cuisine. Recipes, tastings offered in class. \$35 for nonmembers. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206.

"Contemporary Indian Art" illuminated when Nuala Mellett (director of Arts India Gallery in Los Angeles) and Vasundhara Prabhu (SDMA deputy director for education and interpretation) present interactive program on contemporary Indian art movement and current art scene in India. Lecture







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begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at San Diego Museum of Art. \$20 general. 619-232-7931.

"Is War Necessary?" Discussion hosted by Humanistic Jewish Congregation of San Diego, moderated by Harold Aster, Sunday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Woman's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Aster was naval transport pilot in Pacific during World War II. \$5. Buffet luncheon follows discussion. Reservations: 858-549-3088. (CARLSBAD)

Lavender Wreath Workshop led by Nadine Spear, Sunday, June 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). \$60 fee includes materials. Registration: 760-944-9369. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land" opens with lectures, Sunday, June 10, at San Diego Museum of Man. Guest curator Thomas Levy presents "Journey to the Copper Age" at 1 p.m., followed by gallery tour. Photographer Kenneth Garrett focuses on "Archaeological Photography and the Journey to the Copper Age" at 3:30 p.m. Admission: \$25 general, or \$40 for both. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Flower Floozie! Annie Haves, 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. Admission: \$5 general. 760-295-7089. (KEARNY MESA)

"Climate Science at Scripps" explored by Scripps Institution of Oceanography director Tony Haymet for "Perspectives on Ocean Science" series, Monday, June 11, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Learn how Scripps's Earth, ocean, atmospheric scientists are making contributions to understanding of Earth's complex climate system. \$8. Required reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

"Book Publishing 1-2-3" presented by book editor Laurie Gibson, Monday, June 11, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Gain a "behind-the-scenes" look at publishing industry. Free. 858-635-1350. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Accessing OCLC WorldCat" is topic when Robyn Gage, catalog librarian for San Diego Public Library, addresses Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, June 12, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). "WorldCat" is described as "largest union library catalog in the world." Free. 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

Interrobang? Word indicates "an interdisciplinary event highlighting the exclamation and explanation of design" - Interrobang lecture series continues with talk by Buster Simpson, Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m., at Museum

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AWARD-WINNING **JOURNALIST**

writer Adam Gopnik, Friday, June 8, San Diego Museum of Art.

(SEE LECTURES)



of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), \$18. 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

"Getting Started with Irish Genealogical Research" is topic for Mary Russell, Wednesday, June 13, for Irish Interest Class sponsored by British Isles Genealogical Research Association. Meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Seven Expressions of Greatness: Reach Beyond the Ordinary" is topic when author, life coach Debbie Ford addresses Shared Vision Network, Wednesday, June 13. Registration at 11 a.m., luncheon and presentation at 11:30 a.m., at Morgan Run Club and Resort (5690 Cancha de Golf). \$55 at door. 760-822-9234.

Cooking Up Cancer Prevention

Cancer Project's Tracy Childs teaches cooking class focusing on "Immune-Boosting Foods," emphasizing cancer prevention and survival, Wednesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m. at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. Registration: 858-679-9148. (MIRA MESA)

"How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog" is topic. Wednesday, June 13, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SCPA (5500 Gaines Street). Housetraining, socialization with people and other animals, basic nutrition, more. \$35. 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"Baby Blues" Artist Rick Kirkman discusses his work and life as freelancer when Southern California Cartoonists Society meets on Wednesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., in lunch lounge at San Diego Blood Bank (440 Upas Street). \$2. Potluck details: 619-921-1936. (HILLCREST)

"Managing Your Irrigation Water" is topic for "Wednesday Night Water-Wise Series, June 13, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Soil types, soil amendments, water content of soil. \$11. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Waking Dreams" — James Grebl explores this collection of British Pre-Raphaelite paintings and objects for Insight Gallery talk, Thursday, June 14, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. Talk repeats on Sunday, June 17, 3 p.m. (BALBOA

"The Study of Succulents" learn all about succulents during in-depth classes offered Thursdays June 14, 21, and 28, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 30, 9 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Learn their growth habits, growth needs, tips in landscape. Nonmembers: \$100. Upon completion of classes, receive certificate of accomplishment. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"Regionalism and Modernity: The Arts and Crafts Movement in San Diego" explored during ninth annual Arts and Crafts Conference hosted by San Diego Historical Society, June 21-24, at Mingei Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, and Museum of San Diego History. Conference promises lectures, presentations, tours, more. Fee: \$495 general.

Registration: 619-232-6203 x129. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

The Folk Collection three-partharmony '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)

African World-Beat Dance and Music, Damaru performs with guest dancer Abdoulaye Camara and Sene Africa, Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH

Aspire Playwrights Collective 8:13 Series, new play workshop convenes Friday, June 8, 8:13 p.m., at Twiggs Coffeehouse Green Room (4590 Park Boulevard). Help cook up a "weird and wacky stew of short plays." Suggested donation: \$5. 619-549-3408. (NORTH

Candye Cane Plays the Blues for Concert on the Green on Friday, June 8, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (2111Z2 East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

The Johnny Cash Tribute Band Cash'd Out performs with DJ Gonzo for dance/concert, Friday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., at Encinitas Elks Lodge (1393 Windsor Road). \$15. 760-753-6041. (ENCINITAS)

Stand-Up Comedian, Actor, comedy writer Josh Wolf performs for Ocean Beach Comedy on Friday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Winstons





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(1921 Bacon Street). \$5. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

Harmonic Sound Concert, self-described "sound healer, recording artist, and author" Diane Mandle presents "Sarasvati's Dream Concert: A Tapestry of Harmonics and Light," Friday, June 8, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). \$20.760-944-3441. Bring a mat to recline on. (ENCINITAS)

Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave take stage for AcousticMusicSanDiego concert on Saturday, June 9; \$15, \$20. Their concert follows performance by Missy Raines and the New Hip, Friday, June 8; \$15, \$20. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Sam Hinton Folk Celebration, expect "old-fashioned fun for all

ages" during festival hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m., at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Performances by storytellers, folk singers, "old-time musicians of all sorts." Free.

Festival is followed by concert by the Folk Connection, 7 p.m., in park's Templar's Hall. \$15. 760-746-8061. (POWAY)

Benefit Concert for San Diego Autism Society hosted by San Diego Derby Dolls, Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Masonic Lodge (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Bill includes Whiskey Dicks, Screamin' Yeehaws, Cash'd Out; demonstration by OB Surf and Skate, children's activities. Donation: \$7. (OCEAN BEACH)

San Diego Padres' First Baseman Adrian Gonzalez signs autographs, takes photographs with fans at Cricket store (4530 Camino de la Plaza) on Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Bring photographs, jerseys, hats, baseball cards to be signed. Free. 619-234-0345. (SAN YSIORO)

Writing Niche Mysteries is theme at Mysterious Galaxy Books when local mystery author Michele Scott (*Death Reins In*) and "Murder-a-go-go" mystery author Rosemary Martin (*Secret Agent Girl*) are on hand on Saturday, June 9, 2 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

"Jammin' Jazz Fest on Fir," concert by local bands including Marcia Forman Band, Manny Cepeda's Ritmo Caribe (Sabor de Cuba), Musicians for Charity, Le Jazz Hot, and Adrienne Nims with Spirit Wind, Saturday, June 9, 2:30–7 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church (3025 Fir Street). Tickets: \$10. Concert followed by dinner from the Big Kitchen (\$7). 619-239-2346. (SAN DIEGO)

"W.E.B. Du Bois: American Poet" signed, discussed by SDSU history professor Edward J. Blum, Saturday, June 9, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). "Blum reveals how spirituality was central to Du Bois's approach to Marxism, pan-Africanism, and nuclear disarma-

ment, his support for black churches, and his reckoning of the spiritual wage of white supremacy." Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

A "Musical Roundup" is promised when San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, Men of Note, Serra-Naders perform on Saturday, June 9, 4:30 p.m., at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). \$8 general, \$4 for those 12 and under. 619-427-2448. (SAN CARLOS)

Hot Summer Nights in Fallbrook continue on Saturday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., with a line-up of sports cars, live music, entertainment on Main Street. Free. 760-728-6287. (FALLBROOK)

Local to Global Benefit Concert by Sene Africa and Dubshak, dance troupe Heart Beats of Africa, guest speaker, student performances, food from local restaurants, Saturday, June 9, 6 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Proceeds create scholarships for highschool-aged Liberian refugee students living in Ghana. \$10. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

"Last Comic Standing" featuring Chris Porter and Ty Barnett, Saturday, June 9, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$18—\$28, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

It's for the Chicks, Stupid! Alex Reymundo, one of the original Latin Kings of Comedy, brings his tour to Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway) on Saturday, June 9, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$24—\$29, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Stand-Up Comedy planned Saturday, June 9, 9:30 p.m., at Finnegan's Pub and Grill (1814 Marron Road). \$5.760-720-5311. (CARLSBAD)

Mind-Boggling Feats! Tomás Kubínek "performs mind-boggling miracles and feats of the most virtuosic variety," Sunday, June 10, 3 and 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North

Escondido Boulevard). \$20. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Inner Journeys" — enjoy jazz improvisations by Bob Ravenscroft (piano), Dwight Kilian (bass), Rob Moore (drums), and Bario Barnabe (visualizations) for Musical Mosaics series, Sunday, June 10, 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). Offerings benefit El Shaddai Orphanage in Rwanda. Reception follows. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Music in the Park" series continues when Pacific Brass and Electric plays classic Motown tunes, Sunday, June 10, 5 p.m., at Salt Creek Park Recreation Center (2710 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

The Featured Reader is local poet Larry K. Dossey at Rebecca's Coffee Shop (3015 Juniper Street) on Sunday, June 10, 5 p.m. Free. 619-284-3663. (SOUTH PARK)

"Moon Pies and Movie Stars" discussed and signed by author Amy Wallen, Monday, June 11, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). She'll "share













some of her thoughts on the writer's craft itself." Free. 619-236-5800, (DOWNTOWN)

Monday, June 11, 8 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Just for Fun (and Money)" Poetry Slam, Monday, June 11, 8:30 p.m., hosted by San Diego Poetry Slam at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Competitors: \$5, donation for spectators. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

Eat? Bestselling author Michael Pollan speaks for UCSD's Revelle Forum on Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute

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(10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Pollan's most recent book is The Omnivore's Dilemma. \$35. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3400. Laugh Out Loud when Colin

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(DOWNTOWN)

"4x4." Sushi Performance and Visual Art's performance series continues Tuesday, June 12, 8 p.m., at Bluefoot Bar and Lounge (3404 30th Street), Participants present new or in-progress works in "alternative, casual social setting"; all pieces low-tech, limited to ten minutes, performed on 4' x 4' stage. 21 and older. Suggested donation: \$5, 619-235-8466. (NORTH PARK)

The Henry Franklin Quintet performs for KSDS-Jazz 88's Jazz

Live series, Tuesday, June 12, 8 p.m., in Saville Theater at City College (1313 Park Boulevard). Line-up includes Henry "the Skipper" Franklin (bass), Theo Saunders (piano), Azar Lawrence (saxophone), Tony Waters (percussion), Tony Austin (drums). \$10, 619-388-3037, Concert may be heard broadcast live on KSDS. 88.3 FM. (DOWNTOWN)

Broadcaster, Author, Actress. TV talk-show host, and SDSU adjunct professor Kathi Diamant

discusses her book, Kafka's Last Love, Wednesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Poet, Author, Illustrator Seretta Martin reads from her work for Magee Park Poets, Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Open reading follows. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

Suspenseful and Stylish, Alan Furst signs, discusses Foreign Correspondent, Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"The Incredible Power of Music" presented by pianist/entertainer Jacquelyne Silver, Thursday, June 14, 1 p.m., at College Avenue

Senior Center (inside Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4855 College Avenue). 5.619-583-3300. (COLLEGE AREA)

Sri Chinmoy in Concert, Thursday, June 14, 6 and 8:30 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Listen for "melodies of the echo flute, the ethereal tones of the ancient Indian esraj," grand piano. Free. Reservations: 619-640-9100. (DOWNTOWN)

Thriller Author Robert Ellis signs City of Fire, Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Local Guitarist and Songwriter Nick Scheiwe plans acoustic/classical guitar concert, Thursday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., in Roundabout Theatre at San Dieguito Academy (800 Santa Fe Drive). Scheiwe will be accompanied by guitarist William Wilson. Donations benefit school's music council. 760-635-9141. (ENCINITAS)

"The Movement." evenings of dance, poetry, performance featuring bkSOUL, Collective Purpose, and the past)(modern performance duo presented June 14–16. The three groups present new works "too innovative to categorize." Curtain rises at 8 p.m. in Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building (studio 3) at UCSD. \$15 general. 619-917-8595. (LA JOLLA)

Beyond "Kite Runner," Khaled Hosseini signs his new book, A Thousand Splendid Suns, Friday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., at Bishop's School (7607 La Jolla Boulevard). Novel chronicles 30 years of Afghan history. Admission is \$5 general, or \$25.95 with purchase of book from co-host Warwick's Books. For signing restrictions: 858-454-0347, (LA JOLLA)

Comic Tracy Morgan takes stage at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$18-\$28, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS), (DOWNTOWN)

The "Scottish James Taylor"? Live acoustic singer-songwriter music from Dougie MacLean and band on Tuesday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. \$30, \$33; \$10 off for student/senior. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres host Los Angeles Dodgers at 7:05 p.m. on

Thursday, June 7, in Petco Park. The Seattle Mariners arrive for games June 8-10, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Padres head out to Tampa Bay for interleague games against Devil Rays, June 12-14, at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:10 a.m. on Thursday. Tickets: \$8-\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Eight Fights, One Cage — Total Combat mixed martial arts cage fighting, Friday, June 8, 8 p.m., at 4th and B (345 B Street). Card includes bouts between Jorge Ortiz and Jessie Taylor, Jorge Ortiz and Jessie Taylor, Tony Velarde and Wade "Nightmare" Shipp, Shannon Guerty versus Joe Nickels. Tickets: \$40-\$150. 619-392-4660.

Mud Run! Camp Pendleton hosts racing Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, with starts at 9 a.m. at Lake O'Neill. The 10k run includes hills, tire obstacles, river crossings, two five-foot walls with mud on both sides, tunnel crawl, slippery hill climb, and final 30-foot mud pit. No race-day registration. 760-725-6836. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Lunch in Italy? Visit Mimmo's Italian Village with Knickerbiker cyclists on Saturday, June 9. The 25-miler starts at 9:30 a.m. in parking lot at Target (1288 Camino Del Rio North). Route heads through SDSU area, Kensington, Hillcrest, down to Little Italy for lunch at Mimmo's Italian Village (bring money), 858-453-3687, (MISSION VALLEY)

Backcountry Bicycling promised when San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out to Valley Center, Lilac, more on Sunday, June 10. The 87-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Re-



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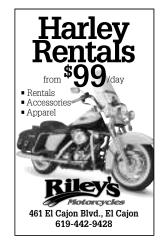
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San Diego Polo Club Opening Day is Sunday, June 10. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RAN-CHO SANTA FF)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing continues through September 4 at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Racing starts at 6:30 p.m. Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. (BALBOA PARK)

Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8-11 a.m. on Sundays yearround. Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach. All skill levels welcome. Nonmember fee: \$15 per run (about 15 minutes). 858-863-4755. (MISSION BAY)

Penguin and Sea Lion Kayaking on Mission Bay — adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m.-noon. Fee: \$65 adults, \$20

for kids. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

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)

It's a Surprise Party at TNT (that is, the Thursday Night Thing) on June 7. Party starts at 7 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). "Cerca Series" artist William Feeney will talk about his work; art-making activities; live music by local bands. Donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Salute to Heroes is theme for San Diego County Fair, running Friday, June 8-Wednesday, July 4, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Numerous competitions and exhibits, including fine arts, livestock, children's art, gems, minerals, home arts; fun zone with rides, games; commercial exhibits; food; contests (bubble gum blowing, pie eating); craft brewers festival and

competition; action sport expo; lucha libre wrestling; "turkey stampede and worm racing, "Nerveless Nocks Thrill and Stunt Show," many concerts.

> Closed Mondays, June 11, 18, 25; Tuesdays, June 12 and 19. Gates open 10 a.m.; gates closes at 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; grounds remain open until around midnight. Admission: \$12 general, \$6 seniors and kids 6-12, free for those 5 and under. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

Rare and Limited-Edition Books and fine-art prints offered during seventh annual used book sale, Friday and Sunday, June 8 and 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

North County Street Machines and Pick Ups Ltd. are showcased during Cruisin' Grand,

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"Masters of the Moment." juried art exhibition by members of East County Art Association opens with awards and reception. Friday, June 8, 5:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street), Free, 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Luiseño Mission Indians Intertribal Powwow. June 9 and 10, at Mission San Luis Rev. Many different tribes, cultures represented in dance, art, music. Gourd dancing starts at 10 a.m. both days, grand entry at noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday, noon on Sunday. Intertribal and competition dancing follows grand entries

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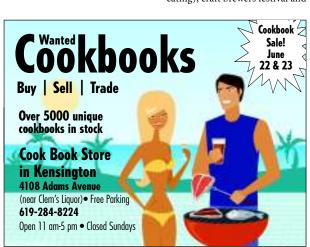
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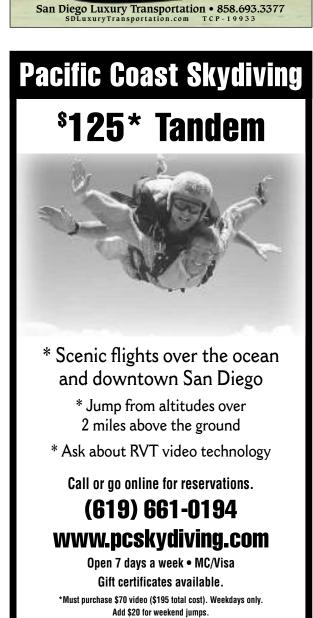
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Hours: 9 a.m.—11 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday. Find mission at 4050 Mission Avenue. Admission is free. 760-724-8505, 760-727-0595. (OCEANSIDE)

"Parrot Expo Extravaganza" hosted by Parrot Education and Adoption Center, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Marina Village Conference Center (room D-1, 1936 Quivira Way). Find bird-related toys, playstands, cages, artwork. No birds will be adopted directly at this event; adoption and seminar information on offer. Free admission. 619-287-8200. (MISSION BAY)

Queen Elizabeth, Backstage Tours, and live performances planned during Old Globe open house, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.—1 p.m., on Old Globe Plaza. Enjoy scenes from 2007 Shakespeare Festival, costume displays, backstage tours, a kids' craft area, more. 619-231-1941. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Pottery Sale hosted by San Diego Potters' Guild, Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, 10 a.m.—

4 p.m., at Spanish Village Art Center. Sale promises "thousands of handmade ceramics" by area potters, pot-throwing demonstrations. 619-239-0507. (BALBOA PARK)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour

with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Board Game Party, a fundraiser for Heifer International, slated for Saturday, June 9, 2:30–5:30 p.m., at Naval Training Center (2820 Roosevelt Road, building 201). Play a variety of board games ranging from Taboo to Scrabble. Donation: \$15. Registration: 619-204-8834. (POINT

Take Tour of Solar System when astronomer Stew Hall presents lecture prior to star party, Saturday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., behind the San Diego Archaeological Center, 1.5 mile east of San Diego Wild Animal Park (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Enjoy stargazing after lecture. Free. 619-884-5527. (ESCONDIDO)

Six Artists, One Show, meet "contemporary fine artists" with works from glass to sculpture to home furnishings, Saturday, June 9, 6–9 p.m., at Hallmark Galleries (1162 Prospect Street). Free. 858-551-8108. (LA JOLLA)

Hillcrest Book and Literacy Fair is Sunday, June 10, 10 a.m.— 5 p.m., on Fifth Avenue (at Robinson). Booksellers will offer all manner of books; authors on hand (including Amy Wallens, Marianne McDonald, Gayle Brandeis, Catherine E. Martin); music and live theater, children's activities, vendors. Free. 619-299-3330. (HILLCREST)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, June 10, 10 a.m.—4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine

OUT & ABOUT

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Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

Tea on Terrace at Marston House, 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 10. The \$25 fee includes tea, finger sandwiches, scones, "authentic clotted crème," coconut cream pie ("the most popular dessert served at the highly fashionable 1950s-era Marston department store"). Find Marston House Museum at 3525 Seventh Avenue. House tour follows. Reservations: 619-232-6203, ext. 129. (HILLCREST)

Put All Those Hours of Drinking to Good Use! San Diego Amateur Taste-Off blind tasting competition is set for Sunday, June 10, 1–5 p.m., at WineSellar and Brasserie (9550 Waples Street, suite 115). Each round consists of three wines poured double-blind. \$60 for competi-

tors, \$30 for spectators "who want to sip along the way." Reservations: 858-450-9557. (MIRA MESA)

House of Philippine Islands hosts lawn program with dancing, music at International Cottages, Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Mad Hatter Tea Party, Sunday, June 10, at Moores UCSD Cancer Center (3855 Health Sciences Drive). \$25 tickets include "healthy English high tea provided by the Center's Healing Foods Kitchen" and a papier-mâché hat ready for decorating. Guests may purchase variety materials to decorate hats to keep or donate to pediatric cancer program (predecorated hats available for purchase). Hat decorating starts at 2:30 p.m., followed by high tea, silent auction, hat fashion show, visit from White Rabbit. Space availability, reservations: 858-822-6829. (LA JOLLA)

"Wine and Roses Wine Tasting and Flower Show" hosted by Social Service Auxiliary, Sunday, June 10, 3–6:30 p.m., at Westgate Hotel Roof Garden Terrace (1055 Second Avenue). Featured wines from San Diego International Wine Competition, food, music. \$75. 619-583-WINE. (DOWNTOWN)

Brewers of California You're invited to "mix with the luminaries of the California craft brewing community" during events on Monday, June 11, 5–8 p.m., at Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens (1999 Citracado Parkway). Representatives on hand from Anchor, Alpine, Butte Creek, Craftsman, Port Brewing, Pyramid, Sierra Nevada, more. Free admission. 760-471-4999.

Cajon Classic Cruise Car Shows continue on Wednesdays through August 29, 5–8 p.m., on East Main Street. "NASCAR Up Close" is theme on June 13. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through June. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

Calling All Harry Potter Fans! San Diego State University Library plans series of brown-bag book discussions of each title in J.K. Rowling's series, every Thursday, June 14–July 26, noon, in room 430/431 of SDSU Library. Bring lunch, a book, comments and questions for discussion of each book, starting with first in series and ending with discussion of final book (the week after its release). Costumes welcome. Free. 619-594-5148, 619-594-4991.

Predatory Lending — Who Gets Hurt? Discuss Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

Leopold Bloom's 1904 Ram- ble through Dublin on June 16,

1904, in James Joyce's *Ulysses* is commemorated 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)

James Hubbell Father's Day Open House, now in its 25th year, slated for Sunday, June 17, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour home, art studio of this organic artist and architectural designer. Cedar Fire rebuilding is complete, boasting new mosaics, stained glass, an expanded garden, nature trails, more. Tickets: \$50 general, \$30 students, free for those 12 and younger. Reservations: 619-819-7590. Hubbell's Ilan-Lael property is found at 930 Orchard Lane, with parking behind Orfila Winery. (SANTA YSABEL)

Palomar Observatory Astronomy evening tours sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center continue on Saturday, June 23. Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through 60-inch telescope (weather permitting). Tour hours: 3 p.m. to midnight. \$75 fee includes round-trip bus transportation. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

FOR KIDS

"A Flower Fantasy" is presented by Puppet Express through Sunday, June 10, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *The Three Pigs and Other Stories* promised when Weaver's Tales take stage June 13–17.

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)

The Musical The Secret Garden continues through Sunday, June 10, performed by Christian Youth Theater 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)

Nationally Known Storytellers Jim Dieckmann, Marilyn McPhie, Patchwork Players tell "entertaining and interactive tales from around the globe" during kids' storytelling concert, Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m., in Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland). Free. 858-484-1325. (POWAY)



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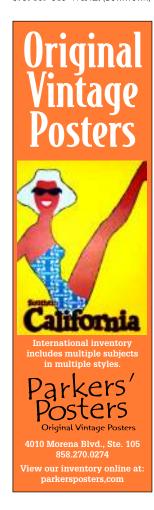
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Art-Inspired Stories for Families told Saturday, June 9, 11:45 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. "Professional storytellers will perform a variety of tales, from the Brothers Grimm to stories from Greek mythology. Program lasts approximately 30 minutes. Included in museum admission, 619-232-7931, (BAL-BOA PARK)

Make Foam Fliers from foam plates during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, June 9, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Bring Your Rockets to launch with Dart Rocketry Club on Fiesta Island, Sunday, June 10, and Saturday, June 23, 8 a.m. Free for first-timers. 619-276-6238. (FI-ESTA ISLAND)

<u>"Elmo Makes Music"</u> for Sesame Street Live at San Diego Sports Arena. Jenny, Sesame Street's new music teacher, discovers her instruments are missing; new Muppet friends rescue and discover instruments they never knew existed. "Elmo and friends teach children that everyone can make and enjoy beautiful music together."

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21; 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 22; 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23; and 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 24. Tickets: \$13-\$35 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS

MUSEUMS

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

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

California Surf Museum,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County, Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road: 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

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

Museum of Making Music, "Visual Voices: The New School of Inlaid Art on Guitars and Banjos" explores art, craftsmanship involved in creating "functional masterpieces." See inlay work by artists Larry Robinson, William "Grit" Laskin, Harvey Leach, and Renée Karnes, "each renowned within luthier and inlay communities." Through Sunday, July 15.

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

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

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

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Find it all at 645 Main Street.

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

Concurrently, see "The Hisployees. Ongoing.

the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying



760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

tory of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former em-

"P-51 Mustang" celebrates

bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RO-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane - 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of

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

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

San Diego Electric Railway **Association**, located in historic

National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL

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

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

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Guitarist Jeff Linsky in concert hosted by Villa Musica, Friday, June 8, 7 p.m., at University

Lutheran Church (9595 La Jolla Shores Drive). \$15. 858-405-2691.

Mainly Mozart Festival 2007 continues with concerts including pieces by J.C. Bach, Mozart, and J.S. Bach, Saturday, June 9, 8 p.m., in Qualcomm Hall (5775 Morehouse Drive); \$40-\$56. Concert repeats Sunday, June 10, 2 a.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard): \$25-\$40.

An all-Haydn piano recital is planned by Anne-Marie McDermott on Sunday, June 10, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$45.

Take in a double violin recital by William Preucil, Alexandra Preucil, and pianist Kirill Gerstein, Wednesday, June 13, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute. Program includes selections by Mozart, Schubert, Bruch, Tchaikovsky, Moszkowski; \$45. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (SORRENTO VALLEY, ESCONDIDO, LA JOLLA)

"Scenes from Goethe's Faust" promised when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus conclude season with concerts on June 9 and 10. Choral conductor David Chase leads 130-voice chorus, 110-member orchestra, soloists, youth chorus "in this masterpiece of German music, which is rarely performed because of the vast forces it requires. Guest soloists: Tod Fitzpatrick (Faust). Tom Corbeil (Mephistopheles), Lori McCann (Gretchen), Mary Jaeb (Care). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$26 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Strings in the Gardens," evening of stringed serenades "by accomplished and award-winning young performers," Sunday, June 10, 4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Tickets to fundraiser include desserts, beverages: \$20 general, free for those under 18. Reservations: 760-522-1193. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Youth Symphony convenes for "Ovation" concert on Sunday, June 10, 4 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Performances by San Diego Youth Symphony, San Diego Philharmonia, soloists Tina Guo (cello), Michael Viscardi (piano). Tickets: \$10, \$15 for students/seniors; \$20, \$25 general. 619-233-3232.

Solo Acoustic Guitar concert by Iim Earp, Sunday, June 10, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donations accepted for performers. Optional dinner from Flying Bridge follows (\$6.50 general). 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

"Harmony between Faiths: Jewish and Christian Music in the Age of Baroque" presented by La Jolla Renaissance Singers, Sunday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Choral and instrumental music by Jewish and Gentile musicians, sung in Latin, Italian, Hebrew, Aramaic. Donation. 858-459-2019. (DEL MAR)

"Sounds of Summer" provided by Poway Community Symphony Orchestra, Monday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., at Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Program includes works by Debussy, Borodin, Mozart. Donations accepted. 858-673-9702.

soundON Festival of New Music runs Wednesday through

Saturday, June 13-16, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Festival featuring Noise Ensemble promises concerts, guest performers, lecture-demonstrations, open rehearsals, panel discussions with composers and performers, community workshop in preparation of experimental and open-form music open to anyone. Tickets, reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Scarlatti, J.S. Bach, Saint-Saëns, Gounod, Gaubert, Ravel, and Massenet may be heard when soprano Mariko Kanamitsu performs for family music program, Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Kanamitsu will be accompanied by Ted Parker (flute), Barbara Pfoser (piano). Free. 858-552-1668. (CARMEL

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GALLERIES

"Tribute to the Earth," solo exhibition of monoprints and mixed-media works on paper by Lizet Benrey opens with reception on Friday, June 8, 6 p.m., at Perry L. Meyer Fine Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 251). Through Friday, July 20. 619-358-9512. (LITTLE ITALY)

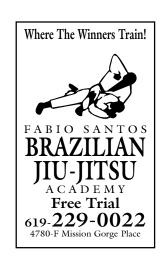
Matters of the Heart explored in recent paintings by Chris Reilly, opening with reception on Friday, June 8, 6 p.m., at Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard #238). Reilly's "Spiral Heart Shell" includes light-boxes, painting, and sculpture. 619-501-5689. Through Saturday, July 21. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Giacomo Manzù: In the Humanist Tradition," this retrospective exhibit of three bas-reliefs, four sculptures, and seven drawings dating from 1932-1987, opens with reception on Friday, June 8, 6 p.m., at Tasende Gallery (820 Prospect Street). Closes Saturday, July 14. RSVP: 858-454-3691. (LA JOLLA)

"Black and White," group exhibition of multimedia work may be viewed through Thursday, July 12, at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Show opens with reception for Ray at Night, Saturday, June 9, 6 p.m. 619-546-9546, (NORTH PARK)

"Arthur Lavine: Nimble Witness" continues through Tuesday, July 3, at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). Reception for Lavine planned in conjunction with Ray at Night, Saturday, June 9, 6 p.m. Concurrently, see "Several Excellent Photographs" group show. 619-501-0879. (NORTH PARK)

Nine Local Artists have work in a variety of media on exhibit through June at 504 Gallery (3041 University Avenue). Meet artists during reception in conjunction with Ray at Night on Saturday,



"Exotic Places" charted by oil painters Andrea Gaye and Mar-

June 9, 6 p.m. 619-491-0598.

jorie Taylor in exhibit opening with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, June 9, 6 p.m., at Taylor Studio (3825 Ray Street). 619-298-0063. (NORTH PARK)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including June 9, 6-10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH COUNTY)

"The Beat of Urban Art," work by Justin Bua showcased in exhibit opening with reception and book signing by Bua, Saturday, June 9, 7 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Closes Saturday, August 4. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"A Tribute to Mafalda Hicks" opens with reception on Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Hicks has created detailed replicas of famous sculptures out of Styrofoam for the Athenaeum's gala each year since 1991. View the work through Sunday, June 17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

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

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

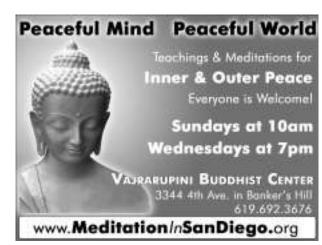
Printmaking is a creative process known for its abundance of materials, processes available creating a wide range of effects; it is "in a constant state of renewal, experimentation, and innovation." Select artists from San Diego & North County Printmakers have work on view in "Following the Paper Trail: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

"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.

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)

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Modern American Masters" features major modernist works by Frank Stella, Andy Warhol, Barnett Newman, Clyfford Still, and Ellsworth Kelly. Exhibition — representing pinnacle of American midcentury art-making practices, from abstract expressionism to pop to early minimalism — presents examples of each artist's work in pivotal moments in their careers. Closes Sun-

Los Angeles-based artist Robert Therrien is said to recycle, reinterpret common images in uncommon ways. See two works by Therrien, including an enormous wood dining table and chairs, and a new work of an oversized folding table with folding chairs, Sunday, June 10, through Sunday, September 23. Show includes selection of early works by Therrien from MCASD's collection.

William "Cerca Series: Feeney" — continuing through Saturday, July 7 — showcases existing artwork plus several new collage and sculptural works specifically made for the exhibition by the Encinitas-based sculptor.

'The Art Guys," Houston artists Jack Massing and Michael Galbreth, "have worked collaboratively since 1983 devising tonguein-cheek conceptual artworks to poke fun at contemporary art's intellectual pretensions and commercialism." See The Big Sneeze, a mechanical sculpture taking "wheezing and sneezing to a higher plane." Through Saturday, July 7.

"Collectors XXII" showcases selections assembled by curatorial staff to be voted on for purchase by museum's Contemporary Collectors and International Collectors groups. Pieces include sculpture, painting, sound installation; proposed selections are by established and emerging artists. Closes Saturday, July 7.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate

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B-52s June 22

Vicente Fernandez June 9

installation to date through Sunday, September 23.

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Vik Muniz: Reflex" — 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 hyperreal spaces." Closes Sunday, June 24.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Harry Callahan: The Photographer at Work" chronicles work by "one of the most influential photographers of the 20th Century." Exhibition presents negatives, transparencies, proof prints, contact sheets, other materials: these "archival items illuminate the processes and techniques Callahan used to express his visual ideas over the course of his 60-year career.' Closes Sunday, September 9.

"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)

Rush July 30

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Oceanside Museum of Art,

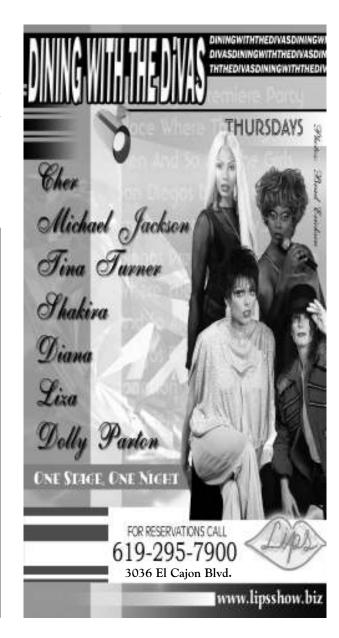
"Four San Diego Sculptors" --- exhibit with work by Kenneth Capps, Jesus Y. Dominguez, Tom Driscoll, and James Skalman features sculptures "with shapes and designs from the subtle to the extreme," on display through Sunday, June 10. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, 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 Sandvs.

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

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



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Fair Pay? Insiders say two Del Mar Fair Grandstand headliners this year will get paid a lot more to play the venue than what they would now all about making your money while you can."

Over the years, the Del Mar Fair Grandstand stage has hosted Oingo Boingo, REM, James Brown, and Johnny Cash.

"Some artists do fall into that [fairgrounds] circuit and stay there," says Gym Class Heroes manager Scott

the inside track

otherwise get for a local show.

Switchfoot, which would normally command about \$30,000 to perform in their hometown, will earn \$50,000 to play the fair on July 3. New York—based pop/hip-hop quartet Gym Class Heroes, estimated to be worth about \$35,000 for a San Diego show, will get \$80,000 for tomorrow's appearance.

"The only way a fair can get a big-name band is to make them a ridiculously huge offer," says one talent buyer. "Fairs way overpay their headliners."

Talent agents often respond to such charges by saying that the musicians are not overpaid but that the band is worth whatever it can get.

"Today, bands have a short shelf life," says the talent buyer. "Maybe they are on top for a year and a half, and then they're gone. The days of bands playing someplace because it is artistically cool are gone. It's Nagelberg. "But for [the Gym Class Heroes] it is just an opportunity to get back to San Diego and play at an differently than his uncle, City Attorney Mike Aguirre. Yet, Richard says they are "on the same mission. He works from the top down. I go from the bottom up."

Aguirre attempts to make a statement with the fiveyear-old "beach funk" group he named the Karl Marx Band; at shows, he passes out "The Capitalist Manifesto," his self-published booklet.

"All we are is anti-Bush and pro-working class people," says Aguirre. "I have a nonprofit 501C3 [organization] called Find the Flowers. It was named after my first album. We want to raise money and build 100 libraries in Latin American villages. We want to give them computers and show them that they shouldn't be slaves to corporations like Del Monte and Dole."



AGUIRRE WORKS FROM THE BOTTOM UP

accessible venue for their fans. I don't think [playing fairs] really has the connotation some people give to it."

— Ken Leighton

Don't Want to Be Your Slave Richard Aguirre says he approaches things

The group has yet to build a library, but Aguirre says, "We have a couple thousand in the bank. It's hard to raise money; people are broke."

Aguirre earned a degree in geography from UC Berkeley. Other than his college years, he says he's lived in OB all his life.

"[San Diego] has all the great things of a left-wing city, except for the people. When I moved back from Berkeley, I thought I had moved to hell. So many capitalists had taken

Almost as Old as Stones? Mariachi bands have violins and sombreros. Norteño bands dress like cowboys and use accordions. *Bandas* are big (14–18 players), brassy Mexican



THIS BANDA NEVER FIGHTS ON STAGE

advantage of every little piece of heaven we have."

Are there any counterculture OBceans left in OB?

"Yeah, there's, like, 27 left, and we all know each other."

In the past year, the Karl Marx Band has been playing Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, a few miles from OB's jam-band haven.

"I don't play clubs that rip off the artist.... Now it seems like playing music is all about the collection of money. A musician's role should not be to sell alcohol so the bar owner can live in a mansion.... It seems like they're upscaling OB. The other night I went to one place I won't mention that sold Newcastles for \$8.25."

The Karl Marx Band appears June 22 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge.

— Ken Leighton

dance bands. There are about 15 *bandas* in Tijuana, but only 1 performs regularly in San Diego.

"Work visas are getting harder and harder to get," says conga player Luciano Hermosillo of Banda Santo Tomás. "We are the only [Tijuana] banda that can play in San Diego."

Four of the 16 members in his band live in San Diego; the other 12 live in Tijuana. Banda Santo Tomás is named after the trumpet player and singer who has run the show for 40 years.

"People only leave when they join a better band," says Hermosillo. "We never fire anybody. The person who is leaving or the band owner looks for a replacement."

Banda Santo Tomás has three clarinets, four trumpets, two trombones, one timbale, a bass, tuba, congas, and two singers. Because of the large payroll, most of Hermosillo's bandmates have day jobs. Are there any other difficulties the band must work around?

"You have 16 different minds. We never fight onstage, but when you get home, yeah, it happens."

Banda Santo Tomás has released six CDs and played in Chicago, Miami, and New York. They appear on Fridays at Mar y Sol in Chula Vista (\$15 cover) and Sundays at El Kora in Spring Valley (free admission).

— Ken Leighton

Just Insane Gary Hustwit, a presence in the San Diego music scene through the '80s and '90s, thanked the cheering full house at Philadelphia's Drexel University last month after a screening of his directorial debut, Helvetica. The documentary concerns the sans serif typeface, invented in Switzerland by font designer Max Miedinger and unleashed on the world 50 years ago. Kicking off the Q&A, the director invited any questions "except [asking] if my next film is about Times New Roman — then I will physically eject you....'

Hustwit, a former frustrated SDSU student ("I got kicked out twice"), managed SD bands (Charms, aMiniature); created and presided over the Independent Music Seminars at the height of SD's early/mid-'90s indie-hotspot heyday; and launched the music industry–oriented Incommunicado Press before moving to New York in 1999.

After a series of online ventures, Hustwit settled into building his DVD label and film-production company Plexifilm. He produced such documentaries as the awardwinning Wilco feature *I Am*







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planet's most popular typeface once you learn to recognize it?

About the film's lush post-rock soundtrack. Hustwit said he "got five great Sonic Youth pieces, but I just could *not* fit them in." He did manage to fit in two acts with SD ties: the Album Leaf and El Ten Eleven, the instrumental duo of drummer Tim Fogarty and bassist/guitarist Kristian Dunn, El Ten Eleven contributed nine pieces.



Robert Moog. *Helvetica* "is the film I wanted to see a few years ago but it didn't exist," explained Hustwit, a dabbler in typeface design during his SD publishing days (he once held a font-release party at the Live Wire bar). "I just couldn't believe there hadn't been a film about [typography and] designers of type; just insane."

After Hustwit narrowed down his subject to the history and controversies of Helvetica, he went around the world to film its use and collect interviews with designers. Sixty hours of footage were whittled down to a document full of contradictions: Is Helvetica the contrived default typeface of conformity and capitalism or the mother-tongue font of democratic socialism? Is it obviously modernist or deceptively postmodern? Can you ever escape seeing the

HELVETICA IS EVERYWHERE

"Our music is a perfect match for a film about an overused font," joked Dunn by e-mail. "We did bump Sonic Youth off of the soundtrack, though, and that is pretty cool."

This weekend finds Hustwit in Scandinavia for more Helvetica screenings. The SD premiere will be presented at the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla on July 10, with Hustwit in attendance and a possible set from El Ten Eleven.

– David Stampone

This Ain't No Great White Show "Not only am I banned from Winstons in Ocean Beach, but recently I've been banned from playing Lestat's," says Clifford M. Jomuad, who performing solo as "Clifford" - sometimes lights himself on fire. "Depending on my mood, I either light my guitar on fire or my crotch or my butt area. For special occasions, such as a bar mitzvah, mavbe all three.'

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He says he's lit himself up at Rebecca's Coffeehouse, Dublin Square, the Tiki House, and elsewhere, with only a few complaints about the pyrotechnics he insists are "totally safe. I use the tiny flame from the Bic lighter to ignite flash material - a



CLIFFORD, BEFORE HIS ACT CAUGHT FIRE (1985)

magician's tool - propped up on either my guitar or somewhere onstage. No

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explosives are used; this ain't no Great White show. No fuel, lighter fluid, or any other accelerants are used at all; that could lead to arson.'

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The Bic comes out for end-of-setlist numbers such as "Burning Love" (Elvis Presley), "Light My Fire" (the Doors), and "(I Wanna Incite a) Riot" by his old local '80s band Radical Molesters. Asked "why," the Philippineborn singer-songwriter says, "I'm just into really elaborate finales. All great acts throughout rock-and-roll history have had some sort of neat finale.'

Clifford appears June 12 at Portugalia in Ocean Beach. — Jay Allen Sanford

Bombs Below "I woke up in the tour van in the middle of a field at about 5:00 a.m. to see a sign that said, 'No trespassing, unexploded mines,' " Revenge Club singer Amy Paddack says. "We were on the way back from Lake Havasu, and Sean [Lawson, bassist], after drinking some 32-ounce beers, went joyriding in the middle of the

Lawson explains, "Driving through Arizona takes vou very close to gunnery and bombing ranges that the military uses for training.

With everyone else in the van asleep, I decided I couldn't make it any further [without sleep]. I pulled off into a field

THE MOVIE.

the situation hit the others, and everyone was calling me a jerk, jerk-off, jerkface...you get the picture."





REVENGE CLUB AVOIDS DISASTER

on the side of the road, and as I drove further in, there was a small white sign. I couldn't really make it out at first. I pulled a little closer...[it read] 'Caution, unexploded munitions, mines or air ordnance. No trespassing allowed.'

"I yanked the wheel of the van, hit the gas, and pulled a big donut right there in the middle of Uncle Sam country." The jolt awoke the other bandmembers, and Lawson steered the van to the road. "It wasn't until the next morning that the gravity of

Revenge Club plans a CDrelease party for Thursday, July 19, at the Kensington Club.

"After that, our drummer is moving back to the East Coast," says Paddack, "in case anyone out there is brave enough to audition.'

– Jay Allen Sanford

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"I was so fed up that I walked offstage after five songs. The promoter wanted to fight me."

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

really good friend of my family's has been U2's tour business manager for about 20 years, so I got to meet famous people," says Brendan Concannon, drummer for Big Provider. "When I was 12, I ate lunch next to

the Edge. They were rehearsing for the stadium leg of Zoo TV in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and I was in the catering tent eating Swedish meatballs when he sat down next to me. I almost fell out of my chair."

The 26-year-old recalls, "I met Les Claypool, Perry Farrell, Henry Rollins, Peter Gabriel... When I was about 20, I was a runner for the short-lived Diana Ross and the Supremes tour. We had specific instructions that, if she were walking down the hall, we were to immediately run into the nearest doorway, and we were not allowed to make eye contact with her. The crew guys I spoke with acknowledged that she was a demanding bitch."

Concannon's bandmates — Jackson Price (vocals/guitar) and Joey Sutera (bass/vocals) — are half-brothers. "They fight, and brothers fight more bitterly than workmates or friends," he says. "They're like Oasis Lite — all the confrontation, with none of the hard drug abuse."

Big Provider performs at the 710 Beach Club in Pacific Beach on Friday, June 15.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER? Jackson Price:

1. AFI, December Underground ("Tight musicianship with powerful choruses and amazing production.")

2. Dave Barnes, *Brother, Bring the Sun* ("Cool guitar riffs all throughout the CD and a great vocalist.") 3. Sergeant Garcia, *Un Poquito Quema'o* ("Latininfluenced reggae with cool melodies and horn parts, as long as you don't mind Spanish lyrics.") 4. Odessa, *Oak Park Avenue* ("A small band from New Zealand, funky as hell...the recording sounds like a '70s Tower of Power recording.")

Joey Sutera

1. The Living End, Modern Artillery ("There is

nothing better to sing with, it's just kick-ass rock and roll.")

2. Toad the Wet Sprocket, *Dulcinea* ("It's so simple and so good.")

3. John Mayer, Continuum ("Couple of real tasty slow jams.")

4. AFI, *Sing the Sorrow* ("I'm trying to overcome a serious AFI addiction.")

Brendan Concannon:

1. Bouncing Souls, *The Gold Record* ("A band that never disappoints, with some great punk rock.")
2. The Bronx, self-titled ("Completely balls out rock and roll, probably the best band I've heard in the past five years.")

3. The Alkaline Trio, *Crimson* ("Great drumming, catchy songs; they do a lot for a trio.")

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

Price:

1. Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls ("Just for the sheer ridiculousness of Jim Carrey's humor.")
2. Legends of the Fall ("Awesome scenery, and one

2. Legends of the Fall ("Awesome scenery, and one of those movies that chokes you up no matter how many times you watch it.")

Sutera

1. *Clerks* ("Pretty much the greatest movie ever.")
2. *Dances with Wolves* ("I hate when the American soldiers shoot the wolf.")

3. *Point Break* ("So corny, but you've gotta love Anthony Kiedis getting rough.")

4. *Ben Folds Live* ("You've never seen anyone conduct an audience like Ben Folds.")

5. *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey* ("It's not just for kids; this movie has some serious dramatic elements.")

Concannon:

1. Better Off Dead ("The writing is genius, and Cusak is a great loveable loser.")

2. Caddyshack ("I hear Chevy Chase is an insufferable jerk in real life, but he's a great comedic actor.")

3. Fight Club ("Good, unapologetic, gratuitous violence.")

WORST MUSIC EVER?

Price:

1. Sean Paul, "Gimme da Light" ("How many times can you repeat the same shit?")

2. Afroman, "Because I Got High" ("Something about the tone and delivery in his voice is so annoying.")

so annoying.")
3. Nelly, "Air Force Ones" ("Something about singing about your shoes?")

Sutera:

1. Mariah Carey ("Absolutely disgusting.")

2. Gwen Stefani ("Used to be so good.")

3. Fall Out Boy ("Most ridiculous lyrics I've ever heard.")
4. Ted Nugent ("One of the humans I'd least like to meet.")

Concannon:

"Anything by Celine Dion or Michael Bolton will do just fine."

WORST GIG?

Price: "Last July, South Lake Tahoe, we showed up just to find out we weren't even on the schedule. The place was a gay bar converted to a venue that had absolutely no draw. We played over two hours of music to about four people. We ended up getting

drunk and skinny dipping in the lake at four in the morning with some girl from the show."

Sutera: "The Jumping Turtle, couple years ago — our old drummer never showed. Jackson and I played acoustic, but our buddy Faustino kept feeding us tequila. Jackson was falling asleep on his stool, and it just got uglier from there."

Concannon: "About two years ago, with a different band at 'Canes, I was so fed up with everything and everyone at the time that I walked offstage after five songs. The promoter wanted to fight me."

FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

Sutera: "I have no TV channels. Sometimes I try to get my rabbit ears up to watch the Tour de France, or Ironman triathlon, or the Super Bowl, or some big sporting event, but it's always fuzzy, so I turn it off, and that's fine."

Concannon: "The Office, Scrubs, and The Simpsons. I'm all about mindless, goofy humor."



Big Provider

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

Price: "What is the deal with not letting gays get married? It makes no sense to me, and if George Bush only knew how many gays were in Iraq fighting for his ass..."

Sutera: "The environment — global warming, etc. — is clearly our biggest concern. This is not political either; it's a humanitarian concern. Taxes, welfare, immigration, education, civil rights, democracy in Iraq — all of these things are trivial if we destroy our environment."

Concannon: "To get somebody in charge of the country who I don't think I could beat in a Boggle tournament."

IF YOU WERE A STAR TREK CHARACTER, YOU'D BE...

Sutera: "...wishing I'd been cast on *Knight Rider* instead"

Concannon: "...mortified. I hate science



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

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Ramsey Lewis: Anthology, Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. 619-595-0300.

SATURDAY

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

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

Bob Schneider: Belly Up Tayern. Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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

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

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

Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

MONDAY

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

Mason Jennings: House of Blues, Sunday, June 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

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

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TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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Long Beach Shortbus: Belly $\mathrm{U}p$ Tavern, Friday, June 22, 143 Soutl Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-

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

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

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Calendar CONCERTS

5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

Jesse Colin Young: Anthology, Saturday, June 23, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Saturday, June 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

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

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

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.

5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

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

Wednesday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-Steve Winwood: Humphrey's

LeAnn Rimes: Del Mar Fairgrounds

Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

The All-American Rejects: $\operatorname{Del} \operatorname{Mar}$ 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.

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-

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

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 & Neil Giraldo: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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

The Disco Biscuits: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Royal Crown Revue: Anthology, Wednesday, July 11, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Thursday, July 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. Willie Nelson: Open Air Theatre,

Rusted Root: House of Blues

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. No Use for a Name: The Casbah, Sunday, July 15, 2501 Kettner Boulevard,

San Diego. 619-232-4355. Willie Nelson: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala, 760-510-4580.

Aly & AJ, Corbin Bleu, and Drake **Bell:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Fray, Gomez, and Eisley: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Cowboy Junkies and Joan Osborne: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 17, 2241 Shelter Island

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.

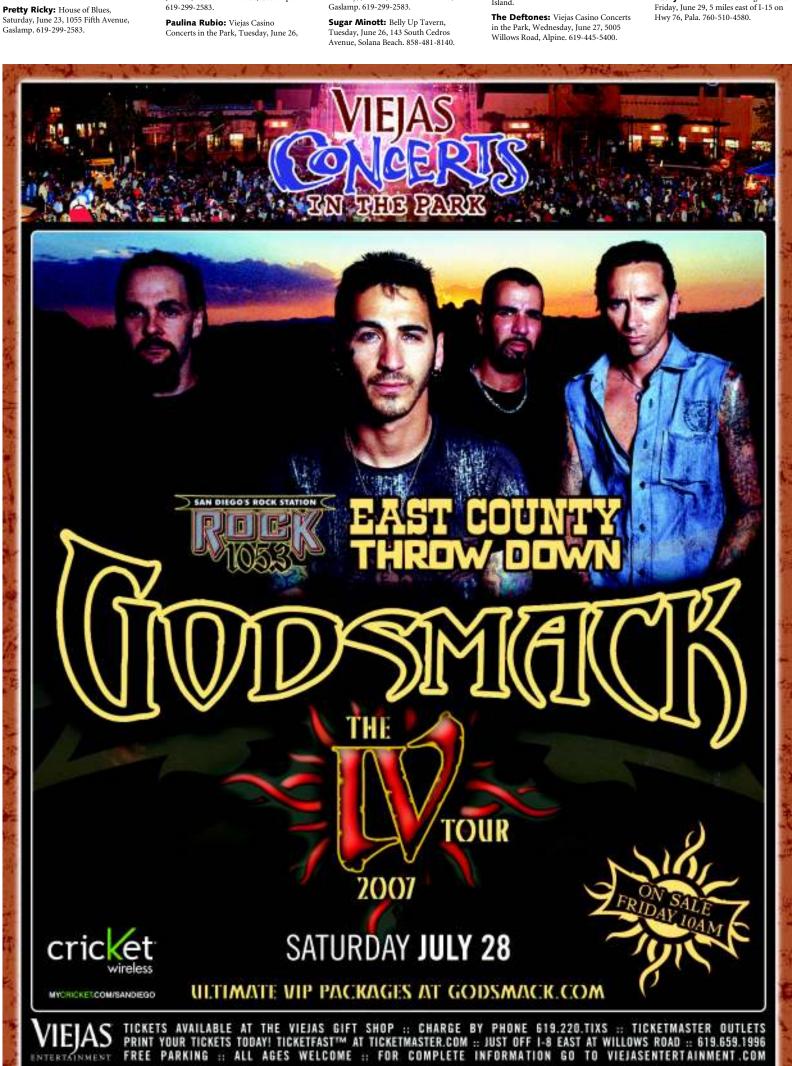
"American Idols Live": San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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.











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Calendar

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.

Godsmack: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Bangles: House of Blues, Saturday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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:

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Joel Friedman

10:30 pm

Cactus Bob

Wed., June 13 6 pm

Bluegrass Night

Fri., June 15 6:30 pm · Acoustic Guitar **Meriesa**

10:30 pm · Rock

Wally World

Sat., June 16 7 pm-12:30 am **The Flounders**

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August 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal

Chris Cornell: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

Huey Lewis & the News:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ana Gabriel: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

SI*SE: House of Blues, Sunday, August 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Keb' Mo' and the **Robert Cray Band:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 14, and Wednesday, August 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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.

Deep Purple: 4th & B, Thursday, August 16, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Los Lonely Boys: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

India.Arie: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

UB40: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

ZZ Top, the **Pretenders**, and the **Stray Cats**: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 19, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Dweezil Zappa: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

UB40: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Diana Krall: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Wednesday, August 22, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

Dr. John: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Crowded House: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

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-

Creedence Clearwater Revisited:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

SEPTEMBER

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

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

Daryl Hall & 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 Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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 Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

KARRIN ALLYSON

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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.

Foreigner: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. **America:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

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

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

Kenny G: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

The Dave Matthews Band and Stephen Marley: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

Kenny G: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Rick Springfield: Palomar Starlight Theater, Saturday, September 29, 5 miles



JUNE ARTISTS' CALENDAR



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OCTORER

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

The Steve Miller Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, October 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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

Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 7, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October, 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

NOVEMBER

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.



DANCE

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or submit a listing online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

Air Conditioned: Wednesdays. RockBoxx, '70s and '80s rock. Thursdays, Too Cool for School, old-skool hip-hop, 80s, and funk. Fridays, old-skool disco, funk, and '80s. Saturdays, Juicy, classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. Mondays, House of Rep, hip-hop and funk and soul Γuesdays, the Ethereal, dream-pop bliss. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Bar Dynamite: Mondays, Dub te, dub-hall, rub-a-roots, reggae bass. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

Beauty Bar: Fridays, Feel the Noise, electronic dance rock beats. 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge. 619-516-4746.

Club Montage: Sundays, first floor, Klub Retro, nu wave, synth-pop, and new romantic; second floor, Underworld, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego 619-294-9590.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DIs Robin Roth and Adam Atom. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Gaslamp Tavern: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, DJs Billie Knight and Tech spin hip-hop, '80s, and R&B. 10 p.m. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

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

Kadan: First Saturday of the month BrokenBeat Night, live electronic, machine funk, and glitch hop. Sundays, Dubstep, downtempo, hip-hop, and jazz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Third Saturday of the month, hip-hop, funk, and soul with DJs Thumbprint and Concise. 2812

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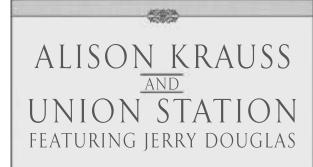
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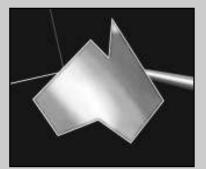
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Lauryn Hill **JUNE 29**



Ralphie May **JULY 10** Grand Cabaret



Willie Nelson **JULY 15**



Dennis Miller **AUGUST 2** Pala Events Center



Clay Aiken **AUGUST 3**



Ana Gabriel **AUGUST 5**



UB40 AUGUST 19



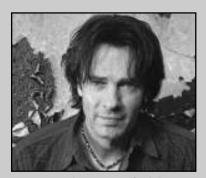
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DANCE

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Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Re:Do*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Buddha and SC. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue bachata, and reggaeton. 8:30 p.m; 18 and up. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, Mambo Lounge, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach:
Saturdays, What's Good with DIs Enjorm

Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Shooterz: Thursdays, Club '80s, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. First, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, Therapy, industrial, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. Second and fourth Saturday of the month, Club Fashion Whore, electro, indie dance rock, and '80s. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Show Palace: Fridays, *Fuego Nights*, house, hip-hop, and old skool with DJs Que and DJ Dizzy D. 1527 E. Mission Avenue, Oceanside. 760-439-1100.

South Park Bar & Grill: Fridays, *Shakedown*, funk, disco, and '80s with DJs Riddles and Myson King. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696-0096.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, Manic Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music





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Saturday • June 9 7:30 pm • Rock **The Boogiemen** 10:30 pm • Rock

Cash'd Out



Sunday, June 10 • 8 pm

Calvin Romance & Pro2Call

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Monday, June 11
Chet Cannon's
Blue Monday
Blues Partu

Tuesday, June 12 7 pm • Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band

Trade Winds

Wednesday, June 13 8 pm • '80s Dance

Metro







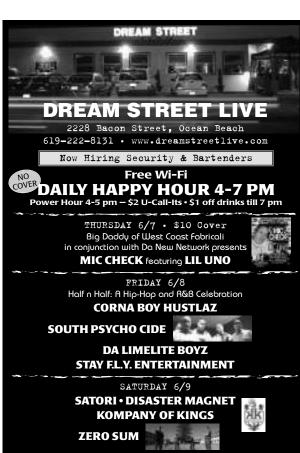
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UPCOMING SHOWS

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Wednesday, June 27

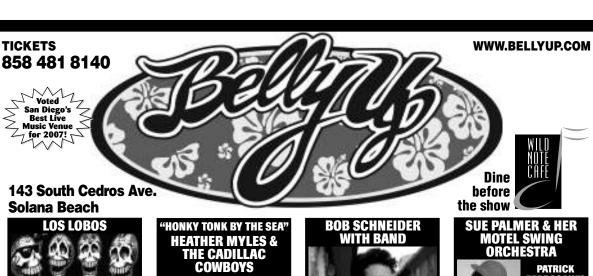
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6/20 Britny Fox • Enuff Znuff • 6/22 Jumping Jack Flash (Rolling Stones tribute) 6/23 Gary Hoey • 7/8 Scum of the Earth (ft. ex-White Zombie/Rob Zombie guitarist Mike Riggs) Suicide City (ft. Biohazard guitarist Billy Graziadei & ex-Kittie bassist Jennifer Arroyo) • 7/14 Unset The Dreaming • 7/17 Threat Signal • 7/21 The Dwarves • 7/22 Circus Diablo (ft. members of The Cult & ex-members of The Almighty & Fuel) • Nick Olivera & the Mondo Generator (ft. ex-bassist of Queens of the Stone Age) • 7/28 Comic-Con after-party hosted by Troma



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TONIGHT!

Thu 6/7 • 8:00 PM

THE SLIDEWINDERS THE GOLDEN

Fri 6/8 • 9:00 PM

HILL RAMBLERS

JENNY OWEN YOUNGS BUSHWALLA



Sat 6/9 • 9:00 PM















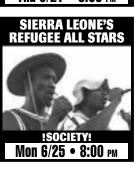




















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8/11 Horace Andy w/Sly & Robbie and Cherine Anderson 8/1 Cowboy Mouth • 8/12 The Avett Brothers 8/17 Boogie Nights – Wylde Bunch • 9/26 Midlake

- 80s Heat
- 7/5 & 7/6 The English Beat
 - 7/7 Cash'd Out
 - **The Squirrel Nut Zippers**
 - 7/11 Anniversary Show feat. Elijah **Emanuel & The Revelations** 7/14 Mommy's Little Monsters
 - w/Clash City Rockers 7/20 **Boogie Nights-Metal Snake**
 - SWINGIN' HAPPY HOURS
 - 6/8 THE MAR DELS 6/15 BUICK WILSON 6/22 BILLY WATSON • 6/29 THE PELICANS
- 7/21 Dead Man's Party7/22 "Oh Perilous World Tour" Rasputina
 - **Young Dubliners** Guru's Jazzmattazz
- 7/30 7/31 Midnite
 - Venice 8/2 **Boogie Nights-Dare Devil Jane**
 - Al Howard & The K23 Orchestra w/Audible Mainframe & Lexington 8/4
 - Old Crow Medicine Show
- **The Abyssinians** 8/14 The Twinkle Brothers
- **Colin Hay** 8/21
- Cary Brothers Dr. John
- 8/23
- **Boogie Nights-Diego Roots**
 - The Saw Doctors
- 8/31 **Boogie Nights-Metal Snake**
- Pato Banton 9/2
- **The Cinematic Orchestra**
- 9/16 **The David Grisman**
- Bluegrass Experience 9/30 **Joe Bonamassa**
- **Dark Star Orchestra** 10/10 & 10/11
- 11/17 Suzanne Vega



Calendar CLUBS

DANCE

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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*, electro, '80s classics, and hip-hop with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section.

BEACHES

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Nude Bar-B-Q*, rock. Saturday, the Small Town Heroes, 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.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *The Rebirth Brass Band* and *Those Dang Robinsons*. Friday, *the B-Side Players* and *Casa de Calacas*, Latin/jazz. Saturday, *Alice Unchained* and



Raveonettes, June 9, The Casbah

40 Ounces to Freedom, hard rock. Sunday, a Conscious Few, the Mean Dinosaur, and Faded Chroniclez, alternative rock. Wednesday, American Hitmen, Daily Dose, Hector's Revenge, and Motus, rock.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Saturday, Weatherbox, Laterns, the Narrator, the End of the World, and Cancer Leo, alternative. Wednesday, Calvin Johnson, Julie Doiron, Ladybug Transistor, and Jeremy Jay, acoustic.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Corna Boy Hustlaz*, *Da Limelite Boyz*, and *Stay F.L.Y. Entertainment*, hip-hop. Saturday, *Satori*, *Kompany of Kings*, and *Zero Sum*, hard rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, Ron's Garage, classic rock. Saturday, the Mojo Brothers, rock. The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. Thursday, the West Coast Blues Boyz. Friday, Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors, blues. Saturday, Plato Soul. Sunday, the Blues Brokers, blues jam. Wednesday, Charles Burton, 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.

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.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Gone to Plaid, hip-hop. Friday, Gadfly, Qwiksand, and Cellphish, reggae. Saturday, 3 Against 1 and Warner Drive, rock. Wednesday, Kareya, Cheeky, Jack's Last Bullet and Eight Minutes to Twilight, alternative/pop.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, Ruby Settlers. Friday, the Citizen Band, rock. Saturday, the Pheromones, rock. Wednesday, Candice Graham, acoustic.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, the Devastators, reggae. Friday, Shoestring Strap, bluegrass/country. Saturday, Banyan, reggae. Tuesday, Nukl Hedz, Ytest, and Nyles Da Boggamic. Wednesday, Like Nothing Do and Omar Torrez.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Thursday, *Bill Charlap*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, *the Ramsey Lewis Trio*, jazz. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Karrin Allyson*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*,

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., Derrick Boess, American folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., Brenda Panneton, pop/folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Pelta Spirit, the Parson Redheads, and Deep Sea Diver. Friday, Unsane, the 400 Blows, and Mouth of the Architect. Saturday, the Raveonettes, Midnight Movies, and the Pity Party. Sunday, the Pipettes, Smoosh, and Monster Bobby. Tuesday, the Vultures, the Muslims, and Swedish Models. Wednesday, Lifesavas, the Strange Fruit Project, and Deep Rooted, hip-hop.

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

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Dave Patrone. Friday, Yavez. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, Fuzzy and the Bluesmen or Sue Palmer.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, the Disco Pimps. Tuesday, Dregs of Sada. Wednesday, Private Domain, unplugged.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 9 p.m. *Leperkhanz*, Irish rock. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel, Billy Watson, Ben Hernandez*, and *Kelli Rucker*, blues/funk/jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, the Derek Trucks Band, Susan Tedeschi, and Soul Stew Revival. 100k/Soul.

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

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

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., Superfunk Fantasy, dance/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., the Pop Rocks, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Insight, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/R&B. Wednesday,

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae/funk.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Michele Lundeen and Blues Streak. Friday, Soul Diego. Saturday, Alan Iglesias. Sunday, Chet Cannon and the Committee. Monday, Blue Largo. Tuesday and Wednesday, the Texas Twisters. **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, Salsa Caliente, salsa. Tuesday, Tabaco y Ron, 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: Thursday and Monday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Peter Price of Piano. Tuesday and Wednesday, Kevin McCully, piano. Evening Entertainment: Thursday

and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Fran Loskota, pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Karen Giorgio, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Julio De La Huerta, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Faith Page, international/standards.

SAN DIEGO

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, Missy Raines and New Hip, bluegrass. Saturday, Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave, country.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Live rock/indie/alternative.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919.

Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. 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., *Jamie Crawford*, contemporary piano.



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SAN DIEGO

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Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-2233. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, folk rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, Xolmani, Alexandria, Monovox, and S03. Friday, Mad Sin, the Koffin Kats, the Strikers, and the Faraway Boys. Saturday, Dara, AK1200, Dieselboy, and Messinian.

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. Live hard rock/alternative.

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.

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, Jesse Davis, traditional jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Roxy Monoxide, '80 dance. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Boogiemer; 10:30 p.m. to midnight, Cash'd Out, rockabilly/country. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jason Weber; 8 p.m. to midnight, Calvin Romance and Pro2call, jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Chet

Cannon, blues. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Trade Winds, island sounds/pop. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Metro, '80s dance.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Rick Lyon, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

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, Jen Knight, Jimmy Patton, Morwenna Lasko and Jay Pun, and Tom Griesgraber. Friday, Chad Farran and the Five Percent. Saturday, Gregory Page. Sunday, Brenda Zu and Ivan Cheong. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Chris Carpenter and Tiff Jimber

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Vintage

Milano's, 8685 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite B, San Diego. 619-263-3335. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, acoustic folk rock

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub,

1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friiday, 9 p.m., Grand Canyon Sundown, and Appleseed, rock/folk/indie. Saturday, In Perfect Agony, False Cause, Last Rites, punk/death metal/hardcore. Monday, 8 p.m., Mystery Train, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Deny the Silents, Hellhound, Caustic Felon, and Bonehammer, rock/progressive/metal.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues/swing.

Piazza Carmel, 3890 Valley Centre Drive, San Diego. 619-987-1277. Sunday,



BY DAVE GOOD

How many performers can one singer be compared to? In the case of **Mason Jennings**, a little-known singer/songwriter from Minnesota, the list is long. Reading through three years of his press clippings, the comparisons include Bob Dylan, Harry Nilsson, John Mayer, Nick Drake, David Gray, Johny Cash, Jack Johnson, Lou Reed, even blues field hollers. Funny thing is, they're all accurate assessments. Jennings has one of those familiar but indirect voices that leaves a listener searching.

When I gave Jennings's latest CD Boneclouds a listen, a singer I haven't seen mentioned by any of the rock press came to mind — I heard John Lennon's presence in

every single breath of recording studio air that Jennings took in the making of that record. It's the sound of an older Lennon, one with Yoko's hand on the emotional tiller. I can hear that distinctive legacy in the way Jennings slips in sly little meter changes on the downbeats, or in the way he drags a single note over a bar and gives it a little bend all Lennon-esque. This is a no-fault comparison; Lennon was a pop

messiah. Is there a better rock mentorship than his singing on "A Day in the Life"?

The comparisons to Dylan come, no doubt, from the subtle Midwestern twang that Jennings has, and the Johnny Cash feel is a direct descendant of Jennings's simple acoustic guitar work. Born in Honolulu, raised in Pittsburgh, Jennings dropped out of high school to live out a Kerouac fantasy and



travel the country. That's been his education. Jennings's best gift is for storytelling in the most economical sense, where simple verse explodes with meaning: "Jesus," he sings on *Boneclouds*' final track, "are you stronger than a loaded gun?"

MASON JENNINGS, House of Blues, Sunday, June 10, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$20.

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.

Prego Ristorante, 1370 Frazee Road (Hazard Center), Mission Valley. 619-294-4700. Monday, the Jaime Valle/Rob Thorsen Jazz Duo.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, the Ed Repisi Duo. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., Shawline Expression.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. 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, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, mewithoutyou, Piebald, the Manchester Orchestra, and the Snake, the Cross, the Crown. Friday, the Faint. Saturday, the Parker Theory, the Future of Forestry, This Holiday Life, White Apple Tree, and Tracy Johnson.

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.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Tuesday, the Radiology Band. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Robin Henkel Band, blues/funk/jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park.

619-542-1462. Friday, the Big Daddy Orchestra, blues/swing. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, the High Society Jazz Band.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Saturday, the Shakes and Squiddo, alternative rock. Sunday, Bob Burns and the Dissimilars, 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*,

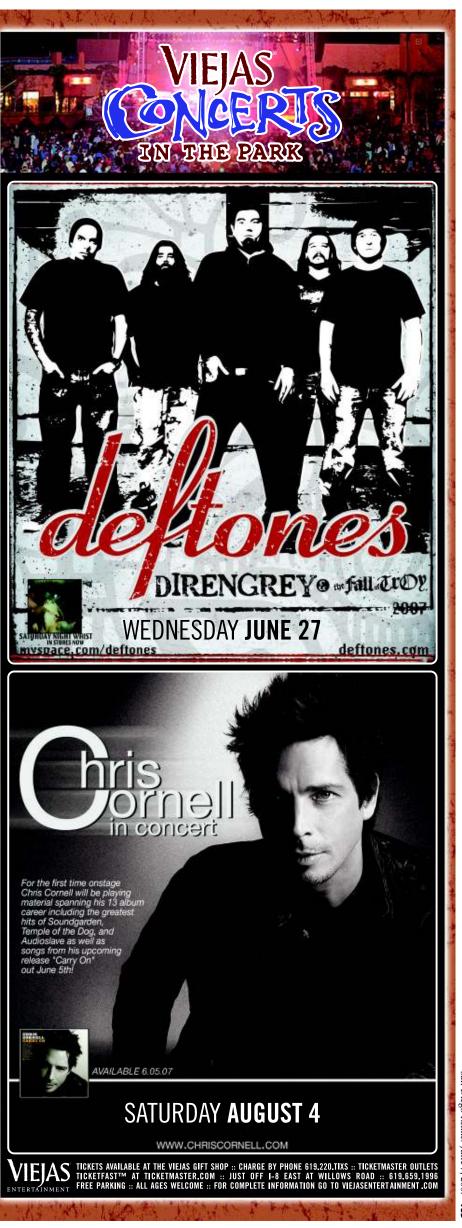












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NORTH COUNTY

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., Los Lobos, Dusty Rhodes, and the River Band, rock. Friday Heather Myles and the Cadillac Cowboys and the Slidewinders, rockabilly/blues. Saturday, Bob Schneider and His Band, Jenny Owen-Young, and Bushwalla, acoustic/folk. Sunday, 8 p.m., Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra, jazz/swing. Monday, 8 p.m., Jonatha Brooke and Joanie Mendenhall, acoustic/folk. Tuesday, Leon Russell and Diablo Dimes, country/honky-tonk.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hiphop. Friday and Saturday, live classic

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., Blue Largo, blues/jazz.

Borders Books and Music

(Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., Lee Coulter, folk. Saturday, Skibereen,

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., Winterhawk, acoustic. Saturday, Simeon Flick, folk/jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400, Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock, Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock/folk

Covote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad llage Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Citizen Band, rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Restless Natives, rock/reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Red Lane, rock/blues 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Backwater Blues Band. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Steamers, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Red Lane, classic rock/blues.

Finnegan's Pub and Grill, 1814 Marron Road, Carlsbad. 760-720-5311. Thursday, 9 p.m., the Leperkhanz, Irish rock. Friday and Saturday, live folk

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151 Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Z-Bop, jazz.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday Night Shift, classic rock. Saturday, Full Xposure, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, the Stilettos rockabilly. Saturday, Rockandy, rock.

The Hot Java Cafe. 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Saturday, o.m., Sharon Hazel Township, acoustic folk rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry* Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778, Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 8 p.m., Sight Unscene, Sonic Ritual, Negative Filter, Lost Haven, and Cromwell, hard rock. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Club 1090, Peachcake, Midnight Dave Craze, Translation Audio, and Bass Hit, alternative/pop.

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 358-793-6460. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Nena Anderson, jazz standards

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-434-3497, Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Mike Gardner, acoustic rock/folk.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, Rosetta Stone, rock. Saturday, the Lil' Efert Band,

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondic 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mike Gardner, acous rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *Trunk Monkey*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Misty and the Mobys*, rock. 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. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo Latin/jazz guitar.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, Wire Monkey, alternative. Saturday,

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 nita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660 Friday, 9 p.m., Jesse Davis, variety.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The girl-group sound of the early '60s keeps popping up these days. There was Dreamgirls, then Ronnie Spector and the Ronettes were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Mary Weiss of the Shangri-La's recently released her first new music in 40 years. Now one of the most talked-about new indie pop acts to come out of Britain in recent vears is the **Pipettes**, a seven-piece band from Brighton that features three female vocalists who sing in harmony and perform synchronized dance moves. RiotBecki, Rosay, and Gwenno, as they call themselves, wear matching polka-dotted outfits, but each has a distinctive look, seemingly tailored so that each may appeal to a certain part of their audience.

In fact, they are tailored that way. Bobby Cassette, the band's gui tarist, cofounded the band after noticing the crowd reaction whenever he played girl-group songs while he was working as a DJ. The Pipettes then set about trying to recapture a pre-Beatles kind of escapist pop, albeit a self-conscious one. On the band's website is a

mission statement that makes the Pipettes seem more like a thesis project than an actual pop group: "Art, according to John Cage, is not a thing made by someone, but a process through which everyone involved learns and experiences new things.'

Luckily, little of this theorizing makes



its way into the music, and the music is charming. The Pipettes are not something we should think about too much. Just enjoy them while we've got them.

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Album: A Better Time Coming (2007)

Artist: Vinyl Radio Label: self-released

Where available/price: At live shows, the Cow in Ocean Beach, Taang! Records in Mission Beach, and Lou's Records in

Songs: 1) I've Gone Soft 2) Tell Me Why 3) Said Son 4) Die Together 5) You Look Good 6) Out to Ride 7) To Say 8) Blinding the Sights

Band: Matt Binder (vocals, tambourine), Andrew Bernhard (guitar, electric piano, organ, xylophone, theremin, vocals), Keith Hilton (quitar, vocals), John Foley (bass), Buddy Rose (drums)

Website: www.myspace.com/vinylradio

Extra info: Vinyl Radio is scheduled to play the Kensington Club on July 6.

Garage rock persists through every generation, from the Shadows of Knight in the '60s,

revived by the Stooges in the '70s, to the latest incarnation: the Strokes, the Vines. the Hives, and the White

Vinyl Radio lives up to

its predecessors' legacy with fuzzy blues-guitar riffs, popping drums, and a tambourine squeezed in. From the first note of the first song, heavy punk guitars attack. Electric piano, bass, and desperate vocals continue the assault. There is no let-up. Added flavor comes from the shunning of digital recording for hissy analog tape. And I have to say, I'm a sucker for it.

Vocals wail themes of love, frustration, and fights. From track 6, "Out to Ride," Vinyl Radio captures the garage motif with the line, "You said you loved me/ you didn't dare/ you said you needed me/ but you never cared.'

Although garage rock's popularity lives and dies in

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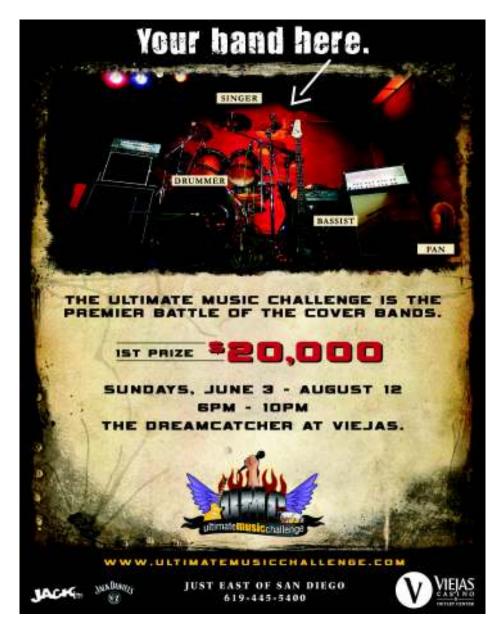
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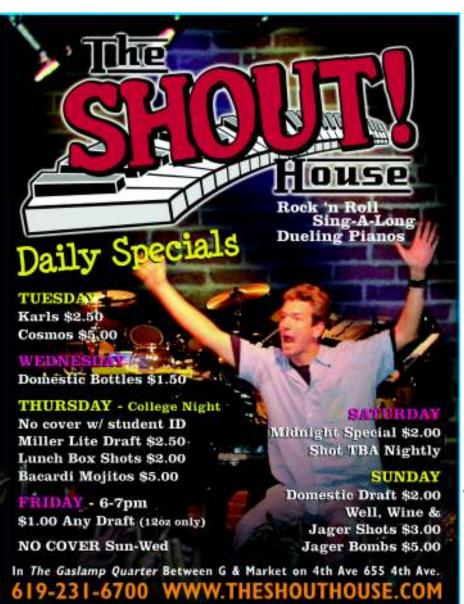
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Artist: New Loser Studio

Song: "Solar Eclipse = No Fun" (from

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Heard By: Charlene Brouillette, Boston,



I don't know if I could think of any [comparisons] offhand.... To me it was almost like goth...very mumbly vocals you couldn't really hear what they were saying. It was psychedelic — kind of like an acid trip — lots of highs and lows 1 was surprised that I couldn't hear the words. Usually in a song you want to hear the words and the music together. I guess you have to give every musician credit for being able to play, so I really can't knock them on that. [The song would go well with I some dark, seedy nightclub where everyone is dressed goth.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing

Song: "Everything He Lacks" (from the CD Sophisticated Ladies)

Heard By: James Bollengier, Boston, MA



I kind of got a taste of Ella Fitzgerald, Rickie Lee Jones, a little bit of Patsy Cline, and maybe some Aretha Franklin. I like it. I thought it was a nice mix, as far as swing and jazz go. I'd probably listen to it for just background music to have playing in the house. Obviously, [the lyrics were about how she cares for her loved one. I was listening to the lyrics and the meaning. I really liked the piano; the old western saloon-style piano solo was really cool. [The music] was just a nice kind of atmosphere.

Artist: The Challenger Deep

Song: "Historian" (from their self-titled

CD)

Heard By: Jason Soares, Golden Hill



It sounds like Drive Like Jehu, but about 14 years too late. It's so old of a music [style] now that it's not that it's bad, it's just not something that I would be excited about. [I'm] kind of the wrong person to ask. It's not that I think it's terrible, but I just don't think that it's very pertinent. Music-wise, they sounded like they were right on. They were very proficient in what they were doing. I was surprised that it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be. [It could be an anthem for] frustrated youth...frustrated youth sitting around playing wall ball.

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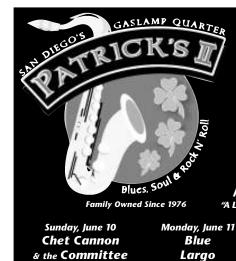
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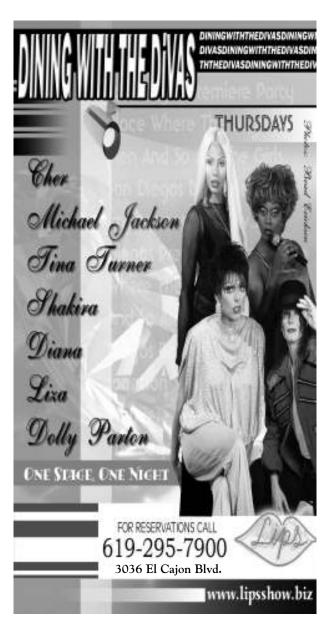


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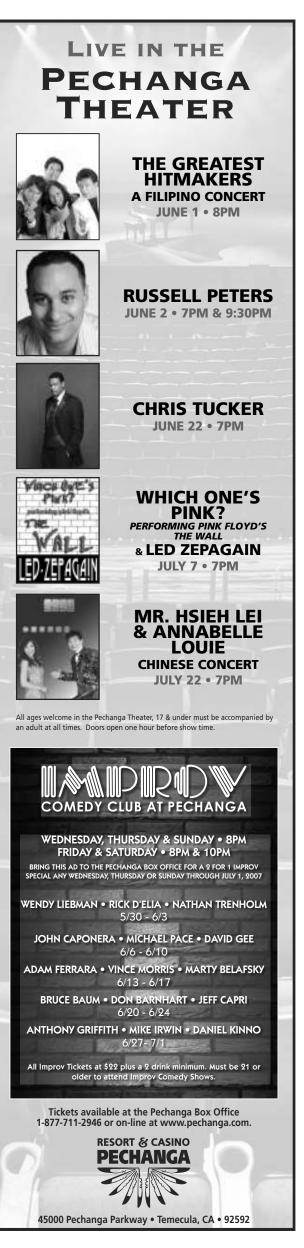
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by Josh Board

got a call from Tracie, a friend of a friend. She said, "I'm having a party. And you have gone to so many parties... Help me come up with a theme. But it has to involve a disco ball."

"The obvious is a disco theme," I suggested.

"I don't know. My friends won't want to dress up like that. And, I don't want to play disco music."

She told me that she was turning 27. I said, "You were born in the disco era. It's

"Don't you have any other ideas?" she pleaded.

The pressure was on. I said, "Okay, here's one. At 27, Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, and Jimi Hendrix all died. So did Robert Johnson. And Kurt Cobain killed himself at 27." Tracey freaked out. "This is perfect! A dead-rock-star party! I'll do it! But how do I decorate?"

"Oh, the possibilities are endless," I said. "You can get posters. I can lend you albums. You can go online, find out how they died, print out bios, or you



Top: "Wendy O. Williams" on left, Tracie on right

plane crash. Sam Cooke — shot by prostitute. Things like that." I could tell by her silence that she wasn't sure who either of those people were. I said, "How did that singer of Sublime die?

John Lennon, Jim Croce, Eddie Cochran... I attached notes to each, such as, "When you burn

"They just went as skanks. And skank

An overdose? You can have your guests dress up as their favorite dead rock star."

never dies."

She called back to borrow some party props from me. I lent her 20 CDs from various dead rock stars - Buddy Holly, songs from Warren Zevon, use 'Werewolves of London,' 'Lawyers, Drugs, and Money,' and 'I'll Sleep When I'm Dead,' since it fits the theme." She called again to tell me that she was charging her guests \$5 or

\$10 to get in but added, "Don't worry, I'm not charging you since you let me borrow all this stuff." Gee, thanks!

I wondered which rock star I should be? I can't do Elvis. I thought, everyone is going to do that. I dressed up as him in the 11th grade. (I had empty pill containers filled with Sweet Tarts that I kept "popping" all night.) Then I remembered that I had the John Lennon New York City T-shirt. I knew it was in bad taste, but I painted a few

bloody bullet holes on the back. My date asked, "What are women going to dress as? Fat women will probably show up as Janis Joplin or Mama Cass, but what about everyone else?"

Since she has long black hair and is tall, I suggested she go as Joey Ramone. A friend had a Ramones leather jacket that we borrowed, and we went to the swap meet to buy

I called Tracie and said, "You might have one problem. Someone could be dressed up, and you won't know who they are. This will be embarrassing for both of you. So, have a sign-in sheet. Next to their name, they could put the rock star they came as. You could walk over periodically and glance at it."

I found out the day before the party that we might have jinxed the real-life rock world. The lead singer of the group Boston had killed himself. Strange.

We showed up to the Ocean Beach party and Julie, the first woman we met, was dressed as

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Nancy Sinatra in tall white boots. I said, "I saw her performing at the Belly Up Tavern a few years ago. I don't think she's died since then." Julie said, "Yeah, I know. But I didn't know who else to go as. And I had the boots."

I looked around. I couldn't believe there wasn't a single Elvis. Or Janis Joplin. A bald friend of mine had called me asking who he should be. "Britney Spears," I joked. He showed up in a T-shirt with jokes about Britney Spears's career dying written on it. He said, "I bet I'm the most comfortable in my costume.... It's just so strange about her shaving her head and getting a tattoo. Remember when the craziest thing she did was drive with a baby on her

Three guys walked in with blond wigs. Someone one of the Ramones are asked, "Who the hell are

you guys supposed to be?"

One of the guys responded,

Spears guy leaned over and

There were nametags

"We're not sure." The

said, "They just went as

skanks. And skank never

at the door, which made

into people. Of course,

when I saw the black guy

with the crazy hair, head-

band, and psychedelic shirt,

I could tell from across the

room he was Hendrix. The

I didn't want to write

Lennon on my tag. I wrote,

"I am the Walrus." My date

didn't want to write just a

I'm Johnny." In the course

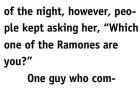
name. She wrote "F*** Off!

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things easier when you ran

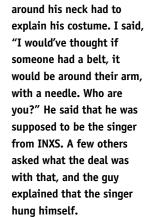
mented on my nametag was a comedian in a troupe called O.B. Comedy. I told him he looked like the filmmaker Kevin Smith. We talked about the history of comedy and had a disagreement about whether or not Robin Williams stole material. I just don't believe he did, even though other comedians swear it to be

Jim Morrison. I joked that he better not unzip his I was insane. I had to explain the story about Morrison being arrested for doing that onstage.



One guy was dressed as pants. He looked at me as if

A guy who had a belt



There was a lot of food and alcohol in the living room, and the place was appropriately decorated. (I

noticed the disco ball was spinning outside.) I heard several songs by singers who were alive. When Tom Petty came on, I asked Tracie what the deal was. "I decided to play all kinds of

I asked one woman if she was Wendy O. Williams. She asked who that was. I said. "A punker from the Plasmatics who wore black tape over her nipples and blew things up. She ended up killing herself."

I'd never seen some-

one so thrilled by such news. She said, "Now I know who I am!" She filled out a nametag and said, "I just threw this stuff on. I didn't know what to do, but this looked like a rocker. Thanks for telling me who I am." ■

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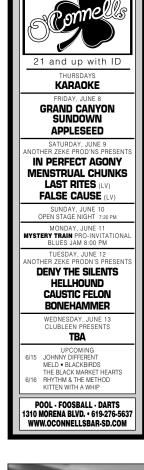
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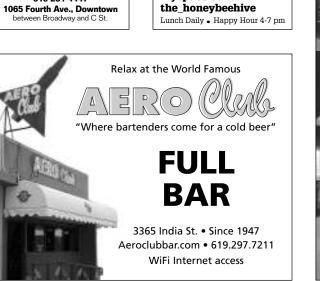






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Metaphors and Technicolor

He was an "atom bomb" in their lives. And now they'll make him pay.

he lights come up. We're in a room under repair: boards tilt against bare walls; faux blue marble fireplace. In the center's a silver tarp and a blindfolded old man slumped on a chair. There's blood on his bandaged right arm

and the blindfold. His left arm sticks out, as if broken. If he's alive, he's barely breathing.

He looks like a political prisoner, between interrogations and

in no shape for another. But the two nervous guys standing over him don't wear uniforms. Bearded, gruff Mike's in jeans and black, something-about-Chicago T-shirt, Dean's in white shirt and slacks. At first it's hard to put the two men, late-twenties/early-thirties, together with the old man, since they talk about this and that. Dean, for example, says he met his new wife in rehab and loves their honesty, based on the truth-telling the 12-step program demands.

'She know about your former wives?" asks Mike.

"No.

The room is part of an apartment complex getting converted to condo. And the man on the chair, it turns out, abused Mike, Dean, and Terry, who shows up later, when they were in the fifth grade. He was an "atom bomb" in their lives. And now they'll make him pay. Or should they?

One Hundred Birds, by local playwright Ira Bateman-Gold — which may be a pseudonym for Dale Morris, artistic director of 6th@Penn recalls William Mastrosimone's Extremities, in which a victim turns the tables on a rapist. It also recalls the movie Pulp Fiction, in which the bad guys — Tarantino's pet device — pass the time talking about interesting things. In Birds, Mike, Dean, and Terry talk about llamas having long necks and about supporting impoverished children overseas, black holes (at length, and heavy on the metaphorical links), and a pyramid of 100 birds on Diego Garcia atoll (more metaphor). They also discuss their marriages — eight, among the three of them, and seven divorces — and

drench the stage in misogyny.

The set pieces go on too long and not only diffuse tension, they detract from the play's strength. Bateman-Gold knows how to write dialogue for actors — "what to leave in," as Bob

Seger once sang, "and what to leave out" — loading fragments of speech with nonverbal information. You can feel the men's torment in what they can't ex-

press: the struggle between what remains of their humanity versus wanting revenge. But just about every time the one-act begins to ratchet up the emotions, however, it swings into a lecture culled from the Discovery Channel or NPR.

The 6th@Penn production, part of that theater's Human Rights Festival 2007, rivets when the writing does. Greg Wittman heads the cast as Mike, the least articulate and most torn between two evils. Robert Borzych gets much of Dean's confusion, including the sense that, since the fifth grade, he and the others have remained arrested, incomplete. Thomas Hall has the most difficult task. In the second half of Birds, Terry has several lengthy monologues. Hall has the requisite intensity but often repeats vocal patterns and keeps returning to the same pep talk, re-urging Dean and Mike to finish the job — as if revenge alone can make them whole.

When Moses and the Israelites sought the land of milk and honey, not one but two arks led the way: the Ark of the Covenant, with the Ten Commandments, and the "Ark of Bones." The latter was a sarcophagus carrying the remains of Joseph, the great Old Testament figure of mercy. The popular story of Jacob's favorite son and his "coat of many colors" has been told many times (including Thomas Mann's four-volume novel, Joseph and His Brothers). One of the most appealing versions is one of the most simple: Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's pop musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

It was Webber and Rice's first collaboration,



One Hundred Birds, by Ira Bateman-Gold

6th@Penn Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest

Directed by Dale Morris; cast: Greg Wittman, Robert Borzych, Thomas Hall, Bud Coleman; scenic design, Kevin and Brenda McFarlane; lighting, Mitchell Simkovsky

Playing through June 18; for days and times call 619-688-9210.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Tim Rice Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado

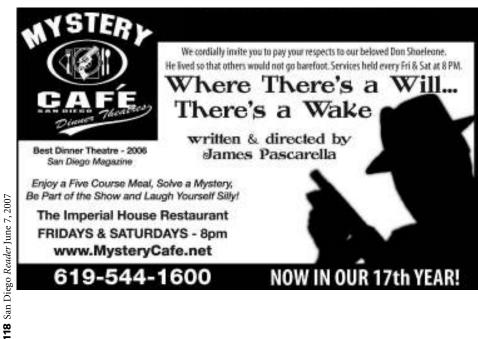
Directed by Robert Smyth; cast: Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Spencer Moses, Keith Jefferson, Steve Limones Jon Lorenz, Lance Smith, Season Duffy, Colleen Kollar, Joy Yandell; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Michelle Hunt; lighting, Nathan Peirson; sound, Patrick Duffy; musical director, G. Scott Lacy **Playing through July 8;** Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee

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composed without the budgetary largess that has overloaded their musicals with gaudy effects ever since. The score, so eclectic it feels like a Whitman's sampler of Webber's versatility, ranges from calypso to rock to country and western (the hilarious "One More Angel in Heaven") to Elvis and beyond. Like The Fantasticks, the minimalist show uses humble, "found" props and costumes and narrates Joseph's journey to Egypt through music and Rice's inventive lyrics alone.

Lamb's Players Theatre, which has staged Joseph before, has a flair for the musical's irrepressible spirit. Its current production, with Deborah Gilmour Smyth belting out the narration and smooth-voiced, likable Spencer Moses in the lead, releases that spirit once again. Colleen Kollar's choreography's as versatile as Webber's score (everything from the Pony and the Swim to tapshoe hoofin'). The nine-member cast gives and

It's a fun show. But for those who remember Lamb's earlier efforts, this is a Joseph with a budget. Instead of a find-what-you-can, Vegas chintz look, Mike Buckley's set — tinsel palm trees and





metallic pyramid in the rear—is upscale. As are Michelle Hunt's quality costumes. But they take so much time to change that onstage actors must stretch the interludes to accommodate them, which leads to stop-and-go pacing. The show remains a crowd-pleaser, but the sense of humble, scavenger-hunt improvisation is gone. It's as if the show got moved from Glitter Gulch to a tonier part of the strip.

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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 surrealistic 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 exlover (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 Ks 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),
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August Wilson Festival at Cygnet Theatre

This year, the 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 Guitars, The Piano Lesson, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, and Fences. The series became so popular that several evenings sold out. Through June 10, Cygnet hosts a festival of the readings, one per night, to give audiences a second chance to hear the work of one of America's most important playwrights.

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Baby

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the Maltby/Shire musical about three couples reflecting on the "joys (and terrors)" of parenting. Paula Kallustian directed.

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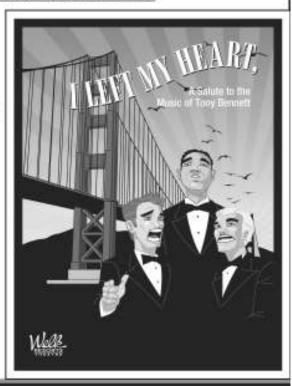
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as Jacobsen imitates various styles from Shakespeare to Oscar Wilde, it's a treat. For Diversionary Theatre, director Esther Emery guides a strong cast over the rough spots and mines the play for humor. David McBean returns to San Diego as Bunbury. 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 set 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.

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Devil Dog Six

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Hamlet

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Shakespeare's tragedy of dilatory revenge. Daniel Sullivan directed. Hamish Linklater plays the Dane.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JULY 1; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND TUES-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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Reviewed this issue.

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The Last Class and One Hundred Birds

One Hundred Birds, reviewed this issue, runs in repertory with Marianne McDonald's 35-minute play in which a classics professor gives her final lecture. What begins as a valediction-tribute to the ancient Greeks, and why she chose them for her field of study, becomes more personal: the woman reviews her extraordinary life (six husbands, trips to Nepal, unthinkable family tragedies). The piece needs rethinking, since the professor – performed by an engaging Jenni Prisk — does a kind of Greatest Hits of "I dids" and only touches on subjects that need a much fuller examination.

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6th@Penn presents Catherine Filloux's drama about the afterlife of Raphael Lemkin (1900–1959), a man haunted by victims of genocide (the word he coined in 1943). 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JUNE 18; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-688-9210

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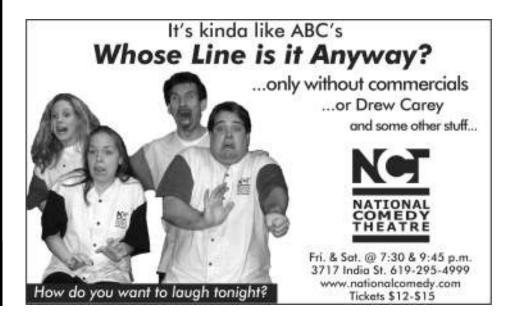
Menopause the Musical

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

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

National Comedy Theatre

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



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A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" - on Fridays - is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru-Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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Visiting Mr. Green

The Broadway Theater stages Jeff Baron's comedy-drama about Mr. Green, an 86-year-old hermit and the harried executive ordered to do community service and help Mr. Green once a week. Jerry Pillato directed.

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Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

The Old Globe's staging of Edward Albee's psychological free-for-all 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 rightly stresses the play's persistent Shakespearean echo: how much of George and Martha's manic latenight routines are just an act? How insane are they? How insane is Hamlet? Under Richard Seer's expert direction, for much of the evening, you can't be sure. 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 if we did." To which Martha adds, "Amen." And they do. What stays real are the effects of their "performance" on Nick and Honey, young bio prof and his "mousey" wife. Played by Nisi Sturgis, Honey erodes from an airhead ditz to a disaster area (when disillusionment shreds her, the trembling, emotionally blasted Sturgis almost steals the show). Scott Ferrara's Nick, who would genetically engineer the George and Marthas of this world out of existence, needs more underpinnings. Nick says he doesn't like to "get involved," but deep down he's thinking — or should be — tenuretrack, master race, and invade Poland. On opening night

Monique Fowler had yet to put Martha's myriad pieces together. Her stagy, arm-waving gestures, frozen faces, and abrupt vocal shifts too often felt planned. James Sutorius's George, who holds his liquor better than a Viking in Valhalla, exerts an almost Prosperolike control over events. It's as if he's read the play and knows the pain their "show" will cause. But, Sutorius makes clear in a deftly modulated performance, because he loves Martha, he'll risk it all. Worth a try.

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Oasis of Indulgence

The WineSellar and Brasserie is a longtime local favorite "splurge" restaurant, oddly located in a soulless industrial park, one of many such parks that dominate an area that looks as if designed en masse by a single life-hating architect or committee: You pass blocks of arid rectangular boxes, gray-tan or tan-gray, a smoggy neutral color that, when employed with such uniformity, seems designed to transform individuals into robots that serve an unknown entity's bidding. (It's Fritz Lang's industrial nightmare Metropolis translated to the Information Age.) But here in the bleached barrens of Efficiency-Land is a serious wine shop, devoted to one form of sensuality, and upstairs, an attractive white-tablecloth restaurant serving those wines to accompany craftsmanly cuisine — more pleasure, indulgence, ease. The WineSellar is a hidden oasis, a haven of human vitality in the corporate desert.

I went there with my most frequent posse—the Lynnester, Jim (the chocoholic samurai), Sam, and his friend Mark, visiting from Colorado. As we debated what starter to order, Mark noticed the yellowfin tartare—it hasn't invaded Boulder yet. The rest of us gently vetoed it as a local cliché, but I think our attentive waiter must have overheard. After we ordered, and before our starters arrived, we were treated to *amuses bouches* of that very item—puffs of minced raw tuna over squares of brioche toast, with lemons, capers, fresh herbs, and a crown of crème fraîche. The crème fraîche put it over the top, making it special after all.

The appetizer-of-appetizers was a thick square of duck foie gras, set over a near-as-thick layer of mango coulis, spread on ethereal croutons of toasted brioche. The top of the foie was painted with a sweet Port wine glaze and scattered with caramel pistachios. Admittedly, every fine foie gras becomes my favorite until the next one comes along, but this one might just become a permanent delight. The liver was cooked to exceptional tenderness, just barely to the right side of done, and the sweetsassy mango seemed an ideal fruit, its quantity some ideal Pythagorean ratio. I'm surprised they allow this dish in an industrial park. It subverts every value implied by the gray boxes.

Honey-soy-cured hamachi (yellowtail) had flavors from the opposite side of the globe. ("It's odd to find this at the same table with the foie gras," said Mark.) It was our universal second favorite. The sweet slices, thicker than standard sashimi, allowed



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for juicy, tender chews, mirrored by softer avocado slices. Shaved English cucumber and daikon sprouts lightened up the textures, while sesame creme added a nuttiness to balance the honey.

Silky slices of cold-smoked New Zealand king

salmon were arranged in a pile next to a blini (what's the proper singular of blini — blinus? blintz?) heaped with braised leek circles, diced Yukon potato, and capers, all

robed in horseradish creme. (None of us spotted even a speck of the American black sturgeon caviar the menu promised.) Alas, the blini was thick, pale, and doughy — Icarus as a pudgy, pasty-faced nerd, plummeting earthward with lox on his head.

We ventured into the salads with a grilled lamb composition, slices of rare, mild Colorado lamb over spinach with a Pommery mustard dressing and crumbled feta. It was pleasant with its zesty dressing, as was a puréed fresh pea soup that was less sweet than hoped for, dotted with wild mushrooms, topped with "truffle chantilly cream" in which we couldn't really discern the truffle component.

We'd all hoarded a bit of our first-course white

wine to drink with our seafood entrée, pan-seared Maine Diver scallops, cooked à point, bathed in a light ragout of tomato punctuated by diced Maine lobster and organic corn kernels. The scallops were marvelous and perfectly done to opalescent, but

the corn wasn't sweet enough to balance the acidity of the tomatoes. The overall effect was of tasty Italianate cooking by a good home cook, falling just short of its rivet-

ing possibilities. Sweet corn is hard to find off-season, but several other local chefs somehow manage it (heaven knows how), so it's not impossible.

When I saw pan-roasted pheasant on the menu, I knew I had to have it — not because I'm so taken with that snooty fowl, but because cooking it is so perilous that I love to let other people do it. When you get it right, the white meat has a lovely piney undertone — but the breast is so lean it can dry out to cardboard in a New York minute. And in wild pheasants, the lower half is so stringy, it's only fit for braising or gravy. The only solution I ever found was to forget the dumb "roast pheasant under glass" mystique and divide the critter to cook

The WineSellar and Brasserie ***\dagger*\dagg

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PRICES: Starters, \$8–\$23 (caviar much higher); entrées, \$33–\$38; desserts, \$9. Lunch entrées, \$13–\$18. Saturday lunch, tasting of six wines, \$11.50 extra

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PICK HITS: Foie gras with mango compote; honey-soy-cured hamachi; yellowfin tartare; pheasant stuffed with foie gras; Maine Diver scallons

NEED TO KNOW: Dining room up staircase, no lift; accessible seating in first-floor Tasting Room, with full facilities. (Call ahead.) Located one block south of Mira Mesa Boulevard between I-805 and I-15; enter industrial park from Waples; when you see the sign pointing to restaurant, turn left and make another left to the back of the parking lot, behind the corporate buildings. Reservations usually necessary, as restaurant holds many soldout special events.

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the parts separately. So I was very pleased when a half-bird arrived in two pieces. The crisp-skinned thigh-leg was simply pan roasted, a piece plump and tender enough to indicate a farm-raised bird, not a shot-ridden fowl from the woods. The breast

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was skinned, boned, and pounded, then rolled around a moist stuffing anchored by foie gras, sweetened by onion and stone fruits (probably peach), with more bits of foie gras on the side. A foie gras stuffing proves perfect for pheasant — not for show but for moisture. It was a fine dish. The bird came with mild cooked dandelion greens and an assortment of baby root vegetables.

The original chef of the Brasserie was Douglas Organ (who moved to Boston a few years ago), but some of his dishes live on. One such is a classic French combination of grilled duck breast and confit of duck leg (legs and thighs braised tender, then reheated in their own rendered fat to crisp the surface). What divides an ordinary confit from a sublime one (e.g., Jeff Jackson's at A.R. Valentien and Alain Rondelli's at legendary, long-gone Ernie's in San Francisco) is a thin coating of bread crumbs or the like, to take on the task of crunching and crackling that unalloyed braised bird-skin rarely manages on its own. (If you try blasting it to crispness, the meat's liable to dry out or the skin to tear.) Here, the confit meat was tender but the skin was limp — tasty, but once again closer to top-notch, home-style cuisine bourgeoise than to haute cuisine. Most of the breast slices were tender, but among them were three or four riddled with gristle, impossible to chew and swallow. The accompaniments offered bright, sweet flavors — balsamic and orange sauce, sweet potato purée, and homely baby root vegetables that, soaking up the sweet sauce, turned alluring. ("Without your glasses, Miss Turnip, you're...beautiful!")

Lynne gravitated, as always, to the braised short ribs (certified Angus is used here). They

were tender and likable, but as we tasted, we discussed Short Ribs We Have Known and Loved (Better). (The winner by acclaim was the Kobe version at George's at the Cove.) I quite liked the potato "confit" alongside — thin, pretty, scalloped disks of potato fried in vegetable oil (since potatoes don't exude any fat to fry themselves in, in this context you can't take "confit" literally). Rather bitter braised spinach won no plaudits, but a wild mushroom ragout was an apt complement.

A roast rack of venison featured mild-flavored, grass-fed New Zealand Cervena, which tastes closer to Colorado lamb than any bark-stripping, rosebush-chomping woodland critter. Two plump, beautifully rare rib chops arrived, their exteriors crusted with mediumgrind black pepper. On Cervena, it proved too much pepper for all of us. We loved the accompanying celery-root purée, enjoyed the Swiss chard, and barely noticed the Port cherry sauce, because we had scant means to taste it. We were eating "family style" (central platters, small individual dishes) but received no spoons to drizzle sauces onto our food. (Yes, it's a new crusade! Spoon-lovers, unite!) Sopping with bread — wonderful bread, in fact — isn't the same if you want to taste sauces straight up or on the foods they're meant to dress. But the WineSellar did get it right about distributing sharp knives all around to cut portions from the platters.

During appetizers, some-body (had to be Mark or Jim) started a fun game, an *American Idol* of the palate. "The final question is: If you could afford *only one* of these dishes, which would you choose?" At the appetizers, everyone chorused, "Foie gras!" Second choice — "Hamachi!" For the mains, there were two votes for pheasant, one for scallops, two for duck (by the two who hadn't eaten it at A.R. Valentien). Of course, the culinary equivalent of exotic, off-key

Sanjaya was automatically elim-

inated by our choice of restaurant, and you're unlikely to find poor William Hung at this price point.

The Brasserie has a specialized dessert chef, Alexandra Bradley, so all sweets are housemade. The list is longer than at most restaurants, and more interesting, sparking a strenuous discussion of what not to order, since we wanted to taste more desserts than we could possibly eat. Chocoholic Jim argued in favor of the Valrhona chocolate duo but was willing to be overruled: "I'm finding that at most restaurants, I'm disappointed. I want something to blow my mind, and they usually don't." "It's probably because there hasn't been much creativity in chocolate lately," said Lynne. "Decadence in the '70s, lava cake in the '90s, nothing much new after that." We asked our waiter which dessert he'd choose. He confessed to chocoholism but also recommended several other possibilities.

Our first choice was a tangerine soufflé cake with vanilla crème anglaise. This resembled panna cotta translated into a cake, sweet air bound by flour as well as egg whites, with tangerine slices on the side. "Perfect if you like your desserts light and fruity," said Mark. Second choice: crispy hazelnut cannoli filled with banana mascarpone cream and napped with caramel sauce. The thin cannoli shells were crunchy and brittle, their filling light and sexy, and the banana disks thankfully separate, as a garnish. But all were awash in thick caramel sauce the color of canned refried beans. "This gets no points for appearance," said Lynne. The sauce was painfully sweet as well — I scraped most of it off my shell. The strategy: Leave the gunk, take the cannoli.

I remembered strawberries in balsamic syrup from the last time I ate it at Laurel, seven years ago to the month (when Douglas Organ was chef), and wanted it again. It's an eye-opener of brilliant simplicity: Ordinary balsamic vinegar and sugar are cooked down to a syrup served surrounding organic berries sprinkled with pepper. (Here, the kitchen adds a dollop of vanilla bean ice cream.) But last visit to Laurel, the berries were lushly ripe in May. Here, alas, they were pale and underripe the difference between an interesting dessert and the unforgettable earlier version. It's surprising, these little moments of middling produce, given that the WineSellar is about 10 or 15 minutes' drive from Chino Farms — which, by taste, is unlikely to be where the restaurant does its foraging.

But the Chocolate Samurai would not go unrequited. The waiter, indulging a fellow addict, comped him the Valrhona chocolate duo. "This is a smooth, creamy little bittersweet terrine,' Jim commented between tastes, "and this is a rich, decadent lava cake with a very moist center. But best of all," he added, "are the curls of pure bittersweet chocolate of incredible quality especially when you dip them in the whipped cream around the plate." "You sound so passionate!" Lynne said. "I am passionate about chocolate," he said.

The WineSellar consistently rates at the top for food in the Zagat Guide (which now lumps San Diego in with Oklahoma City, Dubuque, and Podunk in a multicity guide). But local participants in their survey have historically tended toward more conservative tastes — upscale comfort food — than those of, say, San Francisco, Chicago, or

New York, where people have stronger stomachs for avant-garde cuisine. The food at the WineSellar is also rather conservative, but it's very good indeed, in fact better than very good. You will eat well here and will drink fabulously. And your mere presence will score a few more points for flesh and spirit against corporate conformity.

ABOUT THE WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE

The WineSellar and Brasserie was founded in 1989 as a partnership between chef Douglas Organ (the food guy) and Gary Parker (the wine guy). Organ, a protégé of San Diego's legendary Gustav Anders, was eager to create cuisine that would highlight the symbiosis of food and wine. He centered on French provincial dishes from Burgundy, Gascony, Provence, etc. — food literally made to go with their areas' local wines. About four years later, the pair opened Laurel on Banker's Hill, a more urban, upscale spot, with slightly more adventurous, modern French-California cooking. (After Organ's departure for Boston in 2004, Laurel was eventually sold.)

The WineSellar's current executive chef, Mexican-born David Gallardo, worked under Doug Organ for nine or ten years, according to restaurant manager Steve Barr. (Gallardo went on vacation two days after we ate there and was unavailable for interview.) He continues the tradition but adds his own

personality and creations to the menu. "Even when he's cooking dishes that Doug used to do, he doesn't cook Doug's dishes exactly," said Barr. "He's been changing them a little, bringing his own depths to them."











Welcome Back!

"That's Dan. He kept our salary going for the whole vear we were closed."

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an! It's me, CWW...remember?" 'Come here. Come here." Dan Thomas gives the lady with the blue eyes a big hug.

"Yes," he says. " 'Cheap White Wine.' Of

They laugh. "The place looks beautiful," says the lady, Anne, looking around. "I can't believe it's been a whole year.

But it has. That's how long since a fire just about destroyed this much-beloved cafe. It happened in the kitchen, spread up to the roof when the sprinklers didn't work, and put this Mission Hills landmark, The Gathering, out of business.

So this week, I'm hurrying past, heading for the bus to meet Hank, and just happen to glance in to see how the repairs are going, when I see people! Sitting! Yakking! Eating! Drinking! The Gathering's in business again.

I walk around the corner from Goldfinch onto Washington, looking for the main entrance. Everything's been spiffed up. New green paint, new white umbrellas, new tables and chairs. I swoop inside and plonk down on a stool at the brandnew counter, just as Anne and her friend Christy come in, freak out, and breathe a sigh of relief. There are vases of flowers on the counter. All have cards. "Welcome back!" "We missed you!"

Dan is The Gathering's owner and longtime magician. The guy used to run a hip bar in Miami called Magic, because that's what he and friends would do there. Then he came back to California in '86 and started The Gathering, a

sort of "Cheers" bar with food.

Lisa comes up with a menu. "Can I get you something to drink?"

"Coffee," I croak. "And is there a pay phone somewhere?"

"No," says Lisa. "Is it a local call?"

"Yup."

"You can use my cell."

Wow. That is so... The Gathering. While she goes off to get the phone from her purse, I check out the menu. It's mostly pretty traditional fare, although priced to cover Mission Hills rents. The Goldfinch Burger with fries, fruit, or a cup of soup is \$7.95. The Southwest Burger with avocado,

jack cheese, and salsa, plus sides, is \$9.95, and the wicked-sounding Monte Cristo (grilled egg, "dipped Texas toast" with Swiss, ham and turkey, powdered sugar, and a side of jam) is \$11.50. The San Diegan sounds more interesting, with crab and seafood salad, asparagus, melted jack cheese, all on grilled garlic sourdough. It goes for \$9.95. Appetizers such as the Maryland crab cakes (\$8.95), potato skins (\$8.95), and French onion soup (\$7.95) aren't that much cheaper than the "lunch entrées" — like seafood crêpes, chicken quesadilla, fish and chips — and salads, which all hover between the \$9 and \$14 mark. The most expensive thing on the menu, at \$16.95, has to be the pub steak sandwich, with a New York steak on toasted garlic bread, covered in sautéed onions and mushrooms.

I'm looking all this over when Lisa comes back with her phone. A Razr.

"Would you like to order before you call?"

For some reason I flip the menu to the back page, run my finger around the breakfast choices, almost stop at country sausage frittata (\$7.25), then land at the Mission Hills omelette, \$9.50. "Snow crab sautéed in butter with a hint of sherry and tarragon..." I order that. Then I take a drag of cawfee, flip open Lisa's phone, and start dialing. Oops. Dialed my own number. Clumsy. I close it before Carla answers, and start again.

"Hello?" It's Hank.

"Come on up, dude! Mission Hills. The Gathering's open again."

You mean, where the magic guy is, where the

'Yes and yes. I'm just gonna have me some breakfast before you work my knuckles to the

"What are you having?"

'Snow crab omelette.

"You'll be disappointed. Great looks, lame

I remember now. That's what I had last time. But too late to back out. And anyway, when it comes, with potatoes lyonnaise - flaked and sautéed — I discover that a little help from salt, pepper, and Tabasco makes it delicious.

A young backpacker couple comes in. "Excuse me," the guy says. "Is this Old Town?"
"Uh, no," says Dan. "This is Mission Hills."

Brad and his girlfriend Nafisa are Canadians.

"Look, I've got a car," says Dan. "I'll drive you down there.'

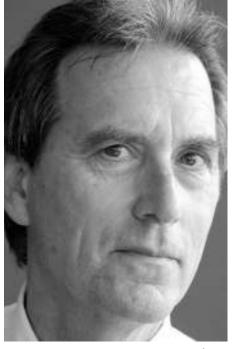
And he's gone.

'But they aren't even customers," I say to Becky, another waitress.

'That's Dan. He kept our salary going for the whole year we were closed."

By the time Hank shows up, Dan's back and showing me a couple of his famous card tricks. I notice his right hand's kind of pulsing. "I've been diagnosed with Parkinson's," he says. But before we can get maudlin, he's joking about it. "The only thing I can do in the kitchen now is toss the salad. The other day, I met Michael J. Fox. Our hands wouldn't meet.'

Hank gets a coffee (\$2.25, endless refills) while he's waiting for me to finish my omelette. Over at their table, Anne and Christy are chatting away



Dan Thomas

like long-lost friends. That fire interrupted a lot of life up here. Christy's finishing up her favorite soup, the French onion. She hasn't eaten that for a year either.

I chomp my last bite. Good. This is the sort of place where you don't get gastro-picky and you don't count calories (though they have lo-cal choices). You enjoy yourself, dammit, and make resolutions for next week. They have been serving up many of the same dishes for years, but like Olympia Dukakis's Italian trattoria in my favorite movie, Moonstruck, they do it well. Everything's reliable, fresh. And part of what makes their formula work is that it tastes good because you feel good here. You come in through the door and let out a big sigh. You could call it magic.

"Time to work, dude," says Hank. He gets up. "Can I use your cell?" I ask. He hands it to me. I dial home.

"Darling...I called accidentally..."

"Bedford...that was you?"

I recognize that tone. She saw the caller ID.

"Who's Lisa?" ■

The Place: The Gathering Bar and Grill, 902 West Washington Street, Mission Hills 619-260-0400 Type of Food: American

Prices: Goldfinch Burger with fries, fruit, or soup, \$7.95; Southwest Burger (with avocado, jack cheese, salsa, sides), \$9.95; Monte Cristo (grilled egg, dipped Texas toast, Swiss, ham, turkey, powdered sugar, jam), \$11.50; the San Diegan (crab, seafood salad, asparagus, cheese on grilled garlic sourdough), \$9.95; Maryland crab cakes, \$8.95; potato skins, \$8.95; French onion soup, \$7.95; blackened chicken Caesar salad, \$13.95; fish and chips, \$10.95

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Options

"Any way that you can get wine from a piece of dirt and onto a retail shelf, we're doing it."

think I first encountered Pepperwood Grove Syrah in the mid-'90s. I was astonished that a \$6 California Syrah could taste the way it did — namely, like honest-to-goodness Syrah. Then they did it again, this time with Pinot Noir. Then Zinfandel. Who are these

guys? Connoisseurs of bargain wine will no doubt shake their heads at

will no doubt snake their heads at this. "The mid-'90s? Pepperwood Grove was already a decade old! 'Who are these guys?' Has he never heard the name Sebastiani? Hello?"

Indeed. It turns out that Pepperwood Grove was born in 1986 - not with the planting of a vineyard, nor with the purchase of tanks and barrels, but rather, with the installment of a telephone in one room of the house belonging to Don Sebastiani. Don was (and is) the grandson of August — one of Sonoma's iconic early producers — and he had just been installed as the new Man in Charge. Almost immediately, he started up Pepperwood Grove as a side project with his brother-in-law, Roy Cecchetti. Don's son Donny takes up the story. "It was a very pure, bare-bones, no-asset-negociant operation. They had the telephone, and that was it. Somebody else was making the wine, somebody else was selling the wine, the whole nine yards." But Don and Roy made it all come together, assembling the wines and selling

them under the Pepperwood Grove label.

It might seem odd to be starting a side venture just as you're settling into power, but the move was entirely in keeping with Don's general approach to business. "One of our strengths,"

says Donny, "and something my dad has always preached — is that we don't fall in love with any one particular idea. When he took over the Sebastiani winery in 1985, he didn't have a grand plan, but he wanted to create options."

That meant diversifying. "In 1985, everything that went out of

that place was branded Sebastiani, and it was lowend stuff." Don set about dividing his kingdom, creating multiple brands. "The lower-end stuff started going out under the Nathanson's Creek and Vendange labels. The option there was to have a product that didn't have our family name on it. You could have everyday prices, even be super-aggressive, and you didn't have emotional and political ties to a trademark." And without those ties, an outright sale to a strategic buyer should such a thing ever prove desirable or necessary — would be a lot easier to contemplate. "It's just an asset, as opposed to your last name.' (Sometimes, it's tempting to wonder how the original Charles Shaw — whose name now graces the Bronco-owned wine known as Two-Buck Chuck — feels about the brand these days.)

Vendange took off — "Zero to five million cases over the course of ten years." And with Vendange & Co. providing cash flow, Don could concentrate on polishing Grandpa August's legacy. By the time Don left Sebastiani Vineyards, says Donny, "The brand was arguably in better condition than when he arrived. The Sebastiani brand had been traded up from jug wine to a pretty good premium wine — I think they get around \$20 a bottle now."

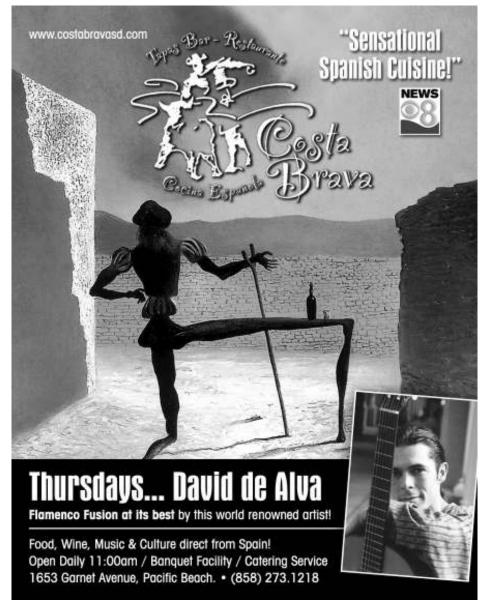
That incredible growth also helped spur Sebastiani's expansion into the quasi-negociant market. "Sebastiani owned (and still owns) a lot of grapes in and around Sonoma County, and we had long-term relationships with growers in Lodi, the North Coast, and even Monterey. Our grower-relations manager knew those vineyards as well as some of the guys who worked them." But even so, when demand explodes, you sometimes have to scramble to keep up supply. "You can't really forecast that kind of thing." In this case, scrambling meant buying grapes and even wines on the spot market just to keep bottles on the shelf.

Then, in 2000, Don decided to sell the winery's non-core assets — six brands and two Lodi wineries — to Canandaigua Wine Company (now Constellation). "My dad developed all those assets, and they were all non-core assets. We didn't sell any of the Sebastiani trademarks, the Sebastiani brand name, or any of our real estate in Sonoma County." After the sale, Don resigned as chairman and CEO of Sebastiani Vineyards, handed over control of the core assets to his sister and her husband, and used his new liquidity to found Don Sebastiani & Sons. At the same time, he bought out Roy Cecchetti's interest in Pepperwood Grove and made it the first brand of the new operation.

Again, it was about keeping options open. "At



Sebastiani, even though he was CEO, he still had family constraints. He was looking for some elbow room. And my generation was getting ready to come into the workforce — there are 14 grand-kids. You have to start thinking about who's going





to run what. Why deal with it?" Plus, Canandaigua was "on a buying binge, and the market was getting really aggressive. Don caught it just before Two Buck Chuck came in; it was a smart time to sell.'

Pepperwood Grove "established the corporate identity as a negociant, at least from a production standpoint." But Don & Sons are a long way from a telephone in a home office. Among other things, they have a winemaker, Richard Bruno. "Any way that you can get wine from a piece of dirt and onto a retail shelf, we're doing it," says Donny. "The majority of our wines come from long-term wine-processing contracts. That's the best of all worlds somebody else makes the wine. There are dozens of wineries up and down the coast of California that make, predominantly, wine for somebody else. We work with a handful of them - not the super-big guys, but the next strata down. We get to talk about some winemaking protocols, get our spoons stirring the soup. Our winemaker knows what he's getting delivered to him. But we also buy wines on the spot market, and we buy a lot of grapes. For the last couple of harvests, I think we crushed around 5000 tons." Again, the work is being done at someone else's facility, but "our man is there, watching the grapes go through the sorting

Other aspects of the business, however, keep to that stripped-down ethos. "We work on low margins, but we make it up on volume. We're a private company, so we don't have to go to Wall Street every quarter and hit profit-margin numbers. We buy growth with our profit margin by spending more money on grapes and wines and by getting really aggressive on price. In the wake of Sideways, we were, to be honest, losing money on Pinot Noir. We just said, 'We've got this big demand for this brand that we've built, so let's spend whatever it takes to fill the Pinot Noir slot.' But that was an anomaly.'

The general trends in the wine market have helped some, of course. "I've been in the wine business for ten years, and throughout, there's been a pretty consistent excess in supply. It's still difficult to find Pinot Noir, and Dry Creek Zinfandels are pretty hot. But for the most part, you can find whatever wine you want for that under-\$10 range. I don't want to discount what our winemakers do — they do a phenomenal job — but the wine is available."

Interestingly enough, the bare-bones business style sometimes aids in the practice of keeping one's options open. "People talk about the success of screw-cap wines," offers Donny. "Clearly, consumer acceptance is on the rise, but I think it's only in particular categories. Alternative whites like New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc — wines that are crisp and fresh and cold? There, screw-caps work. But for an \$8

Merlot? I think that definitely calls up the wrong association. It can be a hindrance toward sales, and we definitely walked into that bear trap. But we were able to walk right back out. We didn't spend \$2 million on consumer research or \$5 million on packaging and television ads. If it doesn't work, walk away from it."

The model is working, and the industry is taking note. "I don't know if people are actually following us, but they're definitely adopting the model. Guys are trying to get assets off the balance sheet. They're saying, 'Listen, we don't have to have an address to sell wine. The wine is good. We should be taking the money and putting it into making the wine better, making the price point sharper,' whatever." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast

Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not up-scale modern Mex — no cumin-in-fused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, vou're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M.

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multire gional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate.

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. Most of Over 400 more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com



their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this greenwhite- and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is muy popular, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous serv ice and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti a cartoccio (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include torta alla nanna, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tues-day through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lob-ster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lob-ster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork - all ex-









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Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. —

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-youcan-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Dinner buffet Monday and Tursday. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the saganaki. a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with mezedakia, a big oval sampler of dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), lokaniko (a delicious Greek sausage), spanako-pita (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes,



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Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, includ-ing a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright or-ange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro with comfortable chairs and linen-cov ered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk - is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida

shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. —

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stonewalled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, onethird in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — N.W.

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building - partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at





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Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Plava La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a water-cress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily.

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your cus-tomers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veg-gie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste - but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas - at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner nightly, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. - N.W.

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh - the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. —

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. (Also at 2015 Birch Road, Chula Vista, 619-591-1690.) To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (includ-ing a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is goodtimey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The

mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa). Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food - Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Gar-858-274-1140. With a more upscale eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or vou'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par taramasalata), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W.*

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here - is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; din-

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Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boule vard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and biergarten, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pan-cakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar, Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been ren-ovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to sim-ple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until

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Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, injera, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The kitfo (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the gored-gored (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend

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Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the burro (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the carnitas rojas, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dryroasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M.

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chugsuds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M.

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley Davidson weekend warrior, this is for vou: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up mountains. Back in the thirties Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar Cheeseburgers are the default dish Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdavs. — E.B.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), uptown, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

Extraordinary Desserts 1430

Dukakis in Moonstruck retreating for

Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — mezze spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and pantelleria, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chefowner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — N.W.

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Capon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for

pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smokerfriendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixedethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. – E.B.

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue (south of University), Hillcrest, 619-325-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from mezze (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade decor, all the cooking is from scratch — no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian kebbeh, soujok sausages, and

shrimp kebabs. Desserts include standard Middle Eastern items such as baklava. Wines and beers include foodfriendly imports from Lebanon. Open daily, lunch 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — N.W.

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive.

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town, 619-298-9840. This casual festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines in cluding Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients pre-pared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets vou choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try

the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W.

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take out? Here you're getting cheap-butgood Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pao hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even farther. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sportminded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day of chicken burger with soup of the day of chicken burger with soup of the day of chicken burger with soup of steady of the state of chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herbrich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crépes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate — N W

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business











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Visions 25% off sushi

Whiskey Girl

Xavier's Free appetizer

Calendar Restaurants

or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of In**dia** 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — N.W.

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — N.W.

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. N.W.

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This upmarket chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business

travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Sco tia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the "Slater Special," which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp posillippo and scare off the vampires All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean macchinettas make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised Expensive. — N.W.

Samba Grill 510 Fourth Avenue (Horton Plaza, top level), Gaslamp, 619-236-1000. This huge restaurant serves Brazilian food and Brazilian spirit. The format is a rodizio — wait ers circulate through the room with tall swords, impaling an ever-changing as sortment of grilled meats (highly salted and cooked well done, but zesty nonetheless). On the side is a vast buffet of additional Brazilian entrées, vegetables, and salads. The staff are charmers, but make sure to ask for appetizer and dessert menus and the 100-bottle wine list if the server forgets to offer. Full bar includes authentic, irresistible Brazilian Caipirinha lime cocktails, made by a roving "Caipirinha Girl." Live band on weekends. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. weekends. \$35 buys a more-than-full meal. Half price for kiddies; reduced price for buffet food only; extra cost for a special "gaucho feast" that includes additional meats, plus wild game choices upon re-

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-Style" — meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinder blocky but a good ren-

dezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. Ama ebi (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including misobaked black cod and mushroom topped agedashi (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. - N.W.

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While vou're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal - chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasion ally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flipflops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious - the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W.

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The papa relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian

ceviche is lively and garnished with chancho, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the side-walk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetariam — special to ask for is the verdure pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive.

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Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also

2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401, and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a 'Spanish Colonial" mini-mall Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

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Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto - here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great his toric eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), ba-calao (cod fish) a la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (codorniz al mojo de ajo), or venison,

especially the savory machaca de venado (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W.

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard, next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like huazontle, the Aztecs' spinach" Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the huazontle branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: Dedos Montezuma ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; torta de camaron seco is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; cecina Oaxaqueña is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, mole poblano (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en* nogada (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too - built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried cebollitas (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of foodbooths offer a vast variety of local treats. ranging from barbecued mutton (borrego) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (birria de chivo) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice: by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. - N.W.



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tow's 40-Year-Old Virgin is that it played by the rules of a frathouse sex comedy — the inexperienced nerd hero, the cadre of guys

pushing him into action, ample T&A and raunchiness — but it tweaked them with knowing humor and

underlying sweetness. With several of his gifted troupe of actors returning from Virgin (and a few more from his beloved TV shows Freaks and Geeks and *Undeclared*), Apatow pulls off the same feat in Knocked Up, an uproariously frank treatment of pregnancy and impending adulthood. Movies about family chaos are generally the province of PG-rated Steve Martin comedies, which makes the raw candor of Apatow's film not only refreshing (and infinitely funnier) but more honest in its sentiment. After all, what's a more common experience: chasing after a dozen obnoxious kids or the core anxieties of bringing that first baby to term?

A lovable fixture in Apatow projects since *Freaks and Geeks*, Seth Rogen is a revelation as a stoned

slacker who lucks into a one-night stand but struggles to deal with the complications that follow. Perpetually between jobs, Rogen and his housemates (Jay Baruchel, Jonah Hill,

Martin Starr, and Jason Segel — all brilliant Apatow discoveries) are trying to launch a celebrity skin website

called *fleshofthestars.com*, but they smoke weed and clown around most of the day. With a little charm and a lot of alcohol, that great equalizer, Rogen manages to seduce Katherine Heigl, a gorgeous career-minded woman who's well out of his league. When Heigl discovers that she's pregnant, she gets back in touch with Rogen, and they have to figure out how to make their relationship — as mother and father, and possibly as boyfriend and girlfriend — work. Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann lend invaluable support as Heigl's brother-in-law and sister, who know a lot about the stress of child rearing and long-term partnerships

Knocked Up goes through every step of the pregnancy — without skimping on the gynecological de-



Knocked Up

tails — and watches as the baby develops, along with Rogen and Heigl's relationship. Naturally, there's some confusion between the two: Just because they want to do the responsible thing as parents, does that make this odd couple right for each other? Apatow and company take these matters seriously, yet most of the scenes are played for laughs, too, and they mine

a wealth of great material. No one writes for ensembles better than Apatow (who could probably spin whole movies out of the misadventures of Rogen's buddies or Rudd and Mann's contentious marriage), and his players are all skilled at giving his work a loose, improvisational feel. That looseness again results in a comedy that stretches well past the two-hour mark,

but that's part of the Apatow touch: He makes viewers want to hang out with his characters indefinitely.

— Scott Tobias A.V. Club Rating: A

ere are two things to know about *Mr. Brooks* going in: 1)
Demi Moore plays a millionaire cop, and 2) that's one of the less



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ludicrous elements. Set in Portland, from all appearances a hotbed of glamour and serial-killing, the film stars Kevin Costner as the eponymous Mr. Brooks, a bespectacled cardboard-box magnate who, it's revealed in rapid succession, enjoys pottery and murder. In the latter pursuit, he's egged on by a man named Marshall (William Hurt), who exists only in Costner's head as a kind of Jekyll to his Hyde, or maybe a bloodthirsty Hobbes to his Calvin. Normally as skilled at covering up his murders as he is at committing them, Costner makes the unusual mistake of leaving the curtains open during the coitus-interruptus murder of an exhibitionistic couple, leading neighboring perv Dane Cook to blackmail him into bringing Cook along on his next kill. (Sometimes, apparently, aggression doesn't stop at the 'superfinger.")

There's more, quite a bit more, including subplots involving other serial

killers, Moore's difficult divorce, and, in one scene, Costner in old-man makeup. Sadly, only Hurt seems to recognize that the only way to make this material work is to play it with lunatic enthusiasm instead of grave seriousness. Cowriter/director Bruce A. Evans packs about three movies' worth of madness into Mr. Brooks' running time. He field-marshals it adequately, and lovers of big-budget accidental camp looking to fill out a double feature with this year's Perfect Stranger need look no further. But it's impossible not to imagine the cracked masterpiece Brian De Palma or Paul Verhoeven might have made from the same raw material, particularly given how little Evans gives Hurt to do, how much time he gives to Cook's apish mugging, and how little fun everyone involved seems to be having. No movie with characters called "The Hangman" and "The Thumbprint Killer" should be played so straight.

— Keith Phipps A.V. Club Rating: C

f nothing else, *Angel-A* deserves credit for aping the look and feel of Jean-Luc Godard's *Breathless*.

from its dreamy, high-contrast blackand-white cinematography to the glittering romance of its Paris setting. But at heart, it's just the latest from one-man industry Luc Besson, so even though it looks like art, it plays like schlock. Like the farces of commercialminded countryman Francis Veber, Besson's gimmicky, crowd-pleasing romps embody so many of the faults endemic to American studio filmmaking that it's hard to watch his French movies, particularly Angel-A, without imagining an American remake, say with Ben Stiller as its hapless everyschmuck and Angelina Jolie as one seriously in-your-face guardian angel.

Days of Glory's Jamel Debbouze plays the aforementioned loser, a hapless would-be player contemplating suicide after racking up debts with seemingly half the hoods in Paris. But before Debbouze can take that fatal plunge, he saves the life of fellow bridge-jumper Rie Rasmussen, a tall, model-pretty blonde who happens to be Debbouze's guardian angel. Rasmussen quickly sets about solving all of Debbouze's problems en route to teaching her self-destructive young protégé to believe in himself, seize the

day, and other empowering nonsense.

There's ample opportunity for dark comedy in a film about a gorgeous guardian angel with a mouth like a sailor, fists of fury, and the badass attitude of a sneering punk rocker, but Besson inexplicably goes for softheaded romance. Debbouze repays Rasmussen's infinite kindness with thin-skinned irritation bordering on outright contempt. Naturally, the gorgeous, sharp-witted Rasmussen falls hopelessly in love with the feral, belligerent loser in her charge. Angel-A offers dreamy escapism, but its romantic fantasy would be a lot more appealing if its male lead didn't spend nearly the entire film cravenly sucking up to male hoods and bullying his literally heaven-sent savior. Debbouze exhibits an appealing vulnerability in two scenes, but they don't make up for the flaming jackassery of his conduct during the rest of the movie. Lacking the infectious loopiness of Besson's best work, this dopey Harlequin romance — think Wings of Desire for dummies — leaves little doubt that Besson's book of love is as girl's Trapper Keeper. The seemingly inevitable American version can only be an improvement.

— Nathin Rabin A.V. Club Rating: D ■

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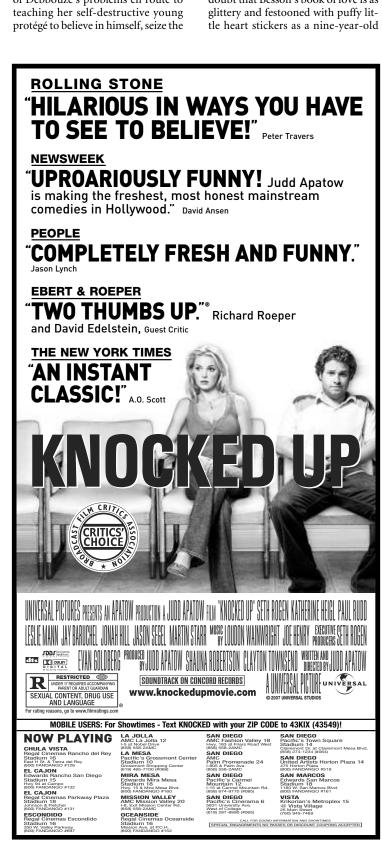
Angel-A — Reviewed this issue. With Jamel Debbouze and Rie Rasmussen; directed by Luc Besson.

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.

Batman— Tim Burton directs Michael Keaton in the title role (1989). Production designer Anton Furst takes a good stab at making Gotham City seem corroded and oppressive, but all the best scenic and story ideas here come from other films (Blade Runner, A Clockwork Orange, Dune - not to mention Louis Feuillade's serials and Fritz Lang's Mabuse films). The film is watchable enough, and Jack Nicholson has a field day as the sinister Joker. But Keaton and Kim Basinger (as reporter Vicki Vale) register as washouts, and both the narrative line and the action sequences tend to be cumbersome. Still, the conceptual side of the movie - two rather sick two-sided antagonists having it out in a black and sordid context - lingers. — J.R.J.

Black Book — Paul Verhoeven's triumphant 2006 return to Dutch cinema after 20 years of Hollywood releases (Total Recall, Basic Instinct, Starship Troopers) is commercial moviemaking of the highest order, superbly mounted and paced. Its story of a sexy Jewish singer (Carice Van Houten) who poses as a Nazi for the Dutch resistance during World War II is based on 40 years of research and 20 years of script development with cowriter Gerard Soeteman (Soldier of Orange). Like much of Verhoeven's best work, it's shamelessly melodramatic, but in its dark moral complexities it puts Schindler's List to shame. Van Houten and Sebastian Koch (The Lives of Others) are only two of the standouts in an exceptional cast. In





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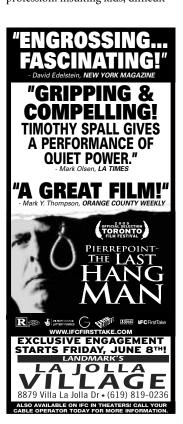
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English and subtitled Dutch, German, and Hebrew. — I.R.

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, precisely 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 — Steppenwolf ensemble member Tracy Letts adapted his play into this fearsome horror movie, directed with single-minded claustrophobia by William Friedkin (The Exorcist). Michael Shannon, reprising his role from the original 1996 production, is all crawling skin as a man convinced that unknown government powers have infested him with aphids; Ashley Judd is persuasively unstrung as the woman who buys into his delusions to escape her own problems. Friedkin embraces the story's staginess and sense of implosion as the pair retreat into paranoid madness, a journey that includes several electrifying scares and ultimately plays out in blue light against tinfoil-covered walls. The shocker ending has a rather rhetorical quality, but you have to admire Letts for obeying his own sick logic. With Harry Connick Jr., Lynn Collins, and Brian F. O'Byrne. — J.R.J.

Chalk — Truthful and funny in the style of the BBC series The Office, this indie mockumentary follows four young teachers through nine months at a fictional public high school in Austin, Texas, wickedly satirizing all the problems of the profession: insulting kids, difficult



coworkers, crushing workloads. Mike Akel and Chris Mass, improv artists who have both taught in Austin, conjured up the script in 6 a.m. sessions before the school day kicked in and drew on a lively bunch of students and colleagues to cast the classroom and teachers' lounge scenes. Mass, Janelle Schremmer, and Shannon Haragan all give good performances, but especially noteworthy is Troy Schremmer as a first-year history teacher

who makes every mistake in the book and whose students eat him alive. Akel directed. — J.R.J.

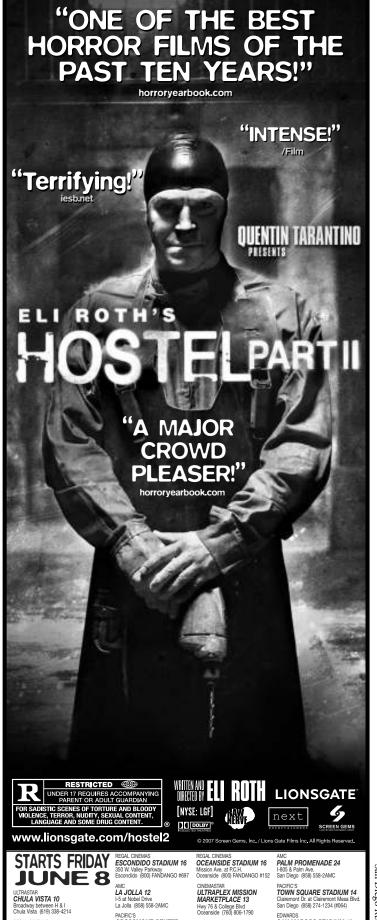
Day Watch — The second part of a trilogy based on the sci-fi novels of Sergei Lukyanenko. With Konstantin Khabensky and Maria Poroshina; directed by Timur Bekmambetov.

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.





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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 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 — An end title dedicates this inspirational sports drama to William Shue, a brother of actors Elisabeth (Leaving Las Vegas) and Andrew (Melrose Place) who died in a freak accident in 1988. But the movie, a family project featuring both actors and directed by Elisabeth's husband, Davis Guggenheim (An Inconvenient Truth), doesn't honor William's death so much as take advantage of it, pushing it back ten years to add some gravitas to a formulaic story based on Elisabeth's gutsy effort to play high school soccer with the boys' team. The genuine sense of loss and nicely observed family details don't stand a chance against the generic buildup to the big game. Carly Schroeder is

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8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Away from Her (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; **Paris, Je T'Aime** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Pierre-point** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; Waitress (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, Pri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

2 10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Batman (PG-13); Rear Window (PG)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Fracture (R); Gracie (PG-13); Hostel: Part II (R); Knocked Up (R); Mr. Brooks (R) Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13); Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13); Shrek the Third (PG); Spider-Man 3 (PG-13); Surf's Up (PG); 28 Weeks Later (R)

Mission Valley 7 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **Gracie** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45); 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; Mr. Brooks (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30 Sun (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 7:45; Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13) Fri. Sat. (11:15, 3:00) 7:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 3:00) 7:00; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 8:15; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Gracie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 1:55; Hostel: Part II (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 12:40, 2:15, 3:05, 4:40, 5:25, 7:20, 8:05, 9:50, 10:35, 11:45 Sun. (11:50) 12:40, 2:15, 3:05, 4:40, 5:25, 7:20, 8:05 9:50; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:05, 10:50) 12:20, 1:00, 1:45, 3:20, 4:05, 4:45, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:20, 10:05, 10:50 Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 3:20, 6:15, 9:20 Sun. (10:50) 12:20, 1:45, 3:20, 4:05, 4:45, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:20, 10:05; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:15, 4:30, 5:10, 7:25, 8:10, 10:20, 11:05 Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 5:10, 7:25, 8:10, 10:20; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:10) 12:35, 1:05, 2:05, 3:25, 4:15, 5:00, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25, 11:10 Sun. (10:00, 11:10) 12:35, 1:05, 2:05, 3:25, 4:15, 5:00, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25; **Pirates of** the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13) Fri. Sat. (11:45) 12:25, 3:35, 4:10, 7:10, 7:55, 10:55, 11:30 Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 2:35, 6:20, 9:55 Sun (11:45) 12:25, 3:35, 4:10, 7:10, 7:55; **Shrek the** Third (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:25, 11:40) 12:15. 12:50, 2:00, 2:40, 3:15, 4:30, 5:05, 5:45, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (10:25, 11:40) 12:50, 2:00, 2:40, 3:15, 4:30, 5:05, 5:45, 7:30, 9:55; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:55, 4:05, 7:10. 10:20; Surf's Up (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:10, 12:55, 2:30, 3:10, 4:50, 5:35, 7:05, 7:50, 9:30, 10:15; 28 Weeks Later (R) Fri.-Sat. 8:15, 10:40 Sun. 8:15, 10:30

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Knocked Up (R) Fri. (2:40) 5:30, 8:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:30, 8:20; Ocean's **Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:25, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:35) 5:25, 8:15; Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 5:40, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:30) 4:25, 8:15; Shrek the Third (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:00, 7:15 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:35, 8:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:35, 8:35; Surf's Up (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:10, 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:10,

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Day Watch (R) Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun

LIPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Angel-A** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45; **Chalk** (PG-13) Fri. 5:05, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:35, 5:05, 10:05; **The Lives of Others** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:10, 7:00; Once (R) Fri. 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 9:50 Sat. Sun. 11:25, 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 9:50; Paris, Je **T'Aime** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Waitress** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00

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; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Hurricane on the Bayou (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 2:00, 5:00; **The Alps: Giants of Nature** (No 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; Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Too Hot Not to Handle** Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

Grossmont Center

nont Center (619-465-7100) Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

Hostel: Part II (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:10, 1:50, 4:10, 4:50) 7:10, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 1:50) 4:10, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50; Mr. Brooks (R) Fri. (10:25, 1:30, 4:25) 7:35, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 1:30) 4:25, 7:35, 10:40; Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. Sun. (10:15, 10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Pi**-rates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 11:55, 12:20, 2:55, 3:40, 4:05) 6:40, 7:20, 7:55, 10:25, 10:50 Sat. (11:10, 11:55, 12:20, 2:55, 3:40) 4:05, 6:40, 7:20, 7:55, 10:25, 10:50 Sun. (11:10, 11:55, 12:20, 2:55, 3:40) 4:05, 6:40, 7:20, 7:55, 10:25; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:35, 5:00) 7:05, 7:40, 9:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 12:10, 1:40, 2:40) 4:35, 5:00, 7:05, 7:40, 9:40, 10:05; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:10) 7:25, 10:35; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri. (9:45, 10:30, 12:15, 1:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 10:30, 12:15, 1:00, 2:45) 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13); 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)

Holly Hobbie and Friends: Surprise Party (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Hostel: Part II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri. Sun. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:30, 2:00, 3:15) 5:45, 7:00, 9:45, 10:45; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00) 5:00, 6:15, 7:15, 8:30, 9:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 3:20, 9:35; Gracie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:50, 3:30; **Hostel: Part II** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 11:15) 12:15, 1:30, 1:55, 3:00, 4:15, 4:40, 5:40, 6:45, 7:25, 8:25, 9:15, 10:10, 11:05 Sun. (10:45, 11:15) 12:15, 1:30, 1:55, 3:00, 4:15, 4:40, 5:40, 6:45, 7:25 8:25, 9:15, 10:10; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55) 12:40, 1:10, 3:05, 3:45, 4:20, 6:10, 6:50, 7:25, 9:10, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:55) 12:40, 1:50 3:05, 3:45, 4:50, 6:10, 6:50, 8:05, 9:10, 9:55; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:25, 4:35, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:35, 7:45, 10:30; Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 10.55) 12.00, 12.45, 1.30, 2.00, 3.10, 3.50, 4.30, 5:00, 6:20, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 Sun. (10:30, 10:55) 12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:00, 3:10, 3:50, 4:30, 5:00, 6:20, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:20; Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 2:45, 6:30, 10:15 Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 1:00, 1:35, 3:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:05, 7:05, 8:30, 9:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (11:20) 1:00, 1:35, 3:15. 4:45, 5:15, 6:05, 7:05, 8:30, 9:00, 9:45; **Shrek** the Third (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 11:30) 12:05, 12:35, 1:40, 2:10, 2:35, 3:10, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:45, 6:45, 7:15, 8:20, 9:05, 9:50, 10:45 Sun. (11:05, 11:30) 12:05, 12:35, 1:40, 2:10, 2:35, 3:10, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:45, 6:45, 7:15, 8:20, 9:05, 9:50; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 12:45, 4:05, 6:15, 7:20, 10:35 Sun (11:50) 12:45, 4:05, 6:15, 7:20, 10:30; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:10) 1:05, 1:45, 3:25, 4:25, 5:50, 6:55, 8:15, 9:15, 10:25; **28 Weeks Later** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:50, 10:20

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Gracie (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05; **Hostel**: Part II (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:40) 4:50, 7:25 10:05 Sun. (11:15, 1:40) 4:50, 7:25; **Knocked** Up (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:30 Sun (11:55) 4:45, 7:35; Mr. Brooks (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:15, 7:55; Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:45, 1:45) 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:45) 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At** World's End (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 12:00, 1:00, 3:30) 4:40, 5:10, 7:30, 8:10, 9:45 Sun. (11:05, 12:00, 1:00, 3:30) 4:40, 5:10, 7:30, 8:10; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:50) 4:35, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:35, 7:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sun. (11:50) 4:20, 7:20; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:10, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Vallev Parkway (760-291-0119) Gracie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30); Hostel: Part II (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 5:15) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 5:15, 8:05, 10:40; **Knocked** Up (R) Fri. (10:40, 12:10, 1:40, 3:10, 4:40) 7:05, 7:40, 10:15, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 12:10, 1:40, 3:10) 4:40, 7:05, 7:40, 10:15, 10:40; Mr. Brooks (R) Fri. (10:35, 1:35, 4:30) 7:25, 10:35 Sat.-Sun (10:35, 1:35) 4:30, 7:25, 10:35; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 11:00, 12:05, 1:20, 1:55, 3:25, 4:20, 4:50) 7:10, 7:30, 7:50, 10:05, 10:25, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 11:00, 12:05, 1:20, 1:55, 3:25) 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50, 10:05, 10:25, 10:45; Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:05) 6:00, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15) 4:15, 5:05, 6:00, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45; Shrek the Third (PG) Fri. (11:15, 12:15, 2:05, 3:30, 4:35) 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 2:05, 3:30) 4:35, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:50; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:05) 7:00, 10:30; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 11.10, 12.20, 1.30, 2.40, 3.50, 5.00) 7.00, 7.20, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 11:10, 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:50) 5:00, 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 10:00

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; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:15) 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:15) 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00, 10:30 Sun. (11:30, 3:15) 7:00; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 10:30 Sat. (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15; Surf's Up (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) 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, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30 Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30; Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At** World's End (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00) 6:00, 7:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00) 6:00, 7:00; Shrek the Third (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:15, 7:15, 8:30, 9:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:15, 7:15, 8:30

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Gracie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10); Hostel: Part II (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:20; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:05, 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00) 7:20, 8:00, 10:10, 10:45; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:25; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

the young athlete, and Dermot Mulroney is good as her grieving, buttoned-up father. — J.R.J.

Hostel: Part II — Horror sequel, written and directed by Eli Roth; with Lauren German, Heather Matarazzo, and Bijou Phillips.

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 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.I.

Knocked Up — Reviewed this issue. With Katherine Heigl and Seth Rogen; written and directed by Judd Apatow.

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. — I.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 energy 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. — Ĩ.R.

Mr. Brooks — Reviewed this issue. Starring Kevin Costner, William Hurt, and Demi Moore; directed by Bruce A. Evans.

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.*

Ocean's Thirteen — The third installment in Steven Soderbergh's heist-flick series; with Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Matt Damon, Elliott Gould, Al Pacino, Don Cheadle, and Bernie Mac.

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

SEEN ON

KENNETH MONTGOMERY

Conductor, led the orchestra for San Diego Opera's Julius Caesar in Egypt, www.sdopera.com

Rameau's Platée: A comic opera about a frog in love that is surprisingly touching. This DVD is a great production by Laurent

Christ Stopped at Eboli: A film about the dreadful conditions in the '30s and '40s in Basilicata, Southern Italy, an area I visited recently and found very beautiful.

Amores Perros: One of the many recent Mexican films, almost operatic in its construction, giving great insight into humanity.

PLATEE (France) 2002, List price: \$29.99 CHRIST STOPPED AT EBOLI (France/Italy) 1979, Facets List price: \$29.95 AMORES PERROS (Mexico) 2000, Lions Gate

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CHERRI SHIIR

Civil servant by day, film fan by night

To watch F.W. Murnau's 1927 masterpiece, Sunrise, is to see visual poetry unfold before your eyes while immersing yourself in film artistry of the highest order. Within his fable of good and evil, Murnau demonstrates a vibrant understanding of the moral dimensions of human desire. Not surprisingly, Sunrise won the first (and only) Academy Award ever given in the category labeled "best picture, unique and artistic production." So many superlatives have aptly been used to describe the cinematic brilliance of this director's use of light and shadow - the amazing technical effects Murnau achieved and the beauty of his scene compositions — that I will simply suggest that if you choose to only watch one silent film ever, this is the one to see.

SUNRISE: A SONG OF TWO HUMANS (USA) 1927, **Twentieth Century Fox** List price: \$29.98

ANDREW RUBIN

Filmmaker

Pan's Labyrinth is a horrifyingly beautiful film about a small girl using her imagination to escape the Spanish Civil War. The worlds Guillermo del Toro creates seem real even when they're most surreal. All the performances, human and creature, are powerful. This movie can only be the product of a director who spent years sketching and detailing every aspect of the story.

Planet Earth is a spectacular and monumental nature documentary series from the Discovery Channel. The breathtaking views and the never-before-seen footage of our wildlife is a gift to humankind. The series is a call to action without any preaching.

Who Killed the Electric Car? is a fun yet alarming documentary about how the future of the American technological and automotive industry was crushed and shredded in a car dump. The destruction of GM's electric cars sparks the unique "whodunit" murder-mystery style of the film.

PAN'S LABYRINTH (Mexico/Spain/USA) 2006, New Line Home Video List price: \$28.98 PLANET EARTH: THE COMPLETE BBC SERIES (England) 2006, **BBC Warner** List price: \$79.98 (five discs) WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (USA) 2006, Sony Pictures List price: \$19.94

which the singer, a poor vacuumcleaner 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 music store is a gem. — J.R.

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-Elvsées — are omitted, but Olivier Assayas, Gurinda Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Gérard

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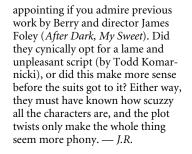
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Calendar Movies

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 dis-



Pierrepoint — True-life story of Britain's most notorious hangman, starring Timothy Spall and Juliet Stevenson; directed by Adrian Shergold.

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End — Nearly every element of the previous two movies resurfaces in this third adventure. which ends up overloaded with characters and subplots. Returning villains Geoffrey Rush, Bill Nighy, and Tom Hollander team with Chow Yun-fat and a half-dozen pirate lords to bedevil fey buccaneer Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and star-crossed lovers Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley. Depp plays multiple versions of Sparrow, who now suffers from a split personality; his shtick is funny, but the players are all upstaged by the astonishing special effects, superior to those of earlier installments in creating a wondrous and menacing world. Gore Verbinski directed; with Naomie Harris, Stellan Skarsgard, and Keith Richards. — A.G.

Rear Window — Perhaps Alfred Hitchcock's greatest movie (1954). James Stewart plays a news photographer trapped in his Greenwich Village flat by a broken leg. Out of boredom he starts following the stories of his neighbors across the courtyard, all of which represent variations on the romantic issues of his own relationship with a former model (Grace Kelly) who's trying to

goad him into marriage. When he deduces that one of his neighbors (Raymond Burr) may have murdered his invalid wife, he moves into high gear as an amateur sleuth. Chicago Reader critic Dave Kehr called this "the most densely allegorical of Alfred Hitchcock's masterpieces, moving from psychology to morality to formal concerns and finally to the theological. It is also Hitchcock's most innovative film in terms of narrative technique, discarding a linear story line in favor of thematically related incidents, linked only by the powerful sense of real time created by the lighting effects and the revolutionary ambient sound track." With Wendell Corey and Thelma Ritter at her very best. — *I.R.*

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.*

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.

— *I.R.*

Surf's Up — Computer-animated comedy, with the voices of Jeff Bridges, Shia LaBeouf, Zooey Deschanel, James Woods, Jane Krakowski, Jon Heder, and Michael McKean; directed by Ash Brannon and Chris Buck.

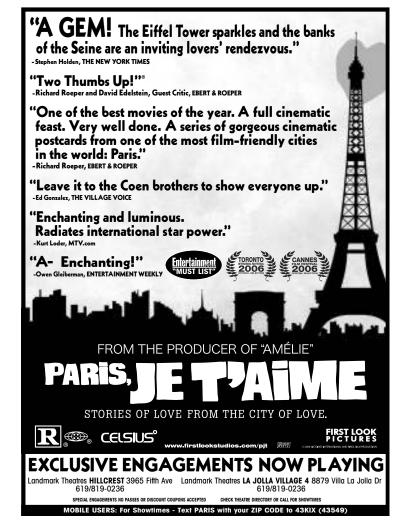
300 — Frank Miller's graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae, where 300 Spartans battled the entire Persian army in 480 B.C., has been adapted into a CG sword-andsandal epic. The disconnect between the human actors and the digital backgrounds is more pronounced here than in a futuristic adventure 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 swarming 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.

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 comedydrama is the first I've seen. Keri Russell plays a gifted pie baker and 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 Eddie Jemison), and Shelly clearly had fun with all of these caricatures.







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Otro balaceado

América Barceló

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Un agente de la Unidad de Investigaciones Encubiertas de Contrabandistas de la Patrulla Fronteriza en El Cajón, disparó y mató a un migrante de origen mexicano de nombre Benito González Alegría.

El incidente se suscitó la media noche del miércoles en los alrededores de Escondido cerca de la carretera 15 Norte en la salida de Mead Marrow.

Un agente realizaba un operativo encubierto y detuvo una camioneta Aerostar en la que viajaban 11 personas indocumentadas y un stuía que conducia.

El oficial siguió la camioneta desde el área de Pine Valley hasta detenerlos en Escondido, en donde pidió refuerzos y se llevaron arrestados a las 12 personas, después llegó un vehículo Mitsubishi.

El conductor se bajó del vehículo y confrontó al agente, que se vio amenazado por el sujeto, quien intentó quitarle la pistola, por lo que disparó. región



Están 'limpios'

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

En una comparecencia en la corte federal, Francisco Javier Arellano Félix y Manuel Arturo Villarreal Heredia, se declararon inocentes de una nueva acusación en su contra.

En dicha acusación ambos enfrentan cargos por operar una empresa delictiva para confabular en la introducción de sustancias ilegales al pais, conspiración de distribución de droga y lavado de dinero, este es el septimo caso que se abre en la corte federal para ambos acusados.

En una audiencia de más de dos horas llevada a cabo el martes 29 de mayo, los abogados defensores dieron a conocer una serie de peticiones relacionadas con la defensa de sus clientes sobre todo por la ambigüedad de presentación de pruebas y evidencias. espectáculos



Mala paga

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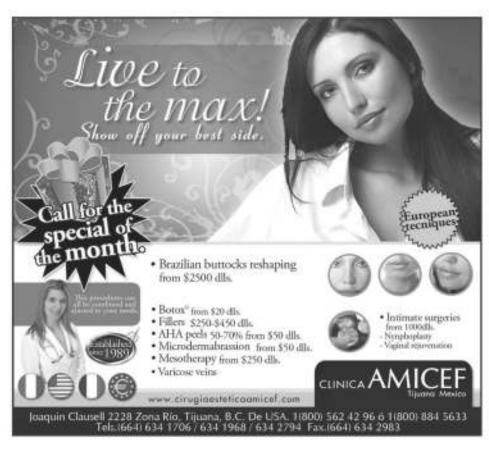
La Procuraduría General de la República (PGR) solicitó el jueves ante jueces federales dos órdenes de aprehensión contra el conductor de televisión Alfredo Adame, por el presunto delito de defraudación fiscal.

Las órdenes de aprehensión fueron solicitadas por la Fiscalía ante los juzgados cuarto y quinto de distrito de procesos penales federales..

La solicitud de la PGR se produjo luego de que la Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público reportó que el popular conductor de televisión omitió pagos de impuestos por ingresos en los ejercicios fiscales de 2003 y 2004.

Las presuntas omisiones en materia fiscal son por alrededor de 5 millones de pesos, de acuerdo con informes de la PGR.

No obstante, los cargos no son graves y permiten a Adame obtener el beneficio de la libertad provisional en caso de que le sean giradas dichas ordenes.





Acaba sueño

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Seis indocumentados centroamericanos murieron asfixiados y golpeados el pasado domingo dentro de un tráiler que transportaba plátanos, proveniente de Ciudad Hidalgo, Chiapas y con destino a Puebla.

El hecho ocurrió a las 10:20 horas de ese fin de semana a la altura del poblado La Mata, sobre la carretera Salina Cruz- Coatzacoalcos.

Paramédicos de la Cruz Roja y enfermeros del sector salud levantaron en el sitio a cinco lesionados más que fueron trasladados al hospital civil de esta ciudad.

De acuerdo con algunos indocumentados sobrevivientes, en el tráiler viajaban poco más de 200 personas que habían abordado el camión en Ciudad Hidalgo, Chiapas, luego de realizar un pago de siete mil dólares.

Elementos de la Agencia Federal de Investigaciones detuvieron en el lugar a poco más de cien ilegales centroamericanos que están sujetos a investigación en las instalaciones de la PGR, en Matías Romero, Oaxaca.

El salvadoreño Guillermo José Oviedo narró que el doblo fondo del tráiler se vino abajo al romperse las tablas que sostenían las cajas de plátano. "Alguien abrió la puerta del tráiler y logramos salir".

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Dan oración

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

En una solemne y conmovedora ceremonia religiosa, lideres del movimiento santuario en San Diego hablaron de los esfuerzos por proteger la justicia y dignidad de los migrantes indocumentados.

La catedral Episcopal de San Pablo reconoció el pasado domingo la labor de medios de comunicación y activistas, que sin cansancio han informado a la comunidad sobre el tema migratorio.

La ceremonia comenzó con un ritual prehispánico con danzantes aztecas, seguido del acto episcopal, que inicio con emotivos cánticos religiosos, lecturas bíblicas y el evangelio de San Mateo.

El sermón fue realiza-

do por la rabina Laurie Coskey, directora de la agrupación religiosa Interfaith, quien urgió por una reforma migratoria.

Con la narración de su historia personal como miembro de la dolida comunidad judía, Croskey abrió su corazón para expresar como las políticas migratorias de este país han sido causantes de millones de muertes y dolor de familias migrantes.

"Yo, como muchos de ustedes, tengo una historia triste que contar, porque hemos sido víctimas de la discriminación, mi familia siendo perseguidos por los nazis durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, y los migrantes hispanos por las autoridades de inmigración que separan familias", narró. deportes



Cambia ataque

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El Tri mexicano cambió rápido la página, luego de derrotar 4-0 a Irán, que resultó al final un rival muy a modo, pero que contra Paraguay, selección que enfrentaron el martes las cosas serían diferentes.

Hugo Sánchez, técnico del Tri, aún se da tiempo para revelar las variaciones respecto al juego que ganaron en San Luis y presume a Omar Bravo como una de las novedades en la ofensiva ante Paraguay.

Para el estratega nacional será el último cambio para afinar detalles, después de todo aseguró tener "prácticamente definidas las alineaciones de los juegos ante Cuba y Honduras", los primeros del Tri en la Copa de Oro que a partir de esta semana se jugará en Estados Unidos.

"Ya lo había dicho, estos juegos de preparación me servirán sólo para confirmar las alineaciones.

"Y sólo en estos puedo dar avances de los hombres que jugarán, porque son de preparación, pero eso no lo haré para una competencia oficial", reiteró el timonel nacional con miras al duelo del pasado martes en el Azteca.

Reciente campeón en la Bundesliga, Pável Pardo es otro de los llamados a aparecer entre los que iniciaron ante Paraguay, equipo contra quien confia el Tri mantener el nivel que se vio frente a Irán.





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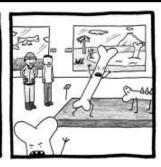
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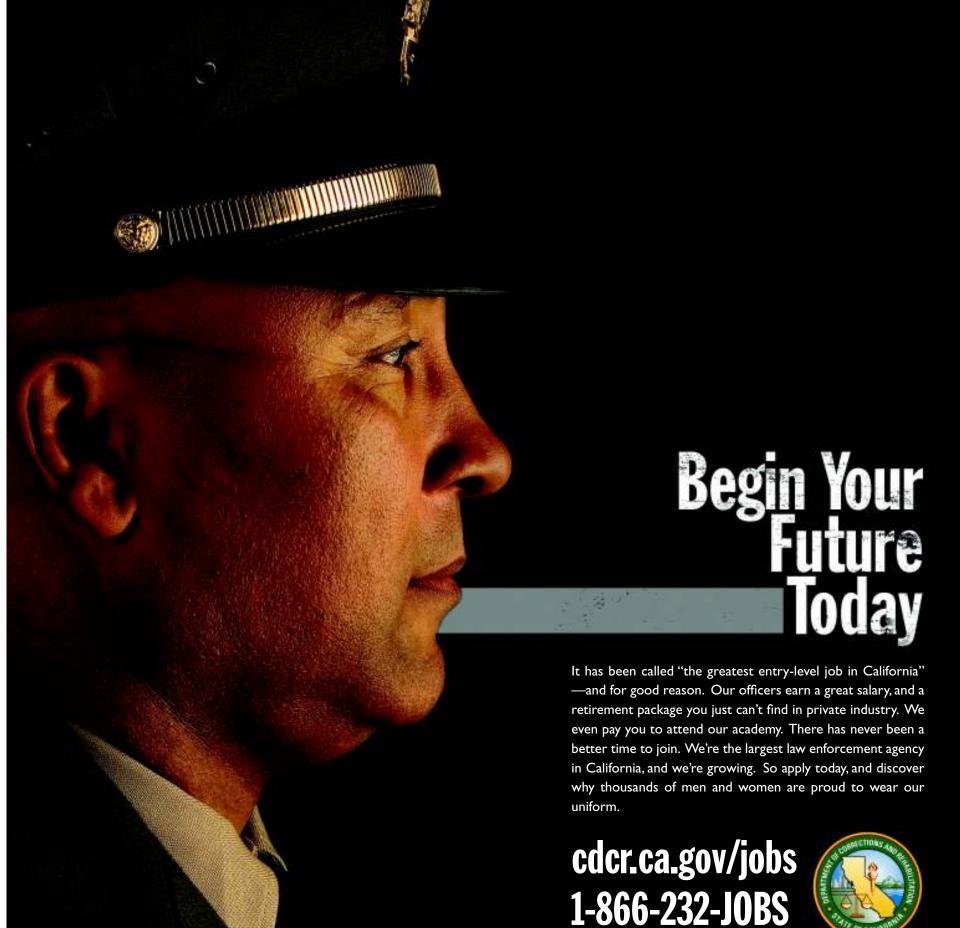
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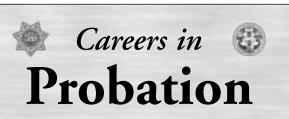
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got off the school bus and was walking home. This girl was chasing me and yelling. She was mad I didn't want to sit with her. She took a swing at me. We were between two cars on this main street going up a hill. She was with two girls that started kicking me. She was so pissed. I grabbed her extensions and pulled them out. It's the worst thing you can do to a girl. The two with her started laughing.



Tim Madden Network Engineer Valleio

was 17. He was 35. I was messing with his girl. She was in the car with him when they pulled up. She left when the fight happened. He got out of the car and acted like he wanted to talk to me about the situation, and then he sucker-punched me. I ended up with three stitches.

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was at my brother's wedding, and that night at the hotel we walked to get some fast food at the drive through window. This car kept honking and wouldn't stop. I told him to shut up. I had been drinking since 11:00 a.m. I could walk but was drunk. When he honked a fifth time, I kicked his bumper. He got out swinging, and I got tagged in the face and fell down. As I started to get up, his girlfriend dragged him into the car. I felt my lip and noticed my nose was bleeding. I was super pissed. They drove off before I had a chance to do anything. But he didn't



Kelly Southworth

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saw a crazy fight with a shipmate In Thailand that found out a woman he was kissing in a bar was really a tranny. He pushed her — him — and got punched back. They started fighting as the whole bar laughed. My fight wasn't much of a fight since I didn't get any punches in. It was two World Cups ago. I was working at a bar in Scotland. It was opening day, Scotland vs. Brazil. I didn't know how serious they took it. It was tied, and they scored on themselves on a weird play. People were mad, and I just shook my head and said, "Oh man, that's rough." This guy grabbed me by the back of my hair and smashed my head onto the floor. It exploded my nose and chipped my tooth. I had to get half a tooth while I was there.

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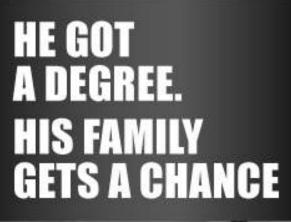
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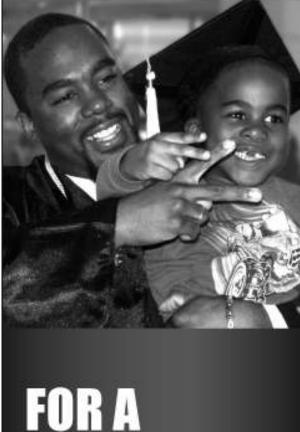
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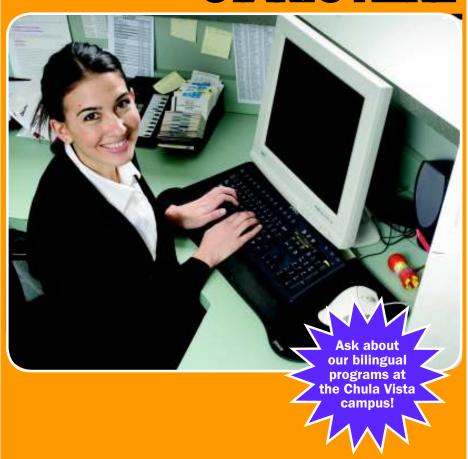


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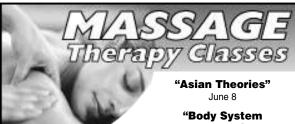
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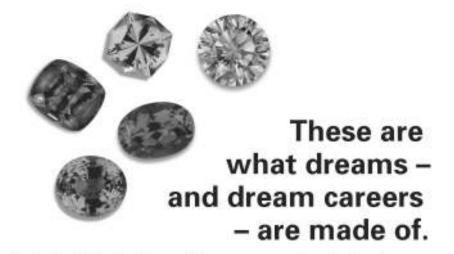


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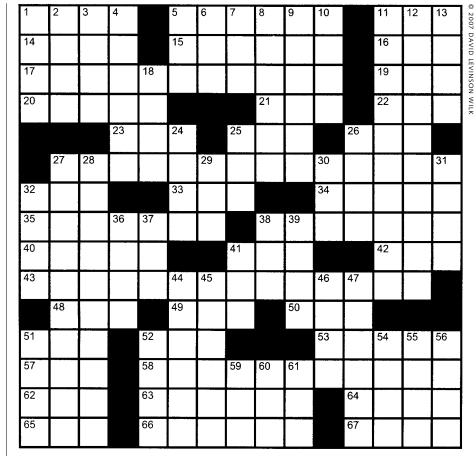
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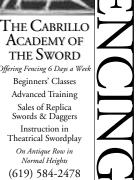
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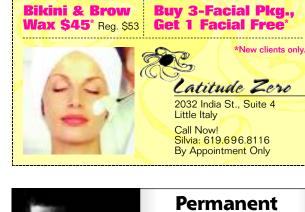
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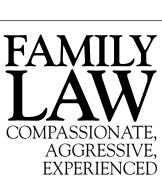
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SurfMOBILE

Name: Bernie Calderon Home: San Diego

Vehicle: 1994 GMC Yukon Surfing: Tourmaline Surfing Park

Bernie surfed for a few years when he was a teenager. He says he gave it up to "go to school, start a career; to live life." He worked for 30 years as a school administrator and was vice principal at University City High School. A year before his retirement in 2006, he took a trip to Baia.

"I saw my friends and the kids out surfing, and I wished I could do it again. When I got back home, I bought a board and started again." He surfs at least once a week now.

"I'm a beginner. I'll always be a beginner," he says. "I chase the three-footers."

Last year he was nearly in an altercation while surfing at Pacific Beach.

"These hardcore surfers were on the beach, and one of their girlfriends got knocked off her board. I helped her to the beach, and these big guys came rushing down to me like I was the one who knocked her off. She set them straight, though. She said, 'No, no. He's helping me.' From then on, they were the nicest guys ever. I was one of their buddies and they were hardcore



surfers!"

Bernie rides a 9'10" Stewart that extends from the cargo area to the folded passenger seat. Sitting on his tailgate, having left the ocean a moment earlier to towel off, Bernie says, "I'm on a high right now. This is why I do it." Bernie uses an old plastic orange-juice iug to wash off his feet. his wet sandals beneath

him on the asphalt.

He grabs his wetsuit and says, "This was a retirement gift. From me to me " His last suit was too loose and let water in through the neck so he bought himself a 2/3 mm O'Neill Psycho II.

His favorite spots are Tourmaline and secret spots in Baia. "I can't tell vou about those. Well, I'll tell you one knows about is Cuatro Casas, 'Four Houses.' Another is Coneio: everyone knows those two. Anywhere in Baja is a great surfing spot. I love Baja because a friend and I would try to find secret spots and get lost and have the best time. Just the most magnificent times, out there. lost in Baja."

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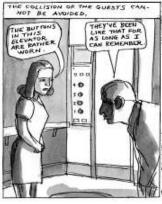


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GOLDEN HILL, \$800. 1 bedroom, lower, with patio. 8-units, gated, laundry facilities. 2840 B Street. Quiet, no pets. Near bus, City College. 619-435-0387, cell: 619-206-3089.

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com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$745. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. New carpet, flooring, paint. Balcony, dishwasher, fireplace, underground parking. Available immediately. 3093 C Street #4. 619-222-9308.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$825. New carpet. 1 bedroom in gated community. On-site parking and laundry, dishwasher. Near shopping, bus and freeways. No pets. 3013 C Street, 619-546-9852.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$635, include: water/trash. Studio in small, quite com plex. Good location, close to downtown and freeway. 1140 20th Street. Leasing

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. Clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ceiling fan. \$900 plus deposit. Coin laundry. Approxi-mately 625 square feet. Pet OK. Call Terry, 619-778-2830.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large family room. New carpet, ceiling fans. Walk-in closet. Laundry. Control access with parking. 2731 A Street. Open house Saturday, 11:30am-2:30pm. Call 858-571-1970. sunriseliving.com.

HILLCREST, \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath.
Private sunny top story view apartment
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HILLCREST, \$875. 1 bedroom unfur-nished apartment. Ground floor, parking, laundry. Close to all. Available now. No pets. 3744 7th Avenue. 619-295-6005,

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HILLCREST. \$1250. Spacious 2 bedroom, clean apartment. Mirrored closet doors. Newer carpet and paint. Available now. Parking, laundry on-site. 3829 Georgia #6. Chris, 619-405-2185.

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HILLCREST. \$1095. Spanish style 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Large kitchen, laundry, shared yard. Blocks to Balboa Park.
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LA MESA. \$1200. Clean, bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Near trolley, shopping, SDSU. 1 parking spot. Small dogs
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plex, this unit will take you back to a simpler way of life. The unit still retains its original kitchen countertops and cabinets. All the original interior doors are intact with many other unique features. Current upgrades to the unit included new paint in designer colors, and completely remodeled bathroom with full cepletely remodeled bathroom with full ce-ramic tile shower enclosure. Original hardwood floors have been refinished. New ceramic tile floors in kitchen and bath. All new blinds, all new door hard-ware and update light fixtures. Property has on-site laundry and is close to many shops and restaurants. Sorry, no pets al-lowed. Available 71/107. Please call be-tween 9am and 5pm. 8447 La Mesa Boulevard at University Avenue. Cal Scott at 619-846-6615. scott@

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LA MESA. \$910. 1 bedroom. \$1210. 2 bedroom. Mellmanor Apartments. Across Grossmont Center, trolley, Costco. Quiet, spacious units. Resort living pools. 8750 Mellmanor Drive. Call 619-461-1940.

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LA MESA. \$715. 1 bedroom. Well-maintained property with meandering courtyard. Quiet and private. 4444 Parks Avenue. TPPM, 619-463-3882, www.villaparks.info.

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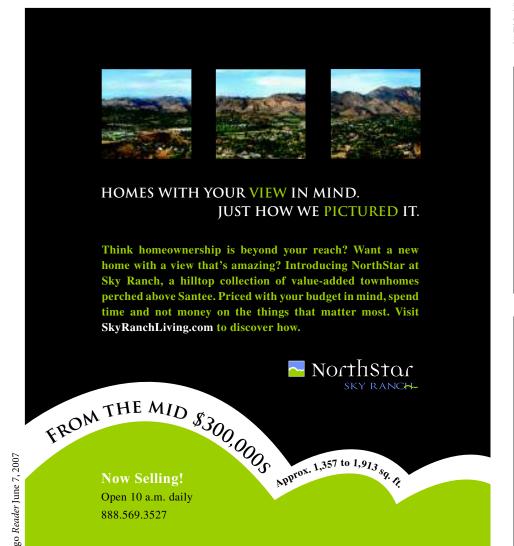
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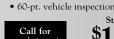
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High-Tech Pet Care: The Japanese company Medical Life Care Giken said it will begin marketing a device that measures pets' stress levels. The tiny patch on the bottom of a dog's or cat's paw changes color depending on the amount of sweat secreted, according to the researchers at Toyama University who developed it. ... In March, New York's Long Island Veterinary Specialists performed complicated hip-replacement surgery on a one-year-old shorthaired cat using a material about the width of a wooden matchstick. Oreo was discovered wedged in the crawl space of a house. (Dogs receive hip replacements almost routinely now, but cats were thought to be too small.)

Compelling Explanations

- Music producer Ricky Lackey, during questioning in March by a judge in Cincinnati to help her determine an appropriate sentence for Lackey for his crime of attempted theft, told her that he has no children but that he has "six on the way." The judge sought clarification. "Are you marrying a woman with six children?" "No," said Lackey, "I be concubining." All six women are due during August, September, or October. Lackey, who had recently paid restitution to his victim, was released without additional sentence.

 (1) So many U.S. executives want to visit India to make deals to outsource their companies' jobs that in March, India's Washington, D.C., embassy said it was forced to outsource the job of processing the executives' visa applications. (2) Yet another U.S. job was outsourced to India in May, that of "local government reporter" covering city hall politicians in Pasadena, Calif. The publisher of the website PasadenaNow.com said the local beat could be handled very well from India, through telephone interviews and by watching live city council telecasts on the Internet.

- In March, the Los Angeles City Council agreed to pay wrongly accused Juan Catalan \$320,000 to settle his lawsuit over having been held in jail for five months for a 2003 murder he could not

have committed. Catalan maintained all along that he had been at a Dodgers baseball game at the time of the crime with his six-year-old daughter, but police distrusted the alibi. However, Catalan's lawyer subsequently learned that the HBO TV show Curb Your Enthusiasm had been filming at Dodger Stadium that day for an episode and, poring over time-stamped outtakes of crowd shots, finally found a scene with Catalan and his daughter in the stands.

The Litigious Society

- (1) In lawsuit-friendly Madison County, Ill. (termed "the promised land" by some trial lawyers), a judge awarded \$311.700 to Amanda Verett for a long series of painful injuries that her courtroom-veteran chiropractor has been treating. Verett said she was holding a door open at a Pizza Hut when an employee yanked it open farther, and calamitous shoulder, arm, and hand injuries resulted. (2) In a more traditional settlement upstate in Chicago, Joyce Walker was awarded \$4110 in May for a workplace injury when she hurt her knee in a hospital restroom after slipping on a banana peel.

 In January, Joshua Vannoy, 18, filed a lawsuit against the Big Beaver Falls School District near Pittsburgh for the disruption to his high school years when he and his family were forced to move to another school district because Joshua was being too harshly taunted. His troubles stemmed from an incident a year earlier, just before a Denver-Pittsburgh playoff football game when Joshua chose to wear a Broncos jersey to class and was then forced by one teacher to sit on the floor and endure paper wads being thrown at him because he was, according to the teacher, a "stinking Denver fan."

The Continuing Crisis

- At least five convicted sex offenders in Florida's Miami-Dade County have their official residence in a makeshift encampment underneath a bridge on the Julia Tuttle Causeway to Miami Beach, with the blessing of the state Department of Corrections, according to an April report by CNN. Officials say that the state's tough zoning law for sex offenders bars the offenders from most neighborhoods in the county because they are too close to where children congregate (and some sex offenders maintain regular homes even though they can't live in them because of the zoning law). The causeway camp, officials say, at least keeps the men visible to probation officers.

"Hey! Pick Up That Wrapper!" Great Britain is now famously saturated with surveillance cameras monitoring public spaces (4.2 million of them), creating alarming privacy concerns. On top of that, in April, after a pilot project in Middlesbrough, the government announced it will attach loudspeakers to the cameras in 20 districts so that officials who monitor the video can actually scold citizens who are spotted engaging in "antisocial" behavior.

- Who Says the Internet Will Replace the Daily Newspaper? Sixth-grade students at South Hall Middle School in Gainesville, Ga., drew praise from the community in May with their impressive collection drive and charitable donation of 13,580 discarded newspapers (creating stacks totaling 142 feet). The local Humane Society's dogs and cats will put the papers to good use, and furthermore, said the teacher, urinating on the papers will help biodegrade the newspapers' ink.

- Try to Read This Without Wincing: A cable broke on a leg extension machine at a YWCA facility in Akron, Ohio, in 2004, catapulting a steel bar forcefully at a 22-year-old football player working out for a shot at a college scholarship, hitting him squarely between his parted legs, whacking his left testicle. Three years later, he still walks gingerly and bow-legged because the slightest contact is painful (although he did manage to father a child in the interim). In April 2007, a jury awarded him \$786,000 after hearing that the machine had been in disrepair.

Fetishes on Parade

 In Ianuary, Ronald Dotson, 39, pleaded no contest to attempting to break into a Ferndale, Mich., store in order to steal a mannequin outfitted in a French maid's uniform, which authorities said was his seventh "statuephilia"-related offense in 13 years. "I thought I was getting my

life together," he told the judge, even though his arrest came only days after he was paroled for the sixth offense. One of the previous arrests involved an apparently irresistible "woman" in a pink dress and bobbed hair, and in another, he was found in an alley with three lingerie-clad beauties.

Least Competent Criminals

- Claude White, 34, was arrested in April in Elizabethton, Tenn., and charged with stealing a forklift, which sheriff's deputies later found overturned in the middle of a road with a pair of shoes and socks trapped underneath. Around the same time, a call came from Sycamore Shoals Hospital about a patient (White) telling an odd story of how he had suffered a foot-mangling (but not mentioning a forklift). By that time, however, deputies had found an exact match for the patient's missing toe, inside the sock that was inside the shoe that was underneath the forklift.

Leading Economic Indicators

- Updates: (1) Zimbabwe's hyperinflation, which "News of the Weird" reported had reached 1593 percent in January (one could buy a house, pool, and tennis court in 1990 for the same dollars as would buy a single brick today), was up to 3731 percent in May and is expected to get much worse. (2) Star Trek obsessive Tony Alleyne, who "News of the Weird" reported in 2006 was having a hard time selling his small apartment in Leicestershire, England, that he had outfitted to the specifications of the starship Enterprise and then redesigned as the flight deck of the Voyager, reported in May that he had a buyer, for the equivalent of about \$840,000, roughly five times the value of a comparable flat in that neighborhood. UPDATE: In November, "News of the Weird" reported the arrest of Michael McPhail of Spanaway, Wash., who was charged with bestiality under the state's brand-new law, having allegedly been caught by his wife having sex with the family dog. In May 2007, a jury in Tacoma, Wash., found McPhail not guilty.

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Thirty Years Ago

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When I first left Virginia, the prospects of another week-long crosscountry hitchhiking trek — the interminable waits on lonely interstate on-ramps, the short hops, the hassles with police — filled me with serious misgivings about hitchhiking to Ocean Beach.

- "JUST PASSIN' THROUGH, GOOD BUDDY,"

Manny Ramos, June 9, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

There was no liquor on the old reservation, says Margaret Largo, but as soon as the tribe was moved to Vieias, in 1931, "there was plenty of it — everywhere." She started drinking when her first husband came back from the service. He couldn't sleep unless he drank. Right away she liked the effects of alcohol. She liked wine, drank it even when she was alone at home. She began in the morning and drank until late at night, but she always took care of the kids.

— "THE SLOW MASSACRE," Amy Chu, June 10, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

DATELINE SQUARESVILLE — It's around Xmas, and parties, well, parties are not what I'm after. I'd rather watch mold grow, I'd rather do the frigging laundry, but I've got this gal, see, who drags me to a screaming motherhumper of a gathering at which nonretarded children — and interested adults — are induced to sing happy birthday to Jesus. I'm thoroughly revolted — what's this earth com-

— "THE MIND'S ROAD TO GOLF," Richard Meltzer, Iune 11, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

San Diego, having only the merest suggestion of a downtown, is a place that embraces the oppression of night with open arms. Its dark, palm-lined residential avenues resound only with the surreally amplified warbling of mockingbirds and the whirring of cicadas. At midnight, when the coffeehouses shut, only the desolate figures padding silently around the dangerous fringes of Balboa Park or the gaily uniformed packagers in the all-night supermarkets keep the streets from being void. They, and the lonely prostitutes strung out along El Cajon Boulevard and Midway, or the fat white men behind the cash tills of the

all-night sex shops.

—"YOU WANT THE NIGHT STAFF." Lawrence Osborne. Iune 11, 1992

Ten Years Ago

Despite the current heat wave, it's difficult right now to feel pessimistic about Los Angeles. Air quality is good, jacaranda are blooming, families throng to Home Depot on the weekend for garden supplies. It's the beginning of tourist season too, and local TV is giddy with commercials squealing about the newest attractions at Disneyland, Magic Mountain, and Knott's Berry Farm. It's hot and sunny, and the trend would seem to be up.

You wouldn't know this, however, from the literature the city has been reading about itself. Four grim L.A.-related books were released last month, each inspecting a dark corner of this city pervaded by light.

-LOST ANGELENO: "SHE DIDN'T ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS," Abe Opincar, June 5, 1997

Five Years Ago

San Diego city councilman Jim Madaffer has posted an explanation on his website about his January run-in with a median sign near University Towne Centre. Instead of reporting the

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—CITY LIGHTS: "EXCUSES, EXCUSES," Matt Potter, June 6, 2002

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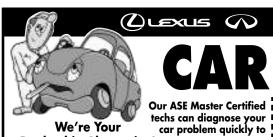
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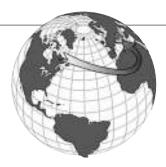
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This cool-kid mentality grinds my nerves. I understand about the schmoozing, the friendly talking, the hand-on-theshoulder, I'm-just-your-friend-from-California-and-I-love-toshare-my-personal-details acquaintanceships that mean you sign every e-mail with "I'm so excited to see you!" I understand that image is part of this art form, as much as we wish it wasn't. If we didn't want image to be part of what we do, we'd stay at home and dance in the shadows, or become authors, who are supposed to look grimy, unsettled, and homeless.

This is why Miles Copeland is so damn effective with the BellyDanceSuperStars, the only regularly touring belly-dance company. He knows that image is about 80 percent of what you're selling. Before you can get people to watch something, you have to make them WANT to watch something, and in a community where people already kind of want to watch belly dancing, you have to make them want to watch YOU. That means being nice, being open and friendly and bitchy in the right way, and basically doing all the things that none of us knew how to do in high school because we were too busy reading Tolkien at recess and getting our heads dunked in the toilet. Being a professional belly dancer has as much to do with belly dancing as being a professional chef has to do with killing a

cow. They're related, but so totally not the same.

So why isn't it enough for pro dancers to just be friendly and open and nice without having to drink people under the table as well? Going out till all hours to show up and teach class hung-over (or still drunk) is treated like an understandable quirk, rather than a job-losing situation, as it would be in most other professional venues. (Try going to a Powerpoint presentation wobbling around with big circles under your eyes and see how well that works out for ya.) Why do we insist our stars resemble a frat party more than professional dancers? Where are all of the dancers who don't like that attitude, and why are we playing to the rest of the market?

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Fame is amazing. It makes people do ridiculous things (Michael Jackson, e.g., both the star and the parents who sold him their children), and nobody blinks an eye. Our religion has turned from God to movie stars, from golden gateway to silver screen. Belly-dance "stars" are on film and TV, magazines, and the big stage, looking all



perfect and then letting their hair down to "have some fun." They're as close to gods as we've got.

Belly-dance fandom has started to go overboard. I heard that world superstar Rachel Brice recently received a glass hand-painted with her own image on it; it reminds me of those painfully earnest macaroni sculptures people give actors at science-fiction conventions. It speaks to that

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The editor of US Weekly said that she revamped the magazine to show more pictures of stars doing everyday things: walking their dogs, brushing their kids' hair, eat-

> ing french fries, because that's what people want to see. They want to see the world behind the mask, and they're hoping it's close to theirs, because then you can think, "There but for the grace of a casting director go I." They're not so different from me. That

could be my cell phone, Blackberry, movie deal.

So maybe that's why we want our drunken belly dancers. The surface is so shiny and pretty, we like to believe such beautiful things can be dirty and human. There but for the grace of fame go I.

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POST DATE: May 26, 2007 POST TITLE: Leucadia/Encinitas Will Absorb Carlsbad's Traffic

The following was posted in the comments section in the post about Carlsbad's plans for Ponto:

The bad news is the minimum estimate of 15,000 cars cutting through Leucadia each day will further degrade Encinitas by putting even more gridlock along the HW101 corridor throughout Encinitas. Encinitas needs to manage the traffic volume cutting through Encinitas and encourage them to stay on I-5!

The development should be conditioned to:

- 1. Design the access improvements to encourage access from Avenida Encinitas - NOT LEU-CADIA HW101.
- 2. Redesigning the La Costa/HW101 intersection to:
- a. Reduce the current southbound HW101 through lanes to one at La Costa Avenue for a small segment to manage the cutthrough traffic in Encinitas. Making this small change would help Encinitas tremendously by moving the morning cut-through commuters' queue north to Ponto (which is where it belongs), instead of gridlocking all of Leucadia and Encinitas every time the I-5 gets backed up. The cut-through traffic problem is only going to get worse in the future, with I-5 currently backed up 50 percent of the time and with projections to get much worse in the near future.

b. Include two left-hand turn lanes from southbound HW101 turning east on La Costa Avenue.

3. Improve La Costa Avenue to



TITLE: Leucadia | ADDRESS: http://leucadia.blogspot.com AUTHOR: Funky Leucadian | FROM: Leucadia | BLOGGING SINCE: May 2005

handle the increased future traffic — including:

a. Rebuilding the existing bridge over the railroad tracks.

b. Rebuilding the intersections of Vulcan Avenue and Sheridan Road to assure no increase in cutthrough traffic through the Leucadia neighborhood east of HW101.

c. Bike lanes and walkways, and landscaping improvements.

Comments:

MP said...

"You people are all the same. There has never once been a documented case where new development caused problems for neighbors and adjoining towns."

Gil Foerster said...

"MP — please drive out to San Elijo Hills and then drive in during almost any commute. San Elijo Hills made no accommodations or plans for NCTD in the development, hence EVERYONE in that development must drive to enter and exit. Follow the stream of cars: nice for a while, then gridlock in Encinitas. Very poor traffic planning and execution in that city development. This is not an isolated case.

Anonymous said...

"Uh, people, MP is farking with

you."

MP said...

"I have been walking around the walkable San Elijo Hills. San Elijo Hills is a new development; it is a shining example, showing how much the San Diego development



industry is sincere about San Diego by bringing you smart growth and walkability. San Elijo Hills is the new urbanism, smart growth, walkable. Didn't you read the advertisements? San Elijo Hills also has the other buzzwords that we want! Vibrant and bustling!'

Anonymous said...

"We are told that San Elijo Hills will save us all from overcrowding. Save us from gridlock. High density reduces traffic congestion and reduces resource usage! Didn't you know that? Developers have a business. It is to make as much money

as possible. They do this by packing in as many homes as possible and paying for the least amount of infrastructure possible. If they can fool a lot of people into believing that "new urbanism" is utopia, then people will look the other way

when they upzone their property."

Anonymous said...

"The firm that did the EIR is responsible for the majority of development within Irvine. Now I know why Carlsbad is using them. Don't you just love Irvine? Their EIR is classic. It calls Encinitas Streets like N. Coast HW101 "Carlsbad Boulevard." It also shows that the existing level of ser-

vice at Leucadia Boulevard and N.Coast HW101 is acceptable and that it will be acceptable with another 15,000 cars per day. Guess again.

POST DATE: May 13, 2007 POST TITLE: I'm Down with this Norby Dude

The city of Encinitas wants to hire Peder Norby to be the Highway 101 Main Street coordinator and has budgeted a healthy gob of money for the position.

At first I thought, Wow, what a scam. Why can't the existing city staff provide infrastructure for the

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Then I threw my head back and laughed.

Here is why I've decided to support Peder Norby: He did a good job with the downtown Encinitas streetscape program. I remember when the city first started talking about fixing up downtown coastal Encinitas, a lot of people were afraid that they were going to bulldoze the whole thing. I think Norby did a good job of fine-tuning and beautifying downtown Encinitas, enhancing its historic ambiance. Norby seems like a guy who gets stuff done.

The coast highway is beautiful, but the dirt medians kind of suck. Nothing has been the detriment to Leucadia more than the NCTD's scorched-earth policy. It's unclear if Norby can have any influence on the NCTD. Leucadia is great, but places like this section could really benefit from improvements. Could Peder Norby be mediator between the heart (you Leucadians) and the head (the city of Encinitas staff and

Peder Norby and I have exchanged a few e-mails, and I think he is a smart, thoughtful guy. I like what he says here: "I have visited and worked in over 300 downtowns during the past 10 years. There is no example that I can point to as a success where they destroyed the culture and history of their downtown...replacing it with 'generica.""

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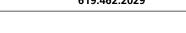
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Muffett reaches up and swats the stew on her can. Startled, the young lady lets out a little embarrassed laugh and walks quickly to the private jet's galley to hide. Having only worked as the flight attendant to Miss Muffett for a week, she has not heard from the other crewmembers of Miss Muffett's tyrannical sexual harassment of the girls in her employ.

Muffett reclines in her roomy chair and thinks of ringing the stewardess to bring her more champagne and another look at that pencil skirt, but her finger stops short of the button and she looks out the tiny oblong window next to her at the countryside racing by

What a long trip it's been. From a cottage-industry curds-and-whey company she started in her modest kitchen long ago, to this, winging across country in her own jet to meet with the CEO of QVC. Who knew curds and whey would become the latest trend in health foods, sold by the tubful at every gym, nutrition center, and supermarket?

No one was even making curds and whey when the write-ups in bodybuilding and women's health magazines started rolling out. Only Muffett, and a handful of old ladies scattered across the country, even knew what curds and whey were when the dish was

Some say it was luck. Others talk of Muffett's latent marketing skills, unknown even to her, that poised her to become the nation's largest distributor of the must-have breakfast ingredient. There was even a silly article in the New Yorker that had attributed her success to the fever of a spider bite she'd sustained while building her business. It was written that her struggle with the poison calcified her resolve to lift herself from poverty.

Muffett smiles at the thought of that silly article and scratches the red mark on her forearm, the healed bite. Maybe it was true. It was around that time that her first television commercials rolled out and her personal checking account tallied one million.

Before she reaches for the stewardess call button, she decides that if her advances toward the stew are spurned once more, she will fire the girl the minute the landing gear touches tarmac.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

NEWS 8

CBS 7:00 A.M.

Paris watch: At the time of printing, Paris has been in jail for three and a half days. Except for my thrill that the judge gave her hard time instead of rehab, I'm not happy she's in there. Jail is a horrid place, and I've done time for the same things she's in for — boozing and driving and carrying on that way. Paris, talk a guard into giving you an extra blanket, or trade part of your lunch to another inmate to get one. Those cells get cold at night.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER? FOX 8:00 P.M.

Did you know that jackalopes stage boxing matches? Oh, I'm surprised you didn't know that since you're so smart, Mr. I'm-in-the-Fifth-Grade-Now. How about the fact that gnomes are color blind and that they enjoy swimming? Didn't know that one either? Well, then. I don't know what they're teaching in schools these days. Your class hasn't even learned that volcano teeth cry during civil war? What a pity.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

NUMBERS

CBS 10:00 P.M

Sweet Mary, how I hate it when numbers are substituted for letters. Not that I'd like a return to Victorian English or that I can't accept the evolution of language, but this is damned irritating. Cr4m 1t 4nd br34k 1t 0ff, CBS!

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

BAND IN THE BUBBLE

MTV 7:30 P.M

I'm convinced that motion-activated towel dispensers are wired with cameras to catch us at our stupidest moments to be broadcast on an MTV reality show, airing sometime next year. How many times have I stood in front

of those damned contraptions, waving my arms like an epileptic mime? I'll be the moron our nation tunes in to watch, doing my wethand watusi until I'm rewarded with a brown sheet of paper or I give up and wipe my hands on my pants and walk out.

DIE ANOTHER DAY (2002) CBS 9:00 P.M.

If you're home watching TV Saturday night at 9, you're probably only interested in one thing about this movie. Ladies, this is the one with Pierce Brosnan. And, guys, this is the one with Halle Berry's orange bikini. Other than that, I don't know any details about the movie. I'm guessing there's a diamond-encrusted, jetpropelled watch that rockets Mr. Bond to safety at the last minute and a satellite or something has to be blown up before they can strip down and hop in the sack. Maybe next week you'll dress up and have a cocktail somewhere instead of crying in your empty apartment, hmmm?

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

ROCKY II

SPIKE 5:00 P.M

I'm not ashamed to say that I tear up while watching Rocky movies. I'm not normally an emotional person, but when the horns start blaring the Rocky anthem and I'm clutching my boxing gloves and a sweaty shirt, I have to yell, "You can do it, Rocky!" I squeegee eye water off my cheek and yell again, "YOU CAN DO IT! Oh ho ho ho!"



MONDAY, JUNE 11

HELL'S KITCHEN

FOX 9:00 P.M.

With this show and A&E's Top Chef, apparently kitchen drama is the next big thing. To hop on this trend, tonight I'll microwave a Lean Cuisine, get drunk on bourbon, and yell at my cat.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

FAST CARS & SUPERSTARS:

THE GILLETTE YOUNG GUNS CELEBRITY RACE ABC 9:30 P.M.

For no reason at all, I now use the French word "crêpes" instead of "crap." You can see where this is going. The image in my mind of a "celebrity race" television show is a very thin pancake rolled up with a fruit, cheeses, and nuts stuffing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

LAST COMIC STANDING

Ah, comedy. Unless he can play a guitar, this is the last hope of the portly and socially awkward to get a girlfriend. Whoa. That hit close to home. I guess I should either learn to read music or work on my routine.

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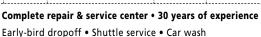
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The spring semester of U.S. history during A.D. 1964 was my time to do pretty much what I wanted.

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Today would be one of those Fridays at the end of the school year when "pupils," as we were known then, would find whatever was outside the classroom window inordinately fascinating. I can remember one classroom in particular from which, during certain periods of the day, I oversaw several Indian skirmishes in and among the trees along Lake Street in the western Chicago suburb in which I lived.

The bank of classroom windows was of the type that pushed out or rather pulled into the room. Just above them was a hinged window pane that could be lowered by a pole with a brass hook at its end. This pole could also be used to grip the bottoms of each of the four window shades in the unlikely event that the setting sun from the west would filter through the tops of the sentinel maple trees outside the second floor and blind a few dozen students.

The hooked poles could also be used to fend off libertines, freebooters, or the French. Any one of them might attempt to board our classroom after a skirmish. That is, if their vessels had somehow survived a broadside from our six-pounders hidden just beneath the window ledge. Exactly where the rigging for window shades, weight sashes, and audio-visual screens (the rat lines) were secured by belaying pins.

"What's the matter, Mr. Benediccio? Is your young man's fancy turning to thoughts of love? Or is it baseball? What was the Anti-Trust Act, sir? Do you have any idea?"

The galley master, thank the Lord, had overlooked me this time. I had been studying the tree line onshore, sighting targets and calculating the trajectory of the ordnance needed to take out those ammunition stores at quayside. Within moments the entire embarcadero would be a confusion of merchants, citizens, looters, and livestock. Among them would be the newly freed galley slaves and, unless I missed my guess, one Captain Peter Blood, bachelor of medicine, aid to Lord Feversham, wrongly imprisoned by the governor of Jamaica, with myself, any minute now, at his side!

A smell of lilac would waft up from the bushes below Ashland Avenue, and that particularly Midwestern olfactory pleasure became the perfumes of the French aristocratic women on deck.

"YOU!" I felt a hand clamp my left shoulder from behind. Mr. Lupinsky, the U.S. history teacher, was a good one, and he could not be held responsible for this very boring few pages of the textbook he had been issued. In my current 19th-century, early-summer drama, I had no use for him. He was simply the galley master. Lupinski was great as a gangster or a crooked cop, aside from being a better-than-average lay history teacher in a Chicago diocese Catholic school. I was in Mr. L's class the day Kennedy was shot, and I think I saw something go out of him that day. Whatever it was, it never returned, as far as I know. The spring semester of U.S. history during A.D. 1964 was my time to do pretty much what I wanted. I was mentally vacant as "Coach," as we also called him (he was the guy who got me to "go out" for football: another disastrous and heartbreaking story full of Freudian sweat and anguish for another time) said, "Define

I could always shift mental gears quickly; it has kept me out of psychiatric wards and military school. "Like a monopoly."

"Thank you! Yes, like a monopoly. You all know Monopoly." And with the release of that meaty and Slavic palm, I was safely out of the 20th Century again.

Sliding the three-pound Our American Heritage to the left a few inches, I could see the corner of next period's textbook, and I felt that certain second wind I sometimes managed at this time of day. It had been a long four periods since English class (lunch being the longest and most violent), usually my best chance



at escape unless the porcine Sister Borgia was on a grammar, punctuation, or spelling reign of terror. These left the inmates weaker than their first day on the prison island. Many did not survive. But I used my wits in that class to, first of all, be seated near and then to be friend Ivan Rothman, Easy to persuade, Rothman would quickly correct my assignments and willingly comply in copying correct multiple-choice answers of grammatical rules. To this day I have no shame: I did what one must to serve the cruelties of those times. But coming up, after Lupinski's tired dunning, was Asian Civ.

The Iroquois along the lake had been quiet. Too quiet. I could leave this post with Sergeant Rod Taylor (also the actor in *The Time Machine*) and know the situation was in good hands. It was time now for me, as Captain Oswald Bastable, to do what I could about the Boxers running opium or possibly to rescue General Charles "Chinese" Gordon from the Allah-and sun-crazed Mahdists even now surrounding Khartoum.

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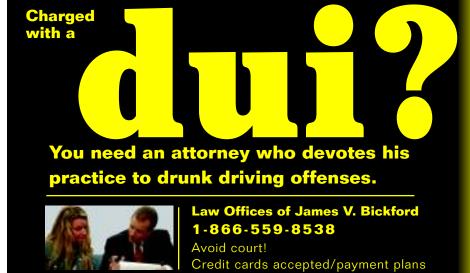
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