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## Up, Up — Then Bust?

By Don Bauder

**T**he U.S. economy is growing at a mere 0.6 percent annual rate, yet the stock market is rolling upward, with occasional setbacks when inflation and interest rates spike up. This seeming anomaly actually makes sense, because stocks today are propelled by financial engineering, not product engineering. Hedge funds and so-called private equity groups are snapping up companies and their stocks. Corporations are manipulating their earnings per share upward by buying back their own stocks, often going into debt to do so. The world is awash in dollars, and many of them are coming back to buy U.S. companies. A money manager doesn't dare sell a stock; some buyout group may suddenly offer to snatch it for 30 to 50 percent above the current price.

Stocks could zoom for the

next two or three years — but then collapse. Liquidity-driven markets crash when the liquidity dries up. Interest rates rise and the bubble bursts, as in the years 2000 and 1929. Tech stocks — particularly in San Diego — zoomed to crazy heights in the late 1990s and sold off and are still at half the levels they were seven years ago.

San Diegans have just seen examples of this financial engineering mania. Two buyout groups got into a bidding war for Biosite, a biotech that has been successful (one of the very few). Finally, Biosite sold out for \$92.50 a share — a whopping 66 percent higher than the price was when the pissing contest began. Qualcomm, the highly successful



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Richard Russell

telecom, intends to reduce its shares outstanding by 4 percent as it buys back its own stock.

In early May, Richard Russell, who has been publishing *Dow Theory Letters* from

La Jolla since 1958, turned bullish, proclaiming, "An unprecedented world boom lies ahead." Russell, who turns 83 in July, is often bearish when investors are giddiest. Some say he is a curmudgeon, but his forecasting record is very good. "The boom around the world has not hit the U.S. yet; the public is still wringing its hands about losses in condos," he says. "The money is just endless. Everybody is loaded with dollars." Prosperous countries such as China plunk money in American buyout groups. Foreign companies buy U.S. assets. All this drives up stock prices. Rus-

sell admits such spurts can die, but he doesn't see that anytime soon.

"Ride the horse in the direction it's going," says Michael Stolper of Stolper & Co. If he had to choose between a meltdown or its opposite, "I would bet on a meltup." Global liquidity is gushing. Overseas economies are flourishing in sync. The corporate buyouts "will continue to roll as long as banks will finance them — but at some time the cycle will end. The liquidity will dry up, and there will be a lot fewer players." But that's probably far on the horizon.

E. James Welsh of Carlsbad's

Welsh Money Management says that last year, 5 percent of corporate stock was taken off the market through private equity deals and stock buybacks. "This year it's running at twice that rate," he says. So there can be too much money chasing too few stocks — just what investors believed would lead to a permanent bull market in the late 1990s. That mentality ended with the brutal bear market of 2000–2002.

"We have a new paradigm, centered on what's happening in private equity deals and stock buybacks," says Welsh. "It's great in the short run that companies are buying back their stocks, but they are not putting that money into research and development and investing in ways to make their companies more productive. The seeds of destruction are being sown." Everybody is counting on the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates to keep the buyout boom fueled. But rising inflation could force the Fed to push rates up, not down. The markets could soar for two to four years, "but by 2009, we could have another 2000," he says. Warning: be wary when everybody is bullish, especially when the giddiness is based on financial folderol, not economic fundamentals. ■

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## Rich/Poor Chasm Here Not So Deep

By Don Bauder

**T**he rich get richer and the poor get poorer. To a large extent, that's what's fueling the current buyout-driven stock market upthrust.

The richest 1 percent account for almost 20 percent of household income and 35 percent of wealth — bringing the nation's rich/poor divide back to the levels of robber baron days. This flood

of money pours into hedge funds and private equity groups, whose buying fuels the stock market, even as the economy softens. When stocks rise, the plutocracy benefits the most: that upper

1 percent owns one-third of all stocks, and the upper 20 percent controls nine-tenths of outstanding shares.

There's a gaping have/have-not gap in San Diego, but it's probably not as wide as the national chasm, for a couple of unusual reasons: (1) The huge rise in housing prices beginning in 2003, one of the nation's wildest, helped the bottom 80 percent, and (2) The weak market in technology stocks, which dominate San Diego, walloped the aristocrats.

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## Where the City Draws the Line

By Joe Deegan

**M**errilee Miller, a resident of Goleta, northwest of Santa Barbara, believes she has the right to vacation in a recreational

vehicle on the banks of San Diego's Lake Murray. Or to plant banana trees near the shore, if she likes. That's because of ownership rights she and other members of her family say they have to the land there. But the City of San Diego maintains she cannot use the land, other than walking the public pathway around the lake or playing a round of golf on the Mission Trails Golf Course. Miller says her family owns the land where the 17th hole is located. The golf course now leases the land from the City.

By phone, Miller and I talk about how the situation came about. In the late 1800s, Miller's great uncle, Bruce Waring (Waring Road is named after him), bought property in eastern San Diego,

including a canyon near La Mesa. In 1887, Waring's Junipero Land and Water Company entered into an easement agreement with the San Diego Flume Company.

"The easement agreement," says Miller, who has studied the property's history, "was that the San Diego Flume Company had the right to flood the property to a 100-foot depth. A small creek ran through the canyon. In the deal, my great uncle would get the right to obtain water to irrigate from the reservoir. He also had the right to use the land's remaining dry areas agriculturally, and as a park, all in exchange for letting them flood the deepest portion of the property. What he had done already was lease some of the property to a

company that grew grapes."

In 1895, the San Diego Flume Company completed the earthen La Mesa Dam a little downstream. The company filled the reservoir with water from other parts of its water-delivery system, inundating much of Waring's property. The dam eventually weakened, especially after

San Diego's catastrophic floods of 1916. Two years later, a bigger dam was built, allowing what is now Lake Murray to reach its current 85-foot average depth. "According to SanGIS [San Diego Geographic Information Source] maps," says Miller, "we still have 24 acres of exposed land, when the water is 95 feet deep. That's the same level where a spillway at the lake's southern end prevents the water from rising higher." The 24 acres are that land between the water's edge when the lake is 95 feet deep and when it is 100 feet deep.

But for many years, according to Miller, who is 53, municipal officials have been treating her family's land on the banks of Lake Murray as though the City owns it. In the early 1990s, Miller's older sister Marlene Dawson, a Washington State resident, corresponded at length with the City in an effort to change the situation. In the face of numerous conflicting responses, Dawson eventually gave up.

Last year, Miller took up the fight. She wanted to know how her family could get access to the exposed Lake Murray land. Lane MacKenzie, of San Diego's Real Estate Assets Department, responded in a letter dated August 2, 2006.

MacKenzie dealt with four issues. The first involved two specific sites Miller was claiming were on her family's prop-

erty: two baseball fields on Lake Murray's western side and the 17th hole of Mission Trails Golf Course, above the reservoir's northern tip. "Although programs like Google Earth is a good reference tool," wrote MacKenzie, "their accuracy can be somewhat questionable. I have enclosed an aerial photo from the City's survey section, on which is depicted several contour lines." The 100-foot contour line "shows clearly that there are no ball fields or golf holes within its boundaries." The point is significant because the land is higher than the water's edge at a lake depth of 100 feet would be outside the old Waring property line.

But "the aerial photo [MacKenzie] sent me is bogus," Miller writes me in an e-mail. "There is no official stamp to denote its authenticity. It does not match the San Diego County maps that prove the northern boundary of our property abuts Jackson Drive [several hundred yards above Lake Murray's tip].... There are clearly golf course encroachments on our property. Our property has clearly been incorporated into Lake Murray Park and Mission Trails Regional Park. Google Satellite photos attest to this fact, as does the SanGIS map."

"In MacKenzie's photo that you sent me," I ask, "what's that white rectangular area at the top? It looks like a piece

of paper has been placed on the picture."

"The area where the 17th hole would be has been whited out," Miller replies.

The second point MacKenzie raised in his letter seems to express concerns for the safety of anyone camping out on the banks of Lake Murray. Citing a 1981 Army Corps of Engineers report, MacKenzie noted that "if the probable maximum flood were to occur at this reservoir the water would overlap the dam for a period of ten hours and by a maximum of one foot (Contour elevation 102 feet). [The report] further states that the spillway can pass about 75 percent of a probable maximum flood....

"The rights for inundation," MacKenzie continued, "have been exercised in the design of Murray Dam. The area between the 93 and 100 [foot] contour elevation is designed to be inundated if a probable maximum flow were to occur. Therefore, the City cannot vacate any portion of the existing easement."

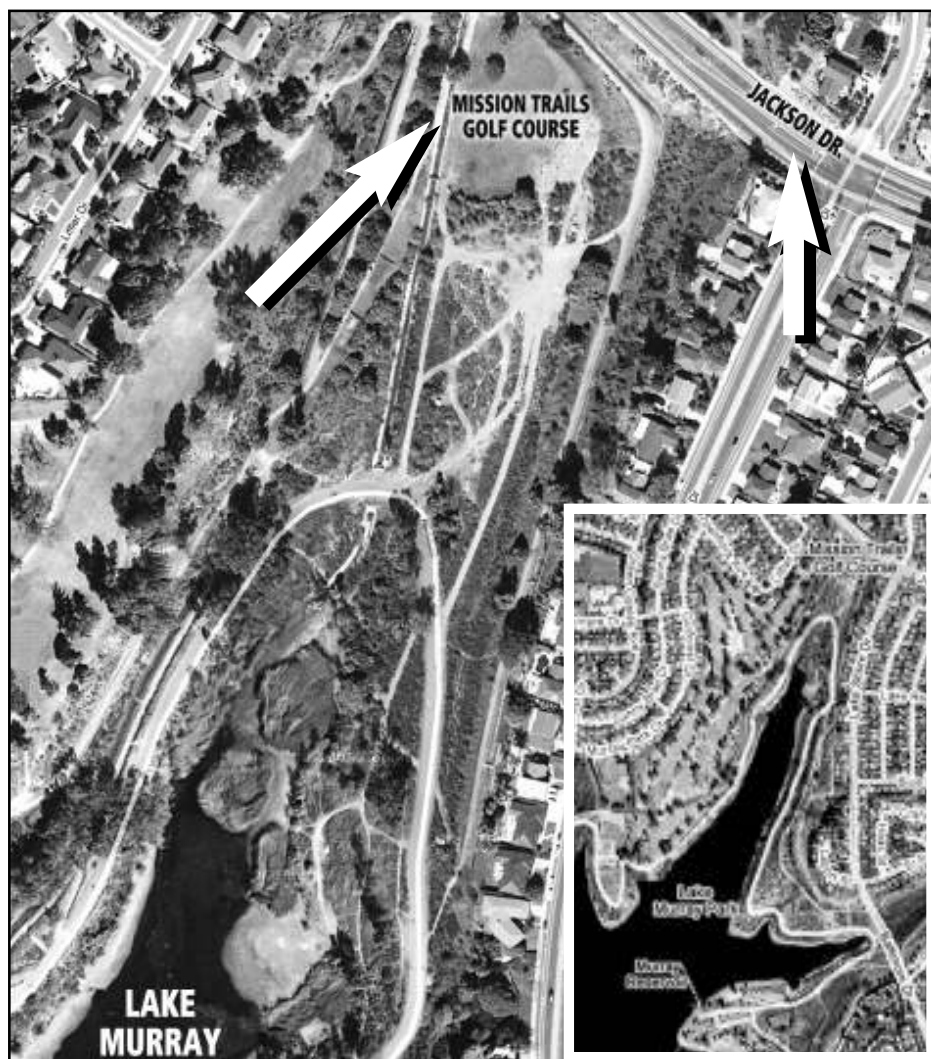
Here MacKenzie seemed to mix up a flood-control easement with the easement right the City acquired to create and maintain a reservoir. Miller kept her eyes on the City's reservoir rights, which she supports. Realiz-

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Lake Murray Dam



GOOGLE SATELLITE MAP

17th hole, between Lake Murray's northernmost tip and Jackson Drive



## Chasm

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Edward Wolff, professor of economics at New York University, is one of the ranking experts on wealth and income inequality. He says, "If stock prices increase more quickly than housing prices, then the share of wealth owned by the richest households goes up." But the little folks do better if housing prices are going up faster than stock prices. San Diego's median home prices have doubled in this decade, from \$269,000 to \$550,000. During this period, the stock market plunged, then partly recovered, but overall, tech and biotech stocks are still well down from their highs before the bubble burst in 2000.

The bottom 80 percent got another boost: the biggest housing-price inflation has been in the lower-priced homes — those run-down 1000-square-foot cottages going for \$400,000. The housing bubble is finally leaking,

and the weakest segment of the market is in the higher-priced homes. So relative wealth of San Diego's bottom 80 percent has probably inched up, although wealth is defined as the value of what you own less what you owe. Many people who own these lower-priced homes are loaded with debt. With prices no longer appreciating and mortgage refinancing coming to a halt, many of them are in trouble. Still, on balance, the housing bubble boosted middle-income folks a bit more than it boosted the upper crust, although the housing shake-out has a long way to go, and this may change.

Then there is the stock market. San Diego stocks are overwhelmingly on the Nasdaq, a computerized system that is concentrated heavily in techs. In the bear market beginning in 2000, Nasdaq stocks plummeted 80 percent. They are still only halfway back to where they peaked. Here are some

pre-bear market highs followed by current prices of some San Diego stocks: Sequenom, \$573.75/\$4.00; Nanogen, \$101.94/\$1.50; Diversa, \$169.19/\$7.00; Wireless Facilities, \$163.54/\$1.60; Ligand Pharmaceuticals, \$26.50/\$6.90; Isis Pharmaceuticals, \$39.00/\$10.00; and even San Diego's most successful company, Qualcomm, \$100.00/\$46.00.

This does not mean that the founders, chief executives, and venture capitalists are living in penury; they paid pennies per share for their stock. It just means that their paper wealth has receded, unless they jettisoned their shares before the feces hit the fan, as John Moores did at fraud-plagued Peregrine Systems. But executives who got shares through stock options or direct purchases could be hurting. Ditto for San Diegans who bought local stocks in the bubble days.

If stocks come roaring back and the housing bub-

ble bursts instead of leaking, then San Diego's wealth and income distribution will be no different from the nation's: disgustingly lopsided. ■

## City draws the line

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ing that Lake Murray's spillway is at the 95-foot contour line, or 536.5 feet above sea level, she contacted the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams, which then reported on its website that Lake Murray's capacity was 6085 acre-feet of water. At the 95-foot contour line, the dam's capacity would be 4818 acre-feet. Its capacity at the 100-foot contour line, or 542.5 feet above sea level, would be 6085 acre-feet. "The data the Division of the Safety of Dams currently has on file is erroneous," Miller writes me in late May, "and has been perpetuated for decades, because no one in San Diego ever bothered to correct it.

MacKenzie is using this incorrect data to attempt to convince me that the dam's capacity is 6085 acre feet, rather than [4818] acre feet...." Chuck Wong, at the dam-safety division, "thanked me for sending him the correct data."

In her note to me, Miller includes Wong's e-mail response. "We have the answer for you," wrote Wong on February 7. "The City of San Diego has confirmed that the current official maximum reservoir storage capacity is 4818 acre-feet at spillway...elevation, not 6085 acre-feet as our records show.... Without further research, we do not know why the storage capacity was based on the dam crest instead of the spillway crest. You were right, with a spillway in place, the dam is not capable to impound water up to the dam crest at Elevation 542.50 for a capacity of 6085 acre-feet. We will update our records to reflect the correct data." When Miller checked

recently, the Division of Safety of Dams' website had been changed to reflect the correction.

MacKenzie's third concern involved who had title to the property. He said he had evidence that in 1992 "the County of San Diego Assessor's Office [had] questions about clear title to the property, [and] that the Chicago Title Company could not insure title in the Blunt Heirs." (Joe Blunt had inherited the property from his uncle Bruce Waring in the 1960s and passed it on to the next generation of heirs when he died.)

But a year ago, Miller obtained a title report from Chicago Title showing that members of her family have been on title continuously ever since 1887. "What came as a shock," she tells me by phone, "is that in 1971 two nuns from Mercy Hospital signed a quit claim deed handing the property over to the City. I have no idea where

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that came from. Mercy Hospital is nowhere else in the title report showing any ownership of the property. I do think, however, that it's no coincidence that the quit claim deed was executed a month after my uncle Joe Blunt lost a court challenge to the City's use of our

property."

Joe Blunt suffered from schizophrenia, Miller tells me, and when the Waring property came into his hands, the family set up a Security Pacific Bank conservatorship to handle his financial affairs. In 1964, the bank took the City to court to recover the Lake Murray property. Much of Blunt's financial reserves were wasted in the seven-year fight, according to Miller.

MacKenzie referred to the court case in the final point of his August 2006 letter to Miller. "The trial court," he wrote, "rendered a judgment favorable to the City [in] its use of the property in question for its water system." MacKenzie then wraps up his letter with these words: "It is the City's continued opinion that we are well within our rights in use of the property."

MacKenzie is correct,

Miller says, that the court supported the City's use of the land for water services. She and her family have no objection to this use, however, as it was part of the original easement agreement in 1887. But the City's current refusal to acknowledge her and her family's ownership rights is wrong, she feels. "And they have unjustifiably used our land for purposes other than those in the original agree-

ment," she argues.

Former San Diego city attorney John Witt admitted as much in a February 11, 1991, letter to one of Miller's cousins, another heir to the Lake Murray property. "The area below the 100-foot contour line and above the present water line has been continuously utilized by the general public for various park and recreation uses and such use has increased substan-

tially since the 1971 court decision," wrote Witt.

"In fact, in 1990, the City's Water Utility Department caused the construction of a chain link fence around the Lake Murray property with limited access points. There was a substantial public reaction to the fence which has resulted in the City Council's and City Manager's determination to make certain that the property continues to be accessible and available to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Witt continued.

"Neither Mr. Blunt nor any successors in interest have, to our knowledge, ever given permission to utilize the area for other than water storage purposes and it therefore appears that the City's and the public's 'open and notorious' use of the property over the past fifty years or more has certainly established rights even beyond the rights granted in the original deed."

In his letter, Witt seemed to suggest that the City long ago took possession of the property by "adverse possession." The fancy legal term means that one party may acquire ownership of another's land by using it continuously over a specified period of time without objection. But if the case goes to trial, as Miller is contemplating, her family will argue that the City deceived them about how much of their land the Lake Murray Reservoir uses.

But the City had already tried to put one final nail in the coffin. The San Diego City Council voted in 1989 to rezone the Waring heirs' property from agricultural to open-space land, making it a part of Lake Murray Community Park. Rezoning decisions require that notices be sent to all affected parties, allowing them to protest. Merrilee Miller insists that her family never received such notice. Lane MacKenzie failed to bring up the rezoning as a reason the family could not use its property. He may have overlooked it. Or, given the City's habit of acting as though it owned the land, he may have been sure that, as Miller claimed, the family never was notified. The least he could have done then, you might think, was allow them to park a vehicle on the property. ■

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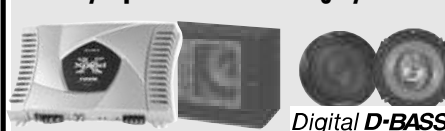
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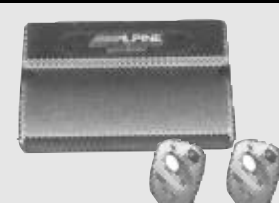
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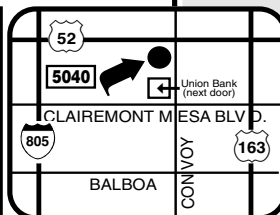


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### Disengage

I can't help but identify with every female person in Barbarella's "Family Matters" ("Diary of a Diva," June 14). The Diva is struggling for independence, but she is aggrieved, grudging, and insulting about her family, and she's dishonest with herself.

Hello, Barbarella. You don't need to participate in the bedlam of the extended family on weekends, nor do you need to share Christmas and Thanksgiving with them, nor do you need to "give" your presence on one or the other of those two big holidays in a single year. You don't need to justify a different lifestyle or your less-traditional inclinations. Actually, you don't need to engage with them at all. Once you get over bourgeois guilt, you will be free to live the life you have made for yourself, without any of them, if you wish. On your own. Alone.

It's a modern personal choice to liberate yourself from the trap of "family togetherness, tradition, perpetual progeny." But why do you need to dismiss the beautiful "tears of joy" words of "the pint-sized drama queen" who is only three years old? Why sound so angry at your mother, who obviously misses seeing you and wishes for more shared affection and time together, in spite of your prickly relationship? Why describe a less-than-perfect, too-many-toys, and too-typical family Christmas by saying you are required to "park my ass by the tree to hand out dozens of presents"? Why lay a trip on your mother about frequent-flyer points while telling her that you likely will be absent at the holidays this year?

Not nice, Barbarella,

your notion of how to treat others, especially the proverbial nearest and dearest. Selfish. Short-sighted. Mean. Are you still 13 years old? I don't think so. You don't need to hand over your soul, just give them a little respect along with the "love" you hollowly profess. In the long arc of a lifetime, I think you will regret having written this piece.

Name Withheld  
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### Booorrr-ing

I figured when I saw that my comment on "Diary of a Diva" (June 14) was too lengthy for your online posting, I had better address you, as this comment reflects all of what the Reader has been publishing lately.

Since when is a Diva's a "quiet life," going "days without seeing another person" and "ensconced in silence"? I want to read about excitement! Not the daily drabble of the life of a boring columnist! Sure, your work occasionally brings light to valid issues we all face here and there, but excuse my saying it's hidden behind too many unicorn stickers, French words we're all supposed to know, and overplanned sciolisms.

I represent a vast demographic of people just plain bored with what we read. Frankly, we're sick of the ramblings of puffed-up columnists. "I'm a writer so I can write about whatever I want, and it's great!" We see past the adjective tangents that are just an attempt to spice up a dull story. The cupcake comments for the articles online offer no advice toward bettering the subject material.

Lately everywhere I look I see another overly salted article with the word "zeitgeist" thrown in for effect. How did we come to a society where just enough "it" words and hot buttons are thrown in so the editors think it worthy to print?

I have been reading "Diary of a Diva" for years and am saddened to admit it has become the "Diary of a Hermit." I used to read the column in college and dream of writing something as exciting as this column. I was there when you went to Price Is Right, and I read about your tame bachelorette parties. Though perhaps you watered down the

stories a bit to save face then, I'd long for one of those adventuresses now. We crave the days when writers would implant the notion of something completely unheard of yet familiarly unsettling. It used to be that you had to have something to say to be a writer. These days it seems all you need now is the language to say something.

Lindsey Kinnsch  
via e-mail

### Merci!

I have been in San Diego for a number of years, fruitlessly looking for a good French bakery, and thanks to "Tin Fork," I found one (May 24). That wonderful Brothers Ópera down there on Fifth. It's only a couple of blocks from where I live, and I'm real grateful that Mr. Bedford wrote about that. He's been an important source of finding restaurants for me since I've been in San Diego. I really appreciate it, and I appreciate Mr. Bedford's fine work.

Charles Edmonds  
Downtown

### Comments from Reader Website

#### Crasher

##### Published June 13

Posted by peter on 06/14/07, 5:58 p.m.

Josh...how come you never party in the hood (i.e. Logan Heights, Encanto, Paradise Hills)? I think it would be funny to read about you partying with gangbangers and such.

Posted by Josh Board on 06/15/07, 1:31 a.m.

I'm down with the hood. Uh...well...there are two reasons. One is that I'm often invited to parties. Nobody from those fine neighborhoods, ever invites me. Now, when I actually "crash" parties, the thought of crashing a place filled with gangbangers...maybe not the best idea. I read in the paper, that there are shootings and stabbings, from someone crashing a party down there. Not that I'm chicken, but.....hey, I don't have to explain a damn thing to you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (I did write about dudes with lowriders a few weeks back)

Posted by peter on 06/15/07, 12:52 p.m.

Josh...quit being such a wuss. So what if parties in the hood are a little bit dangerous. That's why the

Reader pay you the big bucks to do this. Let's find a party to crash in Barrio Logan this weekend. What do you say?

Posted by Josh Board on 06/16/07, 9:28 a.m.

Okay, Peter, if you want to crash a party in Barrio Logan next weekend, I'm game. You've got my back if anything goes down, right?

#### Diary of a Diva

##### Published June 13

Posted by Mrs. Ranson of Out of the Silent Planet on 06/13/07, 1:41 a.m.

Barbarella, You have done it again! Comforted me by helping me realize that I have taken a lot of lip for being "selfish." As my mother and brothers would say, when in reality I am only a person who is content spending time with her own thoughts and with a selected group of people (of my own choosing). Congratulations for the well balanced life you have made for yourself and thanks for the weekly dose of rationality!

Posted by Ray on 06/13/07, 4:11 p.m.

How true. Even as adults it can be hard to think of your parents as peers rather than as the infallible figures of authority they were when you were a child. But every adult is entitled to live just one life and that is their own. Of course I am grateful for the wonderful home and all the love, nurturing, guidance, wisdom, and support my parents gave me as a child, but I am no longer a child. I am an adult and I am free to chart my own course, just as my parents charted theirs. I am free to hold my own opinions, draw my own conclusions, have my own — and possibly different — set of values, as well as the right to stay up late, sit too close to the television and yes, even run with scissors if I so choose. Are there times in a given situation when the opinions or actions of my parents would be different than my own? Yes. Does it mean that I love or respect them any less? No. I only hope that they can continue to love and respect me as well.

Posted by Lisa on 06/13/07, 10:41 p.m.

Good for you that you didn't get guilted into doing

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Matthew Alice:

Watching a *Family Guy* episode tonight, I noticed things that there is no way the FCC would have let radio stations get away with, yet TV seems to get by doing. Why is that?

— TH, online comment

Ah, another adorable quirk of the Bush administration. The FCC turns from fuzzy bunny to Tasmanian devil. The subject's a little complicated, but basically the FCC responds to viewer/listener complaints — more like hired guns than vigilantes. Before 2001 the FCC received more nasty letters about radio stations than TV, but even then they only recorded a few hundred complaints a year. Fast forward to the six months from January through June of 2006: 327,198 complaints (about more than 1100 individual programs), and TV programs outnumbered radio two to one. This obviously reflects the creation of “decency” groups that sponsor massive FCC complaint mailings. Even SpongeBob has been a target.

Radio was hit with some nasty FCC fines several years ago, and critics of the government claim it has had a “chilling” effect on programming, especially since the on-air talent as well as the broadcasters were fined. But since the Janet Jackson Super Bowl hijinks, attention seems to have turned to television. A week or so ago, CBS and Fox scored a big victory in a federal circuit court when the judge ruled against the FCC, saying “fleeting expletives” in prime time (specifically, Cher's and Nicole Richie's spontaneous F-words at the Golden Globes) were not indecent. The court's opinion was that this new, improved FCC has departed radically from the historic patterns of enforcement that broadcasters have relied on but haven't offered any specific new guidelines to help broadcasters censor themselves. Recently, Bush raised the maximum daily penalty for decency violations to \$3 million, so it's not a small-stakes game anymore.

And nervous TV stations have been doing more self-censoring. Even Stewie's bare butt has been fuzzed out in some *Family Guy* reruns, although it ran uncensored the first time around. On the up side, though, Fox rejected a piece of advertising that showed a glimpse of Mickey Rooney's butt. (He's at least 150, so I think showing his butt on the airwaves would probably be covered by some public health ruling anyway.) Would Dave Chappelle's abundance of poop and fart jokes be censored on radio? (“Excretory” structures and functions, not just sexual, are covered by decency standards.) The descriptive words might seem more jarring than the pictures. But my guess is the FCC just hasn't gotten around to hammering all the TV shows considered indecent, so the restrictions might seem one-sided. Oh, and P.S., our local Fox affiliate, Channel 6, is a Mexican-licensed station, so it's not under FCC regulation anyway.

Dear Matthew Alice:

I've noticed that once free from the bonds of public education, American males tend to write in ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS, or sometimes a mix with mainly UC and a few lowercase letters thrown in. Females tend to use the traditional upper- lower-case style, starting sentences with a capital letter but otherwise using lowercase. Could you find out why?

— Juanita Jeannine, Lakeside

That's a pretty sweeping assumption, Juanita. Try as I might, I couldn't find any evidence to support it. Graphologists claim it's not true; most men write in cursive style, as do women. For adults, at any rate, cursive is faster than manuscript (printing), so it's usually the choice for note-taking, shopping lists, personal letters, and the like. Men and women will shift to manuscript when they want to make themselves perfectly clear (BE HOME BY MIDNIGHT, AND I MEAN IT!), especially if they feel their cursive style is illegible.

Handwriting studiers have found gender differences in handwriting in students as early as the first years of grade school, when girls write faster and more clearly than boys. And boys don't improve much with practice. In general, men's handwriting remains less legible, less “graceful,” and more erratic than women's. That might cause men to shift to uppercase for clarity more often. But the upper/lowercase thing seems to be governed more by the intent of the writer, not gender. So, if the caps have to mean something, I guess it means you know a lot of men with messy handwriting who fret about being misunderstood. And what *that* means, we can't imagine.

Matt:

What is cream soda? There's no cream in it. What flavor is it supposed to be?

— DO, San Diego

Hard to believe that Squirt and Pepsi have their origins in the mineral waters of 18th-century European spas. An English chemist started serving a bubbly taste-alike beverage as a health drink in his shop. Since the concoction contained soda, it was dubbed soda water. Today we've progressed to the point where the stuff is banned from school vending machines as a type of slow death, but back in the 1800s, any pharmacist's standard book of medicine recipes would include instructions for making pick-me-ups like the Siberian Flip (soda water with orange, pineapple, and bitters) and the Don't Care Soda (pineapple, strawberry, vanilla, and nonalcoholic port wine). Cream soda was originally soda water with cream, but as commercial flavoring syrups became more available, the “cream” flavoring was replaced with vanilla.

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# Where Were You...

If you follow the National Hockey League, you'll remember where you were on April 18, 1999, the day Wayne Gretzky scored his 2857th and last point. If you like college basketball, you'll remember that day in March 1975 when John Wooden coached UCLA to its tenth national championship. If you golf, you'll remember the 13th day of April 1986, when Jack Nicklaus won his 6th Masters and 18th major title.

Baseball is different. Everyone remembers Babe Ruth. Almost everyone remembers Henry Aaron. And, like it or no, you'll remember where you were on the day Barry Bonds passes Aaron. Barring the unexpected appearance of justice, Barry Bonds will break Hank Aaron's home run record sometime in July.

It was the fall of 1973, my third year of hitchhiking. I'd made my winter money fighting — more accurately, *watching* forest fires in Alaska, and was hitchhiking to Florida. It had been a perfect trip, leaving Fairbanks at the top of fall and then following crisp, golden fall all the way down the continent.

I was hitching south on Route 78 through Watkinsville, county of Oconee, state of Georgia. A car full of longhaired — I must speak the word — hippies pulled up, gave me a ride, and after a few miles, offered a place to stay. They shared a farmhouse 20 miles outside of Watkinsville. Six were local, and one was an exchange student, up from Chile, studying at the University of Georgia, the next county over.

I knew my life had changed at four a.m. the following morning when the Oconee County sheriff, his deputy, and a passel of "good ole boys" turned on the overhead lights and shouted, "Get up!" It was a drug bust, one of those, "if they be hippies, they got to be drugs." They were, of course, exactly right.

Georgia law stated that possession of drugs meant being in the same room where drugs were found. The sheriff, Floyd Owens, and his sub-lawmen went through the farmhouse finding crime in some rooms, quiet enjoyment in others. There was one joint of cannabis in the room I was sleeping in, underneath the mattress of an unused bed.

Five of us were taken to the courthouse, a hundred-year-old brick building guarded by a dead Confederate general on the lawn. At that time, possession of even one joint was a felony carrying with it the prospect of 8 to 12 years

in jail. My bail was set at \$10,000 1973 dollars. It might as well have been a million.

Astoundingly, our little band became something of a cause. Certain minuscule parts of the South were just then blooming into Bro and Sishood, a cultural movement overwhelmingly confirmed when students at the University of Georgia raised our bail money. Within ten days we were all out on the street.

I had an older brother in Atlanta, about 90 miles south. Mike stands 6'3", with dark, long brown wavy hair. Very smart. He has a cutting (at times), brilliant sense of humor. Always secretive, you had to know him for many years before you found out he read poetry. During this interval, he was midway through his degenerate phase. I called, outlined my situation and asked what was up with him.

"Me? I'm a bum. The only thing I do is keep my car running."

The next day I set up world headquarters at Mike's and went looking for a job. It's hard to

imagine this as real now, but back then, faced with serious jail time and an overpowering need for money to feed a lawyer, I never considered cutting my shoulder-blade-length hair. It wasn't that I wanted to make a political statement, it was I didn't think of it. There were no reality-based people around to explain that my physical presentation was cutting down my employment opportunities to the level of a barefoot, pregnant, Puerto Rican heroin addict applying for a job as protocol officer at the White House. That explains why I became the new guy on the night shift at the Georgia Retardation Center. Duties included watching TV and changing excreta-filled sheets for the sum of 65 dollars a week plus one meal a day. I handed 62 dollars to my lawyer, a cretinous, money-sucking, mock-liberal, incompetent piece of fluff.

December, January, February, March. My case slowly winds its way to the front of the line. On April 8, I got off work at 7:30 a.m. and hitched over to Emory University to take morning coffee and newspaper, spare-change breakfast, trawl for women. Noon and time for bed. I hitch back to Mike's, walk in, am handed a beer. Still standing, I look down at the TV. A baseball batter has just started his swing, now comes a crack, and the ball begins its arc. Looks like it's going to be a home run.

Henry Aaron has hit his 715th home run. The crowd goes nuts.



Hank Aaron

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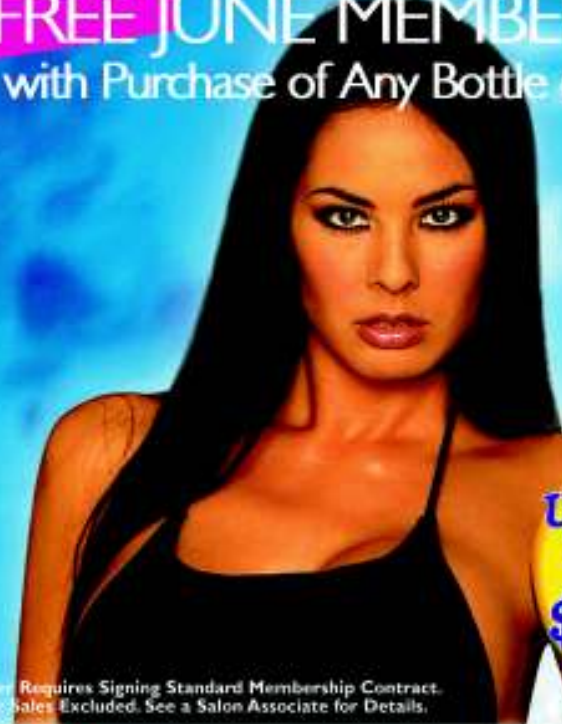
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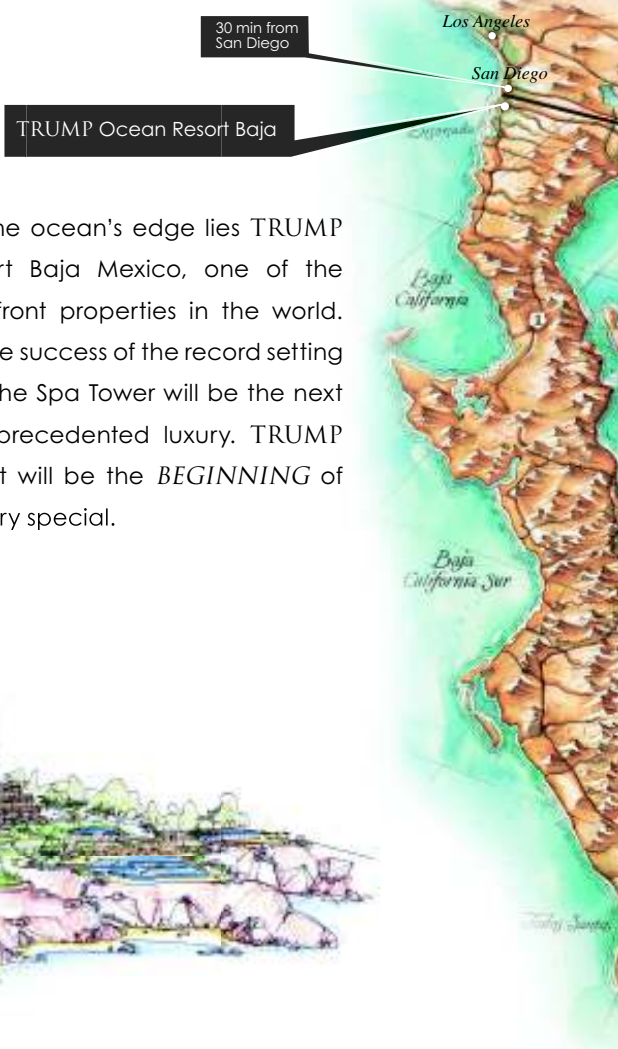
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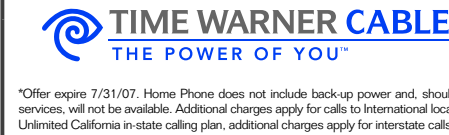
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# SHEEP AND GOATS

## PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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**Address:** 1216 Cave Street, La Jolla, 858-459-5045  
**Founded locally:** 1897  
**Senior pastor:** Sam Greening  
**Congregation size:** 150  
**Staff size** (including teachers): 11  
**Sunday school enrollment:** 10–15  
**Annual budget:** n/a  
**Weekly giving:** n/a  
**Singles program:** no  
**Dress:** semiformal to formal  
**Diversity:** mostly Caucasian  
**Sunday worship:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Length of reviewed service:** 1 hour  
**Website:** [www.lajollaucc.org](http://www.lajollaucc.org)

“This song, ‘Joyful, Joyful,’ comes from Beethoven’s Ninth,” said a man to the woman next to him as he perused the bulletin before the service began. Apparently, she had sung the Ninth before, in another setting: “You should remember it—

you were at the extreme edge of your range, note after note.”

The bell tolled and the service began. “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,” sang the choir as they processed up the two sets of steps to the choir stalls next to the altar. “Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine...” The choir was not large, but neither was the church—a cozy, unfussy, Craftsman interior—and so their layered harmonies, together with the sharply played organ, enveloped the space. (Their station next to the altar gave them a sort of liturgical status—when they turned to face the brass cross on the altar at the sung Gloria Patri and the Doxology, their prominent shift of attention served to direct the congregation.)

It was Father’s Day, and the Call to Worship extolled the quality of God’s fatherhood: “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” This was picked up again in the sung trio before the readings, voice on top of voice resounding the phrases: “Like every father, filled with compassion, pities all his children/ So the Lord has mercy on those who fear Him.” (A later hymn praised God the Father-Author: “This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres...”)

But it was also a day welcoming Reverend Nancy McMaster, who was on vacation and visiting her home church. During the children’s message, minister Sam Greening told the five children assembled on the steps that when Reverend McMaster was their age, “she used to sit in this church, and she would go to Sunday school, just like you do. She is the only person from our church who was actually raised here and who went on to become a minister.... You never know what you’re going to be when you grow up.... As far as God is concerned, there’s nothing you can’t be.... You

might even become a minister, just like Reverend Nancy.”

Greening and McMaster traded verses during the Offertory Psalm, which again lauded God the (caring) Father: “Sing to God, sing praises to His name/ Father of orphans and protector of widows...”

The readings dealt with the great commandments (the love of God and neighbor), rebirth in the spirit (source of the term “born again”), and John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.” (In an interesting aside, Greening read a verse from Deuteronomy in Hebrew and then offered two possible translations for it.)

McMaster’s sermon began by wondering what God was thinking when, after His own children blew it, “as children often do,” He gave them children of their own. That drew a hearty laugh from the congregation. “Maybe

God was hoping, like all parents, that things would get better. Seems that God has been doing that from generation to generation.”

But her outlook was not bleak. “God wants us to have life, and life abundantly.... God continues to have faith in humanity, despite our humanness.... God wants us to be a people who love, who hope, who forgive.... If we pass on our faith, we’ll pass on God’s love. Children learn what they live, and we are Christ’s living example in their lives.” To this end, she encouraged fathers to be patient and encouraging. Without nurturing and praise from older men, she said, “many young men are not in a place to learn what it is to be male in our society.”

The men and women took turns during the final prayer. Men: “God, our everlasting Father, God of

Adam, made in your Image, God of Abraham and Isaac, Jacob and Joseph...we ask for your blessing.” Women: “Help them to be good sons and brothers...good fathers and grandfathers... Keep them steadfast in your word; in the midst of struggle, give them patience and strength....” Men: “May we not be conformed to this world, but be transformed...so that we may discern what is the will of God.”

“Faith of Our Fathers” served as the final hymn: “Our fathers, chained in prisons dark/ Were still in heart and conscience free/ And truly blest would be our fate/ If we, like them, should die for thee/ Faith of our fathers, holy faith/ We will be true to thee till death.”

What happens when we die?

“If we belong to the Lord, we go to be with the Lord,” said McMaster. “Actually, I think most people somehow belong to the Lord, because ‘Creator of heaven and earth’—that means ‘everything.’”

— Matthew Lickona



SAM GREENING

### The Congregational Church of La Jolla

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content .....	★★
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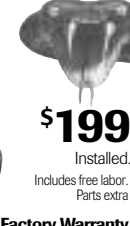
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Patrick is a watering fiend. Over years of marriage, I have come to realize that he uses it as a relaxing escape. During early-morning hours and as the sun sets in the evening, I will find him outside, hose in hand, mouth hanging open, spraying the grass or his veggie garden. It drives me nuts, because he always seems to do it during hectic moments of family life. I've learned to laugh about it, but that hasn't stopped me from thinking of ways to get Patrick to put down the garden hose and pick up the fussy baby. I'd like to install a nice, timer-controlled irrigation system that would keep the lawn green and my husband inside with the kids and me. Because we don't have existing sprinkler lines, the installation would cost thousands. A less-expensive solution came to mind a few evenings ago as I stood at the kitchen sink looking at Patrick dragging the hose around: what about a hose-end sprinkler?

The next day, I sat down to make a few calls on the matter. My first was to my favorite nursery, Mission Hills Nursery on Fort Stockton Drive. "The brand that we offer is Gilmour," a salesman told me. "One is the rotary type. Those run \$14.99. And we also offer the metal body, which has different watering patterns on it, like a square or a circle. It's also by Gilmour. That one runs about \$8.00."

Before I hung up, the salesman gave me a grass-watering tip. "The ideal way to water is to really get it soaked into the ground well. However, not all of us have flat land. So you have to water for a shorter period with more frequency if you have an uneven surface. If you can go 20 to 30 minutes, that is the best way to do it."

My next call was to Ace Hardware in Hillcrest, where associate Corey Martin warned me against any sprinkler with a plastic body. "Unfortunately," he explained, "the plastic ones nowadays are not very durable. At the most, you will get about a year's use out of it, if you use it once or twice a week. The metal ones, which are going to be about double the price, will last you a lot longer."

Martin says all of their sprinklers are big sellers; there is no one shining star. He tells his customers they should fit the sprinkler to the shape of their yards. "I wish I could tell you that one sprinkler would work for a ton of different areas, but unfortunately, each one

*"You don't want to flood the lawn; you just want to give it enough to keep it damp."*

fits specific needs. Basically, the user wants to find something that's going to fit their yard area. Maybe they want to get the lawn and the flowerbed all watered in one shot, or maybe they are trying to keep it off of the sidewalk. So the sprinkler needed is different based on each customer's needs, based on what type of area they are trying to cover. A smaller bubbler sprinkler — think older style, metal sprinkler with a bunch of little holes on it — will cover a 5- to 8-foot radius. An impulse sprinkler — think classic chugging sprinkler sound — will cover about a 35-foot radius. Those are for maximum coverage. Impulse sprinklers are adjustable, but only to a certain extent. The smallest spray you are able to get out of it is about 10 feet, and it will go out

wider than that. Then there are the oscillating sprinklers, which keep going in a back-and-forth pattern. Those are for about a 25-foot radius. That's based on the water pressure that we have around here."

When my neighbor's sprinklers come on, it seems like half the water coming through them is turned into mist, which blows into our yard. I asked Martin why that happens.

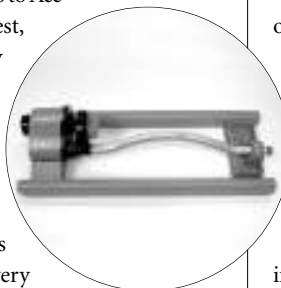
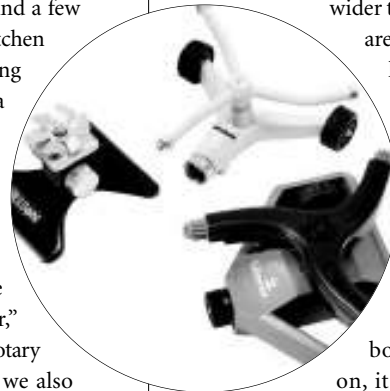
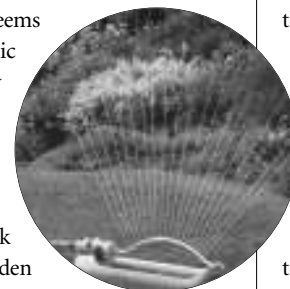
"It could be that the sprinkler is clogged," Martin answered. "On certain sprinklers, where the pinpoint is — where the water is coming out — there could be a leak...or from the manufacturer, it may not have been drilled out enough. It's just one or two of the holes that are actually causing the mist."

Should you water for shorter or longer periods of time?

"It's better to water in shorter periods of time," he said. "Water for about 15 minutes, twice a day. You don't want to flood the lawn; you just want to give it enough to keep it damp. Morning and evening is perfect. If you do it bright and early in the morning before the sun hits, then it will have enough time to soak in that water. Especially with new grass, they definitely recommend you water it at least twice a day. If you have grass that has already been growing, you could probably get away with once a day."

The next day, Patrick made a trip down to Ace Hardware. He bought the medium-coverage Ace Oscillating Sprinkler (\$5.99), and for tricky corner spots in the yard, he snatched up the Ace Eight-Pattern Sprinkler (\$8.99).

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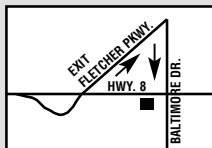
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## Irreconcilable Differences

*It is difficult not to wonder whether that combination of elements which produces a machine for labor does not create also a soul of sorts, a dull resentful metallic will, which can rebel at times.*

— Pearl S. Buck

**C**ome on," I pleaded, forcing a smile. It was imperative that I not reveal the depth of my desperation. *Click.* Nothing. My thirst for cooperation made my throat raspy. *Click.* Still nothing. "Come on, I need this today. My stash is gone, there's none in the cupboards, none left in my car." A note of hysteria had entered my voice, only to be met by a blank stare. "Come on, don't do this. Not now." *Click.* Nada. I started to panic, could feel my cool slipping away. The blank

acupuncture needles. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, please — YES! See? There you go! Was that so hard?" Sighing with relief as cold filtered water flowed into the glass I'd been clutching, I chided myself for not having faith. I gushed my thanks to the one that mercifully ended my suffering, having already suppressed the memory that the same one had started it.

I have a dysfunctional, codependent relationship with the water and ice dispenser on my refrigerator. It wasn't always this way. We used to be happy. The dispenser never groaned or balked, and I always got what I needed when I needed it. When it notified me by blinking a green light that its filter had to be changed, I didn't hesitate to

order a new one. I tried to be delicate when pushing its buttons, and it was careful to keep the water flowing in a well-directed stream.

The day things first went screwy was the day the machine transcended from an "it" to a "he." When referring to machinery, men tend to use female pronouns, especially for those instruments of technology that must be relied upon, like ships, automobiles, and cell phones. This is because men develop a relationship with their devices — they whisper sweet nothings to their gadgets, lovingly massage wax onto their cars, pamper their boats with shiny new accessories. In return, the men are rewarded with a silent, gleaming, obedient mechanical lover that is the envy of other men.

Every working relationship, between friends, family, or lovers, involves compromise, but there is a tendency to impose the romantic standards of the last on the relationships we have with our vehicles and appliances. Following in the footsteps of my forefathers, I once tried to think of my car as a girl. I even named it the Barbmobil. But when my car breaks down or there's an electrical short that causes the alarm to honk while I'm driving, when I'm begging for compliance or appreciating the power of a fully charged battery, I can't help but think of the sedan as a man. (I wonder if gay men are similarly inclined to think of machines in masculine rather than feminine terms.)

As with most relationships, the first days with my dispenser were filled with excitement. My new water-filtering, ice-making, ice-crushing, kick-ass cooling tower was one of several appliances purchased along with our condo, selected by David and me months before the construction of our building was completed. I'd never had a fridge with a dispenser before. For the first time, water that didn't come from a bottle could be guzzled with wild abandon; I didn't have to worry about forgetting to put flavored beverages in the fridge — there was an endless supply of ice for instant chilling. I was drunk with the heady excitement of it all. There was no reason for me to suspect things might one day turn sour.

I admit that after a year of bliss, I started taking the big silver guy for granted. In retrospect, I feel like I could have avoided all the fights that came later. If I had paid attention to his first indications of discontent, maybe things wouldn't have gotten this ugly.

The crushing was the first to go. One day my glass was filled with perfectly pulverized frozen water chips; the next, it contained giant, misshapen fragments of ice with a few scratches on them; the day after that, all I got when I pressed my glass against the curved black switch was an unpleasant grinding noise. I missed the kinky fun of crushed, but I learned to accept

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stare winked at me, a direct taunt. A series of expletives came flying out of my mouth in rapid fire. The only difference between me and the crazy-screaming-bus-stop guy was that my tormentor wasn't imaginary. *Click-tchuh-click-tchuh.* Something. A mixture of guilt and relief pricked at my skin like

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the cubes. Then, when the cubes stopped coming, I held my chin high while opening the freezer and digging ice out of the box with my bare hands.

One failure to perform followed another in a downward spiral until the dispenser raged with unpredictability like a strung-out heroin addict. It was hard to know when the water would start and stop, if the dispenser was going to cooperate or pout and make me wait. I eventually learned to read his signs and became convinced the dispenser was communicating to me through a series of green winks and incandescent flutters, through barely audible clicks and clacks. Three presses, usually, and the water would come streaming out. But I've never been a patient person.

San Diego tap water isn't suitable to drink — on a good day it tastes like a rusty nail buried in dirt. The dispenser's moodiness drove me to consider other sources that might better fulfill my water needs. I bought bottles and stashed

them in the fridge, right under the dispenser's nose. In time, I came to prefer the smoother, cooler, and slightly sweeter bottled spring water to the filtered. Its shapely, portable bottle was always there, wherever I had placed it, waiting to please me, and it required no repetitive clicking or begging before I could drink it. I did my best to only take the expensive bottled water out on special occasions, but with my frustration and impatience mounting, the luxurious liquid never lasted for long.

Over the past few months, the time it takes for me to coax water from the dispenser has steadily increased. This morning, out of bottled water and close to tears from exasperation, I spit curses at the dispenser for five minutes, and I felt guilty when the water finally came pouring out. "We can't go on like this," I said. The green light flickered agreement.

"Who are you talking to?" For a moment, I thought the fridge had spoken, but then I realized David was standing behind

me.

"No one, beh-beh. I just can't take this anymore. It's not healthy."

"What do you mean?" he asked.

I directed my answer to the dispenser — best to be straight with this kind of thing. We both knew it was over. We were just biding our time until one of us mustered the courage to step up and stop the vicious cycle of dysfunction once and for all. "What I mean," I said, my eyes fixed on the fading green light, "is that we've shared some great moments...but the time has come for me to start looking at other refrigerators." ■



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Vincent Paul Miranda helped shape downtown for much of the '70s and '80s, back when the district still clung to its Wild West, sailors-on-shore-leave legacy. His company Walnut Properties ran a string of movie houses south of Broadway. For a time, he also owned a legitimate stage theater downtown (Off Broadway), as well as several local hotels, including the Hotel San Diego, where he maintained a posh part-time residence.



In 1973, the bright, flashing marquees of his Cabrillo and Plaza theaters faced Broadway from the south side of Horton Plaza, with the Aztec, Casino, and Bijou operating just as colorfully and tirelessly on Fifth Avenue. Films were grinded out almost non-stop, from 9:30 a.m. through 5:30 a.m. (hence the term "grindhouse"), with action, horror, and soft-core sexploitation movies, usually paired alongside two older films and screened for 99 cents. This sort of triple-feature billing still packed a lot of movie houses back in the days before cable and satellite TV, VCRs, DVDs, DSL, HDTV, and the newest BFD. Downtown's old grindhouse row now exists only in the memory of cinemaniacs old enough to recall a time when *Jaws* made you afraid of the water, *Friday*





Miranda in convertible; Tim David's mom is middle girl



Pussycat Theatre, c. 1970s

the 13th made you afraid of hockey masks, and *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* made you afraid of sequels.

Even the Balboa Theatre on Fourth Avenue was run by Miranda's company during its final operational decade, right up until the city acquired it via eminent domain and confiscated the keys in 1986, leaving the majestic building to rot for the next 20 years. At that time, Walnut was running several dozen movie houses in California, offering the same sort of lowbrow fare proliferating at drive-ins and urban grindhouse districts.

Projectionist Dan Whitehead worked at all of Miranda's local theaters for over 20 years, beginning in 1973. "Mr. Miranda was a quiet and energetic guy. We got to know each other during the many drinking parties we had at the main office and at the Hotel San Diego. He had a motto that he had engraved on his license plate frame — 'work hard, play hard' — and that's what we all did. You could tell he really loved show business and loved movies and that it wasn't just a way to make money for him."

Miranda — of Portuguese descent — was raised in Palo Alto, the son of Albert and Belinda Mattias. As a teen, his singing voice was said to be so exceptional that his nickname was "the Voice of Paly High." On reaching adulthood, his swarthy good looks, always-natty attire, and omnipresent grin added to his charm. Thin all his life and relatively short at around 5' 4", he told friends that his suits, while purchased in top-flight shops, often came from the children's departments. Though small, casual, and soft spoken, he would not have been perceived meek, such was the authority and assuredness he projected. Heavy smoking later took a toll on his dulcet voice, which grew coarser and more gravelly over time.

After serving as a Coast Guard cook in Hawaii, Miranda got into the restaurant business and took on a partner, a man known as George Tate. Physically, Tate appeared almost the opposite of Miranda, of solid girth and with the aggressive posture of a junkyard bulldog, whether standing or seated. He was known for wearing finely made executive suits, hand tailored

to fit his monolithic frame. “Tate used to be a movie extra,” says Whitehead. “They supposedly met after getting into a car accident with each other. The story goes that Tate had a theater and Miranda had a restaurant, and they had no money to cover the auto damage, so they just went into business together.” Miranda and Tate were both considered the bosses at Walnut, though Tate was seen less by most employees.


Whitehead got to know Tate while training at the Cabrillo. “He had a silver tongue and could probably sell anything to anybody, almost like a snake-oil salesman. He probably could have made millions in religion. My feelings for Mr. Tate soured many years later, when the company was shutting down and Mr. Miranda was dead.”

He credits Miranda for the local staffers’ upbeat morale. “It was only because of him that the employees had anything at all. He gave us a retirement package,

## People v. Walnut

In 1973, California officials were using the “Red Light Abatement Act” as a toilet brush to clean out porn shops and theaters from the municipal landscape. The Buena Park Pussycat at 6177 Beach Boulevard was raided by police, initiating a case that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, to be argued (and decided) in 1975. *Hicks v. Miranda* (422 US 332) named Miranda as owner of the land the theater was on, with Pussycat and Walnut as DBAs, while Hicks was the Orange County District Attorney.

As stated in the Supreme Court summary, “On November 23 and 24, 1973, pursuant to four separate warrants issued seriatim, the police seized four copies of the film *Deep Throat*, each of which had been shown at the Pussycat Theatre in Buena Park, Orange



County, CA. On November 26, an eight-count criminal misdemeanor charge was filed in the Orange County Municipal Court

against two employees of the theater, each film seized being the subject matter of two counts in the

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completely free, plus a vision-and-dental program. He put a few million of his own money into the company during slow times, and he wasn’t afraid to roll

up his sleeves and do real work. When we were getting ready to open the Bijou on Fifth Avenue [formerly the Savoy], he got down on his hands and knees and

was scrubbing a floor behind the concession stand and cleaning out the bathrooms, while I was up in the booth installing equipment. Tate would never have deigned

to do such a thing. He might stand at the door and take a ticket or two, but that’s about it.”

Though not generally known, Miranda and Tate

were live-in lovers. For over a decade, they shared a house they purchased together from Mickey Rooney, in Encino, at 17340 Magnolia Boulevard. They also shared a love for motion-picture exhibition, seeing an opportunity to gain a foothold in San Diego by buying or leasing downtown theaters in decline, beginning with the Cabrillo (leased) and then the Plaza (purchased). In the early ’70s, several nearby houses were being run by Russo Family Enterprises (later known as El Dorado Enterprises), including the Tower, the Aztec, the Casino, and the Balboa. Miranda and Tate coveted all these locales (see “Walnut Properties” list on page 48).

Miranda acted as Walnut’s public face, frequently mentioned and quoted in the local press by theater critic Welton Jones (a close friend), while Tate was rarely seen or referenced. According to Whitehead, “Tate liked to stay in the shadows. He was

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always so secretive. There were those of us who wondered if it wasn't really Tate who actually owned the company, and Miranda was just a figurehead. The rumor was that Tate's real name was George Munton and he'd been in some serious trouble having to do with child molestation and couldn't legally own those X-rated houses. That rumor never went away and was told to me by two people who'd known him for many years."

Whitehead mentions someone ideally qualified to provide additional details about Tate's allegedly checkered past. "I'm in touch with Mr. Miranda's godson, Tim David," he tells me. "His mom worked for Miranda in a cafe he owned in his younger days. In fact, she was in love with him. Miranda became Tim's godfather at her request."

When I contact 41-year-old Tim David, he informs me that "Mom went into labor at Walnut's downstairs office at 5445 Sunset Boulevard. She and V.M. were working late as usual. He made Mom finish the filing prior to taking her to the hospital. Mom has told me I spent the first few months of my life in

that office. She converted a desk drawer into a bassinet."

David's biological father was Miranda's half-brother, Robert "Bobby" Mattias, though he says, "V.M. was the closest thing to a father I ever had. He did not lead a life that would allow me to spend more time than I did with him. But he sent checks to support me every month of my childhood, spoke to me often with words of encouragement with school and life...He would come to my school in a limo."

David says the rumors are true about Tate's prison record and the Munton surname (a name that does turn up in legal proceedings related to Walnut's eventual dismantling). "I just called my mom to ask about this; she was there for all that and remembers it quite well. [She says] he was convicted of child molestation and served his time in a California prison. She can't recall which one, but she did remember he was released in late 1965 or early 1966."

Miranda and Tate wanted to be downtown's biggest — if not sole — grindhouse operators. Walnut purchased a 22-year lease on the Balboa and

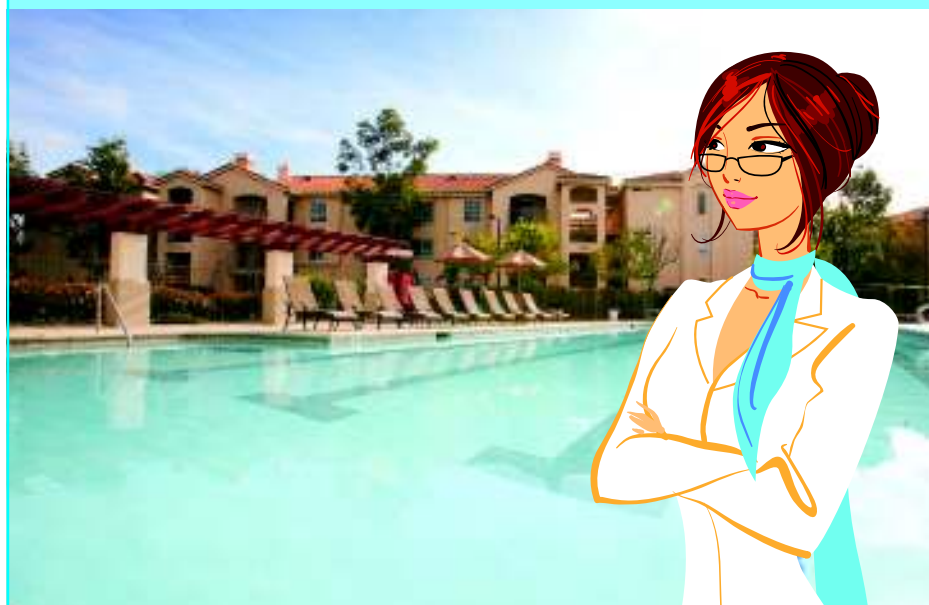
bought the Casino outright, but the Russos, for a while, held on to the Aztec on Fifth Avenue. In 1973, two independent operators — Charlie Smith and Wesley "Andy" Andrews — purchased the property so desired by Walnut. Whitehead ended up quitting his job working for Miranda and Tate to spend a few years as the Aztec's daytime projectionist.

"The concession stand had a counter open to the public sidewalk," says Whitehead. "Andy and Charlie kept the snack bar stuffed with food and candy, and they even bought a pizza oven and served individual slices of pizza. They had chili for a while, and those wrapped sandwiches you heated in an oven. A lot of downtown hookers and hustlers used the Aztec concession stand as their diner."

The competing theater operators eventually warmed toward each other. "Even after I went to work for Andy at the Aztec, I spoke often with Mr. Tate at Walnut," Whitehead says. "I introduced Andy to Tate in 1974, and they became fast friends. Andy leased the Commodore Hotel at Third and F from Tate sometime in the mid-'70s

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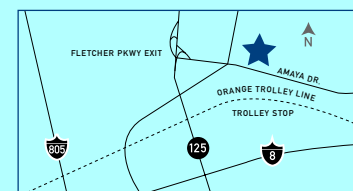
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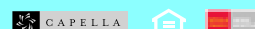


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and moved his office there. He was always doing stuff for Walnut. In fact, Andy ran the Hotel San Diego for them for a while." Other downtown inns snapped up by Miranda and Tate included the Clark Hotel and William Penn Hotel on Fifth and the Hotel St. James on Sixth.

Whitehead went back to work for Walnut as the chain's head San Diego projectionist in 1978. "I had a real mess on my hands. The head projectionist had done a lot less than he could have, as far as routine maintenance was concerned." He says the frequent post-shift "drinking parties" with Miranda resumed ("He really liked to drink").

Walnut finally managed to buy the Aztec Theatre, running it as a sister operation to the nearby Casino. The Casino, in the middle of the block and across from the Savoy Theatre (later Walnut's Bijou), was around a half-century old at the time. It was in decent repair, with a full-length balcony that was actually open most of the time. "They ran a little restaurant built onto [the



Miranda in Navy

theater] called Loren's Q," remembers Whitehead, "and they had some delicious barbecue. They also served these teeny, tiny little hamburgers they called Q-burgers."

Over at the Balboa on Fourth Avenue, Walnut used the grand olde girl to screen the same exploitative fare as its other grindhouses, marking what is to some an ignoble period for the one-time crown jewel

of downtown theaters. "I was always fascinated by the Balboa and was determined to do my best by her," says Whitehead. "The first thing I did was go over every inch of her, from the roof to the basement."

The Balboa's tile dome, set four stories above the entrance alcove, contained one of two huge fans that circulated the house's air, with the other located in the basement, just to the right of the orchestra pit. The basement included a cedar-lined room where a furrier had operated for a time. The theater's original Morton organ was no longer in place during Walnut's tenure, having been removed and taken to the nearby Fox Theatre (eventually renamed Copley Symphony Hall).

Among the Balboa's most distinctive features



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were the waterfalls on either side of the room. "They were in enclosed chambers," says Whitehead. "The one on the left had a little entrance door you got to from the hotel, while the one on the right had no entrance unless you went and got a ladder. The switch that turned them off and on was in the projection booth. I hooked it up to the automation system so they'd turn on when the curtain closed and turn off as soon as the show started. The chambers filled automatically with a ballcock assembly filling up the pool at the bottom, just like in a toilet tank. A recirculating pump fed the water up to the top, where it cascaded back down."

Sometime after Walnut leased the building, a pipe in the second basement burst. "Nobody thought it fed anything that the theater used any longer, so the plumbers just cut it off. A couple weeks later, we realized that the waterfalls weren't working and the supply line had been cut. There was no way the company would spend the money to fix it. From that time until the theater closed, I used a ladder and hose to fill up the waterfalls myself, about once every week in the winter and twice a week in the summer."

As with many theater stages, the Balboa's had a "doghouse" on top, with windows that opened up in the event of fire, to suck out heat and smoke. "It was an 80-foot drop from the catwalk grid under that

doghouse to the stage floor," says Whitehead. "On top of the doghouse was a huge water tower. One day, a work crew came in to take that tower off from the roof. They were your usual bunch of know-it-all asshole construction types. I told them the water supply to that tank was still live and that they'd better turn it off before they started cutting. They didn't listen. A little while later, the water started shooting up in the air and drenched everything. It looked like a tugboat coming into a harbor. I was laughing so hard that I

couldn't get my breath." Whitehead says one of the best things about working the Balboa was access to the balcony, closed to the public for years (mainly because the exits led to the closed-off hotel hall). "I dragged an overstuffed chair and a couch up to the front row of the balcony. My brother David, who later managed the Balboa, helped me lug them up there. It was, literally, the best seat in town, centered to the screen horizontally and vertically. Just a wonderful place to watch a movie."

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The all-but-abandoned balcony was just one of the Balboa's backstage remnants of a vanishing era. "There was an old sign behind where the stage was, instructing silence on account of radio broadcasts," says Whitehead. "I've always wondered which local radio station it was. I'm betting it was KOGO, but no one in management knew. I think the broadcasting was probably done from a room up on the top floor of the hotel, which has a ceiling window and looks like a classic studio."

Out in the seats, the Balboa was at that point so infested with rats that, in quiet movie moments, you could hear them scurrying amongst the treasure trove of discarded snack bar confections. "There was a time when a lady jumped to her feet screaming because a rat had run across her foot," recalls Whitehead. Some other patrons were more

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complaint."

The OC Superior Court held a hearing, viewed the film, took evidence, and declared the movie to be obscene. Then, in June 1974, a three-judge court issued its judgment and opinion declaring the California obscenity statute to be unconstitutional, which the Supreme Court agreed with. Three of the four prints were later returned, and Miranda and his employees eventually beat the criminal charges.

Buena Park Pussycat neighbor Donna Bagley filed a lawsuit against Miranda and Walnut in 1974, demanding closure of the theater. Her suit claimed she was "significantly offended, outraged, and has suffered shame, embarrassment, and emotional distress as a result of the public scandal caused

by the continuous and daily presence, advertisement, and public exhibition of patent hard-core pornography." She also said the theater attracts "immoral persons," including "criminal elements, undesirables, deviates, and dropouts."

According to a mid-'90s study about L.A.'s Pussycat on Santa Monica Boulevard, commissioned by the group Concerned Women for America, between 1977 and 1994 "the Los Angeles Police Department made 2000 arrests for lewd conduct on the premises. The conservative estimate is that every arrest required four hours of police work for two officers at a minimum of \$55 per hour for each officer. This does not include the substantial costs attendant on review by a supervisor, prosecution, court proceedings, and probation."

Walnut Properties ("a real estate holding and investment company") filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in June 1994, claiming liabilities of \$17.7 million. The filing listed George Tate as Walnut's president and sole stockholder; the 'Cats are never mentioned by name. Creditors with the largest claims included First Fidelity Savings and Loan of San Diego (\$2.08 million), Queen City Bank in Long Beach (\$2.38 million), and Topa Thrift and Loan in Century City (\$2.8 million).

However, the bankruptcy petition was ruled incomplete. The court's summary stated, "The debtor has been involved in several lawsuits causing further extraordinary expenses. The comments... indicate a creditor who obtained a judgment against Walnut has attempted to tie up the debtor's

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Despite the descent into skid-row schlock, which mirrored Hollywood's own, the Balboa still frequently screened to packed houses, as when *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* debuted in late 1979. "Walnut had just bought a Dolby stereo sound system, and they rushed installation just for that movie," says Whitehead. "I put a strobe light up in the pinnacle on top of the Balboa's roof dome, and you could see it all the way up Fourth Avenue. Getting that tiny light on top of the dome wasn't easy. I had to climb up it from the outside. Had I fallen, I'd have gone straight down into the huge fan that exhausted air out of the house."

Miranda's legitimate stage venue, the Off Broadway Theatre, at Third and E, earned him civic accolades and social recognition for bringing heavy-weight Hollywood talent

scary than scared. "I recall a creep who had secreted himself in the janitor's closet in the women's restroom

and was peeking out to see what he could see," he says. "There was another guy who used to rattle the plas-

tic from his candy, just to irritate those around him. There was a huge, fat Mexican guy who sold news-

papers on the street that we had to ask to leave more than once, because he smelled so bad."



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downtown in a series of high-caliber productions. The Off Broadway (formerly known as the Hollywood Burlesque — see page 52) opened in March 1971 with a production of *Anything Goes*, attended by Miranda's parents, flown in from Palo Alto. From there, he hired various producers to stage ambitious musicals like *Guys and Dolls*, as well as hosting touring productions of shows like *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

Around 1972, Miranda began turning up around town — and in L.A. and NYC — arm in arm with actress Rose Marie, best known from *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. They'd met through her publicity girl, who was also working for Miranda when he offered to fly Marie and several others to San Diego to attend an Off Broadway production of *Cactus Flower*.

In her book *Hold the Roses*, Rose Marie describes their first encounter. "This man met me at the parking lot of the airport and hurried me to the gate," she says. "He was about five foot four, dark hair, kind of wiry, about 45 years old, kind of Italian looking. It turned out he wasn't Italian. Martha Raye was at the gate, Audrey Christy, Harry Guardino, and lots of actors. There were about 30 of us... He was very pleasant, charming, had a good sense of humor, and he was short! But I liked him."

She describes their growing relationship with mild allusions to her frequent date's homosexuality. "He was a great sport and, as I always said, the last of the big spenders," she says. "He was great to talk to, and he loved the idea that we were going out together. He took me home and we said good night. No kiss, no nothing. I relaxed. We became very good friends. No romance, and I was grateful for that. We liked being together, and he loved the idea that everybody knew me and came over for autographs. He was out with a celebrity. Best of all, we went to all of

the big affairs, the \$1000-ticket dinners, like the annual Thalias Ball affair and the St. Jude Hospital affair that Danny Thomas always did."

"We were getting to be known as a couple. Little did everybody know that we were like brother and sister, but we had fun. Once in a while, a kiss on the cheek, but that's all... and again, I was grateful. I didn't have to worry about a thing."

Marie was photographed on Miranda's arm at the Off Broadway's first-anniversary luncheon in March 1972, sponsored by

the San Diego Downtown Association and held at the U.S. Grant Hotel. Former mayor Frank Curran presented Miranda with a plaque from the association, while Deputy Mayor Floyd Morrow gave him a plaque from the city, in recognition of the theater revitalizing downtown. A photo appeared with an article in the next day's *San Diego Union*. "His publicity man, Don Haley, kept our names in the columns," recalls Marie.

Miranda was reportedly thrilled at this mention in a 1972 issue of L.A.'s



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In 1974, Miranda and Tate purchased the Hotel San Diego for \$1.4 million. Both maintained hotel suites of their own, as did a man named Don Wortman, who had known Miranda in the Coast Guard. Wortman produced stage shows for Miranda at the Off Broadway, including that venue’s

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assets, disrupting the ability to operate his business.” The Chapter 11 bankruptcy actions were converted to Chapter 7 actions in August 1994.

Walnut’s bankruptcy cases were discharged/dismissed in February 1996. Shortly thereafter, the company was hit by the IRS with a \$182,294 tax lien, but the company tried to keep at least a few plates spinning. In 1998, Walnut borrowed \$341,000 against mortgages in San Diego. The following year, it borrowed another \$120,000 in San Luis Obispo and took out a \$350,000 mortgage

loan in L.A. In March 1999, the company renewed its bankruptcy application, with the process finally completed in December 2001.

In 2001, around \$15 million in Walnut assets all over the state (mostly properties) went to litigants Charles Perez and Kathy and Michel Harouche, in a “trustee’s deed” covering various judgments obtained against Walnut.

Walnut (Jonathan T. Cota, president) tried to save the company’s former headquarters at 5445 West Sunset Boulevard in July 2001, by transferring ownership of its second floor from Walnut Incorporated to the George Tate Living Trust. The entire property

ended up being transferred in April 2002 to TK Theaters, Incorporated, in lieu of a \$1,110,000 debt.

In December 2002, Walnut lost a judgment of \$2,643,333.00 to Ralph and Nancy McLaughlin in Porterville, CA, over unpaid rent and damages relating to a property Walnut had kept tied up for a proposed multiscreen theater since 1992, through Tate’s death and the multiple bankruptcy filings.

The company was still being divvied up in tax sell-offs in 2006, when the city of Baldwin Park obtained a Walnut property at 4024 East Pacific Avenue for \$20,355 (assessed value \$107,374). ■

1977, Wortman ended up running Miranda’s Backstage Restaurant, in the Commodore Hotel at Third and E, adjacent to the Pussycat on Fourth. Restaurant patrons had to walk through the Pussycat’s lobby to use the Backstage restrooms.

“The Backstage was opened by a friend of mine named Frank Clancy,” explains Whitehead. “Frank spent many long, hard hours getting that place opened, but then something happened. Wortman said something to Miranda that got him all stirred up and got Frank fired. Wortman took the place over and acted as if it was all his idea...I never did like Wortman. He had a heavy black beard and would talk out of the side of his mouth. He always made me think of a pirate.”

final show before it closed in 1975, *Take It Off*. According to *San Diego Union* theater critic Welton Jones, that show “featured

Georgina Spelvin, who had starred — if you want to call it that — in *The Devil in Miss Jones*. To give you some idea: she was backed by a

chorus line of boys in jockstraps. Leather jockstraps. It was dreadful. It brought out the worst in everyone.”

Wortman next ran the

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Miranda let Wortman take charge of redecorating the Hotel San Diego. Columnist Welton Jones recalled the redo last year in a *Reader* article about the hotel. "When MGM auctioned off its props from Culver City, Don [Wortman] bought a lot of their stuff. His bed came from there. He said it came from the set of *Cleopatra*. He was always buying things, changing things, rearranging things...every room was different. The lobby alone and the chandeliers came from an old Hollywood movie theater. The front desk came from a pharmacy in Spain. The bar was straight out of World War II. He even had four packs of wartime Lucky Strike Green framed on the wall...Those guys were so

alive, Wortman was amazing, covered with tattoos, smoking a cigarette, those dark eyes drilling into you. Those guys really had balls. Don't get me wrong: I'm not gay, but I felt something for the two of them."

According to longtime hotel employee Alice Faye, "Wortman and Mr. Miranda were both faggots. Mr. Miranda used to pick up Marines. Used to introduce them to people as his nephews. Mr. Miranda had lots of nephews." She says Wortman was murdered in 1981. "[He] picked up some guy and took him home. Back to his sister's house, is what I heard. Can you imagine? His sister comes home and finds her brother between the bed and the wall with his neck broke. You talk about rough



Miranda with Rose Marie

trade." After Wortman's death, Miranda moved his own room from the sixth floor down to Wortman's former suite in room 264.

Miranda's godson Tim David tells me, "V.M. took me to the hotel all the time. It was quite a thing to walk in with him; he was a king

there. The 'Presidential Suite' is what he called his room. It was very gaudy. I remember lots of bearskin and cut-glass panels. He and Tate would have their 'sailor parties' in that suite a lot. I would have to stay in the suite a few doors down during those."

Miranda installed former waitress Donna Martin as the hotel's resident manager. "Donna was quite a character," recalls Whitehead. "She and Mr. Miranda loved to drink. I remember drinking with them one time when she was waxing eloquent on the fact that God was actually a woman. One morning for breakfast, I went down to the Country Kitchen with Tom Wimbish [manager of the Cabrillo, Plaza, and Balboa theaters]. Mr. Miranda and

Donna joined us, and they had both lost their voices from drinking so much the night before. Mr. Miranda was trying to figure out if it was the vodka or the cigarettes that did it."

Miranda's sterling civic and social rep seemed unsailable — for a while, anyway — even after it became common knowledge that he was buying an increasingly large stake in the Pussycat Theatre chain of adult movie houses. The chain was founded by longtime film exhibitor Dan Sonney and sexploitation filmmaker Dave Friedman. The duo bought an abandoned 40-year-old, 400-seat theater on Fifth and Hill in L.A., remodeled it, and opened the doors as the Pussycat Theatre in March 1967. Young George Tate had run

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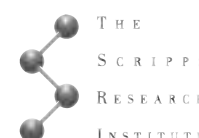
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the theater in a previous all-age incarnation.

Vince Miranda bought a 50 percent share of the Pussycat in 1968, immediately remodeling and redecorating each theater, which then included around two dozen California houses. "He fixed them up so nice," marvels Friedman, "that almost nobody was ashamed to be seen walking into a Pussycat. Which was a big change from the old 'raincoat' crowd...I can't say [Miranda] and I ever got along well, but he was definitely a showman who knew how to bring in the rubes."

Though operated under the Walnut umbrella, Miranda took great personal interest in the Pussycats. He outfitted each theater with crimson carpeting, velveteen fixtures, decorated walls (usually including selections from his own huge collection of painted nudes), and crystal chandeliers with golden fittings. If an X-movie's poster wasn't particularly attractive in the marquee showcase, he'd commission and produce his own colorful, relatively "classy" display posters, shipped to managers chainwide to use as their public face in communities increasingly — surprisingly — receptive to hosting an X-rated theater or drive-in.

According to Rose Marie, "He took pride in running the Pussycat Theatres. Although they were porno theaters, he ran them like a business. They were cute little theaters that were kept in shape. Sometimes when we were out, he would stop at one theater or another and make sure everything was being run right. I met everyone at the office, including his cousin Jimmie [Johnson, an eventual Walnut co-owner]."

Miranda later purchased a majority stake in the Pussycat chain, in a partnership with Johnson and Tate. At its peak in the '70s, Pussycat operated 47 California houses, most of them classical theaters that had faded. Their growing profile, however,

also made them visible targets. Though *Deep Throat* played Hollywood's Pussycat for around ten years and made Miranda millions, it sparked dozens of legal battles and mired him in numerous public-

relations snafus, police actions, criminal trials, and civil lawsuits (see *People v. Walnut*, page 26).

Statewide, he faced obscenity charges over 50 times, in around two dozen municipalities, but was only

convicted once, of a reduced "public nuisance" charge. *The Los Angeles Times* began refusing Pussycat ads in 1975, notwithstanding that Miranda had spent around a million dollars advertising Pussycats in their paper

the previous year.

Around San Diego, Walnut came to operate four 'Cat-houses: downtown, in National City, in El Cajon, and in Escondido. Downtown's Pussycat on Fourth Avenue — open

from noon–5:30 a.m. daily — was notorious for sidewalk posters that assaulted passersby with graphic (not quite explicit) images from triple-X features with titles like *Talk Dirty to Me*, *Taboo*, *The*

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*Budding of Brie*, and *A Scent of Heather*. The decor was mildly seedy, if era-appropriate: faded and cracked tile offset by chrome-etched mirror panels and lit by flashing red and purple lights.

Whitehead recalls opening *Deep Throat* at the downtown 'Cat, where the film would screen almost continuously over the next five years. "I worked for three days straight, because the day projectionist, Michael Knight, was a college student and afraid of getting busted; he later became management. Those were 18-hour shifts, back to back. After the third day, I literally couldn't go on any longer and went home and crashed. That was the night the vice squad came in and confiscated the print."

Walnut's head of public relations, Don Haley, was staying in town and prepared. "He brought a second print over from the

St. James Hotel — the cops could only take one print until a court decided if it was obscene — and then he proceeded to call all the radio and TV stations in town. When I got to work the next night, people were lined up way down the street and around the block, and it stayed that way for a long time. It was so busy that we were answering the phone in the projection booth, because the concession stand and box office were literally too swamped to do it." Walnut battled the city over this and other *Pussycat* matters for years.

Walnut's stake in the *Pussycat* chain only included the California operations. Most estimates indicate several hundred other *Pussycats* did business elsewhere, until video lowered the boom on all walk-in theaters, especially the X-houses.

According to Miranda's godson, Tim David, "V.M. and Tate never owned or



Balboa Theatre

had anything to do with *Pussycat* outside of the state. I remember asking V.M. about it one time. He really couldn't have cared less what they did outside of the state. Jimmie Johnson

and I spoke about it last year. He told me people really wanted V.M. to trademark the name. He just never did. Weird, huh?"

If you look at who was running the famed NYC

*Pussycat*, a possible clue emerges regarding why Miranda was unwilling to make a federal case of the matter. According to the Meese Commission report, mob boss Mickey Zaffarano ran the New York *Pussycat* from an office across the street connected to the theater via a secret underground tunnel. During one FBI raid, Zaffarano reportedly tried to elude agents using the tunnel, only to collapse from a massive coronary and die. Mickey's brother Johnny Zaffarano owned or ran several porn shops and massage parlors in San Diego through much of the '70s.

Miranda did apply for and receive a trademark for the *Pussycat* logo itself, with its festive masked playmate leaping through a lighted oval, ringed on marquees by flashing, chasing light bulbs. This has proven a major factor in *Pussycat*-related litigation that continues to this day, but more

on that in a bit.

By the end of the '70s, around 30 adult bookstores and movie houses operated within a 16-square-block area downtown. The city targeted those adult merchants with eminent domain proceedings intended to condemn the properties, so they could be refitted to suit the resurgent Gaslamp Quarter, whose acreage would be added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

However, the city's "Redevelopment Agency" didn't stop there. It also named around 75 non-adult businesses and individuals in an eminent domain lawsuit filed December 31, 1979. The hit list included Walnut's Commodore Hotel, as well as the Buccaneer Lounge, the Equitable Trust Company, Fourth Street Arcade, the Horton Hotel Grand, Joe's Barber Shop, the Right Spot bar, Security First National Bank, Terminal

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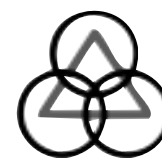
## Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective Disorder

and are between the ages of 18 and 65, you or that person may be eligible to participate in a clinical research trial.

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According to court documents, Miranda filed his own lawsuit a few weeks later, for "unlawful detainee," over being locked out of his Cabaret Theater — formerly his Off Broadway legit stage theater — then screening porn (447901, *Vincent Miranda, et al. v. James Schneider*). Though he never regained control of the Cabaret, he was eventually awarded a \$100,000 judgment, which the city had to pay due to "intentional property distress, lost income, and lost public goodwill."

As downtown San Diego became increasingly seedy, the company's grindhouse theaters began opening at noon and closing at midnight. "They were finding needles in the alley behind the Casino," recalls Whitehead. The 1979 film

*Hardcore* shows downtown at its Sodom and Gomorrah peak, with George C. Scott stumbling through wall-to-wall porno shops in search of information about his missing pornstar daughter. He makes his way down Fourth and Fifth Avenues, dodging hunchbacked junkies and drooling perverts at every step.

You can see the Cabrillo and Plaza during their final days in the 1980 Marty Feldman film *In God We Trust*, partially shot downtown. "They took one of the box-office ladies named Olivia and put glasses and a wig on her," recalls Whitehead. "I think I ruined one of their shots. The Cabrillo paged me with an emergency, and the film crew tried to keep me from going in. I just pushed past them and went in anyway. As far as I was concerned, there was an emergency, and Walnut was paying my check, not them. Asshole me, ha?"

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Both the Cabrillo and Plaza were closed in 1982.

"Talk of the city taking over the properties had been around for a while," recalls Whitehead. "I had to deal with people from the city from time to time, as they came to inspect the properties they were basically stealing. Eminent domain operates under the 'color of law,' but it's theft, pure and simple. No private citizen can operate in such

a fashion, so it shouldn't be legal for the city government to do it.

"I never had anything but cold, utter contempt for the parasites that made up the San Diego City Council and the CCDC [Centre City Development Corporation]. They were and probably still are smarmy, self-righteous tax parasites. Anytime I could cause them any trouble whatsoever, no matter how

small, I went out of my way to do so.

"One time, the CCDC sent two architects to inspect the Balboa, so that they could declare it earthquake unsafe and make it easier to steal. These guys were in their late 50s or early 60s, and I made them go through that entire building, from the theater to the hotel, and the stores. I took them through every crawl-space and airshaft that one could fit into. We started at 9:00 in the morning and didn't finish until that afternoon. By the time we were done, they were literally

drenched with sweat and hardly had any strength left at all. God, I hated those motherfuckers.

"The guy I had the most dealings with was a runty little weasel named Dave. One time, he browbeat Angie, the Filipino gal who was temporary manager of the Balboa. She was one of the most kind, gentle, sweet little gals I've ever known. At Mr. Tate's orders, I had copied a set of keys to the Balboa and the Pussycat for the CCDC's little Napoleon asshole. The key that worked the door to the Balboa's dome didn't work, and this creep verbally browbeat Angie and told her to get that door open or he'd have it knocked down. She paged me in tears, and I called him and told him to deal directly with me only from that point on. Then I made him

wait a few days for a new key."

Next to close was the Fourth Avenue Pussycat. "On the day we removed all the equipment," remembers Whitehead, "I was instructed to give a guy from the city the keys when we were finished. So I called and he was there in just a few minutes, as if he'd been waiting right beside the phone or something. I had removed all the identification from all of the keys, just to make his job difficult. When he put out his hand for the keys, I deliberately let them fall to the floor, turned my back on him, and walked out the door without a word. Yes, that was small and petty, but it felt good to do it."

Walnut appointed two new partners in late 1981, when Miranda's cousin Jimmie Bert Johnson and Wal-

nut associate Jerome Knell were jointly named company president. Johnson was formerly head of the advertising department and company vice president (his mother Ada Johnson managed the Torrance Pussycat). Knell had been a part-owner of the Pussycat on Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach. Miranda and Tate still ran the day-to-day operations.

Around this time, a man named Jonathan T. Cota entered the picture at Walnut. In short order, he seemed to wield as much authority as Miranda and Tate. According to Miranda's godson Tim David, "Cota just appeared one day around 1982 or 1983, never to leave the scene. He was a shoe salesman at Florsheim shoes in Beverly Hills. He was sleeping with Tate, and he was a third or fourth

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cousin to V.M. He must have been very talented at what he did... I remember his first big 'gift' from Tate was a house in the Hollywood Hills."

David says Miranda disliked Cota. "V.M. was an incredible judge of character, and he hated the sight of Cota and saw him for what he was right away. A leech." Cota's growing involvement with Walnut operations was partly related to Miranda's gradual withdrawal from management, due to health problems later diagnosed as cancer related. "As V.M. became more sick, Cota slowly moved into the house that V.M. and Tate had on Magnolia in Encino. I spent summers there in my teens, and it had always been a beautiful, antique-filled home. Walnut Acres they called it, an old walnut farm with neighbors like the Jacksons and Tim Conway."

Dan Whitehead says, "I never liked Cota from the

first day I saw him slither into the office. Once he became Tate's squeeze, Mr. Miranda didn't like that. One time, Cota came to the office with Tate for an after-business-hours drinking party. After Tate left with Cota, Mr. Miranda said, 'I wish he wouldn't bring Cota around here, he's such a fag.' I almost fell off my chair."

In May 1985, Miranda — a lifelong heavy smoker — was battling lung cancer in an L.A. hospital. "My Aunt Susan spoke to V.M. several times about my future with Walnut," says David. "Something must have been going down at the end, because V.M. called her and said he was planning on getting married! This is very strange, due to the fact he and Tate had been live-in lovers for decades."

Vince Miranda died June 3, 1985. "He denied the fact that he was dying up to the end," says David.

"The last time I saw him was at Walnut Acres...he was bald from the chemo treatments but insisted that he was in remission and was going to be fine. He kept it a secret from all of us."

"To this day, I haven't seen V.M.'s will, and neither did his mom, Grandma Mattias," says David. "She was the one who told me Tate and Cota were keeping everything. I had gold coin collections and accounts in my name from when I was a child. All was taken and just disappeared. Remember, I was just a pup, and poor Grandma was an old lady. We were no match for sharks like Tate and Cota."

David says Cota quickly moved in with Tate at Walnut Acres in Encino. "The last time I was there, after V.M.'s death, the house had been completely 'Cotafied.' The guy has no taste whatsoever; it looked like something off the set of *Miami*

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To be fair, there may not have been a lot of Walnut left, at least once the IRS hit Miranda’s estate with a federal tax lien of \$6,047,760.00. Walnut prop-

erties all over the state were sold, leased, or traded away, with many real-estate holdings being handed over in lawsuit judgments. Several claims against the estate were connected to ongoing litigation dating back years. Walnut Properties and/or company principals were served with over 100 civil lawsuits filed between 1973 and 2005, the majority related to Pussycat locales (see *People v. Walnut*, page 26). Interestingly, one tax lien mentions as a DBA “George

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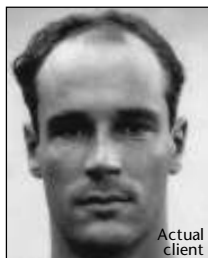
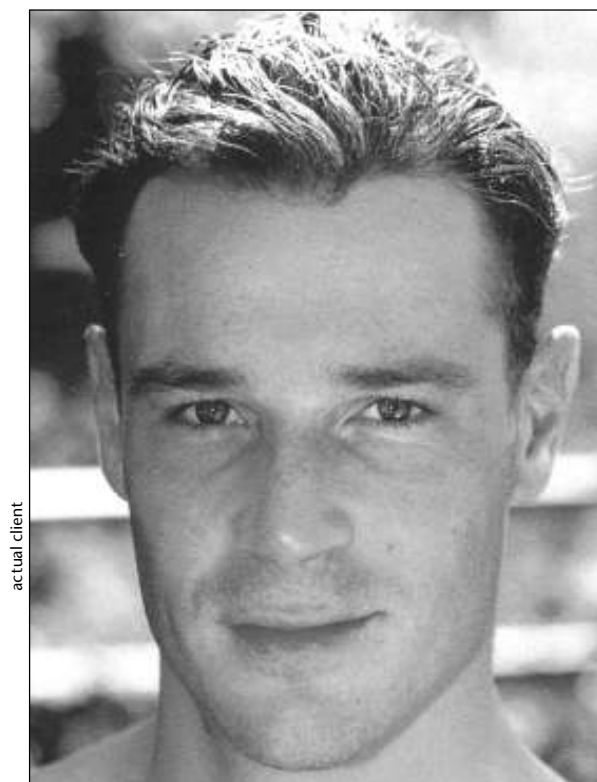
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In all, around \$30 million in Walnut assets were liquidated, lost in judgments, or "gift deeded" to others over the next 15 years. Top candidates for liquidation included the increasingly problematic Pussycat theaters, which had installed video-projection equipment to no avail. Between shrinking attendance, home video, and increasing civic and social intolerance, the Pussycat dynasty was nearly dead.

Tate must have seen a future for Pussycat, however. After recovering from a stroke (neither his first nor last), he registered for sole ownership of Pussycat Theatres, Inc., in February 1986, listing the corporation's primary service as "photofinishing laboratories" and its secondary service being "motion picture production."

The Balboa closed in

April 1986, with over a decade remaining on Walnut's original lease. "I don't remember much at all about the last day," says Whitehead. "This may sound silly, but it was a sad, even traumatic, experience. I loved that house very much; it really hurt to leave. My office was there, and I ordered all the projection booth parts and supplies from there, and everything for my department was delivered there."

In 1987, Tate sold the Hotel San Diego for \$6 million to Dr. Leonard Glass, whose purchase also included a 99-year ground lease for the entire block. Glass later told author Michael Lesy, "This place was done up like a New Orleans bordello. It was a glorified flophouse full of antiques... Miranda's partner said they spent \$2 million on all the couches and chandeliers and bric-a-brac. Maybe the IRS believed them, but I don't. We got

rid of it all except the phone booth and the window in the lobby."

Theater critic Welton Jones recalled: "I went to one of the last [hotel] auctions. I was standing there looking at a lamp... One of the auctioneers came up. 'You know anything about this stuff?' he said. I lied. 'No,' I said... I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. I walked away. It was as if everything those two guys had done, everything they'd tried to do, even who they were, had all vanished into thin air."

Says head projectionist Dan Whitehead, "Around then, my paycheck bounced for the first time. It wasn't long after that that I was let go."

Walnut Properties filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy actions in June 1994, listing liabilities of \$17.7 million. For some of these legal proceedings, Walnut officer Barry Hartsfield was listed as Tate's trustee/con-

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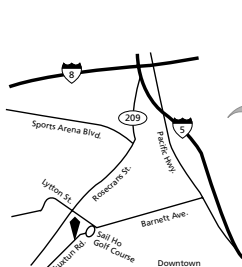
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servator. Tate had sought Hartsfield's help after suffering health setbacks that included a stroke that sidelined him for the better part of 1994. The Chapter 11 bankruptcy actions were converted to Chapter 7 actions in August of that year. Then:

"I received a call from Grandma Mattias, V.M.'s mom," says Tim David. "She never said hello, she just started talking, and she asked, 'Do you want the good news or the bad?'"

"I replied, 'The good, I guess.'"

"She said, 'The bastard is dead! George Tate died on the dentist chair. Now do you want the bad news?' I said 'yes' and she replied, 'All the money is gone, he spent it all.' She hated Tate, too."



Cabrillo Theatre

PHOTOGRAPH BY GUY SENSOR

In 1998, Cota and Barry Hartsfield (Tate's one-time estate conservator) — as the Tate Group, Inc. — tried launching a hot-dog chain called Red's, with their first locale on the corner of Hol-

lywood and Western in L.A. Patterned after Tinseltown hot-dog hotspot Pink's, it failed to take off. Walnut Properties — by this time solely owned by Cota — renewed its bankruptcy

application in 1999, in proceedings that continued through 2001.

Cota threatened to file a lawsuit against pop performers the Pussycat Dolls in 2004, for infringing on

the trademark he claimed to own on the Pussycat Theatre logo. Not that the Dolls were using a similar logo, but Cota claimed their name traded on his own "well-known, world-famous mark." The suit appears not to have been pursued, after the U.S. Patent Office declared the Pussycat trademark to be "abandoned." Cota recently launched a website, [www.pussycatoriginal.com](http://www.pussycatoriginal.com). "He's trying to sell product with a bastardized version of the Pussycat logo," says Tim David of the slightly altered catwoman design gracing various T-shirts and mugs on the site.

The Pussycat Theatre on Santa Monica Boulevard in L.A. is still open and being run by Jonathan T. Cota. The chain's for-

mer flagship house switched to gay porn, as the name was changed to the Tomkat, and then Studs. The original Pussycat sign was recently reinstalled. According to David, "Cota wasn't using the old oval at all, the plexiglass had been reversed and left up there to rot for years. I wrote and spoke to him about getting the sign, to renovate and keep it for myself. Three weeks after my inquiry, the old marquee was back up." Cota — whose voice is on the theater's answering machine — has not responded to interview requests.

Tim David: "You know, I have a six-inch-square version of the Pussycat logo tattooed on my shoulder. The name Miranda is on my calf as well. I guess it's my

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The theater's corner location afforded added space for multiple banks of movie posters, displayed in interconnected tiers of glass showcases wrapping around the building and lining the entranceway all the way up to the turnstile

at the door. Inside, there was no real lobby to speak of, and the theater hall had ascending layers of floor levels rather than a traditional balcony, referred to in the trade as “stadium seating” with two levels laid out at a continuous sloping angle instead of with risers. The Fox theater chain bought it in 1936 and remodeled its façade, changing the name to the Fox Aztec.

According to Donald H. Wolfe's 2006 book *The Black Dahlia Files*, in December 1946, soon-to-be-murdered actress Elizabeth Short was found sleeping at the Fox Aztec by a clerk, after a screening of *The Al Jolson Story*. Short had arrived in San Diego broke and couldn't afford any other place to sleep. The clerk invited Short to stay at her home over the next couple of weeks, until the actress made her way toward L.A. and into history. Her mutilated body was discovered

January 15, 1947.

The venue later became known simply as the Aztec and was run by Russo Family Enterprises (later called El Dorado), until purchased in 1973 by A&S Theater Corporation, owned by Charlie Smith and Wesley “Andy” Andrews. The duo had previously run a 16mm X-rated house called the Little Art at the southeast corner of Third and E Street, where they reportedly earned the money to buy and remodel the Aztec.

Smith and Andrews reopened the Aztec on January 23, 1974, screening a triple feature that included *Paint Your Wagon* and *The Friends of Eddie Coyle*, with Robert Mitchum. The duo also operated a snack bar facing the sidewalk, as well as a game room separated from the concession stand by a wrought-iron grill and with its own door to the sidewalk (many assumed the arcade was part of the theater itself). Walnut pur-

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chased the theater in the late '70s.

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After Walnut sold the buildings, the Casino and Aztec theaters closed, reopened, and then closed again a few times through the '80s, under different management and often as X-rated houses (the Aztec briefly served as a Pussy-cat locale). After being boarded up for good, the buildings were purchased for \$250,000 by the Santa Monica development firm

CIM Group LLC, who by 2000 had converted the entire 15,000-square-foot area into a two-story shopping complex. The locale currently houses a Ghirardelli Soda Fountain and Chocolate Shop, an Urban Outfitters branch, and a sportswear store. Elements from the Aztec can still be seen in Urban Outfitters (exposed brick walls and steel framework), and a revamped version of the old Casino marquee now serves as the main signage for Ghirardelli's.

**The Balboa Theatre**, 850 Fourth Avenue: This venue on the southwest corner of Fourth and E was built in 1924. Designed for stage and screen, it featured a single-level balcony, gold metallic wall paint, a gilded ceiling with ornate chandeliers, and a sizable orchestra pit. The original seating capacity — 1513 — commemorated the year Vasco Núñez de Balboa arrived

in San Diego, and whimsical 28-foot-tall vertical waterfalls were built into the walls on either side of the stage. The waterfalls operated at full force during intermissions.

The building housed vaudeville acts in the 1920s, until shifting to motion picture screenings. A neon marquee was added in 1930 and the name changed to El Teatro Balboa, to feature Spanish-language movies and stage shows, with usherettes often dressed in faux-bullfighter gear. Grandiose by any standards, the Balboa fell into hard times and disrepair in the '50s, until it was almost demolished for a parking lot in 1959. Russo Family Enterprises bought the building, spending \$125,000 to remodel it in 1964. The City of San Diego placed the Balboa on its local Register of Historical Places in 1972, and it was being run by the blue-chip Fox chain until leased to Walnut in the mid-'70s,

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Walnut squeezed additional profits from the Balboa by renting out portions of the building. Recalls head projectionist Dan Whitehead, "There was a tattoo artist for many years who called himself Doc Webb—his shop was originally down on West Broadway, but he later moved it into the Balboa, where those storefronts were on the Fourth Avenue side of the building. The Mark Shoe Repair shop was owned by two Greek brothers who moved it from the Yuma Building [631 Fifth] into the Balboa building."

The City filed eminent domain proceedings to acquire the property at the beginning of 1980, ultimately succeeding. The Balboa closed April 6, 1986. It was still boarded up in November 2002, when a \$10 million restoration plan was finally approved by a City Council committee.

CCDC says the theater will reopen later this year with a 1400-seat performing arts theater and five stories of office space.

**The Cabrillo Theatre** on Plaza Street, facing Horton Plaza's fountain, opened in 1918. Miranda leased it in the early '70s—his first San Diego theater—using the locale most often to exhibit low-budget, second-run action and horror flicks, whose exploitative titles looked fabulous on the oversize marquees. "We screened *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* at the Cabrillo the week it was released in 1973," recalls Walnut head projectionist Whitehead. "The house was packed for all but the earliest and latest showings. It made so much money that the studio jerked it out of our second-run houses and put it in the first-run theaters."

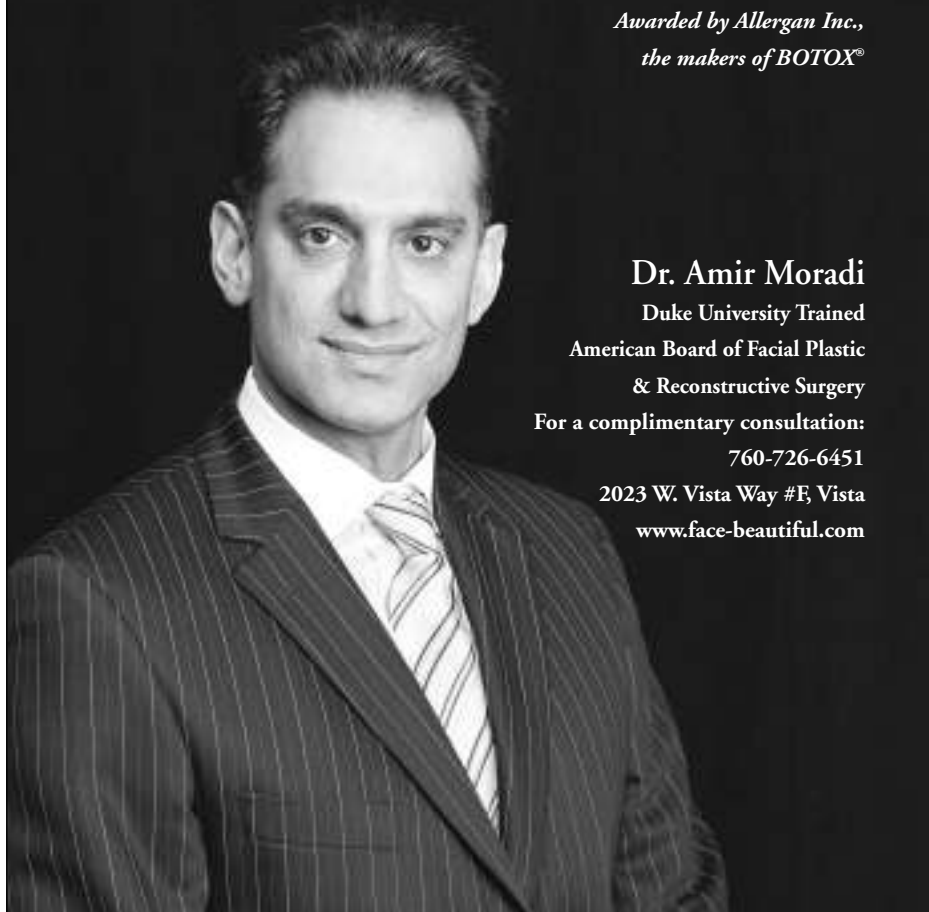
**The Plaza Theatre**, also on Plaza Street, opened April 13, 1913. Miranda purchased it in the early '70s from Preferred Theatres, Inc., in a package deal that included the El Cajon Theater (later converted to a Pussycat). Under Walnut, the Plaza began showing soft-core and sexploitation movies, not altogether out of character for a building that had once housed brothels in its second-story hotel. The hotel part of the building was demolished in 1966, but under Miranda's stewardship, the Plaza's gloriously tacky façade became, like its next-door sister, the Cabrillo, just as tarted up and all-accommodating as any lady of the evening.

The Plaza (renamed the Owl for a while) and the Cabrillo remained open through late 1982. Both theaters were demolished to make room for the Horton Plaza Shopping Mall. A United Artists seven-screen movie theater opened

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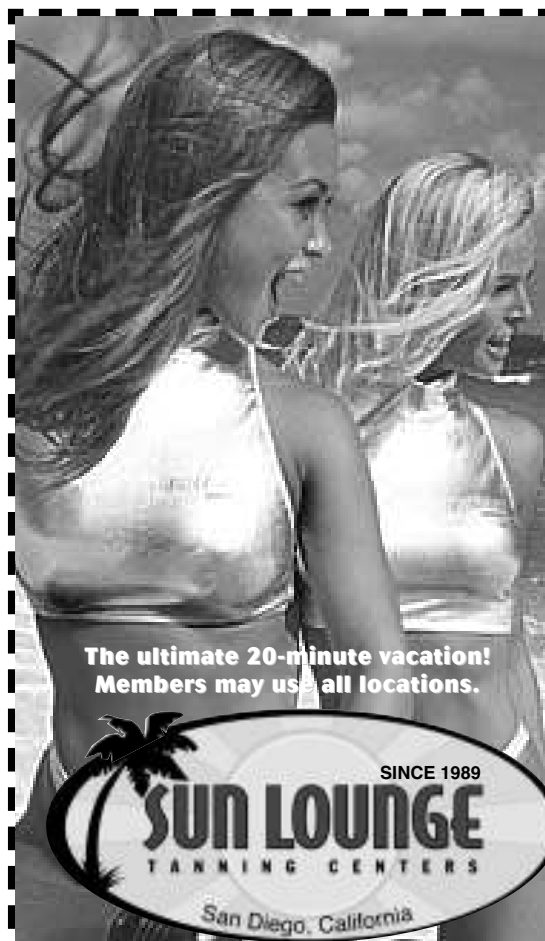
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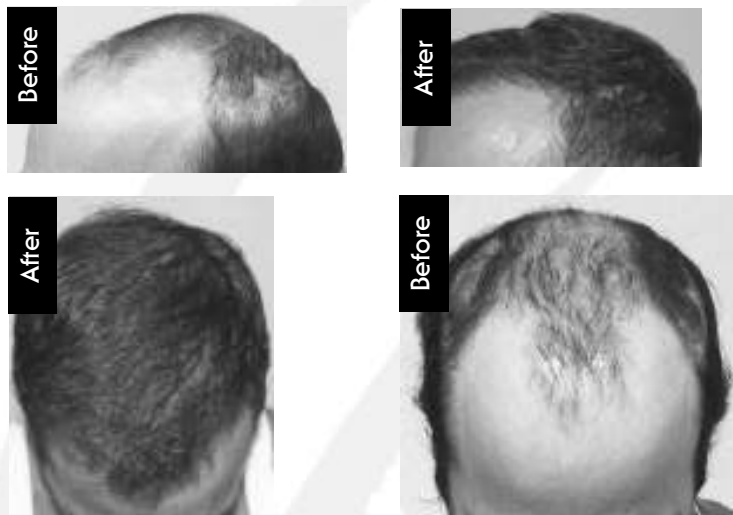
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in Horton Plaza in 1985. In 1997, Pacific Theatres built a \$15 million, 15-screen megaplex theater, the Pacific Gaslamp at 701 Fifth Avenue at G Street near Horton Plaza.

**Off Broadway/Cabaret,** 314–316 F Street: Built in 1913, the venue was originally known as the Lyceum, and then the Liberty, before becoming the Hollywood Burlesque in 1936. The 1948 film *Hollywood Burlesque* was shot in the bawdy hall — once dubbed “San Diego’s most famous dirty little secret” — featuring well-known striptease dancers (including the iconic Lili St. Cyr) and various vaudeville acts. Owner Bob Johnson had started at the Liberty as a concession clerk; he ended up with a house on Fort Stockton Drive, a Cadillac, a box at the Del Mar racetrack, and his own thoroughbred Hollywood Theatre Stables, plus he ran the popular downtown

hangout Bob Johnson’s Sports Palace. Business at the Burlesque died down as porn became more prolific, and the theater closed in February 1970.

Vincent Miranda negotiated a \$3 million deal to purchase around two square blocks downtown, including two hotel spaces, several retail shops, and the old Hollywood Burlesque. He refurbished the theater exterior and interior, spending around \$250,000 to remodel and install red carpeting and wallpaper. The resultant 417-seat playhouse was renamed the Off Broadway Theatre and reopened March 16, 1971, a day officially declared by the City “Off Broadway Day.” The debut production was *Anything Goes*, featuring movie star Dorothy Lamour and Sterling Holloway (best known as the voice of Winnie the Pooh). Next up was *Plaza Suite*, with Dana Andrews and Pamela Britton, and

then a musical, *Forty Carats*, with *Lost in Space*’s Angela Cartwright. Later productions included Rose Marie in *Guys and Dolls* and Bob Crane (*Hogan’s Heroes*) in *Beginner’s Luck*.

Miranda closed the Off Broadway in 1975, in the midst of various disputes with City officials over this and other Walnut downtown properties. Walnut later converted the space to an X-rated movie house (as the Cabaret, and briefly as a Pussycat). It was closed by the city in 1980 under eminent domain proceedings. Miranda sued and won a \$100,000 judgment from the city but in the process gave up his stake in the property. It was briefly renamed the Lyceum again — as well as operated as a porno house called Cinema XXX for a time — until the building was demolished in 1985 to make way for the Horton Plaza parking garage.

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**The Crest, the Star, the Palomar, and the Towne:** In the early '80s, Walnut also ran these four theaters in Oceanside, purchased from North County movie-house and drive-in impresarios the Siegel Brothers. "The Crest and Star were absolutely beautiful theaters," recalls Walnut projectionist Dan Whitehead. "They were built deluxe in every sense of the word. They both had stereo sound systems — magnetic oxide-track stereo; there was no such thing as an optical stereo sound track when those houses were built — and movable masking, which is the black fabric around the edges of the screen and two drapes in front of the screen. Both theaters had title drapes, which means they parted in the middle, immediately in front of the screen. A grand drape in front of that would be pulled up toward the ceiling, 'waterfall' fashion. The waterfall drape at the Crest was pure, high-

quality velvet, and it weighed a ton. The motor that ran it burned up one time, and it took myself and two projectionists to pull it up."

Miranda outfitted the Star with projection equipment purchased from the Campus Drive-In, at the corner of El Cajon Boulevard and College Avenue, after it closed in 1983. The Palomar ran X-rated movies. "I was told the Palomar used to be a dance hall and the projection booth was added later when someone changed it to a movie theater," says Whitehead. "I believe it. The only way to get into the booth was to climb up a straight iron ladder, which was no easy task for a technician carrying a heavy toolbox. There was a dry cleaning plant right next door, and the booth always reeked of dry cleaning fluid." The Oceanside theaters became early casualties in Walnut's eventual shutdown.

**The Pussycats:** At its peak in the mid-'70s, Walnut ran

47 Pussycat Theatres around the state. The Pussycat at Hollywood Boulevard and Cherokee in L.A. leased out its basement for what became a legendary rock club, the Masque (opened August 1977). Frequently raided by police, the venue hosted early gigs by Black Flag, the Ramones, Wall of Voodoo, and the Go-Gos.

"They [club operators] broke the old-fashioned elevator by trying to take a cow down in it," recalls Walnut projectionist Dan Whitehead, "and later there was a murder in the place. They left the police chalk outline of the body on the floor and painted it Day-Glo orange, to make it permanent." *Deep Throat* played at the Hollywood Boulevard Pussycat for nearly ten years, earning (according to *Variety*) \$11,000 weekly during peak seasons, until the theater's throat was finally cut in December 1981.

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dium Theater), tenth-grade dropout Quentin Tarentino checked tickets and manned the snack bar in the late '70s. "I was up there several times on service calls," says Whitehead. "Mr. Miranda's aunt, Mrs. Ada Johnson, managed this and the Lakewood Theatre at the same time. She was a great lady, and I was very fond of her. She didn't take any shit from anyone, anywhere, anytime, ever."

The Lakewood Theatre in Lakewood was an old single-screen house that Walnut turned into a twin theater. "They ran the number-one screen as an all-age general release and art house, and the number-two screen as a Pussycat," muses Whitehead. "Talk about a nightmare. They kept it that way for a long time."

In San Diego, one early Pussycat regional manager

was Yugoslav immigrant Gojko "Greg" Vasic, who'd later borrow money from his parents to launch his successful F Street Bookstore chain. "Vasic was the longest lasting of Walnut's district managers," reveals Whitehead. "He still worked for Walnut after he opened his first F Street store across the street from the Cabaret [formerly Miranda's legit Off Broadway]. Mr. Tate was very fond of him. He was certainly a strange character. His family name was actually spelled Vasic, and they used to have an egg ranch in Ramona. His uncle delivered their produce to many of the downtown eateries."

Like Miranda, Vasic's vision involved the mainstreaming of porn. He eventually expanded into running nearly a dozen F Street Bookstores, including shops in El Cajon, Miramar, Chula



Aztec Theatre

Vista, Escondido, North Park, and Leucadia (all but the last including peep show booths). The chain became so popular that, for a time in the late '70s, a costume-clad F Street penguin mascot showed up at area events to pass out flyers and peep-show-booth tokens.

National City's Paris Pussycat, at 903 National City Boulevard, was orig-

inally known as the Bush Theatre and then the National Theatre. The venue opened in February 1928, with a live production of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*. It was renamed the Aboline Theater around 1950, until becoming the Paris Theater in 1961. It was converted to an X-rated Pussycat house in 1967.

"I personally ran the

Paris Pussycat booth many times," says Whitehead. "The projection booth was originally the balcony. In the late '70s, that was the very first booth where Walnut tried a homemade automation system. Each feature was on one big reel. Projector number one had the main feature, and projector number two had the second feature. The lamp-houses were Peerless Magnarc carbon arc lamps, which had been converted to xenon. The upper reel — the supply reel — had a motor to rewind the feature, and the take-up reel had a separate motor to drive it, because the reel would become too heavy for the soundhead take-up drive to manage. I installed a completely new automation system, sound system, projector heads, sound heads, lamp-houses, and rectifiers."

Walnut withdrew from managing the Paris Pussycat in the mid-'80s. Former Aztec Theatre owner Wesley "Andy" Andrews leased the property from Walnut and kept it open under the Pussycat name until 1999, after all but the last few California 'Cats had closed. National City purchased the property for \$1,066,000, and Mayor George Waters padlocked the theater for good in July 1999. It was later bulldozed to make way for an intended student-resource center dubbed the University Education Village.

At the Escondido Pussycat on Grand Avenue — in a building that formerly housed the Ritz Theatre — the manager was arrested in 1973 over a showing of *Deep Throat*. Though Walnut successfully fought the obscenity charges, theater neighbors and city officials put enough public pressure on the locale to force its closure in 1976. It was later reopened and renamed the Bijou, and then the Big Screen Theater, offering family fare again. It was briefly known as the Ritz again in February 1998, though it only managed to stay open for nine days this time before closing again. Periodic attempts are occasionally made to revive this house. ■

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# Remembering Red Hot Ruthie

It’s a beautiful blustery morning in Ocean Beach, and I’m outside what was once my favorite dive, the Arizona Cafe, the last port of call for serious dipsomaniacs, a place Bukowski would have loved. I glance up to the apartment above, and for a moment I can still see Ruthie’s “lovelies” on the clothing line, old-fashioned bras, corsets, and drawers, sexy unmentionables dancing wildly — a burlesque of Frederick’s of Hollywood.

These weren’t Ruth’s actual undies, just props she’d found in thrift stores to complete the gag.

\* \* \*  
To celebrate her 18th birthday, Ruth left her home in Hoboken, New Jersey, for New York and decided to stay. She landed a job bartending at the famous Jack Dempsey’s Broadway Bar and Cocktail Lounge, just across from Madison Square Garden. In those days this was New York’s de facto Red

Light District, with tinkers, tailors, soldiers, sailors, peep shows, and dive bars. After four years, Ruth’s love affair with the glitter of New York faded. She wanted to see California, especially San Diego. She had heard it was a big navy town. She had a liking for men in the service. Ruth stepped off the bus in Ocean Beach. It was

1960. She was a young woman of 22. \* \* \*  
I cross over to the Pacific Shores. The outside of the place is ’50s kitsch, like an abstract expressionistic piece by Jackson Pollock. I love this bar that embodies the sounds and smells of another era. It’s subtly lit, and murals

*The young neophytes would breeze in and try to order “cement mixers,” “slippery nipples,” “chocolate-covered grasshoppers,” or “Mexican glow worms.” Ruth would roll her eyes.*

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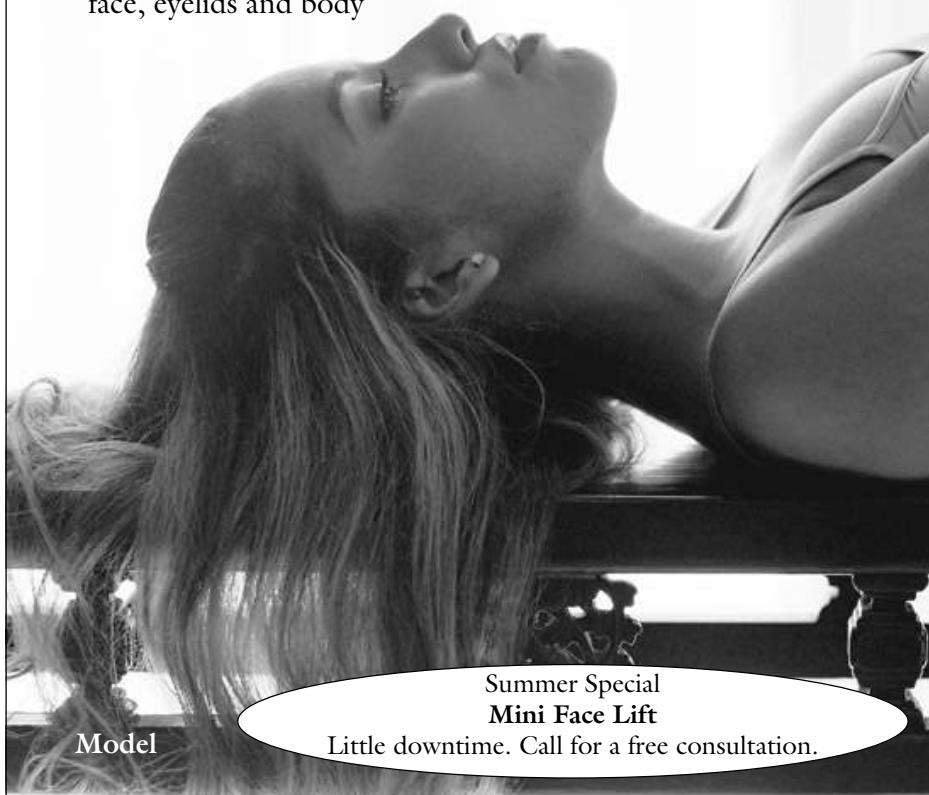
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of buxom mermaids glow under the black light. It's a venerable bar in which to enjoy a respite from the world. It was here, in 1994, that I first met Ruth. I was working at the Newport Bar and Grill two doors down, and I would pop into "Pac" Shores to wind down after my shift. I'd order a cosmopolitan, sit and nurse it while watching Ruth, the consummate barmaid, dispensing drinks and advice to all that entered. She didn't suffer fools or amateurs gladly. The young neophytes would breeze in and try to order "cement mixers," "slippery nipples," "chocolate-covered grasshoppers," or "Mexican glow worms." Ruth would roll her eyes. "Can you believe these assholes?" Picking up a Pall Mall cigarette, she would walk to the exit and say, "I'm on a break."

Ruth reminded me of redheaded Kitty Russell, owner of the Long Branch Saloon in the TV show *Gunsmoke*; an idiosyncratic dress sense, dark red hair, gravelly voice, and a wicked laugh. Those hazel eyes could pen-

etrate your soul. She was not afraid of anyone. One time, two bikers were sitting in a booth drinking bottles of Budweiser. One kept falling asleep on the table. Ruth

next time his head fell to the table, Ruth was over like a shot. She snatched the beer bottles, and firmly told the bikers to leave. These guys were huge, but took off

*"How can he say I left him*

*in the desert? I left him in a fully*

*air-conditioned motel room, with*

*his checkbook...but I guess that*

*wasn't good enough for him. Ha.*

*All that guy wanted to do was*

*drink, and I was going to Reno.*

*So I went."*

would holler from behind the bar, "Hey you, this ain't the right place to be sleeping, if you wanna sleep, you can get out right now." The

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Ruth, c. 1965



Ruth, c. 1990

tourists and a few old regulars. In memory of Ruth, I put a few tunes on the jukebox. Ruth loved Billy Joel and Johnny Cash. Karin, an attractive girl, is working the bar; she and Ruth were good

friends. For the next hour Karin shares some fond memories.

\* \* \*

"I made it a point to go by during Ruthie's shifts and

say hello. I worked Sundays at the restaurant, so I would always stop in for a drink after my shift. Ruthie got to know me better after a while, and I got to know her. I would sit quietly and wait for my

drink; she would make her way over to me with a 'Hi. What'll it be?'

"Once, I came in and Ruthie walked over with a gift bag. I was left speechless and touched. There are

so many people in life, but she remembered my birthday. As I sat there holding my treasure, I realized that I had made it into the select circle of Ruthie's friends.

"Over the next months,

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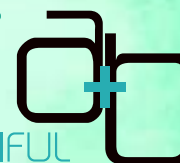
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New York and to see if she was feeling okay and going to work that Sunday. She told me that she was still sick and the doctors were going to be doing some tests later that week. As we talked, I walked down Broadway, describing the sights and

smells in detail. She would hear something and ask me, "What was that?" and I would report. The next thing I knew I was at 46th Street near Times Square. She could hear all the sounds of the city. I knew that she had lived in New York, but didn't find out until after she had passed away that I was walking through the area where her first apartment was. I can only imagine that she had made that walk many times."

shine, and begin to head down toward the pier. I stop for a moment at The Black,

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*She threw open her window and yelled, "I'm pregnant, I live on the second floor, and I can swim.*

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\* \* \*

A couple of gin & tonics later, I step outside, into the sun-

one of the last authentic head shops from the '60s. I can't resist having a little browse.

counterculture books, cards, clothing, roach clips, glass pipes, black light posters... I love this place.

I laugh to myself as I read the bumper stickers on sale. They remind me of Ruth's old blue pickup truck. She had so many stickers and slogans plastered all over it. My favorite read, "Harassing me about my smoking could be hazardous to your health."

As I leave, a vintage poster for the Del Mar Races catches my eye. Ruth loved playing the horses. She had her favorite numbers, 2-5-7, and was very successful with the trifecta. She'd always play by picking the first two sure shots, then follow with a long shot.

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Sidewalk tiles, Ocean Beach

back to town, that was the end of him. He was all bent out of shape. Now, how can

he say I left him in the desert? I left him in a fully air-conditioned motel room, with

his checkbook...but I guess that wasn't good enough for him. Ha. All that mother-

fucker wanted to do was drink, and I was going to Reno. So I went."

I take a slight detour down Del Monte Street. In 1964, Ruth was living in an apartment here and pregnant with her son, Kevin. On Good Friday, March 27 that year, an earthquake struck Prince William Sound in Alaska. Policemen were roaming the streets of Ocean Beach with bullhorns announcing the possible threat of a tsunami and ordering everyone to evacuate.

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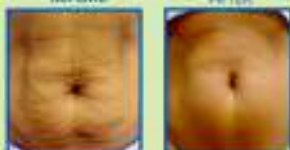
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I wander into The Tilted Stick, a small sports bar on the corner of Voltaire and Bacon. Games blare on the TV, the jukebox blasts out a song by Metallica. I order a pint of Yellowtail and a Philly. Ruth got one of her first jobs here back in 1963. It was then called the Brown Bottle, a cozy and dark tavern with a beautiful curving mahogany bar. The patrons and coworkers loved Ruth and her red hair. It was here that she acquired the moniker "Red Hot Ruthie." The name stuck.

I wander back home to freshen up. There's a memorial for Ruth at the Masonic Temple on Sunset Cliffs tonight at 6:00 p.m.

What a great turnout. Friends and patrons from the bars she worked at are here. The staff from Pacific Shores have set up a bar and are serving cocktails. A wonderful spread has been provided: sushi, sandwiches, fruit bowls, and cake. Aaron, Heather, Kathy O., and other friends of Ruth's approach the podium and share anecdotes about Ruth and her life. Everyone is laughing.

Ruth passed away on March 11, 2007, a few months after the Arizona Cafe had closed its doors for the final time. Ocean Beach lost a local icon as well as a landmark bar. ■

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## LETTERS

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something and “stuck to your guns” (what a weird expression). It’s hard for parents to let go, and that’s why, as my own little munchkin grows up, I’m going to desperately try and remember that everyone needs freedom and encouragement to be their own person.

*Posted by Danielle on 06/14/07, 7:28 a.m.*

Barb — once again you are my inspiration. I wonder when my dad will stop treating me like a 16 year old and start treating me like the middle aged woman that I am. Don’t our parents realize that we have minds and ideas of our own?

*Posted by Hinkypunk on 06/15/07, 5:13 p.m.*

Don’t your family mind being written about Barbarella? I love how your column is so personable and down to earth but aren’t you too open about your private life?

### Music Review

**Published June 13**

*Posted by curious on 06/13/07, 10:59 p.m.*

I’m afraid the day musicians take over completely is the day they have to go to business school.

**City Lights, by Matt Potter  
Published June 13**

*Posted by Rick Beach on 06/14/07, 10:57 a.m.*

Sunroad has numerous lobbyists at City Hall, so it is totally expected that they would hire lobbyists in Washington. They have the financial incentive to push the system to their advantage. (My speculation is that lowering all 3 Sunroad buildings in Kearny Mesa to 160 feet would cost Sunroad \$100 million in if-sold value.) Some of the most egregious aviation losses have come at the hands of Congressional actions. Rialto Airport in Riverside County was closed because FAA objections were made irrelevant by a stealth amendment to a highway bill introduced by a local

Congressman. A Republican. The same party that just endorsed Jerry Sanders for Mayor.

**City Lights, by Ernie Grimm  
Published June 13**

*Posted by shizzlyfinn on 06/14/07, 6:55 p.m.*

Uh, yikes on that sentiment above. But fascinating article. I didn’t realize TJ was struggling, but I guess 30% vacancy on Revolution says it all. Sage and savvy how the proprietor links the boom and bust to U.S. military cash flows, as well as diminished U.S. competitiveness and 9/11...he seems sharp on the macro- as well as the micro-economics.

### Restaurant Review

**Published June 13**

*Posted by Nathan on 06/14/07, 11:28 a.m.*

Oh Naomi, you can’t use the racial slur “Paki!” Very offensive. Don’t use words you’re not familiar with!!!

*Posted by Andrew on 06/14/07, 3:49 p.m.*

Naomi couldn’t be more off

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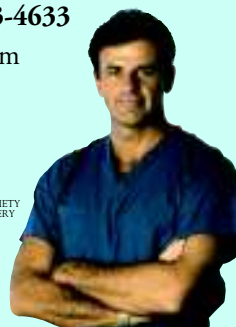
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the mark with this review and frankly it all comes across as a bit spiteful. Its a shame because Jaynes is busy for a very good reason. The food is excellent, the space is beautiful and the people who run it are genuine people who have created a restaurant that makes you are in a more evolved food city like New York or SF. Many of my friends and acquaintances have been to Jaynes. The verdict across the board has been extremely positive. Take this review with a serious grain of salt.

*Posted by Jennifer on 06/14/07, 4:41 p.m.*

Wrong, wrong wrong! When I hear a reviewer complain about noise at a small, popular restaurant or complaining about decaf, it makes me wonder if they might be getting a bit too old or for their line of work. When people are having a good time they tend to be more boisterous. Pack those people into a small restaurant and its going to be a party. Ive got an idea for Michelle's decaf habit. Ready? Bring a little Sanka packet with you and dont forget your tip wheel. Wouldnt want to tip higher than 15% Needless to say, I think Jayne's Gastropub is about the coolest new place in town and not in in trendy way. If Naomi and friends can't see it, its only their loss.

*Posted by Chris on 06/15/07, 1:51 p.m.*

I second Nathan — you've

no idea how offensive "Paki" is in English terms. And to add to the ignorance level, most "India" restaurants in the UK are run by Bangladeshis. Get your ethnicities straight before commenting please...

*Posted by alex on 06/15/07, 8:28 p.m.*

Though I admit I have't tried all of the entrees at Jayne's, the flatiron & frites has become my favorite, outdoing even Chloe'. The loud Euro ambience is a welcome change to the mortuary-esque atmosphere at most eateries in town. Jayne has done a spectacular job, and the neighborhood is proud to have her.

*Posted by Beverly on 06/17/07, 10:00 a.m.*

I've been living near Liverpool for 4 years now (moved to England over 6 years ago) and the food here is dire and bland. If I get back soon I may have to check the place out out of curiosity to see if it is like food here! But even the Indian (definitely NOT Pakistani, very bad) restaurants in San Diego are far better than any I've had here.

## Cover Story

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*Posted by David on 06/16/07, 3:03 a.m.*

It was a good article. I liked learning about the Zeno paradox. It's like a mental workout. Some of what Dohna was talking about reminded me of Alan Light-

man's "Einstein's Dreams." I think philosophy reconciles empirical science and religion.

*Posted by Ro on 06/16/07, 6:46 a.m.*

My question is what benefit if any will this have on the culture or society for that matter? Seems as though the writer simply needs a worthwhile subject to tackle. This isn't one. Will this enlighten any one? No... Will it give the bored something to read in their spare time? Possibly.

## Blurt

**Published June 13**

*Posted by Georgia Sintz on 06/14/07, 2:25 p.m.*

Kicking Kate? I wish there was a way to type the fart sound while turning my thumbs up to a thumbs down. Any bands who have girl beating themes sicken me, and there are tons of metal crap who are taking that route it seems. I hope K8 gets up and calls the cops on those douche eaters.

*Posted by Larry Spanard on 06/14/07, 10:46 p.m.*

Guts is a good company. It was a great idea. Don't fault someone for trying to do something different. The event would have been cool. San Diego sucks for not supporting a great idea.

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On Sunday, June 24, Preserve Calavera will conduct a hike and training session for people interested in participating in the

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National Wildlife Federation Frogwatch USA volunteer frog and toad monitoring program. "We're collecting data on the frequency and distribution of frog species across the country," says Nygaard. "I go to a location during breeding season and listen to frog sounds and identify frog species by their sound. There are 7 frog and toad species in our area; 25 in California. I can tell their sex, too — only the males call, primarily. There are two different kinds of calls. One is the mating call — the male frogs do it to attract a mate. The other is a release call, because when the frog jumps on the back of another frog, they don't know what sex it is. So if they jump on another male, the male says, 'Ahh, get off of me!'"

Trainees will be led a mile and a half into the Dawson-Los Monos Reserve, beginning in Buena Vista Park and proceeding along the Agua Hedionda Creek, a tributary that flows into the Pacific Ocean. The

hike will be followed by a workshop in which volunteers will learn how to identify frogs by sight and sound and how to record the data for the Frogwatch program.

"Toads are just one of the nine families of frogs," Nygaard explains. "So all toads are frogs, but only some frogs are toads. Toads tend to have smaller bodies with short legs and warty skin. Frogs tend to be smooth skinned [with] bulging eyes and long legs." Locals may encounter the Western toad, which is two to five inches long, gray or green with a light stripe down its back, and covered in reddish, black splotchy warts. The National Wildlife Federation warns that toads "secrete a viscous white poison that gets smeared in the mouth of any would-be predator, inflaming the mouth and throat and causing nausea, irregular heartbeat, and, in extreme cases, death." Humans are instructed to wash their hands after handling toads.

One local species, the California red-legged frog, is on the U.S. endangered-species list. The initial decline in numbers of the red-legged frog was in the 1800s, when mining in California muddied and clogged many streams. Later, an estimated 80,000 frogs were harvested for food each year. "A big part of developing recovery plans is understanding what [the frogs'] distribution is," says Nygaard.

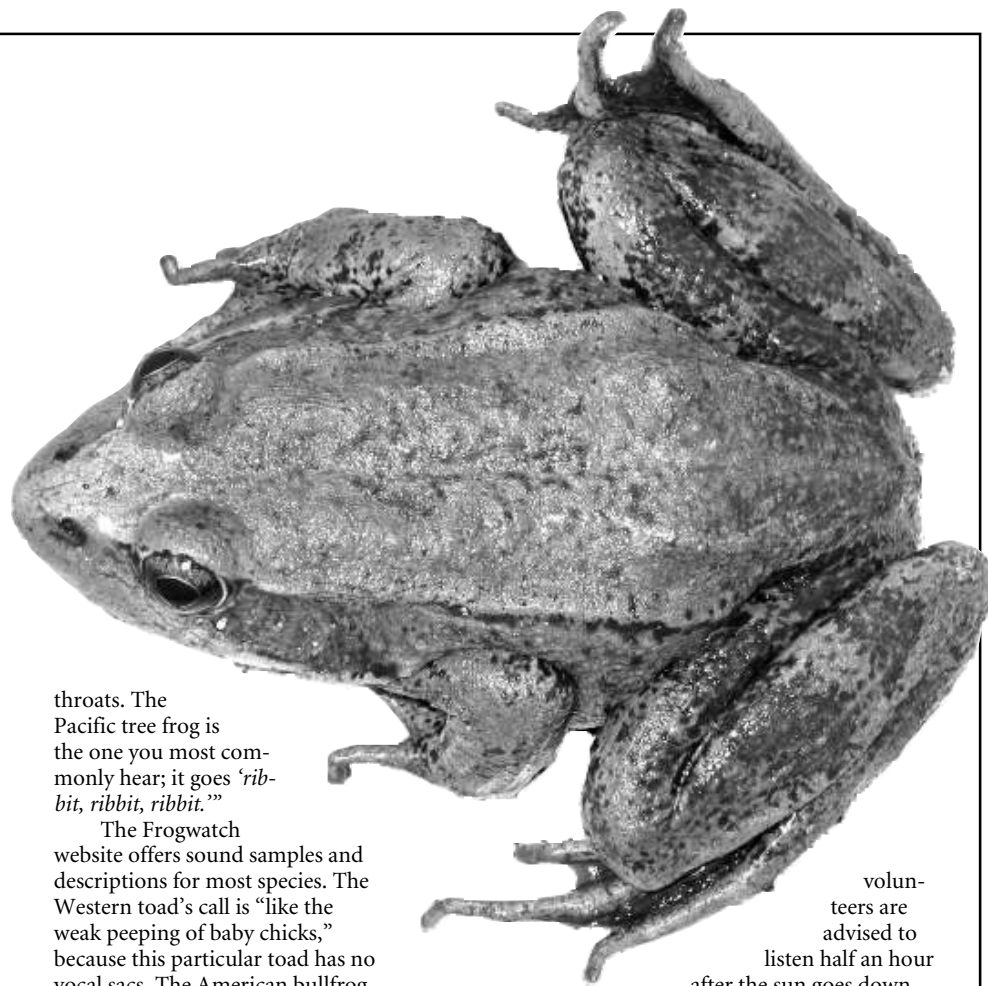
Frog and toad calls vary with each species. "Most frogs breathe through their skin, which is called cutaneous gas exchange, but they still have lungs," explains Nygaard. "For most frogs, the lungs are used for vocalization — they close [their] mouths and noses and push the air out of their lungs into vocal sacs in their

throats. The Pacific tree frog is the one you most commonly hear; it goes 'ribbit, ribbit, ribbit.'"

The Frogwatch website offers sound samples and descriptions for most species. The Western toad's call is "like the weak peeping of baby chicks," because this particular toad has no vocal sacs. The American bullfrog sounds a "deep-pitched jug o' rum call that can be heard for more than a quarter mile on quiet mornings." The California tree frog makes "an abrupt low-pitched quack, given during the day as well as at night," and the red-legged frog sounds a "series of weak throaty notes, rather harsh, lasting two to three seconds."

Frogs and toads only call during the breeding season, which varies from species to species. The bullfrog has the longest breeding season, from February to October, whereas the California tree frog's season is only from March to May. The red-legged frog breeds from December to March. "Sometimes you go out and you can distinguish individual frogs," says Nygaard. "Other times there are so many going at once you can't identify anything; right now, I'm just getting a chorus."

Most frogs begin calling after sunset, so



volunteers are advised to listen half an hour after the sun goes down.

"Frogs are anywhere they can regularly get water; if you walk in your neighborhood, you'll probably hear frogs at night. We aren't tuned in to them, but as soon as you are, it's, like, 'Oh, my goodness! That's a Pacific tree frog, and it's right here,' or 'There's a bullfrog, hiding in those bushes over there!' It surprises me how many I'll hear walking down my street after dark in Oceanside."

— Barbarella

### Frogwatch USA Hike and Workshop Sunday, June 24

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dawson-Los Monos Reserve  
Vista

Cost: \$10 (reservations required)

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## BAJA

**"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)

**"Melbourne in Tijuana"** — this conference for filmmakers and films is Friday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Mainly Mozart Festival 2007,** annual musical series continues with Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat," along with pieces by Stravinsky and Brahms performed by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, Friday, June 22, 8 p.m., at Catedral de Guadalupe (at Calle

Segunda and Niños Héroes). \$20. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

**Rodolfo Alvarez's Drama Boulevard** is presented Friday, June 22, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Aida Cuevas and Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán** in concert of Mexican music, Saturday, June 23, 5 p.m., at L.A. Cetto Winery. \$40 U.S. 011-52-664-685-3031. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

**Rock Concert** by Miguel Mateos at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución), Saturday, June 23, 11 p.m. Tickets: 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Lobster Lunch** and shopping tour hosted by Baja California Tours, Wednesday, June 27. The \$79 fee includes transportation, lobster feast at El Patio de la Langosta in Puerto Nuevo, shopping in Rosarito Beach. Reservations: 858-454-7166. (ROSARITO BEACH, PUERTO NUEVO)

## 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)

**Cobbled Shorelines** are greeting some beachgoers early this summer season, as in past years. North County beaches tend to suffer most, as the natural sand replenishment in the area is disrupted by dams blocking the flow of sediment down the larger streams and rivers. Some sand

## OUT & ABOUT

**SALLY OF THE SAWDUST** for "Carol Dempster Silent Film Tribute," Thursday, June 21, San Diego Museum of Art.

(SEE FILM)



scooped up from dredging operations is being moved onto the beaches to mitigate this problem. South County's beaches fare better. The widest beach of all, Coronado, is protected from sand loss by the jutting Point Loma peninsula; it catches some sand drifting on currents northward from the mouth of the Tijuana River.

**Crape Myrtles** are in bloom around San Diego this month through the end of summer. This smallish, vase-shaped tree blossoms in colors ranging from white or pale pink to lavender, red, and blue. "Lilac of the South" is one of the nicknames given to this native tree of China because of its popularity in the warmer parts of the U.S.

**Magnolia,** the southern-U.S.-native commonly planted as a decorative street tree in many of San Diego's older neighborhoods, con-

tinues to bloom this month. Called the "queen of the flowering broadleaf evergreens," its branches carry leathery, dark-green leaves and large, white blossoms of pleasing fragrance.

**Summer Solstice,** the time when the sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky, occurs this year at 11:06 a.m. on Thursday, June 21. The summer solstice not only marks the beginning of summer for the Northern Hemisphere; it also means that the daylight hours are maximized. San Diegans now enjoy approximately 14 hours of daylight, in contrast to the meager 10 hours or so we experience in December.

Anytime this week or next, try checking your shadow at 12:50 p.m. (the local daylight time in San Diego currently equivalent to astronomical noon). The sun is then only 10° south of the straight-up

direction and casts near-vertical shadows. A lesser-known consequence of the summer solstice is that our twilight periods are longer than usual. Evening and morning twilight periods are now lasting more than 90 minutes.

**The Bright Planet Jupiter** shines boldly from a prominent position in the eastern sky during early evenings this month. Jupiter's Galilean satellites, the four largest and brightest moons circling the planet, can be easily observed using equipment as simple as firmly supported, high-power binoculars. First observed by Galileo in 1610, these satellites noticeably change their configuration from night to night as they swing around the planet. Views through high-quality telescopes may reveal relative motion among the satellites in as little as a few minutes, and certainly within an

hour. The innermost satellite, called Io, speeds around Jupiter in a period of less than two days.

**Fried Eggs Easily Over!** Trail guides lead wheelchair-friendly walks where fried egg flowers (a.k.a. Matilija poppies) flourish, Saturday, June 23, 8:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park at Kumeyaay Campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Audubon Society Bird Walk** in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

**Hike the Silver Crest Loop** in Palomar Mountain State Park with Canyoneers on Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Moderate loop has excellent views along trail at Boucher Hill; "two species of wild orchids and ripening berry plants make this hike a winner!" Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

**Is It Snow?** Walk with trail guide past blankets of snowy-white buckwheat blooms in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, June 23, 24, and 27, 9:30–11 a.m. Find park at One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Bizarre Trees,** cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden, Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m., starting at Balboa Park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

**Sky Hunters,** rehabilitated live birds of prey showcased during program, Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m., at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Free. 858-565-3600. (JULIAN)

**Project Wildlife Program** planned Saturday, June 23, 6:30 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Learn about local wildlife habitats, habits, what to do if you find an injured animal. Free. 855-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

**Black Light Bug Night** is Saturday, June 23, at Wright's Field. Meet at 2001 Tavern Road at 8:30 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-722-6281. (ALPINE)

**Hike/Frogwatch Training Session** planned at Dawson-Los Monos Reserve on Sunday, June 24, 1–4 p.m. Event includes hike into reserve, workshop on National Wildlife Federation Frogwatch USA volunteer frog- and

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**Herb Walk** planned Sunday, June 24, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. How were trees, plants, shrubs used for food, medicine? Outing starts at 5 p.m. at 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Rediscover Old Escondido West** and its variety of architectural styles during walking tour led by Escondido History Center, Tuesday, June 26, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

## DANCE

**Bellydance Showcase** with Cassie, Oxana, Rajiin, and Vanessa 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)

**Basic Hustle Curriculum** for beginning- and intermediate-level dancers dispensed by Archie Dawson on Saturday, June 23, 2:30–4:30 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Fee for this San Diego Hustle Club class: \$15. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

**International Folk Dance** Saturday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). \$6. 619-422-1584. (NORTH PARK)

**Solstice Festival Weekend** for San Diego English Country Dancers brings calling by many, Steve on piano, Sunday, June 24, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

**Bellydance Show** with Sultana Rose and Shalimar performing to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble on Sunday, June 24, 8 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). Bellydance lesson and open dancing. \$10. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

## FILM

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Dinosaurs Alive!* (opening Friday, June 22), *The Alps: Giants of Nature*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. “Fridays at the Fleet” showcases *Mysteries of Egypt* (6 p.m.) and *Ring of Fire* (7 p.m.) on June 22. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Sally of the Sawdust”** screens for “Carol Dempster Silent Film Tribute” on Thursday, June 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. In this 1925 film, circus performer Dempster discovers she is actually a wealthy heiress with the help of her friend, W.C. Fields. Live music for this silent film provided by Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra. Tickets: \$5 members, students; \$8 nonmembers. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

**Movies in the Park**, series begins with *Charlotte’s Web*, Thursday, June 21, and continues with *A Night at the Museum* on Thursday, June 28. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. at Fallbrook Community Center (341 Heald Lane). Bring picnic, blanket. Free; donations appreciated. 760-728-1671. (FALLBROOK)

**Cinema under the Stars** series features *A Walk in the Clouds*, Thursday and Friday, June 21 and 22, at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Next up: *To Catch a Thief*, Alfred Hitchcock’s 1955 flick with Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24. Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

**Hijinks on the Waves!** See *Drive Thru Caribbean* when it screens Friday, June 22, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Director Greg Browning filmed surfers Donavon Frankenreiter, Benji Weatherley, Pat O’Connell, Kalani Robb, and Yadin Nicol in Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Barbados. \$8. 800-481-6468. (ENCINITAS)

**“Night at the Museum”** — starring Ben Stiller, Robin Williams, Carla Gugino — screens in Jess Martin Park (2955 Highway 79) on Friday, June 22, 8 p.m. Bring picnic, blanket, lawn chair. Free. 858-565-3600. (JULIAN)

**The Documentary** *Iraq in Fragments* offers “intimate views of the war-torn country as seen through the eyes of Kurds, Shiites, and Sunnis.” Film screens Sunday, June 24, 11:30 a.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). 858-344-5490. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**Put an End to Torture!** *The Road to Guantanamo*, documenting experiences of three innocent British Muslim men who were captured, detained, and tortured at Guantanamo, screens for Amnesty International on Monday, June 25, 6 p.m., at Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (8778 Cottonwood Avenue). Marin Dougherty from Survivors of Torture will speak. Requested donation: \$5. Registration: 619-971-0029. (SANTEE)

**The Orwellian Fairy Tale** *The Botherome Man* by Jens Lien screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, June 25, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. In Norwegian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

**Show Business Films** featured for ongoing film series hosted by Carlsbad Library, with *Stage Beauty* — starring Billy Crudup, Claire Danes, and Rupert Everett — on Wednesday, June 27,

6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**As Part of “Voices of Change” Project**, four short documentaries produced by local youth will be screened at San Diego Library (820 E Street) on Wednesday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. Youth producers from Media Arts Center San Diego Teen Producers Project and interviewees will be present for discussion after screening. Program includes *Herminia Enrique, Defendiendo Mi Cultura*; *Roger Cazares: Justice, Passion, and Community*; *El Padrecito del Barrio*; and *Pintando la Comunidad*. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (DOWNTOWN)

**Steven Spielberg’s 1982 Classic** *E.T. the Extraterrestrial* screens for spring film series, Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)



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## LECTURES

**“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)

**Aloha!** Eight Hawaiian cultural workshops on ‘auana (modern) and kahiko (ancient) hula dance, traditional Hawaiian tattooing, Hawaiian spiritual chanting presented by “renowned Kumu Hula and distinguished experts in their

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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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pert Claude Edwards, who leads program for San Diego Natural History Museum including lecture on Thursday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. and field trip on Saturday, June 23, 8 a.m. Learn field marks and characteristics of typical terns in our area. \$33. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"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)

**"Early Occupation of the San Elijo Lagoon Region"** presented by archaeologist Dennis Gallegos for San Elijo Lagoon Lecture Series, Friday, June 22, 7 p.m., in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Free. 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

**"Peru: Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley"** of the Incas" is subject when travel photographer Jim Cline presents slide-illustrated talk for Sierra Club on Friday, June 22, at Joyce Beers Community Center (3900 Vermont Street). Free. 619-585-3773. (HILLCREST)

**"Trees Grow on the Web"** is topic when Gary B. Hoffman speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, June 23. He will demonstrate several new online tree-oriented services available on Internet. Free meeting begins at 9 a.m. in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

**"Where Do Medicines Come From?"** Find out when members of American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists visit Reuben H. Fleet Science Center for family-friendly talks illustrating development of medicines, noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 23. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Extensive Submerged Cultural Heritage** of San Diego County is explored by archaeologist Bill Welsh when San Diego County Archaeological Society gathers on Saturday, June 23, 8 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe (12122 Canyonside Park Drive). Sandstone mortar artifacts "which appear in abundance throughout Southern

## OUT & ABOUT

### HIJINKS ON WAVES

*Drive Thru Caribbean*, Friday, June 22, La Paloma Theatre.

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California are unlike anything found on land." Free. 858-538-8066. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

**Grafting, Pruning, Rooting** — learn about various culture techniques when Southern California Plumeria Society meets, Sunday, June 24, 1-3 p.m., at War Memorial Building. Free. 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Puppy Fun Class"** planned on Sunday, June 24, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Learn "how to raise the puppy right" through

presentations on common puppy issues, dog-friendly training sessions for basic commands, greeting without jumping, leash walking, more. Puppy activities include wading pool play, off-leash puppy play, socialization scavenger hunts, puppy massage. Fee: \$159 for five sessions, includes training book, handouts, snacks. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2273. (LINDA VISTA)

**Floral Design Class** led by David Root, Sunday, June 24, 2 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230

Quail Gardens Drive). During hands-on workshop, Root will demonstrate design process using unusual plant materials and containers; participants will create a floral arrangement to take home. Bring floral knife, clippers, scissors; all other materials provided. \$55 general. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

**"Contemporary African Art"** is topic when African-American art scholar Lizzetta LeFalle Collins speaks for African Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art, Sun-

day, June 24, 3 p.m. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Revealing the Dead: Chalcolithic Burial Practices on the Coastal Plain of Israel"** illuminated by research archaeologist Amir Gorzalczy, Sunday, June 24, 3 p.m., in conjunction with "Journey to the Copper Age" at San Diego Museum of Man. Lecture is in Spanish with English translation by Gabriela Hussong. Tour of exhibit led by Gorzalczy following lecture. \$25 general. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Seeking Our Past: Reflections on the Writing of a New North American Archaeology Text"** presented by Tim Gross, past president of San Diego Archaeological Center, for 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, June 25. Booksigning of *Seeking Our Past* follows. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**Credit Where Credit Is Due...** San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union representatives offer tips on effectively reading and managing credit history, importance of obtaining and maintaining credit, importance of monitoring our personal finances. Free workshop is Monday, June 25, 5 p.m., at San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union (9212 Balboa Avenue). Registration: 619-278-5724. (MISSION VALLEY)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

**"Did They Really Come on That Ship?"** Professional genealogist and computer expert Joan Lowrey addresses North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, June 26, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-630-5720 or 760-746-8185. Free. (CARLSBAD)

**Biblical Archaeology and Life in Ancient Times** illuminated by Judith Abeles for Atheist Coalition of San Diego on Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

**Rondalla Workshops** conducted by PASACAT on Wednesdays through August 29, 6-7 p.m., at PASACAT Center (102 East 16th Street). Participants will examine indigenous percussive instruments including the *gangsa*, drums, assortment of bamboo instruments from Cordillera of northern Luzon; *agong* and *kulintang* from Mindanao. Primary focus on "more complex string instruments of the Rondalla: the *bandurria*, *laod*, *octavina*." No musical experience required. Instruments, materials, music sheets provided. Registration: 619-477-3383. (NATIONAL CITY)

## OUT & ABOUT

**AUSTIN LEGEND JIMMY LAFAVE** for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, June 21.

(SEE IN PERSON)



sical experience required. Instruments, materials, music sheets provided. Registration: 619-477-3383. (NATIONAL CITY)

**"Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer,"** it's topic for "Wednesday Night Water-Wise Series," June 27, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Learn benefits of these garden-en-

hancing essentials. \$11. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

**Film Workshop**, Vision Center for Spiritual Living hosts workshop on the film *The Secret*, Wednesday, June 27, 7 p.m. Find Vision at 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

**A "Survey of Chinese Art"** is promised when members of Asian

Arts Council explore San Diego Museum of Art's wide-ranging collection of Chinese art on Thursday, June 28, 1 p.m. \$10 general. 619-543-9810. (BALBOA PARK)

**Snakes, Lizards, Turtles!** San Diego Herpetological Society meets Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-744-8260. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

**Austin Legend** Jimmy LaFave in concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Thursday, June 21; \$18, \$22. Venice takes the stage on Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23; tickets are \$22 for either night. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Farrell Family Jazz**, series commences with concert by multinational Minsarah Trio on Thursday, June 21. Pianist Rick Helzer and guitarist John Stowell perform Wednesday, June 27. Concerts begin at 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)

**Motown and Soul Music** promised when Smokestaxx takes stage for Concert on the Green on Friday, June 22, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (2111Z East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

**San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans** gets underway with concert by Highland Way, Molly's Revenge, the Brown Sisters and George Cavanaugh, and Men of Worth on Friday, June 22. Concert begins at 7 p.m. at Brengle Terrace Park Amphitheatre (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). 760-726-3691 or 619-425-3451. (VISTA)

**Don Rickles and Joan Rivers** perform for Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. Find Humphrey's at 2241 Shelter Island Drive. Tickets: \$70 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

**CD-Release Party** and San Diego debut of BPM/MySpace "DJ of the Year" DJ PSol (ESA/LA), joined by San Diego's "finest DJs and live artists," Friday, June 22, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). \$10. 619-702-6010. (EAST VILLAGE)

**"Ted Williams at War"** read from and signed by authors Bill Nowlin and Todd Anton, Saturday, June 23, 3 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (668 Sixth Av-

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May 12	@ San Bernardino	W 56-15
May 19	BYE WEEK	
May 26	v. Casper*	W 52-45
June 2	BYE WEEK	
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**The Bayou Brothers** perform for summer concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn Streets) on Saturday, June 23, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606. No alcohol, glass, grills, unleashed dogs. (NORTH PARK)

**Big-Band Bash** under the stars planned by Ron Jermain Orchestra, Saturday, June 23, 7 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

**The One-Act Musical Play** *The Call to Life* is presented by CenterPoint Players on Saturday, June 23, 7 p.m., at CenterPoint (4407 Manchester Avenue, suite 103). It's tale of a couple's adventures that "awaken them and transform their lives." Donation. Required reservations: 760-635-3722. (ENCINITAS)

**Comedy Hypnotist** Don Spencer performs Saturday, June 23, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Expect audience participation. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$19 at door. 760-720-2460. (CARLSBAD)

**"Ticket to Ride 3D:** The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles" presented Saturday, June 23, 8 p.m., at

Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Show highlights "the many phases" of the Fab Four. Tickets: \$40 general. 805-582-4865. (POWAY)

**Stand-Up Comedy** by Johnny Loquasto, Jason Bang, Julia Lillis, Jeremy Saville and MC Derek on Saturday, June 23, 9 p.m., at Twigg's (4590 Park Boulevard). \$3 general. 619-987-3710. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Higher Vision Choir** performs popular, spiritual, gospel songs on Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). This is last concert of this season before summer hiatus. Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

**"Chambers of the Heart:** Poetry Readings" by collaborators from "Mi Corazón Escondido" continue with Carlos von Son performing Sunday, June 24, 1 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum (340 North Escondido Boulevard). He is a poet, playwright, photographer, film producer. Included in museum admission. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Enjoy Oldies and Classic Rock** when the Mar Dels perform for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove, Sunday, June 24, 2 p.m. Free. 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

**The Peter Rutman Blues and Jazz Band** plans improvisational jazz concert, Sunday, June 24, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Li-

## OUT & ABOUT

**"VISUAL VOICES: THE NEW SCHOOL OF INLAID ART** on Guitars and Banjos" reception, Museum of Making Music, Saturday, June 23.

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**The Masters of Harmony**, a 90-member male cappella chorus, performs pop classics, Broadway tunes, patriotic songs, blues, songs of faith, more on Sunday, June 24, 4 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The Scott Martin Latin Soul Band** plays for "Music in the Park" series, Sunday, June 24, 5 p.m., at Salt Creek Park Recreation Center (2710 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

**Sundays at Six**, swing and standards may be heard when Marsha Foreman Band plays for series on June 24, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

**"Flowers Aren't Enough"** by Israeli actress Naomi Ackerman for Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival, Monday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., in Lyceum Space at San Diego Repertory Theatre. Piece is "drawn from real stories of the lives of women in Israel, a universal tale of a woman emerging from the secrets, lies, and fears of domestic violence." \$18 general. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

**Truth Runs Amok?** San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, June 25, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation. 619-239-3872. (DOWNTOWN)

**Popular Teen Author** Chris Crutcher talks about himself, the writing process, and his books on Tuesday, June 26. "Crutcher's gritty novels, heavily influenced by his work as a therapist and child protection advocate, are known for their balance of comedy and tragedy"; his book *Athletic Shorts* is "one of the ten most challenged books of 2006."

Catch Crutcher 11 a.m.-noon at La Mesa Library (8055 University Avenue, 619-469-2151). The El Cajon Library (201 East Douglas Avenue, 619-588-3718) hosts author at 2 p.m., with final appearance beginning at 4:30 p.m. with Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road, 619-475-4642). Free talks followed by question and answer sessions. 858-694-2370. (LA MESA, EL CAJON, BONITA)

**Twilight in the Park** summer concert series continues when United States Navy Band Southwest performs on Tuesday, June 26; Brooklyn-style klezmer showcased by Jewish Community Center Klezmer on Wednesday, June 27; and Bayou Brothers perform their Cajun and zydeco tunes on Thursday, June 28. Concerts run from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (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)

**Summer Improv Sketch Comedy Blast**, featuring Comedy Under Construction, Tuesday, June 26, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). \$5 cover plus two-item minimum. 858-550-8088. (LA JOLLA)

**Science Fiction and Fantasy** workshop instructor Gregory Frost discusses *Fitcher's Brides*, Wednesday, June 27, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

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**"Sonnets @ 6,"** experience "Waking Dreams" exhibit at San Diego Museum of Art through works of authors, poets who were inspired by Pre-Raphaelite movement. Poems, sonnets, plays by Shakespeare, Keats, Byron, Chaucer, Longfellow, Tennyson, Dante, and others will be featured on Thursday, June 28, 6 p.m. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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Diego on Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m., for appearances by Olaf T. Engvig (*Viking to Victorian: Exploring the Use of Iron in Ship Building*), Craig B. Smith (*Extreme Waves*), and Larrie D. Ferreiro (*Ships and Science: The Birth of Naval Architecture in the Scientific Revolution, 1600-1800*). \$10 general. Find museum at 1492 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

**Active Authors** Scott Tinley (two-time winner of Ironman Triathlon) and Kimball Taylor (journalist specializing in surfing) plan talk hosted by Del Mar Library on Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., at Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Duo will discuss their new titles: *Things to Be Survived: Tales of Resolution and Resurrection* and *Return by Water: Surf Stories and Adventures*, respectively. Free. 858-755-1666. (DEL MAR)

**“The Best of Friends”** discussed by authors Sara James (*Dateline NBC* correspondent) and Ginger Mauney (*National Geographic* filmmaker) for Warwick’s on Thursday, June 28. Event takes place during happy hour event, 7:30 p.m., at Cendio Restaurant (909 Prospect Street #209). Tickets required: 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Isn’t That Special?** Comedic actor Dana Carvey takes stage on Friday, July 6, 8 p.m., for Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Tickets: \$60 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

**Rootsy, Countrified Rock** may be heard when Maria McKee (formerly of Lone Justice) performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Saturday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$18, \$22, \$47 (dinner package). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

**M**iddle Peak’s north slopes used to feature the “big trees” of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park — centuries-old sugar pines over 100 feet tall and plenty of black oaks, white firs, Jeffrey pines, and incense cedars. In this post-Cedar Fire era, the primary attraction is the wide-open views available at nearly every level on the slopes of the peak.

To get to the trailhead, follow Highway 79 9.4 miles south from Julian or 13.4 miles north from I-8 at Descanso. You’ll see a parking area on the inside of a sharp bend in the road, near the south end of Cuyamaca Reservoir. This trailhead, according to the Highway 79 mile markers, is located at mile 10.7.



Middle Peak swells over Cuyamaca Reservoir

The routes described here are separated: one for hikers only and the other for both hikers and bikers. The double-dash-patterned paths on the accompanying map indicate fire roads open to mountain biking. Bikes are not allowed on the Minshall, Sugar Pine, and Black Oak trails.

**FOR HIKERS ONLY:** From the trailhead, cross over to the west side of the highway and pick up the Minshall Trail, which goes north, parallel to and initially right alongside Highway 79. At about 0.7 mile, the trail pulls away from the highway, turns westward behind some cabins, and joins a dirt road. Continue for 0.2 mile on this dirt road, and then go left on the marked Sugar Pine Trail — itself an old fire road.

Climb moderately through pioneering shrubs and the blackened remains of formerly dense forest, reversing direction twice. After the second switchback (hairpin turn), patches of bracken fern appear. At 2.5 miles the road passes the foundation of an old cabin and then curves southwest to join Middle Peak Fire Road. Keep left at the intersection, go 50 yards, and then turn left, staying on Middle Peak Fire Road. You’re now only 200 vertical feet below and just 0.2 mile north of Middle Peak’s rounded summit.

Continue going east on Middle Peak Fire Road, descending slightly for 0.3 mile to the next junction. There, Middle Peak Fire Road veers left and begins a sharp switchbacking drop toward the starting point. Your way, however, goes straight ahead on the east “half” of the Black Oak Trail — a return route offering a more leisurely descent and a better view in the southerly direction. That vista features the broad, dark flank of Cuyamaca Peak — and, poking up to the left and separated from the main Cuyamaca crest, boulder-capped Stonewall Peak.

After one mile of descent on the Black Oak Trail, you’ll come to a five-way intersection of roads and trails on the saddle between Middle and Cuyamaca peaks. Turn sharply left (east) on Milk Ranch Road, and complete the remaining 1.5-mile stretch back to Highway 79 and the trailhead.

**FOR BIKING OR HIKING:** The loop consisting of Middle Peak Fire Road and Milk Ranch Road will take you completely around the summit of Middle Peak,

with a steady, crooked ascent of the east flank, and a long descent down the west flank. The spacious panorama from the west side may include the ocean — or more likely at this time of year the marine layer obscuring coastal San Diego County. Middle Peak itself is widely visible from several directions as a gently swelling promontory, so it’s no surprise that high on its slopes your view takes in

a good deal of San Diego County’s landscape.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

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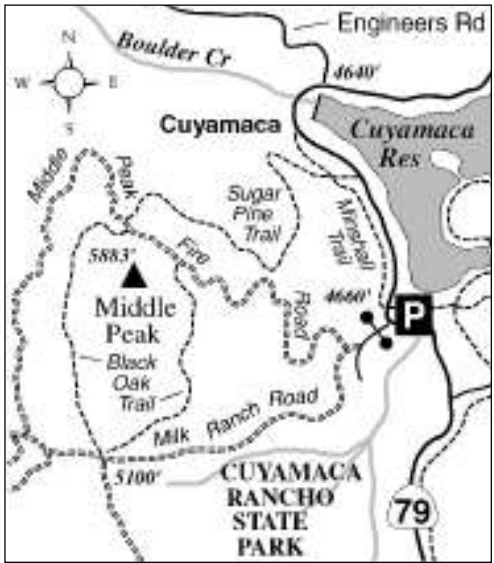
By foot or by bike, circle Middle Peak in the Cuyamaca Mountains.

**Distance from downtown San Diego:** 52 miles

**Hiking length:** 5.7 miles

**Biking length:** 5.5 miles

**Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous



SPORTS

**San Diego Padres** finish series against Baltimore Orioles on

Thursday, June 21, 12:35 p.m., in Petco Park. Boston Red Sox arrive for games June 22–24, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

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**Snorkel with the Sharks** on Saturday, June 23, 8–10 a.m., during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Snorkelers seek (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth

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Snorkel in La Jolla Cove on Sunday, June 24, 8 a.m. Seek garibaldi, lobster, octopuses. Fee for either outing: \$30. For those ten and older. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Two Bicycle Rides** are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, starting at 8:30 a.m. in northwestern parking lot at La Jolla Village Square/UC Cyclery. Select from race-training 45-mile ride, slower 35-mile ride with experienced leader. Helmets mandatory. Free. 858-495-2454. (LA JOLLA)

**Bicycle to Border Field State Park** with Knickerbikers, Saturday, June 23. The 35-miler starts at 9:30 a.m. in Pepper Park (I-5 to Bay Marina Parkway, left on Tidelands, continue to park), heads south through Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach to Tijuana River Valley. Bring money to purchase picnic lunch en route. Fat-tire bikes suggested as “the road has not been in great condition.” 619-523-5522. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Bowling for Breast Cancer**, take part in “Cosmic Bowling Fundraiser” benefiting Komen Breast Cancer 3 Day, Saturday, June 23, 7 p.m., at Brunswick Lanes (845 Lazo Court). \$12 donation includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental. 619-421-4801. (CHULA VISTA)

**Chris Hoyman Cub Finals** set for Sunday, June 24, at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 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 stampepe and worm racing,” “Nerveless Nocks Thrill and Stunt Show,” many concerts.

Closed Mondays, June 18, 25; Tuesday, June 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 through 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)

**“Get the Ball Rollin’ 4 Peace,”** summer solstice event hosted by AIYAMA (All Is You and Me Aligned), Thursday, June 21, 5:30–6:45 p.m., at South Carlsbad State Beach on Carlsbad Boulevard (south of jetty at lifeguard tower

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**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)

**"On Your Own Time":** The National Arts Program Exhibition at Carlsbad for City of Carlsbad employees and their families may be seen Friday, June 22, through Sunday, July 22, in Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

**Gem Faire** — over 80 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, June 22-24, at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). Show hours: noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. (MISSION VALLEY)

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**San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans**, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Attractions include caber toss, bagpiping, sheepdog trials, drumming, highland dancing, kids' athletics, more.

Admission: \$14 general, with discounts for seniors, military, youths, two-day passes. Event begins with free concert by Highland Way, Molly's Revenge, the Brown Sisters and George Cavanaugh, and Men of Worth on Friday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Brengle Terrace Park Amphitheatre. 760-726-3691 or 619-425-3451. (VISTA)

**International Gourd Art Festival**, June 23 and 24, at Welburn Gourd Farm in De Luz Canyon (40635 De Luz Road). Gourd art exhibits, gourd crafting area, gourd art competition, live entertainment, demonstrations, classes, more. Festival opens at 9 a.m. each day, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. \$9.50 general. 760-728-4271. (FALLBROOK)

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**San Diego Women's Fest**, Saturday, June 23, at San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center (3909 Centre Street). Day-long festival of education and fun for lesbian, bisexual and transgender women (open to all), with workshops, entertainment, panel discussion, vendors. Admission is free. Registration: 619-692-2077 x111. (HILLCREST)

**La Jolla Festival of the Arts**, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at UCSD's east campus parking lots (at Genesee Avenue and Regents Road). Organizers promise over 190 artists displaying their work, food, live entertainment, kids' area. Tickets: \$10 adults, free for those ten and younger. 858-586-1202. (LA JOLLA)

**Spring Harvest Fair**, antique engine, and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and

24. Blacksmith and wheelwright demonstrations, tractor parade, vintage skills, food, music, displays of antique cars and steam engines.

Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Hours: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Admission: \$8 general, \$7 seniors, \$5 for those 6–12, kids under 6 free. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Wildlife-Tracking Event** on Saturday June 23, 9 a.m.–noon, at Fund for Animals (18740 Highland Valley Road). Mount Wood-

son Wildlife Trackers, San Diego Tracking Team, Fund for Animals sponsor workshop on wildlife tracking identification, with brief tour of Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. For adults, children eight and older. Free. 760-788-9949. (RAMONA)

**Ramona Air Show**, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at Ramona Airport (2926 Montecito Road). Take in static and aerobatic displays, demonstrations. Admission: free

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**"Threads Through Time"** is theme for third annual quilt and needlework show on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Rancho Guajome Adobe (2210 North Santa Fe). Nearly 100 quilts on display throughout 154-year-old historic home, live music, vendors. View a recently restored 1800s chromolithograph on display in Guajome Chapel; image is first of 14 pictures representing

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**"Visual Voices: The New School of Inlaid Art** on Guitars and Banjos" continues through Sunday, July 15, at Museum of Making Music. Reception for Larry Robinson, William "Grit" Laskin, Harvey Leach, and Renée Karnes is Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m., including panel discussion with artists moderated by luthier Rick Turner. Discussion is followed by concert at 7 p.m. by Colin Hay of Australian band Men at Work. \$20. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

**Taste of Adams Avenue**, with samples from restaurants, coffee shops, confectioners, Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 day-of. 619-233-5008. (KENSINGTON, NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**The House of Sweden** hosts lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages on Sunday, June 24, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Exercise Your Humor and Creativity**, meet other playful people, and laugh a lot" during

"Creativity/Humor Workout" led by Jacquie Lowell, Sunday, June 24, 3-6 p.m., in community room at Clairemont Town Square shopping center (4731 Lakehurst Lane). \$25. 858-581-0050. (CLAIREMONT)

**Reds, Whites, and Blues Bachelor/ette Auction** benefiting Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, hosted by Buy Me Love Benefits, Tuesday, June 26, 6 p.m., at Ole Madrid (755 Fifth Avenue). Twenty single men (including Matt Gallant, Emmy Award-winning host of *The Planet's Funniest Animals*) and women will take stage for auction; event includes wine, live blues entertainment. Tickets: \$20 advance; \$25 at door. Reservations: 760-412-0055. (DOWNTOWN)

**Cajon Classic Cruise Car Shows** continue on Wednesdays through August 29, 5-8 p.m., on East Main Street. Harley-Davidsons featured on June 27. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

**Stereo Slides of Gardens** in San Diego and around the world shown in 35mm when San Diego Stereo Camera Club meets Wednesday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., in Photo Arts Building (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard, adjacent to Spanish Village). Free. 619-296-2255. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Magic: The Gathering Pro Tour"** hits San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive) beginning with registration and kickoff party on Thursday, June 28, 5 p.m. Professional Magic players from around world will compete for cash prizes. Only pre-qualified players may compete in tournament; anyone can play in daily side events. Free for spectators. Tournament play is Friday-Sunday, June 29-July 1. 619-525-5000. (DOWNTOWN)

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Discussion group gathers on Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

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**"Puppets Around the World"** showcased when Big Joe Puppet Productions take stage in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, June 24. Next up: *Giddy-Up Cowboys* performed by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, June 27-July 1.

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

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**Great American Backyard Campout** planned Saturday, June 23, 2 p.m., at 4S Ranch Community Park (16118 4S Ranch Parkway). Free night of camping in park for kids 8-17 years old, with sports, hiking, crafts, Dutch oven cooking, vendors displaying outdoor related items and services. Details: 858-565-3600. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Round-Robin Chess** tournaments continue through June for those from kindergarten through 12th grade at La Colonia Community Center (715 Valley Avenue).

Final series is Saturday, June 23, 2:30 p.m. Points awarded at each tournament, with overall winners determined after June 23 competition. Preregistration is \$27 per tournament; space-available day-of-tournament fee is \$30. 760-721-4400. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Young People's Genealogy Class** (for students who have completed fifth grade or higher) led by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Monday-Friday, June 25-29, 1-2:30 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free; materials provided. Registration: 760-757-0528. Class repeats July 9-13. (CARLSBAD)

**Tots and Tales** interactive story time for preschoolers with animal stories, crafts, live animals on Thursday, June 28, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$2 per child. Required reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

**There's Always Tomorrow!** Broadway Bound Youth Theatre presents the musical *Annie!* with over 50 students from throughout San Diego, June 28-30 and July 1, at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$15. 858-486-2104. (ROLANDO)

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camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

**Birch Aquarium at Scripps**, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. “Sea of Genes” offers visit “to the genomic frontier”; “Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet” explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. “Wonders of Water” water-play area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

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

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

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

**Flying Leatherneck Museum**, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of

aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum** is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

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

Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline’s first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees.

Ongoing.

“P-51 *Mustang*” celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum’s *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

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

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

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

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**San Diego Natural History Museum**, “Contemporary Israeli Photography,” a collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery on view through December, features work by Neil Folberg, David Harris, Didier Ben Loulou, Duby Tal, others, and includes sculpture and glass.

The permanent exhibit “Fossil Mysteries” showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-sized models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

Current “giant-screen films” are *Too Hot Not to Handle* (through June), *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Dieguito Heritage Museum**, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the mu-

seum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

**Serra Museum**, “Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum” is said to “remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum” on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a “visit back in time to 1929.”

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego’s history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It’s located at the site of the West Coast’s first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

**The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum** onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain’s sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

**Wells Fargo History Museum**, the museum features a working agents’ office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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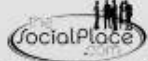


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# Solidarity

*He became a gypsy image-maker, traveling constantly on assignment.*

The godfather of blockbuster photographic exhibitions, like the Jeff Wall retrospective now drawing thousands of viewers into the Museum of Modern Art in New York, happened in 1955 when the photographer Edward Steichen, then director of MOMA's Department of Photography, organized *The Family of Man*, which he intended to be "a mirror of the essential oneness of mankind." It was, in its way, an early, warmhearted preview of what has become coldhearted globalization; it assumed people everywhere are essentially the same, that we all share "humanity," and that photography is the fittest medium to record this democratic principle because it's a universal language. *The Family of Man* displayed 503 images from over 200 photographers worldwide, and it traveled to 38 countries. The book spin-off — there are several versions — has sold over four million copies. The show treated its contents, which included images of war and want along with cheerier subjects, as co-equal components of one Big Picture. It was the visual equivalent of "We Are the World."

You can imagine the divided response the show received. Hordes of viewers voted with their feet and jammed every museum that hosted the show, because it made you feel good about being a human being, even if it also hinted that human beings do impossibly horrific things to each other. Its chummy view of the race, however, drew fire from critics. The *New York Times* reviewer said it was more edito-

rial than exhibition. And for many viewers (and artists) conscious of the realities of the Atomic Age, the Cold War, and the recent Korean War and McCarthy hearings, Steichen's sentimental vision was the artistic equivalent of cheerfully whistling in the dark.

One of the photographs included in *The Family of Man* was Arthur Lavine's *Working Hands*, in which two pairs of grimy, muscular hands grip a crank handle. It's a tough-minded image that fit Steichen's scheme because it depicted the necessity of collaboration and cooperation: its unambiguous import was that we're all in this — the world of work — together. Humaneness and sensitivity to the commonweal are much in evidence in the current exhibition of Lavine's work at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Lavine settled in San Diego in 1992 after a long, peripatetic career, and the exhibition's 40 choice images compose a concordance to his body of work: images of workers, public events, anonymous individuals, street scenes, and the textures of physical reality.

They also document his experience. Born in working-class Trenton during the Great Depression, Lavine had a youthful passion for movies but eventually learned still photography during World War II, when he served as a darkroom technician and photographer in the Pacific theater. After the war, he moved to Greenwich Village, where he studied photography with Lisette Model and Berenice Abbott. For a time he earned his bread doing magazine



*Man in Front of Store, Lower East Side, New York City, 1951*

## Arthur Lavine: Peripatetic Pleasures and Meditations

Museum of Photographic Arts, Casa de Balboa building, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park  
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work for *Fortune*, *Newsweek*, *Redbook*, and other high-profile periodicals. He became a gypsy image-maker, traveling constantly on assignment, but kept his base in New York and made pictures for himself that expressed a sweet romance with the city and its wiry energy. His pictures document a par-

ticular time and place, the 1950s downtown scene, with its smoky coffeehouses (forget Starbucks), automats, Third Avenue El under demolition, and street-side theatrics. His cluttered, rough-and-tumble photographs of the Lower East Side (one features a bakery window's pumpernickel loaf the size of a

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Working Hands, Bath, Maine, 1947



Majorettes, Thanksgiving Day Parade, New York City, 1974

car wheel) followed Model's mandate "to go out in the street and photograph people, getting close and not being afraid." In 1956 he went to work as staff photographer for Western Electric, clocking hundreds of thousands of miles on assignment, then from 1960 to 1983 he directed Chase Manhattan Bank's photography department, which entailed even more traveling, in the States and abroad, so that his pictures offer an index to many cultures, from the Easter Parade on Fifth Avenue to a Pennsylvania rabbit auction to a cyber café in Zurich.

Some photographers' work is marked with a unique seal. It can be place (William Christenberry's rural Alabama), mood (Robert Frank's melancholy), aspiration (Minor White's spirituality), or subject matter (Diane Arbus's psychodramas). Lavine's work bears no such seal. He's a generalist who has used the camera as an instrument of

affectionate, guileless testimony to what his eye perceives as wonders. Photographers who load their pictures with too much affection for their subjects indulge a sentimentality that holds us hostage in a cramped cell of overdetermined feeling. Lavine sometimes skirts this kind of manipulation, but his formal instincts and moral alertness call him back. His sanguine temperament embraces his subjects but doesn't squeeze the life out of them.

He's obviously compelled by certain kinds of activities. The provisional social solidarity of crowds is one of them. His photographs of Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, for instance, don't criticize, directly or obliquely, American corn or boosterism; they celebrate festive, over-the-top unity. His strongest work breaks that unity down into its elements, one of them being (as in the image Steichen chose) manual labor. In a 1954 series

featuring telephone linemen, one worker, high aloft, looks bronzed into the structure of wires, resistors, and the cruciform pole he's strapped to. An extreme close-up of a lineman on a ladder, fag end dangling from his lip, makes his face look scored by bad weather. A rear view of another, weighted down by his tool belt (rope, strap, hooks, hammer, wrench), is a mini-essay on the gravity that has to be overcome for work to get done. My favorite Lavine image is an overhead view of a Peruvian fisherman repairing nets: invisible inside his oversized raingear, a protruding foot pincers the netting like a crab claw, while under him the endless white-flecked net eddies throughout the frame — he looks as if he's sitting on a night sky.

Lavine doesn't restrict himself to a fixed set of subjects or themes. He shoots whatever catches his eye, and so in addition to his fine depictions of social realities, he has made mysterious images, often abstract, of forms that inhere in the natural world. The abstractions sometimes turn us back to actualities. There's an obvious rhyming of those fishing nets with Lavine's pictures of spider webs and screens and other lacy-drippy surfaces. He has always chased the stirrings of light on matter, and so in a way it's appropriate that since moving to San Diego he has made many abstract pictures about the actions of the local light. One dramatic photo, *Light and Shadow Abstract*, shows stacked V-shaped bars of light falling on hard-angled sur-

faces. I'll quote Lavine's remark on this image because it bespeaks his plainspoken approach to the marvelous: "During 1998 and 1999, I was using my camera to create many abstract images of things I saw everywhere. In this photo, sunlight from a high shuttered window hit walls and a doorframe and I saw this strange, irregular shape."

The shortcoming in his work, one few photographers overcome, is his treatment of children. Except for an image of Peruvian boys kicking a soccer ball in front of a church, which gets its energy mostly from the kicked-up dust and racing legs, Lavine's pictures of young people are inert. It may be that you can't make fresh, edgily surprising pictures of children if you treat them with common decency and respect. Think of Ralph Meatyard's children in beastly masks, Robert Frank's innocents under duress or in impending peril, or Helen Leavitt's almost feral street kids. Lavine's gift is his innocent eye, but innocence itself is a resistant, elusive subject for the camera eye. ■

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## GALLERIES

"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)

**San Diego Art Prize "New Contemporaries"** exhibition opens with reception on Friday, June 22, 6 p.m., in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Exhibit with work by six artists continues through Friday, July 27. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tijuana Sign Paintings" by Tijuana-based artist Alida Cervantes are on display along with a new series of portraits exploring issues of identity during exhibition opening with reception on Friday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Concurrently, view artists' books by Lawrence Weiner including *Statements*, created in 1968. Closes Saturday, July 28.

Also opening with reception on Friday is exhibit of plein air pieces in a variety of media created by artists who participated in La Jolla Historical Society's "Secret Gardens Tour." Closes Saturday, July 14. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**"11th Annual National Fine Art Gourd Show"** closing reception is Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m., at Art Center at Fallbrook (103 Main Street). Evening includes cello concert by Barbara Martin, artists on hand to discuss their work. \$5. 760-728-1414. (FALLBROOK)

**"Size Doesn't Matter"** in exhibition with photography and graphic works by Christian Michaels, Josh Mitchell, and Otto Phillips opening with reception on Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m., at Ray Street Studios and Gallery (3436 Ray Street, 619-299-0010). Closes Monday, July 30. (NORTH PARK)

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# Calendar

## ART

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

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

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

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

works suitable for chapels, flea markets, museum galleries.

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

**Mingei International Museum — 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 handicraft. 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 hyperreal spaces.” Closes Sunday, June 24.

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

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

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

“Nature and Spirit: The Photographs of Ansel Adams” — also closing on Sunday, September 2 — explores artists’ mastery in trans-

lating 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 *Iohans* (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)

## CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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## CLASSICAL

**“German Art Song...From Beethoven to Berg,”** lecture/recital planned by SDSU voice professor Laurinda Nikkel and guests Natalie Studwell and Tamaron Conseur for Villa Musica on Friday, June 22, 7 p.m., at Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church (6551 Soledad Mountain Road). \$10 general. 858-405-2691. (LA JOLLA)

**Mainly Mozart Festival 2007,** annual musical series continues with concert of Mozart’s “Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat,” along with pieces by Stravinsky and Brahms performed by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, Friday, June 22, 8 p.m., at Catedral de Guadalupe (at Calle Segunda and Niños Héroes). \$20.

Concert is repeated on Saturday, June 23, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street); \$20–\$85.

The Chamber Ensemble presents final concert — including pieces by Salieri, Mozart, and Beethoven — on Sunday, June 24, 8 p.m., in Qualcomm Hall (5775 Morehouse Drive); \$40–\$56. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA, DOWNTOWN, SORRENTO VALLEY)

**“The Lombard Nuns,”** Pacific Camerata presents music by this group of composers working in northern Italy around 1600; most were nuns. Program promises range of offerings, from small vocal works to pieces such as Isabella Leonarda’s “Magnificat” and “Dixit Dominus.” Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). \$15 general. 619-527-4457. (MIDDLETOWN)

**San Diego’s Civic Organist** is Carol Williams, who performs Sunday, June 24, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Returning from a Fulbright Scholarship to Taiwan,** concert organist Chelsea Chen presents closing concert of season on Sunday, June 24, 3 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Chen will perform a piece created during her hiatus in Taiwan, plus some “old favorites in the organ repertoire.” Offering. 858-729-5520. (LA JOLLA)

**Gordon Turk,** concert organist at Ocean Grove Auditorium in New Jersey, performs for 20th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Summer Sing** hosted by Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music (PACEM) on Wednesday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). This week: John Rutter’s “Requiem,” conducted by Martin Neary. “Summer Sings” provide opportunity to learn or relearn major choral pieces. Fee for participants: \$15 general, includes music rental; free for spectators. 619-298-7261. (MIDDLETOWN)

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# She Talks Horse

*Devon investigates a new gift: she can leave her body.*

Equine karma? It's too bad Devon Tramore couldn't interview Street Sense, Curlin, and Rags to Riches, this year's Triple Crown winners. Devon, a female jockey in Mary Fengar Gail's *Devil Dog Six*, can more than horse-whisper; she talks horse, knows every nuance of mane-shake, head-bob, and whinny.

They say animals only live in the moment. But come on. You can't tell me that after Curlin made that million-dollar move in the Preakness, blitzing between horses, and ran down Street Sense to win by a nose, he didn't know what he'd done? And what was Street Sense thinking at the wire, as his laurels fell away? Same with Curlin in the Belmont. Rags to Riches — a *filly*, for sweet jeeppers! — stumbled at the gate, then held him off to become only the tenth female to win a Triple Crown race!

Was Curlin dumbfounded? Or, blind gaga in love, did he defer? Was Rags's blanket of carnations in the winner's circle a token of his affection? And what about Rags? Actually Devon wouldn't have to ask her how it feels to compete in a sport dominated by males. It's Devon's story too.

She wants to be the first woman to win a Grade One stakes in Louisiana. And she could. But because of her skills, and "uppity" attitude, forces may be conspiring against her. Nine months before the Dixie Derby her horse, Señor Pepe, tangled hoofs with another. Devon fell, slammed

into the rail. Now she's in a hospital, a maze of wires and tubes. Her mother (the thoroughbred racing equivalent of a "stage mother") swears she'll recover fully. Trust her "iron will." Devon's father, convinced that competitive women are "vulgar," envisions a "walking medical textbook" for the rest of her life. Her doctor — part of the conspiracy, or just hot to try new toys? — wants to give Devon electroconvulsive therapy, i.e., shock treatment.

Vernon Larouche investigates. Devon brought long shots home. Worse, her competitors allege, she gloats when she wins — and guys don't? Were male jockeys out to get her? And to gain their favor, did Devon flirt or, as some allege, engage in "aerobic exactas and trifectas" — know what I'm sayin', dude? — with them?

As evidence confounds Vernon, Devon investigates a new gift: she can leave her body. At first she just floats around the hospital. Soon she seeks the comfort of horses, in particular, Devil Dog Six, biggest two-year-old around and such a natural closer he's destined to chauffeur her to a Derby victory.

Moxie Theater's opening night had shaky spots, but JoAnn Glover's performance as Devon was spot-on. Devon spends so much out-of-the-body time in the stables, she starts craving greens and sugar cubes. In gradual, almost imperceptible stages, Glover transforms immobile Devon: her hair lengthens into a mane she



Jo Anne Glover in Devil Dog Six

**Devil Dog Six**, by Mary Fengar Gail  
**Moxie Theater**, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown  
**Directed by Jennifer Eve Thorn and Esther Emery**; cast: Laurence Brown, Bill Dunnam, Jo Anne Glover, Terri Park, Tim Parker, Mark C. Petrich, Don Victor; scenic design, Nick Fouch; costumes, Devin Bowman; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Rachel Le Vine  
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tips from side to side to shake out straw. Flies swarm, drawn by her "gamey" odor. When Glover first snorts, you sense something's up. When she rips an apple from her father's hand, almost taking his arm with it, she confirms suspicions.

Devon says she's a chicken among wolver-

ines. But Glover gives her more than a touch of the wolf. She's so goal-oriented she doesn't see the other advantage of her gift: predicting winners. She'd rather be one. Devon becomes horselike. But as forthright, unfettered Glover shows in scene after scene, because of her "unwomanly"

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## THEATER

ambitions, the world's treated Devon that way all along.

Mary Fengar Gail's world-premiere comedy-drama takes place on several levels. It's a mystery, a comic roller-coaster, and a subtle examination of gender types and differences. The play jumps from genre to genre with the speed of a bullet workout. It's got so much craft, spirit, and scope, you wonder why San Diego hasn't seen more of the obviously talented playwright's work.

*Devil Dog* has a big palette, and Nick Fouch has designed an appropriate canvas. The audience sits on two sides of a racetrack. At one end a stable, at the other, jockeys' quarters, their silks hanging on hooks. Wooden rails separate spectators from the bare stage. Most of the play's a backstory, told during the slo-mo running of the Dixie Derby, which rematerializes every so often, and it's a close one.

Co-directors Jennifer Eve Thorn and Esther Emery encourage splashy theatricality. The opening-night performance had yet to meld the elements, in places, but showed signs that it would. Tim Parker contributed in multiple roles, and multiple accents, but especially as the jealous jockey named Ellis, whose brain's "a

few furlongs short of a track." As Devon's parents, Terri Park and Mark C. Petrich reverse gender stereotypes: Josselin Tramore's rah-rah, tread-where-angels-fear drive; Bernard councils walking on eggshells, tiptoe.

Moxie has two contests: a fancy hat competition and a bet on the Dixie Derby. It's too bad the production didn't have a preshow paddock, where the audience could inspect the actors/horses before wagering. Laurence Brown plays Devil Dog Six with so much skill he'd be the odds-on favorite (the script is named for him after all). But as Mary Fengar Gail shows, sometimes it pays to bet the heart and not the chalk. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

*Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.*

### Aida

Starlight Theatre presents Elton John and Tim Rice's musical, based on the Verdi opera. Carlos Mendoza directed. STARLIGHT THEATRE, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JUNE 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-7827.



All Shook Up

### All Shook Up

Broadway/San Diego presents a touring production of the Broadway musical about a little girl who encounters "a guitar-playing, lip-curling roustabout."

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### Arcadia

Cygnnet Theatre stages Tom Stoppard's majestic comedy-drama about love and chaos in the early 19th Century and today. Sean Murray directed.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, SATURDAY, JUNE 29, THROUGH JULY 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

### Baby

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

### Carmen

The La Jolla Playhouse opens its new season with a world-premiere musical — book by Sarah Miles, music by John Ewbank — based on Proper Merimee's 1845 novella. Franco Dragone directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, THROUGH JULY 22; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

### Devil Dog Six

Reviewed this issue. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JUNE 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

### Flies in the Snuffbox: Four Comic Crises by Anton Chekhov

For one week only, Tonic Productions stages Chekhov's popular one-acts: "On the Harmfulness of Tobacco," "The Bear," "The Proposal," and "Swan Song." NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, TUESDAY, JUNE 26, THROUGH JUNE 30; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-246-4854.

### Goldilocks: The Nursing Home Version

The San Diego Guild of Puppetry and the Puppetry Center of San Diego present shadow, rod, and Bunraku-style puppets with an adult theme: "Can there be a 'happily ever after' as your journey nears its end when you're incarcerated in a nursing home?" DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THURSDAY, JUNE 21, THROUGH JUNE 24; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 800-954-6696.

### Hamlet

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Shakespeare's tragedy of dilatory revenge. Daniel Sullivan directed. Hamish Linklater plays the Dane. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JULY 1; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

### I Left My Heart: A Salute to the Music of Tony Bennett

The Welk Resort Theatre presents a musical revue, based on the recordings of Tony Bennett, by the team that created *My Way*, the Frank Sinatra tribute. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, NORTH ESCONCADO, THROUGH JULY 8; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

#### 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.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH JULY 15; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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#### Menopause the Musical

The San Diego Rep hosts a production of Jeanie Linders' musical about "the change." Songs include "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "You'll No Longer See 39," and a remake of the disco tune "Stayin' Alive" called "Stayin' Awake." LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

#### National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, 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; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show” — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. 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 swallow flies: sharp turns; steep, double-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 reluctant 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 Quartet” (Earl Vault doing shapely tenor sax riffs), Hobson sings 21 songs, from standards (“Teach Me Tonight,” “Someone to Watch Over Me”) to aerobic vocal workouts (“Great Day,” accompanied by Janette



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Greene’s running acoustic bass, and the scat-sung “Sassy Blues”). The format needs tightening, especially the long question-and-answer section in Act Two, which lacks spontaneity and puts a sag in the evening. But when Hobson glides into Billie’s “Lover Man” or

Klenner and Lewis’s “Just Friends,” with true Vaughan buoyancy, Caesar’s becomes Kelly’s (and the trolley going by outside could be the Chicago El).

Worth a try.

CAESAR’S CAFE, 801 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 1; FRIDAY AND

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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 LVELY CENTER), THROUGH JULY 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*.

There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, THROUGH JULY 15; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

True West

New Village Arts inaugurates its new theater space with Sam Shepard’s comedy-drama. Two brothers

seem like opposites, until they change sides. Kristianne Kurner directed.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD, SATURDAY, JUNE 23, THROUGH JULY 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

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 Pilato directed.

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Where There’s a Will...There’s a Wake

Mystery Café Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Will Roberson’s interactive comedy, set in a 1920s speakeasy where suspicion shrouds every “gangster, game, and dame.” Pascarella directed.

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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. Mu-raoka’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 between truth and illusion, he replies, “No, but we must carry on as if we did.” To which Martha adds, “Amen.” And they do. What stays real are the effects of their “performance” on Nick and Honey, young bio prof and his “mousey” wife. Played by Nisi Sturgis, Honey erodes from an airhead ditz to a disaster area (when disillusionment shreds her, the trembling, emotionally blasted Sturgis almost steals the show). Scott Ferrara’s Nick, who would genetically engineer the George and Marthas of this world out of existence, needs more underpinnings. Nick says he doesn’t like to “get involved,” but deep down he’s thinking — or should be — tenure-track, master-race, and invade Poland. On opening night Monique Fowler had yet to put Martha’s myriad pieces together. Her stagy, arm-waving gestures, frozen faces, and abrupt vocal shifts too often felt planned. James Sutorius’s George, who holds his liquor better than a Viking in Valhalla, exerts an almost 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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**The Music of Styx**  
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**Beach Boys**  
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**Joan Osborne /  
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Tuesday, July 17 • 7:00

**Boz Scaggs**  
Wednesday, July 18 • 7:30

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**Harold Melvin's Blue Notes**,  
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Hosted by **Jimmie "JJ" Walker**  
Thursday, July 19 • 7:00

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**John Hiatt / Shawn Colvin**  
Tuesday, July 24 • 7:00

**Lyle Lovett and his Large Band /  
k.d. lang**  
Wednesday, July 25 • 7:00

**Bob Weir & RatDog /  
Keller Williams**  
Friday, July 27 • 6:00

**Hootie & The Blowfish**  
with special guest **Cowboy Mouth**  
Sunday, July 29 • 7:30

**Tears For Fears**  
Monday, July 30 • 8:00

**Larry Carlton  
& Robben Ford**  
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Tuesday, July 31 • 7:30

## AUGUST

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Friday, August 3 • 7:30

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with special guest **Paul Thorn Band**  
Sunday, August 5 • 7:30

**Ottmar Liebert  
& Luna Negra**  
Sunday, August 12 • 7:30

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**Jim Gaffigan**  
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Thursday, August 16 • 7:30

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**At The Movies, Summer 2007 Tour**  
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**Phil Perry** and **Kelly Sweet**  
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Wednesday, August 22 • 7:30

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**Creedence Clearwater  
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Thursday, August 30 • 8:00

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**Cecilio & Kapon**  
Sunday, Sept. 2 • 7:30

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**Temptations / Four Tops**  
Thursday, Sept. 6 • 7:30

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**  
Friday, Sept. 7 • 8:00

**Heart**  
featuring **Ann & Nancy Wilson**  
Sunday, Sept. 9 • 7:30

**Doobie Brothers**  
with special guest **Johnny "V" Vernazza**  
Monday, Sept. 10 • 7:30

**Foreigner** **JUST ADDED**  
Tuesday, Sept. 11 • 8:00

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**America**  
Wednesday, Sept. 19 • 7:30

**Kenny G**  
Wednesday, Sept. 26 • 8:00

**Trisha Yearwood**  
Thursday, Sept. 27 • 7:30

**Frankie Valli  
& The Four Seasons**  
Friday & Saturday, Sept. 28 & 29 • 8:00

## OCTOBER

**Air Supply /  
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**Scene Makers** As recently as June 8, the White Stripes' website said the band would play Street Scene at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in

Entertainment also wooed the band over to Bayside.

"All [artists'] agents are financial whores," says one talent buyer. "They will go with whoever offers them the most money."

But the Bayside bookings of two loud bands raise questions that were seemingly addressed following noise

of Viejas, could not be reached at press time.

Headliners at Street Scene include the Killers, Social Distortion, Panic at the Disco, and Muse. Some say this year's Street Scene lacks the headliner punch of other annual summertime city festivals, such as Chicago's Lollapalooza (Pearl Jam); Manchester, Tennessee's Bonnaroo (the Police, White Stripes); or Austin City Limits (Dylan, White Stripes).

"We got off to a late start this year," says Nick Masters, president of Live Nation for Southern California. He says the Smashing Pumpkins were not able to play Street Scene

specially-priced, advance tickets for both days would be available for \$93. Last year, that pre-announcement, two-day ticket deal went for \$45. On Monday a two-day pass went for \$120, plus ticket fees.

"It's a different venue with different circumstances this year," says Live Nation spokesman Greg Terlizzi about the pre-announcement admission price.

— Ken Leighton

**Sorta Sorry** After Hank Williams III's screams of "fuck Solana Beach" over the P.A. system at 2006's Fiesta del Sol, city council members considered calling an end to the 27-year-old event.

"The press acted like we started a prison riot," said Williams last week. "It all started when a security guard put his arm around a kid who was just acting normally in a normal rock environment. The kid tried to start a [mosh] pit. I stood up for the kid. I make it a point to speak up once I see fans getting fucked with. If you were there, you remember there were a lot of people who chanted back, 'Bullshit.'"

Williams said he knew going in that his band should not have been booked at the

community event.

"I know what Solana Beach is. I tried to get out of it. I offered \$20,000 to *not* play that show, but no one would listen." He said he made the offer to his manager and agent. "They aren't with me



HANK III STANDS UP FOR KIDS

anymore. It was a bad booking....

"To the families who don't understand, I say I'm sorry if I offended you, but I always say 'fuck' and 'God damn' between every song we do. Everything is not perfect in our world. Kids grow up quick now. We did what we did, and I don't have to feel ashamed at all....

"We're in a sad shape if something that harmless

almost ended [Fiesta del Sol] while our troops are dying for our freedom." He said he knows San Diego still loves him. "We've played there eight or nine times. We usually cater to 400 to 1000 people. If what we did hurt a part of our business, there are plenty of surfers and skaters and tattooed people who will still be there for us and will still spread the love."

Hank Williams III appears July 21 at House of Blues.

— Ken Leighton

(Ken Leighton is the talent coordinator for Fiesta del Sol.)

**Park Rock Kibosh** Susan Suffecool, operations manager of Balboa Park's Starlight Bowl, works for the San Diego Civic Light Opera Association. For 61 years, the outdoor amphitheater has been used primarily for musical plays. Suffecool says even though the facility is owned by the city, her group must pay for facility upkeep.

"It's really hard to get grants.... Everyone goes to the north end of Balboa Park. People don't come to the south end. People don't know the Starlight Bowl exists. It's very sad, but when you have a place that holds 3574 people,

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September. Last weekend, the radio aired ads for a White Stripes concert at Bayside Embarcadero on September 18, a few days before Street Scene. It seemed San Diegans would have ample opportunity to see the band. But when the list of Street Scene performers was announced on Monday, the White Stripes were not mentioned.

The Smashing Pumpkins were rumored to be in the Street Scene lineup, but insiders say Viejas

complaints from Coronado residents; Viejas Entertainment had promised to bring quieter acts to the venue and agreed to face fines for excess decibels.

"Maybe they will try to convince the 60-year-olds in Coronado that the White Stripes are a blues band," says one insider.

Steve Redfearn, president



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this place needs to be in use."

To help pay for maintenance and improvements, Suffecool says Starlight Bowl started producing its own shows and allowed outside promoters in



BEDPOST BUZZARD  
DENIED BOWL TIME

to do live shows.

"They had, like, 12 Sunday rock shows this year," says Jason Lee, lead singer of Loss of Control. "We played at 3 of them." Lee says Van Halen tribute band OU812 and local bands such as Hydroplane and Deverb have also performed.

"I would say each show would draw a couple hundred people," says Lee. "The Starlight provided the venue, the PA, and the staff. All we had to do was show up with our band gear and play."

Suffecool says she was disappointed that some of the

self-produced Starlight rock shows only brought "...10 or 20 people."

Ads recently distributed by promoter Willie Tuckerson announced a two-day, 24-band "Southern California Rock Fest" on June 30 and July 1, but all plans for future Starlight rock shows have been scuttled.

"I got some very disturbing news from my doctor," says Suffecool. "I don't have the stamina. For health reasons, I had to cancel those events." She says she also canceled a show headlined and promoted by local band Bedpost Buzzard. However, two-week-long productions of *Ragtime*, *Aida*, and *Oklahoma!* are scheduled for this summer.

It's been five years since Ganeshfest drew 2000 fans to the 72-year-old city-owned venue. Unwritten Law, Sprung Monkey, Fenix TX, and seven other local bands shared the bill.

"It was not entirely a financially successful endeavor," says someone connected with the concert. "There's numerous costs involved in producing shows at this particular venue."

The Starlight Bowl is a "union facility," which means union labor must be used to handle production needs; that factor, plus an abundant amount of necessary security personnel, increases the cost of producing an event at the Starlight.

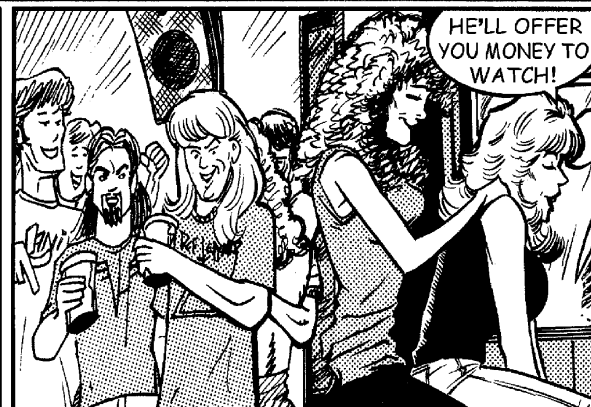
Before 2002's Ganeshfest, it had been eight years since the Starlight Bowl hosted major-name rock headliners. Anthrax, the Allman Brothers, the Beastie Boys, and Jewel played the Starlight in the '90s. Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison, and the Doobie Brothers played there in the '80s.

— Ken Leighton

**Owning It** "We made a record last spring that was slated to come out this

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summer on Capitol Records," reads a post on Reeve Oliver's MySpace page. "This is now no longer the case.... Capitol's

parent company EMI decided to scale down both of its main labels, which are Capitol and Virgin, into one new company called the Capitol Music Group. They also drastically scaled down their band roster. The only bands that remain on what is left of the label are bands that were already a success, as major labels have little interest in trying to break new bands anymore.

"At first this was kind of a total drag for all of us in the Reeve camp, as you can imagine. But the good news in all of this is that we ended up owning this record. We will be putting out the new Reeve Oliver record ourselves. Soon." Two songs from the aborted Capitol album are posted on MySpace: "Sunshine" and "Cheat Me Slowly."

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Leave Your Skin at the Door** Ike Turner has filed a \$5000 lawsuit against the

LAPD. He was arrested last month based on a 1989 narcotics warrant that later proved invalid. The 75-year-



PHOTOGRAPH BY MENDY...SEAN'S MOM

**REEVE OLIVER SEES SUNSHINE** old spent around 15 hours in jail.

"I think that what happened to Ike was due to a vindictive and spiteful type who conveniently neglected to follow administrative procedure and remove the warrant hold that was on his record from YEARS ago," says local drummer Bill Ray, who has played with Turner since November 2001. "Ike did his time, paid for his sins in the legal arena, and yet he continues to pay."

On a blog, Ray writes of Turner, "When I encounter people that speak ill of the man without knowing him as a person, I ask one question. 'What would you do if someone took your darkest

moment in life and made a damning portrayal of your misdeeds in the form of a movie, and that movie [*What's Love Got to Do with It*] will be played on major network media for all of eternity?"

Ray says, "If anything, Ike and Tina Turner brought the stigma of domestic violence to the forefront of our societal woes, and what thanks does he get? [A] \$5000 [lawsuit] doesn't even begin to cover it."

Locals Ryan Montana, Seth Blumberg, Leo Dombecki, and Kevin Cooper Sr. have also played with Turner. On his blog, Ray describes the Turner band's thrice-weekly rehearsals as "akin to leaving your skin at the door and walking in a seething mass of nerve endings, with Ike sitting in his chair throwing salt at us when we would make a mistake. ...Sure, he's been no angel at times, but deep down, he is the most wonderful person that I've ever met. ...I like Ike. Very much."

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Chilled Tuna** Before the Goo Goo Dolls play Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park on Saturday, June 23, they want their dressing room stocked with eight bottles of

Starbucks Frappuccino or Nestle cappuccino ("four plain coffee, four vanilla"), a large bowl of hummus and pita bread, two bottles of red wine ("good quality"), a 12-pack each of Budweiser and Heineken ("no Ice or Lite"), a one-pound package of Mr. Turkey ("fresh"), four bars of "freshly wrapped" soap ("Safeguard or Ivory"), and six new pairs of tube socks ("white"). *Stubhub.com* is selling general-admission floor seats for \$165 each.

When LeAnn Rimes performs at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 27, her dressing room requirements include a vegetable and fruit tray ("with bananas"), two quarts each of apple, orange, grape, pineapple, and cranberry juices, a six-pack each of Coke and Sprite, and a small bowl of fresh tuna ("solid white...please keep chilled"). *Ticketsnow.com* is selling floor seats (section four, row 01) for \$95. (From *thesmokinggun.com*)

— Jay Allen Sanford

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“I think there’s also an element of circus to our act,” says singer/lyricist ZöE. “There’s something about painting your face that allows your true self to come out. With both Zeph and myself having a background in theater, it was a very natural thing to fall into. If our show were a dessert, I think it would be Red Hots mixed with chocolate, strawberries, and licorice. Hot, sweet, tart, and manufactured.”

Tragic Tantrum’s occasional third member, Meagan Widde, handles drums, while a fourth performer, Zaza, sometime dances and sings with the group. “She studied ballet when she was younger, and she’s a talented painter,” says Zeph. “Some of her art is on display at Pokez in downtown San Diego.”

Core members Zeph and ZöE answered our “lists” queries jointly.

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

- 1. Björk, “Hyperballad”: “Everything Björk does feels like it comes from another world. Every breath and utterance has intention and conviction. No sound is wasted. Plus, she’s a fairy.”
- 2. Rasputina, “Why Don’t You Do Right”: “What Rasputina does with that Peggy Lee song is magic. Dark, slinky, fun, and refreshing — it’s a great song to blast in your car and sing at the top of your lungs.”
- 3. Humanwine, “Script Language”: “When a song makes you stop and think, makes you forget your reality, makes you want to get up and waltz even if you don’t know what a waltz is, and when it crawls into your brain and makes itself

at home for weeks at a time, you know it’s something special.”

- 4. My Chemical Romance, “The Black Parade”: “This is a song about hope and persevering. It’s an anthem for those of us who ever felt lost, scared, or misplaced, which is everyone, we think. It’s a very inspiring piece that empowers artists and fans alike.”
- 5. The Dresden Dolls, “Shores of California”: “When we hear the Dresden Dolls, we’re always blown away. They’re truly limitless, and the world and mood they shape around their music is the best thing that’s happened to the audience-performer experience in a very long time.”

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

- 1. *Waking Life*: “Brilliant, and ZöE’s favorite movie. She fell asleep to it every night for about six months and had the most amazing dreams. It explores the idea of our perceived reality and other crazy philosophical stuff that we can’t get enough of.”
- 2. *Pulp Fiction*: “It has so much style, pizzazz, whiz-bang, mojo, and gumption that it would have otherwise been a futile, nonauthentic exercise in great movie lists not to include this masterwork.”
- 3. *Arrested Development, Complete First Season*: “The writing is clever, and the characters are hysterical. We never laugh so hard as when we watch it. It’s tragic how underappreciated this show really was.”
- 4. *Amélie*: “Funny, clever, adorable, and perfect. This movie has some of the best writing captured on film, in any language. What a lovely fairy tale.”
- 5. *Fight Club*: “When a movie actually comes out being better than the book it’s based on, that’s scary. There’s so much wit and layers to this movie.”

FAVORITE TV SHOW THEME SONGS?

- 1. *Fraggle Rock*: “Who doesn’t want to dance their cares away?”
- 2. *X-Files*: “Back in its heyday, Zeph used to watch *X-Files* religiously. The theme song had

such an impact on him that it actually changed the tone of his music for about a week. Everything he wrote sounded like it should accompany weird, creepy sci-fi shows.”

WORST GIG?

“Rebecca’s Café. We were running late, and when we got to play, the sound was terrible. The vocals were too loud and then too soft, and we couldn’t hear ourselves at all. ZöE forgot her lyrics, Zeph lost his place in the song, and we were too busy trying to figure out what the heck was going on with the sound. The energy was off, and although the audience was paying attention, it was more like they were staring at a bad car wreck you can’t help but look at. In the end, though, no bones were broken or lives lost, so it was a learning experience.”

WORST PICKUP LINE?

“So, do you like, uh, stuff?”

ADVICE TO COURTNEY LOVE?

“Take care of your child. Get back to your art. Keep coming back.”

DALÍ OR PICASSO?

“Picasso. We love his light paintings.”

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

“At the risk of being too obvious, the war in Iraq is huge. We’ve gotten ourselves in a situation where we need to get out, but how? It’s a fight that can never be won. How can you



Tragic Tantrum Cabaret

wage a war against a concept or thought? And here we are, duking it out, not against a nation, or a people, but against ‘terrorism.’ It seems as impossible as trying to win a war against the word *the*.”

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

“One night, in another city far, far away, ZöE spray painted characters all over the town. No reason other than she wanted to know what the big deal was with graffiti. She succeeded, and her characters still lurk in some alleys and side streets there. People talked about these images, but the culprit was kept secret. She never did it again; once was enough. But she did prove her prowess, and she enjoyed the experience. Zeph is an old-school Nintendo fan. We even have a Wii. It’s how Zeph gets his news and weather.” ■

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### THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

#### THURSDAY

**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.

#### FRIDAY

**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.

#### SATURDAY

**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.

#### SUNDAY

**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.

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

**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.

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

**The Dougie MacLean Band:** Birch North Park Theatre, Tuesday, June 26, 2891 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-8836.

#### WEDNESDAY

**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.

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### JUNE

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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**Aly & AJ, Corbin Bleu, and Drake Bell:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**The Fray, Gomez, and Easley:** 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.

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

**John Hiatt and Shawn Colvin:**

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

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

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

**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.

**Tears for Fears:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**"Projekt Revolution":** Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 31, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

## AUGUST

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

**Clay Aiken:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

**Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake:** House of Blues, Friday, August 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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**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 Bay, Tuesday, August 14, and Wednesday, August 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**Poison and Ratt:** Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**Hilary Duff:** Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, August 14, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

**Colin Hay:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Dramarama and a Flock of Seagulls:** House of Blues, Thursday, August 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Deep Purple:** 4th & B, Thursday, August 16, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Los Lonely Boys:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**The Aggrolites:** House of Blues, Saturday, August 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**311:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**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.

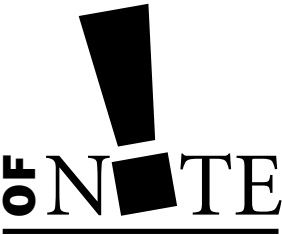
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**Diana Krall:** Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Wednesday, August 22, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

**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.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**The National** has been creating a buzz around New York since the late '90s, but it wasn't until the 2005 album *Alligator* and that album's song "All the Wine" that they lived up to their name with a national reputation. The song has a powerful, tension-building arrangement that, despite The National's roots as an Americana-influenced act, sounds like a cross between Interpol, U2, and the Smiths. But vocalist **Matt Berninger** steals the show with his Leonard Cohen-like half-spoken baritone (he sounds like someone who is just too cool to fully break into melody) and enigmatic lyrics: "I'm

put together beautifully/ I'm a festival, I'm a parade/ I'm a birthday candle in a circle of black girls." "All the Wine" made the round on the music blogs, the album's popularity grew slowly, and by the end of the year, *Alligator* was on many critics' top-ten lists.

*Boxer*, the band's recent follow-up, doesn't have anything that stands out quite like "All the Wine," but the more you listen to it, the more you may decide that this is a strength. On *Boxer*, The National holds back just enough to draw you in. Berninger's vocals are a little farther back in the mix, like someone who speaks softly when he wants your attention. That also serves to put more emphasis on the creative arrangements of the two sets of brothers in the band, **Scott and Bryan Devendorf** and **Aaron and Bryce Dessner**.



*Boxer* also features orchestral arrangements by Padma Newsome and piano from indie star Sufjan Stevens. All the contributions go together seamlessly. Like *Alligator*, this album may grow slowly, but it will earn its place on many top-ten lists.

**THE NATIONAL, The Casbah, Monday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.**

**"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.

**Heart:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

## SEPTEMBER

**Cecilio & Kapono:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

**Daryl Hall & John Oates:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,

Wednesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

**Rise Against:** Soma, Friday, September 7, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Incubus:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**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.

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**Rascal Flatts:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**Guster:** House of Blues, Sunday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**The White Stripes:** Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, September 18, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

**The New Pornographers:** House of Blues, Tuesday, September 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**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.

**"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.

**Pepe Aguilar:** Cox Arena, Sunday, September 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

**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:** 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.

**Brass Rail:** Second Saturday of the month, Club Fashion Whore, electro, indie, and Britpop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

**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. Sundays, Hot Summer Sundays featuring guest DJs. Wednesdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

**Kadan:** First Saturday of the month, BrokenBeat Night, live electronic, machine funk, and glitch hop. Sundays, Dubstep, downtempo, hip-hop, and jazz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**The Kava Lounge:** Third Saturday of the month, hip-hop, funk, and soul with DJs Thumbprint and Concise. 2812 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. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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**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, *Black Seven*, rock. Saturday, *Slowburn*, rock.

**Blue Parrot**, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

**The Calypso Cafe**, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Michael Tiernan*, acoustic. Friday, *Uplift*, reggae. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Sunday, *the Rick Ross Trio*, jazz. Monday, *Mick Overman*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Candye Kane*, blues.

**'Canes**, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Adema*, *Decompression*, and *Glass Piñata*, rock. Friday, *Rebelution*, *Split Finger*, the *Stone Senses*, *dJkRost*, and *Dirty Madame*, rock/reggae/alternative. Saturday, the *Samples*, *Justin James*, *Aaron Sax Seymour*, and *Nathan Angelo*, acoustic/pop/folk. Sunday, *John Hull*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Roosevelt*, *Aqua Tribe*, *Lonely Mattress Salesman*, and *Finback*, alternative rock.

**Ché Café**, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Friday and Saturday, live indie/punk/rock bands.

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

**Dreamstreet**, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Friday, *No Face*, the *Empire State*, *Magnolia Black*, the *Girlfriend Experience*, *Elyzium*, and *Sound Sector*. Saturday, *Way Cool Jr*, *Buckley's Ghost*, and *Strike the Design*, hard rock. Wednesday, live bands.

**E Street Cafe**, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Brian Hudson*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jerry McCann*, rock/reggae. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Beth Preston*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Lindy*.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, the *Stiletos*, rockabilly. Saturday, the *Mojo Brothers*, rock.

**Hornblower Cruises**, 1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego Bay. 619-686-8715. Friday, 7 p.m., the *Electric Soul Band*, soul/R&B.

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

**Tierney Sutton**, a traditional jazz artist, enjoys the gift of being a musical revisionist without falling flat on her face. Revisionism is not the same thing as merely covering a song. Smooth jazz has been doing that for years, recording pop hit covers to bad effect. True musical revisionism is more about deconstructing the mindless and the familiar into something unfamiliar and new. It is easier to fail at this than not. On the positive side are the Bad Plus's reworked covers of pop and heavy metal hits. For an example of how far wrong revisionism can go, there is Robert Downey Jr.'s mawkish version of Charlie Chaplin's "Smile." Tierney, by the way, also takes a shot at "Smile." It is the final, chilling track on her latest CD, *On the Other Side*.

Sutton did not find jazz until college. Her approach has been described as the road less traveled, putting vocals to jazz standards that were previously performed as instrumentals or rewiring works by Bill Evans, Willie Nelson, Lerner and Loewe, Rodgers and Hammerstein, even the *Wizard of Oz* soundtrack. She's made some credible jazz masterworks. In 2005 she was *JazzWeek's* Vocalist of the Year. That same year, her *I'm With the Band* was nominated for a Grammy. Sutton teaches in the Jazz Studies Department at the University of Southern California.

The greater risk of revisionism lies in the giving of meaning where none was intended; recall the apocryphal stunt in which an actor was said to have made a compelling read of the names in a telephone directory. That becomes more trickery than art. With Tierney, as with the Bad Plus, validity extends from the instrumentalists and the textures that they layer around existing foundations of



TIERNEY SUTTON

pop gloss. Call it a shift of perspective, if you will, but the difference is this: When Tierney sings the words to "You Are My Sunshine," a song that everybody's mom, Nat "King" Cole, Anne Murray, the Mills Brothers, even Screeching Weasel have sung over the years, I believe her.

**TIERNEY SUTTON, Anthology, Tuesday, June 26, and Wednesday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$20 to \$40.**

**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 *Travel Agents*, alternative. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn* and *Triple Threat*, classic rock. Sunday, the *Blues Brokers*, blues jam.

**La Scala**, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

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

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.

**710 Beach Club**, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Rock Dirty Raw* and *Fight the Fear*, rock. Friday, *C.D.M.* and *Black Market Radio*, punk/hardcore. Saturday, *Diego Roots* and *Nate of Red Gun Radar*, reggae/rock. Wednesday, *Johnny Different*, rock, *Straight Trippin'*, ska/reggae, *I Downs*, alternative/hip-hop, and *Shea Stratton*, alternative/rock.

**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Tigersharks*, rock. Friday, *Railyard*, rock. Saturday, the *Nards*, rock. Wednesday, *420 Blackbirdz* and *Meld*, blues/rock.

**Winstons**, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Bargain Music* and the *Wagon*, rock. Friday, *Toubab Krewe*, rock/Afro-beat. Saturday

and Monday, the *Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *3rd Alley*, *Sex Rat*, and *Windo*, dub/rock. Wednesday, *Pruitt Igoe* and *Mr. Tube* and the *Flying Objects*, experimental/psychedelc/R&B/dub.

### DOWNTOWN

**Anthology**, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Arturo Sandoval*. Friday, *Chick Corea*. Saturday, *Jesse Colin Young*, folk rock. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Tierney Sutton*.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

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**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*.

**Dublin Square**, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Celtic folk.

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

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/reggae/rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *West of Memphis*, blues, 9 p.m., *Tyrone Wells*, rock/pop/soul. Saturday, *Pretty Ricky and Lil' Mama*, rap. Sunday, *Sean Healy*. Monday, *Hot Tuna*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Xavier Rudd*, folk rock/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., *Pop Rocks*, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Divva Soul*, disco/Pop 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/Pop 40.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Kyle Culkin* and *Jeff Jensen*. Friday, *Bill Magee*. Saturday, *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*. Sunday, *Blue Largo*. Monday, *Tell Mama*. Tuesday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Wednesday, *the Bill Magee*.

**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, *Orquesta Asi Son*. Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*.

**The Shout House**, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

**Voz Alta**, 1544 Broadway, downtown. 619-230-1869. Friday, 8 p.m., *Russ Gonzales*, original jazz.

**The Westgate Hotel**, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday and Monday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince of Piano*. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Kevin McCully*, piano. Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio De La Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and

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**AcousticMusicSanDiego**, 4650  
Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-  
8176. Thursday, *Jimmy LaFave*, acoustic  
rock. Friday, *Venice*, rock.

**The Aero Club,** 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

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47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919.  
Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*,  
smooth jazz/funk.

**Blarney Stone Pub**, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish folk. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Harold and Gabe*. Monday, *Pat and Joe and Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Skelpin* or *Robbie O'Reilly*.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, *Ultraloud*, *Tower Twenty-One*, and the *Odd Fellows*. Friday, *Jumping Jack Flash* and *Satellite Passing*. Saturday, *Gary Hoey* and *Salmon Asylum*. Sunday, *Lisa Sanders*, *Samantha Murphy*, *John Foltz* and *Spud Davenport*, acoustic/folk.

Monday, *the Michael Schenker Group*,  
*Doug Doppler*, and *Ritual Habits*.  
Wednesday, *Bad Manners*, *Monkey*, and a  
*Conscious Few*.

**Claire de Lune**, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Live acoustic/folk/jazz.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Victory of Reason*, *Christopher Robin*, *Feeling of Hate*, and *the 25th Hour*, metal/rock/hardcore.

**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.

**Humphrey's**, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Karl Marx Band*, beach rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Motown/dance. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Reggie Smith*, smooth jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Hank Easton*, jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Michele Lundeen*, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the 145th Street Delux Blue*

*Band.* Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight,  
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**The Imperial House**, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

**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.

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Friday, *Joey Degraw, Chris Barron, and Curtis Peoples.* Saturday, *Alex Esther and the Wild Truth.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Barbara Nesbitt and the Citizen Band.*

**Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom**, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 8:30 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., *Bag of Toys and Mike Pinto and the Mashers*, rock/reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *People, the Bleeding Irish, and Electric Mistress.* Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Neverland Ranch Hands, Dreaded Solution, With a Bullet, and Michaelene.* Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Driftwood.*

**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, *Moon*

*Sarah Silverman* June 23

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*Cyndi Lauper* June 27

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**The Prado Restaurant**, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Le Jazz Hot*.

**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, *6one9*, 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. Thursday, *a Dull Science*, *Flight to Athena*, *Public Puppet*, *Hat Trick*, and *Honor Affair*. Friday, *Pierce the Veil*, *Lower Definition*, *This Is the Hospital*, and *Invictus*. Saturday, *Thicker Than Thieves*, *the Stone Senses*, *Irides*, reggae, and *Mean Dinosaur* with *Noiz*. Sunday, *Funeral for a Friend*, *Alexisonfire*, *Emanuel*, and *Fightstar*. Tuesday, *My American Heart*, *Halifax*, *Misdelpnia*, *the Haven*, and *Jesse of Mah*.

**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.

**Terra**, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

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**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, zydeco. Friday, *Joey Harris and the Mentals*, rock. Saturday, *the Farmers*, rock. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

**The Tower Bar**, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, *Finally Punk* and *Skull Kontrol*, punk/rock/alternative. Saturday, *Tiltwheel*, rock.

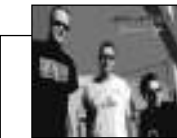
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**The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe**, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

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7/25 Anniversary Show feat. Greg Laswell  
7/28 Young Dubliners  
7/30 Guru's Jazzmattazz  
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8/3 Boogie Nights-Dare Devil Jane

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**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.

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**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.

## SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

**Buon Giorno Restaurant**, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Stage 4*, jazz.

**The Butcher Shop**, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

**Cafe LaMaze**, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

**Hotel del Coronado**, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Gibson*, guitarist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*, guitarist. 1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist. Sun Deck: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

**Island Sports and Spirits**, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, *Misty and the Mobys*, rock.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill**, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Justin Brothers*. Friday, *the Elevators*, blues. Saturday, *the Fall Guys*. Sunday, *Joey Harris*. Monday, *Tommy Price*. Tuesday, *Gene Warren*. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

## EAST COUNTY

**Caddy Shack**, 351 West Main Street, El Cajon. 619-447-8400. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Truffle Copote's Shameless Dance Band*.

**Cat Daddy's**, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-593-2629. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Highway Robbery Band*, country.

**Dirk's Niteclub**, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *TNT*, classic rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge**, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Benchmark*, country.

**Downtown Cafe**, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Joey and the Stingrays*, classic rock/oldies/country.

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Retrolust**  
Song: "Whisper to Me" (from the CD *Bad Reception*)  
Heard By: **Saehee Cho**, La Jolla



Saehee

I guess it was sort of like Hot Chip. Maybe a little bit like Muse. [The music was] repetitive with very distorted vocals; electronic [and] dance-y but a little too slow to be danced to. I didn't like it very much. I guess the beginning part was kind of nice with the keyboard until the electronics came in. The lyrics were the thing I especially didn't like. I think one of the lyrics was "hold me tight," or something like that. It was just kind of cheesy. It's probably good driving music. I'm sure there's an audience for it.

Artist: **DJ Jana**  
Song: "BSOD - A Bit Sketchy" (from the CD *Fine-Tuned*)  
Heard By: **Anya Moberly**, North Park



Anya

It kind of reminded me of Madonna mixed with Fischerspooner — that kind of electronica. They incorporated that old song [that goes] "tick-tock you don't stop." It had good beats — a little bit repetitive, but I guess that's how electronic music is. [I imagine that song] maybe at a gay club or any other type of place that would hold raves — maybe in Europe somewhere, too. I think [DJ culture] is cool. Incorporating other artists' music is an art in itself. I definitely think it's art, just like making regular music.

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Artist: **The Celtic Ensemble**  
Song: "Old Hag You've Killed Me/Gander in the Pratie Hole" (from the CD *Changing Moon*)  
Heard By: **Fred Gago**, North Park



Fred

It reminds me of a lot of movies that I've seen, like *Titanic*, *Braveheart*, or *Lord of the Rings*. I just get a lot of movie images in my head, like hobbits dancing on a table. The only time I hear Celtic music outside of someone playing it [is in the movies]. It was all instrumental. It sounded like mostly strings — violins and things like that. I'm not familiar with all the instruments that they play. They sounded good. It was entertaining. It was upbeat.

**Fannie's Nightclub**, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday and Saturday, *Stone Wolf*, classic rock.

**Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel**, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550.


Friday and Saturday, *Calico Ridge*, country.

**Renegade Inn**, 14335 Olde Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105.

Friday and Saturday, *the Honky Tonk Kings*, country.

**Second Wind**, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

**Tommy's Italian Restaurant**, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *From K to Z* or *the Wize Guys*, swing/standards.



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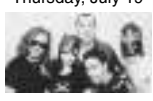
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**A Conscious Few:** 'Brick By Brick

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**Demasiado:** The Casbah

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**Lower Definition:** Soma

**Magnolia Black:** Dreamstreet

**Maystar:** The Kensington Club

**Mean Dinosaur:** Soma

**Meliesa and the Monkey Bites:** Surf N' Saddle

**The Minor Canon:** The Casbah

**The Misdelpia:** Soma

**Monkey:** Brick By Brick

**The Mooney Suzuki:** The Casbah

**The National:** The Casbah

**The Neverland Ranch Hands:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**No Face:** Dreamstreet

**Nothing People:** The Casbah

**The Odd Fellows:** Brick By Brick

**Operation Human Shield:** The Kensington Club

**The Photo Atlas:** The Casbah

**Pierce the Veil:** Soma

**Public Puppet:** Soma

**Radio Birdman:** The Casbah

**Salmon Asylum:** Brick By Brick

**Sex Rat:** Winstons

**Skull Kontrol:** Tower Bar

**Sound Sector:** Dreamstreet

**The Swedish Models:** The Casbah

**This Is the Hospital:** Soma

**Tigersharks:** Tiki House

**Tower Twenty-One:** Brick By Brick

**The Travel Agents:** The Kraken

**The 25th Hour:** Epicentre

**Two Gallants:** 4th & B

**Ultralord:** Brick By Brick

**The Verso:** The Kensington Club

**Window:** Winstons

**With a Bullet:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

### ROCK

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**Bad Manners:** Brick By Brick

**Bag of Toys:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Surf N' Saddle

**Bargain Music:** Winstons

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**The Citizen Band:** Lestat's Coffee House

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**Dregs of Sada:** Dick's Last Resort

**Driftwood:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons

**The Farmers:** Tio Leo's Lounge

**Fight the Fear:** 710 Beach Club

**Finally Punk:** Tower Bar

**5 Miles High:** Game Time Tavern

**Joey Harris and the Mentals:** Tio Leo's Lounge

**Gary Hoey:** Brick By Brick

**Idle Train:** Ocean House

**Inhale:** Surf N' Saddle

**Invictus:** Soma

**Joey and the Stingrays:** Downtown Cafe

**Johnny Different:** 710 Beach Club

**Jumping Jack Flash:** Brick By Brick

**The Karl Marx Band:** Humphrey's

**Laguna:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

**Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat:** The Kraken

**Meld:** Tiki House

**Misty and the Mobys:** Island Sports and Spirits

**The Mojo Brothers:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

**Moon Dance:** Pal Joey's

**My American Heart:** Soma

**Johnette Napolitano:** The Casbah

**The Nards:** Tiki House

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**Night Shift:** Carvers

**Northstar:** Coyote Bar and Grill

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**Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort

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**Rock Dirty Raw:** 710 Beach Club

**Rockola:** Humphrey's

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### ROCK

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**The Stiletto's:** Hennessy's Tavern  
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**Stone Wolf:** Fannie's Nightclub

**Shea Stratton:** 710 Beach Club

**Strike the Design:** Dreamstreet

**Burt Susabka:** Surf N'Saddle

**Sweet Deal:** Molly Malone's

**Tiltwheel:** Tower Bar

**TNT:** Dirk's Niteclub

**Venice:** AcousticMusicSanDiego

**Victory of Reason:** Epicentre

**The Wagon:** Winstons

**Way Cool Jr.:** Dreamstreet

**Tyrone Wells:** House of Blues

**The Ziggens:** Surf N'Saddle

### POP / TOP 40

**PTrak Armenta:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Gil Barron:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Truffle Capote's Shameless  
Dance Band:** Caddy Shack

**Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorno Restaurant

**Diva Soul:** Jimmy Love's

**James East:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Frankie Dee and the Funk-Natra  
Band:** The Kraken

**Mark Fulton:** Pasquale on Prospect

**The Good Times:** Henry's Pub

**The Love Rangers:** The Alley

**Rick Lyon:** The Imperial House

**Pop Rocks:** Jimmy Love's

**The Soul Revue:** Jimmy Love's

### JAZZ / BIG BAND

**Burnett Anderson:** Cafe LaMaze

**Joseph Angelastro:** The Book  
Works/Pannikin Cafe, E Street Cafe

**The Archtones:** Croce's Jazz Bar

**Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado

**Amelia Browning:** South Park Bar  
and Grill

**Sammy Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze

**Sandy Chappel:** Cafe LaMaze

**Chick Corea:** Anthology

**Jerome Dawson:** Coyote Bar and  
Grill

**Hank Easton:** Humphrey's

**Nick Fiore:** Pasquale on Prospect

**From K to Z:** Tommy's Italian  
Restaurant

**Jim Gibson:** Hotel del Coronado

**Russ Gonzales:** Voz Alta

**John Guilino:** Pasquale on Prospect

**Cynthia Hammond:** Pasquale on  
Prospect

**The High Society Jazz Band:** Tio  
Leo's Lounge

**Insight:** Jimmy Love's

**Keith Jacobsen:** Trisler's Wine Bar,  
Piazza Carmel, La Valencia Hotel

**The Jazz 101 Band:** Pasquale on  
Prospect

**The John Kopecky Trio:** South Park  
Bar and Grill

**Fran Laskota:** The Westgate Hotel

**Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado

**Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel

**JJ Lim's Jazz Jam:** South Park Bar  
and Grill

**Masterpiece:** Jimmy Love's

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**Jerry Melnick:** The Inn at Rancho  
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Talk About a Star



Les Claypool, June 26 at 4th & B

It was, like, my second or third year in “real” (not college) radio. I was working at 92.1 FM, which, at the time, was an alternative rock station. I was making \$8 an hour for 20 hours a week and, consequently, had to do a whole lot of extraneous work to pay the bills.

I was driving up to L.A. a lot to gig and do voice-over work and also playing a fair amount of music live in San Diego. Suffice to say, I was sleep-deprived nearly all of the time and was spreading myself too thin (hence my album title *Miss Halfway*).

So, this particular Saturday morning, I had driven down from L.A. to do my Saturday-morning midday shift, which started around 10:00 a.m. On the way, I remembered that I had to interview Les Claypool from Primus, and I thought to myself, *This shouldn’t be too hard. He’s from the Bay Area — I’m from the Bay Area. He’s in Primus — I like Primus...piece of cake.*

I got to the station a tad early and thought I would make the most of my 30 minutes before going on the air. The options for how I could best use my time were endless...research my interview subject, listen to the latest Claypool release, do *anything* to seem less ill-prepared...nap... You guessed it. I decided to catch some Zs.

Cut to: a very irked Les Claypool knocking on my car window, waking me up about 40 minutes later. I was horrified and embarrassed at my state — disheveled, wrinkled, lying prostrate in the front seat with a string of drool making its way from the corner of my mouth to my headrest.

My interview was just as awful as you might imagine. A sample question: “Soooo, you’re Les Claypool. You play bass. Talk about that.” Sample answer: [silence, intimidating glare].

The moral of the story is: I never again — that’s a lie —I *almost* never again attempted to rely on wit and bullshit to get through an interview. I realized that this man did not toil through years of playing live and recording and garnering a following to put up with inane questions and blank stares from some neophyte disc jockey. He sat through the 20 minutes with me on the air and was kind enough to spare me the verbal ass-whupping I deserved.

Go see Les Claypool on Tuesday. He is a good man. A patient man. And did I mention he rips on bass?



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## CONQUISTADORS

by Josh Board

**m**y friend's wife had knee surgery. There were complications; a blood clot in her knee had caused a stroke.

My friend hasn't left his wife's side at Kaiser Hospital nor slept in days.

The day I planned to visit them, I discovered that the Conquistadors car club was having a party right around the corner from the hospital, off of Mission Gorge Road.

When I left the hospital, I didn't feel much in the party mood, but I went over anyway.

I found the place behind the warehouses at the Mystery Speed Shop, which restores and customizes vehicles. The guy who invited me was waiting in the parking lot to show me where the building was. He said something about the Conquistadors being a bunch of "greasers." I told him, "The Conquistadors were an old San Diego basketball team that Wilt Chamberlain played for." He said, "Yeah, we saw that when we Googled the name."

Before walking in, I checked out the hot rods out-



Top: Julian (left) of the Conquistadors

side. One had a "flying eye" on the window and a Vargas girl in the interior. The pinstripes and designs on the paint reminded me of Spirographs I made as a kid.

I dug the rockabilly, '50s greaser look of the crowd. A few guys reminded me of

ferent car-club jackets, I asked one of the guys if there were rivalries between the clubs. "No, not at all. When you are on

**"I had a girlfriend once who said she was second in line behind the car.**

**I told her she was third."**

Brando in *The Wild One*. The women mostly sported a Betty Page look.

Seeing at least three dif-

a road trip, sometimes you see someone with a jacket. If it's a San Diego car club...you bond. It doesn't mean we don't occa-

sionally talk shit about each other. Sometimes we make fun of the car clubs that don't even have cars yet. There are a few. They just have the jackets and grease up their hair."

I asked about the clubs at the party and someone else said, "There are the Road Devils...the Fifty-Nine Club..." I saw a few people wearing those jackets. He continued, "Some clubs have certain hot rods. Others have pre-'63 cars."

I thought that several cars

looked like they needed more work. Someone explained, "It's expensive to restore them. And some people do the engine work before they worry about the outside of the car and how it looks. A lot of us are young, and we don't have much dough. We like to restore them all original, too. I once saw someone with a '53 Chevy that had all different parts. I told the guy, 'Nice car. Too bad you fucked it up.' It's cool when older people comment when they see the cars. Maybe they remember having a similar car when they were kids. Others say it's cool that we keep the hot-rod tradition going. One old lady was touching the pinstripes on my car when I came outside. She said it reminded her of her first boyfriend."

Somewhere behind the shop they were grilling and continued bringing food into the shop. I went inside to grab a hamburger.

I talked to another person who told me that he keeps his car garaged. He said he had a lowered '61 Oldsmobile in college and that someone drove

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over it. I asked him if insurance was more expensive now. "Oh, yeah. It's what they call hot-rod insurance. Otherwise, you'd only get Blue Book if you were in an accident. They make you show how much you put into the vehicle. The problem is that most of us can't afford that insurance. That's why we might only drive our cars a few times a week."

I asked a woman if she shared her boyfriend's love of cars. She told me that she did. Her boyfriend overheard us and added, "I had a girlfriend once who said she was second in line behind the car. I told her she was third. She didn't like that."

I noticed that one wall had brass knuckles hanging on it and a knife sticking out. Then I saw a Ninja star protruding from the wall. I visualized these guys working on cars and tearing up walls.

The music playing at the party was the genuine rockabilly tunes of Elvis, Eddie Cochran, and others. I told a few guys that my favorite car song is "Hot Rod Lincoln" by Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen, and I asked them their favorites. Julian said, "That's tough. I like 'Garbage Truck' by the

Cramps." Another guy mentioned "Rocket 88." I told him that song was considered the first rock song ever, from 1953, and that current San Marcos resident Ike Turner played on it.

I overheard a guy trying to pick up on a girl. Within a few minutes, she gave the guy her number, which he put into his cell phone. When I mentioned that to someone, they said, "Why write stuff down when you have that kind of technology at your fingertips? There are so many ways technology has made it easier to pick up girls, too. You can go online, MySpace, it's endless."

I found out that there was supposed to be a band called the Rhythm Stompers playing, but that the wife of the guy who played stand-

up bass had a baby two days earlier. The bass player did eventually show up, and I asked, "Why didn't you bring your bass?"

I told him that when I saw Lee Rocker in concert, I couldn't believe the things he did with his stand-up bass. He talked about the bassists who he digs. I asked him how much harder stand-up bass is to play. "I end up with calluses all over my hand. [The bass] can be heavy and hard to handle as well."

I walked over to another crowd that was playfully arguing about engines. I asked Julian what the deal was, and he said, pointing to a car, "Someone said something about the Chevy 350 engine in this Ford. Then a big argument started. People

all just have different theories on what they'll do to their cars. I told him you don't put a baboon heart in a human. That's why you wouldn't put a Chevy engine

in a Ford."

It's hard to argue with logic like that. ■

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# Some Enchanted Evening

Summer's here and the time is right — to try to find restaurants with beautiful views that serve equally appealing food. The cliché is as true for San Diego as for other touristed cities: Most restaurants offering ocean scenery will coast on their looks, serving mediocre slop because they can get away with it. That's not the case with Azzura Point, a restaurant that, at its best, is sheer romantic magic, serving the food of love.

Azzura Point is in the midst of remaking itself to emphasize a blithe resort atmosphere, dispensing with the hints of formality in the current decor. Since San Diego is one of the few spots in the world to boast a Mediterranean climate, the restaurant will eventually be renamed Mistral for the southward-blowing trade wind that puffs the sails on that sea. In September, after the summer rush, the comfortable banquettes will be reupholstered in beachy shades of pale azure, cream, and tan (in place of ritzy cream and gold), and the silly, heavy brass fixtures will be righteously removed — but they'll be keeping the views, the quiet, the space between tables. They promise they'll even keep the oval "lumbar cushions" that you can arrange behind your back at the banquettes. (These give short people a reason to live, allowing us to sit back and relax, without spilling food in our laps while en route to our mouths.)

The room is bordered by a window with a panoramic view of the bay, and all the tables are arranged to eye it head-on or sideways. At my first visit, my table's view was enhanced by a distractingly handsome young waiter, Ian. Not only was his service top-notch (warm, considerate, unintrusive), but I had to remind myself that he was actually human, not Benvenuto Cellini's little golden sculpture of Perseus come to life.

The summer menu suits the restaurant's future name, full of the light and approachable cuisine of southern Europe. The dishes seem simple. They're not, exactly. Hawaiian-born chef Martin Batis approaches the unadorned but full-flavored cuisines of Provence, Liguria, and Tuscany artfully, remaking and improving standard dishes with touches of islander whimsy that intensify the natural flavors. Much of his produce comes from the Coronado Farmers' Market — fresh and mostly organic, or sustainably raised.

The airy appetizers awaken appetites, not sate them. At that first dinner with my brand-new friend Chaz, we began with a carpaccio of hamachi (yellowtail), a thin-sliced, satiny sashimi of jackfish with slim radish rounds, crispy leek lengths, and young greens in a soy vinaigrette enriched with unseen but flavorful white truffle. It was light, but it was deep.

A stuffed artichoke was a vast improvement over the often-dry Sicilian-American classic, ac-



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complished by dumping the dross and going for the flavor. Instead of pushing a bready stuffing between the leaves, the chef started with a platform of a leafless heart, then topped it with a pouf combining more artichoke heart, cut in fine dice, mixed with San Daniele prosciutto, Parmesan, just enough bread crumbs to bind everything together, and a lively citric gremolata topping. It's all heart. On the side were a few sweet, garlic-seared Hawaiian shrimp — just for fun.

I returned a week later with posse stalwarts Samurai Jim, the Lynnester, and Michelle to sample more of the menu. This time, the standard *prosciutto e melone* of every half-serious Italian restaurant was elevated to a cheerful new composition called Prosciutto and Pearls. A mandala of thin-sliced San Daniele prosciutto (the palest and silkiest of its ilk) was strewn with tiny balls of sweet, ripe cantaloupe and honeydew. In the center was a rectangular mandala's "eye" of crème fraîche panna cotta (more substantial than dessert panna cotta) topped with melon "gelée" (house-made cantaloupe gelatin), more multicolor "pearls," and arugula and basil leaves. It looked like a pointillist painting and tasted like a perfect summer afternoon on the island of Grande Jatte. We also loved a salad of blood orange segments and Roquefort cheese with toasted pecans, nestling in leaves of Belgian endive dressed with blood orange gastrique — a wine-friendly salad if ever there was one, with every flavor a clockwork counterpoint to the others.

A more substantial starter was an authentic, coarse-textured *pâté de campagne* (pork, veal, and chicken), sprinkled with pistachios and accompanied (correctly) by Dijon and whole-grain mustards, toasted baguette slices, a partly sliced

cornichon pickle, and a big, enticing caper berry. When the hotel's food and beverage director, New York-born foodie Ellen Burke Van Slyke, decided that the restaurant should serve *pâtés*, she brought in Philippe Trosch, a French-born chef from Arizona sister-property Ventana, to give the chef a three-day charcuterie tutorial. ("Your chef Martee, I love heem, he is zee best!" Ellen quotes him.) The study paid off grandly. The *pâté* took me back to hog heaven — to picnicking around Beaune, with fearlessly hearty *pâtés* and baguettes from the local charcuteries to sustain hikes from one vineyard to the next (and serve as sobering ballast for the wine tastings).

That second evening, alas, the service was not half so perfect as the first night. Instead of Golden Boy, we nicknamed that evening's waiter "the Putz." He was older but much less wise to the breezy, festive atmosphere that Azzura Point is cultivating now. He annoyed us with a long, rote recitation of (expensive) dishes that he recommended, as though angling for a bigger tip. (We wanted to say, "Look, we all can read a menu.") He checked back with us when we didn't need him but was late in asking if we wanted a second round of wines (we did). Then he was seriously late in bringing them, in providing glasses, and in opening and pouring the two

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half-bottles — a process he ceremonially dragged out until well after our entrées were delivered and starting to cool. If the first evening was a late spring's midsummer night's dream, the second, service-wise, was a comedy of errors.

But all's well that ends well, and the food saved the night, just as it had enhanced the earlier one. The entrée highlight of my meal with Chaz was a dish of Mano de León ("lion's paw") scallops from Baja. They're named that because they're huge — metaphorically the size of a lion's paw — about two inches high and wide, and shockingly sweet. (Their proximity is a great advantage. Even the best Atlantic Diver scallops aren't immune to flight delays, which can lead to loss of flavor. These, in contrast, are farm-raised near Ensenada, about 70

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road minutes from Coronado.) Cooked gently with full respect, they were served with a “deconstructed” pesto — instead of the heavy Genovese pesto, chef Batis segregates ingredients onto the edges of the plate — sautéed basil leaves, a thin slice of *frico* (Parmesan transformed into a lacy fried cracker-crisp), and sweet roasted garlic cloves. The scallops are plated atop a pair of thin-skinned, juicy agnolotti stuffed with spinach and ricotta, while sautéed greens round out the array.

Local white sea bass comes with raw Florence fennel leaves plastered with summer truffle slices, plated over a satisfying risotto (perfectly cooked short-grain rice, as plushy as polenta). I wasn’t thrilled with the fish itself. It was fresh but too bland for my taste. (Corvina, among the best of all the basses, is about to come into season in local waters. The chef says he’ll be looking for it.)

The house signature is a Maine lobster risotto with porcini and shiitake mushrooms and white truffle essence. It’s the most expensive entrée, much touted by our “Putz” waiter in his monologue. Yet it does deserve touting because it’s no ordinary risotto. There is relatively little rice, and a vast quantity of lobster — two large shelled claws and two shelled tails on top, chunks of lobster in the rice, along with studs of earthy mushrooms that mirror the lobster’s texture, so that it takes several chews to de-

cide...seafood or mushroom? The cooking broth is dark-colored, strong, a bit oversalted. “I still think Michael Stebner’s lobster risotto was the all-time best,” said Lynne. (Stebner was Azura’s chef seven years ago.) Well, maybe, but if so, it’s second best in a marathon race led by two Kenyans, followed at a distance by 2000 lame Elvis impersonators.

The meats, though, ran well behind the marine products — Batis, from a family of fisherfolk, admits a preference for seafood. A roasted veal rack rib-eye, cooked medium rare as specified, was tender bland flesh, even if surrounded by a brilliant supporting cast — morels (those most succulent of all mushrooms), griotte cherries of nearly the same ebony hue as the morels, a “confit” of organic potatoes, and for an attractive note of dark-green bitterness (to contrast with the cherries), grilled rapini. Our least favorite entrée was a bistecca fiorentina T-bone. According to sausage king and cookbook author Bruce Aidells (my main man on meat), a true steak Florentine should be at least two inches thick (preferably porterhouse, though rib-eye will do). The T-bone, although rare to order, was only a half-inch thick, an upper-Choice piece. Its flavor was good, but it was a tad tough and not thrilling. It came with braised greens and savory white truffle fries.

The wine list is a wonder. It may not be the longest, but it bespeaks thought, knowledge,

and probably some hard bargaining by sommelier Kurt Kirshchenman, who works closely with the chef at finding unusual wines to match the light elegance of the food. At our first dinner, I spotted a rare treat — a white Rhone (Crozes-Hermitage) selling for the same price as similar bottles, retail, at the Wine Sellar. Its cool power was perfect for our seafood-dominated meal. At the second meal, the list of half-bottles made it possible to choose a perfect white and a fine red for our entrées — including an exquisite Louis Latour Meursault (lyrical liquid sunshine, with none of the excessive oak of so many California Chardonnays) to accompany the lobster risotto at a price that made me feel only the faintest twinge of guilt. The sommelier chats comfortably with people all over the room. He knows (and loves) his stuff, and he’s a trustworthy advisor, not a greed-geek.

All waiters (the best and worst alike) talk up the tarte tatin for dessert. It’s the size of a whole pie (and after Ian insisted I take it home, it became my breakfast for five days after the dinner), but it’s not among the best I’ve ever tasted. (That was at La Folie in San Francisco, where chef Roland Passot topped his frangible, thin-crust version with a scoop of cinnamon ice cream, rather than the vanilla served here.) I found the puff-pastry crust too thick and chewy and wanted a higher ratio of fruit to crust. I much preferred the

pineapple carpaccio — ultra-thin sheets of semi-dried pineapple in a light syrup, crowned with a square of shivery-tender coconut panna cotta. We also enjoyed a lavender crème brûlée topped with fresh berries. This trick of flavoring (done by steeping lavender flowers in the warm milk or cream that will go into the custard) is still avant-garde for San Diego. (It was already *vieux chapeaux* in San Francisco when I moved here — thereby hangs a tale of two cities, alas.) My companions were enchanted by its decadent, subtle perfume. I’d have liked more lavender flavor. But the decaf espresso was pleasingly above average.

I enjoy the cooking at Azzura for its rare combination of lightness and full flavor. Even the most ethereal appetizers are satisfying, because they fully engage your taste buds. Most dishes are sized “right,” so you don’t waddle out but waft blissfully. As for the atmosphere — at the end of my first meal, a gay couple on a nearby banquette ended the evening snuggling close to each other (after checking the beneficence of the eye-beams from the remaining fellow diners). Chaz and I, meanwhile, had transited from tentative new acquaintances to comfortable old friends sharing laughter and life-stories. I didn’t see any faery queens falling in love with donkeys on either evening — but that could happen here, too. The chef probably knows the recipe for the magic potion.

## ABOUT THE CHEF

Martin T. Batis (“Chef Marty”) was born in Hawaii on the island of Kauai and lived there until his family moved to San Diego just before he started high school. “My family were pretty much fishermen and farmers, so family gatherings, luaus, got me excited about cooking. The fresh seafood, the wonderful food we grow in Kauai.” His special island loves are *manapua* (steamed buns, resembling Chinese *bao*) and *pasteles* (Puerto Rican green plantain “tamales” stuffed with stewed pork).

Chef Marty mainly learned his craft on the job, although he’s taken a few culinary school classes. “I started at Loews as a line chef about 11 years ago, after cooking at some small restaurants in San Diego. James Boyce [a legendary chef and teacher-of-chefs who headed the kitchen then] had an attitude about me that started me thinking about cooking perfection. I wanted to take it to the next level. I was introduced to all these wonderful ingredients. He was really big on the local farmer’s market, and he was really into everything fresh and grown seasonally and locally as much as possible. I still go to the Farmers’ Market in Coronado, and to Chino Farms once in a while, and we grow our own herbs here. Right now, I’m picking kumquats off our trees.”

The current menu, envisioned by the resort’s head chef and by the food and beverage

director, is based on Mediterranean foods, because our climate is so similar. That was the base of dishes like the Mano de León scallops with a deconstructed pesto. “I liked deconstructing it,” Batis says, “so it’s not just one element. People can put it together how they wish.”

In his off hours, he goes fishing in the bay, the ocean, and lakes. “I guess it’s in my blood. Sometimes I bring back things I catch and do a little tasting for the staff. Sometimes we have sport fishermen who come off their boats and bring their catch to us to prepare however they want. It’s exciting for me. I was raised on seafood. I loved it from a very early age. My father brags that I would eat it all when other kids would turn up their noses at it.”

Chef Marty has a pastry chef to execute his ideas for desserts, under his direction — for instance, the pineapple carpaccio “reflects my Hawaiian background.” His philosophy of cooking: “I focus on natural flavors and simplicity. I don’t like too many techniques on one plate. I like accenting the natural flavors of whatever food you’re using. I’m a simple beach boy from the islands. I like to keep it slow and simple.”

*Congratulatory note:* El Bizcocho chef Gavin Kaysen has been named one of the “10 Best Young Chefs” of 2007 in *Food & Wine* magazine’s July issue. Yay, Gavin! ■



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# The Art of the Taco

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That's it. It ain't coming up. I'd forgotten about this. As you suck out more from the bottle, the straw sinks, and then you can't get to the straw anymore.

I'm drinking a bottle of Coke from Mexico, the old-fashioned sort.

"They still sweeten it with cane sugar in Mexico," says Larry.

We're in Normal Heights, in a long room with wild yellow walls and ceiling and a scattering of paintings that make you think of Aztec times.

Larry Auman, the owner-chef-artist, has named his place after the Aztec goddess of the agave plant, Mayahuel.

This is one cool place. I wandered in off the street just out of curiosity around five and...*blat!* The glare of that yellow wash hits you. You hoist yourself onto one of the stools that faces the open kitchen. You're surrounded by big skulls, small skeletons, devils riding donkeys. The effect of all these wall figures is as if you're in a southern Mexican place, or down in DF (Distrito Federal, Mexico City) maybe, in a dive where the arty set meets. Like, I can't help overhearing the conversation of a table of women behind me. They're all designers, each with her own company. And there's a prosperous-looking family of three generations having a bottle of wine and a spread of shared dishes. And to my right on the stools, these businessmen Walid and James, drinking Dos Equis beers.

Two guys work behind the counter. The chef, with a ponytail and bandanna and jeans and black sweatshirt, is Larry, the owner. The other guy is Toño, a cool-looking dude from

Venezuela. He brings me the yellow menu... Aha! I see it's happy hour (Tuesday-Friday 4:00-6:00 p.m.). Those beers Walid and James are drinking cost \$2.25, a dollar off the usual price. I'd have one myself if I wasn't working tonight. Dammit.

Instead I have that Mexican Coke — and yes, it does taste different, a deeper, sweeter taste, I reckon. It's nice to hold the old full-size, bosomy glass bottle again.

I check the menu. It's pretty simple. They list beers and wines, and then an appetizer or two, like guacamole ("mashed avocados, white onion, garlic, chili powder, lime, salt"), \$4. They have an "original César salad" for \$6, \$7.50 with chicken, \$8 with mahimahi or shrimp. Not bad. And there are four tacos — mahimahi, shrimp, chicken, and "tasajo-style," which is marinated jerked beef: the beef is cut in thin strips, marinated in lime juice and salt, and then seared.

Larry also does tortas with the same fillings, except for shrimp. And there's the "Alegría ("Cheerful") Bowl," chicken (\$7.50), fish, shrimp, or beef (\$8) served over rice, beans, and salsa. And I see they have some pretty delicious-sounding daily specials. Today's is chili Colorado ("slow-cooked beef in a California ancho and guajillo pepper sauce, \$11"), and Saturday's is Yucatán seafood stew, including mahimahi, shrimp, scallops, calamari with salsa, habanero, and ginger, on black beans and rice (\$12.50).

But I go for tacos: the shrimp and the beef. Oh man. I have to say: these were probably the two best tacos I ever chomped. 'Course just watching and catching savory whiffs as Larry puts the shrimp and shredded beef on the griddle was half the fun. He juices them with

pineapple and chipotle sauce, prepares double tortillas for each taco, adds shredded white cabbage, carrots, cilantro, salsa, then artfully squiggles Mexican cream and ancho mayonnaise on top, along with a hot sauce he makes himself and calls "a la diablo."

That tangy combo, with the mild jack cheese and the Mexican cream, is just great. And the shrimp have a smoky flavor that's *beaucoup* seductive. But it's also the presentation on rough brown clay plates. It feels, well, Mexican.

"The one thing you don't dare do here is ask for bottled hot sauce," says Walid. "Larry makes everything. He's making edible art here."

"On Tuesday, I make the mole," Larry says. "It has 39 different ingredients in it, 13 peppers. It takes me two days." He uses it for the Friday special, *mole con pollo* (\$11).

Now he tosses some Caesar salad up in a stainless-steel bowl, adding chicken and croutons and drizzling liquids onto them. One big plate goes to Lance, the other to Debby, who designs clothes called "Blisswear." "I can honestly say," she says, "I've had Caesar salads everywhere, in many cities, and this beats them all."

The art on the wall behind us is by a friend of Larry's from Oaxaca, Gerardo Bonilla. And wow, from the prices for his paintings (\$1000-\$5000) this guy has to be a famous painter.

"I want to make this place as much an art gallery as a restaurant," Larry says.

The irony is Larry isn't Mexican. He's not even Californian. He's an artist from New Jersey who worked for 20 years as a bartender and has made jewelry. But it was his travels in Mexico that made him ambitious to run his own



Larry Auman

place. "I spent one year going to 30 cities in Mexico. I'd learn traditional recipes and write them down. I wanted to bring the real Mexico to San Diego," he says.

"Just one complaint," I say. "What's that?" "You need longer straws. How do I get this thing out?" ■

**The Place:** Cantina Mayahuel, 2934 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights 619-283-6292  
**Type of Food:** Mexican  
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# Local Blend

*"I knew I wanted mountain fruit — a little bit of a clunky, rustic quality."*

In addition to directing the San Diego International Wine Competition, *Union-Tribune* wine writer Robert Whitley also runs the Critics Challenge International Wine Competition, held each year in the posh and creamy confines of downtown's Westgate Hotel. The Critics Challenge is, according to its website, "the most innovative wine competition in the United States" — possibly (partly?) because its judges are drawn entirely from the world of wine writers/critics, headed up by Whitley and master of wine Mary Ewing-Mulligan.

This year, the critics awarded a gold medal to the 2004 Flying Wines Napa Valley Cabernet. But while the wine hails from Napa, the winemaker, one Marilyn Sherman, resides in Carlsbad. Sherman is hardly the first San Diego winemaker to use nonlocal fruit — Baja, anyone? — but she is surely among the first to make her wine from 500 miles away.

Sherman was an early client of Crushpad, the custom-crush/custom-winemaking facility in San Francisco that serves as a proxy for aspiring winemakers living in the rough wilds beyond wine country. "I've always been deeply interested in wine," she explains. "I was in tasting groups and on the wine boards. Founder Michael Brill posted something on the boards about their 2004 open house. I went up in August and decided to make

wine two weeks later. I thought, 'This is the ground floor for this operation, but they have everything in place.' " (For one thing, they were offering fruit from "the higher-end vineyards, and that's what I wanted.")

"I knew I wanted to make Cabernet," says Sherman, "and I knew I wanted mountain fruit — it can have a little bit of a clunky, rustic quality, not totally polished. It feels a little wilder, sometimes, and it has some Asian spices that I like. So I picked Stagecoach Vineyard" — a relatively huge

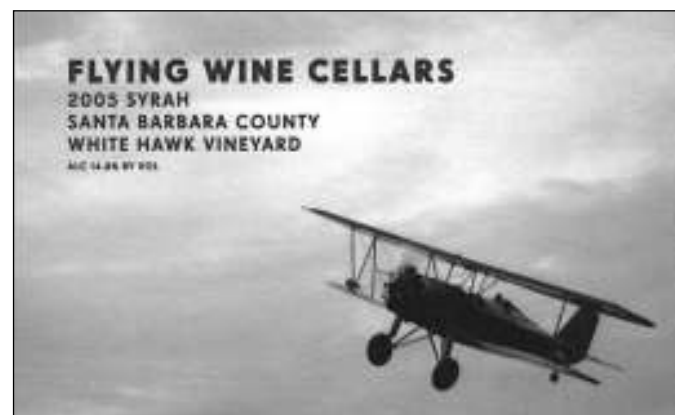
(500-acre) hillside planting overlooking Oakville and owned by the Krupp family. "The Krupps also make a wine from that vineyard, Veraison. It's one of the wines I looked at" when making a vineyard selection. There was enough there that she liked but also room for a winemaker's particular influence. "I thought, 'This could be different.' "

After vineyard selection, Sherman set about determining specs. She let one of Crushpad's consulting winemakers advise her about yeasts but made her own calls on questions of extraction, ripeness, and oak. "I'm making food-friendly wine. I definitely wanted under 15 percent alcohol," and something with decent acidity. In 2004, she went with used French oak — "I like to have enough for structure, but I'm not a big oak person." (In later years, however, she's warmed up

to wood, aging some wine in new French oak and some in "zebra barrels" — barrels made from the staves of both new and used oak. Sherman's was 33 percent new.)

Going commercial with Flying Wine wasn't always part of the plan, but eventually, there's the question of what to do with your 125 cases once they bottle your barrel — to say nothing of the barrel after that. "By the time the '04 was in barrel, it was time to commit to the '05 vintage, and I thought, 'I want to make wine every year.' " Happily, with Crushpad, she could ease her way into the commercial world, one barrel at a time. "I made two barrels the first year, three the second, four last year. And I'm doing seven for crush this year. I think you need to make more to sell more. It's probably as easy to sell 100 cases as it is to sell 25 cases — you've got to put in all that footwork, anyway, get out there and taste people on it." (Much of the '04, she says, got snapped up by friends and friends of friends. "They got a bit of a discount, a thank-you for supporting me." Full retail was \$40, a number she came up with by looking at her fellow commercial Crushpad producers, as well as more traditional commercial wines from the Stagecoach Vineyard.)

Those seven barrels of '07 won't all be Stagecoach Cab, however. In 2005, Sherman set about expanding her range, picking up a Syrah from Santa Barbara's White Hawk Vineyard ("I had tried Ojai's wine from that vineyard and was



Local winemaker, local plane, Santa Barbara fruit

pleased") and a second Cab from the famed To-Kalon Vineyard on the Napa Valley floor. "That was partly because of the name. 'You can get To-Kalon fruit? Let's do it!' I wanted to blend it with the mountain fruit, but I didn't like them together, so we're bottling them separately. The Stagecoach is going to be bottled as is, but we added a little Petite Verdot to the To-Kalon. It stretched out the finish."

For the '04 Stagecoach, the blender of choice was Petite Syrah, a decision Sherman was on hand to approve. She notes that many of the commercial clients make the occasional visit to the Crushpad facility. "In 2005, I spent the whole month of October there, helping with crush. I've been to tastings, and I know this and I know that, but when you sit down with your own wine and start weighing things and figuring out what to do...you start learning things. I went up when it was time to bottle the '04 Cab. It was still in barrel" — still an unruly child — "and it was good. But I'm not great at tasting wine like that and

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## RESTAURANTS

knowing if it could be more. So I went up and did some blending trials.” Sherman was thinking about Cabernet Franc, but Crushpad winemaker Kian Tavakoli suggested the Petite Syrah. “I said, ‘This is not normal,’ but he said, ‘I think you’ll like it.’ We did it with 5 percent, 10 percent, 7½ percent. I think it made the wine fabulous — it intensified the color and added this kind of a chocolate mocha thing to it.” The next year, when they pulled the To-Kalon Cab out of barrel, the winemaker exclaimed, “This just explodes with coconut!” That day, Sherman learned something about what Tarasaud oak will do for a wine. (Though winemakers like Tavakoli consult and do much of the actual hands-on work, Sherman still considers herself the winemaker; she’s the one making the decisions about what will happen to the wine.)

In 2006, she shifted over to a Cab from Howell Mountain’s Ink Grade Vineyard but stayed with the Syrah. And in ’07, she’ll be adding Roussanne from Santa Barbara. “I do want a consistency from the label, but at the same time, I love the way that Crushpad allows you to move in different directions. My focus will be Cabs and Rhones, probably.”

The decision to take on an esoteric white like Roussanne may have been helped along by a friend who lives two blocks down the road in Carlsbad. In

2005, she made a Roussanne/Marsanne/Viogner blend that Mr. Sherman declared his favorite white wine in all the land. It turns out that Flying Wine was only the first San Diego Crushpad wine; several others have followed. Locals “were calling Crushpad and asking, ‘Is there someone I can talk to?’ So Crushpad called me. We exchange bottles, and we get together for dinners.” And now that the company’s online forum — Crushnet — is active, “It gives us a chance to bounce ideas around as far as going commercial.”

Sherman is just about ready to hit the sales circuit — “I have two wines to offer right now, and two more being bottled in July. I’m hoping to sell it locally in a few wine shops, and a few select restaurants, probably in North County. Hopefully, there will be a little tie-in.” She may be on to something: in a town that is sometimes still leery about its homegrown product, she’s a local winemaker offering medal-winning Napa Cabernet. What’s not to love? ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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*expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

## NORTH COASTAL

**Beach Grass Cafe** 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami’s Cafe and Honey’s), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and “Beach Benedict” with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the “maple” syrup and “butter” spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic “coastal cuisine,” with the best results in seafood dishes like “Moroccan crabcakes” and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

**Besta Wan Pizza House** 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This is a North County restaurant that continues to be popular. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Cafe Zinc** 132 South Cedros (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant “pizzette” (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea

bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**El Q’ero** 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepes offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Firefly** 251 North El Camino Real (at Mountain Vista), Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there’s a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you’re old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Jake’s Del Mar Waterfront Grill** 1660 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Offering surf and turf by the sea, Jake’s not only hugs the oceanfront, with a patio overlooking the waves, but has a smaller patio next to Powerhouse Park, with its fragrant mimosa plants, where you can walk off the calories. A branch of the well-known

Hawaiian chain, Duke’s, Jake’s fare is competently cooked, if not inspired. The seafood may flaunt fusion-y, sugary touches, while steaks are Prime or high-grade Choice. Portions are huge — the tasty Dungeness crab cake appetizer is sizeable enough for a substantial lunch, offering loads of crab and little filler. Location is very popular with locals and tourists both, so reservations urged for any meal, essential for the à la carte Sunday brunch. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Lunch and brunch moderate, dinner expensive. — *N.W.*

**La Especial Norte** 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little “croutons” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Pacifica Del Mar** Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ Californian fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It’s quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen’s capacities, not to mention diners’ tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. “Pacifica Dine-In” offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Paradise Grille** Flower Hill Promenade, 2690 Via de la Valle (at I-5 off-ramp), Del Mar, 858-350-0808. There’s a new blossom unfolding at the Flower Hill mall, as chef Justin Hoehn hones his mixture of Caribbean, Polynesian, and California coastal cuisines. Creative house-made flatbread serves as a canvas for a wide range of imaginative toppings. Appetizers are witty — grilled skewered shrimp are coated in Rice Krispies and calamari tempura misto includes batter-fried lemon slices, a surprise substitute for the standard lemon wedges. The pistachio-coated salmon entrée arrives precisely cooked to order. Other entrées include guava-glazed pork ribs, horseradish-seared ahi tuna, and short ribs braised in plum wine. The wine list is long and eclectic. Most desserts come from Opera Bakery, and they’re quite good for outsourced sweets. Weekend brunch menu is painfully tempting: Brioche French toast, flatbread with gravlax, crabcakes Benedict, even jerk chicken tempura. Open for lunch and dinner weekdays, brunch and dinner on weekends. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Potato Shack Cafe** 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “man-hole” pancake that’s bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Savory** 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is re-

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**Tony's Jacal** 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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## NORTH INLAND

**Abbey's Real Texas BBQ** 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9355 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

**El Bizcocho** Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and

they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambience. Dinner nightly; Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W.

**Galeon (Escondido)** 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W.

**Pho Hoa Hiep** 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Rancho Valencia** 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M.

**Sand Crab Cafe** 2229 Micro Place (at Oppert, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYO Butter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Vincent's Sirino's** 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robbing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — N.W.

## LA JOLLA

**A.R. Valentien** The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors

of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a "country inn" on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-price cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

**Brockton Villa** 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**The Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B.

**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 lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Harry's Coffee Shop** 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**La Jolla Brew House** 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their

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Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch Wednesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *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.*

**Marrakesh** 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At this Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**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 rainbow 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 "pan-wiches" 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, brunch also available Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *S.M.*

**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-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials 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.*

**Trattoria Acqua** 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**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.*

**Aladdin's Cafe** 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**Dumpling Inn** 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**East Buffet** 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired

stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Lightnin' Jacks BBQ** Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**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.*

**Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant** 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W.*

**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.*

**Sunrise Buffet** 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven." Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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 Midwestern 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

**Bare Back Grill** 4640 Mission Boulevard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to "Bare Li'l Lamb" burgers with wasabi dip. They

also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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 *feijoada* 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. Ended with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**C-Level** 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a Southern "Low Country" accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

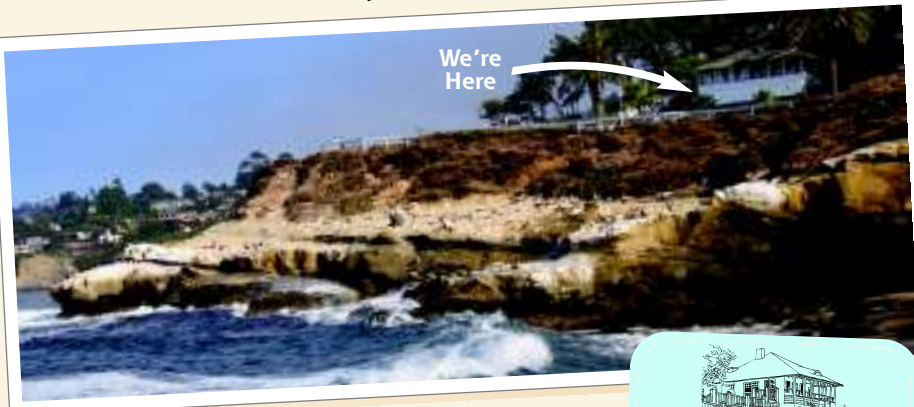
**Fairouz Cafe And Gallery** 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

**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.*

**Great Moon Buffet** 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus "over 150 items daily." Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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 Moondogs 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

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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 week-ends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine** 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *O The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**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.*

**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. eCourse, 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.*

**Ranchos Cocina** 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegetarian to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli** 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sportsmen's Seafoods** 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach,

619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**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-sari'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.*

**World Famous** 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and noisy. Who's gonna be picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf-n-turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B.*

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

**La Fachada** 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. This restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty

good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great Caldo Siete Mares and Vuelta a la Vida, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. (Friday and Saturday open 24 hours). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Los Reyes** 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelta a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Phoenicia** 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley,

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onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Trieu Chau Restaurant** 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll



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come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Lao-tians replace them. Maps of “Kampuchea” decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for “*djak kvi coffay dok ko*” — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy (“*koitiow bahat sai kho*”). If you doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Turf Supper Club** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, “re-established” in 1998), if your meat’s done wrong, it’s your own fault. Every night’s an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that’s the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat’s a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you’re an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you’d miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Week-

days dinner only; open until 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*

## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Barnes Bar-B-Que** 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis’s sign says it all: “Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth.” You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Jimmy’s** 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We’re at the end of the line here, the trolley’s Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast “Eggs and Cakes” (two eggs, three pancakes), the “Touchdown” (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon

or three link sausages), or the “Monte Cristo” hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Los Michoacanos** 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it’s no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B.*

**The Omelette Factory** 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It’s a great sprawling place that’s ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can’t beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Taste of African Cuisine** 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## FAR EAST

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the “NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.” sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a

bulging veggie omelet. (“With syrup” breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Adams Avenue Grill** 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can’t quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — try the Rieslings. Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

**Bread and Cie** 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery’s 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Cafe on Park** 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it’s trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don’t expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — *E.B.*

**Cafe Pacifica** 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-

stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorers. Optional valet parking \$5. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Golden Dragon, The Asian Bistro** 414 University Avenue (just east of Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese “dive.” Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef “Miss Songsi” (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don’t miss “Atomic Hog’s Wings” (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named “Jumping Jarvis.” The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — *N.W.*

**Ichiban** 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that’s what “*ichi-ban*” means. Open daily until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Jack and Giulio’s Italian Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad, with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterranean or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Khyber Pass** 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room’s very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don’t-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamodd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice** 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don’t overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant** 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate’s address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don’t miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it’s way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there’s sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebabs). The printed menu is only a hint as to what’s really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly (service until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Sushi Itto** 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don’t come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that’s dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they’re fun, so long as you’re prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don’t bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Terra** 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe’s across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday “blues and barbecue” during the summer). Satur-

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DOWNTOWN

**Athens Market** 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakée*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Bud's Louisiana Food Shoppe** 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Cabo Cafe & Grill** 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the

restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Candelas** 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W.

**Edgewater Grill** 861 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shell-

fish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

**Fat City Steakhouse** 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant** 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out glucy cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner Monday through Friday. Pleasant serv-

ice, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — N.W.

**Las Cuatro Milpas** 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge** 1352 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash), downtown, 619-515-2233 or 619-325-1900. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Osteria Panevino** 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi, which can come with a four-cheese sauce on request. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W.

**Pete's Quality Meats** 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Rama** 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fast made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria** 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly

comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount). — N.W.

**Sadaf** 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — N.W.

**Sevilla** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

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CORONADO

**Azzura Point** Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. Not just for tourists, but a lovely getaway for locals, the luxurious dining room with its wraparound windows on the bay is one of the most romantic spots in town — comfortable banquetette seating, a view from every table, and an atmosphere that's quiet and festive, not formal. The light, elegant, healthful Mediterranean-style cuisine (Northern Italy and Southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits organically grown on the resort grounds. Combinations can be witty and a bit whimsical. An excellent wine list at very reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. (If you want a tasting dinner with matching wines, speak to the knowledgeable, trustworthy sommelier.) Inexpensive validated valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Reserve a few nights ahead, as many dinners here are sold out or special events. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — N.W.

**Coronado Boathouse 1887** 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days, moderate to expensive. — N.W.

**Da Kine's Plate Lunches** 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls. "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni

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**Filipino Desserts Plus** 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — E.B.

**Island Wok** 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steamtable combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Lai Thai Restaurant** 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**Parisi's Italian Restaurant** 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. — E.B.

**Peohe's** The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar.

Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

**Swaddee Thai** 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* taste buds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

**Cien Años** Calle José Maria Velasco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W.

**La Costa** Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Saran-deado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B.

**La Fonda** Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about

halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W.

**La Leña** Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fume, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — E.B.

**Malecón de Puerto Nuevo** Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the ocean-side edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — N.W.

**Manzanilla** Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina

and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — N.W.

**Original Ortega's** In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W.

MULTIPLE  
LOCATIONS

**Bully's East** 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

**Cilantro Live!** 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. (Newest opening at 3807 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-325-1949. Also at 7822 Broadway Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-433-0678; and 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-585-0136.) Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Lunch and dinner daily at Hillcrest branch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**El Pollo Loco** 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits** 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Ruby's Diner** 1 Pierview Way, Ocean-side, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a \$1 shuttle tram, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings, too — try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Uno Chicago Bar and Grill** The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B.

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# Comic Bomb

*As Alba pouts, the team sets off to save the world.*

**M**any complaints were lobbed at *The Fantastic Four*, the 2005 film adaptation of Marvel's long-running comic book, but no one ever suggested it was too smart. Yet it would seem that everyone came to the sequel, *The Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer*, determined to dumb it down. In the two years since defeating Dr. Doom, our heroes have apparently become flatter, duller people, determined to have even more straightforward adventures than in the last film, which is no mean feat. *The Fantastic Four* could kindly be called family fare; *Surfer* seems committed to leave anyone over the age of nine out of the equation.

*Rise of the Silver Surfer* opens as the familial superteam attempts to cope with their newfound celebrity, while Mr. Fantastic (Ioan Gruffudd) and the Invisible Woman (Jessica Alba) plan an oft-delayed wedding. But the appearance of a metallic-looking interstellar creature flying around on a long, boardlike object — a silver surfer, one might even say — keeps getting in the way. As Alba pouts, the team sets off to save the world, with little help from an uncooperative mil-

itary and a newly resurrected Doom (Julian McMahon).

It'd be a lot easier to excuse the film's juvenility if it were any fun. But the plot is mostly an excuse to scuttle the Four from one product-placement-rich environment to the next as director Tim Story reluctantly distributes some CGI-heavy action set pieces that admittedly improve on the original. Chris Evans remains amusing as the Human Torch, playing the character as a kid who suffers no trace of the angst plaguing Spider-Man and other tortured heroes. But with Chiklis's formerly depressive Thing now apparently feeling just fine about being turned into a slab of rock, Evans doesn't have much of a foil to play against.

Purists will balk at a pointless — and boring — revamp of a major villain, but that's the least of the film's worries. Only a few isolated shots of the group striding together as a team make *Surfer* feel like a Fantastic Four movie. The costume department got the jumpsuits right. Did anyone else even try?

— Keith Phipps  
A.V. Club Rating: C-

## REVIEWS

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*The Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer*

**M**aking a resolutely old-fashioned character like Nancy Drew seem hip enough for contemporary teenyboppers sounds like the worst sort of exercise in Hollywood committee thinking. Indeed, the new *Nancy Drew* has been given a *Brady Bunch Movie*-like makeover, moving the precocious sleuth from

the flyover squaresville of River Heights to Hollywood and setting her prim, do-gooder image against the trendy detachment of today's youth. And yet the fish-of-out-water gambit works anyway, thanks to the script's playful self-reflexivity and Emma Roberts's disarming zeal in the lead role. Ironically, the film doesn't lose momentum until its plucky heroine

has to get down to the business of solving a murder mystery. But then again, Carolyn Keene — or rather, the vast conglomeration of writers that worked under that nom de plume — wasn't exactly Agatha Christie, so the hidden passages and secret compartments on display are in keeping with the books' spirit.

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tive survives yet another dangerous scrape with the criminal element, she promises her father (Tate Donovan) that her sleuthing days are over. Of course, the promise occurs *after* Drew has arranged their new living quarters in Los Angeles, an estate that comes with a built-in unsolved murder mystery. The house used to belong to a Hollywood actress (*Mulholland Dr.*'s Laura Harring) who was found dead in her pool during a party. Though she makes an effort to keep her word, Drew's curiosity gets the better of her, especially once her snooty classmates ostracize her and the mystery becomes her only good company. With help from Josh Flitter, a fellow nerdy outcast who idolizes her, Drew works on cracking the case.

The first half of *Nancy Drew* gets a surprising amount of mileage out of the petite detective as walking anachronism. Decked out in pristine homemade dresses, she lobbies for healthy school lunches, aces all her classes, impresses grown-ups with her rod-straight posture, and cutely refuses to drive above the posted speed limit, even when the bad guys are chasing her. Much as she's aware that the other kids resent her or make fun of her goody-goody nature, she'll happily wait for the world to conform for her, not the other way around. Once the rote mystery elements take over, the film devolves into a second-rate whodunit for kids, but even then, Roberts's irrepressible cheeriness and curiosity in the face of danger proves too adorable to resist. As role models go, she certainly beats Dennis Rodman.

— Scott Tobias  
A.V. Club Rating: B-

It's hard to look at *Waitress*, the final film of actress-turned-writer/director Adrienne Shelly, straight on. It aims, and sometimes strains, to be a brightly colored, life-affirming comedy, the kind in which friendship and determination can overcome adversity and hurdle over any obstacles. But the film's tragic backstory — Shelly was murdered in a random act of violence after *Waitress*'s completion — keeps throwing off the tone. That's not the film's fault, of course, and if *Waitress* had fewer problems of its own, it might be easier to overlook the specter in the margins. Though contrived and artificial in ways that don't always work, the film is also heartfelt and made with genuine affection for its characters, qualities in too short a supply to dismiss.

Shelly takes a small role as the frazzled third of a trio of waitresses in a roadside pie diner. She's joined by Cheryl Hines, a wisecracking seen-it-all type, and Keri Russell, a young, unhappily married woman with a genius for inventing new pies, and new pie names, usually tailored to suit whatever mood she's in. Take, for example, "Bad Baby Pie," a savory quiche Russell invents when she learns she's unexpectedly pregnant by controlling husband Jeremy Sisto. Later, once she's begun an affair with handsome (and married) obstetrician Nathan Fillion, her creations take a sweeter turn, at least for a time.

Apart from a few scenes, Shelly's film is unapologetically stagy, putting the emphasis on dialogue and characters, and sometimes both let the film down. Sisto in particular seems to be playing a character who's more ape than man, and it would be tempting to compare the setting and ditzy sidekick/tough-talking blonde/soulful lead dynamic unfavorably to Martin Scors-

ese's *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* if it aspired that high. With its snappy dialogue and broad characters, it's closer in spirit to that film's sitcom spin-off, *Alice*. Still, there's much to offset the shortcomings, particularly nice performances from Russell and Fillion and a rare, welcome role from Andy Griffith as the diner's gruff owner, even if he's largely there to set up a finale that cheats much of what's come before. It's an imperfect film, but it's the kind of imperfect film of which it would be nice to have seen Shelly make more.

— Keith Phipps  
A.V. Club Rating: B- ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

*Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Albert Williams, Don Druker, and Andrea Gronvall, reprinted by permission from the Chicago Reader.*

**Black Book** — Paul Verhoeven's triumphant 2006 return to Dutch cinema after 20 years of Hollywood



Knocked Up

releases (*Total Recall*, *Basic Instinct*, *Starship Troopers*) is commercial moviemaking of the highest order, superbly mounted and paced. Its story of a sexy Jewish singer (Carice

Van Houten) who poses as a Nazi for the Dutch resistance during World War II is based on 40 years of research and 20 years of script development with cowriter Gerard

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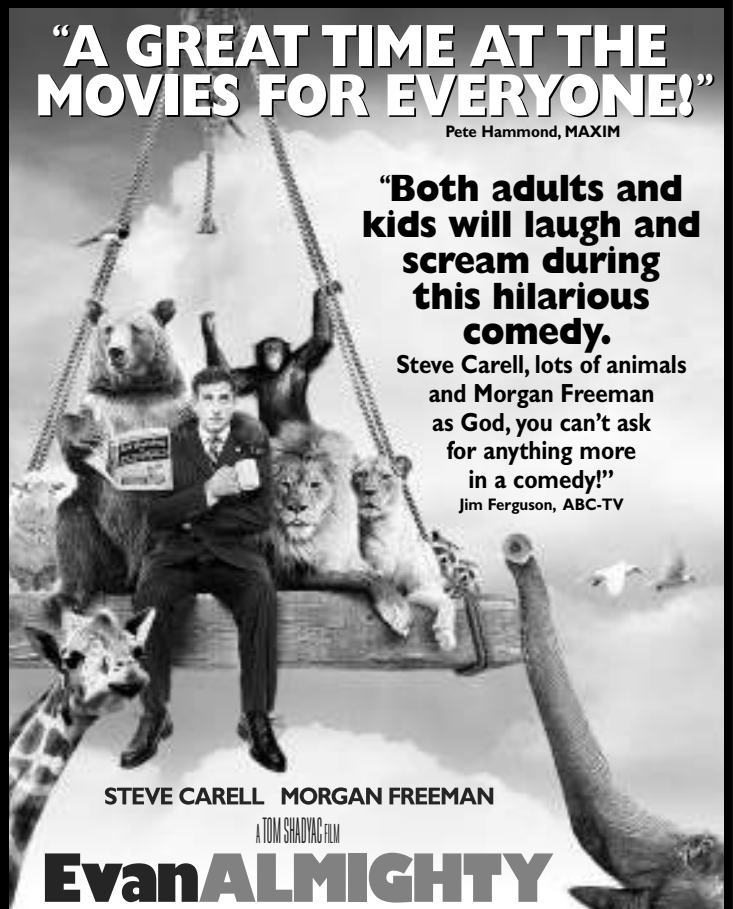
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Houten and Sebastian Koch (*The Lives of Others*) are only two of the standouts in an exceptional cast. In English and subtitled Dutch, German, and Hebrew. — *J.R.*

**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.*

**Crazy Love** — Jaw-dropping true crime, this video documentary by Dan Klores and Fisher Stevens balances neatly between tabloid headlines and unfathomable intimacy. Burt Pugach and Linda Riss met in the Bronx in the late '50s, when he was a high-rolling ambulance chaser and she a stunning 20-year-old; their love affair soured when he welched on his promises to divorce his wife, and from there the story descends into a thicket of lies, cruelty, and passion run amok. Klores and Stevens don't have much to work with visually besides talking heads, old photos, news clippings, and stock footage, but with a narrative this insane, that's more than enough. — *J.R.J.*

**DOA: Dead or Alive** — Martial arts action based on the video game franchise. With Jaime Pressly and Holly Valance; directed by Corey Yuen.



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**Evan Almighty** — Comedy sequel to 2003's *Bruce Almighty*, starring Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman, and Lauren Graham; directed by Tom

Shadyac.

**Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** — Reviewed this issue.

Starring Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Michael Chiklis, and Chris Evans; directed by Tim Story.

**1408** — Paranormal thriller starring John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson, and Mary McCormack; directed by Mikael Håfström.

**Golden Door** — Italian writer-director Emanuele Crialese is best known for the art-house piffle *Respiro* (2002), a sun-kissed fairy tale that didn't prepare me for the weight and solidity of this historical drama about a Sicilian peasant family immigrating to the U.S. The folkloric tone that seemed so pretentious in the earlier movie is powerfully effective here, as Crialese conveys the dark superstitions of the Old World and the family's absurd fantasies about the new one (lakes of fresh milk, vegetables as big as people). Production designer Carlos Conti and cinematographer Agnes Godard persuasively recreate the cramped and dangerous ocean voyage that brings the Sicilians to Ellis Island, where the Statue of Liberty is obscured by mist and the single women are paired off with their arranged American husbands like boxes of groceries. With Vincenzo Amato and Charlotte Gainsbourg. In Italian with subtitles. — *J.R.J.*

**Hostel: Part II** — With *Cabin Fever* (2002) and *Hostel* (2005), Eli Roth has proved himself an expert at giving '70s grind-house horror a contemporary satirical spin: the latter movie cleaned up at the box office with its bowel-twisting scares but also mercilessly tweaked the crass, ignorant American tourists who make the world their playground. Like the original, *Hostel: Part II* is impressive for its smooth foreshadowing, flawless pacing, and eerie use of sound, though you may have to be a gore hound to appreciate its grisly torture-porn sequences. Roth's dark humor and lacerating view of human weakness sometimes suggest George Romero; what he lacks is Romero's stubborn belief in personal morality. With Jay Her-

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nandez, Lauren German, Bijou Phillips, and Heather Matarazzo. — J.R.J.

**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 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.

**A Mighty Heart** — Drama based on memoir of the abduction and murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl. With Angelina Jolie and Dan Futterman; directed by Michael Winterbottom.

**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** — Reviewed this issue. Starring Emma Roberts and Josh Flitter; directed by Andrew Fleming.

**Ocean’s Thirteen** — Just a way station between *Ocean’s Twelve* (2004) and the inevitable “Ocean’s Fourteen,” this third installment in the franchise is outlandish even as fantasy, a labyrinthine revenge caper undertaken after evil lug Al Pacino double-crosses sweet-tempered lug Elliott Gould (part of the usual crew) out of his share of a Vegas hotel-casino. George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, and Carl Reiner are all back, though Julia Roberts has taken a powder as designated sex object and been replaced by a villainous Ellen Barkin, the butt of much ageist ridicule. Predictably adolescent and smarmy, with the mix of sentimentality and cynical flippancy that’s becoming Steven Soderbergh’s specialty (even when he’s pretending to make art films), this is chewing gum for the eyes and ears, and not bad as such. — J.R.

**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 Assayas, Gurinda Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Gérard Depardieu, Christopher Doyle, Vincenzo Natali, Alexander Payne, Bruno Podalydes, Walter Salles and

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A remake of the 1962 Cold War classic, Jonathan Demme’s *The Manchurian Candidate* modernizes the material and plays around with the premise with surprisingly effective results. Denzel Washington is a Gulf War veteran who thinks his former colleague — now running for vice president — may be at the heart of a conspiracy. Although cracks appear in the final 15 minutes, the film maintains a high level of intrigue.

In *Man on Fire*, alcoholic ex-Special Ops veteran Creasy (Washington again) rediscovers his humanity when he becomes the bodyguard to a young girl in Mexico City. When the inevitable tragedy occurs, Creasy reverts to Special Ops mode and becomes a one-man killing machine. Washington is convincingly stony-faced in the “man’s gotta do what a man’s gotta do” role. Second half of the story becomes increasingly implausible, particularly as the film spent so much time building up a complex, believable character.

*THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE* (USA) 2004, Paramount  
List price: \$9.98

*MAN ON FIRE* (USA) 2004, Twentieth Century Fox  
List price: \$14.98

BRIAN TERHORST

Publisher, *Revolt* magazine

Mel Gibson can direct. He’s reached an all-time high with *Apocalypto*, an amazing chronicle about the end of Mayan civilization. Action-packed and gore-infused, this history lesson offers a sobering look at the atrocities man inflicts on his brothers.

Buddy “Aces” Israel is a small-time Vegas magician who becomes the most sought-after act on the strip after ratting out his mob-connected boss. A hit’s ordered and the characters begin to line up...and then fall down, one by one. *Smokin’ Aces’* great characters and story lead to a fantastic final blood-letting.

In the 1970s, a Scottish doctor becomes the personal physician of Ugandan dictator Idi Amin (Forest Whitaker). He slowly gets pulled into the insanity of Amin’s life. The lure of wealth and power, combined with the doctor’s inability to keep it in his pants, leads to an exciting ending.

*APOCALYPTO* (USA) 2006, Touchstone  
List price: \$29.99

*SMOKIN’ ACES* (USA/England) 2006, Universal  
List price: \$29.98

*THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND* (England) 2006, Twentieth Century Fox  
List price: \$29.99

ELI ROTH

Director, *Hostel II* and the *Thanksgiving* faux trailer in *Grindhouse*

Companion viewing for *Grindhouse*: definitely *Vanishing Point*; it’s an awesome movie with amazing car chases and a great soundtrack. When you see these people driving the cars and smashing them up, you really get a sense of where *Death Proof* comes from.

I’d also suggest finding a movie called *Nightmare City* or *City of the Walking Dead*. It’s an old Italian film from the 1980s in which a bunch of infected people from a nuclear power plant run amok and try to destroy the city. That goes well with *Planet Terror*.

And then I’d watch a really good early-’80s slasher movie — either *Mother’s Day* or *Maniac*. You’ll see the sleazy kind of set up I’m going for in the *Thanksgiving* trailer. *Mother’s Day* is one of the best ’80s slasher films — really violent, low-budget kind of grindhouse horror.

*VANISHING POINT* (USA) 1971, Fox Home Entertainment  
List price: \$9.98

*NIGHTMARE CITY* (Italy) 1980, Anchor Bay  
List price: \$19.98

*MOTHER’S DAY* (USA) 1980, Troma Entertainment  
List price: \$19.98

*MANIAC* (USA) 1980, Blue Underground  
List price: \$19.95

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Daniela Thomas, Nobuhiro Suwa, Tom Tykwer, and Gus Van Sant, among others, do pretty well with their chosen parts of the city. In English and subtitled French. — *J.R.*

**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.*

**ShowBusiness: The Road to Broadway** — Dori Berinstein's fine documentary chronicles the production of four high-profile musicals during the 2003-'04 New York theater season, two of them hits (the family-friendly *Wicked* and the quirky adult puppet show *Avenue Q*) and two of them flops (*Caroline, or Change*, a drama about black life in the south, and *Taboo*, Boy George's memoir of gay club culture in '80s London). A Broadway producer herself, Berinstein enjoyed intimate access to the people behind the shows and insightfully compares the creative processes of her intensely emotional subjects. Thrilling rehearsal and performance footage of Idina Menzel in *Wicked*, Tonya Pinkins in *Caroline*, and Euan Morton in *Taboo* is juxtaposed with

thoughtful, funny, and revealing interviews with writers, directors, producers, publicists, and critics. — *A.W.*

**Shrek the Third** — The big green babysitter is back, but the charm has evaporated. Cinephiles will enjoy some of the in-jokes (watching an awful play, one character cracks, "This is worse than *Love Letters*"). But then, if you're a cinephile, why would you bother with this? Chris Miller and Raman Hui directed; with the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and Antonio Banderas. — *J.R.J.*

**Spider-Man 3** — Even longer than its predecessors, 3 piles on the series's usual comedy scenes and action sequences while adding some black slime from outer space and a few new actors (Thomas Haden Church, Topher Grace) to the more familiar faces (Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, J.K. Simmons, Rosemary Harris). And a pile is what it feels like, especially when two superheroes ultimately join forces to defeat three supervillains. Given how bogus the movie is whenever it departs from formula, it's not surprising that the funniest bit (in which Peter Parker becomes



Surf's Up

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.*

**300** — Frank Miller's graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae, where 300 Spartans battled the entire Persian army in 480 B.C., has been adapted into a CG sword-and-sandal epic. The disconnect between the human actors and the digital backgrounds is more pronounced here than in a futuristic adventure like *Sky Captain* and *The World of Tomorrow*, and because classic Hol-

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**Evan Almighty** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:35, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:35, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45; **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:45, 2:15, 3:05) 4:45, 5:20, 7:15, 8:05, 9:30, 10:25 Sun. (11:30, 12:45, 2:15, 3:05) 4:45, 5:20, 7:15, 8:05, 9:30; **1408** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:35 Sun. (11:20, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15; **A Mighty Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:05) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; **Nancy Drew** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:35, 7:50, 10:10;

**Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:25, 2:25, 3:15) 5:25, 7:00, 8:10, 9:40; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 4:30, 8:15; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:35) 4:55, 7:20, 9:35; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 9:50 Sun. (12:55, 2:55) 5:15, 7:45, 9:50

### DOWNTOWN

**Gaslamp 15**  
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**Black Book** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **DOA: Dead or Alive** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **1408** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; **Hostel: Part II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:25, 3:25) 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:45; **A Mighty Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00, 3:05) 4:40, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00; **Nancy Drew** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:05, 3:10) 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:10, 9:35; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 4:15, 6:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 9:50; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:40, 10:15; **28 Weeks Later** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:05

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**Crazy Love** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:30) 6:55, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:30, 6:55, 9:40; **Evan Almighty** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 12:50, 1:55, 2:30, 3:05, 4:30, 5:05, 5:30) 7:00, 7:25, 7:55, 9:30, 10:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 12:50, 1:55, 2:30, 3:05) 4:30, 5:05, 5:30, 7:00, 7:25, 7:55, 9:30, 10:00, 10:20; **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:20, 4:40) 6:55, 9:25 Fri. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15, 4:10, 5:45) 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:10, 5:45, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:40, 6:55, 9:25; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (11:00, 11:45, 1:50, 3:00, 4:45) 7:05, 7:35, 9:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:50, 3:00) 4:45, 7:05, 7:35, 9:55, 10:35; **The Lives of Others** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 6:20, 9:20; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:40; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 4:25, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:30, 2:00) 4:25, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 7:10, 10:15

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lywood cinema is so rich with epic images of antiquity, this can’t help but seem chintzy. Still, there are some striking ones — a dead tree studded with soldiers’ bodies, hundreds of arrows swarming through the air like flies — though the palette leans mostly toward bluish backgrounds and dark crimson blood spray. Zack Snyder (the *Dawn of the Dead* remake) directed; intoning dramatically against green screens are Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, and Dominic West. — *J.R.J.*

**To Catch a Thief** — Cary Grant is a retired cat burglar on the Riviera and Grace Kelly is the spoiled American rich girl who seems to have the perpetual hots for him, in Alfred Hitchcock’s fluffy 1955 exercise in light comedy, minimal mystery, and good-natured eroticism (the fireworks scene is a classic). Jessie Royce Landis (*North by*



Waitress

*Northwest*) is delightful as Kelly’s clearheaded mother (she and Grant were born the same year, by the

way), and John Williams gives expert support as usual. — *D.D.*

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**Evan Almighty** (PG) Fri. (2:50) 5:20, 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 7:40; **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG) Fri. (3:10) 5:30, 7:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45; **1408** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 4:45, 7:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 7:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 3:30) 7:30; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:00, 7:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Surf’s Up** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:10, 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:10, 7:20

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**San Diego Natural History Museum**  
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**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

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*405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)*  
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**Palm Promenade 24**  
*770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)*  
**Evan Almighty** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:15, 11:45) 12:15, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 2:55, 3:55, 4:20,

4:55, 5:25, 6:25, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 9:35, 10:00, 10:25; **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:30) 12:00, 12:45, 1:15, 2:00, 2:30, 3:15, 3:45, 4:30, 5:05, 5:45, 6:15, 7:05, 7:30, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:40; **1408** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; **Hostel: Part II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 1:10, 3:05, 4:15, 6:10, 7:25, 9:10, 10:35; **A Mighty Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:40, 7:45, 10:30; **Nancy Drew** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 12:10, 1:25, 2:50, 4:00, 5:20, 6:35, 7:50, 9:25, 10:20; **Ocean’s Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:35, 4:25, 7:35, 10:30 Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:05, 12:50, 1:35, 3:10, 3:50, 4:25, 6:20, 6:55, 7:35, 9:20, 9:55, 10:30; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 2:45, 6:30, 10:10 Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 4:50, 8:30; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:05, 6:40, 9:05; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:55, 7:10, 10:15; **Surf’s Up** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:10, 6:50, 9:15

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**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** — Marion Cotillard tears up all the available scenery in this overblown, achronological biopic of French pop singer Edith

Piaf. Whether sincere or cynical, the movie is a near parody of the “*Je ne regrette rien*?” This is Mrs. Norman Maine” school of female suffering and camp mortification: the heroine grows up in Grandma’s brothel, sings on the streets, gets discovered by an entrepreneur (Gérard Depardieu no less), loses or gets snatched away from loved ones, becomes dependent on drink and drugs. Director-cowriter Olivier Dahan lamentably leapfrogs past most of the German occupation, when Piaf was a courageous member of the resistance. With Sylvie Testud and Emmanuelle Seigner. In French with subtitles. — *J.R.*

**Waitress** — Reviewed this issue. Starring Keri Russell and Cheryl Hines; directed by Adrienne Shelly. — *J.R.*

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**Flower Hill 4**  
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**Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **A Mighty Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; **Ocean’s Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Waitress** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

## ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
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**Waitress** (PG-13)

## LA COSTA

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**Mission Marketplace 13**  
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La defensa de Francisco Javier Arellano Félix preparó los argumentos contra la pena de muerte que buscan imponer en contra del conocido capo.

Abogados de oficio de El Tigriño entregaron la carta de 'mitigación' en la que intentan disminuir la pena que autoridades estadounidenses buscan para el cabecilla del Cártel de Tijuana.

La carta se centra en los alegatos de la defensa para aclarar que el me-

nor de los Arellano-Félix es menos culpable que varios coacusados del caso que se le sigue en la corte federal de San Diego.

"Vamos a exponer que nuestro cliente tiene menos culpabilidad que otros sujetos que se señalan en el expediente y que no se les impondrá pena capital, uno de ellos es Ismael Higuera 'El Mayel', quien tiene mayor participación en los delitos que se le imputan a la organización", dijo David Bartick, abogado del capo.

tijuana



## Marea roja

AFN

Tijuana, BC

Marco Antonio Sánchez Navarro, Director de Bomberos y Protección Civil, informó que no se permitió acceso a las playas de Tijuana a causa de los altos niveles de contaminación, consecuencia de la "Marea Roja".

El funcionario solicitó que eviten nadar en esta zona y dijo que se procederá a analizar cerca de nueve muestras diarias

tomadas de diferentes partes de la playa.

La incubación de la bacteria tarda 24 horas, para saber el nivel de contaminación, por lo que no se tiene algo definitivo.

Explicó que corresponde a la oficina de Fomento Sanitario de Salud Federal, determinar los estragos registrados en la zona, sin embargo, mientras continúe presente la "marea roja", es necesario abstenerse de entrar a las playas.

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Tessa Arminio

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## Jaque a prisión

América Barceló

Diario San Diego

Once reos del Centro de Detenciones de Inmigración (CCA) impusieron una demanda contra el penal y autoridades de inmigración por las deplorables condiciones de salud en que se encuentran.

Por la falta de atención médica y la negligencia con la que autoridades de Inmigración y CCA en Otay Mesa mantienen a los detenidos, han salido a la luz pública diversos casos donde la vida de los reos ha estado en peligro, incluso se ha llegado a la muerte.

"Estamos representando no sólo a estas once personas sino a todos los detenidos de ese penal que sufren por la falta de atención médi-

ca, y la negligencia con la que actúan autoridades para mantener estándares sanitarios y atención a enfermos que entran a ese penal", dijo Livia Rojas, representante de ACLU en San Diego.

Desde el verano del 2005 Diario San Diego ha reportado una serie de anomalías que los mismos presos de ese centro han hecho públicas a través de cartas y llamadas a esta casa editorial donde exponían los más deplorables abusos.

El caso más reciente fue el de Martín Hernández Banderas, quien estuvo a punto de perder una pierna por la negligencia médica con la que autoridades del penal lo trataron.



## Muy humano

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

Después de dos años de ausencia y sin disco, regresa el español Antonio Orozco, que con su nuevo material bajo el brazo promociona 'Cadizifornia', un trabajo con un contenido social, humano y reflexivo.

En este disco, Antonio muestra todo lo vivido. Un viaje entre España y América repleto de conciertos y experiencias inolvidables.

"Cadizifornia es el reflejo que yo quería contar, soy yo, todo lo que he visto", explica el español.

"Creo que la gran diferencia de los anteriores discos es que la carga emocional y solidaria ha cambiado mucho el contenido, se habla de cosas tremendamente sociales,

que a todos nos interesa de una manera u otra, como el gran problema de la migración, de la frontera", reflexiona.

El cantante sostiene que cuando se expresa a los problemas "me refiero a cuando se pierden vidas, es una responsabilidad de todos, principalmente en España, no podemos seguir girando las cabezas, es un problema que nos incumbe a todos".

Para él, este disco trata de lo que se está viviendo al Sur de España, de historias reales, cosas que ya ha vivido, visto y sentido. Canciones como 'Que se callen', 'Por qué no les devuelves el sol', 'Hoy todo va al revés', canciones que dibujan un poco la realidad y que simplemente se dedicó a contarlas.



## Sufrida victoria

Adolfo Bautista hizo su trabajo, ponerle un pase de gol a Jared para calificar a México a las semifinales de la Copa de Oro al vencer 1-0 a Costa Rica.

Pero, prácticamente nadie se dio cuenta cuando Adolfo Bautista entró al campo de juego en lugar de Omar Bravo.

Ahora México se encuentra listo para salir este jueves tras el boleto a la final, ante el ganador del duelo entre Canadá y Estados Unidos.

El Tri de México sufrió hasta la llegada del 'Bofo', quien en un chispazo de talento le dio a México una sufrida victoria y el boleto a semifinales.

Bautista sacó de la chistera ese mágico toque que Jared Borgetti cristalizó

en la anotación de la diferencia (96). Por eso, todos corrieron a felicitarlo.

La siguiente escena para México es derrotar a Guadalupe, equipo que llegó como invitado y se colocó en la semifinal que jugarán a partir de las 19:00 horas del jueves, tiempo San Diego.

La Selección Mexicana llegará con todo al contar de nuevo con Francisco Fonseca, Pável Pardo y Omar Bravo, quienes cumplieron con su partido de castigo, luego de acumular tarjetas amarillas.

Será la prueba dorada de Hugo Sánchez, quien ha sido criticado por conseguir triunfos dramáticos y de apenas un gol, a pesar de contar con todo el talento azteca.

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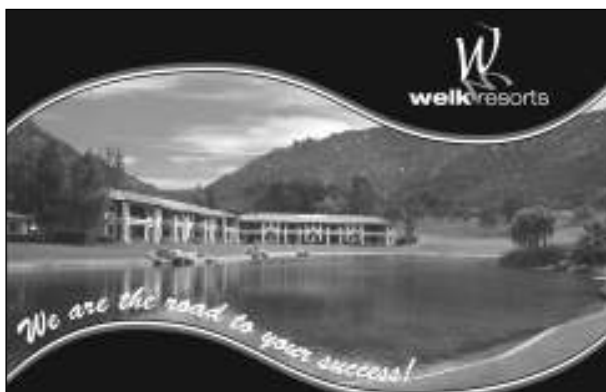
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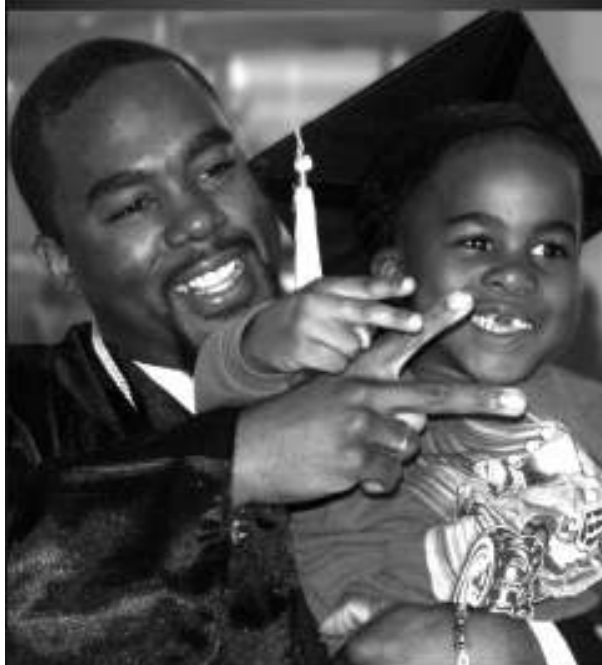
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**Kip Reese** | Age: 34 | Occupation: Web designer | Lives: Ocean Beach

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My friends and I also substitute

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Across

- 1. Kind of proof
- 7. UFO crew
- 10. Abbr. used in some town names
- 14. Wall Street Journal news item
- 15. Did a marathon
- 16. Soon, to Shakespeare
- 17. They're the life of a botanist's party
- 18. 1977 Steely Dan album
- 19. Fluctuate
- 20. Wax-coated cheese
- 22. Looked (at)
- 24. Goya masterwork, with "The"
- 29. Prize
- 30. Pale brown
- 31. "Really?"
- 33. Apr. season
- 34. "Freeze!"
- 35. Andy Kaufman's role on "Taxi"
- 37. If you look closely, you can see it in four different areas in this puzzle's grid
- 42. Author Zora \_\_\_\_ Hurston
- 43. 50 Cent pieces?
- 46. People in charge: Abbr.
- 49. Diving instructions, maybe
- 52. Savvy about
- 53. Classic toy whose name comes from the word "yes" in two languages
- 55. Authenticity
- 57. Its headline read "I Do, Yada Yada Yada" the day after Jerry Seinfeld got married
- 59. Door feature
- 60. Indian prince
- 61. Tub
- 64. Becomes accustomed
- 68. \_\_\_\_ even keel
- 69. MacGraw of "Love Story"
- 70. Make bubbly
- 71. Sites for studs
- 72. Clinton or Obama: Abbr.
- 73. Broadway's Ethel

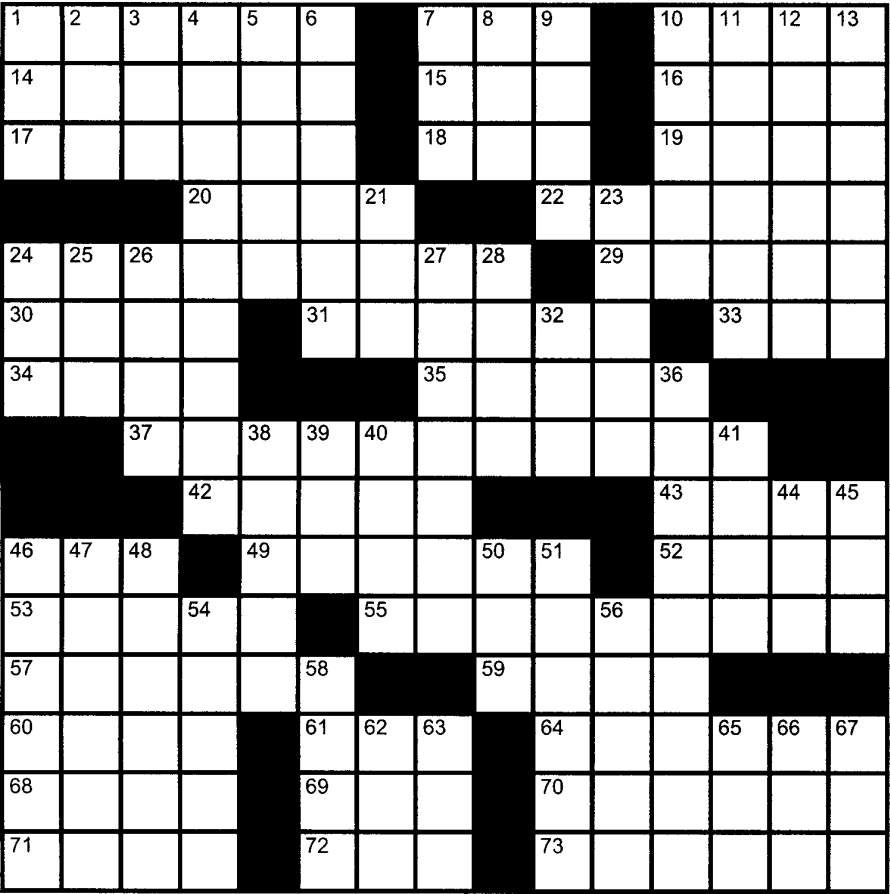
Down

- 1. World loan org.
- 2. Dover is its cap.
- 3. \_\_\_\_-Magnon
- 4. Mutually accept
- 5. Go over the numbers again, in a way
- 6. The only English word that ends with the letters "mt"
- 7. Important period
- 8. \_\_\_\_ Mahal
- 9. Go bananas
- 10. " \_\_\_\_ nice day!"
- 11. "Crazy" duo \_\_\_\_ Barkley
- 12. Ripped to pieces

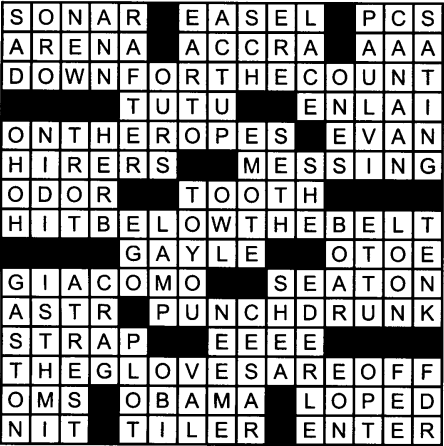
- 13. Beat Generation poet Gary
- 21. \_\_\_\_-jongg
- 23. Draw forth
- 24. Nintendo's Super \_\_\_\_
- 25. Be in a cast
- 26. McDonald's founder Ray
- 27. Friend of Whitley and Denise on "A Different World"
- 28. Run up \_\_\_\_
- 32. Orch. section
- 36. Thomas Jefferson's first vice president
- 38. Brine-cured cheeses
- 39. Toy seller \_\_\_\_ Schwarz
- 40. Dist. above sea level
- 41. Classic Welles role
- 44. TD half-dozen
- 45. Message from the Titanic
- 46. President who died on July 4th
- 47. Venezuela neighbor
- 48. Bar counter sight
- 50. Type
- 51. Start of a typical workday
- 54. Lunden and Crawford
- 56. Gift recipient
- 58. 30-second spot, perhaps
- 62. Amber brew
- 63. Country singer McGraw
- 65. Aries animal
- 66. JFK monitor datum
- 67. Clinton or Obama: Abbr.

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
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- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 6/14/07.

There were 72 entrants. The winners are:

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Name: **Jess Hamilton**

Home: **Pacific Beach**

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Surfing: **Tourmaline Surfing Park**

Jess Hamilton is an electrician. He says his job affords him the time and means to indulge in his hobbies.

"I was a ski-lift operator in Oregon. That's the thing when you're a ski-lift operator, you don't make enough money to do anything else."

He learned to surf in Hawaii, has surfed Florida and Oregon, and when he settled in San Diego, he bought himself a 2005 Toyota 4Runner. Jess bought the car because of the versatility and cargo capacity to store sports and camping gear. "I camp in the desert and ride quads. I snowboard, surf. You can either put a rack on top for the boards or fold the passenger-side headrest down and put them in there. You could get up to a ten-foot board in there."

Jess has two boards in his SUV: a Xanadu shortboard and a Smithfield 9'0". He prefers board socks to bags because, "They make great beach blan-



kets. You can take them down to the beach and sit on them, but they also bunch up, and you can get them out of the way."

Another item Jess carries in the back of his SUV is his high-end wetsuit. "It's a Patagonia. They have one

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Eric Trainor  
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It was at a friend's house recently. My wife and I would look at each other as we were eating, and I'd say, "This is good." He made bratwurst. I didn't think it was possible to ruin bratwurst, but he did. He soaked them in beer and let them simmer on his stove for two days before putting them on the grill. They were the most God-awful-tasting things. I pretended I liked them as we were eating.



Jamie Norris  
*Supervisor*  
*Burbank*

McDonald's at 3:00 a.m. It was a sirloin burger that was the worst. Everything was wrong with it. It was cold, it was overcooked. It was disgusting. If I hadn't been drunk, I would've sent it back.



Virginia Zavalza  
*Veterinarian*  
*La Jolla*

I have had a few. My first time in New York at a deli, my dad was sure they'd have good food, since they had nice mugs. My entire family thought the food was gross. We still make fun of him about mugs. In Egypt, I had a stomachache for two weeks because of the food. They use a lot of butter and low-quality oils. The worst was when I tried blood. A boyfriend in Spain told me he ate it as a kid in Switzerland, because I was freaking out at seeing it on the menu. They looked like red blocks of Swiss cheese and had onions. You spread it on bread. It was horrible.



Alejandro Martinez  
*Theater employee*  
*San Diego*

It was at the hospital. I guess hospital food is never great. I was sick and throwing up everything. I hadn't eaten in two days. They brought me some crappy rice and shrimp meal. I was so hungry, and I didn't even finish it. The Jell-O was okay, though.



Richard Farley  
*Manager*  
*University Towne Centre*

It was at [a restaurant]. The food was fine, but we found a folded-up Band-Aid in the sampler appetizer plate. You hear horror stories about things like that and laugh. When it really happens to you, it's crazy. They brought us a new appetizer and comped the entire meal.



Alan Phillips  
*Electrician*  
*Encinitas*

It was when I was a kid. The African-American neighbors were cooking chitlins in their back yard. They often did this on Sundays. I had dinner with them, and it was disgusting. As a kid, trying those foods is even worse. Things like collard greens, spinach — and from hearing the name of it — I was naive enough to actually look forward to the sweetbread.

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## Wednesdays

**T**he Wednesday Wonder” — that’s what my roommate called this guy whom I was seeing. This is before the term “friends with benefits.”

But we weren’t even friends.

I was 23 and had just started teaching. I was living in Del Mar with a roommate, Cindy, also a teacher. I met “John” at a party. He was from Point Loma.

John was getting a master’s degree in psychology. I remember he was tall, handsome, smart, funny, and charming — and a few years older than I was. We agreed to go to a concert the next weekend. I liked him. I thought he would be fun to go places with and do things together.

He never took me anywhere again. After that concert date he wanted to come over to my apartment and get sexual. Even though I was not used to having sex without being in a relationship, and I had had only three previous sex partners, I thought, *Okay, I can try and do this — even though we are not in love — but I am a liberated woman, and I can do this!*

We had sex and for about three months we met — or, I should say, he came over to my apartment — on Wednesday nights. We’d drink wine and screw. He would spend the night and leave after I went to work at 7:15 a.m. 7:15! I’d have to get up and go to work — teach school —

the next day!

He never asked me out for the weekends. He never said he cared for me, and we never went anywhere. He wasn’t even curious as to what else I might be doing on a weekend or even if I was seeing someone else.

Three months into this relationship, I had had enough. I realized I was not really enjoying the sex because there wasn’t a real relationship or any genuine affection on his part...or even interest. So, one Wednesday I told him a bunch of excuses why I was going to be busy for the next several Wednesdays... thinking that maybe he would ask to see me on a different night.

He didn’t ask; he just stopped calling me for two months. I was hurt, but I worked on ways to get over it. Then, after two more months of not hearing from him, he called me one evening. Out of the blue. He said he was “in the area,” and could he stop by.

I said, “Sure.” He came right over. I gave him a glass of wine, and we talked, and I knew he was thinking, *I’m gonna get laid*, but at 9 p.m. I said, “Well, John, it has been great seeing you, but I have to get to sleep now. I have to teach early in the morning. Call me again when you are in this area.”

He was flabbergasted. I escorted him to the door.

A year later, I ran into him at a wedding in Santa Barbara. He told me he was sorry about “how our relationship had ended” and that he’d like to see me again. He said he had tried to call me but couldn’t reach me and “Where are you living now?”

I told him that I had moved back to La Jolla and that I had a new phone number...but I did not give it to him. I said, “Give me your number, and I’ll call you.” He did, and I never called.

I had a new boyfriend at that

point, and I figured John had had his chance, and he blew it. His lack of enthusiasm for me caused *me* to lose interest in *him*.

I now figure that he probably had a girlfriend and was squeezing me in on Wednesdays. For all I know, he could have been married. I never knew where he lived or even how to reach him.

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— People can develop intimate, romantic relationships with objects (beyond mere fetishism, which produces only short-term arousal), according to one of Germany’s most renowned sexologists, Volkmar Sigusch, interviewed for a May report in *Der Spiegel*. A reporter claimed to find individuals infatuated with a Hammond organ (and who feared infidelity when a technician performed repairs), New York City’s Twin Towers (whose lover bathed with a miniature version), and the Berlin Wall (which a woman ceremoniously “married” in 1979 and legally changed her name in acknowledgement). Sigusch said this objectophilia was another indication of society’s increasing “neo-sexuality.”

Rough Religion

— (1) In April, Bishop Michael Babin, for 25 years a leader of Genesis Ministries International in Oceanside, Calif., was charged (along with his son) with beating a golfer unconscious after accusing the man of stealing his ball at a local course. Two years ago, Babin was nominated for a Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Award. (2) In April, rival factions of nuns brawled, along with priests, in an Old Calendarist convent in Avdellero, Cyprus, leaving a church floor covered with blood. One faction said that a recently deceased bishop’s will gave priests control of the convent, but Mother Superior Markella and her nuns had been living there for decades and feared removal.

The Continuing Crisis

— Stylin’ and Profilin’: (1) For fashionable women this season, the area just above the breasts is the most important part of her chest, according to a May *New York Times* report. A protruding collarbone is said to suggest a taut, fit (even though covered up) body. (2) Many young Sikhs in India are dispiriting their traditional parents by trimming years-long growths of hair and abandoning their signature turbans to favor a more Western look. However, a “turban pride” backlash has developed, featuring support groups, an International Turban Day, and a Smart Turban CD-ROM with tips on choosing just the right turban look.

— China’s Xinhua news agency reported in May that the country is sponsoring an Internet blitz for votes for the Great Wall in the current international contest to name the new “Seven Wonders of the World” (among, for instance, the Acropolis, Stonehenge, and the Taj Mahal). Leaders are worried that if the wall fails to be voted in, the country will be shamed. China’s other Great Wall problem, though, is how to stop the growing number of mining-company truck drivers who break holes in their Seventh Wonder in southern Inner Mongolia in order to avoid the pricey tolls the government charges at the authorized crossings.

Weird Japan

— Sachio Kawabata, 61, was awarded the equivalent of about \$5000 by a court in Kagoshima in January because the police abused him during interrogation over possible violations of election law. The judge found that Kawabata suffered “great mental anguish” when police wrote his family name and derogatory messages on pieces of paper and forced Kawabata to stomp on them. — The house specialty at the 800-year-old Yasui Konpiragu Shrine in Kyoto, Japan, is the prayer for strength to end a marriage or other relationship, mostly offered by female visitors who crawl into a “wish tunnel,” but also available from onsite priests for the equivalent of about \$50. Parents, also, may pray that a son or daughter ends a bad relationship.

Defense Exhibit A

— In a Palmerston, New Zealand, court in March, lawyer Janet Robertshawe was called as a witness on behalf of an “alternative health” practitioner who had been charged with taking indecent liberties with female clients, and Robertshawe (a longtime client) agreed to help demonstrate the man’s massage technique. Just feet from the jury, she removed her top and lay on a massage table while he gave her a vigorous, deep mashing, which shook her chest-covering towel off several times. Robertshawe later testified (while clothed) that the man’s treatments had worked wonders for her: “I guess the treatments aren’t for the faint-hearted.”

Latest Religious Messages

— While the California Assembly debated an open-hand-only spanking bill for parents this spring, the Bethel Baptist Church in El Sobrante continued to demand that spanking by flexible rod is the only punishment acceptable to God and that will produce wisdom in the child. No sturdier weapon may be used, nor the open or closed hand, nor even mere yelling, according to a church pamphlet cited by *InsideBayArea.com* for a May report. Said one parishioner-parent, “With my girls, the spanking relieved them of their guilt, which allowed them to be happy in a very short time afterward.” Said another, “We disagree with timeouts.... That’s an attack on spanking.” — In May, *The Times of London*, interviewing witnesses in Diyala province in Iraq, described scenes from the hard-core Salafist version of Islam being enforced (similar to what the Taliban imposed in Afghanistan), including breaking the fingers of those who repeatedly smoked cigarettes, prohibiting grocers from displaying bananas (as “obscene”), and requiring them to screen cucumbers from tomatoes (as the latter are “feminine vegetables”). One local man said he assumed that another restriction that farmers modestly cover their goats’ “nether regions” was just a rumor, until he saw a goat wearing boxer shorts.

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) Lolita Bullock turned herself in to sheriff’s deputies in Jacksonville, N.C., in May, confessing to robbing a Bank of America a week earlier. She then immediately requested the “crimestoppers” reward money, which (since she was then under arrest) she asked be given to her friend who accompanied her. (2) Elevator vandals should do their work from the outside, not as two men in their early 20s did when they entered the elevator at the Lillestroem train station near Oslo, Norway, in May and then repeatedly kicked the door. The men essentially captured themselves when the damage jammed the motor, locked down the elevator, and sounded an alarm, summoning the police.

People with Issues

— Internationally known West Papuan freedom-fighter Jacob Rumbiak, 49, who was once locked up for ten years by Indonesia as a political prisoner, was convicted in April of three separate incidents, on the same day in 2005, of masturbating in public on trains in Australia (where he is a research associate at RMIT University). According to *The Age* newspaper of Melbourne, his record includes arrests for at least three other similar offenses on trains or airliners. Of the latest conviction, according to *The Age*’s reporter, “If Rumbiak was humiliated [by the judge’s decision]...he showed no sign of it,” and following the verdict, he shook hands with the police investigator.

Update

— The international movement to anoint apes with “human rights” suffered a slight setback in April when an Austrian judge refused to declare a chimpanzee a “person” (which, under Austrian law, would have entitled it to a legal guardian and allowed individuals to donate money to it). The chimp, Hiasl, and a companion are in limbo after their sanctuary went bankrupt, and their supporters say a guardian is necessary to keep them out of zoos or research labs. Said one activist: “We mean [by human rights] the right to life, the right not to be tortured, the right to freedom under certain circumstances. We’re not talking about the right to vote.” Austria’s neighbor, Germany, prohibits using apes for research.

Fine Points of the Law

— Benoit Derosiers, 51, who police said was so inebriated that he could barely speak when stopped for DUI and who had trouble standing, beat the charge in Provincial Court in Sudbury, Ontario, in April when he proved to the judge a “legal necessity” for driving drunk: He had just attempted suicide and thus was forced to rush himself to the nearest hospital in order to get psychiatric care to head off another attempt.

Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 or to [WeirdNewsTips@Yahoo.com](mailto:WeirdNewsTips@Yahoo.com)

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## In the Reader

### Thirty Years Ago

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—OFF THE CUFF: **"WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE PROPER WAY TO DEAL WITH TERRORISTS?"**

Jim Kessler, Student, Chula Vista, June 23, 1977

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Channel 10's Jack White might be selling Veg-O-Matics at the Del Mar Fair if he doesn't learn to say no. White is Channel 10's Mr. Clean — handsome, calm, convincing, he's a viewer favorite on the station's evening news with his feature reporting and regular "Restaurant Row" dining reviews.

So it was with some embarrassment that Channel 10 executives saw a Los Angeles TV ad that features White extolling the virtues of "Starch Stopper," a controversial diet pill. "Did you ever believe that *corn on the cob* could be part of a weight-loss program?"

—CITY LIGHTS: **"EVEN WALTER CRONKITE HAS TO EAT,"** Paul Krueger, June 24, 1982

### Twenty Years Ago

On a warm Saturday afternoon, Seymour drove from his home in Escondido to the meeting at Tom Metzger's house and his first face-to-face contact with the Klan. He remembers that at that meeting, Metzger detailed plans for a "political demonstration" to be held at the San Ysidro border on July 4.

—**"UNDERCOVER KLANSMAN,"** Jim Berns, June 25, 1987

### Fifteen Years Ago

When I first arrived, all *nuevos* were housed in a cell on the third floor, in an area known as Las Tumbas. This is the prison within the prison. It is to be avoided at all cost. If you have committed an offense within the prison that warrants being sent there, bribe the guard. Two days before I arrived, a guy hanged himself there. What surprised me was, when they cut him down, they found \$35 in his pockets. I'm amazed that no one stole the money off the body.

—**"THE BIG CASA,"** Anonymous, June 25, 1992

### Ten Years Ago

The Kachiriskys' home is in the Guadalupe Valley north of Ensenada, a wide, verdant platter

of land near the west end of the Tecate-Ensenada highway. It's a patchwork of olive and carob groves, grape fields, and green-gold pasture. When Gabriel's ancestors came here 90 years ago from the dirt and noise of industrial Los Angeles, it must have seemed like paradise.

"This is the father of my grandfather," Gabriel says in measured English, pointing to the gray photograph of a sharp-cheeked, long-nosed old man, unsmiling, with a bristling beard and mustache. He is dressed peasant-style in a high-necked shirt and a billed cap with a soft, flat crown. "He was born in Tiflis," in southern Russia.

—**"LAST OF THE SPIRIT JUMPERS,"** Linda Nevin, June 19, 1997

### Five Years Ago

Ex-*Union-Tribune* political cartoonist Steve Kelley, fired in May of last year after a run-in with editorial page editor Robert A. Kittle, has been named editorial cartoonist for the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*. As Kelley later described it, the dust-up began after Kittle objected to a proposed cartoon showing the "butt cracks" of two teenagers. The next day, according to Kelley, senior editor Bill Osborne got into the act, accusing Kelley of trying to



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sneak the cartoon into the paper and lying about it. After TV stations picked up the story, the *U-T* finally reported that Kelley had been dumped. The cartoonist attributed his firing to the paper's leftward editorial drift, but others speculated that it had something to do with Kelley's tryst with Sheila Lawrence, widow of hotel magnate and Clinton crony M. Larry Lawrence. The relationship resulted in an embarrassing custody dispute over an out-of-wedlock child.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"CARTOONIST REDUX,"** Matt Potter, June 20, 2002

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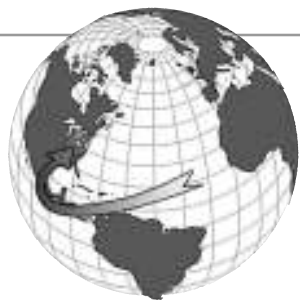
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We had a discussion panel at a conference where the workshop teachers allowed questions from the audience, and we got The Question. All the dancers on the panel said pretty much the same thing: "At least now that I'm married, I have health insurance."

One woman asked, "Do you get injured a lot in the course of your job?"

No, but sometimes it's nice to be able to go to the dentist or, you know, get a pair of glasses. Or a heart transplant.

Creative artists, the story goes, get paid in job satisfaction rather than medical benefits. They're doing what they love, right? Patrons of the arts provide an audience; isn't that enough?

As a dancer, my body is my paintbrush, the stage my easel. But I still need to pay for costumes, props, and false eyelashes. Not to mention the 14 years' worth of dance training to get me to the skill level I'm at right now. Also, food.

A student of mine recently tried to hook me up with an opportunity to dance "for exposure." I'm mostly past the

point where I dance just for the opportunity for people to see me; that's like asking a Broadway actor to be in your high school talent show. Plus, it's a lot of work to get all dressed up and haul my buns somewhere... to dance for five minutes for free. Skipping the gig and practicing for an hour'd better serve me.

"I don't mind doing volunteer work," she said. "What if I did the performance instead? Then they still get a show, but you don't have to be put out."

Sigh. The point is that *nobody* should be dancing for free. Organizers should budget for entertainment the same way they budget for food or room rental; if you're counting on flashy entertainment to make your event a success, the people providing that success should get paid. Simple. It's a matter of respect, not just monetary gain. And, yet, entertainment gets the shaft because someone's cousin's friend took a belly-dancing class once and will do it for hors d'oeuvres. In the performance world, we call that "undercutting." I call it "supporting mediocrity."

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from the beginning, when school kids get passed for substandard work (don't want to mess up their self-esteem). We praise behavior that would have appalled people 30 years ago.

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be paid the same way other professionals do (imagine deciding you just didn't want to pay your lawyer for services rendered!), often-times, mediocre dancing is good enough. Especially to a crowd who's never seen belly dancing before and doesn't know the difference; then they'll see an average dancer, assume that's what belly dancing is, and my job's just gotten exponentially harder

because not only do I have to sell myself, now I have to sell quality belly dancing. If no one ever sees good dancing, there will never *be* good dancing, and so it goes.

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# BLOG DIEGO

POST DATE: April 3, 2006  
POST TITLE: The Other Jungle  
We've bent over backwards trying to get basic services back on, and the bad guys take it out. Don't they know that they're hurting their own people? Summer's coming soon and this place is going to be boiling. These jokers are trying to make everyone cranky and blaming it all on us. We're too stubborn and just keep going back and fixing the problem. The whole place is a tinderbox and it's hard putting out all the fires. This is no longer an offensive war for us; it's turned into a defensive war. The regular Iraqi on the ground is getting closer to the snapping point and we're trying to keep the good guys calm while getting rid of the bad guys. The bad guys out here must love chaos. As usual, there's no easy answer.

Welcome to Baghdad; at night there's hardly a flight where there's not someone shooting at you. They can't see the aircraft (hopefully), but as soon as they hear one coming, they come out and shoot into the air. Mainly, they're hoping to get a lucky shot in. A tracer flies by a window and we're banking and rolling, which is kinda like gambling; they can't see us, but we can't see them either — a great game of battleship in the sky. Wish sometimes the bet wasn't my life.

POST DATE: May 30, 2006  
POST TITLE: Memorial Day Was Just Another Day

Being in the military, one of our defense mechanisms for dealing with death is not to think about it until it strikes. It's human nature for people to suppress bad emotions unless they strike close to home. Most of us rarely think about the meaning behind national holidays, including this one; it's just cool to have the extra time off and be someplace where we can enjoy it.

Out here, we work 24/7 with a day off a couple times during the trip; there is no real down time. One dusty day after another of following a schedule that shows little change. Sleep, shower, eat, work, eat, work, eat, sleep and start over again. Maybe today you went to a brief service to pass a token gesture to those who have fallen before you; then it's back to the schedule. If you're lucky, that's all you did on Memorial Day.

If you were not lucky, you know a buddy who died in the prime of his or her life, sometimes right next to you. That per-

son has given this holiday great meaning for you, and you're probably not going to forget them for the rest of your life. You don't need a holiday to remind you.

Sometimes we forget the



meaning behind this holiday, but maybe we're just lucky that we don't have someone to remind us.

POST DATE: July 1, 2006  
POST TITLE: Tito, RIP  
I've had a camel spider we named Tito secreted away in our back room, living in a terrarium, for the past month. For a month,

he's eaten everything that the night-crew guys threw in there: scorpions, lizards, other camel spiders. There are spider legs and scorpion tails littering the entire bottom of the cage. But there were also lean times; sometimes he wouldn't be fed for four or five days in a row.

Earlier this week, I tried an experiment with dental floss and chicken. I would tie a small piece of chicken to the floss and bop him in the head, and he would lift his mouth and gobble it up. But with all good things come a price: a couple of days of me fattening him up, and his body was getting too big for his legs to let him run like he used to. But he would happily eat what I offered him.

I came in this morning to find this written on the white board on my wall: "Tito was murdered in cold blood!!! The proper training wasn't done for a fight of that magnitude and had just came off of a hard-fought victory. This is a sad day in the world of fighting. Is there no justice?!!!" — Chaves

(co-owner/trainer/manager and friend).

They killed Tito! I ran into the back room, and there was Tito lying in the cold embrace of death — and his murderer cowering in the corner. A black scorpion a third of his size — sigh. I know how that teary-eyed guy in *Jarhead* felt when his scorpion was killed.

POST DATE: October 19, 2006  
POST TITLE: Kuwaiting Take 6  
And as for being sent to a war, I didn't have it bad at all. My weapon was never discharged; I never had a set of crosshairs pointed at me; all of my people made it back with all of their fingers and toes. I've talked to people whose whole life is doing patrols and convoys; that fear of getting blown up daily builds up like lead poisoning. Everybody has their limit as to how much they can hold, and I'm sure the images and actions that they've experienced are going to carry over to their return.

I've been blessed with a loving wife who wrote me an actual letter each day, who has never been too tired to answer the phone, and who was always sending surprising care packages filled with stuff that I'm sure no one else out here ever received. Not too many husbands say that they never want to be away from their wives, but I do. You can't buy the support and love that she has given me. Thanks, hun.

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One night last year, a girl in dark pigtails and a white dress went missing from her driveway near the spooky home. She was recovered, a week later, from a canyon valley three blocks away, found by necking teenagers in the night; her shriveled body was weak and broken but still breathing. Before the paramedics arrived and the child lost consciousness, she whispered her terrible story to the young couple.

Seems that while she played jacks on the sidewalk, near sunset, a black leather glove covered her mouth, another one slid over her eyes, and she was pulled up and rushed away. Snatched. During the next week, during her stay at Soughington Armes, her only comfort was the single silver jack she clutched in her hand. When she was found, and her fist pried open, the jack was still there, embedded so deeply into her palm it had to be cut away.

In that time, her young body aged a week, but her mind raced ahead to its senile years. The once bouncy girl with the pigtails is now a babbling hag, toothless with a stringy mop for hair. She stands at the end of her driveway still, but doesn't play, only rants in an insane old lady's voice.

You can see her. You can hear her. If you drive through that particular area of South Park, you'll notice her, always at the sidewalk in front of her house, always under surveillance from her mother's kitchen, always pointing and screaming at the ghouls of Soughington house.

While we only see shadowy figures moving from room to room, she knows what really goes on in there. She was intimately involved in the rituals. There were candles, she says. Dark robes. Shining chestplates of old English armor in which she caught her bloody reflection. There was chanting in a language she didn't understand.

It was like that, day after day. The silver jack pressing deeper into the flesh of her hand, her wrists bound tightly to a wooden rack.

And the worst of it, she says, was at night: while blindfolded, she heard her tormentors watching TV. What drove her to insanity each evening, the Ashfields of Soughington gathered together to watch *Everybody Loves Raymond*.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21**  
**THE POSTAL SERVICE THEN & NOW — SURPRISING INNOVATIONS THROUGH THE YEARS**  
**SPIKE 6:00 A.M.**  
Is this propaganda? The only surprising innovation the postal service has displayed in my lifetime is an ingenious method for weight loss and hair growth. Last time I was at the post office, I waited in line so long I grew a beard and got thinner. I looked like a castaway. Stuff that in an envelope and mail it to yourself, Spike TV.

**MY BABY IS MISSING**  
**LIFETIME 9:00 P.M.**  
Yeah, but now you can sleep in. Doesn't that sound nice? I recommend a cat this time. If

you're a poor keeper of animals, as it seems you are, and your cat gets run over or you misplace it — like you did with your child — it's no big deal. Go get another cat. If at first you don't succeed, start with something smaller and work your way up. Because it sounds like you're a little dumb, sweetie.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22**  
**NATIONAL BINGO NIGHT**  
**ABC 9:00 P.M.**  
We've finally turned the corner. Mark this night. Remember it as the time we as a nation stopped eating and breathing on our own. Put the tubes in, turn off the lights, and let us fester bedsores to the sound of a respirator and heart monitor. We are all Terry Schiavo.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**  
**JESSE STONE: DEATH IN PARADISE**  
**CBS 8:00 P.M.**  
Tom Selleck's mustache stages its fifth comeback with this made-for-TV vehicle. Tom wants to relax and ride out his days, remembered as the sparkle-eyed Magnum, but his mustache is driven... demonic, some say. It will stop only when it is rediscovered by a young filmmaker and given the star treatment that John Travolta's love handles got after *Pulp Fiction*. Oh, yes. This mustache will have its day.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24**  
**BASSMASTERS**  
**ESPN2 6:00 A.M.**  
Yesterday for lunch I had a tossed salad. Also on my plate was chicken. It was free-range, organic, and butchered humanely; choked, I believe. I'm interested in the culinary delicacy of bass. Especially caught by a master. One must bait, cast, and reel masterfully to garner the title. Ah, yes. Perhaps today some masterfully baited bass, hot sausage, and freshly squeezed taco. Mmmm...taco squeezins.

**MONDAY, JUNE 25**  
**AGE OF LOVE**  
**NBC 9:00 P.M.**  
I propose a show like this, but in mine, the man has to choose from Sasquatches or *chupacabras*. An aged Indian medicine woman will guide him, and he only has a safety pin and a spool of string to aid his survival. Naked, covered in mud, the moonlight glints in his eyes as a talon slowly closes around his neck. Poison oak stings his armpits on his wedding night. Doesn't that sound better than rings, roses, and champagne? Bring on the fur and drool.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26**  
**VERONICA MARS**  
**CW 9:00 P.M.**  
This show is ending. It means one more series shot in San Diego dies. I couldn't be happier. I never saw the show; I hear it's good. One day



Veronica Mars

they shut down my street to film an episode, and I had to move my truck and make accommodations for the sound crew and cameramen and trailers of makeup and actors. They tracked through my complex dragging cables and told us to stay indoors. I sat on my porch and got drunk and threw trash into the scene. Eat my coffee grinds, Veronica.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27**  
**GOOD MORNING SAN DIEGO**  
**KUSI 7:00 A.M.**  
And what a lovely morning it is. Luckily, San Diego is situated so close to Mexico that we're treated to its rich and lively culture. For instance, my neighbor plays mariachi music through blown speakers every morning at 6. Since her rooster died of mysterious causes, this is her way of waking up our little village. Gracias, Lupe! How would I get up without you? It's not like I have a damn alarm clock, like EVERYONE has an alarm clock!

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28**  
**GANDHI**  
**TCM 5:00 P.M.**  
Everyone remembers Gandhi sitting in protest, but nobody wants to remember that he shoved a pregnant woman to get that seat. He traded his usual big, white-framed sunglasses that covered his face from cheek to forehead for the more dramatic, sad, little wire-frame spectacles for which he's famous. All those pithy quotes about peace he made up on the crapper because heroin plays havoc on the GI tract. *Oh, Gandhi was sooo great.* Ate kittens, I hear.

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**PRINT**, framed, "Flight Into Egypt," by George Hitchcock, 29"x41", \$50. Mini refrigerator for car, boat, home, new, in box, \$20. Handmade quilt, \$40. 619-282-9581.

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# T.G.I.F.

People who write books are smarter than everyone else. Everyone knows this.

By John Brizzolara

This is in response to multiple requests for shorter sentences. Re: previous columns, "People are stupid don't you think? I do." Well, that's about it in a nutshell. Join me, won't you, for bitter, curmudgeonly diatribes in the future, when T.G.I.F. will be brought to you in bite-sized, digestible little pellets of steaming wisdom for your consumption and enjoyment. But wait. Before we go, maybe we should discuss part 1 of the projected 13-volume leather-bound set, *T.G.I.F.: Or, People Are Stupid, Don't You Think? I Do*.

First of all, it should be shorter. It will be, say, seven volumes. Some of you have suggested Morse code. Some have suggested no volumes at all. The publisher I have in mind has suggested another publisher. But I'm a man with much to say, and the first half of that is, "People are stupid, don't you think?" Let's look at that, shall we?

I will leave Carl's Jr. television commercials aside. I will leave all television commercials aside. Fish in a barrel. Instead, I will list reasons you might agree:

- Shaved heads;
- Tongue, lip, nipple, genital piercings;
- Everyone on the #2 bus;
- Everyone on the #7 bus;
- The first five people you encounter when you walk out your door;

"Free Bird" is still a popular song; If you listen to radio in San Diego, flipping the dial for 20 minutes, you are likely to hear "Stairway to Heaven" at least once; (Long sentence, sorry. I'll wait.) Football; George W. Bush; (I'm exhausted. We'll both wait. One more for now.) We're at war with a few million delusional religious suicides. We could declare victory at any time and maintain that reality far easier than the war. That one should be farther down the list so you can work up to it, but our children keep getting killed. We don't have all day. The second half of my manifesto reads, "I do." A simple statement of fact that has more to do with my overriding prejudice against the militantly stupid, the aggressively dumb, than anything else. And it is a prejudice, a bias, and a kind of bigotry. Like a racist, for example, I see morons under my bed, just not blacks or Mexicans.

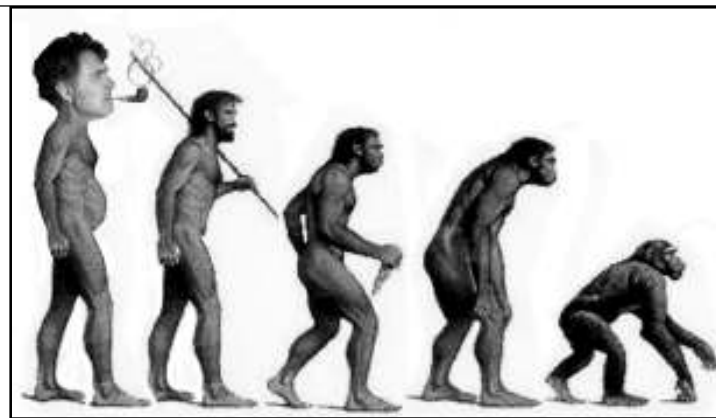
One might say they can't help it. I don't believe it. I'm not talking about IQ scores. I think intelligence is a matter of choosing what you are aware of, even if that is unpleasant. People are mostly timid, nervous, and fearful little apes. I know — I'm one. I'm a bowel-quivering coward. I try to minimize its effect on my attitudes, beliefs, and behavior. I fail all the time.

Imaginary therapist: I hear you saying you don't approve of people's choices.

True. More to the point, really, it just doesn't sing in that anthem-like way, as does *People Are Stupid*.

Therapist: Your time is up.

So it's back to the drawing board. That is, as always, how to get on *Oprah* and do some real whining. As Art Schopenhauer said, "Ordinarily, people think merely how they shall *spend* their time; a man of any talent tries to *use* it." I'm not wasting *my* life. First I have to become famous for something. I could write a book. I've tried that. I'm trying it again. People who write books are smarter than everyone else. Everyone knows this. People like Rush Limbaugh and Al Franken and Jane Fonda. But the really smart people are the ones who write books that no one reads. Like Herman Melville and Marcel Proust. I've tried that too. No one read my books, I swear. It's a mystery. And that's one good thing about people. They're mysterious and not as predictable as I



It's all downhill from here, Donny

think. This evidence only pops up once in a while, but it does.

That could be a kind of epitaph for humanity: They were a dumb but mysterious race. Then I would add: They could think, but they couldn't think anything quite *through*.

But not to be Donny Down-in-the-Dumps, you've got to keep up your sense of humor. I could get all gloomy and doomy because some process server for a collection agency is getting closer to figuring out where I live, but why borrow trouble? Instead, I turn to Art Schopenhauer again — that is, that irrepressible master of mirth. I recommend him for these Juny Gloomy days. He recounts that famous thigh-slapper of Myson, the misanthropist who worked the Borscht Belt for many years. "Myson was once surprised [by some dumb guy]... as he was laughing to himself..." Now Myson's response really puts a caper on this whole deal — me, my gripe with people, my thwarted ambition to get on *Oprah*, my books, the whole wacky deal. Okay, get this. The dumb guy says to Myson, "Why do you laugh? There is no one with you." Then Myson — oh man, excuse me — Myson turns to him, all casual and everything, and says, "That is just why I am laughing."

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