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a thousand husbands.
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– Mischa Shirazi, San Diego, CA

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– Greg Schwenk, San Diego, CA

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– T.P. Fortin, San Diego, CA

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– Darush Mohyi, M.D., La Jolla, CA



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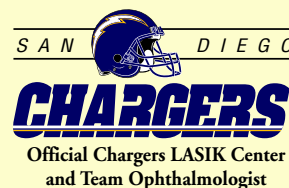
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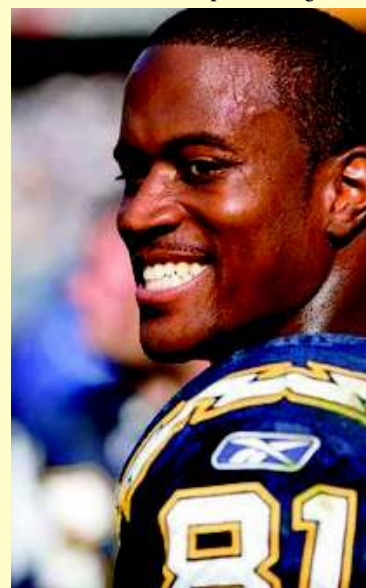
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BREAKING NEWS

Houses and homie Ex-National City mayor **Nick Inzunza**, whose wheeling and dealing in the ramshackle residential properties of Barrio Logan was first revealed on these pages a little over four years ago, is continuing to expand his inner-city real estate empire.



Nick Inzunza

According to a deed recorded with the County on May 11, Inzunza and wife **Olga Payan** snapped up units at 2201 and 2203 Logan Avenue for \$435,000. The sellers were **Sylvia Driesbach** and **Clifford M. Potts Jr.** A 2005 story in the *Union-Tribune* about Inzunza and his rat-infested properties forced him out of the race for the 79th District seat being vacated by termed-out Democratic assemblyman **Juan Vargas**. Inzunza's brother **Ralph**, formerly on the San Diego City Council before his conviction in the Cheetahs strip club corruption case, was denied



Ralph Inzunza

a new trial by federal judge **Jeffrey Miller** in April. ... *U-T* owner **David Copley's** 164-foot yacht *Happy Days* made landfall at the International Yacht Club of Antibes, on the Côte d'Azur of France, on May 23, according to the latest sighting posted on yachtspotter.com.

Hearing no evil Fighting a two-front war with the Federal Aviation Administration over the too-tall high-rise he is building near Kearny Mesa's Montgomery Field and two towers he's proposing for Harbor Island near Lindbergh Field, Sunroad Enterprises' **Aaron Feldman** has gone to Washington for some heavy-duty help. According to a February filing with the clerk of the



David Schaffer

U.S. Senate, Sunroad has retained the services of lobbyist **David Schaffer**, whose duties are listed as "ensuring that a building does not create an unsafe condition for aircraft." Formerly senior counsel and GOP staff director for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's aviation panel, Schaffer has represented such well-heeled clients as Virgin Nigeria, a joint venture between the Nigerian government and Britain's Virgin Atlantic that wanted takeoff and landing rights in New York and Houston, and Sound Initiative, a group lobbying for legislation against noisy jets. Five years ago, Schaffer told a writer for *Washington Monthly*, "People on the Hill don't really see lobbyists as evil. But the public doesn't see it that way."

Old home week San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** is slashing departmental budgets left and right, but apparently there's still enough money left in the municipal kitty to pick up the meal tab of a well-paid aide to Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. According to the city's lobbying expenditure report for the first quarter of the year, **Elaine Jennings** of the governor's Office

of Homeland Security was treated to a lunch worth \$17 at Chops Steak Seafood & Bar in Sacramento on March 27. According to its website,



Elaine Jennings

the eatery, popular among state politicians, features "classic Midwestern corn fed prime dry aged beef, along with the freshest most succulent seafood the world's oceans have to offer." Jennings used to make \$63,000 as the governor's director of "press advance." Her current job pays \$94,000. Before that,

Jennings, a loyal Republican, was executive director of LEAD San Diego, a power networking group for local yuppies, and had earlier worked as a "policy development assistant" to then-San Diego mayor **Susan Golding**, who also employed Sanders press aide **Fred Sainz**.

King of the mound Padres owner and nominal Democrat **John Moores** is hedging his bets in the presidential race. On March 30 and 31, he is listed as giving a total of \$4600 to **Hillary Clinton's** "exploratory committee."

On February 28, he gave \$2300 to the campaign of Senator **Chris Dodd** of Connecticut. His onetime sidekick at the Padres, **Larry Lucchino**, who now oversees the Boston Red Sox, also gave Dodd \$1000. For her part,



John Moores

Lucchino's wife **Stacey**, another onetime San Diegan, gave Clinton \$4600. Another friend of Moores's, the *U-T's* **David Copley** — a lifelong Republican like his late mother **Helen**, who was a big fan of **Richard Nixon's** — didn't dabble in presidential politics. Instead, he contributed \$2000 to the National Republican Congressional Committee in March and \$2500 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee in April. ... GOP senator **Trent Lott** leads the political pack so far this year in money raised by so-called Leadership PACs, those funds maintained by politicians who dole out the money to their favored campaigns. Lott's is called the New Republican Majority Fund and had receipts of \$997,992



David Copley

through April. The biggest local donor was Rancho Santa Fe's **Michael Hammes**, chairman and CEO of Sunrise Medical, a maker of power wheelchairs, who gave \$2700 in February. Coming in second was Democracy for America, a fund-raising operation set up by former Democratic presidential candidate **Howard Dean**, who accumulated \$685,261. Downtown investment banker **William D'Allaird** gave \$1000 to Dean's fund in April. **Carol Cuatrecasas**, wife of retired drug company executive **Pedro Cuatrecasas** of Rancho Santa Fe, also kicked in a total of \$1000.

— Matt Potter

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David's Dilemma

By Don Bauder

Harold (Hal) Fuson Jr., senior vice president and chief legal officer of Copley Press, has always called himself "the house liberal" — out of step with the militaristically conservative hierarchy. Abooooouuut faaaaaace! At the end of this month, the house liberal becomes de facto chief executive of the company.

He takes command of a

top 25 dailies skidded more than the *U-T's* 6.6 percent drop in daily circulation, and only one paper dropped more than the *U-T's* 7.3 percent plunge on Sundays.

Worried staffers say the top brass are huddling in



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U-T editor Karin Winner and Hal Fuson, Jr.

ship sinking faster than its peers. In 2004, the *Union-Tribune*, almost all that's left of Copley Press, was the 19th-largest newspaper by daily circulation. It has now plunged to 23rd. But San Diego is the nation's 17th-largest market and was in 2004. For the year ended in March, only 2 of the

lengthy meetings almost daily, but nothing is ever announced. There are staff meetings at which employees are told they must do more with less, but there seem to be no initiatives to tackle major problems, such as the lack of cooperation between the electronic *SignOn-SanDiego* and the newsprint

side. The top executives who were in place during this dismal post-2004 performance remain in their posts.

On May 3, David Copley, nominally the chief executive, announced that so-called chief operating officer Charles (Chuck) Patrick, 58, would retire at the end of June and Fuson, 62, would take his position. It was a long-planned retirement; as the *Reader* earlier reported, Patrick bought a home in Santa Barbara several years ago and has been refurbishing it. "I look forward to Hal's help in steering our trustworthy flagship through today's choppy waters," said Copley in a note to his staff. Current and former insiders snickered: Copley has never been a hands-on executive and is even less involved now that he is spending so much time on his \$33 million yacht. Patrick ran the company for years and was Copley's confidant on all matters. "Chuck was so involved with David's life," notes one former executive. "David went to him on everything."

Although moving from San Diego, Patrick will remain on the board of the privately held and tight-lipped company and continue to be a personal adviser to David Copley.

The transition from Patrick

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Revolution Fades Away

By Ernie Grimm

Your mental picture of Tijuana's Avenida Revolución probably looks like this: hordes of American tourists wearing shorts, T-shirts, and fanny packs tromp up and down the sloping street. Some wait in line to don sombreros, climb into carts behind donkeys painted to look like zebras, and pay five dollars each to have Polaroid photos taken of themselves. Sidewalk salesmen, in limited English, talk other tourists into shops packed full of Mexican blankets, ponchos, statuettes. The more adventurous visitors haggle with the shopkeepers to get better prices on the curios they'll haul back over the border in

a few hours. The tourists smile because of the bargains they're getting. The shop owners smile because they're growing rich selling their curios for many times what they paid for them.

Héctor Santillán Muñoz, a longtime landlord and shop owner on the avenue, remembers those days fondly. His face bears the broad smile and faraway stare of a man reveling in memories of good times. "Most of our customers in the good days came from the east and middle parts of the United States," he recalls.

"They'd come to Tijuana for the first and probably last time, and we ripped them very well. We ripped them incredibly. They paid whatever we asked for in those years. We used to joke, if we made shit out of clay and put it on display, we could sell it. We sold everything in those days. The usual markup rules tell you to sell it for three times whatever you paid for it. But I had the philosophy, if I bought it for one peso, I'd sell it for three dollars. So I did well, and I saved for the future."

The saving was wise, because "Those days are over," Santillán says, "and they won't come back."

Santillán, 72, stands about six feet tall. He's dressed in pressed tan slacks and a short-sleeved dress shirt. His thin gray hair lies straight back on his head. In his lively green eyes, one can still see the teenager from Zacatecas who

began working on Avenida Revolución 56 years ago. "I started in this shop when I was 16 years old, sweeping the floor and cleaning everything. Then I became in charge of the store, and then manager, and then the owners gave me a chance to pay for the store with no money down. I just worked 20 hours a day for the owner of the merchandise. There were two owners, the owner of the merchandise and the owner of the land. I was very young, and I could work 20 hours a day. I remember, I would open on Friday at nine o'clock in the morning and close my store at three on Monday morning. The tourists were in here day and night. A lot of Marines, a lot of sailors. We would make them fight each other... 'Hey, sailor, that Marine over there said you're a swabber.' And they would start fighting. Pretty soon they changed the rules in the military so that they couldn't cross the line in uniform."

Memories of bellicose servicemen and spend-happy tourists cause Santillán to smile and fall silent. But the smile fades as his mind returns to the present. "Now, I stay open because... I'm 72 years old. I have five kids, all well married and healthy, ten grandchildren. So instead of staying at my house fighting with my wife, I come over here to my business. It's like a hobby more than a business, because there is no business."

As he speaks, a lone customer wanders into his previously empty shop. "Today, we've actually had customers. There are a lot of people out for a Monday," He chuckles sarcastically. "Something must be wrong."

He says there are a lot of people out this Monday afternoon in early May, but a look up and down the street reveals that salesmen, street vendors, and fare-seeking cab drivers outnumber shoppers four to one. "In 1982," Santillán recalls, "I was president of the chamber of commerce. I remember sitting in my office down on First Street [at the north end of Revolución], looking out the window, and seeing a human river flowing up from the border to Avenida Revolución. That year, for New Year's, I went with all my fam-



Héctor Santillán Muñoz

ily to Las Vegas. On the same plane there was another businessman and his family. He offered me," Santillán slows his voice for emphasis, "five...

iculty selling them or collecting rents. And in the past year, a sight unseen on the avenue for decades is becoming more common: For Sale



Avenida Revolución, Tijuana

hundred...thousand...dollars just to let him into my retail space here. Plus he offered me \$3000 a month in rent, which was twice the going rent in those days. Incredible."

In those days, Santillán says, such offers were not uncommon. "Because," he explains, "these properties were so highly coveted that they'd come to you and offer a lot of money to buy these buildings or rent your space. But," Santillán echoes himself, "those days are over."

Instead of fielding frequent offers to buy or rent their retail space, Avenida Revolución owners today are having dif-

signs. Recently three were in evidence on the avenue between Ninth and Second streets, and metal doors with "se renta" (for rent) spray-painted on them cover many formerly prime retail spaces. "Probably 30 percent of the spaces facing the street are empty," Santillán says.

In the good days, business was so plentiful on the avenue that enterprising landowners such as Santillán built arcades of small shops behind the street-front spaces. "There was probably one for each block," Santillán says, "each side of the

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Building for sale, Avenida Revolución, Tijuana

David's dilemma

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to Fuson will be a major one, although employees are so shell-shocked about the company's rapid decline that they haven't had time to ruminate on it. Patrick is rigidly right-wing in his politics. He is an accountant who did not spend time in the various parts of the newspaper — edito-

rial, circulation, advertising. "Patrick is just a bean counter. He doesn't have vision," says another former executive. "He was the biggest mistake Helen [the late Helen Copley] and David made." By contrast, Fuson has a master's degree in journalism from Columbia, taught the subject for 14 years, and toiled in a newsroom. During that time, he got a law degree. He has always favored balanced news coverage —

again, contrasting with Copley brass, who want tough coverage of hoi polloi such as labor unions but softball mas-saging of the establishment. Do not, however, expect honest reporting or editorial writing from the *U-T*. The organizational culture of distorting the truth to try to sway public opinion is far more deeply inculcated than the instinct of economic self-survival.

Six months ago, Fuson was

telling people he intended to retire. But two months ago, he began claiming he had never said that. Some wonder if there was a change of plans regarding Gene Bell, president of the *Union-Tribune*, who has had a strained relationship with Patrick and is junior to Fuson in the pecking order. The taciturn Bell has been a favorite of the Copleys because of his antiunion activities but has not been in the inner circle, par-

ticularly the social circle. The company refuses to release Bell's age, but he has been in the newspaper business for at least 47 years, and ex-insiders say he is older than Fuson.

Former executives, from both the editorial and business sides, question whether the company needs both Fuson and Bell. After all, Copley Press has stripped down to almost exclusively the *Union-Tribune*. The remaining *Borrego Sun*,

aging La Casa del Zorro resort, and Copley News Service are minuscule pieces of the pie.

"There would be duplication," says one former executive. Echoes another, "I wouldn't think the company needs both Bell and Hal. Either Hal will have a job that doesn't require much, or maybe Gene will leave." Fuson had been in the running for the top *Union-Tribune* job a couple of years before Bell showed up in 1992.

The company no longer needs the corporate headquarters in La Jolla, but former executives agree it will be retained because David Copley won't want to drive to Mission Valley on the days he is in the office. However, there will have to be severe layoffs at headquarters. Copley Press owns a half block of choice La Jolla real estate that would fetch a pretty price.

Copley top executives refuse to talk but have privately told San Diegans that financial woes have intensified in recent months. Middle managers were recently told that the profit margin has slipped below 10 percent. In the halcyon days, a couple of decades ago, the San Diego part of the empire would ring up three times that. Still, Copley is doing as well as other metropolitan dailies on the bottom line and better than many other industries. It's a vicious circle: as circulation plummets, advertising revenue goes with it, and nobody knows where the bottom might be.

David Copley has a dilemma. He revels in the ego gratification of being a publisher and owner, relying on others to do the grunt work, but he is seeing his fortune diminish by the day. This is a time when hedge funds and private equity groups have trillions of dollars burning holes in their pockets and are willing to toss money at doggy industries, including metro daily newspapers. (Thanks to the munificence of a combination hedge fund/private equity group, Copley Press got \$380 million in cash earlier this year for a bunch of Ohio and Illinois newspapers. Much of that money will have to go to settle Helen Copley's estate taxes.) So David Copley's corporate ship is sinking at a time he would prefer to be cruising the seas on his yacht. If he doesn't sell now to giddy buyers, Copley Press's value could sink much more. ■

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street. I'm talking about 12 or 14 arcades between First and Eighth streets. Eighty percent of those arcade stores are closed now. For example," he points across the street to the Mexicoach bus depot, "Mexicoach's arcade did very good business. Now, all the stores are closed there."

What stores are left, Santillán says, are having trouble making enough money to pay the rent. "I have a brother with a shop right across the street. I call him and criticize him because he sells imitation silver and gold plate. But he says, 'Héctor, I have to do that or I can't pay the rent.' You have to rip the one, two, three customers you get each day just to pay the rent."

Talk of rents sends Santillán back to the good days of the '60s, '70s, and '80s, when what he calls "the United States' communist phantom" brought a steady supply of servicemen and their visiting families to

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Southern California and over the border for day trips. "In those days," he smiles with the memory, "we used to write into the contract that the rent would go up 20 percent [of the original price] every year. So in ten years, \$1000 rent would be \$3000."

Again the smile fades and a look of resignation, albeit cheerful resignation, replaces it on Santillán's face. "I have an arcade with 32 spaces right behind this store. Most of my tenants remain, but only because I prefer to take lower rent than to have empty shops. So instead of the \$1000 I used to get, I cut it to \$500. Then, instead of \$500, \$250; instead of \$250, \$150."

Asked if people are paying on time, Santillán chuckles. "No, no, no, no, no. My brother is probably three or four months behind. But the owner of the building prefers to wait than to kick him out."

Like most in Tijuana who work in tourism-related businesses, Santillán points to 9/11 as the chief cause of Avenida Revolución's demise. But he sees it as the final ax chop that toppled a tree that began dying

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in 1989, when "the Iron Curtain fell. Then the Navy base in San Diego started to get smaller. The Navy left Miramar. El Toro is empty. Camp Pendleton has fewer Marines. All of that cut down our business here, but we were still okay until 9/11."

Business, Santillán says, has never recovered from the complete closure of the border in the immediate aftermath of 9/11 and the longer northbound waits at the border since then. "Even if they opened up the border and made it a lot easier to go back and forth, those days won't come back, because the economy of the United States is not as good as it used to be, and because of the reduction in the military."

If 9/11 was the final blow that felled the money tree that Avenida Revolución once was, the chipper that will grind it into dust comes on January 1, 2008. "By January of 2008," Santillán explains through a burst of morbid laughter, "every U.S. citizen that comes to Mexico and wants to get back into the United States has to show a passport." ■

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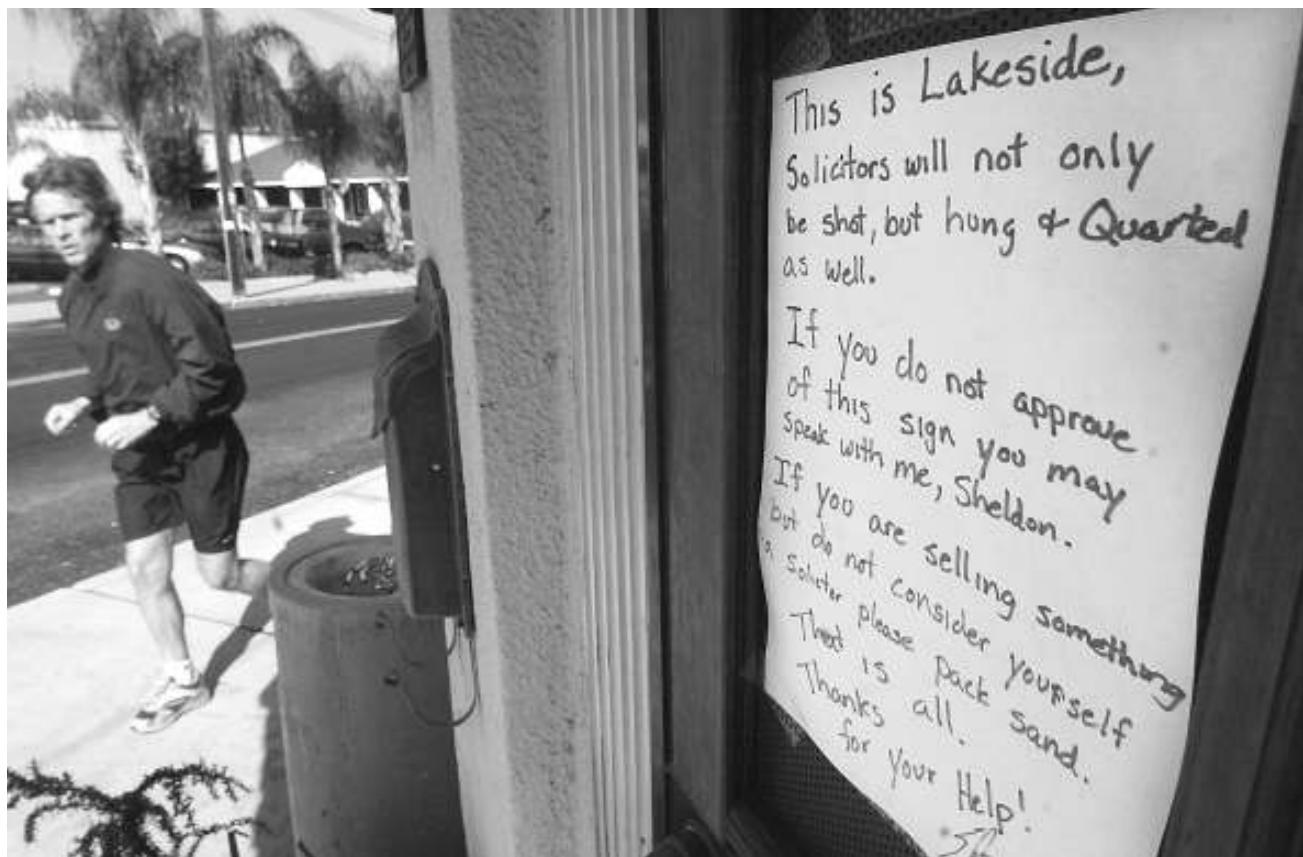
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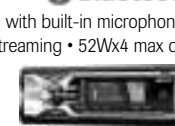
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Review The Committee

The most important committee meeting currently is the least covered; namely, the City Charter Review Committee ("Minuteman, Minutewoman," June 7, and "Jerry Sanders Is Susan Golding in Drag," April 26, "City Lights"). The mayor appointed the members. I'll name three of his appointees. (1) Donna Jones, registered lobbyist for Sunroad. (2) Alan Bersin, chair of the airport authority, who made a deal with the mayor to loan one of their people to advise with Montgomery Field. (3) John Davies, of counsel to the Allen Matkins law firm. This firm is lobbyist for the Navy Broadway/Manchester development.

Mel Shapiro
via e-mail

The Canadian Solution

Re "The Cart Theft Posse" ("City Lights," June 7).

Help is on the way with issuance of newer, more at-

tractive coin dollars. While in Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada (don't ask me why I'd visit a place Canadians call "cold"), I found an interesting advantage with "Loons" and "Toons," single and double dollars Canadian. To remove a shopping cart from parking areas, customers had to insert a dollar coin. That released only one cart. After loading purchases into their vehicles, individuals reclaim their dollar by slipping their cart back into a track that releases the coin they inserted in the handle, somewhat similar to those found in airports. If one didn't care about loss of a mere dollar, most likely some industrious person would happily return their cart. And because the "Toon" is also in use, a higher price/return could be created.

In our more or less united states, setting up a system identical to those used in airports, which accept credit cards, could conceivably work but would be much more expensive to create.

Only fly in this ointment? Companies now profiting by collecting stolen carts would be out of business. I can almost hear thundering lobbyist hooves. Statewide, this could be a substantial savings for customers who ultimately pay the price of return anyway. Oops! A second fly. Would retail chains react by lowering prices or just rack up greater profits?

Regarding police en-

forcement for cart theft, I must ask: if darkened front vehicle windows are illegal, and they present a great danger to policemen themselves and allow criminals to escape accurate identification, what motivation do policemen have with such a comparatively minor infraction?

Got an answer for that and yet another police/public scofflaw issue; missing front license plates. Simply empower meter maids/men to issue citations for both. Sooner or later, violators will park somewhere that invites closer inspection. Who knows? Those fines could help bail out San Diego from its present financial problems.

Fred Crowe
via e-mail

Death By Culture

The Reader seems to be intent on following News Notes into oblivion. I suggest to your owner that News Notes be revived and the Reader junked. The new film reviews are not only worthless, they simply stink. Something, probably the San Diego ethos, a force marked by intolerable and obnoxious mediocrity, has made the Reader worse than ever. I doubt there is any cure for the disease known as San Diego culture. Possibly the News Notes can be revived with money extracted from the Reader.

Name Withheld

Checkmate!

I just wanted to compliment Geoff Bouvier on the

incredible chess article that he wrote and that you dared to publish in its entirety, I assume ("When You Play Chess," Cover Story, May 31). It was a very long, wonderful, wonderful article and so educational and informative. I'm a writer, so this is coming from somebody who is challenged by the will to communicate, and there's so many gems in this piece, a very important piece, I think.

Al Secunda
Temecula

Love Is Simple

A few issues ago I read about a man who does great things ("He Loves the People No One Wants," Cover Story, October 5, 2006). He's taken it upon himself to be accountable. In these chaotic and uncertain times, it's inspiring to read about heroes like this man.

Then, a couple of weeks ago, another article was written describing a terribly frightening attack on this same man ("Water Man: Down, Then Out," "City Lights," May 24) only to be followed by a very disturbing revelation involving the homeless and, ironically enough, "Mercy" Hospital. The efficient and indifferent treatment he received is typical of the Catholic worldwide deception. But that is another story.

Last week I was walking past the MTS depot on 16th Street when I noticed to my left, across the street where the mission is, a somewhat familiar face. That's when I noticed the cast. All this from across the street. It was the Water Man I had read so much about. He was speaking to one guy, another guy comes up ask-

ing for water, and without missing a beat he lets the guy know that the water was in the trunk of his black compact on the side of the street. I patiently waited to just say what a cool thing I thought it is that he does.

We spoke for a minute or two as he kept up the conversation while reaching into his vehicle to retrieve an article about the homeless being thrown out of hospitals because they simply didn't have insurance. Even after being beaten, stabbed, and humiliated at the hospital, there he was. Bruised up, in a cast, and in obvious pain (although he would never admit it; he doesn't strike me as the complaining type) passing out water and informing on someone else's plight.

It occurred to me later, after shaking his hand to make a hasty getaway from there, that besides the obvious bravado and self-assuredness that anyone growing up on the mean streets of Detroit would pick up, well, there was something else there.

The answer is right there in front of you if you just pay attention to the man, his actions. Hell, if you can't see it, perhaps you never will. It's that little thing that can stop wars, hunger, racism, even our president's greed. In a nutshell, what I sensed from this man was simply love.

Rene Segat
via e-mail

View From A Skeptic

I just read Steve Sorensen's article in the Reader, and it made me appreciate so very much my experiences ("In the Eyes of the Elders," Feature Story, May 24).

I was raised Presbyterian in Phoenix but as a teen recognized that as wonderful as Christ was, there was something lacking in my very kind church. What about all those who never heard about Christ or those whose bad experiences in this life made them reject such good news?

In college as a premed student, I realized the preposterous claim of life after death but still thought it was a wonderful idea. I studied many religions. The one that made the most sense was the Mormon gospel idea of struggle here to learn and grow with everyone getting a chance to choose the closeness to goodness that they wanted, baptism for the dead for those who were presented truth later, etc. But how could anyone believe in the golden plates or trans-oceanic travel?

Then Thor Heyerdahl took little barges across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and I was shocked. In med school they taught the truth of the Work of Wisdom. Again, I was amazed. How could J. Smith have guessed so correctly? Now, I have been down to Central America and seen places that correspond to Book of Mormon "nonsense" such as cement, toys with wheels, horse bones, pictures of elephants, etc. I have studied ancient Egyptian temple ceremonies and seen striking correlation with the Mormon temple ceremonies that people said Smith got from the Masons...but the Egyptian ceremonies really were there. They just hadn't been translated yet. Metal plates hadn't yet been found in the Middle East, and stone

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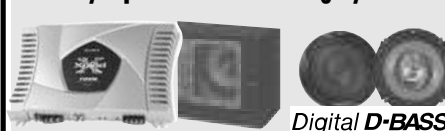
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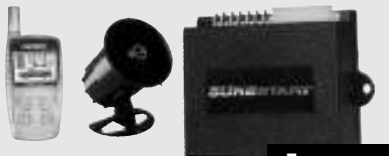
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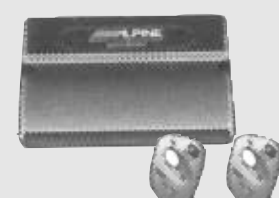
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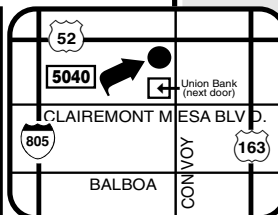


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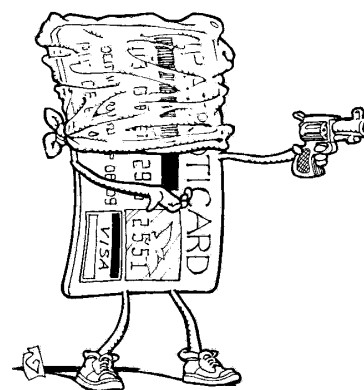


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— Steven S. Garretson, Carlsbad

Ah, the old credit-card-wrapped-in-a-plastic-shopping-bag-run-through-a-credit-card-magnetic-strip-scanner-machine trick. Impressive. This is graduate-level convenience-store clerking. The kind of knowledge passed on in the checker game from seasoned veteran to promising rookie. Well, when we're through here, you'll have your digital doctorate. You'll wow all those Slurpee drinkers with your command of the counter. So, grab a Slim Jim and listen up.

Mag-strip thingies are made of magnetizable metal particles embedded in a kind of plastic binder goo. Once it's applied to the back of the card, a very clever machine magnetizes particles in the strip to create the individual pattern of on-off binary bars of the account code for that particular card. When you zip the card through the reader, the on-off mag pattern is translated into current, transmitted to the bank (or whoever) where computers look at the pattern, check the account number against their records, calculate a checksum based on the account numbers, match the checksum against what's registered on the card, and tell you, the clerk, whether everything's copasetic.

Okay. Take a break. Towel off, grab some hot Chee-tos and a Yoo-Hoo, 'cause we're almost done.

Old credit cards are usually the ones that need to be bagged. Through use, the magnetized particles can move out of place or be scratched so badly that they don't translate into the proper electrical signals when the reader scans them. But the misplaced mag particles also have weaker electrical fields around them. When you put the card in a plastic bag, the thin plastic moves the strip far enough away from the machine's strip reader that the weaker signals don't register and the card scans correctly. You can also put a piece of cellophane tape over the strip and achieve the same thing.

Matthew Alice:

How about "lose one's marbles"? Where is that from?

— Ken, M.A. comments board

Ken was browsing through some archived info from our stable of word nerds when he came up with this. When we slid this question under their door, we could hear them scrambling out the back window, which is never a good sign. Only one stuck around to offer Ken an explanation — our old friend Michael Quinion, who is an advisor to the *OED* when he's not hanging out with the elves. He says the expression is strictly American and first appears in print late in the 1890s, but of course it had been around in the spoken language a long time before that. It originally meant "angry," like a kid who hit a cold streak in the game of marbles and lost 'em all. (Around that time, marbles was a very popular game, and marbles were very special toys.) If you're angry enough, I suppose you probably seem a little crazy. And eventually the meaning of the phrase shifted from "mad" (angry) to "mad" (nuts). Seems pretty straightforward to me. Don't know why all the other word jockeys bailed.

Hi, Matt:

I'm a gay man chasing a younger gay man who won't give me the time of day because I don't have a hairy chest. Is there such a thing as a chest-hair transplant?

— Hairless, out there somewhere

LaWanda, our staff aesthetician, says, "Eeewwwwww! Male body hair is out, out, out this year!" Spas can hardly keep up with the waxing and lasering and tweezing. So, exactly how obsessed are we with this guy, His Royal Shallowness? How far will we go in the quest for the Hairy Grail? Surgery will show how much you really care.

Yes, some men have had punch-graft chest-hair transplants. First, you find body hair that you think would look cute hanging off your pecs. Then a dermatologist punches out a small piece of that hairy skin, inserts the plug into a tiny slit in your chest, repeats the process maybe 500, a thousand times, and after three or four months of punching, grafting, bleeding, scabbing, healing, and check-writing, you have your new lawn. Research suggests that hair-plug transplants from one person to another might be successful, so be on the lookout for a follicle donor who's a sucker for romance.

No one else would make this next suggestion, but of course that won't stop me. If you're bald, your doctor might cut out the bald spot, yank the hairy scalp edges together, and sew them up. So how about you have doc remove your chest skin, then tug that underarm hair until it meets in the center and you're in business. Of course, these surgical solutions take time to heal, so by the time you're back on the party circuit, you can be guaranteed that His Shallowness will have flown off to Key West with a lumberjack.

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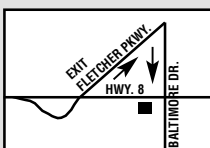
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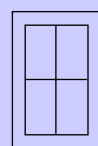
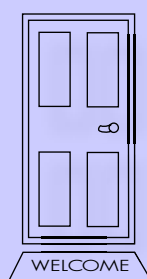
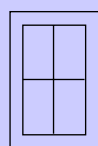
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By Patrick Daugherty

Big Game Guide

Regard, I have happened upon our Department of Fish and Game Licensed Big Game Guides Web page. I envision a Great Hunter, right boot placed on a dead beast's ribs, Italian shooter shirt opened at the chest, and a .50 caliber Barrett M99 hanging off one shoulder. Whiskey and croquet anyone?

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"I do goose and duck hunts," says Danny Moss, 46.

I ask, "How did you go about getting your big-game license?"

"Applied through the state."

"Just, 'Hi. I'm Danny and I want a license.'?"

"There's an application process," Moss says. "They want to know if you've guided for somebody before. They ask questions about the equipment you have and the things you do. I guess it goes through a review board. Costs 250 dollars a year."

I've got to have one of those. "How many people do you guide in a year?"

"Probably 150 to 180. When I do goose hunts, they're a minimum of four people on a hunt and a maximum of six. We do anywhere from 20 to 25 hunts a year."

Strangers with guns. "Taking out that many people, you must run into some jerks. What do you do with them?"

Moss says, "If you can't abide the few rules I have, 'Wait until I call to shoot geese.' Or, trying to shoot in front of everybody else or over people's heads, then you're asked to leave. It's my property, it's my place, it's my game, so if you don't play by my rules, you leave."

Okay. "And what kind of geese do you hunt?"

"It's mostly snow goose hunting in Imperial Valley," Moss says. "It takes a lot, a lot of decoys. I put out anywhere from 1000 to 2000. It takes two, two and a half hours in the morning to get set up and that long to take them back down."

"How come so many decoys?"

"Snow geese flock in numbers," Moss says. "Last season we had 50,000 snow geese in the valley. To pull snow geese away from those groups, you've got to have a big group for them to come look at. Early in the season, I can get away with 300 to 500 decoys. Early in the season, when the geese are new, they're real decoyable because they haven't seen anything yet. But, later in the season, I got to

put out close to 2000 to get them to come in."

A job worth paying someone to do... "How do you lay out a 1000 decoys?"

"I keep them in a big trailer. They're all full-body decoys. I put them out in groups, mix them up on different days. They're not in a straight line; they're in a big group. They cover anywhere from an acre to an acre and a half."

I consider the question of owning 2000 decoys: storing them, maintaining them, trading them, buying them, selling them... "Where do you hunt?"

"South end of the Salton Sea, on the edge of the game refuge," Moss says. "There's the Sonny Bono (Salton Sea National Wildlife) Refuge on the southeast end, holds 30,000, 35,000 snow geese every year."

"You tell your clients, 'Meet me at this place and we'll go hunting.'?"

"Right. Right."

"And you get there a couple hours early..."

"Yeah. I'm out there at 3 a.m. putting decoys out," Moss says. "Meet

clients about half hour before

shoot time. Get them

signed into the

guidebook, collect their

money, take them out

to the field, get set up.

We hunt until noon.

Sunup to noon is a day hunt.

I've had hunts that lasted

20 minutes and hunts

that have lasted until noon.

Sometimes the hunting is so

good, you can sit and pick

out the birds you want. Other times it's a bit

tougher."

"Does it get old after awhile, picking up

2000 decoys?" That has to get old.

"I've hunted since I was a kid. This is fun for me. It lasts two months out of the year. We hunt three days a week: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday. I could have booked five days a week last year, but we wanted to keep pressure off the geese."

What else? "If you're a civilian and want to hunt geese on your own..."

"It would be almost impossible," Moss says. "Because all the property around the refuge is private property, and it's all posted. I've got permission to hunt just about every bit of it around there. And snow geese, typically, don't leave and fly three or four miles to a different field to eat like Canadian geese do. Snow geese don't do that. The refuge plants about 1000 acres of feed for them to come here and stay for the winter. They stay on the refuge. Everything we hunt is just one field off the refuge. It's pulling them out and making them come look and shooting as they come in."

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"My dear friends," said Father Dillard at the beginning of Mass, "today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, where we as Catholics proclaim to the world our faith in the Eucharist: that the risen Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist — body, blood, soul, and divinity — under the appearance of bread and wine."

The first reading presented the forerunner, a Jewish priest offering bread and wine: "In those days, Melchizedek, King of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God, he blessed Abram...." The psalm made the priest's work eternal: "The Lord has sworn and will not repent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.'" And the second reading gave Paul's account of Jesus' words at the Last Supper, ending with, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes." Finally, the Gospel recounted the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the food Jesus multiplied to feed the 5000 who had followed him into the desert: "They all ate and were satisfied."

Dillard's homily opened by comparing San Diego to the desert in the Gospel. "For many people, it is dry, arid, hostile, lonely, and harsh." People "spend their days looking for deep love and companionship and a sense of belonging...for a sense of joy and purpose in their life, and find nothing.... There are more bars and porn shops in our neighborhood than there are churches. Many people are feeding their appetites, and at the same time, starving their souls. It is into this desert that Jesus comes, knowing and loving the human heart, desiring to feed the deepest of our needs.... He gives us the supreme gift of Himself.

"In this arid desert...Christ gives us this oasis: the holy sacrifice of the Mass...where His faithful people are called to receive...Christ Himself...to make present the suffering and death and resurrection of Christ for their souls, for their salvation, and for the salvation of the world.... As Catholics, it is our supreme dignity...to be called by name...to receive into our own bodies the very body and blood of God Almighty and to be transformed by that experience into...the body of Christ."

Hymn after hymn picked up the theme: "O Jesus we adore thee, who in thy love divine/ Conceal thy mighty Godhead in forms of bread and wine..."

And during the Eucharistic Liturgy, Dillard drove the point home, calling Jesus, "the true and eternal priest who established this unending sacrifice. He offered Himself as a victim for our deliverance and taught us to make this offering in His memory. As we eat His

body, which He gave for us, we grow in strength; as we drink His blood, which He poured out for us, we are washed clean."

When Dillard raised the wafer and cup aloft and called out, "This is the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," the congregation responded, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed."

At the end of Mass, Dillard prayed, "Lord Jesus Christ, You give us your body and blood in the Eucharist as a sign that we share in your life. May we come to possess it completely in your kingdom where You live forever and ever."

Then to the congregation: "As is our ancient custom in the Church, we will conclude our Mass with the Eucharistic Procession, where we will take the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance out-

side of our church, to proclaim to our world the joy and the love of God and the salvation of the world in Christ through the Eucharist." Dillard placed a round wafer of the Host into the glass circle at the center of the monstrance; a six-pointed star surrounded the circle, and shafts of gold radiated out all around the star. Church bells rang continuously as Dillard, bearing the monstrance under a white canopy held aloft by four Knights of Columbus, processed around the neighborhood, followed by the congregation. After processing back into the church, Dillard knelt before the monstrance and recited, "You have given them bread from heaven, having within it all sweetness."

What happens when we die? "There is the particular judgment," said Dillard. "We appear before Jesus, and we are judged, and we go to heaven, hell, or purgatory."

— Matthew Lickona

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—EVE KELLY

Nine p.m., Thursday. All I want to do is download a couple of episodes of *The Office* and relax with my husband while he rubs my feet. But just as I'm sending the nine-year-old off to bed, he drops the bomb: "It's our week for treats at school tomorrow." I didn't even bother to look for the crumpled-up memo in his backpack. I knew it would be there. This was my third snack attack of the year.

"That's why I always have tubes of cookie dough in the freezer," advised my sister-in-law when I called to commiserate. That was enough to send me searching through the stores and ringing up girlfriends for a taste-off of chocolate chip cookies made from store-bought dough. I ended up with nine doughs and four friends: Cherie, Sophia, MaryAnn, and Julie. "The things you make us do," complained MaryAnn. "Actually, I'm PMSing, so I could use the chocolate."

Before tasting, everyone weighed in on the perfect cookie. Cherie spoke first: "a chocolate chip cookie should be crispy on the outside and gooey on the inside, and you must use bittersweet chocolate. I get that crispiness by using about half as much butter as the recipe calls for, and I cook them fast at a high temperature." Sophia agreed — mostly. "The chocolate must be dark, and the inside should be gooey. But, also, the dough must be quite sweet, and it has to have nuts in it." "No nuts," countered Julie. "I'm a purist. Just dough and chips...lots of them. And it should be chewy, not soft." "No, no," argued MaryAnn. "The cookie has got to be thick and soft, like a gentle pillow. I use only dark brown sugar — no white — and semi-sweet chips." "Well, I'm running this tasting," I pronounced, "and I like a very crisp cookie with a sparse sprinkling of chips." With that, we set to baking and tasting.

We started with the legend — Nestle Toll House (18 oz., 24 cookies, \$3.99 at Vons). Julie and I both admired the crispy texture, but the milk chocolate — those famous tollhouse morsels — was nearly tasteless. "It's the white bread of cookies," quipped MaryAnn, and nobody argued. Pillsbury (18 oz., 24 cookies, \$3.99 at Vons) was also crunchy, but so much so that it seemed to have no substance. "That's why you need a soft, pillowy cookie," said MaryAnn. "It makes your teeth feel like they're not wasting their time." Pillsbury won out over Nestle in the chips department, however — score one for Hershey's milk chocolate chunks. They also beat out the chocolate in the Safeway cookie dough (18 oz., 20 cookies, \$2.50 at Vons) — "dark and dry, without much flavor," noted Cherie, although the store brand won out on texture: crunchy around the rim and chewy-gooey inside.

Things heated up some with Gluten Freedas Chip, Chip, Hooray Wheat-Free cookies (16 oz., 12 cookies, \$6.99 at Whole Foods). "This is the perfect dipping cookie," marveled MaryAnn. "Pillowy inside, crisp outside, with the perfect amount of chocolate." "Ooh," moaned Julie,

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"and it's flaky, sugary, and buttery." "Don't you mean grainy?" asked Cherie. "And the chocolate is too sweet!" MaryAnn pounded her fist on the counter. "Wrong, wrong, wrong! This cookie is perfect!"

I quickly intervened, passing around the Trader Joe's Chunky Chocolate Chip cookie (16 oz., 16 cookies, \$6.99). The debate ended instantly. "Oh, my God, it's good," both women raved. "The toffee flavor must come from their using lots of dark sugar," suggested MaryAnn. "This is the perfect classic chocolate chip cookie," agreed Cherie. "Good chocolate, balanced flavor, dough that's not too sweet."

We left classic behind with Tom's All-Natural Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip cookies (16 oz., 16 cookies, \$4.39 at Whole Foods). "They're getting stuck in my teeth," complained Julie. "It's soft, but the peanut-butter flavor is overwhelming. I can't taste any chocolate."

Then we got fancy. Turns out Extraordinary Desserts is selling cookie dough now (16 oz., 12 large cookies, \$8.95). We tried three varieties: cherry chocolate chip, simply Valrhona chocolate chip, and Valrhona triple chocolate.

Sophia came to life. "You know, I'll eat almost anything, even bad hot dogs. But when it comes to sweets, I'm a snob, and I haven't liked any of these cookies. But these look promising."

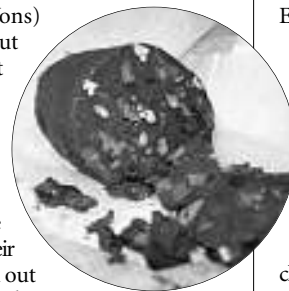
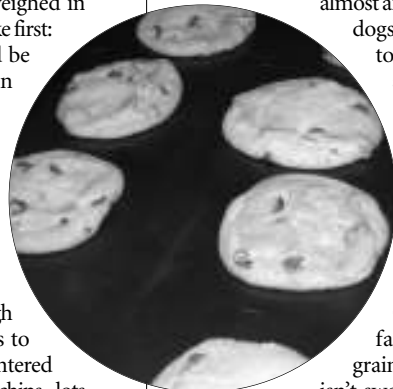
Our first contestant, the plain chocolate chip cookie, did not fulfill the promise. Cherie screwed up her face. "The texture is grainy, and the cookie just isn't sweet enough to match the rich chocolate. But the chocolate is great." However, all our disappointment was wiped away by our first bite of the cherry chocolate chip. The litany of praises poured forth: "chewy," "pillowy," "amazing chocolate," "flavorful," "walnuts to die for." Only Julie demurred. "Nuts and fruit don't belong in a chocolate chip cookie." We ate her share.

The triple chocolate fared just as well. "Spot-on texture," said MaryAnn. "Like a brownie. And the dough balances the sweetness of the chips, even though it's chocolate, too. The whole thing is sweet without being cloying."

I'll be keeping the Trader Joe's cookie in my freezer for snack attacks, but the stuff from Extraordinary Desserts could finish off a casual dinner party. I called the store for a word or two. "The dough will keep in your fridge for several weeks, and you can also freeze it," said the sales clerk. "Just let it defrost overnight in the refrigerator before you use it."

She gave me a word on ingredients as well. "We use Valrhona chocolate — it's a high-end French baking chocolate. In the regular chocolate chip cookie, we use dark chocolate, and we also use three different shades of brown sugar." Same goes for the triple chocolate cookie, which also incorporates semi-sweet and milk chocolates. "The cherry chocolate chip has only one kind of brown sugar and dark chocolate, plus the dried cherries and walnuts. It's a very moist cookie."

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Family Matters

The only man I know who behaves sensibly is my tailor; he takes my measurements anew each time he sees me. The rest go on with their old measurements and expect me to fit them.

— George Bernard Shaw

I'd like to say that the reasons I left my work and chores to spend the day with my sister and nieces were all noble, but that would only be partially true. Jane was stuck waiting for a washer and dryer to be delivered to my mother's house, where she is living

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temporarily while her own home is being renovated. I wanted to come to her rescue, bring her lunch, keep her company, make goo-goo eyes at the baby, and hear the latest of Bella's amusing and surprisingly insightful three-year-old observations. As much as I wanted to do all those things, the truth is, I was so desperate to procrastinate that had anyone else called me in that moment of weakness I would have

been just as eager to donate my time.

I arrived shortly after noon, bearing sandwiches and a gift for Bella. A week earlier, when I had told my niece of the "surprise" present she would receive the next time she saw me, the pint-sized drama queen responded, "I will cry tears of joy." Instead, when she opened the pink lunch box filled with Hello Kitty Pez dispensers, she had just enough time to mumble, "Thank you, Aunt Bob," before running away to savor her treasure in her private sanctuary — the Pepto-Bismol colored room that was once mine, the door of which is still covered with the remnants of unicorn and rainbow stickers.

The day was slow and

relaxing. Chatting with my sister and watching my niece kept me distracted from the to-do list waiting for me at home. At 5 p.m., I decided to stay for dinner, thus prolonging my *petit vacance*. Mom walked in through the garage ten minutes after the pizza had been delivered. We exchanged hugs, placed slices on our paper plates, and sat at the dining room table to chow. Two bites in, Mom said, "I see how it is: you'll come down to visit Jane, but not me."

"I'm still here, aren't I?" My tone was as pointed and dry as rusted barbed wire.

"I guess I can't argue with that," Mom said, punctuating her words with a cheerless giggle.

Ever since their first children were born, my two older sisters have spent almost every weekend at "Nana's" house, the haven for our mother's grandchildren. Nana's house is a magical world where the toddlers can swim in the pool and play with an ever-growing collection of toys; it is their kingdom to rule, and Nana is their loyal, doting subject, granting their every wish.

Mine is a quiet life. In my home, the television set is not connected to the cable and is only turned on a few nights a week, after sunset, when David and I view our latest Netflix arrivals. Because we both work at home, David and I may go days

without seeing another person. Aside from the sound of each other's voices and the distant tapping of computer keys emanating from the other room, we are ensconced in silence — the street noise several floors below is shut out by double paned windows, any sound of neighbors swallowed by concrete walls. Twenty minutes and a world away, my mother's house, like any playground filled with happy, energetic children, is loud and frenetic. As much as I love and enjoy the presence of each of my family members, I prefer to visit with them in smaller, more relaxing numbers. Therefore, I am rarely found at Nana's house on weekends.

Unfortunately, my mother seems to take my absence as an indictment, as if the growing infrequency of my visits is an allegation about the way I was raised, or some kind of judgment passed unfavorably upon her. This, of course, is silly. The simple, un-dramatic truth is that rather than expose myself to the headache-inducing cacophony of a blaring TV, squealing children, and distracted siblings, I prefer to spend Saturday afternoons quietly reading alone, getting a pedicure with a girlfriend, or walking to Balboa Park with David.

We finished eating, threw away our plates, and retired to the living room. "So where are you going next?" said Mom. I

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laid out my travel plans for the next several months, including December. “Not for Christmas, though,” Mom said. It was not a question. “Yeah, actually, I was thinking I wouldn’t do Christmas this year,” I said.

“What do you mean? Are you going to be out of town?”

“Maybe. But maybe not.” Mom’s face fell as the meaning of my words sunk in. “I just want to try not celebrating, you know, do something quiet, away, just me and David.”

“Is this David’s idea?” Mom looked hopeful. It’s easier to demonize an outsider, to dub David the “cult” that tore me away, rather than face the truth — that I am moving away on my own, flexing my wings in preparation for a flight that will take me far from my mother’s nest.

“No, Mom. This is my idea,” I said.

“Well, then you’re

going to do Thanksgiving with us. You can’t not do Christmas *and* not do Thanksgiving!”

“Actually, I was thinking of joining David again at his parents’ house. You see, David only sees his family maybe twice a year. It doesn’t matter if I see you on a holiday or not, I get to see you much more frequently. Anyway, with that and the trip to Europe, I should reach the next level in my frequent-flyer club.”

Mom is unsure how to deal with my unapologetic frankness. Looking at her disappointed face, I wanted to explain, to give her a list of made-up and worthy-sounding excuses. I wanted to change my mind, to say I was willing to profess my belief in Santa Claus; that I was willing to pretend that we were still a God-fearing Catholic family honoring the birth of our Lord; that I’d happily impersonate a good daughter and aunt

and park my ass by the tree to hand out dozens of presents, so many that no one remembers who gave what to whom. I wanted to confirm for my mother all of the things she holds dear — family togetherness, tradition, perpetual progeny. But I couldn’t. As much as I respect them, her values are not the same as mine, at least not anymore.

“Come on, Mom, get up and give me a hug,” I said. Mom stood, a few inches shorter than me, and I wrapped my arms around her. “Hey,” I said, kissing her cheek. “I love you. No matter where I am or what I’m doing — I love you. I’m sure I’ll see you soon.” Mom smiled wistfully, as if struggling to convince herself of the truth of my words. I chased down Bella for a hug and kissed my sister on the cheek. It was getting dark outside, and I was eager to return home to David, and to the life I have made for myself. ■

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Sentence one: Lois Lane believes that Superman can fly.

Sentence two: Lois Lane believes that Clark Kent can fly.

Sentence one is true. Sentence two is false, because Lois Lane doesn't know that Superman and Clark Kent are one and the same person. From this, it seems reasonable to conclude that it's the substitution of the name "Superman" for "Clark Kent" that changes the sentence from true to false. Let's call that our intuition. And let's call the truth or falsity of a sentence its truth value.

Simple enough. But trust a philosopher to make trouble with even the simple things, as UCSD philosophy major Andre Niemeyer is about to do here. And it's not even as if he's some young rabble-rouser out to mess with the system. (In fact, he's 28.) Instead, he's presenting what he terms "a well-worn problem in the philosophy of language."



To begin his assault on the seemingly obvious, Niemeyer lays out three generally accepted ideas about language. The first: Proper names that refer to the same thing have the same meaning. In this case, "Superman" and "Clark Kent" mean the same thing, since they both refer to the same person. The second principle: "Embedding a proper name in a belief context does not change its meaning." That is, putting "Superman" and "Clark Kent" in sentences about Lois Lane's beliefs doesn't change the meaning of "Superman" and "Clark Kent." Got it. And for principle number three: "The meaning of a sentence comes from its structure and from the meaning of

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its parts.”

Now — “If we accept that sentences with the same meaning must have the same truth value” — a reasonable claim in Niemeyer’s opinion — “then the truth value of the sentences must be one and the same.” So, because sentence one and sentence two mean the same thing, they must have the same truth value. But our intuition was that they did *not* have the same truth value. Figure that one out, Man of Steel.

Niemeyer is presenting all this as his contribution to the 2006 UCSD Faculty Mentor Program Research Symposium. “I was already doing some work related

to this as part of my honors thesis,” he explains to his fellow presenters, gathered in Gallery A of the University’s Price Center (the gallery is more of a spacious conference room, adjacent to the computer lounge). “I got the McNair Fellowship” — a PhD-preparation program funded by the Department of Education — “and said, ‘Hey, I’d like to do something around this field.’”

This particular group is one of several gathered throughout the Price Center. Niemeyer’s fellows are a pretty motley collection, hailing from the realms of philosophy, arts, and cultural studies. One student is

studying computer music and improvisation in the jazz department and has been researching sound descriptors. A philo/communications major has made a study of deadpan performances on film, focusing especially on Bill Murray in *Broken Flowers* and Johnny Depp in *Dead Man*. A Filipino girl is examining the “contested debate over tradition and innovation in cultural forms,” while a psych/Judaic studies major is looking at rationality in the ancient world. Andre Niemeyer is digging into brain teasers about Superman. And tonight, they’re all making presentations based on their research, with a short Q&A after each.

Think About Things

Superman is up second, after the film presentation. It's a tough segue—even if few people in the room have seen the films in question, everybody knows Murray and Depp, and everybody has at least a passing familiarity with cinematic analysis. But Niemeyer admits up front that “my research is on a very technical subject. I tried to get rid of as much jargon as I could, to make it intelligible to nonphilosophers. I'm not sure if I was successful in doing that.” His tone is polite and self-deprecating, bordering on apologetic. To help matters, he's even brought a handout, “but I also expect that to be Greek to you, and that's assuming that you don't speak Greek.”

You see, laying out the problem is just the beginning. Next up is a proposed

solution, put forth by the English philosopher John Stuart Mill, one that embraces the semantic principles and rejects the intuition. Niemeyer proceeds carefully, even ploddingly—he doesn't want to lose his audience. The result is that, by the time he finishes laying out the Millian solution—which concludes that the content of sentences is not always the same as the content of the assertions made by the speaker of those sentences—the moderator is telling him to wrap it up. That wouldn't be a problem, except the whole point of his presentation is to *critique* the Millian solution. As it is, all he's able to do is read off his three objections: the Millian solution gives you problems with iteration. Also, multiple assertions may be made



Andre Niemeyer

by the same sentence. Finally, “Even if you try to motivate the theory by looking at metaphors, there

is a major disanalogy between metaphoric and nonmetaphoric uses of sentences.”

Mary Corrigan, retired USCD theater professor and panel moderator, opens the Q&A. “You know, I was just thinking during the first part: if you look at people who are rigid—any rigid extremist religious group—the interpretation of the Bible... This would seem to fit within the context of assuming certain things were absolutely true, based on the juxtaposition of words in the sentence. That just struck me. And it also struck me that this kind of syllogistic thinking, if you make those assumptions...”

Niemeyer jumps in, and I get the feeling that he is trying to affirm what he can, before syllogistic thinking comes under attack. “Right. Say that someone takes a biblical text out of context. The text as a whole might be trying

to assert more than simply the content of the sentence. This is something that actually happens, and the Millian is trying to take this thing that actually happens and apply it to a very particular phenomenon of language.”

A student notes that the initial two sentences “seem to be subjective claims.” Lois Lane believes Superman and Clark Kent are different people. Does this theory take into account that she doesn't know they're the same person? Is semantic proposition number one actually not true, because Superman and Clark Kent are not the same person *to her*?

“Well, her belief is still about the same person, even if she doesn't know...”

“It is, but that's, like, from God's point of view.”

“So, very good,” replies

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Niemeyer, affirming again. “You’ve got to, in your theory of semantics, account for ways of thinking. She thinks of Superman in a certain way, and she thinks of Clark Kent in a different way. But the object of her belief is the same. You’re right that the Millian is very objective: he just looks at the object and says, ‘Her beliefs are about this object.’ It doesn’t account for subjectivity, but the Millian doesn’t want to build subjectivity into his account.” Moderator Corrigan says it’s time to wrap up, and Niemeyer receives a round of applause. Rightly so. For a guy who didn’t really get to make his argument, he did remarkably well — he presented an esoteric aspect of a complex discipline to an audience of the uninitiated. The philosopher descended from the clouds.

Still, there’s a certain freedom in talking amongst yourselves. Fellow philosophers — even fellow philosophers not overly familiar with the philosophy of language — are going to possess certain habits of mind, certain commonalities of language. Viz. the bright yellow one-sheet entitled “Why Be a Philosophy Major?” (available outside the undergraduate affairs office of the philosophy department): “Philosophy will also train you with definite skills. In all your philosophy classes, you will be taught how to reason effectively...by the time you graduate, your critical skills will be razor sharp. You will be ready for virtually any field. So the simple answer to our question is this: when you graduate, you will be much smarter than your friends; and being smart is a good thing.” At the very least, being smart helps you to stay with arguments about meaning and the content of assertions.

Niemeyer got a chance to make his presentation to some of his own later that year, at UCSD’s annual undergraduate philosophy conference. “That was beautiful,” he recalls. “You have grad students, faculty mem-

bers, and other students, so it’s a very intimidating audience. Philosophy majors and minors apply, and usually, five people get selected — and usually, they get published in the undergraduate philosophy journal. That happened to

me in 2005. But in 2006, though I was selected, there was no journal. Still, we had the conference, and it went really well — there was more of an exchange. The Q&A went on for a long time.” And it went even better later that year,

at the McNair Fellowship Research Conference up in Berkeley. “It was an awesome experience. There were all these seminars you could attend, and at the end, there was a tour on this beautiful yacht and a delicious dinner. I gave a

presentation with Power Point, and all the feedback slips gave great responses: ‘I would love to take a class with you one day.’ ” A taste of the good life at the end of the undergraduate haul.

For Niemeyer, the road to that awesome experi-

ence began in Brazil — Rio de Janeiro. “I went to a top private school and had an outstanding education. There was a great emphasis on education. It was really intense; I had to stay up until three in the morning, studying. It was the



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mindset of the society in which I grew up — you had pressure from your parents, and you had social pressure.”

But seismic shifts in the Brazilian economy brought a change in Niemeyer’s circumstances. The family moved to a new neighborhood and began attending a nearby Baptist church that Niemeyer recalls as “very, very active. They were responsible for a resocialization house, which would get kids from the streets, bring them in, and educate them, prepare them to be part of the workforce.” Niemeyer started doing volunteer work for the house, and eventually, he met another volunteer — a young woman from Tennessee. “She had come to Brazil through Union University.” His attention caught, he found out that she was “a Christian, seriously committed to ministry and with a beautiful heart.” They started dating. Two months later, she headed back to Tennessee.

Niemeyer had started college in August of 1998 at Rio’s Pontifical Catholic University but dropped out soon after. “I didn’t know what I wanted to do. There were 44 people in the class, and 40 didn’t know what they wanted to do. I said, ‘I’m not going to waste my time and maybe mess up a transcript by getting bad grades because I’m not motivated.’” Plus, there was that girl in the States, and this was back before universal e-mail. “Some months, we had \$500 phone bills. Also, we started traveling back and forth.” To finance his love affair, he needed a job. “Given the social circle from which I came, I knew a guy who owned a chain of shoe stores. I got a job as a shoe salesman and worked there for nearly two years.” In 2000, the well-educated shoe-shiller arrived in the U.S. with \$3000 in his wallet and love in his heart and got married.

Three months later, he was ready to leave Ten-



Christopher Dohna

nessee. “I grew up by the beach, surfing,” he explains. “I had a very strong bond with the ocean. Tennessee didn’t do it.” The friend of a cousin praised San Diego and said you could live there on \$1600 a month. The Niemeyers headed west, honeymooned just across

from Windansea beach, fell in love with America’s Finest City, and signed a lease.

Soon after, Niemeyer began taking classes at Mesa College, with a focus on psychology. “I have family members with strong sympathies toward Freudian psychoanalysis. I had been

reading Freud since I was a teenager — he’s a great writer, and he said some very interesting things.” But it wasn’t long before...

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We interrupt this narrative to address the probable curiosity of the careful reader at encountering the words “philosophy,” “Baptist,” “psychology,” and “Freud” in relation to a single subject. (We’ll leave “surfer” out of it for now.) “You can listen to Freud,” replies Niemeyer, unflustered. “And you can stop listening to him whenever he starts making claims about things he shouldn’t be making claims about. For example, he has an argument about the existence of God, and it’s a good argument, but it makes assumptions that can be easily questioned.”

The argument, boiled way, way down: “Belief arises from a faculty that is not aiming at truth but is aiming only for survival.” And if it’s not aiming at truth,

it’s probably not hitting it. “The idea is that the universe is this rough, wild place, and you have to deal with all these things, and there is this major existential struggle. As a child, you found haven in your parents, in the father figure. So, when you are grown up, you resort to God in order to organize things, to deal with this existential struggle.”

But the argument opens with an assumption, one the Christian philosopher will dispute. “Alvin Plantinga is a very famous philosopher; he wrote a series of books on epistemology — the theory of knowledge. It has to do with this idea of ‘proper function.’ Roughly put, we might not have evidential justification for belief, but if we are functioning properly in a congenial environment, and the faculty producing that belief aims at truth, then the belief has warrant, or nonevidential justification — in which case, it can be called

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knowledge.”

In making this claim, Plantinga wasn't so much going to war with Freud over his assumptions as he was wading into the internalist/externalist philosophical fray. In one form of the internalist tradition, says Niemeyer, “You have to provide reasons in order to justify belief. It's called ‘internal’ because your system of beliefs is internal, so you have to resort to other beliefs in your system of beliefs to justify the belief at hand. But the internalist can't use this method to justify things like the existence or endurance of external objects. I can't produce evidence that there is a tree in front of me. Whereas the externalist says, ‘A lot of times, you don't have to resort to beliefs within your own system of beliefs. You just have to have this congenial environment in which you are functioning properly and have the faculty that is producing the belief be aiming at truth. In that case,

we have warrant.’ ”

Niemeyer is pretty sure he's functioning properly, and the atmosphere at UCSD is certainly congenial. And as for whether or not the faculty producing the belief is aiming at truth... “Given my theism, I think that any really sound philosophy points to God. I side with a long tradition of thinkers who believe that God has designed us in such a way — when He says, ‘I have created you in my image,’ He means that we have the power to know, to draw inferences, to be self-conscious, to have free

will. If we apply those things correctly, they will point to truth. They will point to God.” Further, “There are a lot of arguments for the existence of God for which, if you want to avoid the conclusion, you have to give up a lot of things that are — especially for the layman — very intuitive.” That's not to say that intuitions are always correct; only that we ought to be cautious and thorough before tossing them aside.

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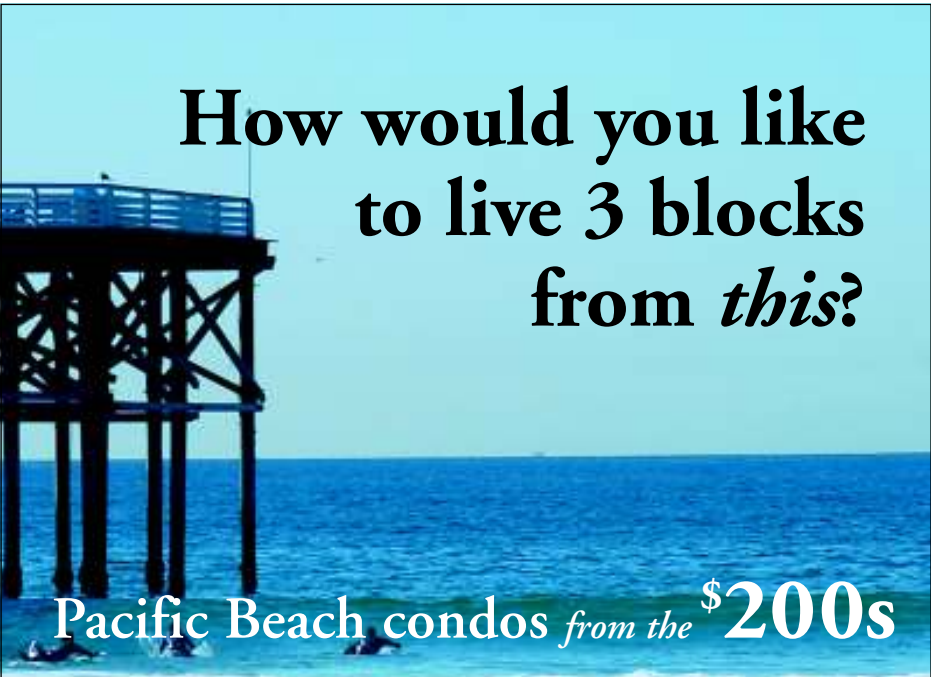
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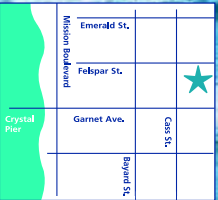
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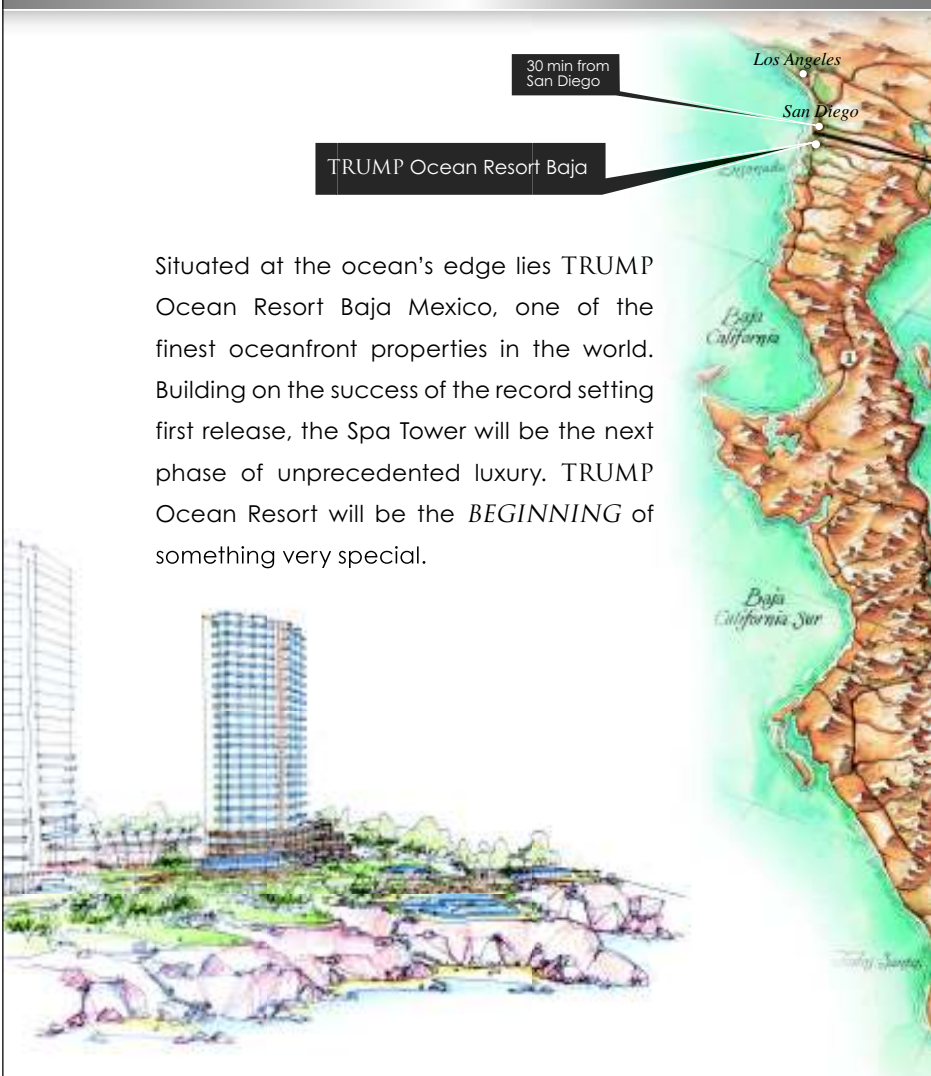
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this is that there must be an explanation for every positive fact. This seems to be a principle that science accepts. 'There must be an explanation, so let's go out and do inquiries to find those explanations.' Okay, then — the universe is a positive fact. In which case, there must be an explanation for the universe. The current state of affairs in the universe is an event. Prior to this event, there was another event that brought about the current state of affairs. And so on. But if you keep on going, you can't keep going into infinity, because then there is no explanation. But if there must be an explanation, there can't be an infinite regress. How do you solve the problem? There must be a necessary being upon whom all things depend. Christians usually accept that God has that particular property."

Some atheists, says



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Niemeyer, end up rejecting the moderate version of the Principle of Sufficient Reason because they don't like the conclusion. "They just reject a principle that it seems science relies upon substantially." If they accept

the PSR for instrumental purposes only, they turn science into a tool for producing wonderful results but not one for discovering truth. "If you do that, you are undermining what might have been the pri-

mary reason for you to question God in the first place" — the notion that it's science that discovers truth and that science is gradually revealing the godless universe. Or, they claim that only *some* positive facts

have explanations. "That ends up being very ad hoc; it seems like you're just doing that to get out of trouble."

(It's worth noting that Niemeyer isn't simply being clever here; he's absolutely sincere. Nor does he pretend to a particular expertise in these sorts of arguments; merely a "profound interest." And looking back over his undergraduate career, he says, "It was nice to be hanging around with atheists of all sorts. They challenged me to think more thoroughly, and vice versa. It was mutually edifying.")

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The Freud-Plantinga example is telling: Niemeyer challenging the psychologist by turning to the philosopher for another account of belief. It's why he wasn't long in leaving psychology for Lady Philosophy. "I took a physiological psychology class,

and clearly, the material appeared to assume the mind-brain identity thesis" — the notion that the function of the mind is nothing more, nothing other, than the workings of the brain. "They just assumed that and started their work. I understand why you would do that for practical reasons — a lot of results come out of that. I understand why you would buy into pragmatism, even hard-core pragmatism. But a lot of people buy into that paradigm without being aware of it. Philosophy asks the question, 'Is that a good paradigm to buy into?' You weren't just given a mechanism and told to work through the mechanism. You could challenge the mechanism itself. The mind-brain identity seems to me a very important assumption, one that should be questioned. However, there's a problem — you don't ask questions like that



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in a psychology class. You're being heretical if you try to question that; it's not an appropriate environment. I respect the notion that it's not the discipline's job to question its own foundation. Where can you ask that question? In a philosophy class."

Well, maybe. There is perhaps no small amount of irony in the case of a man who wants to question mind-brain identity transferring into a philosophy department chaired

by Professor Patricia Smith Churchland. Churchland, together with her husband, Professor Paul Churchland, forms what Niemeyer calls "the face of the department. Their work is trying, it seems, to bridge the gap between traditional philosophy as we understand it — which has all these common assumptions about belief, desires, and so forth — and findings in the different cognitive sciences." Niemeyer terms their approach "elim-

inative materialism" — where what is being eliminated, it seems, is that immaterial thing called mind.

You can get some sense of this by visiting the Philosophy Department lounge, up there on the seventh floor of the Humanities and Social Sciences building — a bland room, but one full of windows (and philosophical journals). There, among the books scattered on the coffee table in front of the blue



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pleather couch, you might stumble across *Sacred or Neural?: Neuroscientific Explanations of Religious Experience: A Philosophical Evaluation* by Anne Runehov. And over on the side table, a pile of Patricia Churchland's articles, photocopied for general consumption. "The Hornswoggle Problem," which states, "Rather than worrying too much about the meta-problem of whether or not consciousness is uniquely hard, I propose we get on with the task of seeing how far we get when we address neurobiologically the problems of mental phenomena." A piece for the scholarly journal *Daedalus* entitled, "How Do Neurons Know?" in which she writes, "I take it as a sign of the backwardness of academic philosophy that one of its most esteemed living practitioners, Jerry Fodor, is widely supported for the following conviction: 'If you want to know about the mind, study the mind — not the brain, and certainly not the genes'.... If philosophy is to have a future, it will have to do better than that." And in case you still

aren't convinced, this from an article in the *Revue Roumaine de Philosophie*: "In assuming that neuroscience can reveal the physical mechanisms subserving psychological functions, I am assuming that it is indeed the brain that performs those functions — that capacities of the human mind are in fact capacities of the human brain."

When I e-mailed Churchland and asked about her views, she promptly replied with "some general comments on philosophy, as I see it," in the form of an essay: "Neurophilosophy: Early Years and New Directions." In it, she places herself on the side of Aristotle and other philosophers who favor "the hypothesis that mental functions map onto a certain kind of physical organization. That is, they are brain activities." She opposes this to the view of thinkers like Plato, who embraced "the idea that the mind cannot be a physical thing but must be ontologically distinct from the physical brain." She pricked the mind-folk for not being able to explain how a "non-

physical soul (or nonphysical properties) can have effects on the physical world without violating the law of conservation of mass-energy." And she suggested that they were clinging to the "folk intuition that brain activity and mental experiences are too different to permit a neural explana-

tion of mental events." fore ceased to be real or became scientifically unworthy... explanations of events do not normally make them go away," although "sometimes scientific progress does require us to rethink what we believed about such things."

As Niemeyer puts it, "If you want to pursue phi-

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tion of mental events."

But science, noted Churchland, is forever showing the fallibility of folk intuitions: "Light really is electromagnetic radiation, the Earth does move, space is not Euclidian." And even though "visible light was reduced to electromagnetic radiation, no one believes that light there-

philosophy of religion, this is not your place. You're in the wrong place. The work they're doing here has nothing to do with what you want. Dana Nelkin teaches an undergraduate philosophy of religion course, but from a graduate-school perspective, it's not the place." It's not so much that he thinks the work is wrong,


and it's certainly not that he feels pressured into any kind of groupthink — he is careful to praise the diversity among both faculty and students. It's just not what philosophy at UCSD is about. At least, not formally. But the notion of God has a way of popping up when people consider ultimate questions, and so, says Niemeyer, God remains a frequent subject at meetings of the Philosophy Club. "We get together and talk about different issues, things more in touch with the questions that we started asking ourselves" back when the world of philosophy was young and new to them and a touch less specialized by its life in the academy. "Usually, the topics are on God or morality, things like that. Existential questions."

At the meeting I attended, the topic was moral obligation — who has a claim on our aid. Folk intuitions were once again under assault — as usual, trust a philosopher to make trouble with a simple statement like "You take care of your own" — but still, we were a long way from the philosophy of neuroscience. One of the participants was Christopher Dohna, who

arrived at UCSD as an 18-year-old sophomore, thanks to the advanced placement and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes he took through Vista High School.

Dohna is an ethics man. "The question that will always be, for me, at the heart of philosophy," he says, "is what *should* we do? The practical philosopher seems to me to be someone who thinks this question ought to rise above a secondary concern coexisting with the modern 'daily grind' most people experience and become the central concern of a life's work." He grants that the science-friendly work of people like Churchland may one day make it "possible to know many of the things traditionally considered philosophy with a new certainty," but his interest remains focused on human action.

It was not always thus. Dohna didn't come to UCSD for the philosophy. He came for the physics, a science major at a science-friendly university. But, he says, "When you start to investigate the careers you can have as a physicist, you find that it's difficult to be a physicist who writes about conceptual stuff and does-



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n't do lab work." He switched majors "after realizing that I didn't want to sit in the lab and do physics equations. To me, that seemed to be meaningless."

Of course, to some people, he seemed to have it exactly backwards. "There's a misconception that, as a philosophy major, you're just going to sit around and think about things and not ever contribute in any real way, the way you might if you were a biochemist or an engineer. A lot of people criticize it; they'll say it doesn't matter at all. Science has become this big tool we use. But we should keep it in perspective." Now, he thinks "science is sort of running amok and doing its own thing. You can make wonderful machines with science, but it's important to stop and ask the 'why' or 'how' questions every once in a while." What *should* we do, as opposed to what *can* we do."

Which is not to say he envisions philosophy as some sort of intellectual

scold, forever griping about what the cool kids are doing in the lab. "Science originated as a tool for understanding philosophical ideas. When it started, philosophy used to include what we would now call physics or chemistry — asking questions like 'What is matter made of?' Philosophy is just a term for all sorts of questioning thought about how things work. Then, somewhere around the Enlightenment, there was this break, and philosophy became its own little thing over here, and science was over there." Niemeyer's

"paradigm of hard-core pragmatism" was ascendant.

In some ways, Dohna's early ambition was to bring about a rapprochement between the dethroned Queen of the Sciences and her unruly scientific subjects. Even in high school, he had begun to investigate the seemingly unlikely meeting places between philosophy and the more, shall we say, empirical sciences. The kind that involve measurement and/or experiment.

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bra with teacher Chris Davis, also the school's wrestling coach. Davis himself had double-majored in math and philosophy. "His joke was that math was to get the job and philosophy was to get the girls," recalls Dohna. "He was probably my favorite teacher—he would bring in philosophical paradoxes that related to math. Things like Zeno's paradox"—a famous philosophical chestnut that ensures that nobody ever gets anywhere. It runs something like this: To reach a destination, you have to go halfway. Then you have to go half the remaining distance, and then half of that, and half of that, and so on—never quite reaching the end, since there is always another "halfway" you need to traverse. (Mathematics, with its endless divisibility, seems to have impinged on reality, and a philosopher has made note of the problem.)

Dohna studied under Davis again when he entered the International Baccalaureate program, a sort of amped-up, worldwide advanced placement program (like AP, it accrues college-level credits). "One of the classes you had to take was Theory of Knowl-

edge. Mr. Davis didn't teach it with a textbook, and he didn't make it epistemology"—the study of knowledge and how we know. "It basically ran as an Intro to Philosophy class. He made a big deal out of challenging beliefs, whatever they were. Before our senior year, we did a three-day IB retreat on this nature-preserve island off the coast of Oxnard. We camped there for three days. He would ask questions like, 'Is there anything you would die for right now?'" (Dohna's answer: "Self-determinism.")

As part of the class, students had to form groups of four and prepare a three-hour teaching session. Dohna's group took on ways of knowing—"I think they were 'emotion, perception, language, and logic.'" A clip of Fox commentator Bill O'Reilly got students riled up—"Emotions got in the way of what he was reporting." Bits of reportage from Communist Party and Ku Klux Klan websites—and also Fox and CNN—illustrated "how the bending of logic can affect the way we understand current events." Cutting key words out of a news report and allowing

students to fill them in, Mad Libs-style, showed the importance of language. "And for perception, we played 'What a Wonderful World' on CD and asked how it made people feel. Then we showed the clip from *Good Morning, Vietnam* where that song is playing over images of napalm being dropped. We had a good discussion about

That's where I first started to read conceptual physics. I was intrigued by some of the philosophical consequences." Take relativity, for example. "Suppose you and I are on planets ten million miles apart. Imagine we both had 'now lists'—that we could write down everything happening throughout the universe at a given moment. If

"WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE, RATIONALLY, THAT EVERYBODY HAS VALUE, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE SHOULD NEVER TREAT ANYBODY AS A MEANS BUT VIEW THEM AS ENDS."

how much of it we should trust—you have to be alert, be a good philosopher, and look for those things." (Shades of Niemeyer's claim that semantics has to account for ways of thinking—subjective experience.)

At the same time, Dohna was enrolled in "a rather advanced independent-study physics class.

you and I are sitting on our planets, and they're not moving relative to each other, and we both make a 'now list,' they'll be exactly the same. But if I get up and walk towards you at ten miles per hour and make a 'now list' while I'm moving, the relativity of my motion expanded over the ten million miles makes it so that the things on my

'now list' are, to you, 150 years in the past. And if I walk away from you at ten miles per hour and make a 'now list,' the things on my list are, for you, 150 years in the future. So, if you believe time is linear, or if you've got a problem with determinism, you've got a problem there. Because it seems like I can know your future. That was a problem for me, because I like the idea of free will."

The self-determinist determined to find some answers, and the search led him further into the physical-philosophical interface. It turns out that when you make your "now list," "You're kind of intruding on quantum physics, where measuring something makes a difference—actually causes it to be as it is." He credits Heisenberg with the notion that "things don't exist in one possible state, but in all possible states, until we measure them or interact with them. If you take a proton and fire it at a screen with two slits in it and measure it, it will always appear that the proton goes through one slit or the other as a solid object. But if you don't measure it, and you wait for a pattern to build up, you will see a wave-

interference pattern, which tells you that the proton is actually going through both slits at the same time. It's not actually a proton the way you think of it; it's a probability wave."

Mm-hmm. Right. "When you talk about this stuff to people who aren't willing to suspend their disbelief, you sound kind of crazy," grants Dohna. "But the point is, these bigger questions about physics interested me." However, just as Niemeyer couldn't ask about mind-brain identity in a psychology class, Dohna found that, to some extent, he needed to step outside the discipline to question the discipline itself. He needed to become not so much a physicist but rather "a philosopher writing about physics. That's what I was after from the beginning. My favorite author there is Brian Green. His book presented the broadest picture of string theory and quantum physics and the idea of symmetry and balance."

Dohna got his first inklings of a possible rapprochement early on in his collegiate career. Philosophy 33 is, according to the UCSD course catalog, "History of Philosophy: Phi-



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Irwin began her teaching career with the spring 2006 Philosophy 33 class, and she might have been writing about Dohna when she e-mailed me the following: “I think students are already thinking about epistemological and meta-

physical questions when they first walk in to the class — they just don’t know it! Phil 33...gives them the tools to make their own thoughts about the subject more precise as they expose themselves to the thoughts of other great minds throughout history. They often find that previous

Dohna. “Kant started with science. He had *Critique of Pure Reason*, where he was dealing with how science or nature was possible, and his philosophy of ethics came from that. He asked some very basic questions about why things were possible and said, if we look at the conditions of why

We’ve got to stop living in spite of each other and start living with each other.” (If this sounds as if it’s missing a few middle terms, bear with us.)

Kant was (and remains) a philosophical giant, but Dohna had this advantage: “He’s working from science that’s 300 years old. If you tried to do what Kant did over again, knowing what we know now, you’d get an even more interesting moral/ethical system out of it. From taking a philosophy of physics or science far enough, you would kind of have a necessary moral system fall-out. Kant said there were some things we couldn’t know, but he couldn’t have imagined the kind of scientific progress we would make. He said God was unknowable, and I sort of disagree with that.”

(See what I mean about God? He keeps popping up in these philosophical arenas. When I sat in on one of Dohna’s Philosophy 33 classes, they were preparing for the final, and there was much talk of Kant’s transcendents —

“SO THERE’S THE IDEA THAT WE LIVE IN 11 DIMENSIONS. WE’VE GOT THE 4 WE LIVE IN, PLUS GRAVITY. BUT WE ONLY EXPERIENCE 5. NO ONE HAS ANY IDEA WHAT THE REMAINING 6 DO AS OF YET.”

philosophers have already captured some of their own epistemological and metaphysical intuitions!”

Or — as in the case of Dohna and Kant — formed a template for philosophical inquiry. “Kant didn’t so much shift my thinking as he helped me find a place for my thinking,” says

they are possible, we see that it’s through ideas like balance or equality — or an idea of goodness. That, to me, transfers directly to the moral life, as it did for Kant. ‘How should we treat each other?’ We should realize that we are all, in a way, interconnected, or at least, we’re all in the same boat.

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things beyond any possible human knowledge. God was right in there, and that's where Dohna thought he could improve on Kant.)

What follows is a shortened version of Dohna's already-truncated account of what he hoped to accomplish in his philosophical-physical career. String theory holds that "all matter, every particle, is like a string — two ends and something in the middle. What makes a thing what it is is the way that it vibrates — sort of like the way you can make different sounds depending on how you pluck the string of a guitar. M-theory gets more specific. It nails down that there are either 11 or 28 dimensions — string theory had 10, but it had problems, because there were

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to one and incorporated that 11th dimension of gravity. (Simplicity suggested that between 11 and 28, 11 was the way to go.) "So there's the idea that we

remaining 6 do as of yet. To me, those unknown dimensions have room for spiritual things. They're hidden from us, but we have evidence that they need to

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Head spinning yet? It's not Dohna's fault — really. This is all straight physics — except for the part about spiritual existence in those other six dimensions. Onward! “To get to the morality part, you have to examine the conditions of the origin of the universe. The Big Bang came from a Higgs field, which is an energy field that permeates space. Then you have

these ideas of balance and symmetry that are really important in physics” — balance within fields, balance within strings, etc. “I'm combining that with what seems intuitively right to me on a morality level. From the things I see coming from physics, there's sort of an inherent beauty in the order and exactness of the way things had to be for things to be the way they are and for us to be

here. There needed to be balance and indiscrimina- tion among particles. That idea of beauty and balance and goodness is, I think, a much better place to identify God. Because it's not a personal God.”

The personal God had long bothered Dohna. Not because of the way He might command ethical behavior — morality arriving by fiat instead of by reason — but because of His own less-than-perfectly-ethical quirks. “I have a lot of friends who are really Christian, and they have this idea that God needs glory, and that

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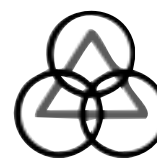
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Dohna preferred "a more ethereal thing — we should just treat each other well and understand that we're all interconnected. That we have this balance, and that it's in our best interests to help each other. Maybe the way to put it is that I want to provide a scientific philosophical justification for an impersonal religion that aligns with Buddhism. I think this is a great school for such a project, because we are so involved with modern science."

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Fast forward one year, to the spring of 2007. Dohna is still an ethics man. If anything, his interest in ethics is purer than ever, because it is less entangled with physics and with God. "Combining physics — string theory — with metaphysics — God — is a little bit more treacherous than I first thought," he admits. "I've had a realization of the problems that exist in just plain moral theory, without bringing metaphysics into it. I've realized something about the difficulty of the project — the sheer scope of it. And as I've gotten further into college, I've had less interest in physics and in religious ideas as they're traditionally treated in philosophy. I've found that what interests me is the plain moral stuff."

He still cites Kant, but instead of *Critique of Pure Reason*, he mentions

Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals, wherein Kant establishes his categorical imperative. From consideration of man as a free, knowing animal for whom ethical conduct

would mean acting in accord with his nature, Kant derived a universal principle of moral action: "Act only according to that maxim whereby you can at the same time will that

it should become universal law."

There are other formulations to the imperative. "He looks at people and how we work," comments Dohna. "If I want a

piece of cake, the value isn't in the cake itself; the value I see is that I want it. When I say I want something, I'm implicitly recognizing a value in myself. Then, because man is the only

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most of us don't go around living by one specific rule in all moral situations. We don't stop and think, 'Does this align with the categorical imperative?' The virtue ethicist's account of justice strikes Dohna as complicated, however — "It doesn't seem absolute enough," he says — and so he hasn't gone over entirely.

And while the Queen of the Sciences no longer sits upon her throne, Dohna has hope that she may retain an advisory capacity. "There are a lot of new ethical concerns arising with technology. We have a class here, Bio-Medical Ethics, where we talk about things like selective abortion, based on prenatal knowledge. And if you could extract or add specific genes to your child before they were

born, would you do that? Things like that."

What's more, ethical philosophy may have something to say about the scientist behind the science.

department. We're reading a lot of philosophers who write about how technology should or shouldn't affect society." One consideration: "Why we spend

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"Right now, one of my political theory classes is being taught by a visiting professor from Fordham, where he's in the philosophy

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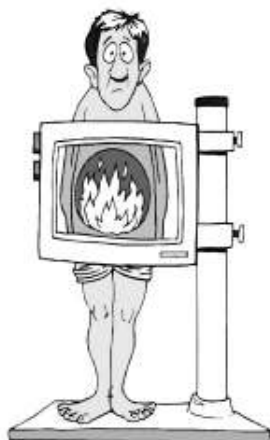


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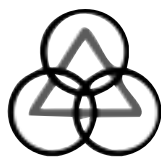


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That gets at the heart of Dohna's frustration with the idea that "philosophy

became its own little thing over here, and science was over there." He says that "a large part of the class was trying to show how the leash that we give to science may be a little too long, or at least, that we don't understand it properly: as a method of gaining knowledge," to be considered in conjunction with "other methods. It's almost the only method that people can see for gaining knowledge. But people who come from the philosophical tradition, who know that science came from the philosophers, know that science is only one method of knowing."

(Meanwhile, science

continues its uprising against the Queen. Dohna has heard rumors that Professor Churchland is trying to map the brain to see where the ethical centers lie. "You could define ethical people as those who have this correct brain mapping or brain function," speculates Dohna. "You could almost find out what ethics is in a neurological sense." Dohna is quick to admit that he's no expert on the matter but thinks that to an observer, "On the surface, it feels a little bit like it's not philosophy. It feels like biology. While it's certainly interesting and could be correct in a sense, I don't think you can reduce

philosophy to a biological discipline." Folk intuitions die hard.)

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Dohna is still wrestling with grand questions, even as he gets some sense of "the scope of the project." Niemeyer, on the other hand, had started his philosophical immersion at Mesa College. By the time he arrived at UCSD, he was a junior and needed to start thinking about the sort of highly particular topic that makes for a viable thesis—a place where some new point can be made to advance a conversation that began long before his arrival on the scene.

Niemeyer's scramble to catch up was perhaps more intense than some, seeing as how he was coming in from outside. "My impression was 'People go to college, and they still have a life. Some people are into partying. They have friends, go surfing, whatever.' Here, that is not the case. There is study, study, and study. I probably put in 70 hours a week; it's one of the things that's been really hard on my wife." Before UCSD, "I used to surf five days a week—Cardiff and PB Point in the wintertime and South Bird in the summer." After UCSD, it was more like once a week, at La Jolla

Shores. "My weight when I came was 170, and I ended up weighing around 200 pounds. It was horrible."

But it paid off. When we first met, Andre was waiting to hear back from grad schools and finishing his honors thesis, "a supplement to Saul Kripke's theory of reference change." In using proper names, explains Niemeyer, "Everybody tends to refer to the object that the previous speaker was referring to" when using that name. "But take the name Madagascar. There are some historians who say that 'Madagascar' used to refer to a portion of the African mainland. Over the course

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of history, the reference of that name changed. What happened?"

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At first blush, it might sound as if Niemeyer is playing into the misconception Dohna mentioned: "That, as a philosophy major, you're just going to sit around and think about things and not ever contribute in any real way." Niemeyer smiles at the notion. "As you go and you dive into these issues, you can easily lose touch with the world. You have this totally different language,

this jargon. I think that's something that should be avoided. But I'm going to defend the academic world. It might seem like it's out of touch, but the truth is, a lot of the work these people do eventually trickles down — say, to the way politicians look at policies. The way an ordinary person looks at political institutions. The way a society

just come out of nowhere."

If all that sounds a trifle grand and airy (which is not to say it isn't true), Niemeyer is willing to drag it down to the particular, even into his own field of specialization. "Take the philosophy of language. There is this man, H.L. Hart, who is a well-known figure in the philosophy of law. He proffered an argu-

NIEMEYER GRANTS THE OBSCURITY OF WHAT HE'S DOING, BUT NOT THE IRRELEVANCE.

looks at right and wrong, and the way people understand the world. If you look at the history of humanity, many of the great changes that have taken place have taken place because of changes in philosophies, which were eventually implemented in society. Those ideas don't

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descriptions that people associate with that name. So he said that whenever you have disagreement between judges over the descriptions they associate with a word, such that they cannot agree on its application, then the application is indeterminate and the judges are supposed to exercise judicial discretion."

But, says Niemeyer, "Many people have since come to reject his argument in the philosophy of law, precisely because of problems with the theory of meaning upon which it relies." When the descriptivists by some lights lost out to the nondescriptivists (those who argued that terms and names had meanings that weren't determined by descriptions associated with them), Hart's argument lost its foundation, and the philosophy of law shifted.

Put another way, Niemeyer grants the obscurity of what he's doing, but

not the irrelevance. "Theory of meaning is talking about 'theory of reference,' 'proper names,' 'unintended reference change,' 'propositional attitudes' — what the heck is all that? But eventually, breakthroughs in philosophy of language can have, for example, a major impact on the way philosophers of law advocate their arguments." That, in turn, might affect "the way people practice jurisprudence and the way a lawyer might present his case, although the latter is a bit more dubious." It is perhaps not an accident that Niemeyer once gave thought to getting a JD after grad school. "The idea was to have a research position of some kind in philosophy and on the side have a consulting firm, something of that nature."

For a while, it looked as if those plans were stuck in the realm of speculation. To his shock and chagrin, Niemeyer was not

accepted for any of the doctoral programs to which he applied. "All of the other guys who were around the same status" — in terms of fellowships won, honors garnered, GPA, etc. — "ended up at places like Harvard and Stanford. Everything looked great, and nothing worked out. But when looking at it now — and believing in divine intervention — I can see how it was the best thing." The main reason: his parents were finally moving to San Diego from Brazil — the culmination of a legal process that began after his brother died in 2002. "I was then the one and only son, and ever since then, we've been trying to get together. They love San Diego, and they really want to stay here. If I'd been heading off to graduate school, it would have been difficult."

Niemeyer was all set to take a year off, maybe find a job. (Currently, his

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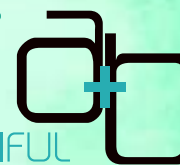
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wife teaches chemistry at Horizon High School to support the family.) But the philosophy faculty urged him to reapply, and by spring of '07, he was a happy man and headed to USC. In the interim, he started taking classes to pull off a double major in political science but scaled back to help his parents adjust to their new home. This summer, he'll be using a summer research fellowship to head back to his native country, there to "investigate the impact of technology on electoral representation in developing countries. As multifunction cell phones and the Internet become more available, I think you might see legislatures becoming a little bit stronger. They're going to have the support of the public in a more robust way, because they're going to have more access to the public. And the legislative process itself will become more transparent. There

will be all this information going back and forth. I think you're going to see a reshaping of electoral representation and in the role of legislatures." Once again, and even more so, the philosopher has descended from the clouds.

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Curiously enough, the two subjects of this story, Niemeyer and Dohna, ended up serving together as editors for *Intuitions*, the 2007 undergraduate philosophy journal. (I say curiously because when I started talking to them, back in early 2006, neither was affiliated with the journal, although Niemeyer had twice been published there.) They read the articles submitted for consideration and helped select the five that ended up getting published. The last I saw them was when all of us were sitting in Price Center Gallery A, listening as student Deborah Cossack presented a

talk based on her paper, "New Revolutions: The Schism between Biology and Physics." Cossack's argument was that physics was more likely than biology to undergo "revolutionary scientific change because it is a discipline built around the existence of fundamental particles which are not directly observable, even if their effects are." As a result, she concluded that "we are reasonably justified in holding more of a tentative belief towards the existence of the unobservable entities of physics...since they are further removed from the possibility of observation, which is our greatest assurance of an entity's ontological status.... The farther away a thing is from observability, the more we are justified in putting a lesser amount of faith in its existence." However diminished her role, the Queen is still advising. ■

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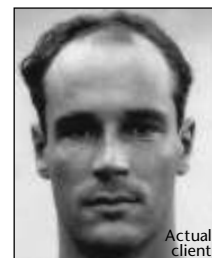
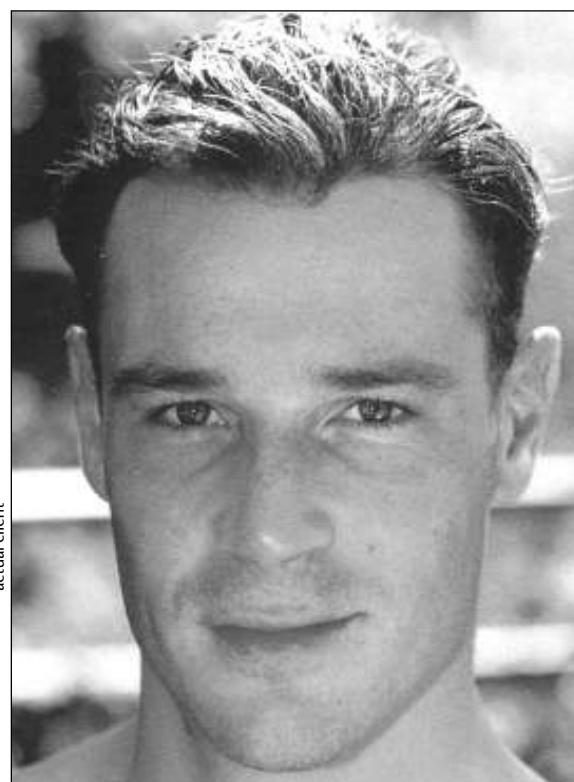
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away from downtown San Diego. Yet it's only 20 miles to the east. Tumbleweeds lie in stacks by the roadside, dusted with orange dirt. Until the Cedar Fire in October 2003, bald eagles nested atop what are known locally as the Sleeping Madonna

Mountains, the two mountains closest to Olde Highway 80, the thoroughfare along which the community of Flinn Springs lies. Airstream trailers mix with RVs in mobile home parks; older houses sit on the hillside next to more contemporary homes, some with modest horse corrals and chicken coops. Mary Etta's Cafe, whose menu has not changed since the '60s, is a true roadside diner with its counter seat-

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in a flurry of green that will soon be dotted with blossoms. The Flinn Springs Country Store, which was an antique shop for 37 years, remains on a patch of land a bit farther down the road. As well preserved as the

ing up out of the land adjacent to their house. The two of them went to investigate and discovered that the old Flinn Springs graveyard, where many of the original settlers were buried, was butted right up against their

"I remember Indian women heating water in great iron cauldrons for the daily laundry."

area is, recorded history of Flinn Springs is scarce, something six-year resident Barbara Auckland discovered when she moved into her current home two years ago. Shortly after settling in, Auckland's teenaged son noticed a six-foot cross stick-

property. Curious, Auckland set out to learn more but came up empty.

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Cemetery,' Flinn Family,' 'Flinn Family History,' 'Flinn Springs History.' I went through the El Cajon Historical Society, couldn't find anything, went through the Lakeside Historical Society, couldn't find anything."

Finally, one of the boardmembers at Friends of Cats learned of Auckland's quest for information and gave her a copy of *This Was Yesterday*, a softcover volume on Flinn Springs history, self-published in 1953. Written by Julia Flinn De Frate, who was born in 1876 and was one of what locals refer to as "the original Flinns," it is an account of how her grandparents settled the area and what the times were like, right down to what the family ate for dinner. She tells of William Flinn and his family's travel west from Texas in 1860, of fording rivers and fighting off ill-



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nesses and how they set up their home once they reached California. They settled first in Los Angeles County; then, in 1865, William and his son

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Even though she lives next to the graveyard, Auckland's not worried... anymore. "I tried not to be freaked out about it," she says. To quiet her fears, she had a coworker, a woman she describes as being on a "higher level," come to check it out. "She walked around and she smiled and she said, 'Oh, this is great, they're really friendly, they're really settled,'" says Auckland, with a smile. The coworker also told Auckland that there is a cameo somewhere on her property that she is meant to find; so far, she hasn't found it. This is no matter; her journey through Flinn Springs' history has helped forge Auckland's ties to the community and made her feel more at home, something that's hard to do in such an insular place. Auckland, a native of England, loves it and its old-school feel. "Isn't it a trip? It's like Little House

on the Prairie time!"

It is this fresh-faced, just-postcolonial feel that is Flinn Springs' biggest draw. While there is plenty of evidence of wear and tear — houses falling in on themselves, overgrown lawns, old and abandoned vehicles sinking into the earth — it just adds depth of character, mixing *Once Upon a Time in the West* rough-and-tumble with Laura Ingalls Wilder quaint-and-pretty. Summers Past

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The farm came about

somewhat by accident; the Loziers moved onto the property as newlyweds in the mid-'80s to be closer to Marshall's parents and had originally intended to purchase a house of their own. As they settled into their cottage — where, incidentally, they still live to this day — Sheryl began to garden. With Marshall's background both in the restaurant business and custom-home construction, the progression to culinary herb

farming and landscaping was an almost natural one. He built the Rockwellian red barn and the farm's centerpiece, a roofed patio that now boasts a full coffee bar. With the basics in place, the farm opened its gates in 1992.

Dixie Sampier, a watercolor painter, found the farm ten years ago in a brochure put out by the San Diego Watercolor Society and has since become the "artist-in-residence," though she lives

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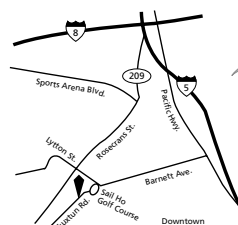
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offsite in Santee. Her husband, Jack Sampier, is a pastor in Hillcrest, and on occasion she has taken children — mostly girls — from his parish to Summers Past so they can get away from the city for a while. “I just distract them from whatever’s going on in their lives,” she says. “There are dysfunctions in their family, you know, irregularities in their life. The farm is just a nice place to spend time.” For Sheryl, the recent historical recognition of Olde Highway 80 is welcome. “My husband was born and raised here,” she says, “and when he was a child, this was the highway right here. The one up above [Interstate 8] wasn’t there; it was just a hillside. And so for it to be historic, it just lets San Diego hold on to its history and lets people remember that this is the way it was.”

Patricia Husson, who



Little League field, Flinn Springs Road

grew up in and around Flinn Springs and has waitressed at Mary Etta’s Cafe for the past 13 years, remembers when

Flinn Springs “really used to be the middle of nowhere.” Husson, who was a toddler in the 1950s, describes a child-

hood and adolescence full of freedom, much as Julia Flinn De Frate does in *This Was Yesterday*, though they

grew up 80 years apart. “When I was a kid, we used to shoot guns all over, right here, just anywhere, shoot

guns, and there was nobody around, nobody to even tell you not to do it,” Husson says, laughing as she sits in the sun on a bench outside Mary Etta’s. What is perhaps most poignant in her memories is the vastness of land, the accessibility and, above all else, the emptiness.

Slowly but surely, however, times have changed for Flinn Springs, in ways both big and small. There is the pending sale of the country store, which closed on April 1. Set back from the road by a stretch of driveway, the two-story yellow building is attached to five single-story shops whose facades are painted to look like an old western town — and with the mountains across the highway, the scene is entirely believable. A derailed caboose and an old-fashioned schoolhouse (originally William Flinn’s repair garage, built

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in 1923) sit adjacent, an old water tower inscribed with "Flinn Springs, Since 1873" rising above. Owned by Paul and Reta Kress, who are both in their 80s, the country store is a picture-postcard kind of place with its "Cold Sarsaparilly" sign still on the wall beside the door and long wooden porch with tall, skinny cacti beside it.

In addition to owning the country store, the Kresses have been instrumental in keeping Flinn Springs' history alive. Shortly after they moved into the area, as Paul Kress tells the story, a neighbor, knowing he was interested in history, approached him with the three pamphlets that made up Julia

Flinn De Frate's memoir. "She said, 'If you will do something about getting these three little volumes made into one, I'll give you the book,'" he remembers. "So I did." Since then, the Kresses have printed up three substantial batches, complete with black-and-white photographs. There is even a listing on Amazon, though no copies are currently in stock. At the moment, Summers Past Farms and the Lakeside Historical Society are the only places it is available.

For 15-year resident Carmella George, the loss of the country store is significant. "This here is a dying breed," she says, standing on

the store's wooden porch. A former employee at the country store, George has remained close with the Kresses, addressing Paul affec-

and make this a landmark so it can preserve the history of these buildings and what the Flinn family and the Kress family have given to Flinn

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tionately as "Pops." She strolls down the elongated porch, remembering. "Somebody really needs to get the historical society to come out here

Springs," she says vehemently, "and keep the spirit and the feeling of the backcountry alive. We moved out here to get away from the city, and

here the city is, knocking on our door."

George is right; Flinn Springs may not escape urban sprawl. Those who have sought a refuge from city life have found their answer in the simplicity and beauty of the area; newer, posher homes have appeared atop the hills along Highway 80, some tucked back into the mountainside. Along with the new population has come an increase in businesses. Just past the Lake Jennings exit off Interstate 8, which is the western entrance to Flinn Springs, is a strip mall with a 7-Eleven, a liquor store, and a Burger King, startling in contrast to the greenery and open spaces of the rest

of the community. Reta Kress predicts more of the same. "I see a change coming, because now they have designated historical Highway 80," she says. "The growth is going to come out here, because it's like Route 66. I think it will be nice little businesses and probably a lot of fast foods."

The change appears to be not far in the future. Where there once were homes, there are now small business parks and industrial buildings. The look of the area is shifting. Dixie Sampier remembers a sweet scene she witnessed one morning ten years ago. "I photographed a little cottage home up there on the hill on that corner," she says,

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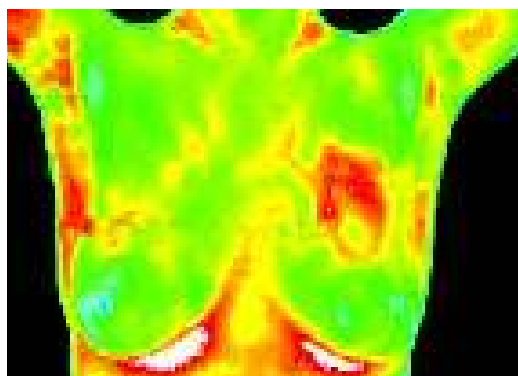


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nies, which have popped up along Olde Highway 80. "There are a lot of contractors who were chased out of or sort of pushed out of developing areas in El Cajon and Lakeside," Marshall Lozier says. "All of a sudden, they're redeveloping those areas, and contractors are trying to find a place where they can park their trucks." Flinn Springs is a perfect target; some of the land is zoned for this usage, and other times the business moves in anyway. Zoning enforcement in the county is on a complaint-only basis. The Lakeside Design Review Board, which includes Flinn Springs in its jurisdiction, advises the County on building aesthet-

ics — signage, driveways, and landscaping for new businesses going in. But although industrial users are required to screen their yards, some of the businesses along Olde Highway 80 seem to be ignoring the rule.

Even some retail businesses are not well tolerated in Flinn Springs. By gathering signatures on petitions and appearing before the Lakeside Community Planning Group, dedicated and passionate residents a few years ago successfully battled a Ralphs supermarket that was slated for construction across from the 7-Eleven at the Lake Jennings exit.

But as more and more businesses move into the

area, and as the General Plan 2020 discussions go on, business owners are running for positions on the planning group and the design review board. "We worked so hard trying to have environmentally friendly candidates elected to our planning group and design review board," says Betty McMillen, one of the founders of Preserve Lakeside Area Neighborhoods (PLAN). The group was no match for those with more money. "There are people who live out here, they're horse people, they are people who own five acres, ten acres, and they want their life to be simple and quiet," says Marshall Lozier, explaining how many residents feel.

McMillen remains optimistic. "We can rally again to help protect the community," she says, "but we really need a leader."

In more recent years, another problem has popped up in Flinn Springs: drug use. With a wide selection of RV parks with relatively cheap parking fees and numerous creature comforts at hand, Flinn Springs is a great place to stop and settle — and hide out. Barbara Auckland points to a convenience store adjacent to one of these RV parks that has been nicknamed "Tweaker Mart" for the drug users who frequent it. Not long after she moved onto her property, Auckland discovered a syringe and a bag

of pills left on the grounds of the old graveyard and says she has found people sleeping in the bushes in the morning. One afternoon, she discovered a homeless man taking a bath in her laundry room. "I was very abrasive — and I was screaming at him to get out of my residence, and he went running off with his backpack," she says. "There are a lot of vagrants around. It's everywhere out here, lot of homeless. You see the regular drug users up and down this Olde Highway 80."

It's hard to imagine that the beauty of Flinn Springs can — or will — alter completely. The hangers-on, those who have beaten back the

onslaught of development, and the stubborn families with roots in the community will keep fighting the good fight, refusing to sell their property or sacrifice their view of the mountain ranges that serve as their back yard. The farms will, hopefully, remain farms; the remote dirt roads, hopefully, will remain dirt. There will, though, most likely be a sizable amount of change, something Paul Kress doesn't doubt. "This area's growing in such a way that 15 years from today, if I ever come back out here, I probably wouldn't even know it," he says, pausing. "Of course, I'd be about 110." ■

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So, I love the Elders who came to my door. One who really didn't want to be there and one who had apostatized and spent two years looking at anti-Mormon claims which convinced him the Church was actually true. My two sons have both gone on very hard missions. One came back staring into space a while also but went back last year for closure. He and his wife went to the temple today.

So, I am sorry that you were so close to so much goodness in Spirit and knowledge and your expe-

riences didn't let you see it. It doesn't seem fair that I am getting so much of what you haven't gotten yet.

My best to you. Please keep an open mind. Remember, I am a skeptical scientist, and I can honestly tell you to look again.

Name Withheld

Comments from Reader Website

Diary of a Diva Published June 6

Posted by Danielle on 06/6/07, 2:13 p.m.

Good for you, Barb. Most people would have let him choke on his own vomit. Everyone is so self absorbed and won't stop to lend a

hand if that person does not measure up to their image ideal. Kudos to you, girl. You are my new favorite.

Posted by Lisa on 06/6/07, 10:19 p.m.

It's scary and sad to me that people might have walked by that man and just kept going (more understandable that the teenage girls didn't call 911; what a scary scene that must have been for them). But I would hope most people would make the same decision you did to help someone who was in a vulnerable and helpless situation even if they put themselves there. Unfortunately, it sounds like this is a frequent thing for this gentleman and he's going

to need more help than the city will be able to offer him. But you did the best you could for him in that moment and that's something to feel good about.

Posted by Brian on 06/7/07, 11:55 a.m.

Good for you, Barb! I feel bad for the city workers who have to see this type of thing every day. A woman got killed by a bus outside my office in downtown LA last week, and you could see the kind of tired sadness in the faces of all the cops and firemen.

Posted by Jennifer on 06/7/07, 3:37 p.m.

I think in today's world, most people in general are desensitized and so consumed with their own nonsense that seeing someone lying face down on the side walk doesn't phase them. Regardless if he were homeless or not, he probably needs help and maybe you all were the help he needed to help himself. Good for you!

City Lights, by Joe Deegan Published June 6

Posted by Good2Go on 06/7/07, 2:39 p.m.

I think the schools could help the communities by giving high school students credit for community service. It would take some organization and volunteers but it could be done. This probably won't fix the problem but it would help in keeping the community nicer and safer.

Posted by Susan on 06/7/07, 2:40 p.m.

Abandoned shopping carts are a blight on our neighborhoods. I cringe at the very sight of it. While the merchants who own the carts are indeed victims of theft, property owners and residents are also victims as we begin to live in what looks and feels like a ghetto. If the person who stole the cart from the store lot cannot be found or held accountable, then the merchants who own the abandoned carts should then take responsibility for them. It would be the same

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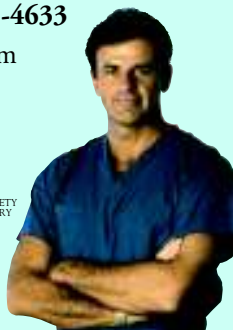
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Posted by Cartwheel on 06/7/07, 3:06 p.m.

Reporter Joe Deegan did an excellent job in describing what life is like around abandoned shopping carts. There is an organization in the Mira Mesa area working with District 5 Councilmember Maienschein to evaluate the problem in consideration of enacting an ordinance for control

citywide. Contact "San Diegans Against Abandoned Shopping Carts" by email to: tforshey@san.rr.com or Jim.White@mitchell.com.

Posted by A. Winslow on 06/8/07, 9:02 a.m.

Recycling centers in City Heights are the foundation that our abandoned shopping cart problem is rooted in. Visit American Recycling at 4070 Home Avenue and observe their reserve stock of random shopping carts their customers leave behind after they've trolled the streets illegally dumpster diving. Where you might wonder did the recy-

cling centers get those carts? From their customers who stole the carts from grocery stores and markets to collect cans along their way. Apparently the recycling companies don't care much about cart retention either. Why should they though? Their carts are free and come with no questions asked. Effective solutions will close the loop, crack down on Recycling Centers providing shopping carts and the folks stealing recyclables out of the blue bins! The following link provided by the City of San Diego will direct you to all of the carts you ever wished you could re-locate www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/pdf/04recyguide_eng.pdf

Posted by Linda P. on 06/9/07, 9:26 a.m.

Targeting special groups is the first thing to do in a given area that is populated with that group BUT this is a well developed problem and it is anyone and any area that is effected. Probably not La Jolla or RB but probably everyone else. I HATE that some people are

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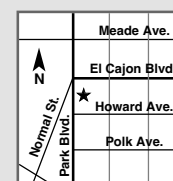
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just so “priveleged” to think that the store somehow owes them a cart for their convenience outside the parking lot perimeter. IT IS NOT, YOU ARE NOT, AND YOU ARE VIOLATING MY RIGHTS FOR A CLEAN SAN DIEGO. DO NOT TAKE THE DAMN CART....THIEF!!

City Lights, by Matt Potter Published June 6

Posted by Joel West on 06/7/07, 2:10 p.m.

You act as though going slow on municipal Wi-Fi is a bad thing. What if it's a good thing? According to an academic study, the benefits of the Philadelphia system have been oversold. Other existing systems are having trouble breaking even. (See blog.openitstrategies.com/2007/06/municipal-wi-fi-whats-point.html)

Posted by milo on 06/7/07, 7:50 p.m.

your info rocks...why the local da or state attorney doesnt use it to indict local officials is ludicris....

City Lights, by Don Bauder Published June 6

Posted by JF on 06/6/07, 5:34 p.m.

Don, I have to tell you I really struggle with the concept of managed competition for exactly the reasons you state. I've seen some of the inefficiencies of the city and would love to get rid of them. Yet, I also think the managed competition system is ripe for corruption. As an example, I know of a large agency which decided to contract out mechanical services for their fleet. The contractor was essentially Jiffy Lube and had no idea of how to maintain large trucks, no less complicated machinery such as trash trucks or fire engine. ALL the former mechanics were promoted to “contract inspectors” and given raises for a net gain in public payroll. When the contractor defaulted they took all the tools with them, leaving the gov't with no mechanics and no tools. Ooops.

Reply by Don Bauder: Managed competition has been used for many years in Indianapolis. It is a corrupt city, but nothing like Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Las Vegas, etc. It's a mixed picture in that



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Hoosier city. So what would happen in San Diego? I have very serious qualms. Also, remember that KPMG issued a report telling how bad the City's internal controls are. That makes the concept even shakier.

Posted by J M Walker on 06/6/07, 8:53 p.m.

Does San Diego not have a sunshine (open meeting) Law? I get the feeling it either does not, or simply ignores it. The two main cities, Joplin, MO, and Wichita, KS, I lived in recently, have sunshine laws that were able to stop the shenanigans of city councils when they

tried to pull fast ones. The infamous water park was attempted in both, and stopped when it was found out some meetings took place behind closed doors. Indeed we had council members forced off councils for violating that same law.

Posted by Robert Burns on 06/7/07, 9:40 p.m.

I know from City librarians that another autocratic process is in place at the City's libraries. It is called Blue Coat Filter and it is the same program used by our military and in Yemen to restrict content from view on the internet. Its primary

problem is that a second computer had to be put at great expense at each reference desk free of the Blue Coat Filter to enable reasonable research that otherwise was blocked; the new computers unfortunately lack the library catalogues, staff E-mail, and standard software (e.g., Word) used by staff and involve rotating passwords that often disable use by staff unfamiliar with the latest passwords. By the way, City staff are subject to firing for communication with the media per the City's illegal hiring contract, but you should be able to confirm the use and problems of the Blue Coat Filter and the supplemental computers.

Posted by Paul on 06/6/07, 2:59 p.m.

Don, I entered this once this morning but it got deleted. Hopefully that was because I entered it before the articles got reshuffled and not because of content! I came across a pretty damning report filed as part of a complaint to the grand jury filed against Sunroad's Centrum 1 tower

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on May 31. Do you know if La Playa Heritage and/or the complaint is credible? I won't post the link again, in case that is why my post was deleted. Thanks.

Reply by Don Bauder: If your message got deleted, I assure you it was an accident. La Playa Heritage is a very respectable operation in Point Loma. The head is Catheryn Rhodes, an engineer. I haven't read that report yet, but I surely will. I have worked with Catheryn on other matters, and also on Montgomery Field, and she is first-rate.

Posted by Paul on 06/6/07, 3:47 p.m. Both the complaint and the quite detailed report are on the La Playa Heritage website. Their primary claim was that if Sunroad was able to cherry pick the 1997 municipal code and claiming no height limit existed at that time, then they also

must accept the FAR of 0.50 that was in place for Kearny Mesa in 1997, which makes the building 9.56 times larger than allowed under the Municipal code. I have not heard that particular "overlooked" technicality discussed anywhere else.

Reply by Don Bauder: It may not have been discussed in those terms, but as I have said previously, some say that the only building approved by the council was four stories — 12 was never OK'd, except by bureaucrats of the Development Services Department, who work for developers, not the taxpayers.

Posted by Paul on 06/6/07, 3:56 p.m. If Development Services directly violates the Municipal code in approving a building, what recourse is there? As taxpayers are we stuck compensating the de-

veloper for their "loss" because they acted on the permits from the city? It seems inherently wrong that a developer can manipulate the process to gain a permit to do something illegal, and if they are caught the worst thing that will happen to them is they get reimbursed from the city for their loss. Seems eerily like the fact it is illegal for a city councilperson to accept a bribe, but it is not illegal to bribe a city councilperson (i.e.

Moore)

Posted by Kathryn Rhodes and Conrad Hartsell, M.D. on 06/6/07, 6:28 p.m.

This is our citizen's investigation on Sunroad www.laplayaheritage.com/Sunroad_Investigation_with_Figures.pdf. Based on the project-governing documents, Sunroad has violated their Building Permit, Municipal Code, Master Plan, and EIR. Sunroad is also in trouble with their

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Posted by Another Paul on 06/6/07, 9:24 p.m.

You were not the only one to notice the deliberate timing of the UT article showing the Mayor in good light even whilst he plots behind the scenes. Driving by yesterday I was surprised to see a huge gash in the building - what must be a 20 foot wide and 150 feet high space where no exterior work has been performed. Odd to me that such weatherisation of the roof was so important and yet it's ok to leave a massive hole the whole height of the building. Oh, and I saw two people on the top scaffolding; I am sure they were sight-seeing, not denying the stop work order.

Posted by San Diego Lawyer on 06/7/07, 2:59 p.m.
Don: Thanks again for being willing to go where the UT and others won't dare tread. I've seen the letter by Sunroad Atty Strauss, dated 12/5/06, which clearly says the remaining work to be done is "100% interior." It sure perplexes me why our mayor continues to try to appease a developer that lies like this and is, in his words, irresponsible. I call for the mayor to attend a community forum on this subject and answer questions from the audience for no less than one hour.

Posted by San Deigo Lawyer on 06/7/07, 6:38 p.m.
Don: Let the public cross-examine him. The people, for whom San Diego is sup-

posedly run, deserve no less. If he's evasive, the audience can cast votes accordingly at the next election, or sooner, of a recall campaign starts. That's democracy.

Tin Fork

Published June 6

Posted by Doug on 06/9/07, 8:38 a.m.

I've known Dan all my life and can testify to his love for quality food, the Gathering and of course magic. Only through Dan's patience, and perseverance did a newer and better Gathering emerge from the ashes of a year ago. Dan did all this while fighting a personal battle with Parkinson's, a challenge he faces daily and overcomes with the same positive attitude as bringing the Gathering back to life. If you have the opportunity, stop by and say hello, Dan's easy to talk to and at that moment, you'll be the most important person in his life. Take it from someone who knows....his brother. Wishing you and the Gathering all the success you both deserve. Congrats on reopening!

Restaurant Review

Published June 6

Posted by Brian on 06/10/07, 8:13 a.m.

As usual, good review (of WineSellar and Brasserie). But as usual, the wine gets barely covered. At WineSellar, wine & how it pairs with food was what I expected and wanted....details, please.

Blurt

Published June 6

Posted by Kristin Strother on 06/6/07, 3:26 p.m.

It's gentlemen such as Aguirre and their supporters who make lasting changes in the world. Such people often times never see the fruit of their labor but however leave it for the next generations. Many kudos to people who relentlessly strive for the dreams of others without seeking recognition. This only goes to show that people can make things happen outside of a political title.

Posted by Robert Burns on 06/7/07, 9:15 p.m.

There are a lot more than 27 people counterculture OBceans here and many don't know each other. We're happy to count

Richard amongst us. For the guy who would write him off as a dreamer, I say show us what you can do with music or other creative arts.

Posted by Woody Woodham on 06/10/07, 8:20 a.m.

If Mr. Aguirre thinks moving from Berkley to San Diego was a bit of a shock he ought to try moving to where I am in Prescott Arizona. Here a lot of the locals are either on the way to the rodeo or on the way to a white supremacy meeting of some sort.

T.G.I.F.

Published June 6

Posted by Mark Martin on 06/6/07, 8:53 p.m.

Great stuff, John. Reminds me of Thurber's great "Secret Life of Walter Mitty." All of us have "rich internal lives" at some point or another. I always enjoy your writing, my friend.

T.G.I.F.

Published May 30

Posted by Mark Martin on 05/30/07, 11:29 a.m.

Fun article, John. Kornbluth [author of "The Marching Morons"] was a character. Supposedly he decided to educate himself by reading the encyclopedia, one volume at a time, cover to cover. Fair enough. But he was also renowned for never, ever brushing his teeth, which became a shade of green. As you said, a character. As for "Stand on Zanzibar," there was a character, Bennie Doakes, who would get stoned on "Triptine" and scan the news world wide (sort of like the Internet), and mutter "Christ, what an imagination I've got." And Brunner called that fiction!

Posted by Uncle Frank on 06/2/07, 1:13 p.m.

Might we recommend "Idiocracy" by Mike Judge, creator of "Beavis & Butthead" and "Office Space"?

Posted by Amir Bagatelle on 06/2/07, 6:19 p.m.

Ditto, Uncle Frank. "Idiocracy" has the same premise as "The Marching Morons."

Stripe My Ride

A Car Is a Canvas

Pinstriping is like a tattoo for a vehicle," says Mark Whitney Mehran, founder of local lifestyle company Hot Rod Surf. "You have to follow the contours of the lines of what you're dealing with, and you want to have [the design] match the subject. In automobiles, you want to have [the artwork] accentuate the vibe of the car. Pinstriping adds a custom flair." In addition to cars and motorcycles, pinstriping can be applied to trucks, boats, and surfboards.

On Thursday, June 21, Mehran will sign his book *Basic Hot Rod Pinstriping Techniques* at Borders in Mission Valley. In keeping with tradition, Mehran pinstripes freehand rather than using

the more contemporary practice of stencils or a grease pencil to make the design. "When you're looking at a canvas, which is a hot rod or motorcycle or any blank piece of metal, you lay down lines that are symmetrical or, more importantly, lines that have the appearance of symmetry."

In the past few years, Mehran has noticed a youth surge in the pinstriping demographic — the majority of new practitioners he sees are males 18 to 35. "I think what sparked [the younger generation] was the *Cars* movie." In the animated film, Sally the Porsche ends up with what the main character, Lightning McQueen, calls a "pinstripe tattoo" on her posterior end.

A pinstriper's main tool is the "sword brush," so named for its shape. The sword brush is most commonly made from squirrel hair. "You do not want to be cheap on the brush," stresses Mehran, whose brush is made by Andrew Mack & Son Brush Company. "If you put 20 dollars into a brush, you're fine, it'll last you your whole life. The longer you use a brush, the better the paint flows on it, the more your hand gets used to the dowel."

Mehran uses 1 Shot paint, which can be applied without a reducer or paint thinner and dries without a hardener. "If you use a Mack brush and 1 Shot paint, you're using what people have been using in the automotive world since the '50s." A half-pint of 1 Shot's oil-based gloss enamel costs \$8.

How does one spot a bad pinstriping job? "If the design is not symmetrically done, or there's a variance of the thickness of a line..." Mehran answers. "When you're using a sword brush with too much or too little pressure or load too much paint on the brush, you'll get a lot of blemming and a huge variance in line thickness." "Blem" is short for "blemished."

Mehran explains more pinstriping lingo: "Ghosting" is when the color used to pinstripe is similar to the surface on which it is applied, and "suede" is the term for a matte finish.

Mehran has seen pinstripers use black primer for a suede effect and then ghost over the primer with a glossy black, making



Mark Whitney Mehran

the black-on-black more visible. Mehran warns that, although this may produce an attractive look, it can damage a vehicle. "Real suede paint that started as primer doesn't seal the paint, so if you're at the beach, you need to be careful — you'll rust your car out. The salty atmosphere and morning dew will ruin the metal underneath." Mehran adds that a sealing topcoat that resembles primer has recently become available.

In his book, Mehran offers money-saving tips for would-be pinstripers. One is to use odorless mineral spirits, which can be purchased at any hardware store, as a substitute for a thinning solution, which may cost twice as much. Rather than using the brush oil sold at art supply stores, Mehran stores his brush in 10/30 motor oil. Brushes are stored in oil to keep the hairs from drying out, and "motor oil only costs a couple of bucks."

The *Yellow Pages* list 62 businesses in San Diego that offer pinstriping as one of their services. "It may be confusing for people, because the supplies are pretty inexpensive, but pinstriping pricing varies widely," says Mehran. Work can range

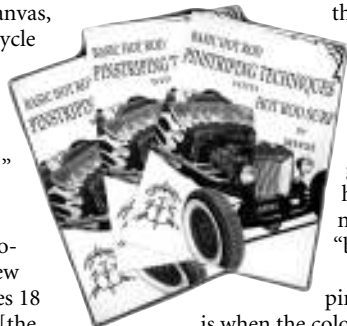
from \$20 to \$2500.

He suggests that a prospective buyer become familiar with a pinstriper's artistic style before hiring, as one might do when choosing a tattoo artist or a faux finisher. Higher-priced pinstripers may have better-quality lines, but a big bill isn't a guarantee of satisfactory work.

"Pinstriping really has to do with the mood of the guy pinstriping. If the guy or girl isn't in a good mood or doesn't like the car, well, you're paying for artwork — you want to get an idea for what you want on your car, then kind of let things go and let the person do what they're going to do."

— Barbarella

Basic Hot Rod Pinstriping Techniques, booksigning with author Mark Whitney Mehran Thursday, June 21 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Borders 1072 Camino Del Rio North Mission Valley Cost: Free Info: 619-688-2688 or www.bordersstores.com



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BAJA

"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. (TIJUANA)

"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)

"El Arte Popular en Mexico" is topic for lecture by Marta Turok Wallace, Friday, June 15, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Reflejos de Ayer (Reflections of Yesterday)" boleros recital by soprano Esther González and Allegro Musical Ensemble, Friday, June 15, 8 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (Avenida Guadalupe between Calles 2 and 4). \$10. 011-52-646-176-3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

A Romantic Concert is planned by soprano Samantha Garcia and pianist Aiko Yamada, Friday, June 15. "Si me Amas, Si Suspiras" begins at 8:30 p.m. at Foro Chapultepec (Calle Nogal #1505). \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

Jenni Rivera performs at Las Pulgas Club (on Avenida Revolución), Friday, June 15, 11 p.m. 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

Jackpot Sportfishing tournament, Saturday, June 16, 5 a.m., at Puerto Salina La Marina (on Tijuana-Ensenada toll road). Entry fee: \$80 U.S. 866-365-2562. (TIJUANA)

"Nayarit in Tijuana," enjoy music, food, and entertainment on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, 9 a.m.–7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Sushi Time! Festival with food, music, and entertainment, Saturday, June 16, 1–6 p.m., at Pueblo Amigo Mall, Zona Río. 011-52-664-105-1215. (TIJUANA)

Electronic Music promised when Zoe and Babasonicos take stage at 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at El Foro (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$25–\$40 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

"Gardel with No Gardel," tangos played by Orchestra of Baja California, Thursday, June 21, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

COMIC TRACY MORGAN

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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)

Earliest Sunrise this year, reckoned in Daylight Saving Time, occurs Thursday, June 14, at 5:38 a.m. This event occurs about a week before the longest day of the year — the summer solstice — because of factors related to the shape of the Earth's orbit and the angle between Earth's axis and the plane of its revolution around the sun.

Ocean Water Temperatures are rising into the mid-60s this month, perhaps to reach the 70s in August. The usual early-summer cool weather along San Diego's coastline, disappointing to many tourists, is mostly caused by the sluggish warming of the ocean water. The payoff will come later: as the ocean gives up heat absorbed during the sunny summer months,

we'll enjoy warm days and evenings well into autumn.

The Blooming of Desert Annuals (a weak one this year) is over, but not so for the stolid desert willows and smoke trees. Rooted to the beds of dry washes throughout Anza-Borrego's lower valleys, both plants gather enough energy this time of year to put on a floral show. The graceful, drooping branches of the desert willow hold fragrant, white blossoms, while the spindly smoke tree exhibits myriad blue-purple flowers. To avoid the intense midday heat, confine your desert explorations to early morning or early evening. And watch out for bees — they're attracted to the blossoms too.

The Chirping of Crickets tells us the warmer weather of summer is well on its way. Their plaintive pleadings for mates are heard wherever bits of semi-natural scenery cut across the urban tapestry of San Diego. Try the Spruce Street suspension footbridge, just west of Balboa Park between Front and Brant streets. From the swaying bed of the 70-foot-high bridge you can admire a canyon filled with green and gold grasses, nasturtiums, and

eucalyptus, pepper, and palm trees. Sound effects begin by midafternoon.

Look for Lazuli Buntings, Green-Tailed Towhees, and many other birds during Audubon Society outing to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Saturday, June 16, 8 a.m. Meet just inside entrance to Paso Picacho Campground. Two-mile, slow-paced round trip, somewhat strenuous hike. Vehicle day-use fee. 619-692-3246. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho continues in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on Saturday, June 16, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Investigate Nooks and Crannies of Del Mar with Walkabout walkers, Saturday, June 16. The 2.5-hour saunter along little-known public footpaths starts at 9 a.m. at northwest corner of Del Mar Heights and Durango Drive. Free. 619-231-7463. (DEL MAR)

Enjoy June Bloom, Not June Gloom! Trail guide-led nature walks amid flora and fauna offered Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, June 16, 17, and 20, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Enjoy Shade of Oaks along switchback trail to 5730-foot granitic Stonewall Peak with Canyoneers on Saturday, June 16. Participants will "take in views of the lake and forested peaks of the

Cuyamaca Mountains" during moderate outing, 4–7:30 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Canyon Favorites Hike — take moderately paced hike to Walden Pond, Carson's Crossing, and waterfall in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, June 16. Hike starts at 5 p.m. at end of Park Village Road. Free. 858-484-3219. Bring water, wear hiking boots. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Twilight Nature Walk to see owls, bats, nightshade flowers open, Saturday, June 16, 7:15 p.m., at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. Reservations: 619-668-2748. (SAN CARLOS)

Learn Telescope Etiquette and see "celestial wonders" during star party hosted by San Diego Astronomers Association, Saturday, June 16, 8:30 p.m., at Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Free. 858-565-3600. Telescopes provided, but feel free to bring your own. (JULIAN)

Clean-Up Along San Diego River with San Diego River Park Foundation in Mission Valley Preserve on Sunday, June 17, starting at 9 a.m. at Hotel Circle Place. Picnic lunch provided to participants. Free. 619-297-7380. (MISSION VALLEY)

Visit San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires, during guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

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The Waxing Crescent Moon lies between brilliant Venus and the much-less-bright Saturn on Monday evening (June 18), after dark in the western sky. Keep watching Venus and Saturn on the following evenings. By June 30 the two planets will be passing very close to each other.

DANCE

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)

"Nomads," Middle Eastern fusion show with DJ Sandbag, Danyavaad, the Shimmy Sisters, and guest dancers, Thursday, June 14, 9 p.m., at Portugalia Restaurant and Pub (4839 Newport Avenue). \$10. 619-887-7707. (OCEAN BEACH)

Hey Wire Makes Music, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Friday, June 15, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-594-6828. (NORTH PARK)

Schottische Variations highlighted during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, June 15, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing 8:30–9:45 p.m. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Fishtank Ensemble offers blend of "uptempo Gypsy, Balkan, and Klezmer tunes" for listening and dancing, Saturday, June 16,

7 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street), \$10. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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American Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, June 16, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dance-time Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. Foxtrot lesson at 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

English Country Dancing with calling by Ellen and Chris, Kathleen

on piano, Sunday, June 17, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Learn to Lindy Hop and swing dance when Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Dance lead classes for all levels starting Tuesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Duo presents Balboa and swing dance classes for all levels on Wednesdays at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100), starting June 20, 6 p.m. At either location: \$13 per class, \$68 for six-week series with preregistration. Details: 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA, ENCINITAS)

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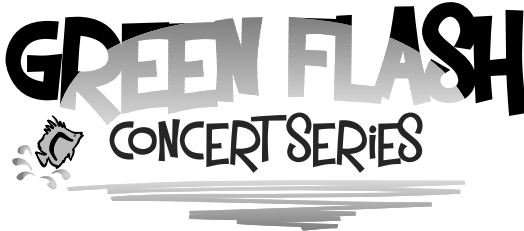
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performing to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, June 21, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

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)

"Cinema under the Stars," see Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant in *Charade* on Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15. Sean Connery stars in *Goldfinger*, screening Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17. Events begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Lifeform" (1996) is featured when Mars Society hosts Mars Movie Night, Friday, June 15, 7 p.m., in studio 106 of Art Union Building (2323 Broadway). 1950s serial and cartoon also shown. Free

with reservation. 619-723-3456. (GOLDEN HILL)

The Italian Film *Quando Sei Nato Non Puoi Piu Nasconderti* (2005) will be seen on Friday, June 15, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles.

"To Catch a Thief" — Cary Grant and Grace Kelly star in this Alfred Hitchcock flick, screening for Coronado Public Library Summer Festival 2007 movie night, Friday, June 15, 7 p.m. Exhibit of original costume design sketches by late studio designer and 11-time Oscar winner Judith Head continues through July at library (640 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-522-7390. (CORONADO)

Up for a "Shaggy-Dog Spoof on Masculine Fixations"? Mani Haghighi's Iranian film *Men at Work* screens in Farsi with English subtitles for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, June 18, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Refugee Voices: Somali Stores on Film" presented by Teen Producers Project of Media Arts Center of San Diego, Tuesday, June 19, 6 p.m., at Weingart Library performance annex (3795 Fairmont Avenue). See *Girls Working for a Better Tomorrow* and

OUT & ABOUT

ALOHA! HAWAIIAN CULTURAL WORKSHOP
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(SEE LECTURES)



Where Is Home? Youth producers and documentary interviewees will be present for question-and-answer period led by USD ethnic studies professor Jesse Mills. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Show Business Films featured for ongoing film series hosted by Carlsbad Library, with *Phantom of the Opera* (2004) on Wednesday, June 20, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"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 pro-

vided by Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. Tickets: \$5 members, students; \$8 nonmembers. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

Movies in the Park, series begins with *Charlotte's Web*, Thursday, June 21, 8 p.m., at Fallbrook Community Center (341 Heald Lane). Bring picnic, blanket. Free; donations appreciated. 760-728-1671. (FALLBROOK)

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 *Wolves* (6 p.m.) and *Alaska* (7 p.m.) on June 15. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"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 PARK)

"Protecting Your Personal Computer" discussed by Kathy David, Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m., at San Diego National Bank (on second floor at 16789 Bernardo Center Drive). What should you do when your computer crashes? Learn techniques, tools to protect your personal computer against viruses, adware, spyware, worms, more. Free. 858-413-2121. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"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)

"Modern American Masters: The Crash Course" delivered by art historian and UC Irvine pro-

fessor of art history and visual studies Cécile Whiting, Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard). Learn about artists such as Frank Stella, Andy Warhol, Ellsworth Kelly, explore their works included in "Modern American Masters" exhibition. \$15. Required reservations: 858-454-3541 x198. (DOWNTOWN)

"Promotion: How to Do What Your Editor Won't" is topic when author Carolyn Howard-Johnson speaks for San Diego Romance Writers on Saturday, June 16. Jill Limber illuminates "Writing the Great Synopsis." Group meets 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). \$30. 619-298-0511. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Raiders of the Lost Archives," learn to conduct basic historic research to determine if your home is a potential historic landmark or a contributor to a potential historic district during workshop sponsored by University Heights Historical Society on Saturday, June 16, 1–4 p.m., at Swedenborgian Church (4144 Campus Avenue). \$15 general. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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Many Facets of “Gourd Art” taught by Carol Lang on Sunday, June 17, noon–5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Expect instruction on cleaning, cutting, pyroengraving, coloring, and embellishing “your own one-of-a-kind gourd.” Students may make a bowl, birdhouse, or covered container; demonstration of use of basket-weaving techniques for decorating gourds included. For all levels of experience. Fee: \$80, plus \$10 materials fee. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

“Benito Juárez and Separation of Church and State for Mexico and for the World” is topic when Humanist Fellowship gathers, Sunday, June 17, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

“Collections Management: Metals” discussed by collections manager Sandra Ramirez for 12 O’Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, June 18. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese Bead Art Techniques taught during workshops, Tuesday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Participants may create cherry charm (\$20) or earrings (\$25); materials included in fee. Bead sale follows each class. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Dog Safety Lecture, learn dog safety tips on everything from dog toys to poisonous food and plants and more, Tuesday, June 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Training accomplished through “kind, effective, and modern positive reinforcement methods.” \$35. Required advance registration: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

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Tucked amid a lovely grove of pines on the remote north ridge of the San Gabriel Mountains you can find tiny Messenger Flats Campground, an Angeles National Forest facility available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), the 2650-mile “gorilla” of all hiking trails in the West, passes right through, and you can use a section of it to piece together a viewful 3.3-mile hike overlooking the vast Mojave Desert, which lies to the north.



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There are no short ways to reach the campground from San Diego, but the route from Antelope Valley Freeway (State Highway 14) is at least quite simple. From that freeway, five miles south of Palmdale, follow Angeles Forest Highway south into the San Gabriel Mountains. After about ten miles of uphill driving you reach Mill Creek summit, where you turn right (west) on Mount Gleason Road (aka Santa Clara Divide Road). After another ten miles on this mostly paved, but narrow, national-forest roadway, you’ll arrive at Messenger Flats Campground. (A National Forest Adventure Pass is required for day-use parking here.)

For hiking purposes, find the PCT, which parallels Santa Clara Divide Road at a point 20 yards north of the campground entrance. Go left (west) and follow the trail as it veers away from the road and starts to descend along steep, north-facing slopes. Along this narrow, rough-cut, lesser traveled section of the PCT, scattered conifers and oaks provide welcome shade at frequent intervals. Far below is Soledad Canyon, the broad, east-west gash separating the main block of the San Gabriel Mountains from outlying ranges to the northwest. In the hills beyond Soledad Canyon, the tilted sedimentary slabs known as the Vasquez Rocks glow a bright beige on the otherwise muted gray-green and brown Mojave Desert floor.

After 1.5 miles, the PCT dips into a shady ravine and crosses Moody Canyon Road. Leave the trail and follow the road 0.2 mile uphill to Santa Clara Divide Road. Turn left there and return to Messenger Flats, uphill all the way.

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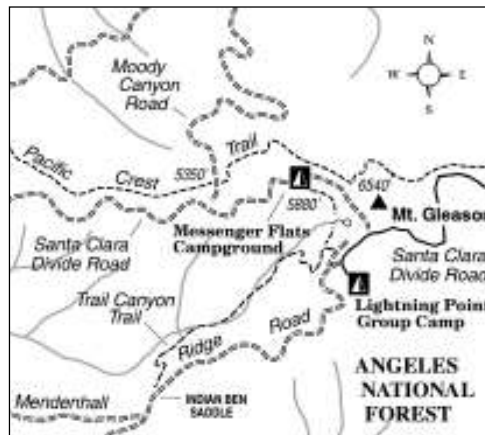
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your self-confidence on Tuesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). Free. 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

“Mission Valley Preserve Pollinator Garden” presented by Kym Hunter of San Diego River Park Foundation for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Learn how San Diego River Park Foundation and community groups are improving a wetland in Mission Valley Preserve. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

Cooking Up Cancer Prevention Cancer Project’s Tracy Childs fo-

cuses on “Maintaining a Healthy Weight,” emphasizing cancer prevention and survival, Wednesday, June 20, 5:30 p.m. at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. Registration: 858-679-9148. (MIRA MESA)

Edit Your Videos, manage tapes and media, and export projects to various media outlets when Media Arts Center San Diego hosts training workshop for editing software Final Cut Pro by Carlos Pelayo on Wednesday, June 20, 6–10 p.m. Goal of workshop is to train aspiring filmmakers to create their own documentaries about their communities, family history, and/or to promote the work of nonprofit or-

ganizations. Find Media Arts Center at 921 25th Street. \$55. Registration: 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

“Designing with California-Friendly Plants” is subject on Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Site analysis, environmental factors, plant grouping. \$11. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Vocal Workshop by Kristi Peterson designed for beginning singers and advanced, professional singers, Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont

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“Tasting Wine with the Pharaohs” — class exploring ancient Egypt’s tomb paintings and hieroglyphics depicting royal vineyards, winemaking, and preservation presented by wine expert Barbara Baxter on Wednesday, June 20, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Baxter will discuss interplay between art and wine. “Modern versions of wine that may have originated near the Nile will be tasted and discussed,” along with Egyptian food. Series continues on July 18 and August 15. Fee: \$75 for series, \$30 per lecture. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“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)

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Canine Massage Lecture presented by Ann Yerevanian, graduate of Lang Institute for Canine Massage, Thursday, June 21, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Lecture covers many aspects of canine massage, including relationship between massage and your dog’s anatomical structure, what massage can and cannot accomplish, and which conditions may be improved by canine massage. \$10. 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

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"Basic Hot Rod Pinstriping Techniques" signed by author MWM, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). 619-692-3676. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Lyric Visions" explored by Sonya Quintanilla, curator of Asian art, Thursday, June 21, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Quintanilla will explore "Lyric Visions," the upcoming exhibition of paintings inspired by Nizami's *Quintet*. \$20. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"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)

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"The Wrong Stuff: The Extraordinary Saga of Randy 'Duke' Cunningham" is focus of panel discussion by authors Dean Calbraith, George Condon, and Marcus Stern (three of the four authors who were on team that won 2006 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting) planned Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Signing, discussion follows. Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

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)

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Pre-Father's Day Musical planned by New RainBow Community Choir on Friday, June 15, 7 p.m., at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (625 Quail Street at Market). Free. 619-264-6469. (SAN DIEGO)

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6 p.m., for Concert on the Green at Prescott Promenade (2111 Z2 East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

A Trio of Authors visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign and discuss their books on Friday, June 15, 7 p.m. Meet legal suspense author David Rosenfelt (*Play Dead*), nonfiction and thriller author Todd Buchholz (*The Castro Gene*), and thriller author Rick Caras (*Stealth Empire*). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

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

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The Count Basie Orchestra of today is 19 performers "committed to upholding and advancing this American institution." Ensemble performs Friday, June 15, 8 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$28, \$33, \$38 in advance; \$31, \$36, \$41 at door. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

The Queen of Yiddish Musical Comedy, tribute to "memory of Molly Picon, whose 109th birthday would be celebrated this year" follows regular Shabbat service, Saturday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Woman's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Cantor Debby highlights Picon's career with renditions of some classic Yiddish songs. Free. 858-549-3088. (CARLSBAD)

"Moloka'i Nui Ahina" — book launch party for Kirby Wright's new novel planned Saturday and

Sunday, June 16 and 17, noon-4 p.m., at Bamboo Source Tropical Decor (2028 South Coast Highway). Free. 800-215-1833. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

West Coast Funnies — Karen Rontowski, Kenny Klein, Pearl Street Players, and emcee Kurt Swann perform, Saturday, June 16, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$20 at door. 760-960-0105 or 909-929-3586. (CARLSBAD)

"Comics That Kill" — laughs provided by Bret Gilbert, Marty Laquidara, J. Boggs and Jason Bang on Saturday, June 16, 9 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Not for those under 14. Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$10 at door. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Romania Romania: Klezmer Concert at the Library," Sunday, June 17, 1 p.m., at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library (2081 Newcastle Avenue). Alexander Gourevitch and Freilachs perform, along with Yale Strom and Hot P'Stromi. Free. 760-753-4027 or 858-694-2484. (CARDIFF)

"Luncheon of the Boating Party" presented by local author Susan Vreeland, Sunday, June 17, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Vreeland is "known for writing historical fiction on art-related themes." \$12. 619-696-1969. Booksigning follows. (BALBOA PARK)

The David Maldonado Group plays "unique infusion of flamenco, jazz, and classical stylings" for summer concert series, Sunday, June 17, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free tickets issued at 1 p.m. at door. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

The Langston Hughes Poetry Circle convenes for reading, publishing party for City Heights poet

Jim Moreno, Sunday, June 17, 2 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Musicians from Moreno's CD *Reversing the Erased: Exhuming the Expunged* on hand to back Moreno on several poems. Free. 760-802-2449. (ENCANTO)

Jazzy Father's Day? Rob Thorsen Trio performs jazz, Latin, and original compositions, Sunday, June 17, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Music in the Park" promises '70s and '80s tunes by the Players on Sunday, June 17, 5 p.m., at Salt Creek Park Recreation Center (2710 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by San Diego Concert Band, June 17, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffin Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show with Neuman, Er-

ica Doering, Matt Agosta, Jason Bang, and Comedy Central's Melanie Reno, Sunday, June 17, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free. 619-702-6010. 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

Journey Through a Historical Erotic Fantasy World! Jacqueline Carey signs *Kushiel's Justice*, Monday, June 18, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Bayou Brothers plan concert with their "sound straight out of Louisiana's dance clubs," Monday, June 18, 7 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Klezmer Summit: Klezmer and Knishes" presented for Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival on Monday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Repertory Theatre at Lyceum in Horton Plaza. Program boasts Yale Strom with Hot P'Stromi, Alexander Gourevitch with Freilachs. \$18. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series gets underway with rock and roll classics by Cat-illacs on Tuesday, June 19; big-band jazz by Jazz Xpress on Wednesday, June 20; and Dixie Express taking stage on Thursday, June 21. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dead Sea Scrolls" Curator Risa Levitt Kohn discusses history of discovery of the scrolls, Tuesday, June 19, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Turkish Delight comedy show hosted by Comedy Grill, with performances by Gulden, the "Turkish Diva of Comedy"; James Unwin, Wally Wang, and Comedy Under Construction on Tuesday, June 19, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). Admission: \$5, plus two-item minimum. 858-550-8088. (LA JOLLA)

Green Flash Seaside Summer Concert Series continues with performance by Rockola, Wednesday, June 20, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium docents on hand

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to answer questions about marine life and exhibits, food (for sale). \$25. For those 21 and older. Reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

Visual Rhythm, Poetry, and Art in San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) on Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. Installation artist Zuri Waters, theater critic and poet Charlene Baldrige, and composer Nathan Hummard will be on hand for the shindig. Open mike follows. \$5. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Contemporary Artist Jian Wang talks about his work, signs copies of catalog from his retrospective currently on view at Sacramento State University Art Gallery while visiting Art Expressions Gallery (2645 Financial

Court, suite C) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, June 20 and 21. Free. RSVP: 858-270-7577. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Suspense Author John Connelly signs *The Unquiet*, Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Open-Microphone opportunities to sing, dance, read offered third Wednesday of the month, including June 20, 7:30–9 p.m., at Curio Caffe (2505 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-696-8699. (HILLCREST)

Austin Legend Jimmy LaFave in concert for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Thursday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$18, \$22. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Farrell Family Jazz, series commences with concert by multinational Minsarah Trio on Thursday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum

Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Tickets: \$23 per concert, \$84 for series. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Goldilocks: The Nursing Home Version" — this "original adult puppet show" is presented June 21–24 by San Diego Guild of Puppetry at Diversionary Theatre (4545 Park Boulevard). Performances utilize projected images and shadow, rod, and Bunraku-style puppets. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12, \$20. 800-954-6696. (BALBOA PARK)

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 meet up with Devil Rays in Tampa Bay for inter-

league play on Thursday, June 14, 9:10 a.m. Road trip continues with games in Chicago against Cubs, June 15–17, at 11:20 a.m. on Friday and Sunday, 10:05 a.m. on Saturday.

Pads head home for games in Petco Park against Baltimore Orioles, June 19–21, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Glamour Girls Professional Women's Wrestling hits Hot Monkey Love Café (6875 El Cajon Boulevard, suite B), Friday, June 15, 7 p.m. Card includes Hurricane Havana, Jessel, Nikki T, Joanie "Chyna Doll" Laurer, others. \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-469-4113. (COLLEGE AREA)

The La Jolla YMCA Surf Series 2006-2007 final event is Saturday, June 16, 7:30 a.m.–3 p.m., at La Jolla Shores/Kellogg Park (Camino del Oro). Amateur surfers compete in divisions for all ages and both longboards and shortboards. Special heats such as a relay, parent/child, siblings. \$45 beach entry (dependent on space availability); free for spectators. 858-453-3483 x141. (LA JOLLA)

Dog Paddle, bring your dog out for kayak tour from La Jolla Shores to sea caves on Saturday, June 16, 8:30 a.m., at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). Equipment is included in \$30 fee per person; canines free. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Easter Seals "Walk with Me" 3k fundraising walk is Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m., at Knott's Soak City (2052 Entertainment Circle). Walkers encouraged to raise money for Easter Seals. Registration: 760-737-3990 x83. (CHULA VISTA)

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)

Family Pedal and Paddle, Mission Bay kayak tour for families, Saturday, June 16, starting at 10 a.m. at Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Participants must be two or older. \$30 per person. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Poker Ride benefiting Horses of Tir Na Nog horse rescue organi-

zation, Saturday, June 16. Sign-ups at 10 a.m. at Manzanita horse camp. Details: 619-465-6384. (BOULEVARD)

Pony Stocks, Dwarfs, sprint cars, modifieds, street stocks, factory stocks compete at Barona Speedway on Saturday, June 16. Gates open at 1 p.m., racing starts at 5 p.m. Admission: \$10 general, \$5 teens, \$2 for those 7–12, free for kids 6 and younger. Track is located 5.8 miles north of Barona Casino on Wildcat Canyon Road. 619-669-1303. (LAKEVIEW)

Bicycle to the Otay Border Crossing with Knickerbikers riders on Sunday, June 17. Fast-paced 50-miler starts at 8 a.m. at J Street Marina (take I-5 to J Street/Marina Parkway exit, go west on Marina Parkway, turn left on Marina Way to parking lot). Route goes through South Bay, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, Chula Vista. Lunch on U.S. side of border crossing. 619-255-2890. (CHULA VISTA)

Father's Day Kayak Adventure in Lake Hodges hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Sunday, June 17, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. \$65 for adults, \$20 kids 6–12. No-

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Chris Hoyman Memorial Cup play at San Diego Polo Club on Sunday, June 17. 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. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

SPECIAL

Salute to Heroes is theme for San Diego County Fair, continuing through 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)

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. (SDSU)

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 Ramble 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. Space availability: 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

Overland Mail Reenactment celebrating first transcontinental mail route runs Friday–Sunday, June 15–17. Activities include two-night campout at Merigan Ranch in Descanso and an 11-mile horse-back ride carrying mail pouch from Cuyamaca Lake area through Cuyamaca Rancho State Park to Descanso. Music, entertainment by cowboy poet John Sedberry, storyteller Garry McClintock. Dinner and dancing at Descanso Hay and Feed barn. Sunday morning breakfast.

Events begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, with potluck dinner and music. Ride begins 10 a.m. Saturday morning from Sunrise day-use area. Dinner, dancing to live band Saturday night. Fee: \$55 per person for two-nights, three days of camping; \$35 for dinner and dancing Saturday night only. Reservations: 858-679-2772 x109. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Cruisin' Grand features a private collection on Friday, June 15, when Cruisin' Grand takes place 5–9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom, vintage, classic cars and trucks participate in cruise loop running down Grand Avenue and back up Second Avenue. Free viewing. 760-745-8877. Through September 28. (ESCONDIDO)

"Gourd Art...Up Close and Personal," evening of fine art, desserts, wine, violin music by Monacelli Music Studio planned for "National Gourd Fine Art Show" on Friday, June 15, 5–7 p.m., at Art Center at Fallbrook (103 Main Street). Spend time with local gourd artists, hear what inspires them, learn techniques of art form. \$15. Reservations: 760-728-1414. (FALLBROOK)


"Animal Magnetism," GrrrrrL Power hosts pet-friendly art show opening Friday, June 15, 7 p.m., at Bow Wow Beauty Shoppe (1735 University Avenue). Artists include Macoe Swett, Ginger Placek, Shayna Yates, Tanya Jansuzko, Kristal Molina, Chris Conway, Celene, Nicole Byrne, Jocille Flores-Ady. Free. Through Sunday, July 15. 619-692-0962. (HILLCREST)

San Diego Wooden Boat Festival is June 16 and 17 at Koehler Kraft Boatyard (2302 Shelter Island Drive). More than 70 classic wooden boats for viewing, entertainment, kids' activities. Festival begins at 9 a.m. both mornings, closes at 5 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday. \$5 general, free for those 12 and younger; proceeds benefit San Diego Sea Scouts. 619-222-9051. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Spring Harvest Fair, antique engine, and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, June 16, 17, 23, and 24. Blacksmith and

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Old House Fair replete with historic home tour, half-hour design consultations, antique appraisals, walking tours, live music, children's activities, food, vendors, restoration experts is Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at 30th and Beech Streets. Neighborhood walking tour (free), infamous home tour (\$15). Free admission. 619-858-0322. (SOUTH PARK)

San Diego Master Gardeners Plant Sale, Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. 858-694-2860. (BALBOA PARK)

Annual Fiesta Filipiniana celebrating 109th anniversary of Philippine independence and Philippine arts, culture, history, heritage, Saturday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at Philippine Library and Museum (536 Fifth Avenue). Cultural presentations, art, "Taste of Philippine" delicacies. Free admission. 858-560-1638 x4 or 619-234-4571. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Fiesta, Fandango, and Food," head to Old Town State Historic Park for music; dancing; adobe, blacksmith, cooking demonstrations; staff attired in historic attire and period fashions, Saturday, June 16, 2–8 p.m. Contradance led by Martha Wild; plaza transforms into dance area surrounded by candle lanterns, with staff participating in dancing activities. Free. Find Old Town San Diego State Historic Park at 4002 Wallace Street. 619-220-5414. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

Juneteenth Celebration 2007, "honoring African-American history and culture," set for Saturday,

June 16, 2–8 p.m., in amphitheater at Market Creek Plaza (310 Euclid Avenue). Enjoy Greek step show competition, gospel performances, a tribute to African boot dance, Best of the West hip-hop dance battle, ceremony of the fathers, live entertainment, youth activities. Free. 619-527-6161. (ENCANTO)

It's C-Note Time! Summer "C-Note Plus Celebration" and sale at San Diego Art Institute continues through Sunday, June 24. "C-Note Night" is Saturday, June 16, 5 p.m. Original artwork is available for \$100, \$200, or \$300; pieces sold are replaced on wall. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Twelve Bonita Valley Artists are exhibiting their multimedia works through Saturday, July 7, at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center (4355 Bonita Road). Meet artists during opening reception on Saturday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Grunion Run program hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Saturday, June 16, 10 p.m.–midnight. Presentation on grunion, then "opportunity to witness grunion eggs hatch before your eyes." Fee: \$12 for adults, \$9 for children 6–13. Reservations, directions: 858-534-7336. (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)

The House of Finland hosts lawn program at House of Pacific Relations, Sunday, June 17, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

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Rods and Woodies Classic Car Show, cruise night series returns to Encinitas on Thursday, June 21, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Live music in front of Encinitas Smog (682 South Coast Highway 101). Ogle classic cars between D Street and Lumbryard on Highway 101. Free. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

2007 Summer Solstice Wine Tasting and silent auction featuring a Taste of Del Mar is Thursday, June 21, 6–9 p.m., at Powerhouse Park (Coast Boulevard at 15th Street). Wine, ale, food tastings, live music by Salsa Steel, more. Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$50 at door. Reservations: 858-755-1179. (DEL MAR)

"Is the U.S. a Dictatorship of Two Parties?" Ponder and illuminate your answer with P&R Discussion group, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

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Exhibit continues through Sunday, August 26, in former Robinsons-May at University

Towne Centre (4425 La Jolla Village Drive). Exhibit opens at 10 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. Sunday–Thursday, 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets: \$26.50 general, \$21 seniors, \$18 for those 5–12. 877-263-4375. (LA JOLLA)

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 Stew of Children's Tales are promised when Weaver's Tales present *The Three Pigs and Other Stories* through Sunday, June 17, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre. Next up: *Puppets Around the World* explored by Big Joe Puppet Productions, June 20–24.

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)

Some Pig! The musical *Charlotte's Web* performed by South Bay San Diego Junior Theatre continues through June 17. Life in the Zuckerman barn is hardly ordinary. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue). Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 youths. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Explore Underwater World of Corals with crafts, science, activities during family day, Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Included in regular admission. No reservations necessary. "Explore It: Colorful Corals," also slated for June 16, runs

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Journey into tropics "through scientific experiments and find out what it takes to be a successful coral colony." Participants build a coral polyp. Fee is \$4 per parent/child pair, in addition to regular aquarium admission. Advance registration required: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Football Clinic led by San Diego Chargers (for those 8–18) planned for family fun day hosted by Downtown YMCA, Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Amici Park (1789 State Street). Bounce houses, food, games, more. Free. 619-232-7451. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Sound's Fun!" Opening celebration for new "Listen Here! Making Sense of Sound" exhibit is Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Gompers High School Drum Corps performance (11:10 a.m.), performance by cast of *Stomp* (11:30 a.m.), Rhythms of Brazil from Super Sonic Samba School (12:30 p.m.), musical stories by Black Storytellers of San Diego (1:30, 2:30 p.m.), "ears-on" activities, synthesized sound making, sound scavenger hunt (noon–3 p.m.). Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Forces" provide topic when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, June 16, noon–3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts and animals are part of fun on Sunday, June 17, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$2. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

"Elmo Makes Music" 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 ARENA)

MUSEUMS

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks

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

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

Museum of San Diego History, "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "The Sonka Centennial, 1907–2007" commemorates immigrant German-Austrian family that fostered growth of modern Lemon Grove, laid cornerstone of its postagricultural economy with a successful general store; exhibition recreates part of store. Also on view: "Edison Amberola Collection," early 20th-Century quilts and domestic artifacts, original furnishings, photographs, more. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

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The Depot

Liz’s visage is the familiar face that launched a thousand husbands.

My favorite spot to decompress after spending five or six hours looking at art and whipping up notes for these columns is the old Santa Fe Depot down on Kettner, built in 1915 for the Panama-California Exhibition. The cool oak benches, the vaulted ceiling that catches voices and pings them around the echo chamber of the waiting room, the high clerestory windows, terra-cotta floor tiles, Moorish green and blue decorative tiling all around the walls... It feels like a place of temporary sanctuary, a threshold zone between one somewhere and another. I love watching a train discharge its cargo of sullen adolescents, bouncy toddlers, and fatigued adults, all in plain sight, because the drama of arrivals and departures is on view for anyone to see, the Santa Fe being one of the few major-city depots not chambered underground. When Amtrak’s baby-blue Surfliner pulls in, banging its bell, just as the candy-red Blue Line trolley is honking its horn as it departs for Tijuana, I feel I’ve been given a sweet, harmonious gift.

What once was the Santa Fe’s baggage claim room now serves a very different purpose. The Museum of Contemporary Art has taken over that airy, well-lighted industrial area and converted it into new galleries, adding 30,000 square feet of exhibition space to its existent facility across the street at 1001 Kettner. The Jacobs building, as it’s called, named after its benefactors Joan and

Irwin Jacobs, preserves the original Spanish exterior and abuts a newly constructed annex (the Copley building) that houses an auditorium and administrative offices. With its concrete floor, exposed steel trusses, and globe lights, the main hall follows the example of American-industrial spaces recently refitted as art venues, like Mass-Moca, a chain of 19th-century factories in North Adams, Massachusetts, and Dia in Beacon, New York, once a Nabisco printing plant. The gigantic open spaces of these places can accommodate huge sculptures and installations. The main room in the Jacobs building is filled with an installation by the Brazilian artist Ernesto De Neto: a dozen stretched, bulbous Lycra sacks hang from the rafters like amoebic, lava lamp teardrops, scenting the room with their weighty contents of turmeric, ginger, pepper, and cloves.

The small, intimate spaces off the baggage-claim area currently host a narrow-gauge exhibition, Modern American Masters, which features only ten works but puts us at the hub of the art-historical wheel that began to turn in the mid-20th Century. The pictures offer a synoptic view of the zips, stripes, shadow boxes, and icons that defined major artistic practices of the time. Modern American Masters kicks off with a picture by Barnett Newman. His 1950 *Tundra* is a kind of abstraction quite different from Jackson Pollock’s manic kinetics and de Kooning’s ner-



Liz Taylor Diptych, 1963, Andy Warhol

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vous gorgeousness. Newman brought religious and philosophical passion to his painting; like Mark Rothko, he believed that abstraction was an expression of spiritual and moral urgency. *Tundra* is a richly textured burnt umber field with one arterial red bar — what he called a “zip” — running top to bottom. (The “zips” became his signature.) The severity of the structure is offset and contested by brushy, runny colors. The monastic austerity was picked up and revised by “stripe” or “hard edge” painters like Frank Stella, whose 1966 *Concentric Squares* hangs in the same

room like a tame, secularized counter-greeting to Newman’s muscular piety. Stella and other minimalists were reducing painting to its building blocks of line and color, and like much of his work at the time, the picture’s rigid geometric pattern stares blankly at us, its two panels packed to the edges with hard-drawn concentric squares that look like diabolically blocked labyrinths: one is constructed of primaries, the other of black, whites, and intermediate grays. We’re meant to respond to the picture’s optical starkness, not to any affect.

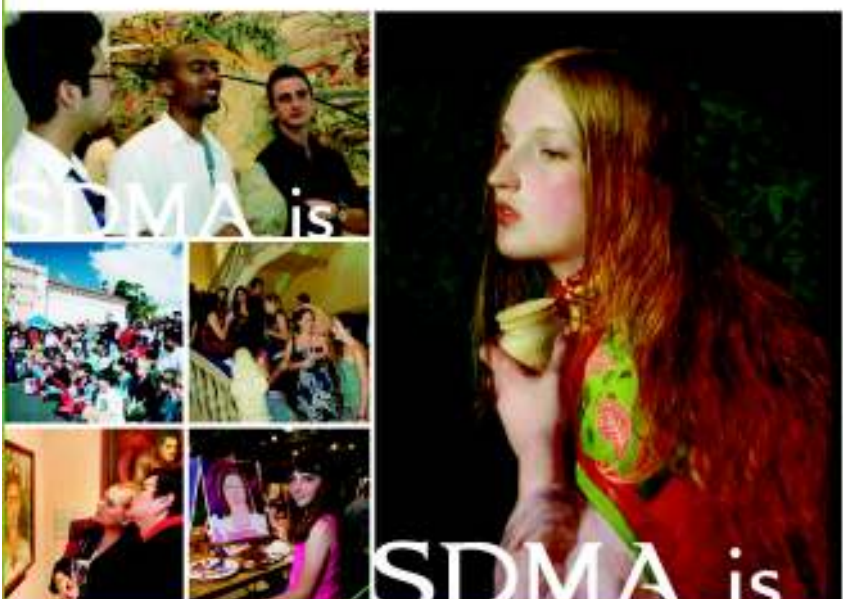


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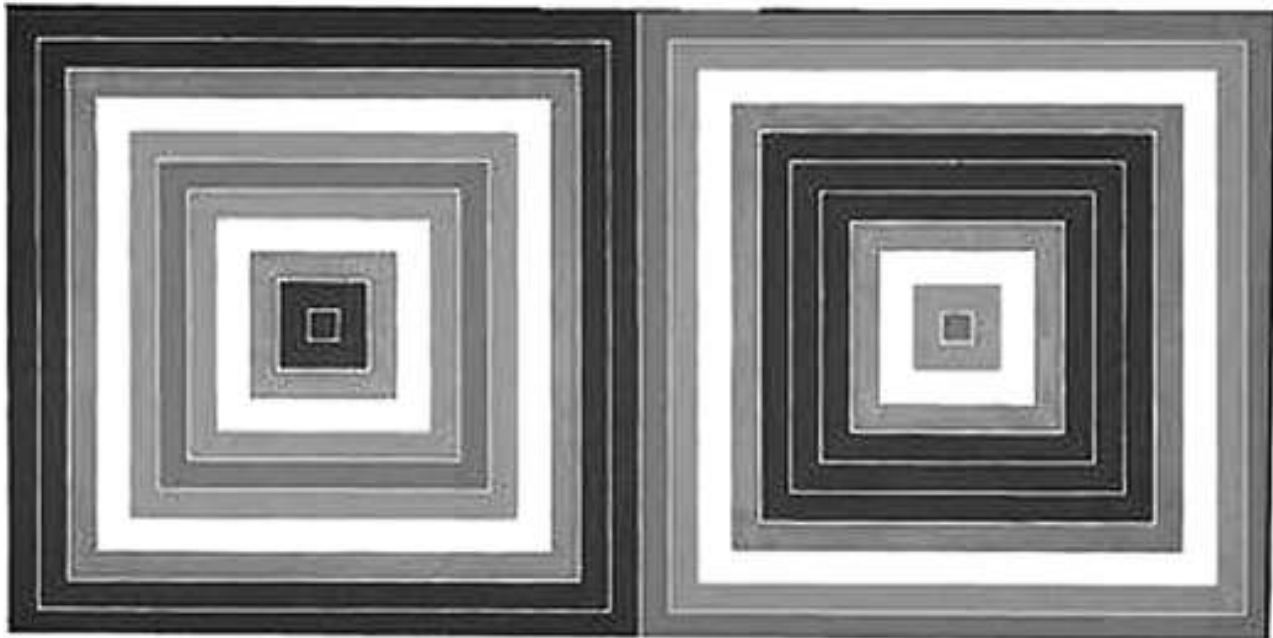
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Concentric Squares, 1966, Frank Stella

And so it's a real lurch to look across from Stella's picture to Andy Warhol's *Liz Taylor Diptych*, made three years earlier. While Stella was sharpening his reductivist abstraction, Warhol was re-crafting consumerist icons — Brillo boxes, Campbell's soup cans, celebrity photographs — as consumerist art. His favored method was to silkscreen photographs onto the canvas and then apply other media. Liz's visage is the familiar face that launched a thousand husbands, but a red sailboat-hull form is swabbed over her fleshy lips, a crushed black serpentine that looks like a shower head shadows the ridge of her nose, and aquamarine lunettes curve up and around her eyes. These additions pull and destabilize the pop icon, fusing the fictive life of representation to documentary realism. Grays control both the Stella and the

Warhol: one panel of the Liz picture is a solid, blank gray that imitates the gray field on which the lovely, messed-with face appears.

The curators complicate things — and lend a little humor to the proceedings — by installing in the same room a Clyfford Still abstraction that is mostly gray. Still, who spent several years in California in the 1940s and 1950s, also shared ideas about color fields with Newman. Not all grays are equal. Not all grays are "gray." Still's is explosive, roiled with his signature snagged blacks and whites pressuring the painting's surface like shifting tectonic plates. At the margin, a feeble rouge nebula adds yet another pressure point to the structure. Made in 1949, Still's picture recalls the heroic, excited abstraction from which other objects in the exhibition

either derive or depart. The dearest departed is the shadowbox by Joseph Cornell, who quietly holds his place as one of the most mysterious, tenacious, inquisitive, and humane artist-poets of the last century. Cornell, a Christian Scientist bachelor who lived his entire adult life in the same house in Queens with his sick brother and monster mom, couldn't paint and could barely draw, but the boxes in which he fashioned elusive, suggestive compositions out of newspaper cuttings, soap-bubble pipes, rings on rods, playbills (especially of ballerinas and actresses he had sad, unrequited crushes on), and cut-out parrots and owls and cockatoos, are always somehow disturbingly familiar and dizzyingly otherworldly. The box in the current show is *Pink Chateau*: behind the glass cover stands a candy-land

chateau façade, behind which looms a twiggy, snow-dappled wood. It has the seedy remote elegance and fluid immediacy of dream imagery. The tiny windows of the building are mirrors — when we spy into the interior of this imaginary place, we see ourselves.

In the 1960s, the New York poet and art curator Frank O'Hara wrote a poem, "Why I Am Not a Painter," where he describes visiting the studio of an artist friend, Mike Goldberg, who puts the word "SARDINES" in a picture, not as a word but as a sign or neutral graphic, put into the painting only because, as the artist says, the painting "needed something there." Its verbal "meaning" isn't relevant. O'Hara isn't a painter because for him, as a poet, like it or not, words are words. He uses the word "orange" in a poem, and next thing he's writing sentence after sentence about the fruit and the color, about "how terrible orange is...and life." Jasper Johns (another painter influenced by Newman) certainly wasn't the first painter to put words in pictures, but he practiced it in a stare-you-down, SARDINES-ish way, and this exhibition has a prime example, a lithograph titled *Viola* (1971-72) in which the title word is double-stenciled, and alongside that word-icon are a spoon and fork, each with an instruction: "Bend spoon"; "Bend fork." It's Johns at his most blandly impish and really



Light Bulb I, 1958, Jasper Johns

GALLERIES

Urban Artwork by Gemma Bul-lough, Jose Fuentes, Isabel Fueyo goes on exhibit with reception on Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m., at District 117 Gallery (above Baja Betty's, 1425 University Avenue, suite B). Metajazz makes music during reception. 619-269-9178. Through Sunday, July 1. (HILLCREST)

"Abstract, Gallery Selections" — seven gallery artists participate in group show opening with reception, Saturday, June 16, 3 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201, 858-459-3917). Closes Friday, July 20. (LA JOLLA)

"New Zealand's South Pacific and Tasman Sea," featuring photographs from Chip Hooper's most recent series, opens with reception, Saturday, June 16, 3 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Also on view through August are Virginia Beahan's photographs focusing on social, political landscape of Cuba. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

"Plein Air XII" — annual landscape painting exhibition opens with reception for 15 painters on Saturday, June 16, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Show closes Sunday, July 29. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

It's C-Note Time! Summer "C-Note Plus Celebration" and sale at San Diego Art Institute continues through Sunday, June 24. "C-Note Night" is Saturday, June 16, 5 p.m. Original artwork is available for \$100, \$200, or \$300; pieces sold are replaced on wall. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Thomas Contemporary Quilts," this "eclectic show of the work of more than 25 nationally known quilt artists" including Charlotte Bird, Caryl Breyer, Fallert, and Ruth McDowell opens with reception on Saturday, June 16, 5 p.m., at Visions Art Quilt Gallery (NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Road, suite 100). Through Sunday, August 5. 619-546-4872. (POINT LOMA)

The First UU Art Guild presents its "Group Art Exhibit — Part II," opening with reception at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, in Bard Hall Gallery at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Artists include Sarah Beynon, Sherry Krulle-Beaton, Jacqueline Lacey, Ora Mae Petersen, Barbara Siegal, Jonathan

ART LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after June 21.

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“Feathers and Fur,” fine art photography by Sharon Anthony capturing “the elaborate rituals and mass migrations of sandhill cranes and snow geese” go on display at Ordovery Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172) with reception, Thursday, June 21, 6 p.m. New color photographs by Lew Abulafia and work by other artists also on view. Closes Sunday, July 29. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

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

Mingei International Museum — 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)

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 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 Sunday, July 1.

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, through Sunday, September 23. Show includes selection of early works by Therrien from MCASD’s collection.

“Cerca Series: William 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 tongue-in-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 installation to date through Sunday, September 23.

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “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 hyper-real 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 non-combat photographer during

World War II, freelance magazine photographer in New York City in 1950s, spent 22 years as photographer for Chase Manhattan Bank.

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

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

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

“Tastes in Asian Art,” continuing through Sunday, December 2, features over 80 new works, many of which have never been displayed before. Highlights include new subsection of sculptures of *lohans* (enlightened monks), newly restored Chinese ancestor portraits, a screen of samurai warriors, an elaborate deck devoted to Tibetan art featuring bronze sculptures, furniture, 18th-Century shrine doors.

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

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

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soundON Festival of New Music continues through Saturday, June 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)

“American Songbook: A Flute Recital” is planned by Kathryn Croom Peisert (flute) and Dana Burnett (piano), Saturday, June 16, 3 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Enjoy works by Gershwin, Barber, Burton, Clarke, Casella, and Perilhou. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Mainly Mozart Festival 2007 continues with concert by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra of pieces by Mozart, Delius, Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, and Schubert, Saturday, June 16, 8 p.m., in Qualcomm Hall (5775 Morehouse Drive); \$40–\$56.

The Chamber Ensemble takes stage at Qualcomm Hall on Sunday, June 17, 8 p.m., to play pieces

by Mozart and Mendelssohn. Tickets: \$40–\$56.

Chamber Ensemble convenes again on Wednesday, June 20, 8 p.m., to play selections by Mozart, Weber, and Dvořák at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$45. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (SORRENTO VALLEY, LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, June 17, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

“Heroes of the Opera,” Aleksandr Agamirzov (tenor), Tom Oberjat (tenor), David Marshman (baritone), William Nolan (baritone), and Janie Prim (piano) perform pieces by Rossini, Wagner, Verdi, Bizet, and Ravel, among many others, during concert on Sunday, June 17, at Galerie d’Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Tickets: \$17 in advance, \$20 at door. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

The 20th Annual International Summer Organ Festival gets underway with concerts by civic organist Carol Williams and former civic organists Robert Plimpton and Jared Jacobsen, Monday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Gustavo’s Summer Festival! The focus for this year’s festival with Gustavo Romero hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library is on Johannes Brahms. Series gets underway with four “Ballades,” seven “Fantasien,” and “Sonata No. 3 in F Minor” on Sunday, July 8. Concerts begin at 4 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets range from \$148 for series to \$39 per concert, with many variations on offer. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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The Blues, Indeed “I get, like, five or six new band-promo packs every week,” says Mario Metranga, who with his father runs Patrick’s

complaint is the pay: \$350 per band on weekday nights and \$450 on weekends is not enough, says one blues musician.

“The casinos pay, like, \$1000 or \$2000 a night. I’m just looking to get \$100 a man. Their beer prices keep going up, but we still get paid what we got in the ’70s....”

ends — when there is always a wait to get in — there is a \$5 cover.

“It’s getting harder and harder to stay here [in the Gaslamp Quarter] and have live music every day,” says Metranga. “Our [income] has gone down every year for the past five years. Our expenses have gone through the roof. The city has tripled its fees. Rent has gone up tremendously.”

Besides the pay issue, the blues musician complains that the bar won’t hire bands that have been playing anywhere else in the Gaslamp Quarter. Other downtown venues known for their blues include Henry’s, Dick’s Last Resort, and Croce’s. Metranga says the exclusivity policy was started by his father when Croce’s Top Hat, next door, began hosting blues bands in the ’80s. Croce’s remains, but the Top Hat venue is gone.

“We wanted our own bands,” says Metranga. “I don’t want to be trading bands down the street.”

Though the bluesman says “...if it wasn’t for the

bands, Patrick’s would just be an Irish bar with a jukebox,” but he admits that “they are the only place I know that passes a tip jar around. The band makes an extra \$40 to \$100 a night.”

— Ken Leighton

No Encore = Heresy?

Within hours of Morrissey’s June 3 Viejas Bayside appearance, fans at *Morrissey-solo.com* were ripping the former Smiths singer a new



MORRISSEY COULD’VE BEEN HAPPIER

one for cutting his set short. He left the stage without a word to the crowd, and it was the only time so far this tour that he refrained from performing encores.

“‘How Soon Is Now’ is the most overrated Smiths song, and to end on that just plain sucked. I’ve seen Moz many times since ’91, and

this was the least entertaining. He was booed after the no-show encore.” (Bob)

“Tonight’s performance just plain sucked.... I think his ego is starting to affect him. He has no respect for his fans.” (Tuvok)

“The security was moronically tight and the sound was a nightmare, it sounded like an alarm clock stereo.” (Anonymous)

“He seemed like he was pissed off all night...like he hated everything.” (VK)

“He left in the middle of a song, the lights came up, and Frank Sinatra started playing.... I want my money back!” (Mel)

One fan, Xrebirthx, blamed San Diegans for the poor performance: “I think the crowd was really harsh by booing him and chanting, ‘culero, culero, culero.’” In some Latin cultures, *culero* is slang for “homosexual.”

An insider says that Morrissey was not happy with the sound system, even though he is traveling with his own sound people and P.A. However, the cause of his shortened set was allegedly due to his being upset with a security guard who removed a fan from the stage.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Feel the Pain Ryan Brink, lead singer of Individual, an all-original Tool/Mudvayne-like band, says it’s hard to convince local clubs to allow him to be skewered and suspended by hooks.

“All they think about is insurance and blood and someone’s going to die,” says Brink. “They don’t



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II in the Gaslamp Quarter. “And since Hurricane Katrina, a lot of the New Orleans bands who hit the road want to play here....

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mix suspensions and metal shows. It means the difference between just seeing five bands play and going home after and saying, 'I just saw the sickest show in my whole life.'

Brink did his last onstage suspension at Hollywood's Knitting Factory in February. The 950-capacity club sold out. After Individual's set, four hooks were put into Brink's back, and he was lifted two feet off the stage. Brink, who's hung from hooks five times, says it takes 30 to 60 days of healing before he can repeat the act.

Brink says getting hooked and hoisted in public is a natural fit for his lifestyle. He earns a living as a tattoo artist. His wife Melanie (who fronts her own hard-rock band named Superna) models and makes between \$100 and \$200 per hour. His tattoos on her body have become world famous.

"I'm on *godsgirls.com* and *tattoovixen.com*," says Melanie. "I was on the cover of *Pain* magazine, which is for the tattoo industry. I won 'Number One Bad Ass' at the Body Art Expo at the Del Mar Fairgrounds last year. I [was] the mistress of ceremonies at the Ink and Iron Tattoo Convention at the *Queen Mary* [last weekend]."

The couple, who have done porn together, has two kids, aged nine and four.

"Most of the people who do what we do don't have kids," says Melanie. "Our kids don't know about our

lifestyle. Whenever we're around our family, we are loving parents."

— Ken Leighton

In a Barby World Singer-songwriter Victoria Robertson, a former Miss USO and Miss San Diego with three albums to her credit, says she "...was at a wedding when a little girl came up and invited me to come and play at her house.... I went up to her mom a little later and mentioned to her that her daughter was approaching strangers. And she said, 'Oh, she thinks you're Barbie.'"

Robertson subsequently contacted a company that does character parties and began to work at children's events as the famed Mattel doll. She always brought along her guitar. Robertson eventually branched out on



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IN TIME FOR SUMMER POOL PARTIES (ROBERTSON)

her own, adding Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, the Little Mermaid, and Cinderella to her repertoire.

For a one-hour appearance (during which she plays games and sings songs) and a 20-minute photo opportunity, Robertson earns \$200. To date, the worst occasion has been a party where she "...didn't realize how rough a



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neighborhood it was. I definitely had second thoughts about going in, but I didn't want to deprive the children." As Robertson left the party in her Cinderella gown, a neighbor's rottweiler lunged at her. "I investigate things a little more now."

In addition to her kids' events (*PrincessPartiesandFriends.com*) and pop-oriented gigs, Robertson performs with the San Diego Opera. She's the San Diego Symphony's featured vocalist for its Star-Spangled Pops concert series at the Embarcadero Marina on June 29 through July 1.

— Bart Mendoza

Demand for CDs

Spikes in Poway "I was asked to fill in at the Poway Music Trader," says "Steve," a regular employee of the Sports Arena Music Trader. "I had never worked there before. I went back to use the bathroom, and I locked the front door. When I came back, there was a person there. I opened the door. He asked for a cigarette. I told him 'no.' He smelled like alcohol. He emptied his backpack on the ground and said he was looking for tobacco rolling papers.

"He came into the store

and was looking at CDs. He walked up like he was going to pay, and I was helping another customer. Then, he just bolted out the door. I yelled and then ran after him. I'm not very fast, and there's this field behind the store. It was dark, and I didn't want to chase him out there. The customer I was helping got into his truck and was helping me look for him.

"I went back to the store and saw he left his bike and backpack out front. I brought them into the store, locked the doors, and called the sheriff. As I'm on the phone, he came pounding on the door. He said, 'I'll give you these CDs back if you give me my bike back.' He then started screaming, 'I'm gonna kill you, man! You're a dead man!' The cop said since he threatened me, it was now a big deal.

"The guy took off before the cops got there, but the sheriff recognized the bike. Although, he said my description didn't match the description of the guy that owned the bike."

What kind of CDs did he take?

"A few were rap, but he picked up a punk one, too, as he was walking up."

— Josh Board

Great, Danny The biggest box-office flop in Sports Arena history may have occurred on June 1. Radio station 103.7 Free FM had announced for weeks that its morning-show cohost and former *Partridge Family* member Danny Bonaduce would be boxing as one of the headliners of "Rockbox," a combination boxing match/rock concert. P.O.D. and Helmet were booked to perform.

"This is something you would expect to find in the Midwest," says a music-biz insider about the pairing of events. "A show like this is about as un-San Diego as you can get."

Two hundred tickets ranging in price from \$19 to \$59 were sold. The Sports Arena can hold up to 15,000.

Free FM program director Jim Daniels says it was not his station's idea to mix a couple of bands with celebrity boxing. P.O.D. agent Larry Webman says the event was the brainchild of promoter Bruce Bellocchi of a local company called Guts Fighting Incorporated.

"[P.O.D. was] playing that date because someone in [P.O.D.'s] camp was friends with the promoter," says Webman. "They were doing

it just for expenses." Webman wouldn't comment on whether or not P.O.D. was reimbursed.

Other Sports Arena loss leaders include a May 13, 2006, rodeo/country music concert. By the time headliner Chris Cagle performed, one patron estimated there were 200 fans in the arena. A sound tech recalls that a 15-artist 2002



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“The industry as we know it is killing itself off due to greed and mismanagement.”

Few bands reunite, especially two decades later. The Playground Slap, originally from Jamul, is now based in Cardiff-by-the-Sea and back in the game. When they first played together, from 1982 to 1988, the Playground Slap shared the stage with Ministry, Midnight Oil, and Camper van Beethoven.

Original members Marcelo Radulovich (vocals, synths), David Ybarra (vocals, bass), and Ray DeZonia (synths, vocals) are now joined by Bill Ray (drums) and Mike Keneally (various).

The Playground Slap will unveil new material at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar on July 2, 9 p.m., on the Finish Line Stage.

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

Marcelo: “Sweat! I’m usually drenched by the fifth song.”

Ray: “Getting all of my keyboard crap in and set up. Onstage I play a monster 1984 Jupiter 6 synthesizer. I also use a laptop and MIDI controller for samples. A mixer, an amp, two stands, all the cables needed to power up and plug in, plus the T-shirts we sell. As soon as everything is onstage and working properly, I get some beer in me and all is good.”

FAVORITE INSTRUMENT?

Marcelo: “My Gibson SG. Hasn’t been with me very long, but it feels so right.”

Ray: “The Jupiter 6 I mentioned — I bought it at Prosound and Music in San Diego, back when they were called Musician’s Repair. It started that Playground Slap sound. The Jupiter 6 is the mother-ship of all vintage synths. During our old heydays I played both the Jupiter and a Juno-60, a combination that could produce some of the fat-test and wicked sounds ever created.”

Bill: “Dunnett 6.5 x 13 titanium snare drum. I’ve used it on almost all the recordings I’ve done since 2001. That equals about 30 albums.”

BEST GIG?

Marcelo: “I was in a band called the Assholes (for whatever reason we called ourselves 666 for

this gig), and we had the first of three spots opening for Black Flag in Fresno, 1982. It was the best gig because it convinced me that playing music — standing on a stage with musical instruments making noise — was the thing for me and some-

thing I wanted to keep doing for the rest of my life. I was 17. It was also the worst gig because we were too arty for the Fresno punks. We were improvising and switching

instruments between songs...when they did not respond the way we wanted them to, we ended up insulting them, and they ended up yelling nasty shit because we weren’t giving them what they were there for. Fights almost broke out — we almost got the shit kicked out of us.”

Ray: “The Tiki House. It’s tiny, and you play around the pool table. Dave had to turn sideways so that people could get down the hall to the bathrooms. I was pasted up against a wall with a map of the world on it. A lot of old friends showed up, and between the songs people started yelling geography questions at me. Someone called me a Communist for spending so much time standing in front of China. It was an old map because it still had Rhodesia instead of Zimbabwe.”

WORST GIG?

Ray: “We played some short-lived TV show called *Beach Party* that was not only out in the sun, but toss in the wind and sand, too! Outdoor gigs mean Porta Pottis, sweaty feet, and no place to wash your hands.”

Bill: “Playing for a frat boy-run clothing business back in 1995 at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. What a fucking nightmare.”

FAVORITE PLACE TO HANG OUT?

Marcelo: “Home. My wife and cats are there.”

Ray: “Someplace along Adams Avenue in Normal Heights. There are several great bars, coffee shops, bookstores, thrift stores, and the Ken Theater. If I’m not there, I am at Shakespeare’s Pub watching English soccer. If it’s Sunday afternoon I will be shopping at Record City in Hillcrest.”

Bill: “Ocean Beach, the first place I moved when I came to San Diego in 1989. My grandparents



Playground Slap

lived there in the 1940s, and I feel a real attachment. I will move back there someday.”

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

Marcelo: “Santiago, Chile — my birthplace. I must’ve been three years old...I was bumming around the house, like a three-year-old should, when I heard this sound coming from a radio: a man was singing a ballad about some lost love. It enchanted me, and I was filled with curiosity, so I stood in front of the radio and listened. When the song ended, I shook my head in wonder. Then I went off to run around in the yard.”

Ray: “Hanging out with my grandmother, making forts out of the card table and some blankets. Sometimes she would take me to Mission Valley and let me play on this concrete dinosaur that was there.”

Bill: “Three years old, sitting behind my drum set, knowing this was my life. Thirty-five years later, I still look out past my drums wondering, ‘So, when does the pot of gold appear?’ ”

WHERE IS MUSIC GOING IN THE FUTURE?

Ray: “I hope that this casino craze ends soon,

with their ability to overpay even the most has-been of groups. It dilutes the talent pool so that people have to, or will, pay \$50 to go see crap like REO Speedwagon or Styx or any other act that ten years ago you would have seen for free at the county fair. And possibly in the future the record companies will stop bitching about the decline in CD sales. Look at the crap that is on the major labels. You couldn’t pay me to listen to the new Justin Timberlake release. They need to put out CDs for a reasonable price in packaging that buyers want — how many people bought Alice Cooper’s *School’s Out* for the cover or the women’s panties the record came wrapped in?”

Bill: “The industry as we know it is killing itself off due to greed and mismanagement. Musicians will soon be responsible for their own destinies, and record execs will be on freeway off-ramps with ‘Will Fuck Artists for Food’ signs. The RIAA and its recent shenanigans are testament to that — what does one do when they can’t breathe, their oxygen/lifeblood gets cut off? They thrash about and lash out at anyone and everyone. Frank Zappa would be proud of the situation.” ■

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

UPCOMING

CONCERTS

JUNE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SHeDAISY: 4th & B, Friday, June 22, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Venice: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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

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

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

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

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

The Goo Goo Dolls: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Jesse Colin Young: Anthology, Saturday, June 23, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Pretty Ricky: House of Blues, Saturday, June 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Snoop Dogg: 4th & B, Wednesday, June 27, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steve Poltz and Anya Marina: The Casbah, Friday, June 29, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

JULY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

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

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

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

The 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.

Rusted Root: House of Blues, Thursday, July 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Willie Nelson: Open Air Theatre, Thursday, July 12, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Silverchair: House of Blues, Friday, July 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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 Drive, Shelter Island.

Kenny Rankin: Anthology, Tuesday, July 17, and Wednesday, July 18, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.


Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"American Idols Live": San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Polyphonic Spree: 'Canes, Friday, July 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

John Hiatt and Shawn Colvin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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Dream Theater: Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, July 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Lyle Lovett and k.d. lang: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

Dale Watson: The Casbah, Wednesday, July 25, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

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.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

Years 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.

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Tim McGraw and Faith Hill: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, August 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Clay Aiken: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake: House of Blues, Friday, August 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Vanilla Ice: 'Canes, Friday, August 3, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Berkley Hart: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, August 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Jo Dee Messina: 4th & B, Thursday, August 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Minnie Driver: The Casbah, Friday, August 10, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

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

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Rosebuds'** first album was full of breezy melody, their second was full of brooding atmosphere, and now their third is full of both. Breeziness and brooding: It's an odd combination. One of the few bands that ever mastered the art of hybridizing the two was the Cure. And that could help explain why much of the Rosebuds' recently released *Night of the Furies* sounds like something from a dance club circa 1986.

After working as a trio with a revolving cast of drummers, the Rosebuds have settled down to just the core duo (and married couple) of **Ivan Howard** and **Kelly Crisp**, with friends helping out here and there on

record and on tour. While recording without a full-time drummer, Howard and Crisp ended up using a drum machine and apparently decided to make it really sound like a machine. Even when they recorded real drums, they made them sound like machines, too. There are also programmed bass parts and a lot of emphasis on Crisp's keyboards. Howard's reverb-heavy guitars are often just embellishment.

This approach could have gone very wrong — the used-CD bins are littered with recent attempts at an '80s sound — but somehow it works. The Rosebuds' songwriting has never sounded more focused, and — perhaps because the brisk tempo of the songs keeps them on their toes — Howard and Crisp have never sung better. One of the standout tracks, "Get Up Get Out," would have been great on the soundtrack to a John Hughes movie starring Ally Sheedy as a mis-



ROSEBUDS

understood girl who really just wants to go to the prom with Jon Cryer. Maybe the movie would be called *Breezy and Brooding*.

ROSEBUDS, Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 14, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$12.

The Aggrolites: House of Blues, Saturday, August 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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. 619-445-5400.

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.

Gogol Bordello: House of Blues, Monday, August 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Lonestar: 4th & B, Wednesday, August 29, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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

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

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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.

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

Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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. 858-755-1161.

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. 619-671-3600.

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 east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

“Adams Avenue Street Fair”: Adams Avenue, Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, between Bancroft Street and 35th Street, Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

OCTOBER

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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DANCE

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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. Tuesdays, *the Ethereal*, dream-pop bliss. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Bar Dynamite: Mondays, *Dub Dynamite*, 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.

Candelas: Thursdays, *Dive*, deep soulful house music. 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

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 DJs 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.



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The Kava Lounge: Third Saturday of the month, hip-hop, funk, and soul with DJs Thumbprint and Concise. 2812 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 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 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.

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BEACHES

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *HDR and the Morning Riot*, rock. Saturday, *Joe Woods and the Lonely 1*.

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

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Luna Llena*, Latin jazz. Friday, *Uplift*, reggae. Saturday, *Jeff Moore and Dean Smith*, reggae. Sunday, *Captain Kirk and the Beam Me Up Scotties*. Monday, *Cactus Twang*, roadhouse rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Tres Sapos*.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Iron Works*, *Translation Audio*, and *Gentleman Junkies*. Friday, *Dare Devil Jane*. Saturday, *the Phunk Junkeez*, *Mower*, and *Demasiado*. Sunday, *DB3*, *Soul Ablaze*,



Tenacious D, June 16, House of Blues

and *Project Out of Bound*. Tuesday, *American Head Charge*, *Godhead*, *Canobliss*, *Ankla*, and *Oblige*. Wednesday, *Sean Kingston*, R&B/reggae.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Friday, *the Prayers*, *the Vision of a Dying World*, *Silverbird*, and *Swim Party*, indie/folk/rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Species Droid*, *My Laughing Face*, and *Aces and Eights*, alternative rock. Friday, *Matt Verba*, *War Toys*, *the Pat Jordan Band*, and *the Dorsets*, rock. Saturday, *Staring at Strange*, *Kicking K8*, *Silverside*, and *the Feeling of Hate*, hard rock. Wednesday, metal.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelaastro*, jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Mary Grasso*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Bigfellas*, alternative/pop. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *O.Y.I.E.*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*. Sunday, 10 a.m. to noon, *Diangela*. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Todd Pyke*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Aaron Blyth*, acoustic. Saturday, *Josh and Crew*.

Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego Bay. 619-686-8715. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Electric Soul Band*, soul/R&B.

Kaito, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Friday and Saturday, live acoustic/jazz/rock/blues.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Frankie-Dee and the Funk-Natra Band*. Friday, *the Salt Lickers*. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues/rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam. Wednesday, *Steel Foundation*, Island style reggae.

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 *the 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. Friday and 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, 9 p.m., *Fighting Chance*, reggae/rock/ska, and *Six Inch Man*, rock. Friday, *Ithica*, *the Atma*, and *the Big Provider*, reggae/rock/soul. Saturday, *Cash'd Out*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Still Ill*, Smiths tribute.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Earl's Son*, acoustic. Friday, *Married by Elvis*, country/rock. Saturday, *the Mississippi Mudsharks*, blues. Wednesday, *Mick Overman*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Grams*, *Blizzard*, and *Barbara Nesbitt*, rock. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel* and *the Revelations*, reggae. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz, and *the Upstarts*, punk/ska. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Outlaw Nation* and *Riff Raf Dub*, reggae/rock. Wednesday, *Vegetation*, reggae.

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Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Friday and Saturday, *Jane Monheit*, jazz/pop. Wednesday, *Arturo Sandoval*, jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *Ernie Haler*, acoustic folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Menomena* and *All Smiles*. Friday, *Lavender Diamond*, *the Watson Twins*, and *Winter Flowers*. Saturday, *Danko Jones*, *the Lords of Altamont*, and *Thee Corsairs*. Sunday, *Chow Nasty*, *the Family Curse*, *the Long and Short of It*, and *Barfer*. Monday, *the Queens*, *the Manges*, *the Glossines*, and *the Nightmares*. Wednesday, *the Riverboat Gamblers*, *the Arrivals*, and *the Strikers*.

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. Friday, 8 p.m., *Nathan James* and *Ben Hernandez*, blues. Saturday, *Fred Benedetti* and *George Svoboda*, classical and jazz guitar. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos* and *His Quartet*, jazz.

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

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

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/reggae/rock, 8 p.m., *Umphrey's McGee* and *Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra*, jazz. Friday, *Elliot Yamin*, pop/soul. Saturday, *Tenacious D*. Monday, *Detour Live*. Tuesday, *Goodbye Blue Monday*, *the High Rolling Loners*, *the Shambles*, and *Get Back Loretta*, rock/alternative.

It's a Grind, 1603 India Street, San Diego. 619-795-6290. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Sister Hazel* Township, acoustic/indie.

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 Xceptions*, disco/Top 40. 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, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*. Friday, *Tell Mama*. Saturday, *Family Style*. Sunday, *Anyanna and the Exiles*. Monday, *Shelle Blues*. Tuesday, *Blue Four*. Wednesday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*.

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, *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Tuesday, *Orquesta Guarare*, 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.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth 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,

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Sage Francis the rapper made his name during the turmoil immediately following 9/11. Almost one month to the day after the tragedy, he released *Makeshift Patriot*, an EP of rambling, knee-jerk thoughts. But the rap had one coherent idea that would prove to be almost prescient in the aftermath: "He's got a megaphone promising to make heads roll/ We'd cheer him on but asbestos is affecting our breath control/ The less we know the more they fabricate." This is the nature of Francis's raps — he rambles along in a gallery of wordplay and disconnected ideas and then, suddenly, out pops a gem.

Francis is a blend of hip-hop speak, mock literacy, beats, and Americana-like

porch blues. His ills are straight out of East Coast 'burbs, not Compton. "Got a diploma but no wall to hang it/ Tags on the bathroom stall to make me famous/ A job description that doesn't fit the bill/ A fatal femme fatale dressed to kill." In keeping with emcee tradition, Francis casts himself as a righteous man in the midst of bad culture. "We meet at the AA meeting needing to take more than 12 steps/ Bring me to your hiding place so I can face your vice grip/ I'll chisel every single monkey off your back with this ice pick." You may have heard Sage and not known it; his spoken-word stuff has been deemed fit for use on ESPN and X Games commercials.

"Makeshift Patriot" found its way onto a punk compilation released by Epitaph. Suddenly the urban poet from Rhode Island with an Internet-based cult following was in the mix with the Distillers, Bad Religion, and Death by Stereo. In time, Epitaph offered



SAGE FRANCIS

Francis a three-record deal, making him one of the first rappers signed by the punk label and perhaps a kind of validation that — Beastie Boys notwithstanding — it is no longer uncool to be middle class, Caucasian, and a rap star.

SAGE FRANCIS, Soma, Sunday, June 17, 7 p.m. 619-226-7662. \$18.

Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Skelpin or Robbie O'Reilly*.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, *Deny the Silents*, *Caustic Felon*, *the Midas Touch*, and *Sign of One*. Friday, *Echo Revolution*, *Pete Stewart*, *Bedford Grove*, and *Terra Incognita*. Sunday, *Filth Juggernaut*, *Discord*, *Lesson in Pain*, and *Kavena*. Wednesday, *Britny Fox* and *Enuff Z Nuff*.

The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street, San Diego. 619-231-1950. Sunday, 6 p.m., *the Fishtank Ensemble*, Bohemian Gypsy music.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, *Eyes*

of an Era, *Dead on the Dance Floor*, and *Talk Fahrenheit*, 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.

Half Moon Cafe and Lounge, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Hugh Gaskins Band*, rockabilly/blues.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Bushwalla*, acoustic/alternative/pop. 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, 9:30 p.m., *Ruby and the Red Hots*, blues. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Rising Star*, disco/dance. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith* and *Pressed for Time*, jazz. Monday, *Nathan James* and *Ben Hernandez*, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Isaac Hayden*, original. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Federal Funk*, R&B.

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.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live classic rock/blues.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday and Saturday, live rock/alternative/metal/punk.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Delancy* and *EJP*. Friday, *Derren Raser*, *Eleisha Eagle*, and *Molly Jenson*. Saturday, *Cotton Fever* and *the Loaded*, alternative. Sunday, *Dawn Mitschele*, *Gayle Skidmore* and *the Eskimos*, and *John Hull*. Wednesday, *Greg Friedman*, *Isaac Cheong*, and *the Wrong Trousers*.

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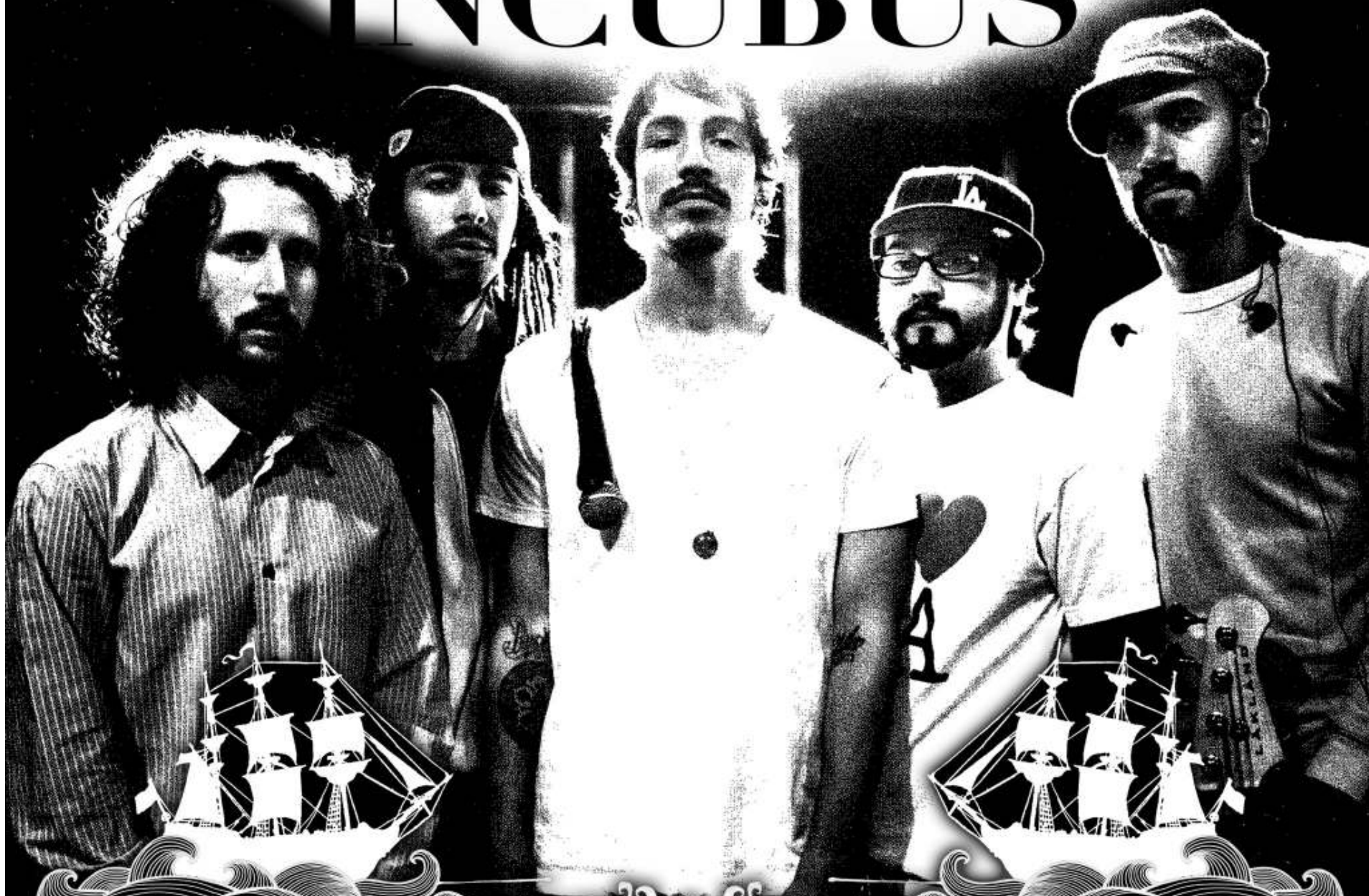


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619-229-8228. Friday, 9 p.m., *Orquesta Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., *Johnny Different, Meld, the Black Market Hearts*, and *Blackbirdz*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Rhythm and the Method, Kitten with a Whip, and Rick Felan*. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Mystery Assassin, Mad Marigan, and Los Olvidados*. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Stratosphere*.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

Piazza Carmel, 3890 Valley Centre Drive, San Diego. 619-987-1277. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

The Prado Restaurant, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, the *Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., *Shawline Expression*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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 unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Necrophagist, Decapitated, Cephalic Carnage, and Cattle Decapitation*. As *Blood Runs Black*, *Arsis*, *the Faceless*, *Ion Dissonance*, and *Beneath the Massacre*. Saturday, *Buck-O-Nine, the Fabulous Rudies, the Skank Agents, Mike Pinto* and *the Mashers*, and *Grim Luck*, ska/reggae. Sunday, *Sage Francis*, *Buck*

65, *Alias*, and *Buddy Wakefield*. Monday, *Terrorspell*, *the Wages of War*, *Dorcia*, *Fate of a Friend*, *Parley*, and *Murder on the Dance Floor*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *JJ 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.

Static Lounge, 634 Broadway, San Diego. 858-534-2311. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *the Hugh Gaskins Band*, blues.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *Paradise*. Saturday, *Podunk Nowhere, Cheeky, Shea Stratton*, and *The Return to Sweet Tooth*, acoustic/pop/alternative rock. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Wednesday, *the Freeze*, rock.

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.

Vinbladh's, 4651 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-269-4620. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Nena Anderson, Billy Watson*, and *Adrian Demain*, blues/jazz/Americana.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Rosebuds, Land of Talk*, and *Camille Davila*. Friday and Saturday, *Super Diamond* and *the Urban Gypsies*, rock/blues. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Johnny Winter, Nathan James*, and *Ben Hernandez*, blues. Monday, 8 p.m., *Reckless Kelly* and *the Hideaways*, rock. Wednesday, *Yovee, Get Back Loretta*, and *Vinyl Radio*, alternative/rock/pop.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Martin Storrow*, folk/pop.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, 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.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Breed Band*, jazz/pop/Top 40. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Fish and the Seaweeds*,

rock. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae/R&B, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, classic rock.

Doubletree Hotel, 11915 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 619-481-5900. Lobby Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Stellita Lindgren*, smooth jazz.

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 rock/acoustic.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, live music.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Custard Pie*. Friday, *Full Revolution, Nililist*, and *Medius*. Saturday, *Anger as Art*, and *Axxys*. Sunday, *Unholy, the Year of Desolation, Apiary*, and *Darkness Enthralled*. Tuesday, *Daath, Warbringer, With Passion, Damycan*, and *Purgatory*.

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-793-6460. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, *the Travelin' Band*, rock. Saturday, *Metal Brigade*, metal rock.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, *Vic Moraga*. Saturday, *Boogie Nights*. Sunday, salsa. 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 Biscocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

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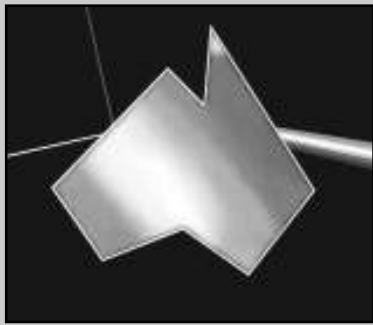
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5083. Friday, 9 p.m., *West of 5*, classic to modern rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Saturday, *Mike Pinto and the Mashers*, reggae.

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/Celtic folk.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Stage 4*, jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappell and Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Gibson*, guitarist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*, guitarist. 1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist.

Sun Deck: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Jesus Jackson*, acoustic. Saturday, live music.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Live music nightly, jazz/blues/rock/acoustic/folk.

EAST COUNTY

Caddy Shack, 351 West Main Street, El Cajon. 619-447-8400. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Truffle Copote's Shameless Dance Band*.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Tall Dudes*, country/rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Hungover Tomorrow, Solis, Inciting Riots, D.P.I.*, and *the Lugers*, punk. Saturday, *Master Guru, Knifemill Disintegrators*, and *the Dead Serial Killers*, heavy rock.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, *Bustin' Loose*, country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill, 1221 Broadway, El Cajon. 619-447-5665. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Fiffin Market*, Irish folk.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *From K to Z or the Wize Guys*, swing/standards.



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BY OLLIE

Album: *Life & Wine* (2006)

Artist: Fred Jones

Label: self-released

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Songs: 1) The Coming Together of Everything 2) Here and Now (Nothing Can Stop Us Now) 3) The Weight of My intentions 4) The Jive 5) La Plus Belle Fille Au Monde 6) Entropy

Band: Jason Encabo (drums), Ray Orias (piano, electric guitar, bass, vocals), Ryan Matteson (vocals), Jacob Matteson (vocals), Ash Thorpe (bass)

Website: www.fredjonesband.com

Life & Wine centers on the incredible talent of Ray Orias. Jason Encabo's drumming is secondary,

the Matteson brothers sing backup on one song, and Thorpe hadn't been added as bassist until this year. Still, the

CD brims with raucous feel-good music.

The band's name is also the name of a song by Ben Folds, Ray Orias's main influence. The impression must have been a great one.

Life & Wine features spirited piano and quirky lyrics of melancholy, longing, and self-deprecating humor; the songs could be the b-side recordings of the Ben Folds Five's 1997 album, *Whatever and Ever, Amen*.

To know what Fred Jones sounds like, think of the tune "Army" (from *Whatever and Ever, Amen*) and sing these lyrics from the song "La Plus Belle Fille Au Monde": "I'm hoping you have followed/ in my every foolish folly/ 'cause I'll be so good for you/ and you'll be so good for me."

Ben Folds left an empty



Fred Jones

slot in the "piano-based alternative rock band" category, and Fred Jones could fill it if they moved a bit further away from being a quasi-tribute band to being their own creative original.

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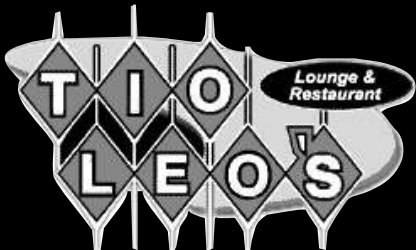
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Godhead: 'Canes
Goodbye Blue Monday: House of Blues
Hell Yeah!: Dreamstreet
Ion Dissonance: Soma
Johnny Different: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Kavena: Brick By Brick
Kaki King: 4th & B
Kitten with a Whip: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Land of Talk: Belly Up Tavern
Lavendar Diamond: The Casbah
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The Manges: The Casbah
Medius: The Jumping Turtle
Meld: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Menomena: The Casbah
The Midas Touch: Brick By Brick
Murder on the Dance Floor: Soma
My Laughing Face: Dreamstreet
Necrophagist: Soma
The Nightmares: The Casbah
Nihilist: The Jumping Turtle
Oblige: 'Canes
Parley: Soma
The Prayers: Ché Café
Purgatory: The Jumping Turtle
The Queers: The Casbah
The Rosebuds: Belly Up Tavern
The Shambles: House of Blues
Sign of One: Brick By Brick
Silverbird: Ché Café
Six Inch Man: 710 Beach Club
Someday Assassin: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Species Droid: Dreamstreet
Sweet Tooth: Tio Leo's Lounge
Swim Party: Ché Café
Talk Fahrenheit: Epicentre
Terra Incognita: Brick By Brick
Terrorspell: Soma
Thee Corsairs: The Casbah
Translation Audio: 'Canes
Unholy: The Jumping Turtle
The Vision of a Dying World: Ché Café
The Wages of War: Soma
Warbringer: The Jumping Turtle
Winter Flowers: The Casbah
With Passion: The Jumping Turtle
The Wrong Trousers: Lestat's Coffee House
The Year of Desolation: The Jumping Turtle
Yovee: Belly Up Tavern

ROCK
Alias: Soma
The Atma: 710 Beach Club
Axxy: The Jumping Turtle
Blizzard: Winstons
Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub
Brax: The Ould Sod
Britny Fox: Brick By Brick
The John Butler Trio: 4th & B
Cactus Twang: The Calypso Cafe
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The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
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The Fabulous Woodies: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Family Curse: The Casbah
The Feeling of Hate: Dreamstreet
Rick Felan: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Fish and the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Freeze: Tower Bar
The Grams: Winstons
HDR and the Morning Riot: Bar Leucadian
The Hideaways: Belly Up Tavern
The High Rolling Loners: House of Blues
Hungover Tomorrow: Fannie's Nightclub
Inciting Riots: Fannie's Nightclub
The Iron Works: 'Canes
Danko Jones: The Casbah
The Pat Jordan Band: Dreamstreet
Kicking K8: Dreamstreet
Knifemill Disintegrators: Fannie's Nightclub
Laguna: Carvers
Leperkhanz: Dizzy's
Tom Leykis: 'Canes
The Loaded: Lestat's Coffee House
The Long and Short of It: The Casbah
The Lugers: Fannie's Nightclub
Magnolia Black: Dreamstreet
Master Guru: Fannie's Nightclub
The Metal Brigade: Molly Malone's
Modern Day Moonshine: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), House of Blues
Mower: 'Canes
Nemesis: Dirk's Niteclub
Barbara Nesbitt: Winstons
Night Shift: Pal Joey's
No Fences: 'Canes
Paradise: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Phunk Junkeez: 'Canes
Project Out of Bound: 'Canes
Reckless Kelly: Belly Up Tavern
Rhythm and the Method: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Riverboat Gamblers: The Casbah
Ron's Garage: Hotel del Coronado
The Salt Lickers: The Kraken
Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Silverside: Dreamstreet
Gone9: Game Time Tavern
Solis: Fannie's Nightclub
Soul Ablaze: 'Canes
Staring at Strange: Dreamstreet
The Stiletto: Henry's Pub
Still Ill: 710 Beach Club
Stratosphere: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Strikers: The Casbah
Super Diamond: Belly Up Tavern
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West of 5: Ringers

Joe Woods and the Lonely 1: Bar Leucadian

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Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

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Rising Star: Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

Elliott Yamin: House of Blues

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce: Winstons

Nena Anderson: Vinbladh's

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning: South Park Bar and Grill

Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos and His Quartet: Dizzy's

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

From K to Z: Tommy's Italian Restaurant

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

John Guilino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra: House of Blues

Insight: Jimmy Love's

Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, Piazza Carmel, La Valencia Hotel

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Fran Laskota: The Westgate Hotel

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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **The Locust**

Song: "We Have Reached an Official Verdict: Nobody Gives a Shit" (from the CD *New Erections*)

Heard By: **Russell Ramo**, Pacific Beach



Russell

It's kind of hard to compare it to anything I've ever heard.... They're pretty much the only "grindcore" band I've ever heard in my life. I actually heard about them in a history of rock class. It's a music that's kind of hard to find the rhythm to. It's probably not something I'd drive to or bop my head to, but it's definitely very complex musically. I think that music right there is the line between genius and insanity. I have no idea what he was singing about. [It's] not really singing — more like screaming. They're definitely talented musicians. [This would be a good song for] fighting or experimental sex.

Artist: **My American Heart**

Song: "Boys! Grab Your Guns" (from the CD *Hiding Inside the Horrible Weather*)

Heard By: **Robert Segura**, Pacific Beach



Robert

I would say it's a cross between later U2 [and] a little bit of Metallica. It's got some good hard-driving guitar riffs in there. It sounded really good, actually. I would say [it's] alternative rock. Actually, what caught me were the different movements within the song. It wasn't boring or predictable; it just kept going. It would climax and then come down and the overall sound was really good. I really wasn't paying attention to the words, but the instrument arrangements were pretty good. I would say [this would be a good song for] working out in the gym, running — anything that's pretty high adrenaline.

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Artist: **The Corvinas**

Song: "Hallowed Home" (from www.myspace.com/thecorvinas)

Heard By: **Emerson Aalto**, Old Town



Emerson

It kind of sounded like old Surf Punks stuff — like "Beer Can Beach." The breakdown kind of sounded like Dick Dale and April March. I like the sound — the way the record was recorded — it had that really gritty sound. [It was] a little repetitive, but it was still pretty cool. It was like a good "anthem" song. They had a cool breakdown and they picked up again. It was a good skate song. I'd probably see that in a skate video or something like that.

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PARTY DOWN THE LAWN

by Josh Board

I moved to San Marcos about six months ago, and since these aren't exactly Rockwellian times, I've made no effort to meet my neighbors. Most of them I never see. The old geezer across the street lets his dog run around without a leash. That dog has charged me, barking, and crapped on my front lawn. The third time the dog charged at me, a friend and I were on our way to a wedding, and I dropped the gift. The woman I was with tactfully told the old man that there are leash laws. "I've lived here a long time," he yelled, which I guess means his dog can run wild in the neighborhood.

One day I noticed my next door neighbor had balloons strung up and a sign that read "Happy Retirement." I had happened to be on my way to another "retirement" function. A teacher friend was presenting his last student musical. I figured if my neighbor's party was still going when I got home, I'd crash it.

My friend's musical was a take-off on reality shows and



American Idol. The Sanjaya character came out and said something about "setting the world on fire." A minute later, the ceiling was on fire. Since the sets were so elaborate, we had no reason to think this wasn't part of the production, but it wasn't.

"If I get a heavy metal band to play on my back deck at 3:00 a.m., the cops can't do anything?"

The fire was put out, smoke filled the room, and while they were airing out the auditorium to continue, I snuck out.



Top: Lew on left, artist Dave on right; Bottom left: Dave's handiwork on Lew's truck; Bottom right: The Temecula couple who met at Godfather's Pizza

I got home around 10:30 p.m. The retirement party next door was still going. I heard karaoke, swimming, and lots of

walked in.

Their living room was not what I expected. At Christmas-time, they had such elaborate decorations out front, including a huge, inflatable snowglobe. It seemed a contrast to see walls filled with prints by Peter Max and Kandinsky. You can't judge a book by its cover...or a neighbor by their front lawn.

When I got to the dining room, I saw a few people around a large cake and chocolate-covered strawberries. I asked who

lived there. They said, "Lew and Lizz. They're outside."

The back yard was packed. There were a few couples in the Jacuzzi, while several people danced to the music. Not knowing who Lew was, I just called out "Lew?" When a guy turned around, I stuck my hand out and said, "I'm Josh. I'm your neighbor from right up there." I pointed up to my house and as we shook hands he said, "Do you need us to quiet things down?" I said, "No, no I don't. As long as I can stay here and party with you." He laughed and said, "That's a deal."

He turned around to tell someone what we'd just negotiated. That person said, "Hey, at least the guy isn't calling the cops. And, he shows up with cigars."

Lew then said, "I see lots of girls in and out of that house. What goes on up there?" I said, "I don't know what to tell you. I run a brothel.... No, my sister was visiting once. My mom came over one day and we went to dinner. When I had a girlfriend, she came over." He

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laughed like he didn't buy it.

"You're from down the street?" one guy asked me. "No." I said, "I'm from up the lawn."

Another woman said, "If you want to party, come to our place. It's in Temecula. We have some insane parties." I talked with her husband for a while. His father was a POW in Vietnam who had to kill six guys to escape. He received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He and his wife kept giving each other a hard time, but you could tell they were just teasing. He said, "We've had our share of fights. She's kicked me out a few times. You know how that is. But, our kid, and his baseball...it's really

brought us together."

I asked them how they met, and she said, "He was dating my friend when I worked at Godfather's Pizza in Vista. It's a bail-bonds place now."

One woman came over and asked me, "Are you the neighbor who *isn't* going to call the police? It wouldn't matter if you did. There aren't noise laws in San Marcos. So there's nothing the cops could do."

"That doesn't make sense," I said. Several other people chimed in, "It's true."

"If I get a heavy metal band to play on my back deck at 3:00 a.m., the cops can't do anything? Because there are no noise laws?" Someone said, "Well, they'd probably make you shut that down."

Lizz then said some-

thing about being friends with city councilmen and a few police officers. Lew added, "We had a few of the Secret Service guys here earlier tonight, too."

I asked him what the deal was with their trucks that have Merlin painted on the back. He tells me they perform at Renaissance fairs as Merlin and Lady Elizabeth. Lew called Dave over. Dave painted the trucks, and he looked a bit like Otto from *The Simpsons*, with his long, black, curly hair. I asked him what else he's painted. He told that he's painted murals for the women's fitness center Curves, Pipes Restaurant, and a few schools in Cardiff. I asked him if any of his murals have ever been tagged with graffiti. "No, not yet."

I asked Lizz what she

was retiring from. "I was a teacher for 30 years.... I've taught all different levels over the years. I was teaching sixth grade at an elementary school in Cardiff."

We walked inside so she could show me scrapbooks that the teachers and students had put together. One contained a letter she sent a parent in 1977 about a child's "positive behavior." She told me the former student now has a kid going to the same school.

Another one of her students was famous surfer Rob Machado. "Back then, he wasn't a surfer. That was around the early '80s, when he was in middle school. He was a break dancer. He carried that cardboard with him everywhere. He'd put it down at the drop of a hat to dance. At a talent show, he did some skateboarding."

Since she's a teacher, I said, "I should stop calling you Lizz." I remembered seeing their last name on a wooden sign by their mailbox and called her "Mrs. Goldman" for the remainder of the party.

The Goldmans' daughter came over and introduced herself to me. I asked her if it was weird to party with her parents. She said, "My dad drinks Wild Turkey straight. He doesn't mind if I drink. He got me two kegs on my 16th birthday."

She told me about her husband and two kids, and I asked her what her husband did for a living. "He's a general." I said, "Wow! I've never met a general. Like Patton, huh?" She said, "Oh, no. I mean a general contractor."

I listened in as Mrs. Goldman explained her pur-

chase of the Margarita machine for \$99 at Walmart. I think of teachers as bringing cupcakes to parties, not cocktails...with Mötley Crüe and Scorpions tunes blaring from the stereo. When I was eating rolled tacos with her daughter, Lizz said she'd pack me food to take home — now that — with my name written in big letters on the container — is what I'd expect when I party with teachers.

As I walked home, I glanced down to see if there was a key on a string around my neck. ■

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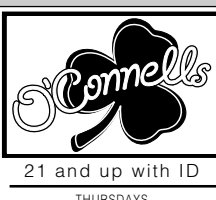
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All in the Timing

Due to popular demand, Ion Theatre reprises its hugely funny production of David Ives's one-acts, this time in a downtown bistro with a lively atmosphere that enhances the playwright's 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 ex-lover (Glass buys a loaf of bread, and the

cast turns the mundane event into a hilarious, postmodern show tune) to a lost, stuttering soul who believes "language is the opposite of loneliness" — and proves it; Kim Strassburger's a scream as a chimp named Kafka (who keeps typing *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.

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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.

Worth a try.

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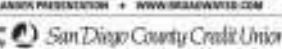
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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Lamb's Players Theatre, which has staged the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical before, has a flair for its irrepressible spirit. Their current production, with Deborah Gilmour Smyth belting out the story of Joseph's coat of many colors and journey to Egypt, and smooth-voiced, likable Spencer Moses in the lead, releases that spirit once again. Webber's score's so eclectic (ranging from calypso to Elvis) it feels like a Whitman's Sampler of his versatility, as is Colleen Kollar's choreography (everything from the “pony” and the “swim” to tap-shoe hoofin'). The nine-member cast gives and gives. The musical was Webber and Rice's first collaboration, composed without the budgetary largess that has overloaded their musicals with gaudy effects ever since. For those who remember Lamb's earlier, much more humble efforts, this is a *Joseph* with a budget. Instead of a Vegas-chintz look, the set and costumes are upscale (Michelle Hunt's quality outfits take so much time to change that onstage actors must stretch the interludes to accommodate them, which results in 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. (Note: Lamb's has extended the run of *Joseph*.)

Worth a try.

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The Last Class and A Hundred Birds

A Hundred Birds, by local playwright Ira Bateman-Gold (which may be a pseudonym for Dale Morris, artistic director of 6th@Penn), recalls William Mastro Simone's *Ex-tremities*, in which a victim turns the tables on a rapist, and Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*, in which the bad guys talk about interesting subjects. In *Birds*, three men have bound and tortured an old man, who abused them in the fifth grade. He was an “atom bomb” in their lives. Now they'll make him pay — or should they? The playwright knows how to write dialogue for actors, loading fragments of speech with nonverbal information (especially the struggle between what's left of their humanity versus wanting revenge). But just about every time the one-act begins to ratchet up the emotions, it swings into a lecture, about black holes or the necks of llamas, culled from the Discovery Channel or NPR, and tension diffuses. The production rivets when the writing does. *Birds* runs in repertory with Marianne McDonald's 35-minute *Last Class*, 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 did's” and only touches on subjects that need a much fuller examination.

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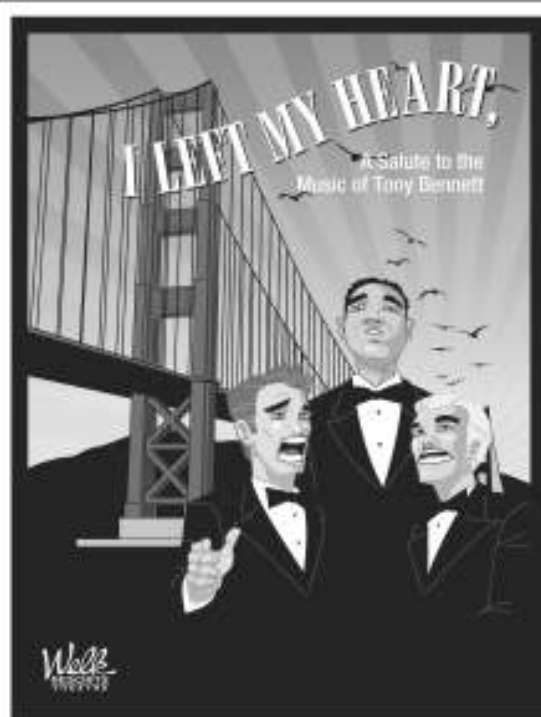
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Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival

The San Diego Repertory Theatre closes its 2006–2007 season with the 14th annual festival celebrating the “diversity of the Jewish Dias-pora through music, dance, theater, fine arts, food from around the world,” and the Klezmer Summit. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN; NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LO-MAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH JUNE 25; FOR A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, DAYS, AND TIMES CALL 619-544-1000.

Menopause the Musical

The San Diego Rep hosts a produc-tion of Jeanie Linders's musical about “the change.” Songs include “I Heard It Through the Grapevine,” “You’ll No Longer See 39,” and a re-make of the disco tune “Stayin’ Alive” called “Stayin’ Awake.” LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 26;

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is diffi-cult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competi-tively. 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 off-shoot 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 comedi-ans played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emo-tional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge fail-ure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny,

evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

The Prisoner of 2nd Avenue

New Vision Theatre Company pre-sents Neil Simon’s serious comedy about a man who loses his job, dis-putes with neighbors, and gets “helpful” family support. Kelly Kissingner directed. NEW VISION THEATRE COMPANY, SUN-SHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH JUNE 17; FRIDAY AND SATUR- DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-529-92140.

The Runner Stumbles

North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe stages Milan Stitt’s drama, based on an actual event, about a priest accused of murdering his lover, a nun. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, THROUGH JUNE 30; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-647-4958.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv,

making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add com-petitive scene making, with the au-dience awarding points to the win-ning 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 dif-ferent bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of play-ers competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as ac-tors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats in-clude “Micetro” and “Improv Sur-vivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amaz-ing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SAT-URDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Sassy Sarah Vaughan, “The Divine One”

Sarah Vaughan sang the way a swal-low flies: sharp turns; steep, dou-ble-octave climbs; and leap-of-faith dips. “Sassy Sarah” took a song apart, put it back together, and sang the spaces between notes. Old AM radio ears will remember her gold record, “Broken-Hearted Melody” (which she thought was “corny”), her limber voice snaking 32nd notes through sharps and flats. Jazz buffs rank her in the Empyrean, up there near Bird and Ella. Calvin Manson and Ira Aldridge Players have turned Caesar’s Café into Mr. Kelly’s, the famous Chicago nightclub (“where you can always hang your hat”). It’s 1959. Vaughan’s doing a live recording session and, though always reluc-tant to get personal, talks about her life. It’s unfair to compare Ayanna Hobson to “the Divine One,” but at times she does come close. Backed by the tight “Sarah Vaughan Quar-tet” (Earl Vault doing shapely tenor sax riffs), Hobson sings 21 songs, from standards (“Teach Me Tonight,” “Someone to Watch Over Me”) to aerobic vocal work-outs (“Great Day,” accompanied by Janette Greene’s running acoustic bass, and the scat-sung “Sassy Blues”). The format needs tighten-ing, especially the long question-and-answer section in Act Two, which lacks spontaneity and puts a sag in the evening. But when Hob-son glides into Billie’s “Lover Man” or Klenner and Lewis’s “Just Friends,” with true Vaughan buoy-ancy, Caesar’s becomes Kelly’s (and the trolly going by outside could be the Chicago El).

Worth a try.

CAESAR’S CAFE, 801 C STREET, DOWN-TOWN, THROUGH JULY 1; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 7:00 P.M., CUR-TAIN AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, DINNER AT 2:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 3:00 P.M. 619-283-4574.

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A Streetcar Named Desire

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Tennessee Williams’s classic about the breakdown of a Southern woman. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), FRIDAY, JUNE 15, THROUGH JULY 8; FRIDAY AND SATUR- DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085. 619-234-9583.

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 Pil-lato directed. BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROAD-WAY, VISTA, THROUGH JUNE 24; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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 late-night 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 be-tween 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 “perfor-mance” on Nick and Honey, young bio prof and his “mousey” wife. Played by Nisi Sturgis, Honey erodes from an airhead ditz to a dis-aster area (when disillusionment shreds her, the trembling, emotion-ally 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 under-pinnings. Nick says he doesn’t like to “get involved,” but deep down he’s thinking — or should be — tenure-track, master race, and in-vade 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 Suto-rius’s George, who holds his liquor better than a Viking in Valhalla, ex-erts an almost Prospero-like 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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Bright Brit Bites

A “gastropub” sounds a lot like a gastropod (e.g., snail), which literally means a creature whose stomach (gastro) is in its foot (pod). (It must be a very diplomatic animal, as one hates to think what would happen should it put its foot in its mouth.) A gastropub, in contrast, is a newish coinage referring to a modern British-style pub that feeds its patrons something fancier than steak and kidney pie, plowman’s lunch, and the ever-appalling bangers ’n’ mash as ballast for copious pours of ale.

Jaynes Gastropub, one of the new neighborhood spots springing up in North Park, wears its Britishness proudly, with a Union Jack draped across one of the off-white dining room walls. The rest of the decor is less “warm, cozy pub” than “redecorated coffee shop” — a modest-sized room with large mirrors, handsome vintage-style flooring of small hexagonal tiles, bare wooden tables (mainly two-tops), and small, unpadded wooden chairs that exemplify the stiff-lower-hip style of English design. There’s an open kitchen at the end of the bar in the adjoining front room. There may not be much to excite the eye, but with all the hard surfaces bouncing every noise, you get an earful. The background music adds to the denseness of the sound mix, but I couldn’t discern the music’s genre over the general din. The place has become such an instant hit with neighbors and food bloggers that on a Thursday night, we could only reserve for either 6:30 or 8:00 — and rightly so. By 7:00, nearly every table and barstool was occupied.

All our starters proved delightful. Fried calamari were crisp-surfaced with a light breadcrumb batter and tender, juicy meats. “Normally, I’m not a big calamari fan,” said the Chocoholic Samurai, reaching for another ring, “because they’re so chewy.” “I’m with you,” said Michelle. “These are exceptional.” They come with both a tasty housemade tartar sauce dotted with capers and a superfluous cocktail sauce.

Gambas al ajillo, a classic Spanish tapa of shrimp sautéed with garlic, includes the unclassic south-of-the-border addition of minced hot red Serrano chiles. Jim and I enjoyed the lively flavor, but it was too spicy for the Lynnester, since it blew away a dish she much preferred, a creamy white bean dip gently fla-



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vored with roasted garlic, to be spread on thick slabs of *pain levain* bread from Bread & Cie, which (according to Charles Kaufman, the bakery’s owner) is a naturally leavened (sourdough) loaf made from organic whole-wheat flour. “Do you think this bread is a bit overpowering for such a subtle-tasting purée?” Michelle asked the rest of us.

Good question. We tried some on the lighter, thinner grilled baguette that came with the shrimp, and indeed, that bread let the dip shine more clearly. “Maybe they worried that people would find the purée too bland, so they serve it with a hearty peasant bread,” said Lynne. Tending to confirm this supposition was an accompanying ramekin of soft oblate spheroids — South African “Piquante Peppadew” red chiles pickled in a sweet

brine. The peppers left a pleasant afterburn on the tongue.

A salad of organic mixed greens with slices of fresh blood orange, dressed in a slightly sweet shallot vinaigrette (which tasted as though it included blood orange juice) pleased us all. Its garnish was a slice of baguette toast spread with mild, creamy goat cheese.

We all know how many restaurants with interesting appetizers proceed to flop on entrées, as though the chef’s energy and imagination were spent on the starters. Jaynes flopped harder than most. If the appetizers were cosmopolitan, the entrées were comfort foods like Mom’s — when Mom’s cooking is no better than commonplace.

After the sensitive treatment of the squid, we had high hopes for the fish and chips, which

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mane, wholesome husbandry practices. The chicken is free-range as well. That busy night, they all came to a bad end — not just dead but lifeless, with dry, chewy textures. The pork porterhouse (which should be tender, from the cut next door to the tenderloin) was cooked to our specification of medium rare (pink) but nonetheless was a labor to masticate, while the black-eyed peas were tough from undercooking. (Al dente beans are apparently trendy lately. Eww.) The stringy braised short ribs would have benefited from another hour in the pot with more liquid, at lower heat. They came with baby root vegetables and smooth, seductive garlic mashed potatoes, plus a Port wine-reduction gravy—a great dish lacking only great meat. The herb-roasted chicken pieces (heavy on breast) were boring, including the couscous they rested on, and the raw greens decorating the plate looked like lawn-thatch and tasted like Bermuda grass.

“This must be English cooking,” said Michelle. “Aren’t they famous for bland food?” “And fiery curries at the zillions of Paki restaurants that they flee to for an escape,” I said. “But this stuff doesn’t taste much like what I ate in London 25 years ago, back before the English started to serve more exciting stuff than roast beef in high-end restaurants. This is more like my mother’s cooking, and except for her mashed potatoes, she was a terrible cook. At least Jaynes does well with fresh veggies, compared with both my mom and the Brits.”

Helping us make it through the night was Tammy, a bright, genuinely professional waitress. She not only memorized our complicated order but had tasted all the wines on the list and could describe them as articulately as a *Wine Spectator* columnist. Her description of the Lo Brujo Macabeo from Spain (“lively, dry, slightly spicy — it goes very well with our cooking”) and the “velvety” Laird Cabernet were right on the money. Wines are served in Reidel stemless glasses — top-notch but informal glassware that’s apt for

a gastropub that takes atmosphere lightly and wine seriously.

The meal took an upturn again with the desserts: Butterscotch lent renewed interest to the creamy crème brûlée. A bittersweet, nut-studded chocolate brownie was irreproachable, although its topping of vanilla Gelato Vera was more a distraction than an asset for chocoholics Samurai Jim and Michelle.

Michelle ordered coffee and was unimpressed enough to douse it with cream and sugar. Upon tasting my decaf espresso, I let out a loud “gaak!” worthy of Cathy, the comic strip neurotic. The others, masochistically curious to sample the substance that had provoked this passionate reaction, begged for sips. “Gaaks!” followed the demitasse around the table. “Tastes like used coffee grounds,” said Jim. “Maybe the coffeemaker needs cleaning,” said Michelle. I’ve been taking espresso black since age 14, but this was a desperate case. “Maybe if I add sugar, I can turn it into a café Cubano,” I murmured, pouring in a packet of Domino. Still yecchh. I stirred in a packet of brown sugar and was poking around for a package of Splenda when Lynne said, “That coffee is going to turn into a solid.” I gave it up. Later, it vengefully kept me up until 5:00 a.m., decaf or no.

The moral of the story: Jaynes is a charming neighborhood spot to sample interesting wines or brews and graze on appetizers until you’re full — or maybe have a burger if you’re really hungry. What’s good here is really good. But forget the pricey entrées for now and skip ahead to dessert. Above all, don’t even think about espresso. If it doesn’t make you wish your stomach were in your foot — at the far end of your body from your mouth — I’ll make like an embarrassed gastropod and eat my shoe.

ABOUT JAYNE
There is, indeed, a Jayne. Owner Jayne Battle is the devastating blonde who presides at the bar and serves some of the food at busy times. “I came

here from San Francisco about three years ago, after I worked for a lot of different restaurants there as a server and a bartender. I eventually gravitated more toward the kitchen — just really fell in love with food. It’s an easy city to do that in.

“I relocated here to be back with my family and saw that San Diego could use more good restaurants. I’m originally from Liverpool, England, but we emigrated when I was eight years old, and my family settled here. The gastropub idea came from...I was back in London a few years ago, and I saw how the pubs had been redone — instead of the usual steak and kidney pie, now they have really nice menus. And a lot of young couples were taking them over and redoing them this way, these great old spaces. It seemed like a good concept. I wanted something that felt casual, with a nice atmosphere, but I also wanted to pay attention to the quality of the food. My father’s involved as well. He would have liked something more like a real pub. So we compromised on a gastropub.

“I had worked at Parallel 33, and I hired a chef from there, Daniel Manrique. He does the cooking from a menu I put together with him. I sometimes cook, but I’m more out on the floor nowadays. These are just dishes I love to cook at home. I want quality

comfort food. We use Bread & Cie breads, Niman Ranch meats — I fell in love with them when I was in the Bay Area — and we try to support local businesses, like, we use Cafe Moto coffee, Gelato Vera for ice creams and sorbets, although we make all our other desserts in-house.”

Jayne and her fiancé did most of the work to convert the premises from a run-down coffee shop with concrete floors to its current incarnation, including the Victorian floor tiling. “We wanted San Francisco charm. We put in the tiling, the tin ceilings.” I asked her about the noise. “I’ve been reading up on it, and Paris brasseries put in tile floors deliberately to get a kind of lively sound level, but a lot of people have been asking us about it. We’re thinking about getting something behind the mirrors and such to soften the noise a little. And we’re going to be opening up the patio in a couple of weeks, with heaters, so that should become a nice option and spread it out a little and help with the noise, when a lot of the people are outside.”

About the paragon waitress: “I used to work with Tammy at Parallel 33. She’s a dream, so professional. I stole her from there — I had to have her. She’s just really into it, someone who has a passion. I always take her along when I’m doing wine tastings; she gives great input.” ■



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I take my last slurp.
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She leans over the table.
“Good. Now turn the saucer and cup together.”

I do.
She picks up my cup and studies the inside rim.
“I see two people, standing tall. They seem to be protected by a covering. That means you and your wife? Yes? See? An animal — is that a dog? And, yes. Next to it a tall, well-rooted tree. They are protecting you. Ooh. Plenty of ooze coming from the grinds still. That means you will be very wealthy.”
That perks me up. “Really?”
“Yes, wealthy...perhaps not in money, but in love and friendship.”
“Uh, oh. Great.”

And I do appreciate it. But for one tiny moment...

Claudia and Sami and I are sitting at a sidewalk table outside their café of three weeks here on Park, sipping Turkish coffee and nibbling on baklavas. It’s been a nice night, and a big surprise. I thought I was coming to a Vietnamese-American place for three things I’d loved last time I was here: coconut milk soup with veggies, shrimp and pork spring rolls, and a Vietnamese café au lait. That was its name, too. Café Au Lait.

But the Vietnamese-American couple left. I came waltzing up Park around dusk, looking for the blue canopy over the stuccoed gray frontage. And yes, there it was. But instead of seeing *Café Au Lait* I see *Café Delight*.

Well, whatever. I go to the menu stand outside the little door. “Beef kabob,” it says, “\$3.99.” Aha. The Middle East. “Shawarma (shredded

prime rib or chicken) in pita bread, \$4.99,” gyros for \$4.49, falafel — those dried, fried chickpeas the Middle East couldn’t live without — or stuffed grape leaves for \$3.99, and lots of sandwiches, from turkey to roast beef, and subs, all around the \$4–\$5 mark.

They have homemade soups and salads. Spring Mix catches my eye, because it has feta cheese in it, and it’s only \$3.99, and you can add grilled chicken for a couple more bucks. And they’ve put a special up on a chalkboard: “Lamb shank with red curry sauce with potatoes over rice or kus-kus, \$6.99.” Guess they’re talking about couscous.

Ho boy. Lamb’ll do it every time for me. In I go, to the tiny inside. Notice a painting, kinda abstract, on the wall of a second tiny room. Picasso, I’d say. Except it looks original. Can’t be the real...

‘Course now I see those self-same Vietnamese spring rolls (shrimp, pork, veggies, and vermicelli wrapped in rice paper, \$2.99 for two) that Calvin and Leslie made for me last time I was here. Boy, so good. Filling, too.

I’m also seeing a bunch of Italian entrées listed on the wall. Man, they’d hit the spot. Lasagna with garlic bread’s \$4.69, spaghetti with meatballs is only \$4.19. They even have pizza by the slice for \$1.59.

And, Lord. It turns out their soup of the day is exactly what I had on my last visit. That delicious green coconut soup, with carrots and potatoes.

I order a cup of that (\$1.99 — bowl would’ve been \$3.29), resist the spring rolls, and go for the lamb shank, with couscous. And a coffee, \$1.99.

It’s so cozy inside, with the black-and-white tile floor, dun-colored walls, the art, and Mid-

dle Eastern music. But no, the tables outside are *it*. I grab my coffee and head for the sidewalk just as the guy, Marvin, brings out my coconut soup. Oh yes. Even richer than I remember. Then Claudia brings out the lamb shank.

Marvin is Sami and Claudia’s son. “I have always wanted to have a restaurant,” Claudia says. “I’ve been cooking since I was 11. My very first meal was macaroni with meat-and-tomato sauce. I cooked it for my aunt in Baghdad.”

Pretty soon Sami’s telling me how he used to run one of Baghdad’s famous restaurants, the Ishtar. “I’d cater for parties for the government when Saddam was vice president,” he says. But the day the government hauled him in and told him to spy on his customers, he dropped everything and left. “It’s so sad,” says Claudia. “Before the war with Iran, Baghdad was a beautiful place to be.”

“We’ve gone backwards 100 years,” says Sami. Claudia married Sami when she was 16. It was mostly arranged by cousins, but it became a love match. “When I first shook her hand,” Sami says, “the blood raced to my heart and my head. I knew she was the only one.” They were engaged within a week and had 600 guests at their wedding.

I’m listening and chomping at the same time. The lamb is fall-off-the-bone delicious, and the couscous red sauce is filling. The flavor’s a little sharp, so I ask for some pita bread. That balances it out.

Then, what the hell? You don’t luck into friendly situations like this every day, so I have a Turkish coffee (though they call it Greek, \$1.99) and baklava (79 cents). The coffee comes in classy bulbous little blue-and-white porcelain cups.



Claudia

So then Claudia reads my fortune in the coffee grounds.

I guess she’s right about the wealth thing. Take tonight, for instance. Talking to this guy who’s — hey — catered for Saddam and survived, and, of course, Claudia. Turns out she painted that “Picasso” inside and cooks and sings like an angel and can read your coffee too. I mean, can you buy moments like these? ■

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True Grit

"We didn't want to be crass or crude, but we were trying to be a bit clever."

The website for Don Sebastiani & Sons features a number of films, ranging from the ridiculous — how to open a screwcap — to the sublime — *Crush*, a 14-minute documentary about the 2006 harvest. But the sublimity doesn't come from lingering shots of vineyards and grape clusters (though there are plenty of those). It comes from the unvarnished quality of the depiction. This is large-scale negotiant winemaking, with winemaker Richard Bruno driving from vineyard to vineyard, crush facility to crush facility, from Paso Robles to Monterey; and the film, despite the poetic flights of the narration, doesn't attempt to pretty it up. Everything is shown in all its industrial grit: concrete crush pads, monster steel tanks, huge plastic bins, trucks and tractors and hoses. I think my favorite moment comes about three minutes in, during a wee hours harvest in Napa. The tractors moving up and down the rows are outfitted with long light booms that bathe the vines in a fluorescent glare. It's like a vineyard on the moon.

The narration is full of talk about family, about traditions being passed from generation to generation. But as the company's marketing chief Donny Sebastiani notes, the families *Crush* talks about are not Sebastianis — you won't see Don and the boys onscreen. "We really wanted to get away from the image of the winemaker and his

kids walking through the vineyards. I can almost guarantee I've never walked through a vineyard with my dad. It wouldn't have been a real depiction of harvest to have us involved. We're not farmers. We're marketers, and we enjoy wine.

My dad likes to draw the analogy between the guy who owns the restaurant and the chef. The owner might love eating and drinking, but he's not a trained chef. He lets the chef do the cooking. We do the rest."

Crush is part of the rest. So is the website. "We definitely

didn't say, 'Hey, listen, let's develop our website this way,' but we've found that it's a pretty cost-effective way to market wines. If you took the money we spent on *Crush* and spread it around the country to run some kind of promotion, it would have been like spitting in the ocean." Instead, they put together a film that premiered at the Sonoma Film Festival and has been getting all sorts of positive feedback from the industry. "Not just media types," says Donny. "Even sales reps, saying things like, 'It makes us feel like we're there.'"

And that's precisely the market Sebastiani & Sons is looking to impress. "We're not a big enough company that we can do a lot of consumer-driven stuff. Our sales and marketing is really geared toward the gatekeepers — retail buyers or wholesalers. If we can educate them,

make them comfortable with our products" — then, hopefully, they'll pass that feeling on to the consumer.

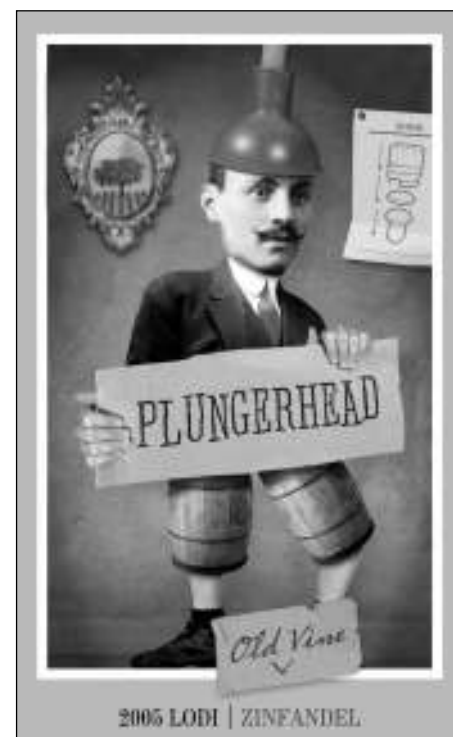
Not that the website isn't aimed at consumers as well as buyers. Notes Donny, "We don't have the mellifluous-sounding estate on Highway 29 that will generate buzz just because bachelorette parties are driving past it in their limousines. We need to step out. It's a good way for people to come and visit us." That's why the front label of Smoking Loon — one of Sebastiani & Sons' most successful brands — sports the wine's web address, *smokingloon.com*, "which is pretty unusual."

Unusual is pretty much the byword for the company's marketing strategy. "There needs to be a reason, when your eye is running past it on a wine list, or when a salesman is making a presentation to a wine buyer, for the wine to stick with you." By putting a cigar in the mouth of a loon, the company puts an edge on the whole critter-label phenomenon — a little something to set it apart from the kangaroos and monkeys and fish and such.

"So many wines are just so generic sounding," laments Donny. "I always think about a guy like me, who brings a bottle home for dinner, and the wife says, 'God, it's great. Get another bottle next time you're in the wine shop.' I walk in and I'm, like, 'What was that thing? I know it had a white label with some gold foil, and it was called Running Creek or something like that.' You ask a wine steward that, and you've just described half his wines. But if you say, 'It's the one with the guy who has a toilet plunger on his head,' they know what you're talking about."

Ah, yes — Plungerhead. "That wine has a Zork-brand stopper in it," explains Donny. (The company is nothing if not willing to experiment with alternative packaging.) "The technical term for the inside of the Zork is the plunger — it just

Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA



Plungerhead Lodi label (front)

kind of snowballed. We didn't want to be crass or crude, but we were trying to be a bit clever. If you walk by the label quickly, you might think it was a nice, sort of upscale label. You have to do a double-take — 'Is that a toilet plunger on the guy's head?' That's the hook." Same with the Used Automobile Parts, the gold-letter-on-glass brand for the company's higher-end Napa claret. "We could have called it 'Don Sebastiani & Sons Pin-



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nacle' or something, and it would have gotten completely lost in the crowd." Instead, the viewer does another double-take — such pretty lettering signifying such a grimy reality.

It helps a little that Plunger-head and Used Automobile Parts aren't the company's flagships — they're non core products, which leaves a little more room for experimentation. Smoking Loon does more of the heavy lifting, alongside Pepperwood Grove. They make everything else possible; sometimes, they're the reason why those higher-end wines get into the winery. "As negociants, we're buying little and big lots from Mendocino all the way down to Paso Robles and patching them together. Some of these lots are blockbusters, and we end up blending them into the Pepperwood Grove mix, which is great. But what if we can make Pepperwood Grove just as good as it is and peel off a couple thousand cases from the 50,000 of Pepperwood Grove? It's not going to have a huge impact on the overall blend, but you can market those 2000 cases as a Dry Creek Zinfandel," one featuring a guy wearing a plunger on his head. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billy" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo." It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch Friday

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through Sunday, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a light-house-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Le Bambou Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners

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about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of “ground shrimp on sugar cane” so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and “Star of the Sea” curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam’s own “33” brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast—the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It’s a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn’t the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you’re in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It’s all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W.*

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast’s what a lot of folks come for. “Dieter’s Downfall,” a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the “Sausage of the Week” is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter’s real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li’l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its “secret sauce,” chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn’t neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There’s also a spirit of “something extra” — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W.*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an “American Bistro,” Chef Susan Sbicca (“speeka”) also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a “wine room” up-

stairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$5 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *B.D.*

Swami’s Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it’s near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager’s 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard’O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Cabana Cove Harrah’s Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from “surfing spots around the world,” includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you’re dieting, they’ll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they’re fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent *crème brûlée*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M.*

Hernandez’ Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez’ claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja’s best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant “enchilada pie” is as good as any Midwestern mom’s. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute “Old West” cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Jimbo’s, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it’s high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A “hot case” counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton’s Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — *E.B.*

Millie Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area’s top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug’s beautiful room with beautiful food draws “the beautiful people” — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woelsle. Order at will — everything’s flawless. The menu’s most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch

weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. — *N.W.*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sumomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with wine tasting. Regular lunch and dinner Thursday and Friday. Reservations recommended for Saturday wine tasting. Call for directions. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it’s above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren’t very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D.*

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. “You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach,” says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub’s good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon,

cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Great Khan’s Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that’s because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it’s either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you’d prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale’s house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say “yes.” Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin’s La Jolla outpost, the outside’s the “in” spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rain-bow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and “pannwiches” such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you’re in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don’t fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *piccata*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you’re planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner daily,

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Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — N.W.

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rose-water ice cream is a great finale. Non-specials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. (Closed for renovations, set to reopen mid-April.) The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W.

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas come with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the

Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indone-sia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is out-standingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. — N.W.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W.

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Mission Valley, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *man-doo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N.

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (stuffed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features chicken kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada*

mixta (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in — this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Mid-western chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W.

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-



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broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner, till 10 p.m. nightly. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoad*a stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne

beurre blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M.*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out

their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be sim-

ple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. ¢Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner ("serious" breakfasts daily except Tuesday and Thursday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal

dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san's* away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Maybe Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are re-

joining. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Takeouts accepted. Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel chap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus



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Vagabond Kitchen 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal “world food” filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don’t miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners’ global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you’re surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They’re there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It’s like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie’s pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Charley’s Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don’t hesitate. That’s Charley’s. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.*

D.Z. Akin’s 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother’s. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Fix Me a Plate Cafe 9168 Fletcher Parkway (next to Souplantation), La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he’s got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po’ boy is (as France’s Michelin Guide might say) “worth a detour,” as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break inbetween). Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a “kick-butt southwestern dressing.” Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian

who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you’re in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won’t stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W.*

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen’s still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who’s up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs’ most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant’s small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory’s greatest dish is not what it’s named for, and some of its pick hits aren’t fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the “date shake” — a cold quaff that’s ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), “straw and hay” (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in

a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you’re that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Berta’s Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin’ Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta’s lengthy menu reads like a culinary “pick hits” list of each country’s best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta’s homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil’s African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn’t be missed if it’s on the menu. There’s some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. “Hearty Homemade Comfort Food” is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. “Matisse in Morocco,” Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don’t turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger (“aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese”) or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, taragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it’s all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincipled sum (dinner is more expensive). Don’t miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B.*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there’s no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, “The Ultimate Boat” (serving



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two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Kung Food Express Cafe 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a “100-percent plant-based menu,” give their food waste to farmers to compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a “live” food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One great-looking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avocado. Also good are the dishes using steamed quinoa — the Incas’ mother grain — plus curried veggies, and beans with Soyrizo. Nice courtyard with native grasses, climbing vines, white umbrellas. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). “Urban assault food for a revolutionary people,” say the wait staff’s black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their “conscientious cuisine” is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy.

Check out the “Chino-Latino” dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ortega’s, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group’s first north-of-the-border venture. You’ll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega’s, the lobster isn’t deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean’s best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W.*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren’t the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green-lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. — *N.W.*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It’s colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you’re eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and

pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufieh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods’ prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it’s like American stuffing, but it’s couscous stuffed with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods’ vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn’t a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they’re chef’s choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. “Tastings” of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.*

Anthony’s Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony’s Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich

are great fillers too. Also good: “hand battered treasures,” like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Buster’s Beach House and Long-board Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there’s a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu’s actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay’s waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy “Short Board” pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy “paella” (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.*

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unsmudged. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don’t miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There’s a cultural war going on here. “City” has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family’s secret for 75 years. Try the “Ranch Chicken” pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don’t tempt you, there are eleven other “specialty pies” every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose “small plates” many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as “sceney” crowd comes

in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W.*

Croce’s Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. “Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée” at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D.*

Crudo Restaurant 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-398-2974. *Crudo* refers to the Italian version of sushi, but that’s not on the menu at this flashy eatery-cum-nightclub, a partnership between Italian restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and disco maven Mike Viscuso. Nope, the raw fish here is Japanese-fusion sushi and sashimi, with some excellent, creative “party rolls” (like the Green Hornet and the Crudo roll) and a delightful, shareable sashimi “plateau” — a mini-encyclopedia of fish and garnishes. Fusiony appetizers, noodle or rice bowls, and baroque, high-end entrées fill out the list. Having a bite before the disco opens buys free entry to the lounge. Short wine list at high markups; numerous sakes (mainly by-the-bottle only) at high-to-ridiculous markups; full bar. Want quiet? The dining patio in front is sheltered and serene. Disco Wednesday through Saturday night. Dinner nightly. “Bowls” and simple sushi inexpensive, otherwise very expensive. — *N.W.*

Dussini Mediterranean Bistro 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It’s still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguça and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

LG’s Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this family-owned steakhouse chain is a little less “old boys’ club” than most of its kind — it’s quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged “Jewel in the Crown” Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. “Escargots alfredo” is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything’s à la carte, with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and F. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

McCormick & Schmick’s Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific

Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early diners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team’s in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar; \$2 pub grub menu during weeknight happy hour, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., when Padres away. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Patty’s Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.*

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder “Oriental” decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food’s a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it’s fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it’s in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W.*

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1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speed-boat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Point-Net Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro

next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

Vahida's Healthy Choice Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevapchichi* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chopping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

La Petite Café Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast

and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This faded old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W.*

Saverio's Restaurant Mediteráneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art.

One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — *N.W.*

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brickly drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes

like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B.*

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Point Loma, La Jolla, National City, and Otay Mesa. — *E.B.*

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, across from UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Star Of India 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also at 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

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Pacino rouses the ire of Clooney and his crew, who conspire to take him down.

Deep into *Ocean's 13*, the second sequel to the 2001 remake of the 1960 Rat Pack classic *Ocean's 11*, there's a line about how a good con man never repeats a gag. It's delivered as a throw-away piece of dialogue, but it quietly acknowledges that what good con men can't get away

with, good directors sometimes can. Rebounding from the frothy, bloodless Euro jaunt *Ocean's 12*, *13* returns Steven Soderbergh and crew to Las Vegas for a film that isn't exactly a remake of their first *Ocean's* adventure, but isn't exactly not either. It doesn't matter. *Ocean's 11's* easy chemistry and effortless style return alongside the let's-take-down-a-casino plot. In this case, the target is the gorgeous — and fictional — Bank Casino, a spiraling, faintly Asian-themed high-rise run by Al Pacino and his scantily clad aide de camp Ellen Barkin. Having sent Elliott Gould into a coma after cheating him out of his rightful stake in the casino, Pacino rouses the ire of Clooney and his crew, who conspire to take him and his elaborately de-

fended gambling palace down.

The pleasure here, as before, comes from watching skilled professionals team up for a job well done. That's true both of the film's characters and its creators. It's an extremely well-made film, from the blustery humor of Carl Reiner impersonating a British judge

for the coveted Five Diamond hotel awards to the sly incorporation of left-wing politics as Casey Affleck — working undercover at a Mexican factory in order to rig a set of dice — becomes a revolutionary leader. Behind the camera, Soderbergh once again spares no flourish, gliding across the casino floor one moment, splitting the screen into half a dozen harmoniously edited images the next.

The series has never found a subplot as affecting as the thorny, sweet reconciliation of Clooney and Julia Roberts (who's entirely absent this time around). But as an 11-way (12-way? 13-way?) love story about men united by a respect for tradition and a commitment to professionalism, it's also far from heartless. In a town in-



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creasingly dominated by cheats and fakers without honor, their kind of con men are a dying breed. It almost begs to be read as a comment on Hollywood. A maverick committed to working within the system and reshaping it for his own purposes, Soderbergh has aligned himself with some of the few stars who seem to un-

derstand that cashing a paycheck doesn't have to come at the expense of finding quality projects, even when those projects have no higher purpose than two breezy, familiar hours of sophisticated entertainment.

— Keith Phipps
A.V. Club Rating: B+

To dismiss the *Hostel* movies as thoughtless "torture porn" of the *Saw* variety doesn't do justice to the sophistication behind them, even if that sophistication is undermined on occasion by dumb juvenilia. The first *Hostel*, though rough around the edges, spoke to the very real anxieties of Americans in a post-9/11

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world; no longer was the world a playground for frat guys, and bad behavior overseas could result in a little blowback. Though he might have just offered another slab of young backpackers (women this time) to deepest Slovakia, writer-director Eli Roth changes the metaphor in *Hostel: Part II* by focusing almost as much on the torturers as the tortured. Because these victims are sold off to the highest bidder, the film literally considers the cost of human life and the power of money to afford experiences that are supposed to be priceless. It's also, in its sick, sick way, a real crowd-pleaser.

As with the first *Hostel*, Roth takes his sweet time setting things up. After, um, severing the sole connection to the atrocities committed last time around, the film heads to Rome, where much like the previous revelers, three young women (Lauren German, Bijou Phillips, and Heather Matarazzo) decide to spice up their European vacation by heading further east. Claiming that Slovakia has the most relaxing hot springs in the world, a mysterious acquaintance convinces them to bypass Prague and stay at the infamous hostel, which is their last stop on the way to the torture factory. Meanwhile, an unctuous American tycoon (Richard Burgi) wins the bid for two of the women and takes along his buddy Roger Bart, an average suburban dad who clearly has misgivings about their little adventure.

The relationship between the two businessmen — and how they're later transformed by the experience of being torturers — is by far *Hostel: Part II*'s most fascinating element, like a cross between *The Game* and *In the Company of Men*. For them, the act of killing promises to be a rite of passage into super-manhood, though Roth gets some sharp laughs from the fact that their victims are prepared for them much like a fruit basket at a Fiji resort. (Having them alerted by the sort of beeper they'd get at Cheese-cake Factory is a particularly clever touch.) Outside the material with the would-be torturers, Roth doesn't do enough to separate the second film from the first, and the early scenes suffer from repetition. But there's a keen intelligence behind all that gleeful degradation, and it pays off in a finish that's at once ironic, satirical, and perversely satisfying.

— Scott Tobias
A.V. Club Rating: B

The hideously bloated *La Vie en Rose*, a biopic of the iconic 20th-century French singer Edith Piaf, joins a glut of bleary post-Pollack melodramas about famous monsters and the monstrosity of fame. It joins the Edie Sedgwick bio *Factory Girl*, Franco Zeffirelli's *Forever Callas*, and last year's laughable *Copying Beethoven* in chronicling the life and times of an icon who made great contributions to the world of art but could be counted upon to ruin just about any halfway-civilized dinner party.

As *La Vie en Rose* explicates in exhaustive detail, Piaf had a sturdy rationale for her diva antics. Played as an adult by Marion Cotillard, Piaf endured a life of sub-Dickensian misery as a child, growing up in a low-rent whorehouse and later living with a virile brute of a dad who left the circus to strike out as a freelance contortionist with little success. Piaf's upbringing leaves her with a taste for the gutter and the hustlers, pimps, and parasites that inhabit it, even after she rises to the giddy heights of stardom

as the voice and soul of Paris, the legendary "Little Sparrow" with the nasal, honking, headache-inducing speaking voice of an agitated goose.

La Vie en Rose documents Piaf's life as an endless series of tantrums, screaming matches, and drunken orgies of deplorable behavior. The film is at its best when exploring the machinery of pop stardom, how Piaf's feral rough edges were tamed but ever-present, and how she learned to use her hands as an enormously expressive instrument. Cotillard's face has a lot of character, with a squirming vulnerability and emotional nakedness that favorably recalls Anna Karina or Giulietta Masina, especially in close-up and when singing or silent. Then Cotillard starts speaking (or rather squawking) again, and the effect is ruined as the shrill, drunken, drug-addled bisexual girl-woman icon gets reduced to an

ogre. *Rose* stuffs enough melodrama into its shapeless, meandering 140-minute running time, yet still finds room on its plate to introduce a doomed child into Piaf's life for the last ten minutes or so. For all its florid pretensions and epic length, the film's overwrought take on its subject's not-so-rosy life leaves behind no lasting insight.

— Nathin Rabin
A.V. Club Rating: C- ■

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Disturbia

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

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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 English and subtitled Dutch, German, and Hebrew. — J.R.

Blades of Glory — Will Ferrell and Jon Heder are rival figure skaters whose public brawl gets them banned from competition for life; after learning that they're still eligible for the pairs category, they decide to team up on the ice. "As if figure skating wasn't gay enough already," remarks one character, 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.

Charade — A terrifically entertaining comedy-thriller (1963), perfectly crafted by Stanley Donen from an ingenious screenplay by Peter Stone. Audrey Hepburn, freshly and not too unhappily widowed, is pursued by a gang of her late husband's war buddies who think she now possesses the money they stole in combat. Cary Grant appears to be her only ally, until he starts doing strange things, too — such as taking a shower with his clothes on. There's a marvelous use of Paris locations, as you'd expect from the director of *Funny Face*. With James Coburn, George Kennedy, Ned Glass, and Walter Matthau. — D.K.

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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.

DOA: Dead or Alive — Martial arts action based on the video game franchise. With Jaime Pressly and Holly Valance; directed by Corey Yuen.

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.

Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer — Comic book action sequel starring Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Michael Chiklis, and Chris Evans; directed by Tim Story.

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

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.

Golden Door — Drama chronicling a Sicilian family's journey to America at the turn of the century. With Charlotte Gainsbourg and Vincenzo Amato; directed by Emanuele Crialese.

Goldfinger — This 1964 entry is the most enjoyable of the James Bond thrillers starring Sean Connery — perhaps because it's the most comic and cartoony, in look as well as conception. Still, it's every bit as imperialist and misogynistic as the other screen adventures based on Ian Fleming's books (among John F. Kennedy's favorites). Guy Hamilton directed; with Honor Blackman, Gert Frobe, and Harold Sakata. — J.R.

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Call theater for program information

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Day Watch (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:00, 10:00; **The Lives of Others** (R) Fri. 7:00 Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 7:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Crazy Love (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; **Once** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:05; **Paprika** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **Paris, Je T’Aime** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Waitress** (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00; **Hurricane on the Bayou** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 2:00, 5:00; **The Alps: Giants of Nature** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Wolves** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00

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)
Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (5:10) 7:35, 10:00; **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 10:20, 11:45, 12:05, 12:25,

Hostel: Part II — Reviewed this issue. 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 melo-drama derived from blockbusters like *Point Break* and *Bad Boys II*. The transplanted action clichés mix easily with the eccentric English characters, and as a director Wright is adept at framing and cutting for excitement as well as laughs. — *J.R.J.*

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Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
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Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
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Knocked Up — Judd Apatow made his bones as a comedy writer for Ben Stiller and Garry Shandling, but his own projects — the TV series *Freaks and Geeks* and *Undeclared* and the sleeper theatrical hit *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* — have a sensibility all their own, loyal to the tradition of raunchy adolescent humor but also sneakily astute in their emotional truths. Like *Virgin*, this story of a lazy slob (Seth Rogen) who drunkenly impregnates a beautiful TV host (Katherine Heigl of *Grey’s Anatomy*) shows how young

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

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FALLBROOK

River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
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POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

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men and women tend to view each other as the gateway to adulthood, though in this case the looming responsibility of childbirth makes the passage even more terrifying. Funny, honest, and generous, this is mainstream American comedy at its best. Apatow directed; with Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, Martin Starr, Jason Segal, and Jay Baruchel. — *J.R.J.*

The Lives of Others — I spent only an afternoon in East Germany before the Berlin Wall fell, but the fearful silence in public places left a lingering impression. The reasons behind it are explored by writer-director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck in his accomplished first feature, about the Stasi, the country’s secret police, which had a staff of over 90,000, plus countless informers, and spied on friend and foe alike. The fictional story here, set between 1984 and 1991, focuses on the investigation of a popular and patriotic playwright (Sebastian Koch); that the captain assigned to his case (touchingly played by Ulrich Mühe) is mainly sympathetic and working surreptitiously on the playwright’s behalf only makes this more disturbing. With Martina Gedeck (*Mostly Martha*). In German with subtitles. — *J.R.*

Mr. Brooks — The title hero (Kevin Costner), a successful and beloved executive, husband, and father, is secretly addicted to committing gratuitous murders and voices his inner doubts to an alter ego (William Hurt) while being tracked by a similarly compulsive millionaire cop (Demi Moore). When he forgets to close the blinds before killing a couple, a voyeur (Dane Cook) spots him and blackmails him, demanding to be brought along on the next caper. This is one of those slick, violent, ridiculous Hollywood jobs that makes little sense as a story, a comment on life, or a depiction of characters, but is moderately enjoyable in its spinning of movie conventions. There’s even a good De Palma-style fake shock ending. Bruce A. Evans directed a script he wrote with Raynold Gideon. — *J.R.*

Nancy Drew — Adaptation of the popular childrens’ books about a resourceful young amateur detective. Starring Emma Roberts and Josh Flitter; directed by Andrew Fleming.

Ocean’s Thirteen — Reviewed this issue. With Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Matt Damon, Elliott Gould, Al Pacino, Don Cheadle, and Bernie Mac; directed by Steven Soderbergh.

Once — In the opening scene of John Carney’s engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the wastrel who’s snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep the money. That sort of humanity infuses the movie, a low-budget and leisurely plotted DV project in which the singer, a poor vacuum-cleaner repairman, falls in love with a young Czech immigrant (Markéta Irglová) who plays the piano and helps him put together a band for a demo session. The songs don’t advance the narrative lyrically so much as follow the two characters’ uncertain relationship through the slow realization of their themes; in particular a scene in which they first jam together in the back room of a music store is a gem. — *J.R.*

Paprika — Anime master Satoshi Kon tops his acclaimed features *Perfect Blue*, *Millennium Actress*, and *Tokyo Godfathers* with this dizzying, ambitious excursion into the subconscious. The story takes place at a psychiatric lab where a powerful dream machine is used to help clients work through nightmares and resolve their conflicts. When the device is stolen, the heroine — a scientist who enters her patients’ REM states as her valiant teenage alter ego, Paprika — and the homicide cop she’s been treating are pulled into a deadly, expanding web of dreams and hallucinations woven by the thief in his quest for world domination. The intersections between sleep and waking, memory, cinema, and the Internet lead to a spectacular battle of titans who spring from the mind’s darkest recesses. In Japanese with subtitles. — *A.G.*

Paris, Je T’Aime — Most features composed of sketches by different filmmakers are wildly uneven. This one is consistently mediocre, albeit pleasant and watchable. It helps that none of the episodes runs longer than five or six minutes. Many of the most famous areas of Paris — the Latin Quarter, the Champs-Élysées — are omitted, but Olivier

SEEN ON

DVD

EDWARD WILENSKY

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I keep returning to Kurosawa's *Yume/Dreams*. A portmanteau film, it's broken into eight segments of dreams Kurosawa had during his life. I often find myself thinking about it and very often will put it on just to watch a specific segment. Beautiful, haunting, wistful, inspirational, and terrifying, *Yume* is all that and more. It's a tribute to the power of dreams and dreaming.

Battlestar Galactica is a complete remake and reimagining of the cheesy 1978 sci-fi series. This new series is by far the best drama on television. Dark, suspenseful, and incredibly current, it's the story of the human race fleeing a devastating nuclear assault while being pursued by an enemy they cannot beat or elude; a show that can only exist in this post 9/11 world. It forces us to examine decisions made to survive and the nebulous line that separates the good guys from the bad.

YUME/DREAMS (Japan) 1990, Warner Home Video
List price: \$19.98

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA: SEASON ONE (USA) 2005, Universal
List price: \$59.98 (five discs)

FERNANDO RAMOS

Staff writer, *The Daily Aztec*,
filmmaker, and anime fan

While much anime now is tragically, pseudo-pornographic drive-el, at least there are gems to go back to like the *Mobile Suit Gundam Movie Trilogy*. Despite dated animation, the thrilling story — dealing with topics as diverse as the evolution of humankind, intergalactic politics, and coming-of-age in a time of war — and giant robot action still shine through.

Those not into machines might find the eerie mind games of *Boogiepop Phantom* more appealing. Possibly the only cartoon to ever genuinely scare me, the brooding atmosphere goes well with the twisty, time-warping plot that gradually unfolds.

On the other side of that creep-a-thon is *Azumanga Daioh*, a charming comedy series about nothing more or less than the daily lives of some middle school girls. It doesn't have monsters or epic fights, but who can hate a show that's so down-to-earth yet manages to work in a giant hallucinated cat?

MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM MOVIE TRILOGY (Japan) 1981–1982, Bandai
List price: \$69.98 (three discs)

BOOGIEPOP PHANTOM (Japan) 2000, Right Stuf
List price: \$49.99 (five discs)

AZUMANGA DAI OH (Japan) 2002, ADV Films
List price: \$69.98 (six discs)

TONY WEIDINGER

Fourteen-year-old fan of Asian
action films

City of Violence has tons of non-stop action and massive battles. I like how the main character fought impossible odds. His fighting wasn't special, but his endurance was impressive. He just kept getting back up and fighting.

I like *The Promise* because of Nicholas Tse's bad guy who was very funny. I love characters that are funny but also very cool. Plus, it's fun to watch a guy fight with unusual weapons like fans with hidden daggers. He was unexpected in such a serious movie.

The *Death Note* movies are not really action but suspense and mystery, which I like. It's fun to watch the second film with all the plot twists. Any time the two main characters had a conversation, it was great. The grim reapers were cool looking — great CGI work. It was a good adaptation of manga and made you feel like you were watching live-action anime.

CITY OF VIOLENCE (South Korea) 2006, CJ Entertainment
List price: \$30.99 (import)

THE PROMISE (China/Japan/Hong Kong/South Korea) 2005, Warner Home Video
List price: \$27.98

DEATH NOTE AND DEATH NOTE: THE LAST NAME (Japan) 2006, Nippon Television Network
List price: \$19.99 each (imports)

VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive
(760-945-7469)

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NORTH COASTAL
CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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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.

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



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series's usual comedy scenes and action sequences while adding some black slime from outer space and a few new actors (Thomas Haden Church, Topher Grace) to the more familiar faces (Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, J.K. Simmons, Rosemary Harris). And a pile is what it feels like, especially when two superheroes ultimately join forces to defeat three supervillains. Given how bogus the movie is whenever it departs from formula, it's not surprising that the funniest bit (in which Peter Parker becomes a disco smoothie) is stolen from Jerry Lewis's *Nutty Professor* or that the best special effects, involving a gigantic Sandman, dimly echo *King Kong*. Director Sam Raimi tries to

pump some life into this dutiful enterprise but seems more than a little bored himself, especially when he's getting mushy about Spider-Man's moral decline and regeneration. — J.R.

Surf's Up — A surfing penguin heads for the tropics in this kids' feature, the second project from Sony Pictures' new animation unit (the first was *Open Season*). Writer-directors Ash Brannon (formerly of Pixar) and Chris Buck (formerly of Disney) couch the narrative as a reality TV show, with the usual joggling camera, impulsive zooms, and quick cutaways to talking-head interviews. The novelty wears off almost immediately, leaving this a real

chore to watch; there's something bizarre about low-budget spontaneity being replicated in such a labor-intensive medium. With the voices of Shia LaBeouf, Jeff Bridges, Zooey Deschanel, and Jon Heder. — 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.

La Vie en Rose — Reviewed this issue. With Marion Cotillard and Gérard Depardieu; directed by Olivier Dahan.

Waitress — The late Adrienne Shelly, best known for her roles in *Sleep With Me* and Hal Hartley's *Trust* and *The Unbelievable Truth*, wrote and directed half a dozen films, three of them features, but this tangy, resourceful comedy-drama is the first I've seen. Keri Russell plays a gifted pie baker and 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. — J.R.

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El embargo de casas ha aumentado a nivel nacional. El año pasado un millón de casas fueron repositadas por bancos, y estadísticas indican que este año habrá más

de dos millones de propiedades hipotecadas por la falta de pago.

San Diego no es la excepción en este triste episodio, tan sólo el pasado mes de abril hubo dos mil 612 declaraciones de embargo o "Foreclosure", este número se triplicó comparado con el 2006 y es siete veces más que en 2005.

Según estadísticas, las casas fueron embargadas porque los dueños no pudieron pagar, y muchos de esos casos son víctimas de fraude de bienes raíces.

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Gran viaje

Elcazar López

Diario San Diego

Un recorrido fantástico y a otros tiempos es lo que se podrá vivir en la exhibición de "Un viaje a la Edad del Cobre: Arqueología en Tierra Santa" que se inauguró este domingo 10 de junio en el Museo del Hombre de Balboa Park.

En esta exposición se pueden contemplar piezas del periodo calcolítico, unos 4 mil 500 a 3 mil 600 años antes de Cristo,

en donde sobresalen objetos para uso religioso, de uso diario y guerra.

La doctora Mari Lyn Salvador, directora del Museo del Hombre, explicó que esta exhibición está basada en las excavaciones del doctor Thomas Levi y la curadora es Katherine Ozment, además que es una colaboración que reúne a la ciencia y la arqueología con los objetos que excavó el doctor Thomas Levi.

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Pese a que se enviaron más elementos federales a la entidad, la semana pasada ejecutaron a otros dos hombres más en Tijuana, el primero de ellos se encontró en el fraccionamiento los Altos. El segundo en la colonia Valle de Rubi, en la delegación San Antonio de los Buenos, quien llevaba por nombre Sabino Hernández de 53 años de edad.

El hallazgo de la primera persona se realizó después de la una de la mañana, quien se encontraba sobre

la rampa Árabe, entre el libramiento Rosas Magallón y la calle Martín Camargo, de la colonia Los Altos.

El hombre estaba envuelto en un tapete y a su vez en varias cobijas, presentaba múltiples heridas producidas por arma punzo cortante en la espalda, tetilla y antebrazo derecho.

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Decepción

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Después de que el pasado jueves se vinieron abajo las expectativas de lograr una reforma migratoria humana y justa, activistas de San Diego critican labor de senadores.

Mientras las senadoras de California, Barbara Boxer y Dianne Feinstein, defendieron el trabajo realizado del Congreso, ningún partido logró llegar a un acuerdo para debatir la ley migratoria.

Boxer no apoyó la propuesta de ley por encontrarla injusta y con fallas, su decisión, al igual que la de varios congresistas demócratas, causó enorme frustración.

Dianne Feinstein echó la culpa a las miles de

cartas de odio y la propaganda racista que se unieron al boicot de esta propuesta a la que calificaban erróneamente como amnistía.

Después del duro revés que causó el Senado, al poner freno al debate migratorio, las expectativas para lograr una ley migratoria se han fijado en la Cámara Baja del Congreso.

"Se ve difícil y casi imposible que se logre algo antes de agosto porque después del verano empieza el periodo electoral, y el tema migratorio no se va a tocar hasta el 2009", dijo Christian Ramírez, presidente del Comité de Amigos Americanos.



Rey charro

Diario San Diego

Vicente Fernández demostró una vez más el pasado sábado en el anfiteatro del Coors que sigue siendo el rey en San Diego.

Ante una impresionante asistencia, el charro interpretó sus más reconocidos éxitos, los cuales fueron coreados con certeza y gritos, y algunos valientes hasta bailaron algunas de sus canciones por los pasillos del Coors.

Con una escenografía de una hacienda, en la cual se proyectaban imágenes de Guadalajara, y con el nombre de su famoso rancho, 'Los tres potrillos', Vicente Fernández se reafirmó como uno de los cantantes preferidos del público de San Diego y Tijuana.

No bastaron las enormes colas de hasta una

hora en carro para entrar al concierto, el fin era escuchar al que es considerado uno de los últimos ídolos mexicanos de la canción ranchera.

El cantante lo mismo atrajo a familias enteras que a menores de edad acompañados de sus padres, que desde el fondo de su pecho les afloró lo mexicano y el grito de ¡viva México! en algunas de las canciones de 'Chente'.

Portando un traje color perla claro, con adornos y empistolado, Vicente Fernández interpretó 'Lástima que seas ajena', 'El último trago', 'Ella', 'Sin un amor', 'La ley del monte', 'Acá entre nos', 'Hermoso cariño', las cuales fueron cantadas por la mayoría de los asistentes.



¡Qué pena!

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Carlos Costly, delantero del fútbol polaco, anotó dos goles, uno en el minuto 91, para dar a Honduras una victoria de 2-1 sobre México en el segundo juego dentro de la Copa de Oro.

El portero Oswaldo Sánchez le quitó la pelota a Carlos Pavón, pero el delantero fingió una falta que el árbitro costarricense Walter Quesada reconoció y decretó un penal, inexistente según el video. Emilio Izaguirre estrelló la pelota en el palo.

México aprovechó una de las patadas fuertes fue en el área, de Izaguirre a Alberto Medina, que el oficial sí reconoció como penalti, cobró

do bien en el minuto 29 por Cuauhtémoc Blanco, para el 0-1.

Apenas iniciado el segundo tiempo, Blanco dio un codazo a un rival y fue expulsado, lo que dejó a México con un hombre menos en la cancha.

Honduras retomó el entusiasmo y en el 58 volvió a acercarse a la igualdad por intermedio de Pavón, quien llegó con ventaja al área, mas envió el balón fuera; dos minutos más tarde, Carlos Costly se sacudió al portero y tocó de pierna zurda al ángulo para el 1-1.

La decisión llegó en el descuento; en un tiro de esquina, Costly de desmarcó y remató de cabeza para vencer al portero.

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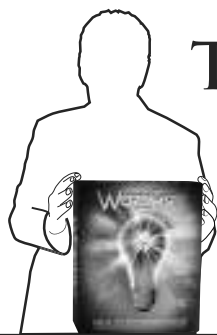
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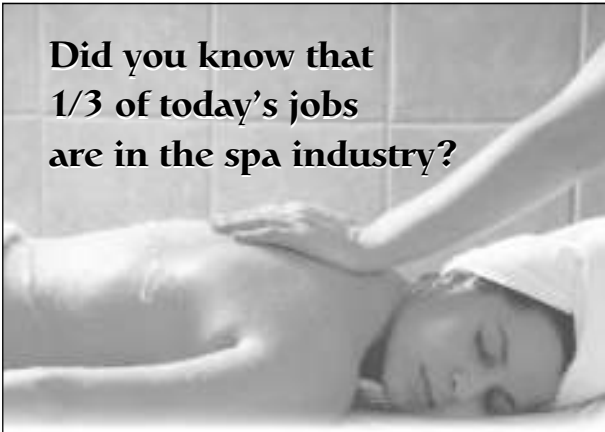
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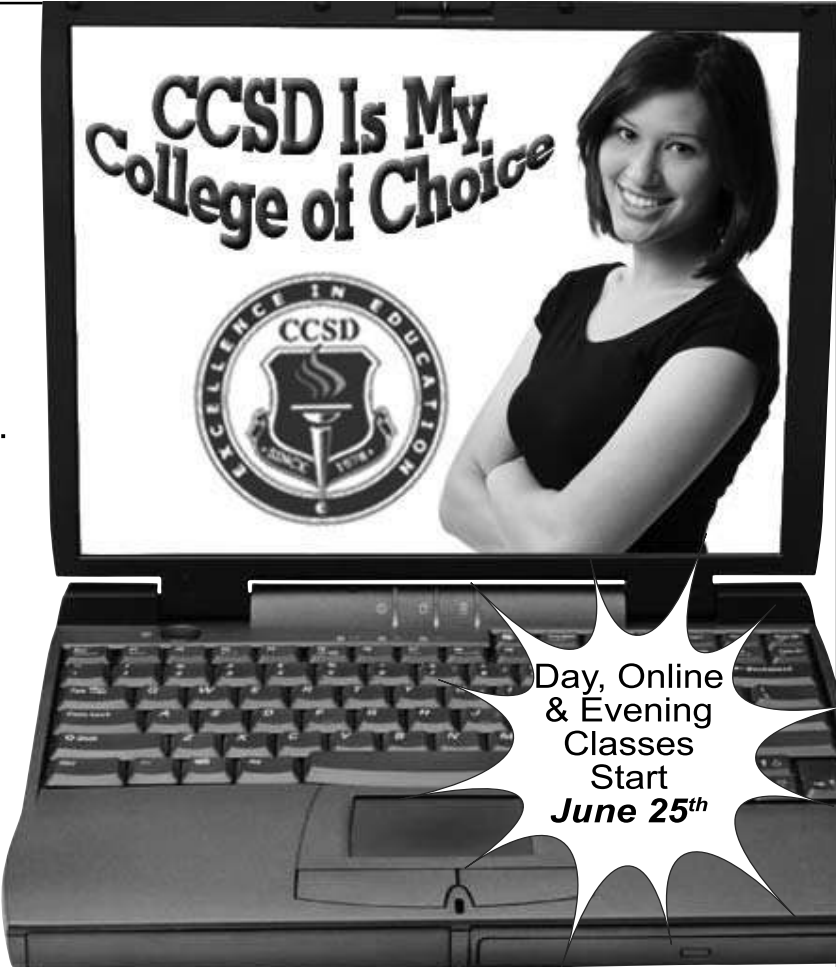
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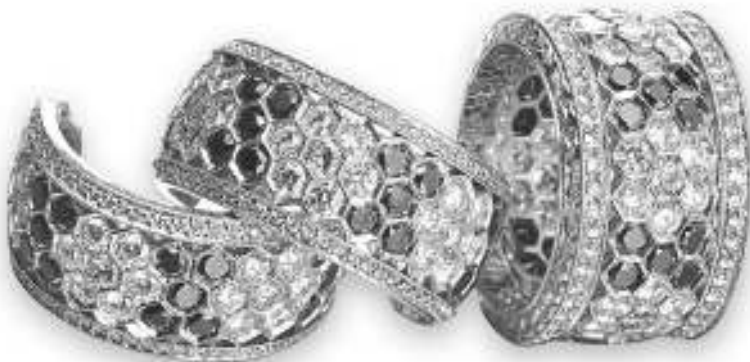
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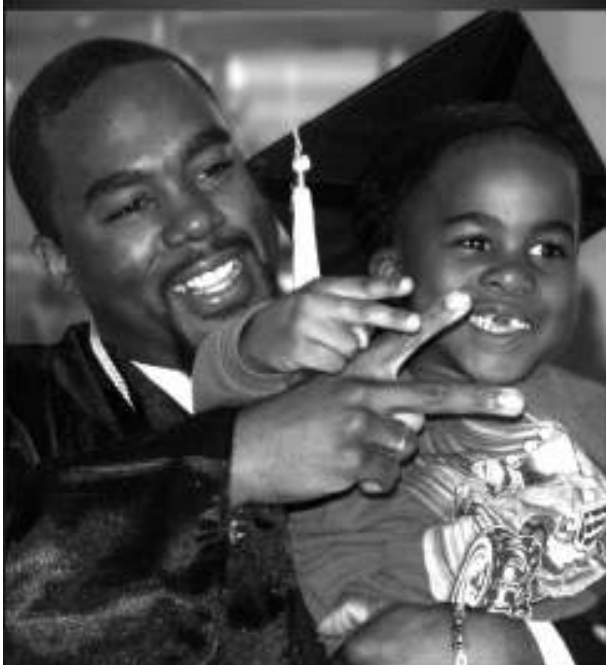
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 - 11. Some laptops
 - 14. Point of contention
 - 15. Ghana's capital
 - 16. Duracell option
 - 17. Done, in pugilist-speak
 - 20. Ballerina's garb
 - 21. Zhou of China
 - 22. Near failure, in pugilist-speak
 - 28. Politico Bayh
 - 29. Employment agency list
 - 30. Debra of "Will & Grace"
 - 32. Fish market feature
 - 33. It may be chipped
 - 35. Play unfairly, in pugilist-speak
 - 42. Singer Crystal
 - 43. Pawnee ally
 - 44. Composer Puccini
 - 48. "Miracle on 34th Street" director
 - 50. Sci. of the heavens
 - 51. Dazed, in pugilist-speak
 - 54. Handbag part
 - 56. Clown shoe width
 - 57. Fighting words, in pugilist-speak
 - 64. Ashram sounds
 - 65. Senator who wrote "The Audacity of Hope"
 - 66. Bounded
 - 67. Something to be picked
 - 68. Mosaic artist
 - 69. Go into

- Down**
- 1. In need of a lift
 - 2. El Dorado's treasure
 - 3. Word in four U.S. state names
 - 4. Columnist Landers
 - 5. Roof supporter
 - 6. Keep an _____ the ground
 - 7. Be bratty
 - 8. Ed. provider
 - 9. Before, of yore
 - 10. Shoestring
 - 11. Pope of 1963-78
 - 12. Ancient land on the Dead Sea
 - 13. Hitting the spot
 - 18. Yours and mine
 - 19. Change for a five
 - 22. Eager student's cry
 - 23. Insect nests
 - 24. Easy run
 - 25. It may be used in a pinch
 - 26. Ham it up
 - 27. Linebacker Joyner
 - 31. Devil or wolf preceder
 - 33. "What's it _____?"

- 34. Tootsie Pop ad creature
- 36. Conceit
- 37. Street fixture
- 38. Luau entree
- 39. Accusatory Latin phrase
- 40. Wacko
- 41. Race of about 6.2 mi.
- 44. "Beauty and the Beast" villain
- 45. Panama and others
- 46. Idle
- 47. Rugged cliff
- 48. Big Apple ballpark
- 49. English Channel swimmer
- Gertrude
- 52. Estonian conductor Jarvi
- 53. Activist Chavez
- 55. Scheme
- 58. Geisha's sash
- 59. Kilmer of "The Doors"
- 60. Ages and ages
- 61. Make a choice
- 62. Payment
- 63. Pres. from Hyde Park

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- 7. One entry per person.

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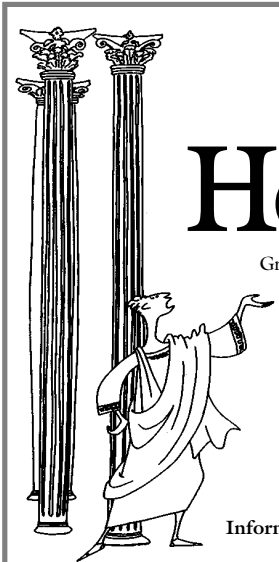
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Q: Mike's plane-tiff?

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Arthur Thomas
 Hairstylist
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It would be a convertible Bentley. I've only driven one once. They're really comfortable. The Rolls-Royce isn't comfortable to drive, although it's nice to be in the back seat of. The Bentley is like sitting on a cloud. The seat conforms to you. If I win the lottery, I'll buy a cobalt blue one, with camel interior. A free-range camel. They even have extra leather in case you damage it. The cars start at \$350,000 and get up to half a million.



Rick Conners
 Sales Clerk
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My favorite car, since I was a kid, has been the 1966 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow. You see a lot of them in silver, but I'd prefer a white one. I've never actually driven one, but I have been in the back seat. It's not a very comfortable ride, but it's a beautiful car. There's something about it. Back in the day, it was the original status car. I think it sold for around \$19,700 and showed you had money.



Andy Digerress
 Car Dealer
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A '61 Lincoln Continental sedan convertible. The first year with suicide doors and last production car totally designed by one person — Elwood Engel. I could probably find one all tricked out for \$20,000 to \$25,000. But it wouldn't be good on gas mileage, and I'd have to keep it garaged. I have a family, so what's the point? If money wasn't an issue with my dream car, I'd take a 2005 Ford GT40. Those are \$183,000. It's a redesign of a '66 to '69 that they raced. The 40 means it's 40 inches tall.



Shaggy Moroyoqui
 Reconditioning Manager
 Escondido

I wanted a 2007 Range Rover, with navigation, all the options. It can fit my baby, my mother-in-law, wife, a stroller in the back. The ultimate dream car I would have to design myself. I'd call it the MMM — triple Ms — for my wife's name, my name, and our baby. It would have a big front end, huge trunk, 26-inch wheels, and be 3 or 4 inches from the ground.



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Derek Vail
 Construction
 Chico

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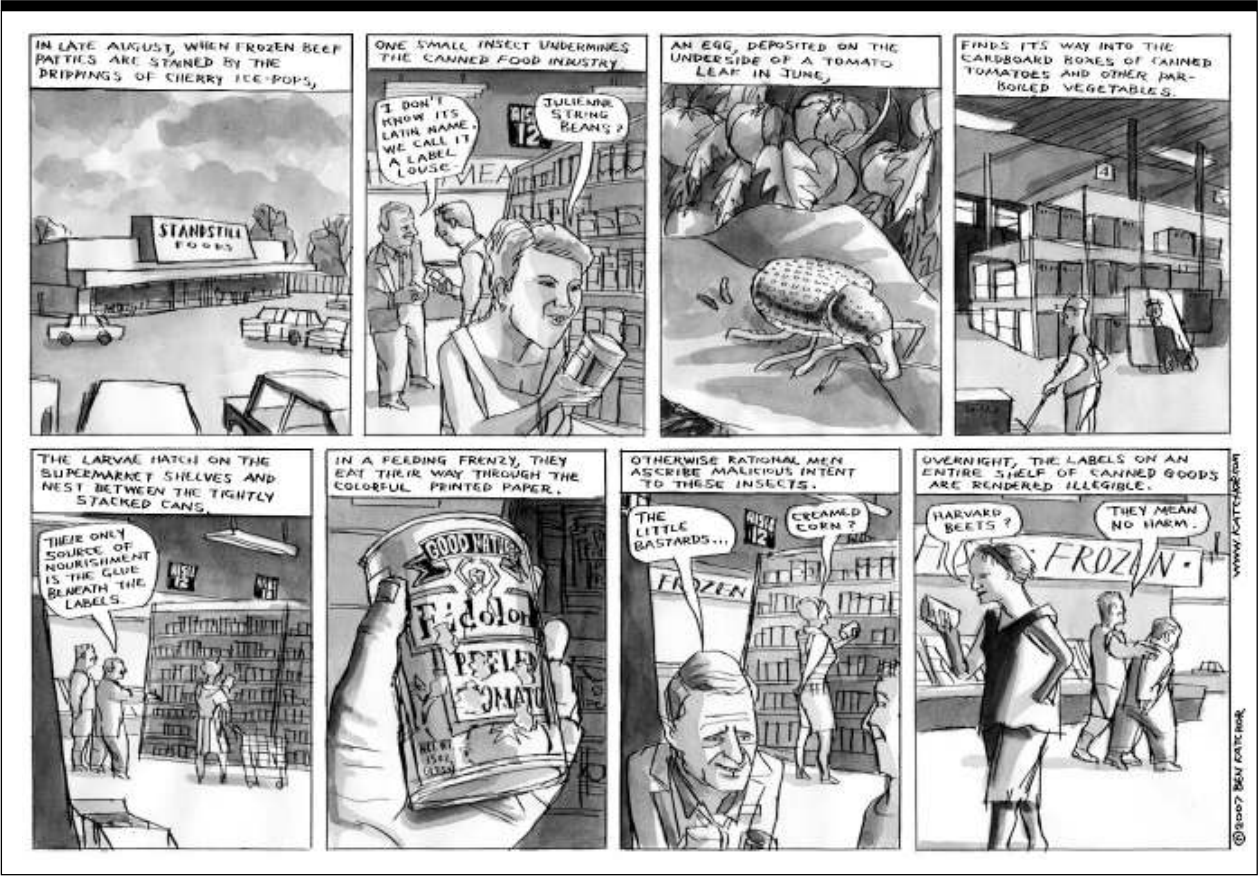
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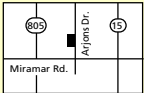
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Name: **Onika Miyashiro**

Home: **Pacific Beach**

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Onika Miyashiro surfs competitively — a couple years ago she took second place in the Junior Women's category of the PB Surf Club's Summer Longboard Classic. Onika, 22, has surfed since she was 12. Her favorite spots are Pipes, Swami's, and Tourmaline.

Her pickup is a 1992 Dodge Dakota. The bed of the truck contains all of her gear. Her 9'1" Sullivant board fits back there without the use of a rack. A gray Tupperware tub contains her clean clothes and keeps them neat and organized. She doesn't use a separate tub to carry her Body Glove "Crush" 3/2 mm wetsuit. "I just throw it in the back," she says, because the pickup has a plastic bed liner that prevents rust. Between two metal clips on the passenger's side of the cargo area, she's stretched a bungee cord that acts as a clothesline



to hang her wet swimsuits. Onika's seen a lot of crazy things during her ten years in the surf. "There are a lot of fights, mostly verbal confrontations, but some have ended up as fistfights on the beach. Other than

that, there are a lot of animals out there. I saw a guy get knocked off his board by a dive-bombing pelican." Besides pelicans, Onika says kite surfers have become a hazard. "Kite surfers can get up a lot of speed, and

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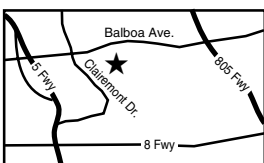


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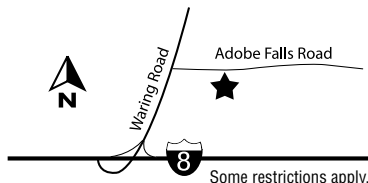
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LINDA VISTA. \$1295. Partially furnished 2 bedroom condo, remodeled unit. Granite countertops, hardwoods, new appliances. Quiet community, security gates. Near USD. No pets. Craig, 858-401-0557.

LINDA VISTA. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment on Hyatt Street. Washer/dryer hook-up. Balcony/patio area. 2nd floor. Stove and refrigerator. Call 858-598-1111 x193. www.utopiamanagement.com.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Top floor unit at River Scene with fireplace, balcony, river view, vaulted ceilings. 510 Camino de la Reina. Available 6/26. 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION VALLEY. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Dining area, built-in shelving. 5910 Rancho Mission Road. Available now. No pets. 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Skylight, fireplace, air conditioning, appliances. Keyed entry. 6755 Mission Gorge Road. 858-457-0397.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1100. \$300 off first month! 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Spacious, lower unit in Mission Ridge. Fully equipped kitchen. Gas fireplace. Covered parking. Many community amenities! Cat OK. 10325 Caminito Cuervo. 619-793-4010. Shown by appointment, Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm. rasnyr-der.com.

MISSION VALLEY/West. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walk to USD. Ground-floor, 2 courtyards, laundry, parking. Cat considered. \$950 plus deposit. Andy, 619-405-7800.

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MISSION VALLEY. \$1745. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1-car garage. All appliances. Air conditioning. Hardwood floors. Fireplace. Tennis/pool. Small pet. Rancho Mission Road. Available late June. Agent, 619-692-4121.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, lower level, patio, hardwood floors, all upgrades, washer/dryer in unit, carport, community pool, tennis, rec room. 7930 Mission Centre Court #B. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 1 bedroom, \$1025, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking. 4840 West Mountain View Drive #1 and #8. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. 1 bedroom, \$750, studio. Downstairs. Gated complex. Laundry on-site. Parking. 4429 Idaho Street #2 and #10A. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$200 off first month! 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4774 33rd Street #5. \$795/month deposit \$795. Dishwasher, air, washer/dryer. Off-street parking. No pets. Cassidy, Broker, 619-275-LIST. www.timcassidy.com.

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NORTH PARK. \$1025 and \$1075. Upper unit, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, with garage. Fireplace, balcony. Newer secure building. Laundry on-site. Patio. New paint. 760-796-7685.

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NORTH PARK. \$1100, 1 bedroom apartment. Open Saturdays, 12-3pm. Move-in special! \$500 off 1st month's rent! Air conditioning, bamboo floors, Travertine bath, stainless steel appliances, granite counters. Pool, off-street parking. No pets. 4050 Swift Avenue. Call 619-247-0036.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom. Everything brand new! \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Low deposit. Gated entry. Laundry. Swimming pool. Off-street parking. No pets. 4133 Kansas. Alex, 619-823-8922 or 619-718-6565.

NORTH PARK. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, pets OK. Hardwood floors throughout, garage, all appliances, washer/dryer hookups. Jim, 619-741-4378.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special: \$500 off first month! 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Newly renovated. Pool, on-site laundry, parking. Elevator. Available now. \$1295. Call 619-543-0730. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. Huge 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 3919 Florida Street. \$795/month, \$700/deposit. \$200 off first months rent. 619-501-9301.

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NORTH PARK. \$775. Downstairs 1 bedroom. Gated 12-unit. Large living room. Dining area. Walk-in closet. Off-street parking. Laundry. Cats OK. www.goldhenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

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NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$675 rent. \$600 deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. Parking lot. No pets. At 3033 Monroe Avenue. 619-299-8515.

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NORTH PARK. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs unit. Laundry on site. No pets or smoking. Deposit \$1000. Call 619-640-6958.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs corner unit. Laundry on-site. Available 6/27. No pets. 4070 Iowa Street. 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

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I don’t need to point out how shallow this is. I mean, a personal ad is superficial by design, but, to my credit, I didn’t go as far as those charmers who say “No Fat Chicks” or an equivalently smarmy statement. I did include a reference to a humble career choice and knowledge of musical trivia, and ain’t no shame in my game when I say that when I was 21, all I wanted was a hot tattooed guy. Color me pleasantly surprised to find that my personal ad proved effective.

I carefully screened the voice-mail messages provided to me by the *San Francisco Bay Guardian* service. Anyone who sounded like a loose cannon or a Muppet, I deleted. It was difficult without a picture to go on, in those ancient pre-Match.com days, but back then I would have willingly dated any number of Muppets if they were rockin’ the Tres Flores and a vintage guayabera. And Lord knows I found my fair share of loose cannons without any assistance, thank you very much.

My first date was with a guy called George, on the day that Bill Clinton became president. Incidentally, that was also the last time I voted in any sort of election. I wonder if my later dis-

illusionment with politics had anything to do with my disappointment with personal ads. George was thin and pale and wore a leather jacket over his tattooed arms. Not only was he my favorite kind of proletarian (a carpenter), but he was in a workers’ union. And he had a big ol’ union sticker on his truck with one of those impossibly long, romantic titles like, “San Francisco Brotherhood of the Order of Carpenters and Welders and Other Sweaty, Muscular Men in Wife-Beaters with Pomaded Hair, Local Number 345.”

In 1992, nothing made me sweat more than this kind of man, the kind who controlled the means of production. We went out twice, and I even met his father, a sweet and erudite man with a beautiful home in the hills who seemed thrilled with the idea of me as his daughter-in-law. Everything was going great.

Sadly, this was my first hard lesson in one of the truisms of personal ad dating. If the guy is not married, gay, or afflicted with some hideous deformity, chances are he is

embroiled in some elaborate come-back-to-me dance with his sort-of ex-girlfriend. I am firmly convinced that 90 percent of men who place personal ads do so immediately following the discovery that all of their shit is in a milk crate on the sidewalk outside their apartment with a note saying, “Go die.”

The man does not want to break up, but his masculine pride is so deeply wounded that he places the ad strictly on a knee-jerk, primordial “I’ll show you” kind of reaction. By the time the ad hits the streets (or the Internet, these days), the guy has already called the girlfriend to beg her forgiveness 40 times and may have even shown up outside her window hoisting aloft his boom box blaring Peter Gabriel’s “In Your Eyes.” But she is stalwart, and the dejected beau figures he might as well get a little if he can, since they are “on a break,” as it were.

When the hapless ad respondee arrives on the scene, a woman should check for signs of a “lost weekend” (the smell of alcohol, rumpled clothes, less-than-close shave, mumbled ramblings about

“that bitch,” etc.). If the conversation turns to the recent breakup, the ex-girlfriend, or the custody battle (be it over children, pets, or CDs) more than twice, consider this a red flag. Be advised that you are probably no more than a brief distraction during the course of a month-long bender that will likely end in a phone call to you saying, “I can’t see you anymore; I got back together with Stacy. She begged me, and I felt kinda bad for her.”

So George reconciled with his ex, and I never heard from him again. More than once I have wondered if his father still has that great house in the San Francisco hills.

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— One party active in the recent elections in India’s Uttar Pradesh state represents the interests of “dead” people. Lal Bihari, 48, works on behalf of an estimated 40,000 living people who have been victims of relatives having declared them legally dead, usually in order to inherit their property. Once the government accepts such a declaration, the legal system in India is too slow, crowded, and corrupt to bring that person back to “life.” Bihari himself “officially” died in 1976, and despite several schemes (such as kidnapping a cousin in order to be arrested and thus proven to be living), he remained “dead” until his proof of life was accepted in 2004.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— (1) Among the latest of Taipei’s quirkily styled restaurants (according to an April Reuters dispatch) is the D.S. Music hospital-themed eatery, where diners sit around beds, are served by “nurses,” and drink from IV lines hooked up to “medicine” in containers hung from the ceiling. (2) Earlier this year, Britain’s Ann Summers sex-product company announced it would stop selling its remote-controlled Love Bug 2 personal vibrator in Cyprus after Cypriot military officials complained that the device’s signals were interfering with army radio transmissions. — Leading Economic Indicator: The Japanese company Kongo Gumi closed its doors at the end of 2006, the victim of having borrowed too much money in the 1990s for the country’s real estate boom. Kongo Gumi had been under continuous ownership of the same family since the year 578, according to *Business Week*, which noted that for over 1400 of those years, Kongo Gumi had stuck to its signature business of building Buddhist temples. The company failed when it branched out into the unfamiliar field of real estate.

New Frontiers in Medicine

— A woman in Columbia University’s hospital had her gallbladder removed in March not by traditional abdominal surgery but by running instruments through her vagina, according to an April *New York Times* report. Doctors said that abdominal-muscle cuts are painful and slow to heal,

and that surgeons are considering using the body’s other natural openings for some procedures. (In a landmark 2004 operation, doctors in India removed a patient’s appendix through the mouth.) Still, a female New York University surgeon said the idea of gallbladder surgery through the vagina is “repulsive.” — In May, doctors at Schneider Children’s Hospital in New York, operating on a three-year-old girl, removed a brain tumor that had made her one of a small number of people in the world to suffer from a syndrome that caused her to laugh uncontrollably when experiencing a seizure. Her mother described the girl’s facial expression before the corrective surgery as similar to that of the Batman character the Joker.

Oops!

— Spectacular: (1) Last year (according to a March 2007 Associated Press report), a computer technician for the Alaska Department of Revenue accidentally erased a disc containing all the data for paying the state’s 600,000 residents their annual oil-revenue dividends, and a duplicate disc was also erased, and the fail-safe backup tape was discovered to be unreadable. It took two months of around-the-clock work for state employees to re-computerize all paper records. (2) London’s *Daily Mail* reported in April that it was probably a 17-year-old apprentice plumber, on his first day of work, who mishandled a blow torch and started the fire that quickly burned to the ground a waterside mansion in Devon, England, worth the equivalent of about \$9.8 million. — John Brandrick told London’s *Daily Telegraph* in May that he will seek compensation from Royal Cornwall Hospital in Treliske, England, because he’s still alive. He was diagnosed in 2006 with pancreatic cancer, with about a year to live, and he quit his job, stopped paying his bills, and used his life’s savings to enjoy his last days. However, he was recently told he merely had (non-fatal) pancreatitis, and now he’s broke.

Weird Science

— A team of biologists from Yale University and the University of Sheffield in England reported in April that some species of ducks have genitalia

so complex that they provide the female with unusually effective mating control. Both the male and female sex organs are sort of corkscrew-shaped, but the female’s spirals in the opposite direction, allowing her (in the event of rape or opportunistic, nonmating sex) to “lock down” her procreative organs. Only when the female relaxes, the researchers point out, can sperm approach her eggs.

Recurring Themes

— Just Shoot Me: Men continue to consider that having themselves shot (nonfatally, of course) might provide them sympathy and a valid excuse to avoid some unpleasant task. In February, John Amos wanted pal Emanuel Houston to shoot him to get his upcoming rape trial in Martins Ferry, W.Va., postponed, but Houston refused, and the two then struggled over the gun until Amos forced Houston’s hand (and the gun) against Amos’s stomach and pressed on Houston’s finger. ... In May, in Baltimore, police said two college students had a third shoot them so they could avoid an onerous fraternity hazing ritual, but then later confessed that they are National Guardsmen and had themselves shot to avoid deployment to Iraq. (A National Guard spokesman said there is no deployment scheduled for their unit.)

Least Competent Jailers

— Timothy Rouse, 19 (who had been charged with assaulting an elderly person), was matter-of-factly released from the Kentucky Correctional and Psychiatric Center in LaGrange in April after jailers accepted as official a crudely written, ungrammatical fax ordering him freed, supposedly from the state supreme court but whose originating line clearly showed a local grocery store. Furthermore, it took the jailers two weeks to realize they had been scammed. (Fortunately, Rouse was easily re-arrested at his mother’s house.)

The Weirdo American Community

— New York public-access TV personality “Glen-dora” has filed a lawsuit against a Cablevision employee who allegedly bad-mouthed her to

sponsors, and her latest filing, detailed in May by *New York Law Journal*, consists of (according to Yonkers Civil Court judge Charles Wood) 360 handwritten pages, “completely irrelevant,” with “multiple copies of a 60-year-old photo of the plaintiff with Bob Hope,” “sheet music,” “commentary about the impressive geographic expanse of the City of Yonkers,” “details of how she ‘writhed’ while her chauffeur shot insulin into his abdomen,” “an account of a near-miss with a deer on the Taconic State Parkway,” “jokes,” and “threats or exhortations to ‘sue judges.’” Wood barred her from further filings without his approval.

Update

— *Zoo*, a movie about men in quasi-romantic relationships with animals (based on the farm near Enumclaw, Wash., that was the site of the 2005 death of a horse-lover), was released in April and is generally not judgmental toward the human characters, according to a May review in Slate.com. “[Zoophilia]’s just like if you love your wife,” said one of the men, and, “You’re connecting with another intelligent being,” said another. The characters throw parties that resemble mundane, all-male, suburban nights out. “These were people I could trust,” said one. “I’d invite them to my home. [I] did... Thanksgiving, I did Christmas dinners.” However, noted the reviewer, the bonhomie was interrupted when one suggested, “Hey, let’s go out to the barn and pester the animals.”

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) In April, a woman in Braintree, England, took her two-and-a-half-year-old son to local firefighters (according to a Reuters dispatch) to ask if they would remove the toilet seat that had become tightly stuck to his head. (No explanation was reported.) (2) In February, Norwegian artist Jan Christensen placed his latest work, *Relative Value*, at a gallery in Oslo, but it was quickly stolen. The piece contained about \$16,300 worth of Norwegian money stuck to it.

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Thirty Years Ago

Ruby Yamada was born in Omu, a village of northernmost Japan, in May of 1903, and then came to the United States when she was 20 years old. A short time later she dared to smoke cigarettes. If it hadn't been for the United States and for the freedom it made her feel, she says she would never have taken a habit so disapproved of by her strict mother. Remembering her mother, Ruby still doesn't drink, but she continues to smoke, and can be quite daring for a woman who is 74 and no taller than a pool cue.

She runs the ABC Club, a pool hall at Fifth and Market in downtown San Diego, the sort of neighborhood where you can't always get insurance for a plate-glass window. Tonight is Tuesday; Ruby Yamada will be here until two a.m. as she has been most nights since 1934, managing the bar, racking balls, and mixing herself cups of instant coffee from her bronze teapot.

—“THEY DON'T PLAY LIKE THEY USED TO,”

Robert Paul, June 16, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Perhaps Chief Kolender can be forgiven if he didn't recognize Chadwick that evening several weeks ago; after all, she hasn't been in the spotlight much lately.

[I]n August of 1950, she swam the 21-mile-wide channel in 13 hours 20 minutes, breaking by 1 hour and 19 minutes a women's record set by Gertrude Ederle in 1926.... [I]n 1951, she became the first woman to swim it

from England to France.

When she was six years old, her parents enrolled her in a swimming class at the Mission Beach Swimming School.... [A]fter a few months she entered her first competition.... The race was over in a matter of minutes and Chadwick was humiliated; she finished last. Several months later she raced again, this time in a pool in San Clemente. Again she finished last.

—“AGAINST THE CURRENT,” Kathryn Phillips,

June 17, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

The county of San Diego may soon tighten its regulation of bed-and-breakfast homes, thanks to the influence of a small group of people living in the Pine Hills area near Julian. One of these people is *Tribune* editor Neil Morgan.

“Even among the placid forests of Pine Hills, the natives are fuming about growth: in this case, bed-and-breakfasts,” wrote Morgan in his January 27 column. “By late count, 27 guest homes and B&Bs operate in the woods of Julian country.” Morgan didn't mention that he was one of the fuming natives, that he owns a home in the Pine Hills community, and that the guy next door has opened a bed-and-breakfast operation.

—CITY LIGHTS: “MR. MORGAN'S NEIGHBORHOOD,”

Brae Canlen, June 18, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

On the day that I was to visit the Flame, an all-women's bar on Park Boulevard, my phone

hardly stopped ringing.

“The important thing is your hair,” one friend advised. “Absolutely positively you can't have long hair. Pull it back in a ponytail or hide it under a cap.”

“No skirts. If you want to fit in, pants only and a T-shirt.”

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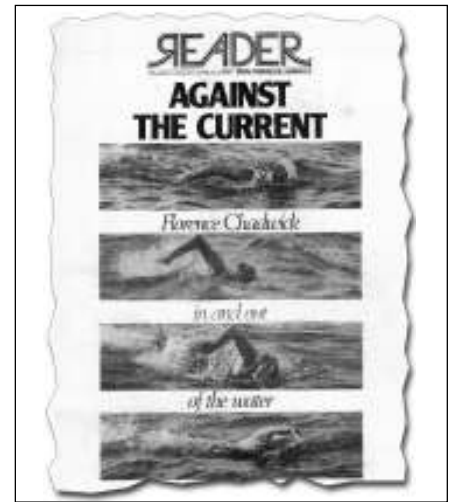
The last call came from a close male friend who asked gloomily, “What will you do if someone grabs you?”

—“STRAIGHT IN THE FLAME,” Eleanor Widmer,

June 18, 1992

Ten Years Ago

On the last day of summer when the ground was as hard as adobe, I hacked down into it and brought up worms so I could enslave them in the compost trade. I felt I could give worms a better life and a good job. I bought them a glass terrarium. I covered them with soil that stuck together like brown sugar. I fed them moist flowers, bruised peaches, freckled banana peels, and wet tomato cores. For them I saved the pungent rinds of my oranges and the cold peels of my cucumbers. Mold like black fur began to coat the soil. Very little seemed to be going on. I fed them less. I worried they would starve. Then I read in a children's book that worm pets should be fed every six weeks with “a bit of oatmeal and a



San Diego Reader, June 17, 1982

few decaying leaves.”

—“VAMPIRES ON MY FRONT PORCH,” Laura McNeal,

June 12, 1997

Five Years Ago

I'm responding to the article of Robert Krumpel on hotel porn (“City Lights,” June 6). I can't believe how out of touch and what an old fart and loser he must be to even bother to write this article, as though naming the hotels that offer porn is some kind of public service. Jesus Christ, obviously everybody wants it, so why doesn't he get a clue and why don't you as editors get a clue that this is what people want, and don't try to make a moral issue out of it, and just back off. Then you won't look so stupid and out of touch.

—LETTERS: “PORN,” James Dreyfus, Saratoga,

June 13, 2002

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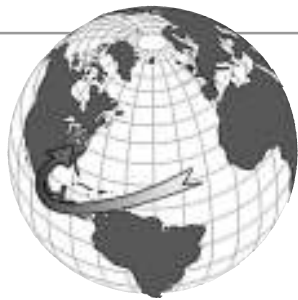
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So, a guy — let's call him Mr. Teacher — at the school where I often pose nude for figure-drawing classes asked if I would be willing to work with him on an art project. He sent me pictures of his sculptures: very tasteful and...bland, the kind of thing that hangs in your dentist's waiting room. *He's a faculty member*, I thought. *It can't be creepy.*

To start, he asked me to dance around in a circle for 20 minutes. Naked. Apparently he does profile capturing, where you record someone moving and then render them as a 3-D image; it's like motion capture for the movies, only without the little reflective dots glued all over you. About halfway through, I started thinking about a phone call I got a year or so ago.

I was in a documentary film about the 1893 Chicago World's Fair; I played "Little Egypt," America's first belly dancer. The film is okay and the costuming would make a historian weep, but it was fun. So when I got this call from a guy who said he wanted to make a movie about belly dancing, I was interested.

"We have other videos in the series," he told me. "There's a yoga one, too. Usually I interview you for about 30 minutes and then we do a little skit — very humorous. I write them myself."

On his website, I found descriptions of his oeuvre. There were references to tickling, a few to wrestling (including something called a "scrotum hold"), and a disturbing page full of references to living mannequins. "A set of April photos with her in a sexy red dress, looking as fake as ever," trumpets one caption. I had visions of the video shoot with Mr. Teacher ending up on a website for \$29.95: "Nude circle dancing, just as fake as ever!"

When he had enough footage, he asked me to pose the way I do in a standard drawing class. Only instead of using a sketchpad, he brought out a stack of marble slabs, the kind you use to tile your kitchen counter. I appreciate art from natural materials, so he was still getting the benefit of the doubt. "That's good," he said. "Hold it." He dug through his bag and triumphantly pulled out...a drill. "Okay, don't move," he said, and lowered the half-inch bit toward the marble slab. A horrible screeching noise ensued.

Tiring of the drill, he started chipping at the marble with a pair of scissors, then tossed them away and reached for a box of oil pastels. He drew with sweeping arm gestures and then announced, "Done!" Mr. Teacher turned his work dramatically toward me.

It was a stick figure. "Do you want to see my inspiration?" he said. He showed me a stack of pictures of Paleolithic cave drawings — elongated figures with short arms that held spears ready to throw. Rather than asking him why on earth he needed a model to draw stick figures, I just

nodded, thinking, *The sooner this is over, the better.*

Eventually, Mr. Teacher asked if I would mind doing some "life-casting." That's when someone wraps part of your body in plaster strips; it's very popular with pregnant bellies. I tried a variety of poses, hoping to find something that would spur his imagination. "I'm looking for something *muscular*," he



said, then his eyes sank to my chest. "Are those real?"

"Yes," I managed.

"Excellent," he enthused.

"Do you have any children?"

"No," I said, reclining uncomfortably.

"That's good. When you don't have kids, you can act like you're single." He began ripping plaster sheets into five-inch strips.

"How long have you and your wife been married?" I

asked, hoping to remind him that he wasn't, in fact, single.

"Too long," he said, and began dipping the plaster in a bowl of water. "She doesn't like art. We live very separate lives," he said mournfully, and spread the first clammy sheet over my breast.

Usually, when I'm posing for art classes or the occasional photographer, I'm not even aware of being naked;

when I was a child, my mother was certain I was destined for a nudist colony. The artists are friendly and shy and painfully aware of the present situation. I liken it to what happens when an amputee walks in; suddenly, everybody notices that someone in the room is missing

something vital. Rather than draw attention to the lack, you ignore it and draw maturity around you like a veil. Everyone has a part to play.

But with Mr. Teacher, I was naked, and reminded of my vulnerability — the nudity not just of my body, but of my faith in other people.

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“Putting in the Seed”

Yuppies are starting to retire. We were the first generation after the wars and the Depression to enjoy what previously was only afforded to the very rich — the “privilege” of not having to worry about starving to death. The postwar prosperity enjoyed by our parents permitted them to indulge us. We’re the first generation for a long while to have leisure time left over from the struggle to survive.

My generation were spoiled children, fortunate, and yet often discontented with our riches. Many of us not interested in buying yachts or in living behind the walls of gated senior communities are discovering the contentment of gardening.

This week, I am putting in the last of the seeds of Spring. Some tomatoes, planted (impatiently) too early in April, germinated despite the final chills of winter

and are now ready to transplant to the garden. And I planted rooted cuttings of mums and geraniums. Most of the sunflowers, directly sowed into chilly ground, failed to awaken. So my final “putting in the seed” will involve planting the last precious sunflower seeds.

Some end-of-Springtime rituals remind me that there is life after a professional career. I survived years of being a slave to “the Man.” And now I’ve got the leisure time to become a slave to a new passion — putting in seeds in Springtime.

POST DATE: February 20, 2007
POST TITLE: Choosing the
Ground

In olden days, book titles used to be informative, descriptive, and more flowery than a host of heavenly winged cherubs, tipping baskets of fragrant Valentine’s Day flowers over the heads of naked, pink, modestly entwined Rubenesque lovers.

In 1855, Kerby & Son, 190 Oxford Street, London, published a book by Mrs. Loudon (author of *The Ladies’ Companion to the Flower Garden* and *Gardening for*

Ladies) with the descriptive title *My Own Garden — The Young Gardener’s Yearbook*.

Things seem to run on idyllically well at first: “Almost all young people are fond of a garden, and as gardening is a fine



healthy exercise, it is desirable to encourage a taste for it as much as possible; consequently there are few persons, I believe, who have a family, who, if they have any quantity of garden ground to themselves, do not set aside a small portion of it for their children.”

But soon it takes a darker turn. The author veers down into the exhaustively outlined, “Book I: January, February, and March. Chapter 1: Choosing the Ground

and Selecting Implements and Instruments,” and her suddenly sinister voice regretfully informs us, “The months of January and February count for very little in a garden. It is especially [*sic*] quite impossible for any boy or girl to

work in the open air when the ground is hard with frost, as it generally is in the month of January, or covered with snow as it often is in February.”

Now, it would be a relatively cheap shot to compare and contrast this with her distractingly exhaustive titles and to conclude her message was an allegory-free fairy tale. But consider: she was intentionally sowing her moral

lesson just short of too shallowly to germinate in her readers’ collective subconscious minds. Reread the sentence above and see it suddenly blossom into a metaphor of the trials and tribulations of the young gardeners’ coming lives as a brief metaphorical season.

It’s almost as if those crafty titles are red herrings delicately pitched to fly beneath the radar of Victorian manhood.... In a book entitled rosily enough to deter

even the gayest of their male contemporaries, Mrs. Loudon whispers this secret to the little girls — delivering it like a punch to the gut when they were expecting a gentle kiss: “Philosophers say that there is no pleasure so great as that of conquering difficulties, but then the difficulties should be such as can be conquered without too great a waste of physical strength, or without bringing on that hopeless despondency which is the consequence of a constant struggle against difficulties which are too great to be surmounted.”

Be afraid, little girls. Perhaps you can cultivate a garden of sufficient interest to offset the torpor of life. Good luck with that. But, my lovelies, it’s a very dark ride. Kappy’s detachment might save you from the hopeless despondency. Women in my family, who have inherited or cultivated detachment, seem able to stay on their feet, swaying and bending like young trees in a thunderstorm, but remaining upright. There’s nobility in the struggle.

Readers of today may find the parable hauntingly reminiscent of another oxymoronical rule, the one about trying not to dirty your soul with sin, while knowing it’s already incurably muddled by the sin committed by the original girl in the original garden. But if Mom and Mrs. Loudon didn’t tell us, girls know that all gardeners get dirty. It’s some rule of the universe about how entropy corrupts everyone and everything. Grown women don’t just know about the dirt, we cultivate it.

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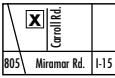
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5:22 A.M.

Dick Cheney and George W. Bush are doing it. I know it. That old, chapped man's hand is down that other old, chapped man's pants. They lean in. Their shoulder-padded, dark-gray wool suits rub at the lapel, and Cheney opens his mouth, only slightly, as they get closer. They are going to kiss and I am going to throw up.

I'm watching the affair on a fuzzy, scratchy TV, and before the vice president's lips touch those of the president's, I breach the liminal surface of consciousness. I'm awake, sweating, horrified, in my own bed. I still feel ill because of the nightmare and rub my face. What a terrible dream. What hopelessness. The sickening feeling of it clings to me still like a remora fish stuck to my shark belly.

11:54 A.M.

"Are you hep to the jive?! Yeah! Yeah!" I'm sing-screaming as I drive the 8 west. "Are you hep to the jive!? Yeah! Yeah!" I slap the steering wheel and my truck dances down the freeway. Other drivers honk as I invade their lane. "Are you hep!? Are you hep!? Are you keepin' in step?! Are you hep to the jiive!?"

Go to hell! That's a good song! Honk and fly that finger at me all you want. I will sing and swerve and rip down this road.

I want everyone to hear the song I am singing, but it's not on the radio. The song was crammed into my brain by a jazz special on the sissy Arts Channel this morning. I turned the show on to have background noise while I made breakfast and coffee and showered. I didn't watch a second of it, but my TV blared into my bedroom while I ate cereal, peed, and wiped my counters.

The Cab Calloway tune is entertaining me with joy and closed eyes and the love of hearing myself sing as I tear ass from North Park to Ocean Beach.

"Are you hep to the jiive!?"

2:08 P.M.

Do I buy the tiki art magazine or the music magazine with Rick James on the cover? I like the carved totem poles, beach girls, and surf aesthetic of this magazine, but I also like Dave Chappelle's send-up of the hair-wild music producer. The music magazine is not about the comedy sketch, and I was never a fan of Rick James's music.

I am also exhausted with my mind's slavery to broadcast entertainment on this day.
I'm going with the tiki art magazine.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

JOYCE MEYER: ENJOYING EVERYDAY LIFE
CA4SD 12:00 P.M.

Settle down there, momjeans. Not everything in life is a joy. For those tough and tired times, for scrubbing a sink and a dental visit, there is not enough "up with me!" attitude and self-help-y cheerleading that can drag me through. These reasons, these things, are why there is booze.

ROAD TRIP WITH HUELL HOWSER
PBS 8:00 P.M.

If there were ever anyone to *not* road trip with,

it would be Huell Howser. Road trips require mixed CDs of guitar-heavy rock and roll, Mexican cantina music, and sound clips from *Mad Max*. Beer, beef jerky, and sweat fuel a good interstate drive. Not PBS. Not middle-aged men. No one ever named "Huell" washed trucker speed pills down with Gatorade and vodka.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

THE PRICE IS RIGHT
CBS 10:00 A.M.

Bob Barker's final episode. I hate TV. But I harbor a grudging respect for Bob Barker. The only way he could retire at a higher status of

"old guy cool" is if he came out to his departing performance with a highball in his hand and at the very end said, "Remember to spay and neuter your pets," long sip from the cocktail, "Ahhh! I'll be in the Caribbean." Wink.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

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USA 8:00 A.M.

At night I toil at my drafting table and plastic injection mold. A few hours each week. Laugh now, but when the Butt Lift Suspension Helmet transforms the exercise-at-home landscape of this country I will be the one giggling until I am wealthy, tanned, and wet.

BASEBALL TONIGHT

ESPN 9:00 P.M.

Gone are the days of finding teeth in a pool of hepatitis downtown. Sterile corporate branding and blazing brilliant ballpark light replaced the grit and the stained piles. I've been to a game; it's nice there. Although I think the ghost of Ginsberg weeps.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

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CNBC 7:00 P.M.

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MONDAY, JUNE 18

KYLE XY

FAMILY 8:00 P.M.

Oh, for the love of... The whole damn mystery is about this kid who doesn't have a bellybutton? What a cruel joke played on the dullard masses. Hell, I've got a mole on my calf that looks like a swing set. Make a show about that.



Suzanne Somers 15th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

SUZANNE SOMERS 15TH ANNIVERSARY
HSN 8:00 P.M.

You know, in my day there was no such thing as Internet porn. If you were lucky, your dad had a *Sports Illustrated* "Swimsuit Edition" in the garage, or you taped a TV show on your VCR and maybe, just maybe, if the stars and planets were generous that night, you caught a Thighmaster commercial on it, and you could sneak out at midnight and replay it with the sound off. It took tenacity and character to get a cheap giggle when I was a kid.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

RAISE YOUR VOICE
FAMILY 8:00 P.M.

There exists, on Youtube, a video of me in a Mexican wrestler mask drunkenly karaokeing Roy Orbison's *In Dreams*. A friend described the sound as "an old woman being eaten by a coyote." Another said, "This should be listed in the Geneva Convention." Be careful what you wish for, Family Channel.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

WINGED MIGRATION
PBS 9:00 P.M.

I have not yet grown wings as I had planned. However, a bump on my temple promises to be the beginning of my set of ram's horns. My girlfriend thinks its acne, but all great men had detractors to their vision. This will not stop me from meditating each day for an hour and chanting, "Come on monkey tail, horns, and bat wings. Come on monkey tail, horns, and bat wings."

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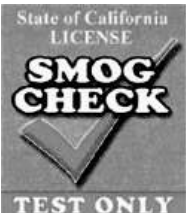
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T.G.I.F.

Many of these columns have simply been bad essays.

By John Brizzolara

A column of this size is perfect for the brief essay, and I have done this, in a sense, several times. Never have they been formal and rarely have they been entirely serious; the more serious they tend to be, the more responsive mail tends to use the word “whining.” Actually, seriousness does not even have to be sensed, but the single use of the word “sad,” for example, even in some ridiculous context, is read as self-pity. “Homeless” may be another example of whining. Heart, drink, drunk, failure, or love might also be included here.

I think many of us secretly want to write essays. Well, not necessarily write them, but deliver them. And maybe not exactly essays, but we want to pontificate in one form or another. Just pay attention — and you may not be able to help it — the next time you get on the #2 or the #7. We, like Rush Limbaugh, know how things ought to be. They don’t.

Actually, all the good essay titles have been taken anyway, the best being “Common Sense,” by Tom Paine, with “A Modest Proposal” by Jonathan Swift being a good runner-up. The best title for a collection of essays was Wilfrid Sheed’s *Essays in Disguise*, which were actually book reviews; and this gave me an idea that I too could pontificate under another guise — not the *U-T* book reviews I did for ten years, but

right here.

Many of these columns have simply been bad essays. (You’ve come to the right place for autocriticism; but remember, it was Sheed again, or Vidal or Rochefoucauld or someone who said, “For completely missing the point, there’s nothing like an author’s evaluation of his own work.”) They might have been more honestly titled something like, “Ordinary F****g People: I Hate Them.” Or, “Are People Getting Stupider? I Think So.”

One of the essay subjects I’ve stalked and never nailed would be titled something like, “San Diegans: No Laughing Matter,” and would be about the thing I like least about where I live, and that is America’s Finest City’s apparent lack of any sense of humor about itself. The problem I run into constantly is that the zeitgeist of this city is correct, and we’re simply not very funny. Blond jokes, surf jokes, panda jokes, and “Dude, where’s my skateboard?” riffs provide only so many yucks. And I’ll say this for my neighbors, they’re not that representative. The real meat for the jokes lay somewhere in the direction of what the *New York Times* was referring to when they called San Diego “Enron by the Sea.”

This has to do, I’m thinking, with the city’s political and financial sleazoids, wannabe Chicago-style politicians (which is to say, gangsters — in our case, effete gangsters with MBAs and law degrees and briefcases) who take great pains to dress, walk, talk, and in general pass for members of the 700 Club, even to the point of mouthing the word “family” at least as often as they’ll mumble words like “empower,” “prioritize,” “outsource,” “win-win,” and adhere to a rubber yardstick of behavior in the name of some tortured phrase such as, “financial achievement dynamism” or maybe “fundamental Christian empowerment through real-estate success magnetism.”

To me, that’s funny; but I’m guessing it may strike most San Diegans as less than hilarious. Most would not get it and instead might study some of that rhetoric, write it down, and file it away into some reptilian archipelago of synapse connections for future use. The ones who recognize truth in it will be offended — the more truth, the more offense. They will point east, scowl at me, and say, “Well, then, leave. Get out! We don’t want you here anyway. Why are you here?”

A perfectly reasonable question, and I think the answers are fairly reasonable. I have a job here I love, and it is unlikely I could replace it easily elsewhere, not in a timely fashion. The other thing is that I have a son who lost his mind here and wants to stay where he is in a desert of condominiums and



Sheed, Vidal, and Rochefoucauld shredding and grinding

cookie-cutter government apartment developments outside of Vista, where smoking is prohibited on the grounds and houseguests are verboten past 13 days under the administration of a quasi-Christian Right group of overseers who were previously living in mobile homes.

I am hardly suggesting this is hell. I’m as quick as the next guy to congratulate myself that I had the sense to get in out of the rain back East and chuck some member of the D.A.R. lightly in an air-swipe under the chin, and wink, saying, “Another day in paradise, heh-heh.” And I’m not a complete idiot. I also know enough to survive conversations in this town. For example, while in the presence of decent Americans, if some long-haired, Zionist agitator suggests that we should all take one car and, “You know, do our bit for global warming,” I know enough to pause, squint at him, and say, “You know our boys are over there right now so we can take our own damn cars. Not a big supporter of our boys, are you?” And not stay for an answer.

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