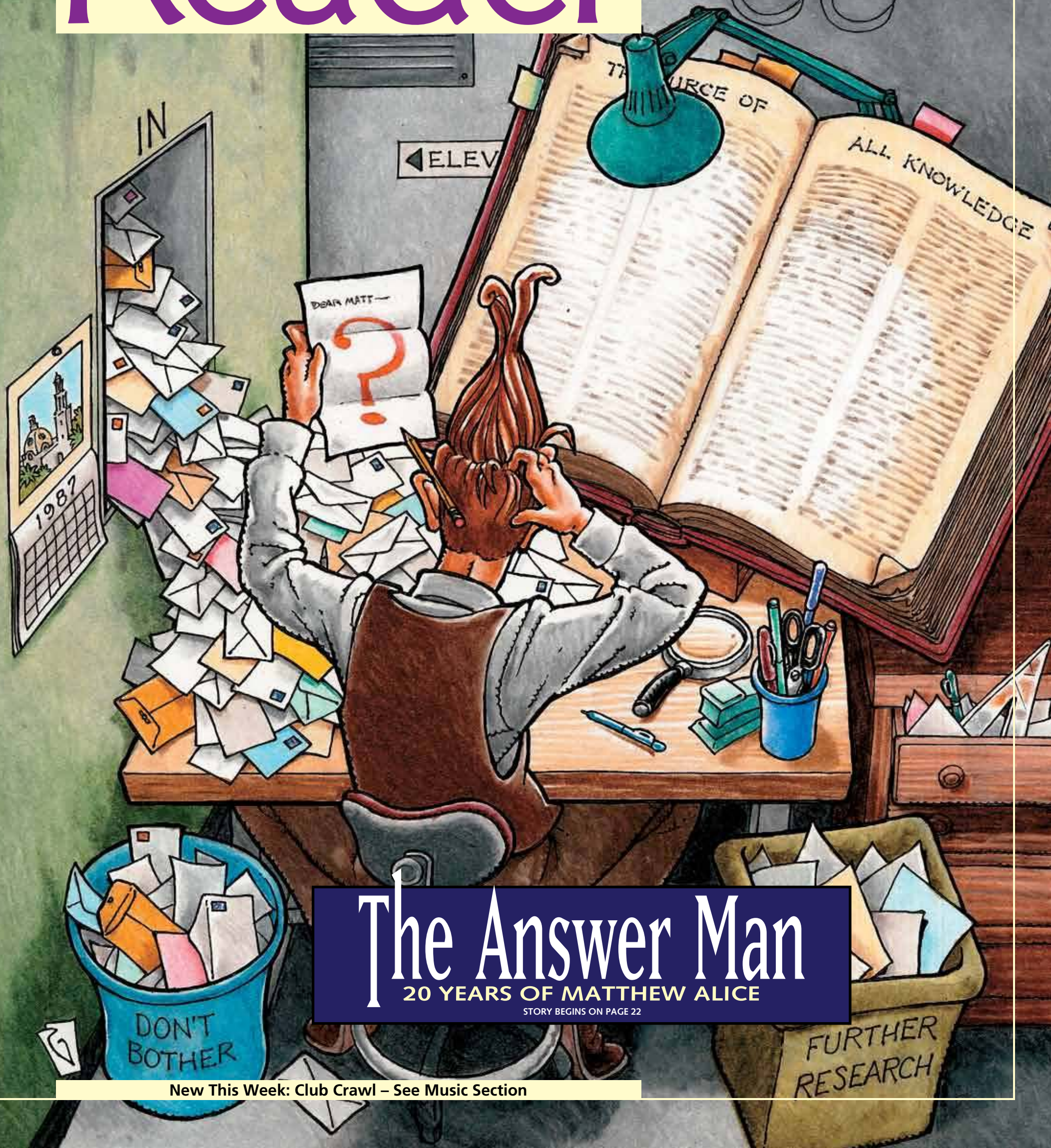


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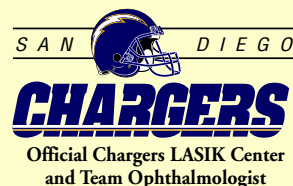
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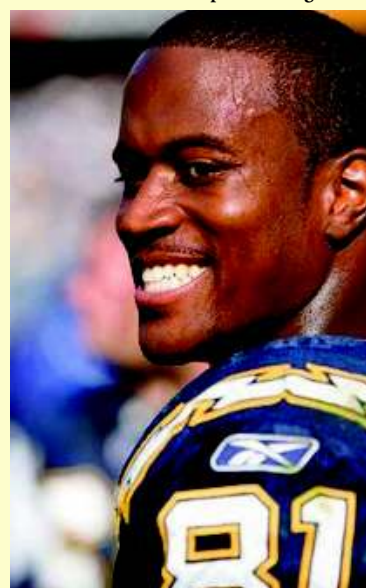
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BREAKING NEWS

Grounded The City's ambitious behind-the-scenes quest to build a municipal Wi-Fi network is virtually moribund, according to a slew of e-mails obtained from city hall last week under the state's public records act. The saga began on May 22 of last year with a meeting between City Councilman **Scott Peters** and **Betsy Kinsley**, his chief of staff, and **Stephen Salinger**, director of business development for EarthLink Municipal Networks, an Atlanta-based outfit that has negotiated contracts to build wireless systems in Philadelphia and San Francisco, among other big cities. In an e-mail to Kinsley sent after the meeting, Salinger described the market for his company's services as "a feeding frenzy! To reinforce that perception, I'm in Detroit today. Tomorrow? New Orleans. Friday? San Francisco. It is crazy. It would be great to see San Diego move in this direction."

But two days later, **Lisa Briggs**, a \$95,000-a-year "policy advisor" to Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, weighed in: "I need to offer a bit of 'caution' here,"

the former SDG&E public affairs manager wrote. "We will need to talk to someone who has direct experience in negotiating these



kind of deals. I'm not sure the city has that expertise on the pay roll at this time." **Kris Michell**, the mayor's deputy chief operating officer for community and legislative services, also offered an opinion. "I have strong concerns about the process." In spite of those reservations, by last summer **Matt McGarvey**, the City's chief of information technology, seemed to be plowing full speed ahead. After an August 7 meeting with the City, EarthLink's Salinger wrote, "I will send to Matt later today a non-binding Term Sheet. I will forward the generic agreement to him later this week."

By February 28 of this year, a deal seemed close. "EarthLink is interested in scheduling a couple of marathon meetings in order to reach consensus on agreement terms with the City," wrote the City's **Marc Jaffe**. "Specifically, they have a new lead negotiator, Ms. **Beverly McIntosh**, who will be residing in San Diego for these discussions as well as their attorney who will fly out from Atlanta to meet with our team."

But by then, McGarvey's ardor had somehow cooled. "My schedule is pretty rough," he e-mailed Jaffe the same day. "I also need to update you on my conversations with Kris Michell regarding the EarthLink deal." He provided no other details. Since then, according to a source at city hall, there has been virtually no movement on the proposal. Ostensibly the deal is still on the table and McGarvey is talking to EarthLink on the phone, according to a City source, but no other documents have emerged to characterize the progress of the negotiations or the mayor's current Wi-Fi policy, if one even exists.

Dark summer days The case of 24-year-old professional surfer **Emery Kauanui**, savagely beaten after a May 24 bar dispute with old childhood chums outside the La Jolla home he shared with his mother Cynthia, is fodder for plenty of tut-tutting among wealthy neighbors. Until the tragedy, Cynthia's life had been filled with good news about the success of her modeling agency. Ten days before Emery died of injuries suffered during the incident, Kauanui's company, Jet Set Babies, sent out a news release via Business Wire touting two of her newest clients, who shared a bit part as a newborn baby on the last episode of *Will & Grace*. "The newcomer is both 18-month-old **Sophia** and her identical sister **Elana Campellone** from Orange County, Calif.," the release said. "Although the twins aren't on the red carpet yet, the May 18 finale of 'Will & Grace' will be on DVD May 30. Hopefully we'll be seeing more of them soon." It added, "**Debra Messing**, TV's Grace, gushed over the twins on their arrival to the set and over the three days of rehearsal and taping in front of a live audience." It concluded, "Jet Set Babies is easily the No. 1 agency for children in the U.S. and is part of Jet Set Management Group Inc., located only steps away from the beautiful beaches of La Jolla, Calif."



Cynthia Kauanui

Belly up The University of California has finally released cost and attendance details of that 150-person "V.I.P. Cocktail Reception" held for visiting ex-vice president **Al Gore** before his May global warming speech at UCSD. According to a May 22 invoice from UCSD Catering addressed to **Barbara Ramsey** at the Birch Aquarium, \$5594.40 was spent on such items as "baby cream puffs" with "herbed mushrooms"; "filet minion crostini"; and "boxed truffles upon departure." Wine for the crowd, including Tattling champagne, ran \$1,099.05, says an invoice to Ramsey from Spirits of St. Germain, a nearby liquor store. The school also furnished a document entitled "RSVP LIST for Al Gore." According to that, among those invited who said they would come were City Attorney **Mike Aguirre**, Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, UCSD vice chancellor **Arthur Ellis**, ex-Democratic congresswoman **Lynn Schenk**, Dr. Seuss heiress **Audrey Geisel**, developer **Dene Oliver**, Assemblywoman **Lori Saldana**, Qualcomm billionaire **Irwin Jacobs**, temporary employment operator **Mel Katz**, Padres owner and UC regent **John Moores** and wife, and discount mogul **Robert Price**. Those who couldn't make it included Union-Tribune publisher **David Copley**, San Diego city development czar **Jim Waring**, state Assembly speaker **Fabian Nunez**, and **Barron Hilton**.

— Matt Potter

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San Diego Justice

By Don Bauder

After pleading guilty to conspiracy, fraud, and obstruction of justice in the Peregrine Systems swindle — the biggest

and most blatant in San Diego history — former chief executive Stephen Gardner last month got on the stand to confess his sins. He may have to own up to even more transgressions. He claimed that he had given the same false information to the board of directors that he had given to the public.

That is simply not so. Between 1999 and 2001, Peregrine falsely inflated its revenue by 40 percent. Throughout that entire period, Gardner told the public that the company was doing wonderfully. But during that fraud period, Gardner was telling the board that Peregrine was doing poorly and, worse, breaking the rules: the auditors were unhappy with the phony accounting, regulators were cracking down and the company couldn't get away with past shenanigans, and the software firm was borrowing from the future to meet Wall Street's quarterly expectations, among many putrid things.

Various civil suits, using official company records, outline in detail how the board was informed by Gardner, by the company's accounting firm,

and by others that the books were being cooked. The board members as well as the top



John Moores



Charles La Bella

executives massively unloaded their stock to public investors who, until the very end, were blissfully unaware of the rot that was being covered up by fraud-

ulent accounting. John Moores, longtime chairman, unloaded almost \$500 million worth of stock during the fraud period and \$650 million while Peregrine was a public company.

There is a criminal trial of four ex-executives going on right now, and some other former executives will go on trial later. Defense lawyers in the current trial, along with plaintiff lawyers in civil suits



Eugene Iredale



Robert Grimes

against former Peregrine officials, rightly suspect that the U.S. Attorney's Office based much of its case upon a self-

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Development on a Slippery Slope

By Joe Deegan

Community height limits for buildings in San Diego will face another test this summer when the San Diego City Council

revisits plans for the Pacific Coast Office Building in Mission Valley. At issue is the 150-foot elevation contour line established by the Mission Valley Community Plan to protect the valley's southern edge from construction creeping up the hillside. In Mission Valley below Normal Heights, plastic surgeon and developer Robert Pollack wants his build-

ronmental impacts that the project may have. The appeal was brought by the River Valley Preservation Project, the Mission Valley Community Council, and the San Diego chapters of the Sierra Club and Audubon Society. The council "remanded" the project for reconsideration to the planning commission, which had approved it earlier. On



Mission Valley hillside

ing to rise close to 200 feet above sea level. And the City's Development Services Department supports him.

On September 26 last year, the city council upheld an appeal to the project's mitigated negative declaration, a document that describes measures the builder will include to counteract harmful envi-

May 17, 2007, the commission reconsidered the project, approving it unanimously for a second time.

Construction above a 150-foot elevation on Mission Valley hillsides would have several harmful effects. The most important are visual, environmental, and those related to safety. Opponents of the

Pacific Coast Office Building are citing all three. In regard to safety, they recall the 1985 fire that stormed up Mission Valley hillsides into Normal Heights. A cigarette tossed into the brush high on the hillsides could ignite another dangerous fire. Too much brush clearing at around the 200-foot level, however, would threaten the habitat of native coastal sage scrub. In 1989, when then-Councilwoman Judy McCarty defended the hillsides during a city council meeting, she probably had the visual impacts in mind. "The Mission Valley slopes," she said, "are the most important slopes in the city, except for some of those on the coast in La Jolla. If we are to protect anything in this city, it has to be the slopes in Mission Valley."

Whatever decision the city council makes, the approval process is pioneering a brand-new approach. Should developers worry? Never before has the city council remanded a construction project to the planning commission. What the council will now have to decide is whether the planning commission followed its instructions. The City's Development Services Department has written a fifth mitigated negative declaration for the Pacific Coast Office Building to satisfy both the planning commission and the council. Here's how the department, on the declaration's first page, phrased its understanding of the situation. "City Council granted the appeal and set aside the environmental determination and remanded the

matter to the previous decision maker (the Planning Commission). In addition, City Council directed [Development Services] staff to provide additional information in the document regarding the various project designs that had been considered by the applicant...."

According to community activist Randy Berkman, this reading does not accurately state the city council's wishes. Minutes of the May 17 city council meeting show that its decision was to "remand the matter to the previous decision maker with direction to review the alternatives to reduce the impacts." Councilwoman Donna Frye made the motion that the council passed. According to a transcript of the meeting, Frye said she wanted consideration of "alternatives provided by the applicant... and further environmental analysis that includes some alternatives, some other projects, and [discussion of] each one of those alternatives.... What I asked for was an analysis of alternatives to reduce the impacts to the open space [in Mission Valley] above the 150-foot elevation.... The purpose of [this] is to provide clear direction for [the owner] so [he] can comply and have some knowledge of what is being asked instead of again sending him into limbo."

As Berkman sees it, Councilwoman Frye wanted a consideration of new alternatives, whereas what the planning commission looked at in its second hearing were "the various project designs that had [already] been considered by the applicant." "That's letting him take a second bite out of the same apple," Berkman tells me. "The designs so far considered have already been rejected."

"The Development Services summary of the city council demand is a clear distortion. But that's consistent with their approach since this project was first proposed. Why," Berkman asks me, "do you think there have been five mitigated negative declarations written for the project so far? They keep coming back and trying to force it through."

Berkman cites earlier distortions of the Mission Valley Community Plan that are still in the fifth mitigated neg-



Randy Berkman

ative declaration. They suggest that small developments above the 150-foot elevation are allowed at the base of the southern hillsides, despite the plan's forbidding all such ventures. In an April 16 e-mail to Jim Waring, the City's head of land use and economic development, Berkman wrote, "I know you are not to blame for the repeated misquotes and misstatements regarding this project. However, I think it is time for you to separate yourself and the Mayor from these serious false statements of [Department of Development Services] staff."

Nevertheless, suspicions that the approval process was being orchestrated behind the scenes prompted Berkman to file a California Public Records Act request for City e-mails and documents relating to the Pacific Coast Office Building. He received no documents or sets of meeting minutes but plenty of e-mails, one of which he describes as a "bombshell." On May 3, the City's Pacific Coast project manager Patrick Hooper wrote to property owner and building developer Robert Pollack, saying, "Yes, the [mitigated negative declaration] is final as of today but you may want to speak with Bob Vacchi [one of Pollack's attorneys] about the status of the document. I informed him this morning that the city attorney determined... that

the staff did not follow Council direction and that the document and project should not be considered by the Planning Commission. The [city attorney] feels that [Frye's] motion [approved at the September 26, 2006, City Council meeting] included specific direction to analyze a reduced impact alter-



Jim Waring

native and therefore the project itself must change. We disagree and are scheduled to meet with [the city attorney's office] Monday morning. Either way the notice went out and we are on [at the Planning Commission] for May 17."

Berkman finds it telling that Development Services

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Artist's rendering of Pacific Coast Office Building

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serving study that Moores's personal lawyer, Charles La Bella, hired law firm Latham & Watkins to concoct. The idea was to try to save Moores's hide in 2002, after the scandal had broken and the company had plunged into bankruptcy.

At a hearing in February in the ongoing criminal case, one of Gardner's attorneys, Reid Figel, said, "One of the issues

that has not really been discussed much in the motions, generally, is the involvement of Mr. Moores and his counsel in the government's investigation.... We would want to make sure that we were permitted to inquire as to whether government agents have attempted to prepare the case, and to make charging decisions, and make inferences and things like that consistent with what we believe hap-

pened here, which is that John Moores, who is the person who sold nearly \$700 million worth of stock and whose personal counsel [La Bella] was involved in representing Peregrine in the internal investigation, had an influence in the way this case was brought and the way the witnesses have been prepared."

In a column that appeared in the *Reader* March 22, Eugene Iredale, attorney for one of

the criminal defendants, said that the government's case was based on the Latham & Watkins attempted whitewash. Matthew Gless, former Peregrine chief financial officer who has pleaded guilty in the case, even said the report was an attempt to get the board off the hook. Gless, like most board members and top executives, was close to Moores.

In the early stages of the case, Iredale did what he said

he would do: he began asking witnesses about Moores's involvement. (Moores was on the Peregrine premises; the company boasted that it was run by the "office of the chairman" — Moores and colleagues. Civil suits charge that Moores essentially ran the company.)

On April 19, the U.S. Attorney's Office requested that the court ban any cross-examination of witnesses on

"investment decisions and actions taken by members of the Board of Directors, and specifically John Moores, without first making an offer of proof of how much evidence is inconsistent with the guilt of the defendant." The government argued that Iredale in his opening statement "referred to John Moores and other members of the board of directors several times." Then Iredale asked the first witness about Moores. The government complained about Iredale's "references to John Moores in the press" and attached the *Reader* article to its complaint. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Whelan granted the government's request.

Iredale did not return multiple telephone calls to inquire about the matter.

Robert Grimes, local criminal defense attorney, has published a regular blog on the case, accessible at www.grime-sandwarwick.com. Five witnesses were barred from testifying after it was learned they had looked at the blog. One was Gless. One of the jurors, who seemed most receptive to the defense case, was dropped because he had allegedly read the blog.

The blog did not report anything on the judge's decision to bar discussion of board actions and Moores during cross-examinations. I called and e-mailed Grimes for an explanation but got no response. Grimes has admitted he is being paid by a law firm involved in the civil litigation but won't say which one it is.

What, then, was the board told throughout the Peregrine hoax? On April 14, 1999, it was informed that the company was adopting a hyper-aggressive accounting method by which a sale would be rung up when software was sold to a reseller, even if that reseller had no commitment from a buyer. Legitimately, a sale should only be recorded when the product is actually purchased by an end user. But the board was told it had to use the unchaste method if it wanted to match Wall Street quarterly sales expectations. On January 18 of 2000, Gardner told the board that the amount of such reseller transactions — instead of actual sales — "makes our auditors uncomfortable."

At the same meeting, Gard-

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In October of 2001, a Peregrine salesman sent an e-mail to Gardner and Moores, complaining that there was "no justification to book revenue when no product has been

ordered" and "there is little likelihood of payment." Peregrine's revenue recognition policy was "unethical, immoral, and unconscionable," he complained. The salesman was fired.

Gardner told the board that the company had to grant "extraordinary terms" to record sales in a previous quarter, thus was "borrowing from the future" to match Wall Street's expectations. And no one on the board suspected that the company was backdating contracts and making side deals to record revenue fraudulently? Come now. The board's audit committee was repeatedly told about suspicious deals to hype sales, as well as the accounting firm's ongoing unhappiness.

But the public only heard how the company was growing fantastically—until the end, and by then, the insiders had dumped shares massively.

All this evidence should

make a slam dunk in civil suits. Not in San Diego. Judges can keep such cases from ever getting to the jury. Superior Court Judge Joan Lewis in 2005 ruled that one suit against Peregrine insiders had to be heard in fraud-friendly Delaware. That was overturned by the appellate court; then Lewis lost all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Just recently, she found another pretext to throw out the case: ignoring decades of bankruptcy court precedents, she decided that state courts couldn't hear cases with more than 50 shareholders seeking redress. "We believe the ruling is in error," says San Francisco attorney Robert Friese, who was appointed to press the case by the bankruptcy court. "We are hopeful the appellate court will give us the kind of ruling it did last time."

Another egregious case is in U.S. District Court. Judge Roger Benitez gutted it, despite

the overwhelming evidence. That is on appeal, too. ■

Slippery slope

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staff planned to go ahead with the planning commission review even if they failed to convince the city attorney's office to change its position. But change it they must have, for no word of the city attorney view reached Berkman, who spoke against Pacific Coast at the May 17 planning commission meeting. "While I am pleased," Berkman tells me, "that the city attorney agreed with us, I am disappointed and perplexed that we were not informed of this and had to discover the info through a public records request. That information, of course, would have been very powerful at the planning commission hearing."

Why were there no references in the public records materials to the city attorney's change of mind? And why, Berkman wonders, "were there no e-mails back and forth between Development Services staff and Jim Waring? Even if Waring had shown no early interest in Pacific Coast, I had warned him about the project."

In a May 13 e-mail to several city attorney and Development Services staff, property owner Robert Pollack outlined why he thought the city council could not call for changes in the project. In the appeal, he argued, the council's direction allowed the planning commission to "reconsider its [first] decision, but does not preclude the option of returning the same project as the best alternative. Specific language that would preclude use of the same project was not used." Besides, accord-

ing to the California Environmental Quality Act, "Only the adequacy of the environmental document is being evaluated and city council is not granted the authority to rule on the merits of the project itself." But, asks Berkman, "If that were the case, then what use is an appeal? Nobody would ever file one."

Berkman proposes that the Pacific Coast Office Building project be renamed. "Son of Sunroad" fits in the following way," he writes me. "The building is too tall for the location. If it started at the 111-foot elevation it would be compliant at 150 feet, since it's 39 feet tall. However, since it extends to the 200-foot line, it is 50 feet above what is legal. Hence [its violation] is 30 feet higher than the Sunroad 20-foot height violation [for its office building near Montgomery Field]. While there are no airplane hazards, the public is likewise getting shafted due to the open space encroachment.... Another similarity: despite being told to revise plans, the landowner persists with the same plans—in defiance of city council direction. One positive difference: this [project] has not broken ground."

This summer, the city council will hear another appeal of the planning commission's decision to approve the Pacific Coast Office Building. This time the University Heights Planning Committee and Friends of San Diego will join the four original appellants. ■

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Sounds Familiar

The San Diego bootlegger article ("Confessions of a Bootlegger," Cover Story, July 5) was fascinating, great stuff. A few years ago the Reader did a much shorter article on a San Diego bootlegger and some of his stories sound similar. Was this the same bootlegger in both articles?

Pat Wilson
via e-mail

Reality-Free Living

I feel sad every time I read "Diary of a Diva." It used to bother me that such a mediocre writer with very average experiences could be consistently published in

my dear Reader. But last week's column ("Roughing It," July 5) was more insulting. The thing is, modern life has changed. And while it used to be quaint/cute/funny to be high maintenance and live out an American life deliciously free of intrusions from harsh reality (i.e., I don't even know where my trash goes! I just throw it down a chute never to encounter it again!), that attitude has gotten really old. And embarrassing. When are we going to stop coddling these people and reassuring them that they're funny? I felt as if I had read every single word in "Roughing It" before, in any random article from *Glamour* or one of those airline magazines.

Being on Martha's Vineyard means you don't care where the nearest Nordstrom is. You don't measure time in days, you are lucky enough to forget time altogether. Not many people get to experience that kind of luxury, the stuff Fitzgerald wrote about, not the cheap version that is peddled at the three nearest

shopping malls. Barbarella wants me to believe that the best things in life are modern conveniences, places where I can buy more things, and a slick sushi restaurant in walking distance from my home. Columns should be reserved for creative thought, not shameless advertisement for living in urban San Diego. She dropped at least 12 brand or retail names, and not in any sort of ironic way like Ellis did in *American Psycho*. Oh, and for someone so tragically hip, she should know that they're "peep toe" shoes, not "peek a toe."

Sahar Kamali
via e-mail

Brush Mileage

Just when I had given up hope that the media had any interest in the extremely talented and experienced working artists in San Diego, you came up with a cover story ("How to Paint a Portrait," June 28) that knocked my socks off! David Darrow is obviously a fine portrait painter. He has paid his dues through an excellent art education

and what we often call "brush mileage," hundreds of hours of sketching and painting. Author Geoff Bouvier should take his portrait out of the closet and hang it with pride for coming up with a unique slant on a story about one of our best local artists.

Diane Kalt
via e-mail

Perfect Picture

Your June 28 lead story, "How to Paint a Portrait," was wonderful. Not only did we learn about artist David Darrow, but we see the process through the eyes of the model/writer, Geoff Bouvier. In addition, the series of progressions through sketches and to the finished portrait, as shown in photographs, is very worthwhile. It's a terrific piece! A wonderful painter and a good writer/model.

Jack Nelson
Uptown

Put It Out There

Suggestion/request for the article in June 28 Reader by Ed Hujsak ("San Diego's Missile," Feature Story): Can you put that on the Reader website? As a former

General Dynamics employee, I would e-mail that all over the country to past colleagues, who would love to see that story. It would be widely circulated.

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via e-mail

Nothing's Changed In 60 years

I came to San Diego in 1947, and the first thing I heard about was the illegal deal the mayor was involved in with the taxi drivers. Today the court building in San Diego bears his name. I had paid attention to how the city council was being run and found out that it was not on the up and up; that they also were doing crooked deals. The years have passed, but the mayor and city council are still involved in nefarious deals with contractors, etc. I wish it were possible to make the Reader's "City Lights" required reading for all the people of San Diego.

Norman Polakowski
via e-mail

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Annie Heller
via e-mail

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Posted by pete on 07/5/07, 9:14 p.m.

Very interesting article... That's 2 in a row for Jay Allen Sanford and Son!!! I used to bring in a crappy cassette recorder to shows and did some ghetto taping. Then came the internet... Here's a great link for tons (over 40,000) free shows: www.archive.org/details/etree Also, for the computer savvy, I would check out these additional links for a lot of great shows that you can get for free if you know how to use Bit Torrent. bt.etree.org/ www.thetradersden.org/ Lots of Pink Floyd at the link below... www.yeeshkul.com/forum/index.php Hope this brings some enjoyment to some people...

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- Tempted in Tacoma

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- Airsick in Atlanta

Dear Airsick:

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

News From The Camps

Coming close to football. The NFL preseason kicks off in three weeks and change, so it's not too early to start collecting the best sports reporting from team training camps.

To begin, the Denver Broncos are camped at the Paul D. Bowlen Memorial Centre in Englewood, Colorado. The *Englewood Herald* is the newspaper of record. Follows is a featured sports story.

"Proud friends and families wearing brightly colored ear plugs planted their lawn chairs to watch the U.S. National SWAT competition June 29 and 30.

"Ten teams decked in helmets, bullet-proof vests, and fatigue garb competed for the berth in the first U.S. National SWAT competition at the Highland Ranch Law Enforcement Training Facility.

"... Of the ten teams present, only four were from Colorado: Boulder County, Aurora, Teller County, and Bureau of Prison SORT, from Supermax Federal Prison in Pueblo. Douglas County Sheriff's Office was not allowed to compete because they hosted."

The Baltimore Ravens host camp at McDaniel College (home of the Green Terror), in Westminster, Maryland. McDaniel College is "a private, selective college of the liberal arts and sciences offering a life-changing education to undergraduate and graduate students...Professors are first and foremost teachers and mentors: you'll see them cheering from the sidelines of a soccer match or chatting with students over lunch in the Pub..."

Hate to interrupt this idyllic river of misrepresentations, but we have breaking Westminster, Maryland, sports news by way of the *Carroll County Times*. "Jane Rogers's Golden Girls recently invaded Fort Knox, emerging victorious with treasures draped around their necks.

"No, this senior women's softball team didn't actually loot the United States Bullion Depository located at the famous army base south of Louisville, KY. They won gold medals by claiming a national title at the Senior Olympic Games partly because of Rogers's stalwart play at first base..."

The Cincinnati Bengals train at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky. The *Georgetown News-Graphic* leads with a photo caption, "Shelby County's Dre Farris, left, beats out a grounder as Scott County first baseman Will Pitts stretches to catch the ball Friday at Suffoletta Park..."

"The Shelby County 10-year-old All-Stars scored five runs in the first inning, and went on to defeat the Scott County 10-year-old All-Stars 10-2 Friday at Suffoletta Park."

You can find the Kansas City Chiefs at University of Wisconsin-River Falls in River Falls, Wisconsin.

River Falls is ably served by the *River Falls Journal*. Keeping "River Falls" in the front of one's mind at all times, the *River Falls Journal* tells us, "The River Falls American Legion won three more games last week to improve to 8-2 on the season.

"The Legion traveled to Ellsworth Monday and has the rest of the week off before hosting Ellsworth this Monday, July 9, at 6 p.m. at the high school field."

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The local paper for the Napa Valley Marriott Hotel and Spa is *The Napa Valley Register*. Follows is their sports report wrapped up in a man's-sized sentence. "Twenty-four of the Napa Valley Swim Team's members have qualified for Pacific Swimming's Adam

Szmidt Memorial Long Course Junior Olympics, to be held July 19-22."

The consistently despised Arizona Cardinals train at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. Sports news is brought to you buy Flagstaff's own *Navajo Hopi Observer*. "Hopi High's DeAnn Honanie won the individual state championship in the 3,200-meter run May 12 at Mesa High School in the 3A State Track and Field Championships.

"Honanie, a 17-year-old junior, said she felt great when she won. She said she pushed all her problems aside and concentrated more on what she wanted — to win the state title." (Sporting Box editorial insert, "Nice going, DeAnn.")

Finally, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers train in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. According to Wikipedia, Lake Buena Vista is a city... "mostly known for being home to the Walt Disney World Resort. The population was 16 at the 2000 census. As of 2004, the population recorded by the U.S. Census Bureau is 15. It is one of two Florida municipalities controlled by The Walt Disney Company."

What the hell is Walt Disney doing with two towns in Florida? On the other hand, maybe they should take a look at San Diego.

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

"Is church hell for you?" asked the glossy ad in *CityBeat*. "You're not alone. www.therainca.com." The text was split between an image of hymnals in a church pew and a photo of raging flames. I was curious, so I stopped by the site. First impression: "Whoa — dark and stormy." Thunder, drums, a hard-rock guitar line: "And I know/ there's no surrender/ And I know/ there's no retreat... Freedom freedom cries out to me..." The homepage featured a video entitled "The Death of Religion," which rolled out texts over images of churches and congregations:

"Sixty-five percent were Bible-believing Christians from the WWII generation...35% were Bible-believing Christians from the Baby Boomer generation...92% increase of non-churchgoers since 1991... We are witnessing, before our very eyes, not the death of Christianity, but the death of its religion... We are witnessing the rebirth

of the next great move of God... We at The Rain believe that the church as a whole has chosen to ignore, exclude, and marginalize the majority of people who are looking for a real relationship with the heavenly Father, but they have not bought into the religious façade, language, and formats trying to be imposed upon them... That's not God, just church... I believe the greatest contributors to the

new thing God is doing are those outside the shrinking Christian circle...and those who wouldn't be caught dead in a church.... We wish to stand in the gap and encourage a better relationship with your heavenly Father while revealing spiritual truth..."

The Rain is run by John Cruz in collaboration with his wife. He's a pastor's kid from the Midwest who got frustrated with Christian culture (the music, the worship format, etc.); she's a former Catholic/former drug addict who experienced a miraculous healing. "She walked into church with a hangover and walked out with the Holy Spirit — her addiction completely broken," says Cruz.

Even so, Cruz thinks the spiritual winds are shifting away from that milieu. "I believe the church is shrinking because of its lack of contact with the Father," he says (the belief part is not about *whether* the church is shrinking, but *why*). "They're not in touch with what God is doing. Religion as a whole tends to reproduce what has worked in the past rather than being reflective of what's going on. They refuse to move forward, as if God is not doing something new and present today, and so they become detached from anything that is present today."

That goes for both medium and message. First, the medium: "I believe that the sort of site that I'm doing is kind of the future of the church. A little bit decentralized, a network of friends, a network of connections. Things online and accessible; you can go at your own pace. Not to say that personal contact isn't necessary...I go to church on Sunday morning just so I can go to the Wednesday night small group — that's where things happen, where you make your connections." The Rain's MySpace

page has attracted a fair number of messages from curious young people, and the site's videos ("Good and Evil," "What If Christianity Was to Start All Over Again," etc.) are pulling decent traffic. "I've only been up for six weeks, and I think I've gotten 1500 people, and much more on repeat visits."

Next, the message: "Following Jesus is offensive — originally, it was the following of an offensive man. But people try to make religion as inoffensive as possible. They want something comfortable, something that is socially acceptable, that they don't have to think about. Sometimes, I believe Christianity is little more than a collection of moral people, and that's a very dangerous place.... God is not big on morals to begin with. Your morals do not impress God. The heart is what impresses God. Our actions are insufficient — that's why there is the cross. God puts people in

interesting circumstances that appear to be immoral. Abraham and Isaac — this is an immoral concept from the beginning: sacrificing your own son? We've got the attempt of murder, but God is not as interested in that as He is in molding your heart to express what the Father is. Through that, I believe you will be moral, but it's more than just external. Let's get into what we call the fruits of

the Spirit — love, peace, joy. When those things are produced in your life, morality is going to show up. It may not look exactly the way you want it to look — Jesus appeared to be immoral. A lot of people didn't like his choices."

As for those "greatest contributors to the new thing God is doing," the ones who are "outside the shrinking Christian circle," Cruz points to films like *Children of Men*. "It was a disappointment to me, but the idea of it just gave me goose bumps. This is what's happening in Hollywood: men will always express the desire and need for God, whether they understand it or not. That's what I mean by God expressing Himself in pop culture — it just oozes out. In the film, the world is dying — it can't conceive life. By 'conceive,' I mean conceive the life of Christ. In Scripture, when you can't conceive, it's sometimes a spiritual analogy for not being able to conceive the Word of God in your life to produce a right relationship." In Scripture, "Elizabeth was married to Zachariah, a priest, and she was not able to conceive, because that priesthood could not conceive a human being — because through the law, life did not come about." In the movie, "they're obsessed with finding life. When the war stopped and everybody was freaked out at the sight of the child, to me, that was the Christ child that needs to be birthed for all of us."

So far, Cruz is hopeful. "I believe God has favored it to a certain extent. Where we go, I don't know. I'm just following the heart of God in this matter. I think change is going to happen, and San Diego is going to feel that effect."

— Matthew Lickona

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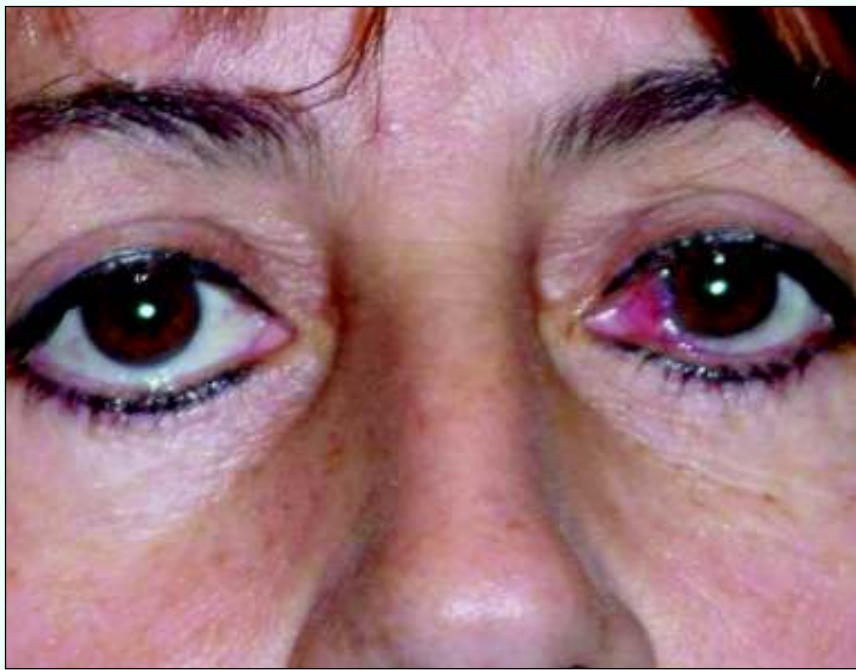
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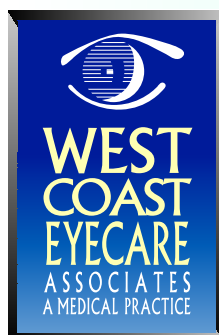
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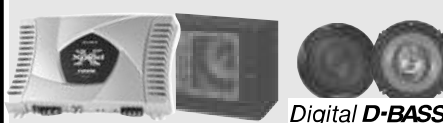
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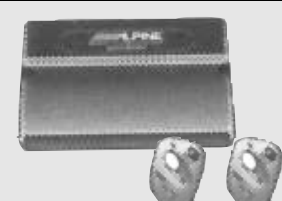
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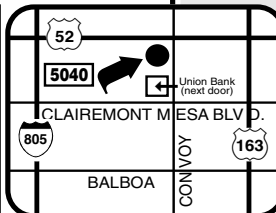


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The whole celebrity culture thing — I'm fascinated by, and repelled by, and yet I end up knowing about it.

— Anderson Cooper

I surveyed my surroundings, noting the worn carpet, the paint peeling from the baseboards, and the over-all JC Penney-ness of the greeting area, its linoleum floor crowded with buckets and shelves of makeup and body creams. A little R & R was my birthday gift to Ency, and my research had shown this to be the only spa on the island. I still had ten minutes to clear my

head, made fuzzy by a transcendental rub down, before Ency would be finished with her facial. I sat on a loveseat across from two rows of lockers, waiting for refreshments to appear on the coffee table before me. One of seven doors opened, an employee emerged, passed by in a frenetic blur, and exited through another door on the opposite side of this transitional space.

I wondered if I should have the “spa platter” delivered elsewhere, but the only other location I could

think of was the pool, and the sound of shrieking children is the enemy of relaxation. And it was imperative for Ency to relax. David's mother usually exists in a state of overextension, but for the past week she'd been spread thinner than ever, and not just figuratively — constant fretting had eroded at least ten pounds from her already petite frame. Days before our pampering appointment, her husband Robert had a stroke. I hoped the down time might distract her from her worries.

A plate of fruit and cheese was set on the table moments after Ency sat beside me, a look of near-relaxation on her massaged and moisturized face. Taking stock of the post-treatment treat that requires a day's advance notice, I thought, *So, that's*

why it was only ten bucks. Rather than the French *St. Andre*, Spanish *Manchego*, English *Stilton*, berry compote, dried apricots, and bakery-fresh baguette I'd imagined would comprise a “spa platter,” I was looking at cubes of grocery-store cheddar and pepper jack, sandwiched between prematurely harvested melons and water crackers.

This place was no Estancia (my favorite spa in La Jolla), but Ency seemed to be so close to calmness that I kept my criticisms to myself. That is, until we were offered tea. “Would you like any sugar or honey?” asked a pretty Brazilian girl.

“I'd love some honey,” I said.

She gave me an odd look and disappeared behind one of the doors. When she returned, placing a small dish on the table, she said, “Actually, we don't have any honey — not for tea; this is the honey we use for facials. But don't worry, it's real honey.” She walked away, leaving me dumbfounded. After she'd vanished behind another door, I muttered, “As long as this isn't the leftovers scraped off someone's face,” and scooped a spoonful of the golden stuff into my little paper cup. Ency rolled her eyes and smiled in agreement.

The commotion began before I'd taken my third sip. Two women burst through one door and flung open another. Ency and I watched as they fussed about the small room, stringing tiny white lights on a plastic tree in the corner, rearranging furniture,

wiping down all of the surfaces. “What's going on?” I called out to one of the women as she ran by us for the third time.

“Rachael Ray is going to be here any minute,” she said. “We're getting the room ready for her.” Ency and I shared a knowing look. We were already aware that America's 40-Dollars-a-Day darling was on the island — the following night I was scheduled to attend a taping of one of the TV personality's food shows at Lola's Seafood Restaurant with Ency's friend Leslie, who'd gotten the tip-off from Tony, her cable guy.

Ency looked at her watch. It had been a Herculean task to convince her to turn off her cell phone and fully immerse herself in pleasure, but now I could tell she was already thinking about the X-ray film we needed to pick up from Robert's doctor on the way home. I was determined to force her into a state of serenity, for her own sake. All the hubbub wasn't helping.

“Do you mind if I make a little noise?” I looked up to find a middle-aged woman in large wire glasses and matronly floral print dress standing over us, a menacing hammer in her right hand, a rectangle of blue canvas in her left. “I just need to make a few bangs to hang this painting.”

“Now?” I asked incredulously.

“Well, we have a movie star coming,” she said, as if this explained everything. *Is she new or something?* I wondered. *Brushing shopping carts with celebrities is old hat for islanders. Jackie-freakin'-O used to ride her*

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bike to buy fresh fish down at Larsen's, and this one's all atwitter over the new mascot for Dunkin' Donuts? I guessed this woman was the manager, because she had been directing others in the bedlam. I stared at her in awe as she continued, "You know how when you have a guest coming over to your home you want it to look nice?"

"I can't help but feel slighted," I said. The woman stopped hammering. "You obviously have no idea who I am." I wanted her to ask, as I was dying to answer, "I'm a paying customer." But she didn't seem to care. Instead, she stammered out some story about how the painting had fallen earlier and how she'd been meaning to re-hang it, and now that a "special guest" would soon be arriving, it was the perfect time to take care of things she'd been meaning to do anyway. As she continued banging on the wall and babbling unapologetically,

I considered the implications of her words and behavior. The message received was, "Regardless of how much money you give us, your pleasure and enjoyment are not as important to us as the pleasure and enjoyment of another paying customer, who is about to arrive." I wouldn't have been surprised if she handed Ency and me a few rags and asked us to take care of the bathrooms.

Ency waited outside while I dealt with a considerably confused cashier. She'd enjoyed her facial, and I had luxuriated in my massage, but the overall "experience" I'd hoped to provide her with remained an elusive idea, at least for now. The next day, Ency would take Robert to a hospital on the mainland for more tests, and David and I would join her friends at Lola's for food and entertainment. Leslie's cable guy had also said that Rachael Ray was expected to sing with the band. I

was neither particularly excited nor particularly disinterested. I've never seen any of her shows, and her presence on the island had a negative effect on my spa day with Ency, but I had nothing against the sprightly cook. I doubt she made any absurd demands of the spa staff that would cause them to forego the most basic level of customer service for their other patrons. She was, like me, just another girl getting a massage.

Halfway to the car, a familiar furrow appeared on Ency's brow, the first sign of relapse — I panicked that if I didn't act fast, she would lose her relaxed glow and once again be consumed by worry demons. I wanted to give her something to look forward to, a vision of relaxation to come. "This was just a taste, a teaser of pampering, you know," I said, through an optimistic grin. "The next time you come to San Diego, I'm taking you to a *real* spa." ■

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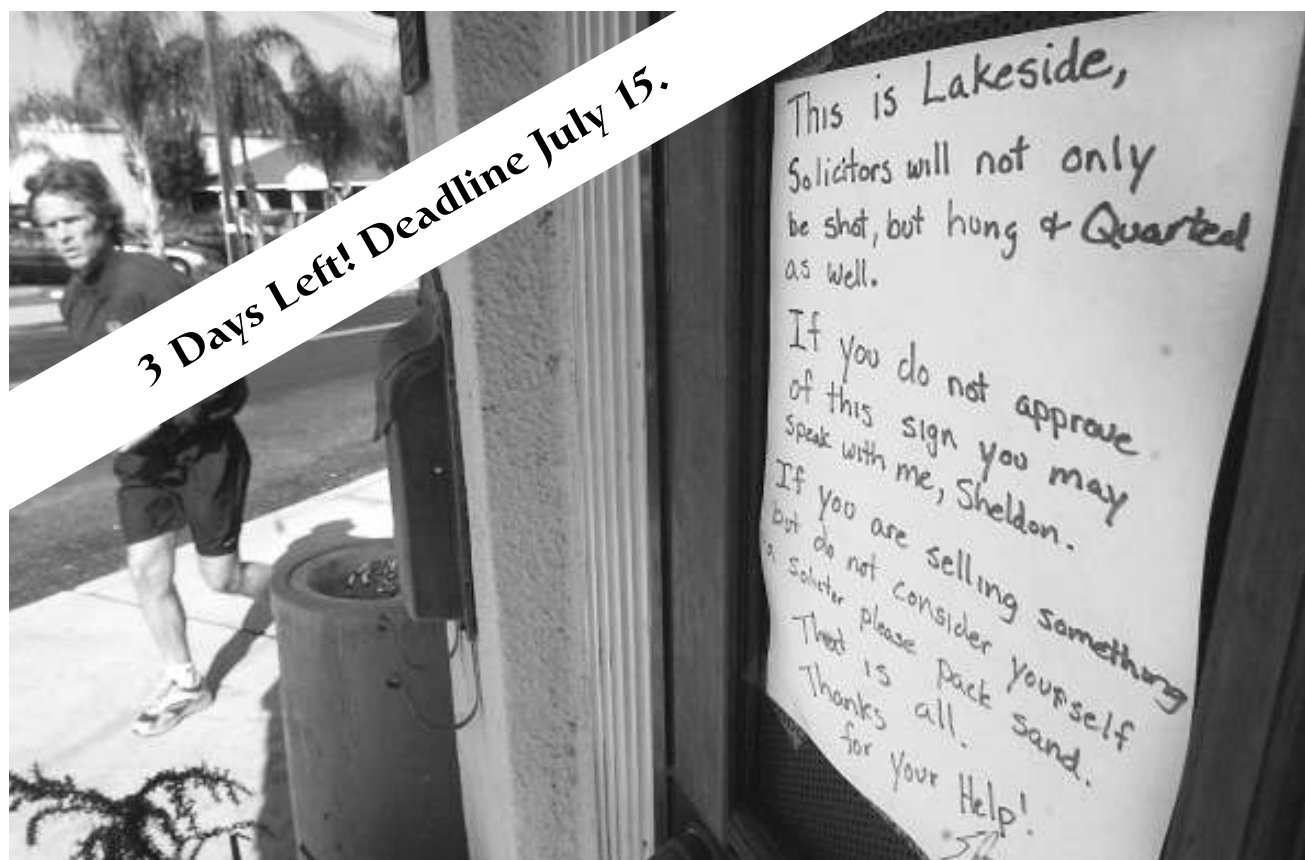
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But, hey! This calls for a party! Noisemakers, door prizes, embarrassing games, hokey anniversary speeches, dumb hats with those cheap elastic chin straps that break right away — the whole deal! A celebration of the fact that we’ve endured this gig for so long and that most of you don’t seem to have suffered too badly as a result. You haven’t wandered into traffic or drowned in your soup from sheer amazement at the relentless brilliance of Team Matthew Alice.

When we presented the party idea, naturally, Grandma wanted none of it. Would not fall for sweet talk or an offer of new aprons. The elves took off on their skateboards to the electronics store to watch *CSI: Miami* on a bank of 103-inch plasma screens. Something about David Caruso peering over his glasses, with a head the size of a monster truck tire, cracks them up. With such a universal lack of interest, we had to come up with another plan.

For this to work, we’ll need some cooperation from you, the inquiring public. We provide the entertainment: a survey

of some of the most memorable, ridiculous, astounding questions we’ve ever received. And you supply everything else. Food, drink, music, a very large carrot cake with cream-cheese frosting inscribed, “Matthew, You’re a God.”

So before you read any further, please assemble a roomful of your strangest pals, hang streamers and a disco ball, bring out the karaoke machine and Twister. To save money, Grandma recommends you don’t rent one of those inflatable moonwalk things; simply turn the kids loose on your king-size bed. They’ll have just as much fun. And remember, while we can’t be there in person, we are with you in spirit. Which means we can’t even drink your beer. What a deal.

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Dear Matthew Alice:
How many bathrooms
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somebody told me there
were 365.

— Silviano, Harborside
School, downtown

Here's a tip. Don't look
at that kid's test paper
for answers. The White
House has 32 bath-
rooms. When the place
opened in 1797, there
were no bathrooms.
Indoors, anyway.
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1813.... White porcelain
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1890s.... When the
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though we learn that the
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the White House. So if
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Mighty Morphin' Matt:
Being that next year is an
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this question to you: Can
convicts vote?
— N. Carcerated,
Vista

When was the last time
you saw a candidate

detour the campaign bus
to Folsom or Chino to
stump for that all-
important felon vote?
On election day, nobody
in a federal or state
lockup in California will
be fretting about what
time the polls close....
Until 1966, if you
robbed a bank, let's say,
or rustled some cattle
(were convicted of an
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constitution), California
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court challenge in '66 set
off a decade of judicial
decisions, legislative
paper-shuffling, and bal-
lot propositions. A very
confusing time for the
civic-minded ex-burglar.
Finally, in 1976, we
decided that only con-
victed felons still impris-
oned or on parole could
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But let's say our
friend N. Carcerated,
legally registered to vote
and unsullied by a felony
record, is late to English

class one day. He spots a
nice little Mustang in a
parking lot and figures
that's the solution to his
problem. But the cops
pull him to the curb and
take him downtown for
booking. Soon enough
he's sitting in the fish
tank with the rest of the
day's catch, eating din-
ner off a plastic tray and
calling collect to all his
relatives to snivel about
raising bail. If none of
the Carcerateds can
come up with the
dough, can N. legally
cast a ballot? If on elec-
tion day he's not yet
been convicted of
appropriating the Mus-
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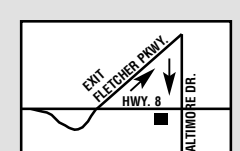
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10/3/02

Matt:

I read somewhere that California has an official state dance, the Western Swing. Huh?

— Wondering,
San Diego

Right off the top, to fend off any mail with an attitude, the official state dance of California is the West Coast Swing. Western Swing is something else entirely. Requires cowboy boots and old Bob Wills records, I think.

Whatever else ailed us in 1988, California's elected reps quickly solved the crisis of our being one of the few danceless states. A senator sponsored a bill proposing West Coast Swing to fill the void. The bill passed 21 to 9 with a minimum of smart remarks. But in the state assembly, the square-dance lobby bought a few key legislators (lifetime bolo tie discounts?), who held out for an amendment making square dancing California's official folk dance. A brief floor revolt by salsa radicals came to nothing.

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underground square-dance lobby, you might keep an eye on them. Consider that half our states claim square dancing as their official dance, and you can see their influence. They've lost only a few skirmishes with polka brigades in the upper Midwest and some well-entrenched cloggers in North Carolina.

2/27/97

Dear Matt:

Saw Bill Clinton on TV signing his name to a stack of documents. There were at least a dozen pens lined up on his desk, and he used a different pen for each signature. Why?

— Deputy Director of Intelligence, Oceanside

Is the prez pilfering from the White House supply cabinet? Or maybe after a particularly satisfying bout of document signing, he sits in his prez chair with the First Feet up on the big prez desk



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and tries to get Bics to stick in the ceiling. Maybe he draws fake tattoos on his hand or throws pens at the First Cat, Socks. Or how about this: behind every

piece of legislation are dozens of worker bees who've seen to its passage. As thanks for a job well done, the prez hands out gifts after the ceremony. So rather

than throwing one pen on the floor and chuckling as everybody bites and kicks and pulls hair to get the prize, the prez uses as many pens as there are worker bees,

then hands them out ceremoniously with a big grinny handshake.

5/4/00

Dear Matthew Alice:
Do convicts still make our license plates, or was that all a big story told to us by our mothers?

— Charlie Bingbang,
San Diego

Ma Alice made a point of setting each of us kids on her knee and telling us about the birds and the bees and the cons and the plates.... In fact, she wrote a song for the occasion. Ma always claimed Johnny Cash got the tune for his big prison hit the night he heard her sing this at an eight-ball tournament in Waco.

I see the cars a-comin'
Rollin' round the bend,
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9/2/93

Dear M.A. Dude:

Where are all the Reader T-shirts people win for solving the Reader Puzzle? Me and my friends have never seen anyone wearing one.

— Mark Rossi and Paul Woodburn, Ocean Beach; John Bidleman, Encinitas

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This is the question that launched our quest for the *Reader T*, asking lucky owners to tell us what happened to them....

If your faxes and letters could speak, they'd sound like a flock of Easter chicks. "Cheap, cheap, cheap" was a popular theme, supplemented with the occasional "flimsy" and "cheesy." More than one miffed winner washed his or her prize only to have it transformed into a shriveled, twisted, unwearable ball of poly-cotton.... One winner said he wouldn't wear his *Reader T* to the proverbial dog fight but offered no hint about what is proper attire for a dog fight....

Lots of winners admitted they wear theirs hoping people will recognize how smart they are for having solved the puzzle, though apparently people rarely do.... Lots of people were bright



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9/2/93

enough to realize that if they'd saved all the postage money they've spent over the years just to win one lousy T-shirt, they could have solved the family's cash-flow problems or replaced

their wardrobes several times over....

Random interesting observations: Dave Hightower from Encinitas wins the prize for acquiring his shirt in the most interesting way. He was

rock climbing in Mission Gorge and found an old engine block wrapped in a *Reader T*. He took the shirt home, washed it about 15 times, but only got it clean enough to wear while repairing his

car....

And from DKA of Lakeside: "My son came to visit me from Auburn, Washington, wearing a *Reader T*-shirt. He got it from his cousin, who lives in Port Orchard. He got it from *his* cousin, who lives in Tacoma. This cousin had gotten it from their grandma, who lives in Port Angeles. She had gotten it from her sister, who lives in San Diego. She bought it at a garage sale about a year ago."

10/31/02

Mr. Alice:

Once in jail, one receives issued clothing, to include underwear. What is the average life of that underwear? If I were ever to be arrested and compelled to slip on a pair, can I assume that many previous inmates have passed their legs through those two holes?

— *Innocent until proven guilty, Lemon Grove*

For an answer to this one, we went directly to them that wears 'em. Ma Alice's pedigree has more felons per square inch than San Quentin. Anyway, if they slap the cuffs on you in San Diego, here's how the underwear situation plays out. In county jail you're issued one pair of light green briefs. No boxers allowed, since they're considered a fashion statement on the street, and they try to avoid that kind of 'hood thang. The county's laundry schedule is a little confusing, but in general, you'll wear your tighty greenies for three or four days before they issue you another pair and collect the dirty ones. And yes, of course, you will be wearing a pair previously worn by some random perp who turned them in three days ago. When the briefs are so shredded you can't tell a leg hole

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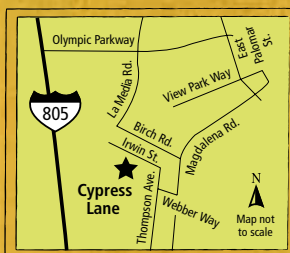
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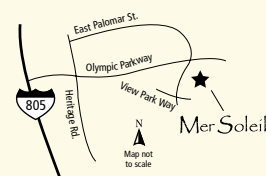
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8/16/90

Dear Matthew Alice: Wandering through department stores this weekend, I saw hundreds of ugly articles of clothing on sale that no one would ever buy, no matter how low the price was. What happens to all these clothes?

— Sonny G,
Downtown

Don't get out much, do you, Sonny. If you did, you'd realize that most of those vicious garments will be snatched off the rack and worn in public. Fashion scientists call the phenomenon "shopper's coma," a momentary taste blackout caused by the sight of a REDUCED FOR CLEARANCE! sign. It's like a lost-time experience. One minute you're idly strolling into a store, the next thing you know, you're at home, remov-



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goes to Goodwill or the Salvation Army, where someone else buys it, later tries to sell it at a yard sale, then donates it back to Goodwill again, and on and on. This yard sale/Goodwill cycle is a vortex from which the jumpsuit might never be rescued. But think of all the people who've made a living off the ugly thing in the meantime.

8/8/02

Matthew: Who makes those funky-looking Terminator-style shades that make everybody look like Ah-nold? Is it an odd coincidence that only senior citizens seem to be wearing them?

— Salvatore Filippone,
San Diego

So you're bugged when you see Gramps stylin' down the avenue in those big, bad, bad shades. Better turn this over to Grandma Alice. She'll set you straight.

"Thank you, Matthew. As for you, young man, Mr. Filippone, wait till you get to be our age and you want to make a fashion statement. Think it's a coincidence that there's a Baby Gap but no Grandpa Gap? No Extremely Old Navy? Does Jimmy Choo make orthopedic shoes? We're just handed a muumuu and a copy of *Modern Maturity* and shoved into a corner with a bunch of cats and a bag of knitting and an afghan. Why does everybody think old people are crazy about fuzzy things?"

Uh, take it easy, Grandma. So what's with those glasses he asked about?

"If some granny wants to look like the Terminator, well, I say it beats Driving Miss Daisy."

The glasses, Grandma —

"If Mr. Filippone

ing from your shopping bag a half-price orange Spandex jumpsuit with a large black eagle embroidered on the back, though you have no memory of actually having bought it.

Fashion designers and retailers aren't in the business of offering us things they're sure we won't buy. Little of what you see on those racks will go unsold. But if it

can't be moved there, the clothing will be bought by a jobber, who will resell it to discount stores, where they offer it to us again at even more delightful prices.... Once we get it home, if it has no good Halloween costume potential, it will next end up hanging from a bush in our front yard at a garage sale. And here we'll eagerly, even

proudly point out to browsers that it has never been worn. ("See? The price tag's still on it!") Who could pass up a \$100 orange Spandex jumpsuit for only 75 cents? But in case they do, the suit will either (1) find its way to a charity, which means you might one day see it on TV, worn by a starving teenager in Bangladesh; or (2) it

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10/11/01

Dear Matt:

I'm inspired to go full drag this Halloween. As a straight male who's never dressed up in drag before, I have zero fashion sense. What outfits should I avoid because they make my butt look big? Where

do I find shoes for guy-sized feet?

— Michael...or
Michelle?
Vista

Hillcrest at Halloween. What better playground for the aspiring gender illusionist. Well, Hillcrest in the middle of May, too, I guess. The clothes, shoes, makeup, etc., is the easy part. Plenty of outrageous shops around Fifth Avenue will rent you just the right outfit and give you makeup tips too. But there's more to this than meets the eye, so the elves skated over to Lips, the wiggy drag-and-dine at Fifth and Nutmeg. A

gracious and accommodating Tootie (who does a dynamite Cher) condensed her nine years of experience for you.

A drag queen's best friends? Sez Tootie, "Big hair and duct tape, honey." Big hair slims the appearance of a man's larger face, neck, and shoulders. And it's sexy. Ditto big eyelashes. Warns Tootie, "Leave the skin-tight dresses to the professionals." Got a beer gut? A skirt and loose top is your best fashion choice. A plunging neckline also enhances the illusion of a slim face and neck and offers a chance for some naughty cleavage,

achieved with the aforementioned duct tape. Yank your "back fat" (-Tootie's words) around to the front and tape it all in place. "The higher the heels, the closer to God," Tootie croons. Sexy spikes lengthen the appearance of your legs.

Of course, you can wear all the glam rags you want, but if you don't stand and move like a woman, then you're just a nose tackle in a ball gown. Tootie advises that you hold your chin in, a bit closer to your neck and chest



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than usual. Keep your elbows close to your body to give you graceful arm and hand gestures. And most important, walk by placing one foot in front of the other, not with a man's typical wider gait. Think "matador," not "steve-dore." That also makes your butt look cute walking away, adds Tootie coily. "Oh, wait!" she says as we're leaving. "How could I forget? And shave everything! Immediately!"

MOTHER NATURE, WHAT A GAL!

11/27/02

Dear Matt and Alice:

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

— Kelly Gleeson-Duff,
San Diego

Lots. So, Kelly, how much ground would a groundhog hog if a groundhog could hog ground? (Before you answer,



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remember that the woodchuck and the groundhog are the same animal.) And how much sap would a sapsucker suck if a sapsucker could suck sap? (Hey, wait a minute. A sapsucker *can* suck sap. On a good day, maybe two or three ounces.) And how many nuts would a nuthatch hatch if...

5/18/06
Hey, Matt!
Baby animals are so cute I am sad when I eat them. It's fun to watch them play. Do hatchling insects, ornithoids, and reptilians play?

— Fireball,
Hathaway Pines, CA
(a PB escapee)

We've sent the elves out to see if they can find a butterfly with an Xbox or a June bug with a pool cue. But we couldn't scare up any info on playing bugs. The science guys would say this is because of their tiny life expectancies and even tinier

brains. And they say this with some certainty, because play behavior is a hot biological topic.... There's a whole academic association for the study of play (called, uh, the Association for the Study of Play), but they're in Florida and probably specialize in primate behavior during spring break.

Unfortunately, Fireball, a lot of questions still exist about the definition, evolution, and purpose of play. But at least we can give you examples of the animals that science has annoyed in pursuit of the answers.... The octopus is the only invertebrate that has been studied for what the science guys defined as "play" behavior. The experiment involved six octopuses, an empty plastic water bottle tethered to a rock so it bobbed under the surface, and a Lego piece that was buoyant but didn't actually float.

After the octopuses were through manipulating the toys and trying to open them as they would a tasty clam, they began to "play" with them. Push-pull games with the water bottle, towing it around in circles, passing the Lego piece from arm to arm to arm to arm....

2/28/02

Hey, Matt:
Driving by the Dolly Parton Memorial (San Onofre), I noticed the seagulls and other flying things clustered on the north dome and it's nearly covered with guano, while the south dome has none, nothing, not one bird, not one drop of the white stuff. Why?

— R. Hendrickson,
the Net

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says, all the birds congregated on reactor 1, a small, flat-topped building north of reactor 2. When workmen began dismantling number 1, the noise and activity forced the birds to move. But they only moved next door, to reactor 2. No one knows why. Perhaps they're nostalgic for their old home and want to stay as close as possible. Perhaps reactor 3 is in a bad neighborhood.

10/24/96

Dear Matthew:

Do insects sleep? Any mammals, birds, reptiles that don't sleep?

— Carolyn Kurtz,
Valley Center

Personally, I haven't gotten a solid eight hours since Rush Limbaugh hit the airwaves, but then neither has a bug. They space out, go sort of limp and listless, but don't really catch Zs the way we do.... When the lights go down and the temp drops, the metabolism of bugs with day jobs slows way down, and they hide out until it

warms up. Birds, reptiles, and most fish lapse into a semicomatose doze when it gets dark. Whales "surface sleep," moving their flukes slowly, bobbing up and down to breathe. When a dolphin dozes, half its brain takes a break while the other half keeps it from drowning.... Sheep and cows catnap, while cats themselves spend half their lives out cold, in dreamland. Go figure.

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4/24/97

Matthew:

What happens to all the copies of films after they've run their course? Take for instance the just-released Star Wars.

— Bbhud007,
the Net

We nipped at the heels of the Fox folks to see what will happen to *Star Wars* when it goes out of general distribution. Well, you'd think we'd asked to snoop through the studio's accounting files or borrow the CEO's credit card. You

could hear sirens going off and steel doors clanging shut the minute the question was asked. We finally got the info by swearing our operative to absolute anonymity, since they had to lie to the Fox source in order to get it. I'm not kidding. I wish I were. Hollywood is so full of paranoid babies.

For a mainstream movie, Fox will make anywhere from 1500 to 3000 copies during its life in general distribution. A single copy can last through eight to ten

weeks of showings. Once the studio's squeezed out the last American moviegoer dollar, the copies go back to the studio; three are stored in a vault along with the master copy, and the rest are junked....

One copy of *Star Wars* contains about 20,000 feet of film, so that's 80,000 feet that end up in a warehouse. If this is typical of the industry, 32,960,000 feet (6242 miles) of film went into storage in 1996 from 412 domestic releases. And I trust

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these disclosures will not bring the entire industry crashing down around Hollywood's paranoid-baby ears.

2/3/00

RE: *Hollywood Walk of Fame*

We never even got an invitation. We were ignored. Snubbed! We, who invested more than ten years of our pathetic lives in this project! In case you missed the news, our pal Harrison Ford finally got his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Team Matthew Alice OGs should remember our biennial phone calls to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce demanding to know how they planned to make "Indiana" Harrison's star unique, since there has

been a star for a silent-film actor named Harrison Ford in front of Musso & Frank's Hollywood Boulevard restaurant since the mid-1950s. Confusion would reign in fanland. You might also recall the Tinseltown brush-off we got each time we called them to check on their plans. The weasels once even tried to trick us into believing that old Harrison's star was new Harrison's, but we set them straight, pronto.

So anyway, late in May, Harrison, his cadaverous squeeze Calista Flockhart, and the usual crowd of hangers-on gathered to dedicate his star in front of the Kodak Theater. It looks exactly like the 50-year-old star in front of Musso & Frank's, just a little

shinier and with fewer pastrami stains. We didn't miss much of a party, though. Harrison hyped his new movie, hinted that *Indiana Jones 4* was just a lunch away from being a done deal, squeezed Calista, and went home.

5/1/03

Hey, Matt:

Crime-solving reality shows use actors in the recreations who look a lot like the real criminals. Have you heard any stories in which those actors were spotted on the street and turned in, thinking they were the real perps?

— Langston,
Spring Valley

Apparently, arrest is an occupational hazard for actors on *America's Most Wanted*. One poor schmo was arrested twice in one week. She played a particularly evil nanny-house-

keeper who forged employers' checks and burned down their houses. According to the actress, two teenagers recognized her on the street and called the fuzz. An angry crowd gathered around her before she was hustled to the cop shop and the whole mess was straightened out. A few days later she was confronted and detained in a restaurant.... AMW casts look-alikes and does its shooting at the crime scene. They contact talent agents in the area to find local actors who match the specs. When you go for the audition, better bring head shots, your AFTRA card, and a bail bondsman.

1/6/00

Dear Matthew Alice:

A friend of mine swears that Sylvester Stallone was in a movie with Ingrid Bergman, before he became "Rocky." Can this possibly be true?

— I don't think so,
San Diego

A perfect question. It contains all our favorite elements: rumor, innuendo, pie-faced gullibility, and Hollywood stars.

One of those queries that inspires people to fire off nasty letters claiming I make up these questions. No. Sly and Ingrid do not appear together in any film. But it shouldn't be a total loss. Let's play "Six Degrees of Ingrid Bergman." Stallone was in *Capone* with Harry Guardino, who was in *Sorocco* with Humphrey Bogart, who was in *Casablanca* with, ta-da, Ingrid Bergman. Too easy. How about PeeWee Herman and Ingrid Bergman. Herman was in *Mystery Men* with Louise Lasser, who was in *Bananas* with Sylvester Stallone, who was...etc. Howard Cosell and Ingrid Bergman? He was also in *Bananas*, so patch together your own list.

But wait. How about Pauly Shore and Ingrid Bergman and Ingmar Bergman. Impossible, you say? Ha. Child's play. Pauly Shore was in *Bio-Dome* with Patty Hearst, who was in *Serial Mom* with Sam Waterston, who was in *Mindwalk* with Liv Ullmann, who was in *Autumn Sonata* with Ingrid Bergman, directed

by Ingmar Bergman.

10/14/04

Hey, Matt:

My boyfriend says the Jerry Springer show is fake, that the guests are really actors, not insane trailer trash dating their sisters. Is he right? Is it fake?

— Farah Daye,
the Net

Not really, Farah. Though there likely have been fakes, it's mostly just exaggerated and fakeish. But it is hard to believe anyone would voluntarily make a network TV spectacle of him/herself, family, neighbors; or proudly demonstrate a complete lack of common sense/morals/taste/judgment; or appear so publicly mean/sleazy/stupid.... The producers think up the ugliest show titles they can think of, let the public know they're looking for real folks who've done that particular ugly thing, then sit back and let the phone calls pour in.

Grandma doesn't want me to tell you this, but one of the Alice clan actually appeared on *The Maury Povich Show* some years ago. Cousin Alice. Alice Alice. Chronologically an adult. At the time, her life was classic trash. A big Maury fan. One day she sees Maury is looking for Teen Daughters Out of Control! Hey, she thinks, I've got two of those. Besides, guests of the Maury show stay at some swank midtown Manhattan hotel. Alice has never been to New York. Teen Daughters Out of Control! are up for it, so they call the Maury producers and run down their family situation. The details must be sordid and promising, because a few weeks later a Maury flunky shows up at Alice's house in San Diego to chat with her and TDOC! and take

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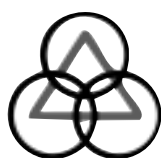
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pictures. Before you can say "exploitation," Alice and the girls are booked for the show.

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The production staff makes it clear that the general effect they're going for is hideous chil-

dren vs. helpless mother. Poor, suffering Mom, heartbroken at the horrible truth she's about to learn — live, on camera — from the results of lie detector tests previously administered to Teen Daughters Out of Control! Tears, whining, collapsing into a pitiful pile of Mom-ness — that's what the producers want. TDOC, on the other hand, should be veritable porcupines of attitude. Curse the audience, screech unthinkable things at gasping, blub-

bering Mom....

At the taping the next day, it's obvious the Alices have paid little attention to the production briefing. Younger Daughter lies her way through the lie detector test and is appropriately loud and insolent when she's called a liar. So far so good. Older Daughter, only there to see New York, tells the truth on the test, freely admitting what's going on in her hair-raising life. No on-camera shocking secrets, no snotty attitude. Worse yet, Mom

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Avoiding the Scale?

Are you:

- A Type II diabetic?
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- Currently suffering from obesity?
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- Available for study-related visits for a year?

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didn't scream, cry, faint, throw up, or act the victim. Show prep flies out the window, and she reacts as she would at home. Daughter gives you lip? Give her plenty in return. Daughter screaming at you? Scream back louder.... Immediately after the taping, they're whisked into the limo and returned to the airport. Total elapsed in-city time: 24 hours, max.

BIG THINKERS: PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, 'N' STUFF

12/21/06

Dear Matthew:

We can use bug sprays or exterminators. What do Buddhists do when they have a house full of bugs?

— Ant Buster,
San Diego

The Buddhist priest on Team Matthew Alice has been waiting for his chance to contribute. He

is nothing if not patient.... When placed in such a situation, or any other in which human life or health is at stake, one must ask, which sentient being stands the greatest chance of reaching Enlightenment and leading others there? Our answer, of course, is not the cockroach or the ant but the human being. "But," notes our source, "all creatures have been, countless times, our mother, protecting and loving us, and we naturally wish them not to suffer. One respectfully makes this painful choice and prays that the creatures that are killed may quickly achieve conditions in which they can take on human form and respond to the Buddha-dharma. There are prayers to advance these unfortunate creatures on their journey and by which we do not take on

RESEARCH STUDIES



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 - Emotional withdrawal
- You had a worsening of any of the symptoms above in the past 24 months
- You want to change your current treatment for these symptoms

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Restless legs keeping you awake at night?

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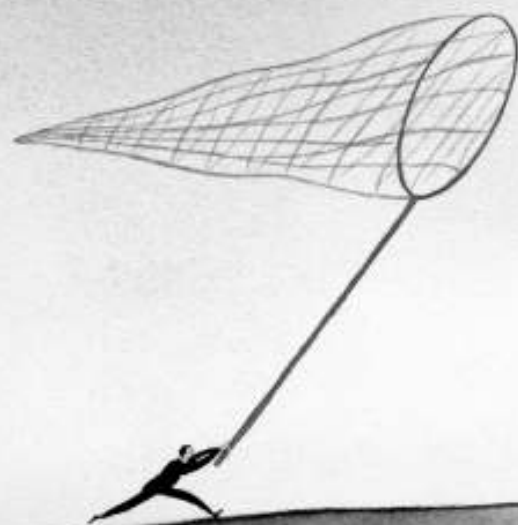
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To take part in this study, you must:

- Be between 18 and 65 years of age
- Have elevated levels of LDL cholesterol (to be determined by the study doctor)
- Not take any cholesterol-lowering medication within the 3 months prior to screening

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negative karma for the act.... It is best to pray before, during, and after the killing." So, grasshopper, your answer seems to be, they pray, they squish, they pray.

8/22/02

Dear Matthew Alice:
Is there a black hole that rebellious socks escape to when you're not looking?

Is there someplace in this world where an enormous pile of \$20 bills collects to discuss the benefits of freedom? Or do I alone have invisible holes in my pockets?

— Brian Rainey,
San Diego

That \$20-bill problem sounds quite serious, Brian, and I'm sending over one of the elves to

follow you around for a week or two. Just to pick up — well, let's say, some clues. And hey, we can definitely make more progress if you could start carrying around fifties and hundreds. We'll have your answer in a flash. As for the less interesting sock dilemma, single socks vanish to the same place the other shoe has gone

to when you see its mate at the side of the road. But since nobody would want to go to a place filled with other people's old shoes and socks, we won't worry about where that is.

2/20/03

Hey, Matt:
Heard there is a Catholic saint that will help sell your home quicker and

for a better price if you bury his image in the front yard, facing the house. Any more info?

— Cy,
O'side

Great news! According to enthusiastic testimonials, you don't have to be Catholic to have this holy sales aid work for you. The St. Joseph Home Sale Kit is avail-

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Medical Center for Clinical Research

seller testimonials read a little like the blurbs in chain letters.... St. Joseph is the patron to carpenters and guardian of the family and household, which explains why he might be inclined to intercede in the first place....

2/1/96

Dear Matthew Alice: I listen to a lot of blues music, and the word "mojo" comes up frequently, e.g., "I got my mojo workin'" or "Going to New Orleans and get me a mojo hand." I'm not up on jive talk. Any idea what "mojo" means?

— Dennis Brule,
El Cajon

And once you get to New Orleans, where do you find one? House of Mojos? Muddy's Mojos 'n' Things? And if your mojo ain't workin', can you have it fixed, or do you just throw it away

and get a new one? Will the Chinese flood the market with cheap plastic mojos, threatening our dominance as the premier mojo-exporting country in the world? Clearly, the subject hasn't gotten the attention it deserves.

The mojo of Delta song and story is a reference to magic or the ability to cast spells on people. When you got your mojo workin', you've got the power, and you hope the ladies will find it irresistible. A mojo hand is an amulet embodying the power of the mojo.

5/21/87

Matt: How many facts of life are there, and what are they?

— Philosopher,
the Net

There are three facts of life: There will always be

death. There will always be taxes. There will never be enough parking space. There used to be five, but recent state and federal cutbacks eliminated two of them.

TIME-WASTERS AND RANDOM BITS

1/25/01

Matthew: What's the deal with fast-food pricing and combos? Say you're looking at a breakfast combo at Carl's Jr., but you don't want their shitty coffee. So you say, "I'll have the radioactive egg sandwich and one of those potato pucks." They always say, "You want the combo?" I reply in the negative and then get charged more than if I took their damn wimpy brown water. Why don't they punch it up as a combo and then keep the effing cup?

— Mark Brawner,
the Net

Why don't you order the combo and then throw away the effing cup? You won't drink the coffee anyway; who cares where it is when you don't drink it? Yeah, I know. That would be a waste and a cave-in to the corporate goons.... We ran this past one of Carl's Juniores up in Anaheim, who admitted the question had never come up before. She was amazed that you did not know a good deal when you saw one...but dutifully scoured Carl Karcher's empire for

RESEARCH STUDIES

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someone willing to take you seriously....

It's sort of an inventory thing, but mostly a marketing thing, natch. (But not just a Carl's Jr. thing.) First of all, you didn't order a combo, so according to the order-taker's loyalty oath, they can't ring it up as a combo. And they offer combos not so you'll drink their swill but so you'll buy their swill. They really don't care what you do with the swill once you get it out of their store. The big industrial secret to any combo deal is that it sells more food. Any slight loss of profit per

item apparently is more than made up for in volume. If we have a hanker for a disk of ground cow with corporate sauce and dead lettuce, we'll probably need a drink to wash it down. If we see that they'll throw in a side of fries and discount the package, then we'll take the deal, even if we weren't longing for floppy potato wands. If we had to pay for each item individually, we might weigh the cost of the fries against the enjoyment gained from the fries and decide to pass and save the money.

2/7/02
Mr. Alice:
Every time I see those full-page color ads in Parade magazine for "collectors' plates" and "collectors' dolls" and "collectors' porcelain dogs," I wonder, who are these collectors? Why do people buy this stuff? A lot of it seems to be put out by the Franklin Mint, which sounds pretty official but probably doesn't have anything to do with Benjamin or the federal government.

— A. Grovestead,
San Diego

Ooooooooooh, all those impossibly cute uni-

corns and gold-dipped War of the Roses commemorative coins and Elvis-better-than-he-ever-looked plates do fly out of the warehouse. These Sunday-supplement goods fall into what auctioneers and collecting professionals call a "created market." Until they started advertising them, you didn't know you wanted to collect the 30-piece, limited (ha!) edition Sad-Eyed Porcelain Puppy series (each piece, six easy payments of \$91.36, plus \$25 shipping and handling). People collect them because they're "cute," with the hope

that someday they'll be worth more dough than they paid for them. Maybe they will, but probably not. They have no serious artistic value, materials value, or historical value. They're of interest only to another collector of adorable or patriotic or historic dust-catchers, should you be able to find one. They're worth whatever that buyer is willing to pay. And the federal government is to the Franklin Mint as the World Bank is to the dinner mint.

10/19/89
Dear Matthew Alice:
How long and how many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll lollipop? (Preferably grape.)

— David Carano,
University City HS

After lick number 1850, you're mostly through the grape part, down to the Tootsie Roll. Somewhere around number 1975, reality becomes a little fuzzy, and you have to concentrate so you don't lose count. At 2120 the paper handle turns soggy and floppy, and you have to break it off. At 2291 the remaining gob of candy falls off what's left of the stick, you stop counting, and chew the thing. The whole process takes 37 minutes.

9/2/99
Matthew, Guru of All Worth Knowing:
Why do clowns scare the hell out of people?
— Dickie, downtown

From personal experience, the closest the Alices have come was a run-in with a grouchy Balboa Park face-painter with a bad case of hemorrhoids or something. Scared the wits out of the elves and actually got a clown-etiquette lecture from Grandma Alice. She ignored Grandma and spent her time fish-

ing through the tip jar making sure we hadn't stiffed her. This is a true story....

When people hear the *whap-whap-whap* of those big, floppy shoes, it gives them the willies because they imagine inside those shoes are big floppy feet. The pasty white face, the red glob of a nose, black-ringed eyes blown like a twaker on a two-week run, lipsticked mouth from ear to ear, hair like a cheap shag rug. Human characteristics exaggerated into something eerily nonhuman. And what's the baggy-pantsed being thinking? You can't read a clown's facial expression behind the painted-on friendliness. Worse yet, some of them are silent, like big polkadotted mimes. All our usual people-reading cues are useless.

Some people interpret this as fun. Others get the screaming meemies. Little kids, who have only a shaky notion of what's reality and what's fantasy anyway, can be particularly vulnerable. More than one tot visiting the Happiest Place on Earth has been accosted by a five-foot Mickey Mouse and thrown up on his shoes.

10/24/02
To: Heymatt, From: Foxman: Re: FW: Interesting Trivia!

1. Leonardo da Vinci invented the scissors. 2. Our eyes never grow from birth, but our noses and ears never stop growing. 3. A duck's quack doesn't echo and no one knows why. 4. The winter of 1932 was so cold Niagara Falls froze solid. 5. If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction....

1. Wrong. Egyptians, 3000 years ago. 2. Wrong. Eyeballs do grow. Slightly. 3. Maybe they're baffled because — it's not true.

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4. Make that 1936, and even then it's not true. 5. Doubtful, given the difficulty of reproducing while walking single file.

HIGH JINKS OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS

9/28/95

Dear Matthew Alice:
Was Olivia Newton-John ever kissed by Albert Einstein?

— Milton F.,
Normal Heights

Usually I don't care which way the facts fall. True, false; you're right, you're wrong — as long as my paycheck doesn't

bounce, it's all the same to me. But this time I really hoped I'd dig up some stories about Einstein and the Newton-Johns picnicking by the Thames, Uncle Albert giving giggly Olivia horsie rides and noogies and a friendly smooch.... Instead, nuts, I came up with nothing. Albert Einstein never kissed Olivia Newton-John. He never even met her. Personally, I'm bummed. It should have happened. It could have happened.

Olivia, born in Cambridge, England, in

1948, is the...granddaughter of Max Born, a German physicist who won a Nobel Prize in 1954. Fellow Nobel (1921) Einstein was a friend of Max and his family. According to Einstein biographies, Max visited the Einsteins in Berlin and entertained them with his fiddle playing; Albert took some of Max's scientific papers with him on his honeymoon. So it's not so crazy that Einstein just maybe, somehow, might have met Max's granddaughter and given her a friendly peck

on her little toddler cheek. (Olivia was only seven when Einstein died.) But the president of Hopelessly Devoted, the ON-J fan club, says she only met her grandpa Max once and never met Einstein at all. But I'd like to believe she was thinking of them when she sang her hit "Let's Get Physicists."

1/19/06

Hey, Matt:

I was digging through some old books from junior high school and came across A Star Trek Catalog, and I noticed a list-

ing of Star Trek fan clubs. One was Star Fleet Club of La Jolla with a Paul Jacobs [with a La Jolla street address] as the point of contact. Is this the same Paul Jacobs that now runs Qualcomm?

— JM,
San Diego

Jeez, where's a mole when you need one? We tried all our insider tricks to get at the source for this answer, but I guess we're not insider enough. Which suits me fine, actually. There are other ways to crack this nut. So in the late '70s,

when this book was published, exactly where was the Jacobs family? According to a brief published bio, Dad (Irwin M.) had just finished a stint as a professor at UCSD. So where, precisely, did they live? Zap to the always-helpful public library. Look through the really old San Diego phone books. And there he is, Irwin M., at the same La Jolla address given in the Star Trek book. So, by the excruciatingly exacting standards of the Matthew Alice Center for More or Less Correct

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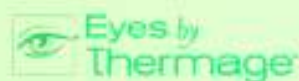
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Information, we declare Dr. Paul Jacobs, CEO, Qualcomm, to be the former lead Trekkie of the Star Fleet Club of La Jolla. We don't have first-hand confirmation of this, mind you. I might get a flurry of outraged memos from some suits at the big Q. If so, I'll pass them along. But when you think about it, it's unlikely that Paul Jacobs is the only tech exec who, as an inquiring tad, was fascinated by the Star Fleet. He was just unlucky enough to get caught at it.

5/30/02

Hey, Matt:

Why all the goofy names for racehorses? They've

got names like Harlan's Holiday, Essence of Dubai, Itsallinthechase, etc. Why not Blacky or Mr. Ed?

— Pete Collins, San Diego

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NONE OF YOUR BEESWAX

10/24/02

Dear Matthew Alice:

Let's get the straightest straight from the hip.

Who are you? I find no Matthew Alice in the staff listing. An alias? Are we more than one person: Matthew and Alice? I am plagued with doubt. And don't tell me it's none of my business. After all, we know who Ann Landers really is. We don't care, but we know.

— A Concerned San Diegan

And about Matthew Alice, I guess we'll just have to say that we don't know, but we care. Thanks. I'm touched.

2/21/02

Hey:

Are the Keebler elves related to your elves?

— Skitch, Solana Beach

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their little hearts out, only to lose the job to cousins in the Midwest branch of the family, true snobs who love to talk about how their ancestors came to America on a very tiny replica of the *Mayflower*. It's a sore subject around here.

10/12/95
Dear Matthew Alice: I'd like to photograph you. Please entertain this request.

— A.S.,
San Diego

Well, I'd probably open with a little juggling — a calculator, a nectarine, and a flaming volume of the *Encyclopedia Americana*. Then some impressions — Plato? Aretha? Then some clog dancing. Then a big finish: maybe “I Gotta Be Me.”

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3/1/01
Hey, Matt: Why do people cry when they're sad? Crying when

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— Boo-hoo, the Net

Matthew: Why do people cry when they're happy?

— Ruth,
San Diego

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Matthew! Boo-hoo-hoo-
hoo-hoo....” ■

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THE LEMON GROVE INCIDENT (Part One)

In 1928, the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce commissioned Alberto Treganza to design a float for San Diego's Fourth of July parade. An A.I.A. architect with a degree from Columbia University, Treganza envisioned the world's largest lemon: 7x12 feet, 35,000 pounds, and made of plaster. Treganza's friend, Eddie Dunn, constructed the float, which rode on a truck from the local packing house. Treganza's daughter, Amorita, was the first "Miss Lemon Grove" for the parade. Five handmaidens attended her, surrounded by a cornucopia of citrus from the town that boasted "the best climate on earth."

Alberto would later design numerous National Register buildings and residences (and co-designed San Diego's first police station, near present-day Seaport Village, with the Quayle brothers in 1938). But in 1930 he had fallen on hard times. The Great Depression choked the country. Every job mattered.

To make ends meet, Treganza's wife, Antwonet, rose every morning before dawn to bake the bread and rolls she sold at Sonka Brothers General Merchandise Store in Lemon Grove.

In the fall of 1930, when the school board asked him to design a one-story wooden

building on the northwest corner of Olive Street and North Avenue — the heart of the Mexican-American community — Treganza took the job. "He just thought it was an extra school because the district was growing," Amorita told an interviewer decades later. "He didn't know it would be an Americanization school."

Called Olive Street School, or School #2 — and La Caballeriza ("the barnyard") by the Mexican-American students who refused to attend it — the two-room, hastily built structure triggered the nation's first successful school desegregation case in 1931.

Americanization schools began in the 1920s as classes for Mexican-American students. Usually held at night, they taught English, hygiene, civics, and, later, vocational training. Joan Moore, author of *The Mexican Americans*: "It was said that Latinos had a 'language handicap' and needed to be 'Americanized' before mixing with Anglo children." Additionally, Latinos "in an integrated school would hinder the progress of white American children."

Individual classes evolved into separate schools. By the late 1920s an estimated 80 percent of Southern California's districts had segregated institutions. And in many integrated schools, Latinos weren't allowed to speak Spanish, even on the playground.

Lemon Grove had Americanization classes as early as 1924. But since they were held at Lemon Grove Grammar School (LGGS), few

questioned their intent.

On July 23, 1930, the all-Anglo PTA decided that the five-room, 169-student school had become overcrowded. Endorsed by the chamber of commerce, the PTA requested the school board build a separate facility for the 75 Mexican-American students just six blocks from the original.

At a special emergency meeting on August 13, the board claimed that LGGS was more than overcrowded; Mexican-American students had "morals" and "sanitary" issues. About the latter, Lemon Grove historian Donald Heyser speculated: a toilet had backed up; also, in rainy weather students had to hop from stone to stone over the creek, crossing the path between the school and Imperial Avenue. The creek may or may not have contained "effluent" from the LGGS cesspool.

Some Anglo parents complained of having to wash their children's hair with kerosene to rid them of "head lice" they got from Mexican students. Heyser: "This must have been a good year for head lice, just as we have good years for fleas. In all my association with my Mexican friends, including visits in their homes, I never got any head lice."

None of the stated reasons for school #2, Heyser notes, refers to learning ability or language difficulties. "They clearly indicate racial segregation based on Mexican parentage or descent."

According to the minutes of the August 13 meeting, school board trustees "agreed to move the Mexican children to a school of their own." Two committees formed: one to estimate costs; the other, to "determine the feeling of the Mexican population."

The cost, including a one-acre lot and the

structure, came to \$5500. Eddie Dunn won the contract with the lowest bid. Whether PTA members actually consulted with the Latino community is unknown. Minutes of the meetings suggest that members assumed students sent to the new school, and their parents, wouldn't mind at all.

Nick Ceseña, who owned a tractor and contracted agricultural jobs for Latinos, lived across the street from #2. As he watched the building go up, he said it looked more like an "old house" than new school and was smaller than the 48' x 72' the board claimed. Even a large playground with two swings and a teeter-totter couldn't gain favor in the neighborhood.

The Mexican-American community didn't know it would be an Americanization school, though many began to suspect, since these were popping up across the country.

If it is one, Maria Smith Alvarez remembered a parent saying, "everything in that barn will be second hand": the books will be outdated, the teachers less qualified than at LGGS — they would receive \$80 to \$100 less per year (the Latino community didn't know that the new school would have only two teachers — for grades 1–4 and 5–8, which would lump students of various ages and abilities and further restrict their growth). La Caballeriza grew into yet another sign of threatening times.

In 1930, unemployment reached six million in the United States. Mexican-American citizens and Mexican immigrants became scapegoats for the Depression in the Southwest. Afraid that what Kenneth L. Roberts called "the brown flood of immigrants" would take jobs and welfare from Anglo citizens, President Herbert Hoover instituted a national

QUOTATIONS

1. The Corrido: Los Deportes: "Adios paisanos queridos / Ya nos van a deportar / Pero no somos bandidos / Venimos a camellar."

("Goodbye dear countrymen/They are going to deport us/But we are not bandits/We came to toil").

2. David G. Gutiérrez: "Although Mexican Americans, by virtue of their new status as American citizens,

were no longer Mexicans, American racism and Mexican Americans' de facto subordinate status in the new social order encouraged them to consider themselves Mexicans in a way they never had before."

3. Robert R. Alvarez, Jr.: "The case was never recorded in the school board minutes, and even a local history of the Lemon Grove School from 1880 to 1966 by a former school superintendent failed to mention it."

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repatriation plan in 1929. An estimated 400,000 Mexicans and Mexican-American citizens left the country during the Depression decade: some by choice, many others pressured to leave (there was a "huge twilight zone," writes Leo Grebler, "between voluntary and forced migration"). "Hooverites," Anglos resentful of the influx, organized campaigns to harass Spanish-speaking Americans. Robert R. Alvarez, Jr.: "In this atmosphere the strong maintenance of the Spanish language, values, and lifestyle among Mexican settlers [made them] a threat to the general populace.

Communities such as Lemon Grove, where Mexicans congregated and lived together in 'little Mexicos,' became targets of public and official action."

On December 16, 1930, the board held its regular meeting at the grammar school. Among those in attendance were Andy Anderson, president; Ed Owen and his wife Claire, who was PTA secretary; Bill Kramer of the Chamber of Commerce; and Jerome T. Greene, principal of the Lemon Grove Grammar School.

People wondered why Greene, an elegantly dressed PhD who spoke with a precise British accent, had chosen to

live in such a rural community. A mystery even attached to his last name: did it have three e's or just two?

Anderson, one of America's early pilots, owned Lemon Grove's first gas station — which repaired cars and airplanes. He announced that School #2 was almost completed. The board voted to open it on January 5, 1931, the first Monday after Christmas vacation. Anderson told Greene to make arrangements: moving the two assigned teachers — Florine Markland and Kathryn Elliott — books, and desks. On opening day Greene would make the separation, ordering

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Greene asked, shouldn't the families receive "some official notice" of the change? Minutes of the meeting say: "It was decided best not to commit the Board in writing" — which suggests the board felt either that

none was necessary, or that advance notice might stir resentment in the tightly knit Latino community.

Greene, who was new to Lemon Grove and had been principal for less than a year, disobeyed orders. He asked 12-year-old Roberto Alvarez to

circulate a sheet of paper among the Latino community. It didn't announce the change. Greene obeyed that order. Instead he asked if the change took place, those students who would go to the "barnyard" should sign on one side; those who wouldn't, the other.

Before Alvarez could take the paper around, his uncle, Ricardo Castellanos, ripped it to shreds.

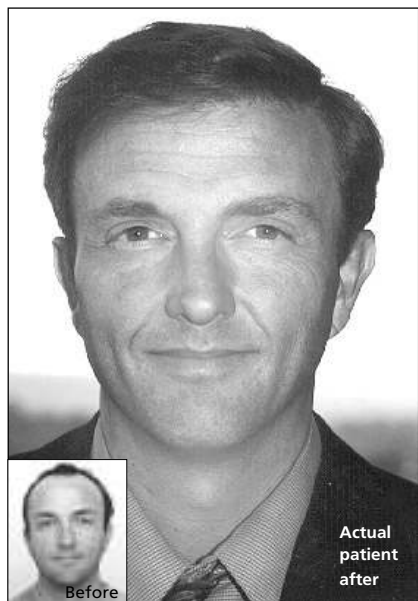
Word spread. The "if" about the new school being segregated had become a "when" — and what to do? Urged by Castellanos and Juan

Gonzalez, families met, groups gathered. They eventually formed El Comité de Vecinos de Lemon Grove (The Lemon Grove Neighbors Committee) and held more formal meetings.

One reason the school strike was a success: the Latino

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at the packing house, at a quarry in Spring Valley, and at the railroad. Robert Alvarez, Jr.: "Lemon Grove resembled the towns from which migrants had come. It was a self-contained community that provided available jobs and support from kin and friends." Alvarez adds, "Across the border in the nearby towns of Tijuana, Tecate, Mexicali, and Ensenada, no similar definable network developed."

Many of the families had lived in Lemon Grove for decades. Networks had formed by marriages, god-parenting, cultural events, and funerals. Creating the Neighbors Committee was a logical step. But not everyone agreed about what to do.

"The new school was funny," Maria Smith Alvarez told interviewer Paul Espinoza. "Even if it meant being with our friends, we still didn't like it. We could tell the difference."

Americanization schools taught English. But, Latino parents argued at a neighborhood gathering, wouldn't it be better for those with a "language handicap" to learn English among English speakers? That's how 12-year-old Robert Alvarez became fluent. And what about Carlos Smith? He's a Mexican American who doesn't know Spanish — needs it translated, in fact. Will they send him to the new school?

In the 1986 docudrama *The Lemon Grove Incident*, this gathering is both recalled by the original students, then in their late 60s and early 70s, and recreated by actors.

"I work for the county," a man spoke up. "If I tell my child not to go, I might get fired."

Latinos do the work "that no one else would do," another added. "Who will pick their lemons? Who will clean their house?"

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But the Olive Street School will be ready enough. Anderson added that a flagpole should be installed so Old Glory could wave come opening day.

Around 7:30 a.m. on the morning of January 5, students carrying lunch bags and bundled up in the brisk morning air began arriving at Lemon Grove Grammar School. They grouped outside, sharing tales of Santa's bounty. Principal Jerome T. Greene stood near the front door, waiting for the morning bell. He wore a three-

piece suit with a starched white collar. His graying mustache and hair, parted down the middle, were neat and trim as always.

The bell rang. Greene raised his hands. When the throng grew quiet he announced that Mexican children would be going to the new school on Olive Street. They should move aside and let Anglo students go to class. Miss Markland and Miss Elliott will walk you to the new school, Greene said. Your books are already there. "You do not

belong here."

After Anglo students filed in, Greene and the Americanization teachers herded the Latinos in a long line toward La Caballeriza (the number was less than 75 that day; several parents, expecting the change, didn't send their children to school). By the time they reached the dangerous crossing at Imperial Avenue — now Broadway — the line had shortened. Children who lived near Lemon Grove Grammar School had gone home. Every time Markland or Elliott tried to bring a sheep back into the fold, others peeled away in different directions — older brothers and sisters guiding their younger, puzzled siblings by

the hand, either telling them that Christmas vacation wasn't over after all, or trying to explain what was happening — and make sense of it themselves: how two fixtures in their lives, the school and Principal Greene, could change so suddenly, even betray them.

During the slightly ascending walk up Olive Street the line began to fracture: many ran home down Lemon Avenue, then a final exodus, east and west, on North. When Greene, Markland, and Elliott reached School #2, only three students went through the door. ■

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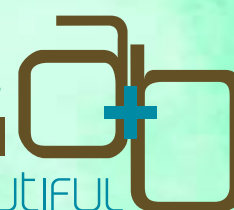
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Mission Beach

In Mission Beach, every foot of space counts. Five surf shops, four bars, a handful of restaurants, a resort hotel, a Turkish-style coffee lounge, and an amusement park all fit within its bounds, packed in and amongst the beachside homes. At North Jetty Road, the southwestern cap of Mission Beach, is a well-known locals-only surf spot; at the north end is the Catamaran Hotel, a ritzy vacation spot with suites costing up to \$800 a night.

Hanging on to a true beach-town feel amid the commercialism is no easy feat, but Mission Beach keeps it real. Fourteen streets and 46 walkways cross Mission Boulevard, emptying out onto the brown mud banks of the bay on the east and the tan sand of the Pacific Ocean on the west. Scraps of blue sky peek out from between the rows of homes; clouds pass lazily overhead. Here, boxy stucco houses with tailored lawns sit next to fading wooden shacks whose

gardens sprawl haphazardly across the scant patches of front yard. Towels flap on clotheslines; wet suits hang over balcony rails; surfboards lie piled on porches, still dewy from morning sessions. Paint has peeled, façades dulled, and cars rusted, but this only adds to the accessibility of the place. Neighbors congregate on the sidewalks for quick chats; people wave at each other from the windows of cars. Surfers hose down boards, talking amongst themselves; shop owners linger outside store-

fronts, smoking and chatting and watching the street traffic. Restaurants cater to the sweat-shirt-and-shorts crowd and more often than not have outdoor seating. Houses face the streets and walkways, few blocked from view by trees or hedges, which gives the area an open, friendly look. Few people, at first glance, appear stressed; Mission Beach is, it seems, a place to relax.

The most conspicuous feature in Mission Beach is at the busy intersection of Mission

Boulevard, Ventura Place, and Mission Bay Drive. This is the home of Belmont Park, part carnival, part shopping mall, part food court. The tracks of the Giant Dipper roller coaster clack as the cars go by overhead; bored vendors stand behind stacks of overpriced wares; small children pull haggard parents toward the fray. The artificial barrel waves at the WaveHouse pound along to thumping music as kids and adults flip and shriek on their boards, flying through the spray. The smell of



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deep-frying and cooking oil wafts on the breeze as chatter from the outdoor patios spills over onto the boardwalk, where skaters and bikers weave through the slow crowd.

Throngs of teenagers atop the cement seawall lining the boardwalk kick their sneakered feet against its cracking side and tease and jostle each other. Their backpacks and skateboards lie piled like sandbags below them. Bikini-clad girls giggle into cell phones. Over-sized sunglasses shield their eyes. Slouching, sweat-shirted boys, cans of beer in hand, alternately shrink from and call out to passing women. In the distance, surfers jet along whitewash, standing and falling and standing again.

From Belmont Park down to the jetty is unofficially called South Mission. "I think the distinction is made because Belmont Park neatly separates the north and south residential sections of Mission Beach," says Scott Crosby, who has owned a house in Mission

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Demographics	
Population	5377
Male	56%
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White	86%
Hispanic	7.1%
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Married	28%
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Median Household Income	\$50,036
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School Statistics	
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Elementary Schools	
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Sessions Elementary	63%
Middle School	
(Grade 8, state average: 41% proficient or advanced)	
Pacific Beach Middle School	30%
High School	
(Grade 10, state average: 37% proficient or advanced)	
Mission Bay High School	33%
Boundaries	
North Pacific Beach Drive South Mission Bay Channel East Mission Bay West Pacific Ocean	

Beach for three years. "West Mission Bay Drive, the main artery into Mission Beach, hits Mission Boulevard right there, bisecting Mission Beach," he continues. All in all, there are few

differences between the two areas, though the north end has more businesses and the south end is almost all residential. "As a result of the no-through-street aspect of South Mission," says

Crosby, "it's much quieter and is a bit quirky, in a way not unlike OB is, since only those who have business there venture that way." Compared to other San Diego beach communi-

ties, Mission Beach is a baby. Pacific Beach and Coronado were well into their development stages by the time Mission Beach came into the picture. In 1914, John Spreckels and George L. Barney submitted a plan to the City of San Diego outlining their concept for the area. Spreckels wanted a resort hotel and elegant homes, and Barney jumped on board. But due to poor finances they had somewhat of a false start. The erection of a bridge between Ocean Beach and Mission Beach in 1915 put Mission Beach on the map as accessible, beautiful, and investment-worthy.

The Father of Mission Beach, as he is known, was J.M. Asher, the developer who in 1916 spearheaded Mission Beach's Tent City. Pictures from the era show neat rows of striped, circus-like tents interspersed with grassy, Hawaiian-style cabana huts. Mission Boulevard divides those at the water's edge from those set back from the water. The lots were for sale, and tent

sites were available for rent, and while not the most luxurious accommodations, the tents allowed families and individuals to live right on the beach. Asher, in response to the influx in population and in order to cash in on the beachfront market even further, built a bathhouse on Redondo Court to accommodate the crowd. Eventually, more and more people began to stay year-round, having taken to the weather and beach lifestyle, making Tent City not only a viable resort but also a place to live.

Though Asher is called the Father of Mission Beach, none of his developments still stand. Tent City was dismantled in 1922 in response to new, stricter city codes regarding temporary housing and was soon replaced by permanent residences. The Redondo Court bathhouse, once an icon of what is now referred to as Old Mission Beach, was torn down in the '50s, replaced eventually by a parking lot, and

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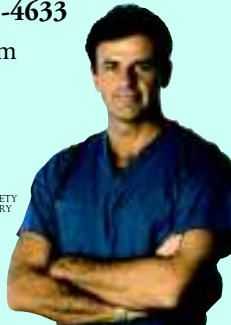


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Spreckels had better luck than Asher did; some of what he built remains. In 1925, he constructed what was then called the Mission Beach Amusement Center, hoping to increase real estate interest in Mission Beach. The result was a games carnival, a ballroom, the Plunge swimming pool, and the Giant Dipper roller coaster, which is the second-oldest coaster ride in California. But Spreckels's structures were in for a bumpy ride; the amusement center, renamed Belmont Park in 1957, stalled out in the '60s and '70s, closing in December 1976.

For years it remained closed, a prime spot for transients to set up camp. The Giant Dipper caught fire twice in 1981, surviving only to fall into further ruin. The surrounding area, which is now home to Mission Beach's prime strip of tourist shops, began to deteriorate as well. Ventura Place became shabbier and shabbier as years progressed, and it took on a seedy, dangerous air. Shannan Renna, who bartends at the Coaster Saloon, her father's bar on Ventura Place, remembers the mid-'80s as a difficult time for Mission Beach. "Ventura Place looked horrible back then," Renna says, recalling the years before the eventual cleanup. "Everything was run-down, and it was just a place for transients and junkies and stuff like that."

John Renna, according to his daughter, was largely responsible for picking the area up. "His goal was to try and clean up the street," Shannan Renna explains, "and back then, 23 years ago, we were the first to improve the face of the buildings and make it look nicer."

Renna's father also championed the Giant Dipper restoration cause, helping to form the Save the Coaster Committee, which took possession of the coaster in 1982 and began raising funds to restore it. "He has a lifetime pass to go on it," Renna says proudly. "It's really cool."

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In 1986, new Belmont Park developers, Paul Thoryk and Graham MacHutchin, came into the picture; their interest in the park was sold to Phase One Development, which opened the commercial center in 1988. All that remained of Spreckels's amusement park was the coaster and the Plunge. Thanks to the efforts of the Save the Coaster Committee, the Giant Dipper was up and running two years later. Its history has been recorded in a book, *The Giant Dipper, San Diego, California: A Pictorial History*, by Eric Young, which features a dramatic back-cover photograph of the Giant Dipper ablaze with flame. The front shows the Dipper in all its restored glory.

Mission Beach is about to gain another history book. Arcadia Publishing Group's "Images of America" series will soon include a Mission Beach volume. On the cover is a photograph of Charles Lindbergh flying his *Spirit of St. Louis* with the Mission Beach coastline in the background. The authors, Phillip Prather, 84, and Terry Curren, 73, are longtime friends and Mission

MISSIONS AND BEACHES: A Guide to Street Names in Mission Beach

It was natural that the main thoroughfare through Mission Beach should be called Mission Boulevard. But it is in the naming of the sixty-five short east-west passageways which intersect the boulevard that the developers showed a flash of genius. As if to cement still further their tie to the historic mission, the developers took a bold approach: they named some of the east-west streets after missions, and the rest for beaches. It was as simple as that: "mission" plus "beach" equals "Mission Beach."

Not all east-west passageways were alike. A few — thirteen on the original map, to be exact — were some twenty-four feet wide and traversable by car. Each of these was designated as a "Place," not a "Street." The remaining fifty-two, interspersed between the Places, were ten-foot-wide walkways, and each became a "Court." Vehicular access to lots on the Courts was via unnamed east-west alleys which ran parallel to the Courts. If by today's standards lots were small and access inadequate, it is well to remember that the beach was conceived as a summer resort only, that the automobile was still a novelty in 1914, and that the north end of the beach was intended to become an owner-occupied tent city.

Since the Places were slightly more grandiose than the Courts, it fell to their honor to be named for the missions. With twenty-one California missions to choose from, and (in 1914) only thirteen Places, not all mission names were used. Others were abbreviated, but not to the point of obscuring their identity. So, from south to north, came marching a stately procession of missions, accurately arranged in south-

to-north order as the real missions appeared on the map.

Thus came into being the thirteen Places named for missions, and their stepsister, Santa Rita, not of the same blood line. Then the fun began, in the naming of the Courts. The concept of "beaches" was charitably enlarged to include spas, harbors, and even islands, in order to conform to the letters of the alphabet. The Courts in Mission Beach, like streets in many other sections of the city, were named in alphabetical order. The A's began at the south and Z was at the north. Since there were fifty-two Courts and only twenty-six alphabet letters, obviously some letters had to be used more than once. Also, some letters have a stubborn way of resisting initial use. The developers did quite well, though; they omitted only U and X.

Only two names in the "Court" series of the 1914 map defy identification as shoreline names. Embarrassingly enough, one is Aspin, the very first Court at the south end. The other Court without a watery pedigree is Vanitie, V-a-n-i-t-i-e. With such self-conscious misspelling, it was probably a coined name.

Flushing, Folkstone, Galloway, Gloucester, Harbor, and Huntington Courts, all on the 1914 map, and all sea-related, were eliminated from the 1924 map. They were in the area occupied by Belmont Park today.

Abridged from the article "From Aspin to Zanzibar: Street Names in San Diego's Mission Beach," by Zelma Bays Locker, *The Journal of San Diego History*, spring 1975, volume 21, number 2. ■

you could get, and the bay was full of scallops and clams and fish, so you practically lived off the water. So it was a great life."

This lifestyle, according to Curren, softened the hardships of the Depression. "Nobody had any money, and nobody thought anything of it," he says. "Everybody was in the same boat, and we had a lot of fun. When we weren't playing volleyball, we were bodysurfing. If we weren't bodysurfing, we were getting in trouble doing something," he says laughing. Part of that "something" included beachcombing for items discarded by careless day-trippers. "We would go up on the beach after four, five o'clock, when everyone left, and there'd be swim fins, and there'd be towels and bathing suits that people left," Prather remembers. "I never wore a bathing suit that I didn't find somewhere on the beach," he says, "but we didn't know we were poor."

"We had the biggest playground in the world," Curren adds.

Some of the Mission Beach mainstays grew up in that era. These men have orchestrated several Mission Beach traditions, the best-known of which is a softball spin-off called over the line. As the game's popularity grew, the enter-

Beach residents. In 2004, they gave a presentation on the history of the area to the Mission Beach Woman's Club. They did such a good job that the club invited them back to speak before an even larger crowd. When Arcadia approached the woman's club about contributing a book to "Images of Amer-

ica," Prather and Curren naturally sprang to mind and were handed the project.

And it's no wonder. Between the two of them, Prather and Curren have a wealth of not only historical but firsthand local knowledge. Collectively, they recall an outdoorsy, simple childhood filled

with sports, mischief, and long days at Old Mission Beach, the stretch of shore where the old Tent City and Mission Beach Bathhouse once stood. Old Mission Beach was the place to hang out. Kids from all over congregated there to swim, surf, play volleyball, and horse around. The beach was the

social headquarters; there was no need to go anywhere else. "If you grew up here, you lived in a bathing suit," Prather says, laughing. "In the wintertime you might put on a T-shirt and a pair of Levi's." Beside him, Curren nods. Prather continues. "We had lobster and abalone, which is the cheapest food

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prising lads designed the over the line tournament, an event that started in the '50s with only a handful of young men and a little corner of the beach. At around that time, the same young men responsible for the tournament banded together to form the Old

Mission Beach Athletic Club, more commonly known as OMBAC, a sporting organization dedicated at first to over the line and volleyball tournaments. The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club now boasts just under 500 members and runs several

events, including wheelchair basketball, a surfing contest, and a horseshoe competition.

Delmar Miller was one of the original over the line players. "We decided to throw a tournament," he says. "It got a little bit bigger, so we came

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down to the very end of the beach and started playing it down there, and it kept growing and growing, so we couldn't play there anymore. So we went to Mariner's Point and started playing there for a few years. And it kept growing, so finally they let us have Fiesta Island. Now, last year, we had almost 1200 teams."

Though billed as a "tournament," over the line is mainly for kicks. "That's the only reason we

play, 'cause it's fun," says Miller. "When we were young we played competitively, but as we got older we didn't give a shit. We just drank and had a good time." These days division names include Cannardly (from the phonetic running together of "can hardly") and Cadaver: "We're getting so old now we have a Cadaver division!" quips Miller.

In addition to its roster of sporting activities, the Old Mission Beach

Athletic Club hosts the annual Coming Out Party, a summertime bash origi-

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nally held in honor of Delmar Miller's release from a Korean POW camp in 1953. Upon his return

home to Mission Beach, Miller was greeted by a flock of friends who had

taken up a collection on his behalf. "They had a great big jug full of money, and they started to give it

to me," Miller remembers, "and I said, 'I don't need any money. I haven't been paid in two years. Why don't we break it open and throw a great big party?' So we threw a party and had about 100 people." Decades later, the Coming Out Party is a Mission Beach hallmark event that draws thousands. This year's party, held on May 19 at Mariner's Point, was sponsored by big names such as Budweiser and Viejas, a far cry from its

grassroots beginning. Still, Miller is modest. "I'm not into the limelight thing," he says.

The Coming Out Party isn't the only bash of the season. Thousands of college kids descend upon Mission Beach during spring break for a seven-day stretch of partying. MTV, which often takes its show on the road to spring-break hotspots such as Cancún and Miami, broadcast live from Mission Beach in

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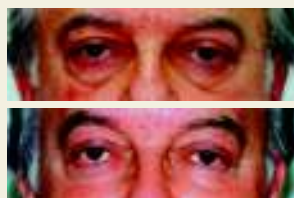
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1994 and filmed its popular show *Total Request Live* from the WaveHouse in May 2006. "Spring break is pretty crazy," says Ray Adhoot, owner and manager of Ray's Rentals, a shop that rents surfboards, skates, and bikes. "I mean, the hooligans are on the beach doing their drinking, and it's nuts. The cops are out in force, on horseback, ATV, motorcycle, bicycle."

Parties aside, the locals have their own watering holes: the Pen-nant and the Beach-comber on Mission Boulevard, and the Sandbar and the Coaster Saloon on Ventura Place. "It's cool," Adhoot says offhandedly. "You go up here to these bars, and you see everyone you see on the streets during the day. That's what I like about it, anyway."

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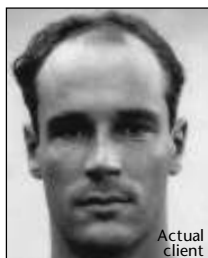
the summer months has its merits, though it means more out-of-towners. "I think that a lot of locals like the tourist season, embrace it, especially guys, 'cause there's chicks around in the summer," Adhoot says. "But I think everyone is definitely ready to see them go when August is ending and they're leaving." July 4, he says, is his busiest time, when he will often rent

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out all his equipment by phone before the crowds even arrive. "For me, I wish it could be like that all year. I'd be making a killing," he muses. "I could retire early. But I'm ready to see them go, too."

Only some aren't going anywhere. More and more people with padded pockets are discovering Mission Beach. They drop thousands of dollars on vacation rentals or buy houses along the beach-front. Up and down the courts, cottages are being converted to condominiums. Skeletons of two-story houses rise above their more modest neighbors, and Dumpsters in driveways brim with debris.

Todd Bartlett, owner of the Liquid Foundation surf shop on Mission Boulevard, points out the construction sites that line the streets. "Twenty-five years ago when you went up and down all these courts, there were little shacks, little beach houses, and they were full of four



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and five and six kids," he explains. "They had bunk beds and surfboards, and everybody surfed, and it was like a surfing-culture community. But over the last 10 or 12 years, they knocked down these little shacks worth \$250,000 to \$300,000 and then sell the land to somebody for half a million, then stick another half a million on it and build a million-dollar condo."

He worries that the area is turning into another Newport Beach, that it's losing its fun, laid-back beach-town vibe. "You've got people with really nice cars and a lot of money, and they want the beach to look a certain way," he says. "I had to take my stickers down two weeks ago because a lady complained. Sixteen years I've been down here, 200 and something stickers on

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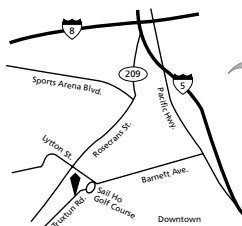
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"Our neighborhood is evolving," says Susan Thorning, who has just finished a term as chair of the Mission Beach Precise Planning Board, a citizens' advisory committee on local planning issues.

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Thorning echoes

Todd Bartlett when she explains the building boom. "You buy a piece of property, and you spend \$500,000 for the land and

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some embrace that freedom, others find it problematic. The debate prompted District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer to form a Beach Alcohol Task Force, which had an impressive community turnout at its inaugural meeting on October 30. House parties, noise levels, bad beach behavior, and DUIs were hot topics, along with the question of how to improve the community. This came on the heels of a drastic turn of events; in August 2006, the Mission Beach Town Council, another citizens' advisory committee, voted 64-5 to ban alcohol on the beach altogether, something that has not been implemented by the San Diego City Council.

The town council faces strong opposition from groups like FreePB.org, an organization opposed to alcohol regulations for both Pacific Beach and Mission Beach. If the ban were to go into effect, it would,

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current views," says Thorning. "View corridors in the beach areas are the prime reason you come here. So even if you have a small postage-stamp view, you have a view."

Another issue is alcohol, which is allowed on the beach between noon and 8:00 p.m. Mission Beach is one of several stretches of San Diego shore where waterfront drinking is allowed. While

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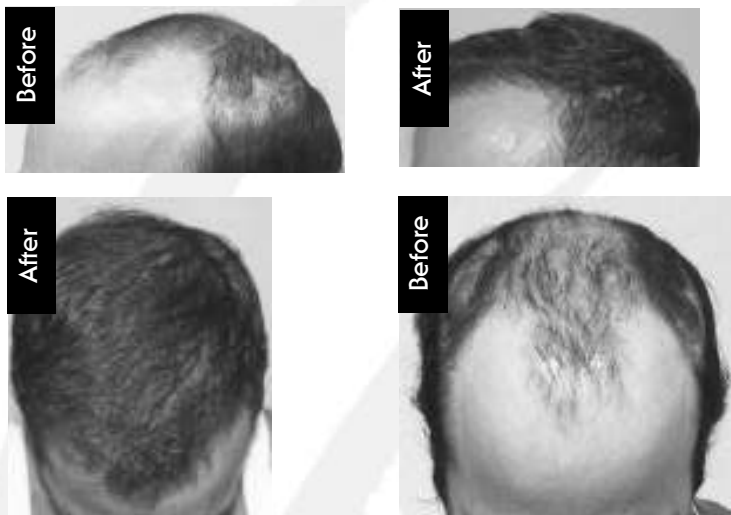
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according to Adhoot, "suck." "This beach would completely turn into a soft little family beach, which it's totally not right now," he says adamantly. "Right now it's a young party beach, definitely. If you want the nice beach, you go to, like, La Jolla Shores or even to Del Mar, if you really don't want alcohol at all."

Bartlett, though he sees the merit in setting limits, concurs. "They want to claim alcohol causes problems. Well, I agree," he says. "Every time I've been in trouble, I've been drunk." He pauses, leaning against Liquid Foundation's front counter. "But to take away a privilege like this from everyone, when you have thousands and thousands of people coming to the beach a day, and you get a couple of people who ruin it when they're drunk... What they're really doing is taking away your privileges." He grins. "I mean, years ago, it was 24/7. You

could drink on the beach all day, all night, down the boardwalk. I'd roll my skateboard down with a keg on the front and fill everybody up along the way." He shakes his head. "They're taking away your privilege once again. The Man," he says sadly. "That's what's going to happen. All the rich lawyers want to push the laws right on through."

But it might not be quite so bad. "There are certainly two sides on this," says Mary Swenson, president of the town council. "There are people who want to ban alcohol on the beach; there are people who want to not have more and more rules." It's not all black-and-white either; while some attendees of both the town council and Beach Alcohol Task Force meetings have staunch opinions, others are willing to work it out. "There were some interesting ideas that came up at the last meeting about possible com-

promises, like designating areas where you can drink and where you can't drink during certain hours," says Swenson.

Even with the changes, some things stay the same. The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club has a permanent meeting spot, complete with bar, atop the nearby Bahia Hotel. Though it's getting rarer, kids still live six and eight to a house, hanging their wet suits over the railings and parking their surfboards on ramshackle porches. At the Coaster Saloon, Delmar Miller relaxes on his barstool, enjoying the sea breeze rolling in off the ocean. "The people that live here are the same; nobody's changed," he muses, referring to his inner circle. "From the coaster to the jetty, that's our little world." He laughs. "I tell my wife when I die, she can sell," he says good-naturedly. "I'm not moving!" ■

—Rosa Jurjevics

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Verdi was really good at not just writing the music, but making the music match what it was about," says Timothy Todd Simmons, chorus master for the San Diego Opera. "You can listen to the melodies, listen to the intent of the singers, and understand pretty clearly what's being said based upon the emotion in the music." On Sunday, July 15, Simmons, a pianist, will appear as part of the Solana Intimate Ensemble in "Arias and Duets from Giuseppe Verdi." The ensemble performs an opera concert each month at the Galerie D'Art International in Solana Beach.

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"Even at the time he wrote them, [Verdi's] songs were considered popular," says Simmons. "His music was very much the music of the people, and [his songs] are easily recognizable — they're not easy to sing, but they stick in your head." Unlike his renowned counterpart Richard Wagner, Verdi rarely incorporated the chromatic technique, which is the use of scales based on nonharmonic tones. "Chromatic is much more dissonant. Most horror movie music would be considered dissonant, like the shower scene with the knife [in *Psycho*] — that kind of shrieking sound made to fit the drama. It's music written to bring out the severe and often mental pain that is in the text and in the plot. A lot of your pop music today would be considered normal diatonic — almost everything that Madonna does is regular diatonic music."

"What makes Verdi so popular? Real simply, he had a melodic gift," says Edward

Wilensky, director of media relations for the San Diego Opera. "If you've never seen an opera, you can still hum many of his arias because they are so melodic." Simmons points out that operas have been sampled in cartoons, commercials, movies, and cell phones — he notes that my cell phone ringtone is from the Queen of the Night's vengeance aria in *The Magic Flute*.

One need not understand Italian to glean the meaning of Verdi's work. "The singer is not just a singer, but a singing actor," says Wilensky. The settings, body language, and tone all play a part in conveying the music's message...but it does help to know a little Spanish. "If you speak Spanish, you can definitely understand what's going on, because it's a Latin language."

Wilensky says that 50 years ago many more people would have understood the words to Verdi's songs. "Opera was a little more prevalent in pop culture then. Now opera has been replaced by *American Idol*." Most people recognize the tune to "La Donna e Mobile" from Verdi's *Rigoletto*, but it is likely that few of them know the song is what Wilensky describes as "not the most P.C. aria out there." The first few lines are "Woman is flighty, like a feather in the wind, she changes her voice and her mind / Always sweet, pretty face, in tears or in laughter, she is always lying."

Popular arias by other composers include "Con Onor Muore" from Giacomo Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, "Habanera" from Georges Bizet's *Carmen*, "Largo al factotum" from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, and "O Mio Babbino Caro" from Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*.

"*Tosca* is really popular," says Wilen-



Hao Jiang Tian (Ferrando) in San Diego Opera's production of Verdi's *Il trovatore*

sky. "'Vissi D'Arte' — 'I lived for my art, I lived for love.' It's one of the most famous sopranos, and it's beautiful. Like Verdi, Puccini could pretty much do no wrong. Some operas I find a little long in some areas, but Verdi and Puccini just take off like a rocket and don't let up."

Often a vocalist's favorite piece to sing is not the most popular one. "Singers like to perform things they connect with best," says Simmons. "One that singers often like to do is called 'Depuis le Jour' by [Gustave] Charpentier from the opera *Louise*. It's a beautiful show piece, but the opera is almost never done, so few people know the aria. For a full lyric soprano, it has great range and shows off every part of your voice."

For local opera singer Priti Gandhi, the aria "Enfin, Je Suis Ici" from Jules Massenet's *Cendrillon* is ideal. "It is full of such emotional range and such vocal range that it makes it a challenge and a pleasure to sing," she explains. Gandhi says she stops

thinking about her singing technique when singing this aria. "That's when singing is pure pleasure."

Simmons says that ideally a performer will get lost in a character and forget about the audience. But, he adds, "Singers are a very worrisome lot, because it's them out there — this is not a piano — if something goes wrong, they can't blame the instruments."

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BAJA

Tijuana's Anniversary Celebrations continue with music by Los Tucanes de Tijuana, Los Nietos, Original Banda Limón, Incomparables de Tijuana, and Banda Agua Caliente on Friday, July 13, 8 p.m., at Caliente Race Track (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-633-7300. (TIJUANA)

Baja Air Fest with parachutes, balloon flights, other "flying things," Saturday, July 14, 7 a.m.–10 p.m., at Boulevard 2000 (km 23, Fraccionamiento Hacienda Las Delicias). \$8 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

Baja Open International Beach Volleyball Fiesta is July 14 and 15, with professional and novice men and women's teams competing at Playa Hermosa (one mile south of Ensenada). Tournament play begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. on Sunday. Free admission for spectators. 011-52-646-177-9829 x4 or 011-52-646-149-0013. (ENSENADA)

French Festival with classical music, food, electronic music, dinner, entertainment planned Saturday, July 14, 6 p.m., at Alianza Francesa (Azucenas #3934 Fraccionamiento Del Prado). 011-52-664-622-1522. (TIJUANA)

"Cri Cri y la Danza: 100 Years Together," head to Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río) for performance by Bailando en Compañía Company, Sunday, July 15, 6 p.m. \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Popular Arts in Sonoran Desert examined in Maximiliano Muñoz's new book *Artesanías del Desierto Sonorense*. Comments by Maria del Socorro Guzmán on Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Orgasmos, La Comedia" performed by Dalila Polanco and Héctor Sandarti on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9650. (TIJUANA)

Author Hilario Peña discusses new book, *Los Días de Rubi Chacón*, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo

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OUTDOORS

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ical preserves) by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only and should be eaten (not wasted).

July Is San Diego's Driest Month, according to precipitation data compiled since the year 1850. Only four hundredths of an inch of rain falls on average this month, compared to almost two inches in January—the wettest month. July also marks the beginning of a new rainfall year, as defined by local meteorological convention.

This Weekend's Extreme Low Tides are for early risers only! Check out the local tidepool life without hordes of other people around. Saturday, July 14, features

a minus 1.4-foot tide at 4:13 a.m. On Sunday, July 15, there's a minus 1.3-foot tide at 4:52 a.m.

Shady Strolling, trail guide-led walk to historic grinding rocks and Old Mission Dam under sycamores and willows in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, July 14. Adventure starts at 8:30 p.m. at Kumeyaay campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Check Out Cute Chicks on the Beach! (Snowy plover chicks, that is.) "Help protect the endangered Western snowy plovers and their nests"—volunteer training is Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., at

Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Expert Birders from San Diego Field Ornithologists lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, July 14, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Gonzales Canyon Restoration led by Friends of Gonzales Canyon to clean up, remove invasive plants from "one of San Diego's most gorgeous canyons," Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m.–noon. Free. Directions: 619-255-6073. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds of urban wetland, Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m.–noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. Free. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

Explore the Renaissance of North Park during Urban Safari walking tour led by Patty Fares including "reawakening business district," charming bungalows, Saturday, July 14, 9:30 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (NORTH PARK)

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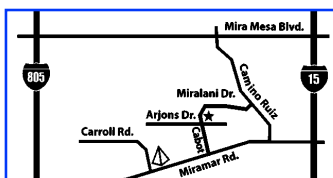
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Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, July 14, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including July 14. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Sky Hunters, rehabilitated live birds of prey showcased during program, Saturday, July 14, 6 p.m., at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Free. 858-565-3600. (JULIAN)

Southern California Astronomy Expo Star Party begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park

(16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Bring your telescope; gates open at 5 p.m. for telescope set-up. Free. 619-884-5527. (ESCONDIDO)

What's Biting and Where? "Lake Jennings Fishing University" convenes for instruction by Helix Water District lake manager Hugh Marx, Sunday, July 15, 1 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Program is free, parking is \$3. 858-565-3600. (LAKE SIDE)

Learn to Protect Your Home when Buena Vista Native Plant Club hosts "a firefighter who loves native plants" on Sunday, July 15, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). Watch Rick Halsey's chaparral video, discuss ideas from his book *Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California*. Expert and novice gardeners interested in learning about working with native plants invited. Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

History and Future of Santa Ysabel Preserve explored by park attendant Bobbi during walk along portion of the Coast to Crest Trail and Santa Ysabel Creek on Sun-

day, July 15. Join up with group at 4 p.m. at Highway 79 staging area (one mile north of Santa Ysabel on Highway 79, just south of Santa Ysabel Mission). Free. 760-765-4098. (JULIAN)

The Waxing Crescent Moon lies between brilliant Venus and the much less bright Saturn, after dark in the western sky on Monday, July 16. This will be the last of a series of Venus-moon conjunctions that have been taking place roughly monthly since late 2006. September through December 2007 will feature four Venus-moon conjunctions visible in the eastern sky at dawn.

DANCE

"Nomads," live original Middle Eastern-flavored music by Danyavaad, fusion bellydancing by Shimmy Sisters, music by DJ Sandbag promised Thursday, July 12, 9 p.m., at Portugalia (4839 Newport Avenue). Cover: \$10. 619-884-7707. (OCEAN BEACH)

Intro to Cross-Step Waltz Series offered during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, July 13, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing, 8:30-9:45 p.m. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Swingin' with the Swedes, Meeshi and CafeSavoy Swing Productions present Lindy hop/swing dance workshop at La Jolla YMCA Firehouse (7877 Herschel Avenue) on Saturday, July 14. Instructors include 1997 World Lindy Hop Champions Kenneth and Helena Norbelie and their 12-person Swedish swing troupe, Shout 'N' Feel It.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., workshops take place from 12-5:30 p.m. Electives include Lindy hop basics and styling, partner Charleston, boogie-woogie, dips and tricks, Lindy aerials. Tracked classes for dancers of all levels, beginning to advanced. \$65. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Bellydance and Beyond, summer introduction bellydance dance course gets underway with "quick-start workshop," Saturday, July 14, 1 p.m., at Art/Dance Academy (1401 El Camino Real). Classes follow on Tuesdays, 6 p.m. \$80 per session. Registration: 760-757-4470. (OCEANSIDE)

Belly Dance Workshop taught by Leilainia of the Shimmy Sisters, Saturday, July 14, 1:30 p.m., at Yoganics (1450 University Avenue #201). Fee: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-294-7792. (HILLCREST)

Jeffery Broussard and the Creole Cowboys play for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, July 14, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Dance lesson at 6:20; dancing from 7-10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Hustle Club Party, Saturday, July 14, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Dave Sarul leads intermediate/advanced hustle workshop, 7-8 p.m. (\$15), followed by dance (\$7). 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

American Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dance-time Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles



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"Bellydance Super Show" with Sonia, Jayna, and drummer Issam of Bellydance Superstars performing, along with locals Sabrina, Vilia, Mariela, Jessenia, and Middle-Earth Ensemble, Saturday, July 14, 8 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door (includes dinner buffet). Reservations: 760-703-1487. (KEARNY MESA)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet and Chris call on July 15. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Honoring Departed Family and Friends Through Dance, Bon Odori (Festival of Joy) dance lessons offered at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street). Classes offered at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays, July 15 and 22; and at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 18, 25, August 1. Practices last two hours. Fans, towels, ribbon sticks provided. Free. 619-239-0896. (GOLDEN HILL)

FILM

Movies in the Park series continues with dancing penguins and *Happy Feet* on Thursday, July 12, at dusk, at Lindo Lake Park (9841 Vine Street). Bring picnic, blanket. Free. 619-443-4169. (LAKESIDE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Dinosaurs Alive!*, *The Alps: Giants of Nature*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Space Station* (6 p.m.) and *Amazing Caves* (7 p.m.) on July 13. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

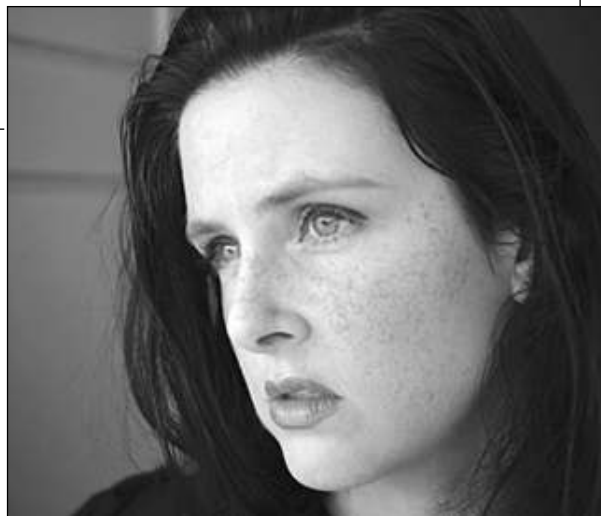
Parking Lot Pictures, *Raising Arizona* is 20 years old! Catch screening of Joel and Ethan Coen's madcap comedy with Nicholas Cage, Holly Hunter, and John Goodman on Thursday, July 12, 8 p.m., in parking lot at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Bring a lawn chair, blanket. Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Enjoy Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray when *Double Indemnity* (1944) screens for Cinema under the Stars series on Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14. Take in *Hitch* with Will Smith, Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15. Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040

OUT & ABOUT

ROOTSY, COUNTRIFIED ROCK! Maria McKee, Saturday, July 14, for AcousticMusicSanDiego.

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Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Movies before the Mast, selected Fridays are date nights, Saturdays are family nights on *Star of India* during summer. See *The Bounty* on July 13 and *Hook* on July 14. Films are projected on special ship sails. Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie commencing just after sundown (around 8:15 p.m.). Tickets: \$13 general, \$8 for children 12 and younger. Find the *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive. Reservations: 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Spooky Film" *Imagination* screens Friday, July 13, midnight,

at Ken Cinema (4061 Adams Avenue). Screening hosted by filmmakers, director/writer Eric Leiser, composer/writer Jeffrey Leiser. Film is "about twin girls who overcome physical limitations to learn the secrets of heaven and nature." \$6. 619-283-5909. (KENSINGTON)

Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes for *Swimming Upstream*, starring Geoffrey Rush and Judy Davis, Saturday, July 14, 2 p.m. Cinema chat begins at 1:30 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Gilles' Wife" screens in French with English subtitles when it's featured during Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, July 16, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

Learn Meditations to Relieve Stress during workshop on "Stress, Meditation, and Choice" led by "authorized meditation teacher" Michael Klarreich, Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m., at Controversial Bookstore (3063 University Avenue). Participants will "de-

velop a plan to use meditation, song, and inquiry to reduce and eliminate stress." \$25. 619-296-1560. (NORTH PARK)

"The Study of Subtropical Fruit" — in-depth classes offered by Tom Hotal on Thursdays, July 12, 19, 26, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m.-noon, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Learn to identify plants, care for them, their use in landscape. Nonmembers: \$100. Upon completion of classes, receive certificate of accomplishment. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Southern California Astronomy Expo Seminar Symposium, Saturday, July 14. Presentations by speakers including Kevin Grazier (investigation scientist for Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan, science advisor for *Battlestar Galactica*); astrophotographer Tony Hallas; cinematographer and solar specialist Gary Palmer; local astronomer, lecturer, photographer Dennis Mammana; Cassini-Huygens Mission designer John C. Smith.

Symposium runs 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For "inquisitive people of all ages and experience levels." Free. 800-483-6287. (OCEANSIDE)

Celebrate Bastille Day when chef Bernard Guillas demonstrates recipes, Saturday, July 14, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$7 donation benefits Mama's Kitchen. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

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"Puppy Support Class" planned on Saturday, July 14, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Problem solving — digging, chewing, housetraining, nipping, barking, calmness, nutrition — and puppy play. \$35. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2273. (LINDA VISTA)

Memoir Writing Workshop led by author, critic, memoirist Thomas Larson, Saturday, July 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Techniques for planning, focusing your memoir. Free. Registration: 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

World Champion Magician John Carney plans lecture, Saturday, July 14, 2 p.m., at Jack's Magic Place (4275 University Avenue). Learn close-up and stage magic using objects like cards, coins, cigars. \$25. 619-747-4627. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Paul K. Feyerabend: An Appreciation" presented by Matt Brown and John Jacobson of UCSD for Humanist Fellowship, Sunday, July 15, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Feyerabend is said to have made "major contributions to the philosophy of science" and been an "introspective loner." Free. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

"Encounters at Indian Head — A Secret UFO Symposium" is subject for author, science writer, *Skeptical Inquirer* contributor Robert Sheaffer when he speaks for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), Sunday, July 15, 6 p.m., in banquet room at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Ed McBride gives brief commentary on Walter Haut Roswell Affidavit. Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Jewish and Christian Origins as Revealed by the Dead Sea Scrolls" illuminated by Risa Levitt Kohn, SDSU associate professor of Hebrew Bible and Judaism, Monday, July 16, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Introduction to archaeological site of Khirbet Qumran, settlement closest to caves where Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. \$25. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Prolific Fiction Author and "successful critique group" leader Chet Cunningham speaks for San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, July 16, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. 760-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

Protecting Your Identity from theft is topic at San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union (9212 Balboa Avenue), Tuesday, July 17, noon. Free. Registration: 619-278-5724. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Fighting Cancer with Your Fork" is topic for Vicki Newman, R.D., Tuesday, July 17, 1:30 p.m., at Moores UCSD Cancer Center (3855 Health Sciences Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-822-2236. (LA JOLLA)

"Photography and American Indian Identity" presented by Alexandra Harris, curator of historic media at Barona Cultural Center and Museum, on Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. Different genres of photography relating to American Indians and how they have shaped modern stereotypes and identity explored; view some early and recent images by Native photographers themselves. \$5. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"One of the Greatest Cyclists of All Time"? Triathlon Club of San Diego meets to hear John Howard discuss training, proper bike fit for optimal performance, and products and tell "a few stories," Wednesday, July 18, 6 p.m., at Roadrunner Sports (5553 Copley Drive). Howard is a three-time Olympian, an Ironman world champion, holds many cycling records. Free. 858-874-2582. (KEARNY MESA)

"Greek Wine, Dark Sea" — lecture focusing on elaborate terra cotta vessels used to serve wine planned, along with Grecian wine and Aegian savories, when wine expert Barbara Baxter speaks Wednesday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Baxter will discuss interplay between art and wine. \$30. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Making the Modern" is topic when docent Mona Palmer explores major art movements of 19th- and 20th-Century Europe for Insight Gallery talks at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, July 19, 6 p.m. and Sunday, July 22, 3 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Telepathic Communication with Animals" illuminated by Brigitte Noel, Thursday, July 19, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Humane

Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Lecture aims to help "strengthen your relationship with all living creatures and will cover how intuitive communications with animals take place, when it works (and doesn't) and why." \$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

"New American Censorship," Peter Phillips, director of Project Censored and sociology professor at Sonoma State University, speaks

Wednesday, July 25, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego (4190 Front Street). Project Censored receives between 700 and 1000 stories each year; participants review story submissions for coverage, content, reliability of sources, and national significance and select 25 for inclusion in *Censored: Media Democracy in Action*. Booksigning follows. Donation. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

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Portuguese Perfection! Mariza performs traditional and contemporary songs for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops on Thursday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Evening concludes with fireworks. Gates open at 6 p.m. Single tickets: \$12–\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Night of Comedy" for those 21 and older, Thursday, July 12, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$5, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Breez'n performs for Concerts on the Green, Friday, July 13, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (211122 East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Honky Tonk and Texas Swing promised when Rick Robledo and the Working Cowboy Band play for Summer in the Park concert series, Friday, July 13, 6 p.m., at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue, at Florida Street). 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Plena Libre plays Latin salsa music for TGIF Jazz in the Parks series, Friday, July 13, 6 p.m., at Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Shuttle service, 5–9 p.m., from La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

Critically Acclaimed Sportswriter Dave Zirin discusses his new book, *Welcome to the Terrordome: The Pain, Politics, and Promise of Sports*, Friday, July 13, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). What's really

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Acoustic Singer, Songwriter, recording artist Kat Parsons plans concert, Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish (2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). \$15. 619-222-0365. (OCEAN BEACH)

Carlsbad Community Theater Benefit Concert is Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Performances of songs from *Into the Woods*, Broadway, pop, contemporary, and inspirational music. \$15. 760-931-8709. (CARLSBAD)

Trace Bundy performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15. 619-303-8176. (NORTH PARK)

"The Living Newspaper 2007 Summer Edition" with original satire of current events is presented by Black Kat Theatre Company at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, July 13, 14, 20, and 21 at North Park Vaudeville (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Tickets: \$10. 619-645-1158. (NORTH PARK)

West Coast Funnies — comedy variety show combining sketch comedy with stand-up comedy — with Kurt Swann, starring Barry Diamond, offered Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$20 at door. 619-997-3033. (CARLSBAD)

Author Karen Halligan, DVM, discusses and signs *Doc Halligan's What Every Pet Owner Should Know*, Saturday, July 14, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (878 EastLake Parkway). Free. 619-482-9883. (CHULA VISTA)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert, Saturday, July 14, 7 p.m., at Willows Yoga (Lumberyard Shopping Center, 937 South Pacific Coast Highway, suite C-100). Elivia Melodey makes music on her 43 crystal singing bowls, along with Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals. \$20. Bring blankets, pillows for "deep listening." 760-840-0414. (CARLSBAD)

Grunion Run plays for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, July 14, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Roots, Countrified Rock may be heard when Maria McKee (formerly of Lone Justice) performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego 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)

Comedy Hypnosis Shows presented by James Kellogg Jr. on Saturdays in July, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469

Casino Way). \$25. 619-445-6002. (EL CAJON)

"Comics That Kill" — comedy by Ibo Brewer, Kyle Smith, Jason Bang, Erin Schauer, Jennifer Rich, and Stacy Sanchez on Saturday, July 14, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Not for those under 14. \$10. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

Money for Nothing plays classic rock for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove, Sunday, July 15, 2 p.m. Free. 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry Reading and booksigning by Jim Moreno with musicians Delores Fisher on keyboards and Musa Kaleem on sax, Sunday, July 15, 2 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (6875 El Cajon Boulevard, suite B). Free. 619-285-9737. (COLLEGE)

KIFM's Jazz at the Beach concert is Sunday, July 15, 3–7:45 p.m., at Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre. For those 21 and older. 619-291-9797. (OCEANSIDE)

"Music in the Park" series continues when Ultratones play "hot dance music of the '70s, '80s, and '90s" on Sunday, July 15, 5 p.m., at Veterans Park (785 East Palomar Street). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Sundays at Six, summer concert by Breez'n Variety Band, July 15, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show with Grant Cotter, Mike Vinn, Jason Bang, Brian Carter, Ron Swallow, and Gail Bramlich, Sunday, July 15, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). For those 21 and older. \$5. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry of Disability, Megan Webster reads from her chapbook, *Bipolar Express*, as well as poems

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Author Lisa Beres reads from, signs *My Body, My House*, Tuesday, July 17, 10:30 a.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series continues with Coronado Big Band on Tuesday, July 17; Uncle Bob and the Earth Movers play blues on Wednesday, July 18; and Bordertown takes stage on Thursday, July 19. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Authors Simone Butler and Cynthia Greenberg discuss, sign *Greece — A Love Story*, Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Collected Poems — Alann Jack Lewis” is subject for reading, Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Now 95 years old, he was a teenaged copy-boy at the *New York Journal*, served three hitches in Civilian Conservation Corps, spent ten days on a Georgia chain gang, was appointed by White House Office of Civil Defense during Cold War to cadre of 20 men charged with substituting for top government officials in event of national disaster, among many other adventures. Lewis has written six plays, an unpublished

memoir, many short stories, and stories for children. Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

“The ‘Fro Show,” Gayla Johnson, Tara Walden, Dr. Howard Richmond, and Joe Palen perform for Comedy Grill on Tuesday, July 17, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). Wear a ‘fro and get in free, or pay cover (\$5, plus two-item minimum). 858-550-8088. (LA JOLLA)

Green Flash Seaside Summer Concert Series continues with performance by Eve Selis, Wednesday, July 18, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium docents on hand to answer questions about marine life and exhibits, food (for sale). \$25. For those 21 and older. Reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

Hawaiian Songs and Stories, “Kahumoku Family Concert” by George and Keoki Kahumoku on Wednesday, July 18, for Acoustic-MusicSanDiego. Music begins at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$20, \$22. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“An Evening with Jeff Divine” planned at Oceanside Museum of Art on Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m., in conjunction with current exhibition, “The ‘70s: Surf Photography by Jeff Divine and Classic Boards from the Era.” Divine will lead tour of galleries, talk about his years on circuit. \$5. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Farrell Family Jazz, series continues with concert by Steve Wilson Quartet on Thursday, July 19,

7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$23. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“How to Experience and Stay Present in Your Life” is topic when Mariel Hemingway presents her “30-day program that teaches how looking and feeling great are just a few simple choices away.” Hemingway’s latest book is *Healthy Living from the Inside Out*. Music by Peggy Lebo and Friends. Evening begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 20, at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$35 at door. 760-753-5786. (ENCINITAS)

Comic Dennis Miller in concert, Thursday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets start at \$40, available

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SPORTS

Capoeira Weekends planned Saturdays and Sundays through July 29, 9:30 a.m., at Knockout Fitness Club (1231 Camino Del Rio South). Brazilian martial arts classes for beginners. Free. 619-291-2131. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

San Diego Padres meet up with Diamondbacks in Arizona, July 13–16, at 6:40 p.m. on Friday and Sat-

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Pads head home to host New York Mets, Monday–Wednesday, July 16–18, at 7:05 p.m. each day. Philadelphia Phillies arrive for games, July 19–22, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Guts Extreme Fighting Championship, Friday, July 13, 7 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

54th Annual Over-the-Line World Championship hosted by Old Mission Beach Athletic Club at Fiesta Island, Saturdays and Sundays, July 14, 15, 21, and 22. OTL is a form of softball played by three-person teams; almost 2400 games will be played over the two weekends. Catch the competition from 7:30 a.m. until dusk. Free for spectators. (FIESTA ISLAND)

Vigilucci's World Beach Bocce Ball Championship XXVII with many divisions for experienced and novice players is Saturday, July 14, all day long at Dog Beach (at mouth of San Dieguito River). Benefits Boys and Girls Clubs of Carlsbad. Entry fee: \$125 per team. 760-729-0207. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel in La Jolla Cove during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum on Saturday, July 14, 8 a.m. Seek garibaldi, lobster, octopuses.

"Snorkel with the Sharks" is offered on Sunday, July 15, 8 a.m.

Snorkelers seek (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, guitarfish. Fee for either outing: \$30. For those ten and older. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Board and Brew the Long Way, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride, Saturday, July 14, 8:45 a.m., at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Penguin and Sea Lion Kayaking on Mission Bay—adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m.–noon. Fee: \$65 adults, \$20 for kids. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

Are You a Potential Wildcat? Open invitation to community tryouts for San Diego Wildcats of American Basketball Association, Sunday, July 15, noon–3 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center (6753 University Avenue). \$50. 619-701-3136. Tryouts also planned Sunday, August 5. (ROLANDO)

USPA Rossmore Cup Opens set for Sunday, July 15, 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)

And They're Off! Seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club gets underway on Wednesday, July 18, and continues through Wednesday, September 5, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (July 20, 27, August 3, 10); 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 19; and 3:30 p.m. on August 19, 24, 31.

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PORTUGUESE PERFECTION

Mariza for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops, Thursday, July 12.

(SEE IN PERSON)



General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

"Urban Trees 4," public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) continues through June 2008. View these botanical sculptures for free. 619-686-6200. (DOWNTOWN)

Calling All Harry Potter Fans! San Diego State University Library hosts brown-bag book discussions of each title in J.K. Rowling's se-

ries, every Thursday through July 26, noon, in room 430/431 of SDSU Library. Bring lunch, book, comments, questions for discussion of each book. Series ends with discussion of final book (the week after its release). Costumes welcome. Free. 619-594-5148, 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

"The Demographic Transition: Guarantor of Mediocrity?" Explore the subject on Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

Circus Vargas raises its big top—handmade in Milan, Italy—for performances July 12–16 at Oceanside Valley Drive-In (3480 Mission Avenue). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday; 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 2,

4:30, 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; 1:30, 4, 7 p.m. on Sunday; 4:30 and 7 p.m. on Monday. Tickets: 877-468-3861. (OCEANSIDE)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Friday–Sunday, July 13–15, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Alexandra presents "How to Make Friday the 13th Your Good Luck Day" at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

"Country Gents" Club featured for Cruisin' Grand on Friday, July 13, 5–9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom, vintage, classic cars and trucks participate in cruise loop running down Grand Avenue and

back up Second Avenue. Free viewing. 760-745-8877. Through September 28. (ESCONDIDO)

Festival of Bells, celebrate 238th birthday of Mission San Diego de Alcalá (10818 San Diego Mission Road) during party July 13–15. Entertainment, kids' area, food, bands and dancers, more. Free admission. Hours: 5–9:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Sunday. 619-281-8449. (MISSION VALLEY)

Celebrate Friday the 13th and "explore and celebrate the evolving universe and our place in it" with Cosmos group, Friday, July 13, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Topic is "allurement, from gravity to human sexuality." Free. 619-818-9870. (HILLCREST)

"Lucky 13" presented by IllestRated Visionary Crew, Friday, July 13, 8 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Hip-hop show and birthday bash featuring DJs, MCs, guest host and performer, Lucymia Psc (from the Living Legends). Live painting, visual arts performances, breakdancing circle. For those 21 and older. \$13. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

WomenMoto road safety preparedness and swap meet, Saturday, July 14, 7 a.m.–3 p.m., at Kennedy's Custom Cycles (3028 San Luis Rey Road). All riders welcome. Vendors, food, safety class at noon (\$10). 619-249-6560. (OCEANSIDE)

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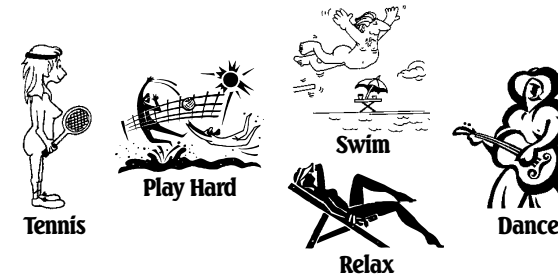
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snakes, Madagascar hissing cockroaches showcased during insect festival on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Practice bug collecting, insect arts and crafts, taste cooked mealworm larva in various flavors. Entomologists and other bug experts answer questions; Mike Glassey brings hawks and owls for live animal demonstrations, more. \$10 general, \$7 seniors and students, free for children under 12. 760-436-3036.

Witness Live Cannon Fire, demonstrations, period costumes, and “authentic” battles during fifth annual Civil War reenactment, July 14 and 15, at Antique Gas and Steam Museum (2040 North Santa Fe Avenue). Camp boasts historians, entertainers, food vendors, merchants, hundreds of Civil War reenactors. Hours: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; battles at noon and 2 p.m. \$10 general; \$8 seniors, \$5 for kids under 12; parking is \$3. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

FlameOut Fire Expo 2007, Saturday, July 14, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., in parking section J at Qualcomm Stadium. More than 100 fire trucks and engines take part in parade (1 p.m.); fire and burn prevention pavilion, emergency service vendor booths, “kiddie karnival,” firefighter obstacle course for kids, fire engine rides, puppet shows, live firefighting demonstrations, music, food. Free. 858-541-2277. (MISSION VALLEY)

Knitting Circles for those who already know the basics to hook up and “meet other knitters and exchange ideas,” Saturdays, 2–5 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). You’re asked to use yarns purchased in the store during session. Free. 858-509-9276. (SOLANA BEACH)

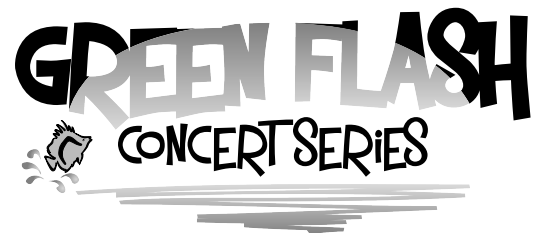
“Art of the Drum Solo: Bellydance Workshop” with Sonia and drummer Issam of Bellydance Superstars, Saturday, July 14, at Mission Valley YMCA (5505 Friars Road). Sonia will drill essential techniques to various Arabic rhythms and break down combinations with an emphasis in ballet movement and Egyptian styles to live drum solos by Issam. Bellydance 1–4 p.m.; drumming with Issam, 4:30–5:30. Fees: \$65 advance or \$70 door for dance, \$20 in advance, \$25 at door for drumming. 760-703-1487. (MISSION VALLEY)

Amnesty International’s Fundraiser hosted by Ocean Beach chapter, “to raise awareness about human rights worldwide,” with food, musical performances by more than ten local bands, Saturday, July 14, 4 p.m.–1 a.m., at Portugalia Restaurant (4839 Newport Avenue). Tickets: \$7 general, \$3 for seniors, kids 13–18. 619-252-6161. (OCEAN BEACH)

Off-Road and Race Cars displayed for Hot Summer Nights event in Fallbrook, Saturday, July 14, 5:30 p.m., with live music, entertainment on Main Street. Free. 760-728-6287. (FALLBROOK)

Preseason Fanfest planned to show off the new Polytrack on Sunday, July 15, 9 a.m., at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. Learn about and walk on surface, which replaces old dirt track. Trainer Doug O’Neill, jockey Julie Krone, will be on hand to answer questions; muffins and juice offered during horses’ morning workouts. Free. 858-755-1141 (DEL MAR)

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MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, July 12 • 7 pm

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RHYTHM IN THE PARK • Friday, July 13 • 6:30 pm

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MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, July 19 • 7 pm

Daddy’s Little Girls

Starring Tyler Perry, Idris Elba, Tasha Smith and Gabrielle Union. Rated PG.

MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, July 26 • 7 pm

Arthur and the Invisibles

A computer-animated movie featuring the voices of David Bowie, Snoop Dogg, Madonna, Mia Farrow and Freddie Highmore. Rated PG.

RHYTHM IN THE PARK • Friday, July 27 • 6:30 pm

Ritmo Caribe with master percussionist Manny Capeda and his hot Latin rhythm band

AUGUST

MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, August 2 • 7 pm

The Pursuit of Happyness

Featuring superstar Will Smith with his real-life son Jaden Smith. Rated PG.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL • Friday, August 3 • 6 pm
Balletique, Body Art Center in Philippines and Polynesian dances.

MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, August 9 • 7 pm

Stomp the Yard

Starring Columbus Short. Rated PG.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL • Friday, August 10 • 6 pm
Cambodian dancers of San Diego, Eclectica Dance Theater, Tango Alma.

MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, August 16 • 7 pm

Déjà Vu

Starring Denzel Washington. Rated PG.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL • Friday, August 17 • 6 pm

Eric Runningpath in Navajo Native American dances, Arpana Dance Company in Bharata Natyam dances, City Ballet performing “La Bayadere.”

MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, August 23 • 7 pm

Flushed Away

An animated movie featuring the voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen, Jean Reno, Shane Richie, Andy Serkis and Bill Nighy. Rated PG.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL • Friday, August 24 • 6 pm

DVO Dance Project, Areito Borincano, Bomba Y Plena from Puerto Rico, Evoeke Dance Theater Youth Group, Raks El Anwar Middle Eastern dance.

MOVIES IN THE PARK • Thursday, August 30 • 7 pm

Happy Feet

An animated movie featuring the voices of Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman and Brittany Murphy. Rated PG.

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL • Friday, August 31 • 6 pm
Noche Mexicana with Ballet Folklorico Jalisciense, Mariachi Arriba Mexico, Ballet Folklorico Quetzal and Danza Azteca.

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Samedai Faire with bellydance vendors, performances by professional performers, student presentations, Sunday, July 15, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino Del Rio South). \$10. 619-444-4197. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Lawn Bowling Club celebrates 75th anniversary on Sunday, July 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Enjoy lessons, games, prizes, food (for sale). Club gathers on greens at 702 El Prado (one block east of Sixth Avenue at Laurel Street entrance to Balboa Park). Free. 619-291-1894. (BALBOA PARK)

The House of Colombia hosts lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages on Sunday, July 15, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

The West African Musical Duo Sena performs on guitar and *kora* (African harp) while dinner is served, Sunday, July 15, 6 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Dinner boasts dishes from various parts of Africa; children may make an African craft.

Tickets: \$15 general, free for those 12 and younger, \$45 family maximum. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

Mission Bay Woodcarvers meet every Monday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at Santa Clara Recreation Center (1008 Santa Clara Place). All skill levels from beginner to master carver encouraged to join. Free. 858-581-9928. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The “One and Only Truly Fabulous Hat Contest” is Wednesday, July 18, 11:30 a.m., part of opening-day festivities for 2007 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hundreds of guests expected to compete. General admission: \$6; parking: \$6. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

50th Anniversary of 1957 Chevy is celebrated during Cajon Classic Cruise car show on Wednesday, July 18, 5–8 p.m., on East Main Street. Cruise nights continue on Wednesdays through September 7. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Rods and Woodies Classic Car Show, cruise night series returns to Encinitas on Thursday, July 19, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Live music in front of Encinitas Smog (682 South Coast Highway 101). Ogle classic cars between D Street and Lum-

OUT & ABOUT

VIGILUCCI'S

World Beach Bocce Ball Championship XXVII, Saturday, July 14, Dog Beach, Del Mar.

(SEE SPORTS)



beryard on Highway 101. Free. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

“Are We Terrorists?” Incendiary topic is on table when P&R Discussion group meets, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

“Big Foot: The Musical” presented by Old Fashioned Kite-Flying Puppeteers through Sunday, July 15, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Juri and the Bearded Dragon* promised when comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs July 18–22. Showtimes: 11:30 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m., Wednesday–Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace

Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Isn't It Funny How a Bear Likes Honey? Musical version of *Winnie-the-Pooh* is current production for San Diego Junior Theatre, continuing through July 15 in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on July 14 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8–\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

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Saturday Storytelling — storyteller Harlynn Geisler performs on July 14, 11 a.m., at Timken Museum of Art. Free. 619-239-5548 x105. (BALBOA PARK)

Art-Inspired Stories for Families told Saturday, July 14, 11:45 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. “Professional storytellers will perform a variety of tales, from the Brothers Grimm to stories from Greek mythology.” Program lasts approximately 30 minutes. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Use a Soda Bottle, Bike Pump, and water to create and launch a high-flying aquarocket during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, July 14, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts and animals are part of fun on Sunday, July 15, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$3. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

“San Diego International Children's Film Festival: Summer Session” convenes July 27–29. Festival showcases more than 60 short films from around world made for children.

Events commence at WorldBeat Center in Balboa Park at 7 p.m. on Friday, with short films for all ages, dinner, entertainment by dancers and drummers (\$10). WorldBeat Center hosts screenings from 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, as well as animation, filmmaking workshops (2:15, 3:30 p.m.). \$5 general. Films will be screened from

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MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, “Home Grown: Japanese-Americans in the South Bay” opens with reception on Saturday, July 14, 4 p.m., and continues

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HAWAIIAN SONGS AND STORIES
Kahumoku Family Concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Wednesday, July 18.

(SEE IN PERSON)



through Sunday, September 9. The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district’s 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the

museum at 4355 Bonita Road; 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel

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Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, “Treasures from Deep in the Mountains: Textiles and Silver Ornaments from Peoples of the Bronze Drum” showcases pieces from collection of Beatrice E. Roberts, acquired during her travels through minority regions of China. Roberts is interested in how cultures express themselves through jewelry, textiles, adornment, and folk art. Through August.
See artifacts from San Diego’s Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord’s bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature

lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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

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family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

ROAM-ORAMA

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

As travelers make their way up from Los Angeles into the San Gabriel Mountains via Angeles Crest Highway, Charlton Flat is the first place they encounter true coniferous forest — stately pines, firs, and cedars standing shoulder to shoulder. More than a hundred picnic tables with wood-burning stoves are scattered amidst the trees here. At the picnic area's edge, a short interpretive trail, the Wolf Tree Nature Trail, is a perfect little diversion for hikers of all ages.

To get to Charlton Flat from the "Foothill" area of Los Angeles, exit Interstate 210 in La Canada-Flintridge, and drive up Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2) for 24 miles to the entrance to Charlton Flat Picnic Area, on the left. The entire mountain region lies within Angeles National Forest, which requires that you post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car. These parking passes are available from hundreds of vendors, and are valid in all of Southern California's national forest lands.

After turning into the picnic ground entrance, swing right at the first intersection and continue on pavement as far as you can go, past scattered picnic sites. Eventually, 0.6 mile in, you'll arrive at a gate. The Wolf Tree Nature Trail starts there, on the right.

The trail runs along a conifer-shaded draw, wet only during times of snowmelt. Among other features, the interpretive plaques point out evidence of a fire in 1878. While other woods have long since rotted away, fallen logs and standing snags of durable incense cedar are still in evidence.

The "wolf tree" — the dominant tree of the forest — is in this case an out-sized (roughly 100 feet tall) Coulter pine. Since Coulter pine cones are the largest and heaviest of the native conifers (up to 14 inches in length and 5 pounds), you would not want to spend much time beneath that wolf tree.

Longer hikes in the area can be pieced together out of a network of trails and service roads. For example, you could use the Vetter Mountain Trail to reach the fire lookout structure on Vetter Mountain. Or you could head north on the Silver Moccasin Trail, which leads toward Chilao Campground and a national forest visitor center about three miles away.


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.

WOLF TREE NATURE TRAIL

Visit Charlton Flat, gateway to the high country of the San Gabriel Mountains, for a picnic and a short hike.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 152 miles
Hiking Length: 1/2 mile
Difficulty: Easy



Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours

on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts,

uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just

inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Olaf Wieghorst Museum, museum gallery displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20 x 20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. The museum is located at 131 Rea Avenue. 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "The Sonka Centennial, 1907-2007" commemorates immigrant German-Austrian family that fostered growth of modern Lemon Grove, laid cornerstone of its postagricultural economy with a successful general store; exhibition recreates part of store. In Gallery II, see a Lemon Grove home, circa 1915, stocked with items purchased from the Sonkas, and more. Through Saturday, December 22. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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"Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "Aging for All Ages," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "Try-Science!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "A Letter from the Ocean Hotel: Victorian Lady Traveler's Adventures in San Diego, 1888" includes glassware, dishes, bottles, personal items dating from late 1880s that were excavated from a block in East Village area downtown in 2002.

The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Mustangs Now and Then" continues through Sunday, September 2. More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at

2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, maritime art by members of the Artists Guild of the San Diego Museum of Art continues through Wednesday, October 17. Expect to see pieces reflecting "rich marine heritage and environment of San Diego," its bay and coastline.

"San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at corner of North

OUT & ABOUT

"TARANTULA SEASON: DANCE OF FOUR ARTISTS"
Opening Saturday, July 14,
Four Walls Gallery.

(SEE ART GALLERIES)



REQUIEM, MARY ANN LUERA

Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land" tells story of profound changes metalurgy brought to human society: birth of Mediterranean farming, creation of first temples and cemeteries, emergence of complex societies. Exhibition chronicles development of humanity in present-day Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Highlights include photographs by *National Geographic* photographer Kenneth Garrett and collection of archaeological artifacts seen for first time on West Coast. Through January.

"Edward S. Curtis Refocused" offers Native American insight into Curtis's photo documentation

of their lives. Curtis is famous for his photographs of recreated scenes of traditional life and ceremony, for portraits of tribe members wearing historic garments. Exhibition features prints of his photogravures taken in locations throughout U.S. and Canada and examines some controversial elements of Curtis's work, techniques he used.

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

In "Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe," museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for

tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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CLASSICAL

University of San Diego Chamber Music Festival continues with noon concert in University Center Foyer on Thursday, July 12; donation. Final concert starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, in French Parlor; \$8 general. Concerts take place at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. 619-260-4106. (LINDA VISTA)

Portuguese Perfection! Mariza performs traditional and contemporary songs for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops on Thursday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Evening

concludes with fireworks. Gates open at 6 p.m. Single tickets: \$12–\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

¡Viva España! The Romeros and al Sur Flamenco Quartet perform for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops on Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$12–\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate Bastille Day when the French choir L'Esterelenc performs Saturday, July 14, 10 a.m., at House of France in International Cottages of Balboa Park. Free.

Busy on Saturday? The ensemble from Saint-Raphael, France, plans concert on Sunday, July 15, 3 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Final concert in area is slated for Friday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Admission to all concerts is by donation. 858-587-8951. (BALBOA PARK, HILLCREST, LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, July 15, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Arias and Duets from Giuseppe Verdi" promised during concert, Sunday, July 15, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Soprano Kathleen Halm, mezzo-soprano Ava Baker Liss, tenor Aleksandr Agamirzov, baritone William Nolan, and pianist Timothy Todd Simmons take on variety of pieces. Reception at

4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$23 at door. Reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Young Concert Organist Chelsea Chen takes stage for 20th annual International Summer Organ Festival on Monday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

ART LISTINGS

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GALLERIES

Inventive and Complex in Simplicity? Artist Jeff Yeomans exhibits paintings through August at Art Expressions Gallery (2645 Financial Court, suite C). Reception for Yeomans is Thursday, July 12, 6 p.m. 858-270-7577. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Australian Artist Palla Jaroff flies in from New South Wales for opening reception featuring his "oils of indigenous Australia" on Friday, July 13, 5 p.m., at Gallery Savarese (386 North Coast Highway 101). RSVP: 760-505-0063. Exhibition closes Thursday, August 16. (LEUCADIA)

"Condensation" by Adam Belt opens with reception, Friday, July 13, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane). 858-454-3409. Through August. (LA JOLLA)

"Floral and Landscapes," featuring Jonathan Williams and other various artists, opens with reception, Saturday, July 14, 3 p.m., at Abstrax Art Gallery (2109 El Cajon Boulevard). 619-296-4799. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"All Over the Map," see original oil paintings by Carole Mayne and Marjorie Taylor in exhibit opening with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, July 14, 6 p.m., at Taylor Studio (3825 Ray Street). 619-298-0063. (NORTH PARK)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including July 14, 6–10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

"Rough Gods," New York photographer Michael Alago, who "knows from hardcore," celebrates male form in exhibit opening with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, July 14, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). 619-546-9546. Closes Thursday, August 9. (NORTH PARK)

"Tarantula Season: Dance of Four Artists," an exhibition of work by Clive Barker, Sam Frazier, Valerie Jacobs, and Mary Ann Luera, opens with reception, Saturday, July 14, 6 p.m., at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street; 619-501-0879). Closes Wednesday, September 5. (NORTH PARK)

"Urban Interventions," an exhibit with proposals of small-scale architectural interventions in urban settings by Megan Willis opens with reception on Saturday, July 14, 6 p.m., at Agitprop Gallery (2837 University Avenue). Also on view: work by David White, Josh Bellfy. Closes Monday, August 6. 619-384-7989. (NORTH PARK)

Fragility and Beauty of Aquatic Life explored in "Dana Montlack: Recent Works," opening with reception for the artist on Sunday, July 15, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). 858-581-9934. Closes Sunday, August 26. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"First Annual Catnip Connection" — juried exhibition of feline art continues through Monday, July 23, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Meet artists during reception, Sunday, July 15, 4:30 p.m. 619-850-0665. (BALBOA PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Paper Transformed," exhibition made up of "Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses" and "Origami — The Art of Paper Folding" from Mingei's permanent collection continues through Saturday, July 21. For "Crowning Glory," Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his

Hawaiian neighborhood. "Origami" boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Masterworks from permanent collection are gathered in "The Beauty of Use — Mingei International Museum at 30," showcasing significant objects from many cultures shown in relationships highlighting similarities and differences among them. Museum has formed a collection of *mingei* now comprising 17,000 objects from 141 countries such as collection of 19th-Century African tribal currency, group of masks including example of Amazonian feather work, ritual objects, selection of monumental containers. Closes Sunday, May 11. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Vik Muniz: Reflex" — 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.

"Diagrammatic Logic: Selections from the Collection," on view through Sunday, September 23, presents prints, paintings, drawings, and mixed-media artworks from museum's collection utilizing "underlying logic and visual shorthand of the diagram — abstract and codified representations that express emerging concepts, ideas, constructions, and relations — to assemble and manipulate potential alternative realities." Exhibit includes work by Robert Rauschenberg, Loren Madson, Keith Coventry, Russell Forester, Terry Winters, Claes Oldenburg, Stephen Antonakos, Doug Wheeler, Matt Mullican.

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

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

"Arthur Lavine: Peripatetic

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

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

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, "The '70s: Surf Photography by Jeff Divine and Classic Boards from the Era" continues through Sunday, September 2. Divine grew up in La Jolla, began taking photographs of his friends surfing in the mid-1960s. Exhibition features a selection of early images, focusing on surf culture in Southern California and Hawaii. Concurrently, see vintage surfboards from Southern California collections. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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

"Contemporary Links 5 — Alex Arrechea: Scalpel and Cotton" includes large-scale photo-mural based on Diego Rivera's *Hands of Dr. Moore*; a large sculpture installation involving surveillance cameras and projected image of Rivera's *Mandrágora*; several large-scale works on paper based on art objects in museum's Latin American collection. Closes Sunday, October 14.

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When Valentine seeks his fortune in Milan, Proteus, in love with Julia, stays home. "He after honor hunts," says Proteus, "I after love." Then Proteus goes to Milan. What follows resembles *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but in reverse: instead of Puck-inspired confusions in a forest, when the country boys hit the big city, they metamorphose like characters in Ovid. Their friendship turns to rivalry, then hatred.

Proteus dumps Julia and falls for Sylvia, the Duke's daughter, on whom Valentine dotes. Valentine's exiled and becomes the Robin Hood of Mantua's nearby forest. Proteus terrorizes Sylvia. Torn between love and loyalty, Valentine must avenge Sylvia and slay his erstwhile best friend.

Valentine and Proteus are as new unto the world as Shakespeare was to writing plays. *Two Gents* probably wasn't his first, but it's among his earliest efforts. When he came to Valentine's dilemma, Shakespeare painted himself into a corner. But the genre, at least for Renaissance

audiences, saved him. Romances abandoned the rules. Readers and playgoers expected the unlikely, be it stark coincidences or emotional leaps. People could change and change back. They could forget, even monstrous offenses like Proteus's, and forgive.

Young Shakespeare was lucky to have romances available. He could hone his craft before moving to genres demanding more rigorous emotional truth. He would return to the romance, in his later years, and resolve an even greater dilemma in *A Winter's Tale*.

For a director, staging *Two Gents* is a good news/bad news deal: you get to do the Bard, but it's *Two Gents*. At the Old Globe's outdoor stage, Matt August looks as if he's burned for the assignment. He countrifies Verona, where cows moo, even in town, and makes the four young leads like middle-school innocents: Proteus and Julia aren't in love; they're omagod-headoverheels! Everything in their innocent, most likely virginal lives promises to remain unconditional forever.

Our first glimpse of Milan takes us through the looking glass into a lascivious Wonderland. Suddenly we're in decadent Restoration England. Fabio Toblini's red, electric aqua and sunbright yellow costumes are so bold you can almost hear them. As the Danes do for Hamlet's stepfather, sycophants — one with a lampshade for a hat, another with hookah-tubes stemming from his waist — applaud the white-wigged, white-powder-faced Duke's ev-

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Stephanie Fieger, Ryan Quinn in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*

The Two Gentlemen of Verona, by William Shakespeare

Old Globe Theatre, Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Matt August; cast: Ryan Quinn, Corey Sorenson, Sam Breslin Wright, Joy Farmer-Clary, Celeste Ciulla, Eric Hoffmann, Charles Janasz, Jonathan McMurtry, Tom Hammond, Michael Kirby, Stephanie Fieger, Kate Turnbull, Jackson (the dog); scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Fabio Toblini; lighting, York Kennedy; sound design and original music, Christopher Walker

Playing through September 30. Note: *Two Gentlemen* runs in repertory with *Hamlet* and *Measure for Measure*; for days and times call 619-234-5623.

ery move, even when he vomits into a silver spittoon. Partially dressed women cavort like *nymphs du pave*. It's *The Rocky Horror Show*, 400 years ago, minus only Riff Raff. Glaring inconsistencies, you say? Sure. But, Shakespeare and August may reply, it's a romance: expect the unexpected.

And notice: the Milan we see could be real. Or it could be how a city seems to fresh country eyes. It may even be how London looked to a young Bard newly arrived from the Stratford-Upon-Avon boonies.

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innocents makes a bit more sense, if you don't look too closely. You will wonder how Stephanie Fieger's appropriately adamant Sylvia, even if locked in a tower, could have stayed so unlike her surroundings. And how Tom Hammond's well-spoken, Mick Jagger-agile Duke, shrinks in the final scene — almost evaporates, in fact — giving way to young Valentine's (likable Ryan Quinn) instant, dimly motivated emergence as the play's moral voice.

Even as a romance, *Two Gents* has gaps you could drive a truck through. Surely Joy-Farmer Clary's sparkling, giddy-for-love Julia would regard Proteus, in the end, with a discerning eye — all the more, since Corey Sorenson makes Proteus's flip, from ardent innocent to "perjured, false disloyal man," so convincing.

In such a fickle world, only the clowns (and Celeste Ciulla's earthy Lucetta) are constant. Sam Breslin-Wright comically sprints through Speed's lines as if late for an important date.

Jonathan McMurtry has a good news/bad news assignment: he gets to play old Launce, one of Shakespeare's most lovable clowns, but must share the spotlight with Crab the Dog. McMurtry does memorable work, especially with Launce's confession that he loves a toothless milkmaid, and adds an unforgettable touch. He's on-stage with Jackson, a dog so adept at playing front you'd swear he's stealing scenes. McMurtry holds the leash. At times he leads. At others, he makes it look as if the theatrically savvy pooch has *him* in tow. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Carmen

The world premiere of *Carmen*-set-to-pop-music is full of sound and fury, but for everything. Under Franco Dragone's relentless, pre-emptive-strike direction, a dropped bota bag, or skinned knee, would receive the same treatment as *Les Miz* at the barricades. But since every moment gets staged with equal dramatic intensity, the key dramatic moments lose emphasis, and the story flattens out. In the Bizet opera and Prosper Merimee novella, *Carmen* is different. As the *gitanella*, Janien Valentine has the requisite fire. But so does everyone else! The music — reminiscent of early-1970s Andrew Lloyd Webber — isn't sung. It's shouted. Like *Carmen*'s unconnected, moment-then-moment view of life, each note's a distinct blare, backed by a live band trying desperately to sound synthesized. The production has arresting sights (moody skies, hanging cross and hanged man, smoke that crawls along the ground with choreographed precision). But many scenes take place inside an ugly, floor-to-ceiling black metallic façade, as if we're locked inside the Man in the Iron Mask's mask. The performers have obvious talent, even when doing Assault Mode. Ryan Silverman sings Jose's numbers with a rich, booming tenor. The production sells every song as a show-stopper. Silverman's soliloquy at the end of Act One, "To Say Goodbye," in which Jose debates whether or not he should leave his wife for *Carmen*, is the genuine arti-

cle. The night I caught the show, some audience members gave Silverman and Valentine a standing ovation, which they, at least, deserved. 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.

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Hamlet

The Old Globe Theatre opens its Summer Shakespeare Festival with the Bard's tragedy. Darko Tresnjak directed. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: *HAMLET* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA AND *MEASURE FOR MEASURE*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-234-5623.

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True West
New Village Arts’ opening-night performance of Sam Shepard’s comedy-drama got upstaged — by the company’s brand-new theater in downtown Carlsbad! When the curtain rose, the audience was already spent from appreciation (it’s a handsome, promising space) and elation (that such a worthy company *finally*

has a home). The production showcases two of NVA’s stars. Francis Gercke and Joshua Everett Johnson play Lee and Austin, brothers so unlike you wonder which trees they fell from: recidivist Lee’s a human oil slick; Austin, dressed for a Palm Springs soiree, is a screenwriter. Though they haven’t seen each other in five years, it takes five seconds for things to get *sibling*. Nick Fouch’s kitchen set becomes a Formica and linoleum crossroads of their ambitions and relative talents. Then they cross over, reversing roles, trashing their mother’s house, and showing how similar a difference can be. Except for a persistent tendency to indicate with their hands, Gercke and Johnson fare quite well in performances as much choreographed as directed by Kristianne Kurner. The play resembles a long, improvisational war dance, and it’s a pleasure to watch Gercke and Johnson’s tandem efforts. Jack Missett and Dana Case add support as movie producer Saul and Lee and Austin’s mother (though she should be at least a shade or two less ditz). Adam Brick’s sounds enhance (especially the tick of a rattlesnake). And the songs are fine but need to be kicked up. When Shepard wrote *True West* he wanted to “ride the characters out.” Let them determine directions, and not the now-famous playwright “Sam Shepard.” Along with being about clash-

ing brothers and the quest for vanishing authenticity, the play’s also about the creative process, best illustrated when Lee starts clobbering the poor, defenseless Underwood typewriter with a pitching wedge.
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The Two Gentlemen of Verona
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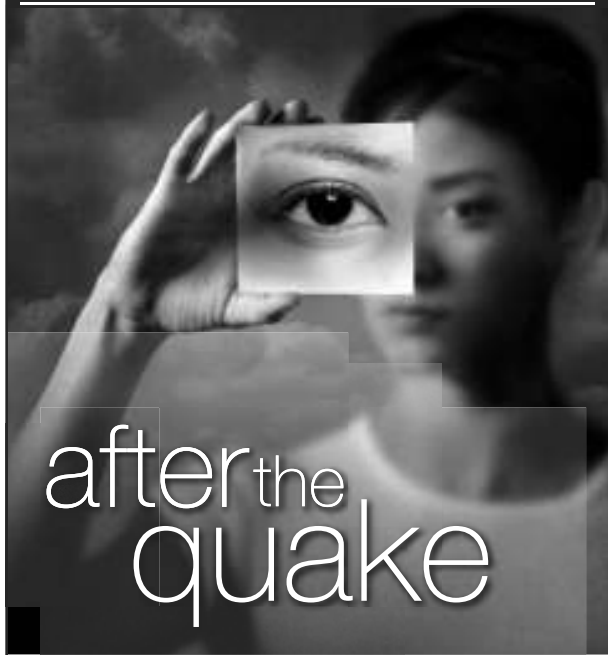
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Scalped “Our days are numbered,” says Vince Campise, owner of Atlas Tickets, a ticket resale company of nine employees.

burned on the July 1 Fall Out Boy show at Coors Amphitheatre.

“It was a complete embarrassment to have that band play at that large of a venue.” He says Atlas forked out cash to buy tickets for a show that bombed. “I heard they eventually sold tickets for six dollars apiece.”

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“If it wasn’t for the fact that we have a successful football team, we’d be out of business.”

Campise says Atlas lost money on Police tickets, even though that tour sold out all of its Southern California



THE POLICE (C. 1985) CAN SELL SOME TICKETS

According to Campise, reselling concert tickets is not as viable a business as it was five years ago, and tickets to sports events have become more profitable. With concerts, the business strategy is to invest in tickets that will increase in value. Campise admits he got

shows.

“They used market manipulation.” Because the Police’s three Southern California shows were not announced all at once, the demand for concert tickets was held in check.

Campise points out that he is not a scalper, that Atlas

is part of the “secondary” ticket industry, with Ticketmaster being a “primary” ticket company.

“The bottom line is my customers are affluent individuals who can afford to sit in the first 20 rows.”

One local promoter says, “On shows we know will sell out, we deliberately hold back tickets until the day of the show just to fuck with the ticket scalpers.” Releasing last-minute tickets to a sold-out show cuts into the ticket reseller’s profit.

Stub Hub — which Campise characterizes as “a clearinghouse who put together the seller with the buyer” — has hurt the ticket-resale business, but Campise’s biggest threat is Ticketmaster.

“Ticketmaster now has an auction. In my opinion, this is a creative way to avoid the negative light that is placed on secondary ticket sellers. If they put tickets on auction [for a higher price] and they don’t sell, all they do is sell them for the face value.”

Another trend that hasn’t helped Campise is that artists and promoters now seek premium prices for the best seats, thereby cutting into the profit that used to be reaped by resellers.

— Ken Leighton

Haypunk Guitarist Rene Romero spent his teen years in El Centro, where there was one Top 40 radio station and no live-music venues for kids.

“I learned about the Velvet Underground and MC5 from a book in the library about the history of music,” says Romero, 28. “El Centro was all agriculture back then. We would go out and pile up haystacks 14 feet

high and 50 yards long. We would make a little party fort so no one could see in, and we’d have keg parties. Or we’d get generators and play



THE CORVINAS EYE MEXICALI

food, beer, and a place to stay.”

Gonzales says, “We took the Heartaches and Fifty on Their Heels down there to play at an alternative art space in Mexicali called Casa de la Tia Tina’s. The next night we played at Tommy’s Casino in El Centro. It went over real well. We’re trying to get back in there.”

The Corvinas appear July 19 at Kadan in North Park.

— Ken Leighton

Radio on the TV?

Plans are afoot to resurrect *Fox Rox*, a weekly rock TV show on the local Fox channel.

“Yes, we are trying to figure out a way to make it work,” says Richard Dautre-Jones, station manager of Fox 6, which launched *Fox Rox* in 2002. The locally produced show was canceled in March. Dautre-Jones says the

“economics” of a revived *Fox Rox* are being hammered out with Internet and cell-phone companies, which may be involved in the show’s production.

Dautre-Jones says a new producer has not been named, but insiders say former *Fox Rox* producer Scott Richison is likely to return in that same role. Patrick C. Sheeny, who still works full-time for Fox 6 news, would be part of the new crew.

Will former host Troy Johnson return?

“We haven’t worked that out yet,” says Dautre-Jones. Insiders say a list of potential new hosts includes Tim Pyles, host of the Sunday-night local show on FM 94/9, and producer/Rocket From the Crypt founder John Reis, who hosts a Saturday-night



REIS TO ROCK FOX?

show on FM 94/9.

Although Dautre-Jones says the *Fox Rox* name has a “five-year equity” in the local

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market, the name of the new program may be different.

Doutre-Jones says local bands will be featured on *San Diego Living*, a new Fox 6 show to debut September 10. The program will air live, weekdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

KUSI-TV regularly hosts bands on *Good Morning San Diego*. A newsroom employee says the frequency of the band segments varies from once a week to every day.

— Ken Leighton

Mad World America's Got Talent contestant Boy Shakira — a local male Shakira impersonator — has polarized the show's three judges; Sharon Osbourne and Piers Morgan have approved him as a contestant, while David Hasselhoff argued on air with Morgan, "Are you sitting on the same stage as me? Oh, my God! The world has gone mad!"

"[Hasselhoff] didn't like my original style and walked off the set," says Boy Shakira, who took his name from the headline of a "Blurt" article last year. Back then he was known as "Luigi, the Impersonator of Shakira." Contacted by phone the day after his AGT performance, Boy Shakira — real name, Louis Padilla — said, "A lot of people on the Internet are saying bad comments I'm not even reading, but two of the judges liked me! After ten years of struggle, I finally made it."

During the few days following the broadcast, clips of the heavysset 30-year-old man belly dancing in a halter

top and blond wig aired on *Good Morning America*, MTV2's *Week in Rock*, VH1's *Best Week Ever*, and the TV Guide Channel. A YouTube video of his AGT appearance has been played over 10,000 times.

Padilla's mother appeared with him on the TV show. "She's really proud of



BOY SHAKIRA FREAKS OUT HASSELHOLFF

me.... I might have to get a manager soon, so many people are calling." Padilla is tight-lipped about future episodes, which have already been taped.

"We're not even supposed to talk to reporters without permission from the producers," he says. "They don't want us giving anything away."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Self-Serve "We showed up at the Bean Bar, where five bands had a combined draw of ten people standing around," says Four Kings singer/guitarist Drew Bent of a recent gig scheduled near

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the Sports Arena. "We show up with 75 of our own people

and are ready to play, only to have the promoter tell us that there was a mistake and that he sent us the wrong date. This was at 9:30 p.m.

He said he would compromise and put us on at 1 a.m. All of our fans and friends did not want to wait around for a 1 a.m. set on a Thursday night at an all-ages venue. We couldn't come to a compromise with this guy, so I told him to stick it."

The band then set up their equipment in the Jiffy Lube parking lot across the street from the Bean Bar. The band played until around midnight.

"A friend of mine is the head manager at Jiffy Lube and opened the place up for us so we could draw power," says Bent. "The cops miraculously never showed up to bust us. With all the commotion stirred up from

the confrontation at the Bean Bar to the parking-lot



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FOUR KINGS PLAY JIFFY LUBE

madness, our free show ended up with a crowd of around a hundred people."

Four Kings have not been invited back to the Bean Bar, but they appear tomorrow, July 13, at Portugalia.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Pleasant, Odd Fashion

The Wrong Trousers can often be found on weekends in Balboa Park, performing the Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star" on mandolin, standup bass, and full-sized concert harp. "On our best days at Balboa Park, we make about \$300," says 17-year-old harpist Kelsea Rae Little.

"Low ends for a set are about \$20 to \$30. It all depends on

the weather and the size of the crowd."

Park rangers distribute ten free music permits on the first Saturday of each month. "This permit allows you priority to one spot," says Little. "We usually set up across from the train museum."

Mackenzie Leighton, 19, plays standup bass ("His playing comes from his strong jazz background") while 16-year-old Joseph Lorge plays mandolin ("He's only played for two years"). The band's set list is split between offbeat originals and covers of acts such as the Traveling Wilburys and Joanna Newsom.

"Our most popular cover to date is 'Such Great Heights' by the Postal Service," according to Little. "It won us our Coronado High School talent show."

The Wrong Trousers are recording a CD with local jazz mainstay Peter Sprague, whom they met while

recording tracks for a mutual friend at his studio. Two original songs from those sessions posted on MySpace have been played around 20,000 times.

"We actually get stopped in the streets of San Diego by people who recognize us from the park, MySpace, or YouTube," says Little. "People are nicer in person



BALBOA PARK SUITS THE TROUSERS

than they are on the Internet."

Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSUX9byu6NY to see their video.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"If I remember right, it ended with after-the-show weeping and wretching."

Singer Kitty Boudoin moved to San Diego in the summer of 1994 after spending five years in Hawaii and has lived here since then — with "many trips home to New Orleans thrown into the mix," she says. "I love San Diego, but I have to admit that my heart is down south, my home."

Kitty feels that her mission is to deliver the New Orleans spirit to San Diego. She was not in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, but, she says, it "messed up my home badly. My family has lived in Louisiana for hundreds of years and had been through a lot of hurricanes, but this bitch did a number on us all. We all lost a lot — friends, homes filled with memories that took lots of blood, sweat, and tears to make...whether the idiots that fill the offices on Capitol Hill get their act together one day and allocate the Gulf South area with the tools they need doesn't really matter in the long run. It will be the spirit of the people that will make the South rise, better than ever before."

"I think that everyone should do themselves a favor and take a trip to New Orleans, Slidell, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast to see the beauty and the destruction to fully understand that no, it is not fixed yet, and that we all have to make our voices heard to effect positive change in the cities and towns torn to pieces by Lady K."

Kitty and her band, Yeah You Right, play the Ocean Beach People's Co-Op Friday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m.

BEST GIG?

"The Exotic Erotic Ball in San Francisco, because it is so decadent and packed with thousands of crazy costume-wearing lunatics."

That made me feel right at home, and I loved the band that I had back then, the Psycho Souls."

WORST GIG?

"I was playing at the Kennel Club in San Francisco on my birthday and had just a bit too much to drink. I think that some clothes came off, and I thought

I was so fabulous! But, boy, was I wrong, and if I remember right, it ended with after-the-show weeping and wretching."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"A huge problem in San Diego, besides finding venues that will actually pay you, is getting the audience to loosen up. We all have so much going on in our lives that it takes a good set or two before people can realize that it is okay to shake their personal tambourine — hey, maybe I should give tambourines to everyone at the shows, that just might work."

WHAT IS IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

"I listen to a lot of New Orleans-based music all the time, but now — especially because I am morphing my trio chanteuse into a totally New Orleans music band by the name of Yeah You Right — I am concentrating on a lot of New Orleans funk. Jon Cleary, the Meters, Snooks Eaglin, Professor Longhair, Allen Toussaint, the Radiators, Johnny Adams, Percy Mayfield, Elvis Costello..."

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

"My first performance. We lived out in the country in Covington, Louisiana. We didn't have very many neighbors or other kids to play with, but I did have five sisters. My sis-



Kitty Boudoin

ter Nancy would be the director, and my sisters Jo and Vicki and I would put on musical plays...I still borrow moves from those early performances. 'Hit the Road, Jack' is still on my song list."

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUTS?

"The Technomania Circus at the Center for Amusing Arts in Southeast San Diego. O.B. People's Co-op on Friday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 for their 'Free Music Friday.' My band-mate Mark Lamson's studio in East Village. And my new favorite is Cafe Noir at 447 Ninth Avenue."

WHERE DO YOU SEE THE SAN DIEGO MUSIC SCENE IN TEN YEARS?

"I don't see it very much different than it is now. Not that there isn't a scene, it is just so disconnected and spread out. Until the music

community can really become a community and work together, I don't see it being much different. One thing that will be interesting to see come together is the downtown development, if all the people living downtown will manage to develop something that is honest and truthful in its musical expression. They do have a chance to create a community that is full of art and music on a daily basis, not a yuppie wasteland like what the Gaslamp has become, but something that we can really be proud of."

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

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.

FRIDAY

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

Dennis DeYoung: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 13, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

SATURDAY

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.

SUNDAY

The Beach Boys: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

No Use for a Name: The Casbah, Sunday, July 15, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Willie Nelson: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Aly & AJ Corbin Bleu, and Drake Bell: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July

15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

TUESDAY

The Fray, Gomez, and Eisley: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Cowboy Junkies and Joan Osborne: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JULY

"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.

War: Cahuilla Casino, Saturday, July 21, 52702 Highway 371, Anza. 951-763-1200.

Dickey Betts: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Nikka Costa: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, July 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

Midnite: WorldBeat Cultural Center, Sunday, July 29, 2100 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-230-1190.

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.

Midnite: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, July 31, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

AUGUST

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

Billy Bob Thornton: House of Blues, Thursday, August 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Clay Aiken: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake: House of Blues, Friday, August 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Vanilla Ice: 'Canes, Friday, August 3, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Musiq: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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.

Floetry: House of Blues, Saturday, August 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Teena Marie: 4th & B, Sunday, August 12, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

"Rock the Bells": Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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: 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.

Dave Koz: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, August 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Dweezil Zappa: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

UB40: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Diana Krall: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Wednesday, August 22, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Dr. John: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Macy Gray: 4th & B, Thursday, August 23, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Crowded House: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Warped Tour 2007": Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Blue October: House of Blues, Friday, August 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Asia: 4th & B, Friday, August 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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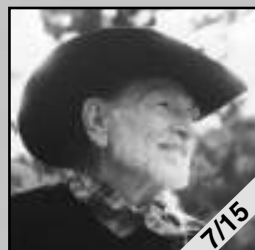
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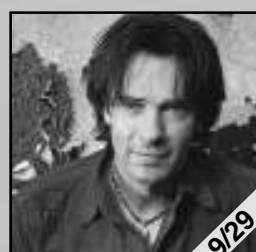
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Marilyn Manson and Slayer: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Beyoncé: 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.

Wilco: Open Air Theatre, Monday, August 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Mae: Soma, Monday, August 27, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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.

Grada: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, August 31, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Iris DeMent: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

Kings of Leon: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

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.

Chicago: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 14, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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.

Pink Martini: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 17, and Tuesday, September 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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.

The Smashing Pumpkins: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Wednesday, September 19, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

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.

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.

Richard Thompson: House of Blues, Thursday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

They Might Be Giants: House of Blues, Thursday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

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NOVEMBER

Terri Hendrix: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, November 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Suzanne Vega: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

DECEMBER

Lucy Kaplansky: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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THURSDAY 12

Country music outlaw **Willie Nelson** will play SDSU's **Open Air Theatre** tonight and truck his road show up to North County's **Pala Casino** for a Sunday night gig. There's more roll than rock in Nelson's repertoire these days, which includes country-fried jazz standards.... Orange County quintet **Dusty Rhodes and the River Band** appear to be making a second home of San Diego, where their fan base is swelling. Tonight will be the second of three Thursday-nighters on the **House of Blues' side stage**. Not since Grateful Dead has the scene propped. Rhodes's brand of offbeat desert Americana and reverie rock. These comers will be hawking their latest homespun disc *First You Live*, a blend of Gram Parsons, Byrds, and The Band, pumped up by Rhodes's keyboards, accordion, and all-weather voice.... On the **HOB main stage**, Pittsburgh touring machine **Rusted Root** will be weaving jammy bluegrass and afro beats that have made them heirs to a million Deadheads.

FRIDAY 13

Since starting the San Diego branch of the **Paul Green School of Music**, singer/songwriter Mike Keneally has become that organization's national music director. In April, Keneally started training local musicians (ages 7 to 18) to perform **Pink Floyd's** *The Wall*, which they will unveil Friday and Saturday night at the Mira Mesa **Epicentre**. Though Keneally does not perform with the band, the "maestro" will be there to "conduct, cajole, and make a nuisance of himself all night".... San Diego's Summer Pops Friday and Saturday night will present local flamenco virtuosos The Romeros at the **Embarcadero**.... Roll by 3829 30th Street and see if **John Reis** has cut the tape on the **Pink Elephant**, his new live music venue in North Park. Supposed to be opening up Friday, but the website's still under construction, so no new info. Hours are advertised as 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., so cruise by on your way to catch San Diego bar bands **Scarlet Symphony** and **Roses on Her Grave** at stalwart San Diego bar, the **Tower Bar**.

SATURDAY 14

Barrelhouse traditionalists and San Diego's only hardcore boogie-woogie band **Diablo Dimes** will be rocking **Beauty Bar** Saturday night. The Dimes will steep you in tradition (from Son House to Tom Waits).... New wave cryogenics delivers '80s aor to **4th & B** tonight when the **Psychedelic Furs** ("Love My Way"), **The Alarm** ("68 Guns"), and **The Fixx** ("Red Skies at Night") will, uh, strut the downtown stage. *I'd like plate of irony with a side of guilty pleasure, please....* Out at the beach, jah band **Cannobliss**, funk-rockers **Dfrost**, and the suddenly sensitive **Mower** (though, don't expect to hear that side tonight) will serve up a rock-roll smorgasbord at Cane's. While on the north coast, the **Belly Up** will host a couple trib acts — **Mommy's Little Monsters** from Huntington will do their Social D thing and will be joined by L.A.'s **Clash City Rockers**.

SUNDAY 15

Still **No Use For A Name** after 20! years. NUFAN will pop you in the kisser when they bring their old-school skate punk and their brand new disc, *The Best Songs*, to the **Casbah** Sunday night. These San Jose punk mainstays have the local fan base to fill a pit even on a Sunday night. Just call in on Monday.

MONDAY 16

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds are still holding court on Monday nights at the **Tower Bar**. There seems to be an open-door policy on who the 60-year-old Dorothy Whitsett (Lady Dottie) will sing with, but they aren't typical blues cats, their indie kids from local acts such as GoGoGoAirheart and Jejune, giving the Diamonds' trad blues a self-described

"modern twist." LD&tD are a soulful act, who bring their twist to its covers of sides by the likes of Etta James and Aretha Franklin — two singers who are right in the Alabama-bred Whitsett's wheel-house.... Get in on the **Casbah's** Anti-Monday League. This Monday, **Manganista**, **Mighty Sixty-Nine**, and the **Amalgamated** will keep the Monday haters in check with pop rock and uppity ska beats.

TUESDAY 17

San Diego, you love some greasy, drag-strip rock, and Tuesday night's the night to get a helping, when **Bartender's**

Bible, the **Deere Johns**, and **Married by Elvis** lay tracks at the **Belly Up**. Headliners **Silverbird** are San Diego songsmiths that tapped their vein in Folk Rock, Americana and dragged the haul of guitar jangle, drum, and key plunk through the desert. Check out their MySpace site (<http://www.myspace.com/silverbirdmusic>).... Could be a good night to check out Little Italy's new jazz supper club **Anthology** and jazz and bluesman **Kenny Rankin**.... Feeling outdoorsy? Over at **Humphrey's** Concerts-by-the-Bay, adult contemps **Joan Osbourne** and the **Cowboy Junkies** will play under the summer sky, while down at

Coors Amphitheatre, it's pop-rockers **The Fray**, **Gomez**, and **Eisley**.

WEDNESDAY 18

Former Swervedriver frontman, shoe-grunge guitarist **Adam Franklin** comes to town to play a couple sets from his first proper solo disc, *Bolts of Melody*. Franklin will play an in-store at **M-Theory** early in the evening and then later at the **Casbah**. Since his '90s heydays when Swervedriver made the leap from England, Franklin's style and renown have grown, albeit at the pace of his down-tempo tunes. Sam Fogarino of Interpol joined forces with Franklin last

year as The Setting Suns, solidifying Franklin's place in the current indie soundscape.... Former Greyboy Allstar and Lenny Kravitz saxman **Karl Denson** strips down his Tiny Universe funk/jam band to kick it trio-wise with KD3 at **Winston's** in O.B. Denson has been blowing horns round San Diego and continues to tour with the Greyboys and Tiny Universe. This workhorse musician is putting final touches on the KD3 disc *Lunar Orbit*, due out in September.... NYC hip-hop veterans the **Beatnuts** will be at **Cane's**. This old-school, duo of Dominican and Colombian descent infuses a Latin party flavor to the going-cold rap genre.

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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. 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.

Static Lounge: First Friday of the month, *West Coast Mash Up*, drum 'n' bass, jungle, and ragga. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

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

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Cafe Patio: Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Leo Rising*, classic rock. Saturday, *Neil Blaviner and Apple Seed* and *Grand Canyon Sundown*, country.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live blues/rock/jazz/reggae nightly.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Golden State, a Scribe Amidst the Lions, FONO*, and *the Republic of Letters*. Friday, *DMBX* and *40 Ounces to Freedom*. Saturday, *Mower and Canobliss*. Sunday, *One Drop*, reggae. Tuesday, *Caskets on Parade, Elyzium and Muzzle* and *the Absens*. Wednesday, *the Beatnuts*.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Front Yard, Public Puppet, Hatchet Wound*, and *Hector's Revenge*, alternative rock. Friday, *Kastlevania, the Comfortable Creeps, Skeleton Crew, Tidepool Cliq, Styles Free*, and *Cold Mac'n*, hip-hop. Saturday, *the Mayan Kings*, reggae, *Leif Kolt*, hip-hop, *the Mother Funkers*, funk, and *Rich from Fish Tacos*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Audition Laboratory*, alternative rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Alyssa Jacey*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Nate Donnis Trio*, rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Aster Phoenix*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Sal Filippelle*. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Todd Pyke*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Maddox Revolution*. Saturday, *Road Noise*, rock.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Joan Osborne came into pop prominence with a song called "One of Us," a song based on a question that has been debated for ages: If man was made in God's likeness, what does that say about God's own appearance? "Just a slob like one of us" was Osborne's oversimplified if provocative answer. "Just a stranger on the bus," she sang, "trying to make His way home." Even though she didn't write that song, it has been hard to separate Osborne from it.

The album on which "One of Us" appeared, *Relish*, received eight Grammy nominations and sold more than three million copies. Play the whole of *Relish* and you

hear the beginnings of a peripatetic career in Americana; you will also hear material that is even better than "One of Us." The band's lyrics are cheeky and Osborne's earth-mother essence remains grounded throughout the album's shifting rhythms and genres. It is a feel that Osborne would expand upon in coming years in collaboration with artists as diverse as Isaac Hayes, the Holmes Brothers, Bob Dylan, the Funk Brothers, Spearhead, Phil Lesh, and the Dead.

May of this year saw the release of the soul-tribute *Breakfast in Bed*. In 2006 Osborne recorded *Pretty Little Stranger*, an effort that was pure Nashville and that landed her on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. Whatever suit of musical clothing she tries on, she fits it like a glove. Her voice is one of those kinds of unadorned effects that



JOAN OSBORNE

doesn't draw attention to itself but can coax all of the emotion out of a lyric. Osborne can sing whatever she likes, and her fans are good with that.

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Javanican, 4338 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8035. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Daryl Shawn*, indie/folk.

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

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *the Charles Burton Band*, blues. Friday, *the Hugh Gaskins Band*, rockabilly blues. Saturday, *Shady Grey*, rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam. Wednesday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*, blues.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., *Rick Ross*, piano/jazz.

Leana Bistro and French Pastry Cafe, 5550 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-454-

9094. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Will Faerber Band* and *Greg Pardue*, jazz-rock.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron, Mark Fulton, James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore, John Guilino, Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Dannicus Live*, pirate rock.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday and Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Lexington*, reggae, and *Steady Echo*, indie/pop/rock. Friday, *Brendon B*, hip-hop. Saturday, *the Devastators* and *Gadfly*, reggae. Wednesday, *Candace Graham* and *Mike Officer and the Mob*.

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

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *8 Track Star*, rock. Saturday, *Roxy Monoxide*, rock. Wednesday, *Jet Wash*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the New Mastersounds*, funk/jazz/jam band. Friday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Saturday, *Pink Floyd*, rock. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday,

Smokelahoma, Americana/folk rock. Wednesday, *KD3*, jazz.

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Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday and Saturday, *Larry Coryell*. Sunday, *Nova Menco*. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Kenny Rankin*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Reeve Oliver, the Bloody Hollies*, and *the Royal Campaign*. Friday, *Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys* and *the Golden Hill Ramblers*. Saturday, *Transfer, Get Back Loretta, Vib*

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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*.

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Acoustic/MusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, *Trace Bundy*, acoustic. Saturday, *Marie McKee*, rock. Wednesday, *George Kahumoku* and *Keoki Kahumoku*, Hawaiian music.

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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.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live rock/alternative/punk/metal.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Gabriella Cihomisky*, *Joanie Mendenhall*, and *Year Around the Sun*. Friday, *Jenn Grinels*, *Nikki Flores*, *Ryanhood*, and *the Slater Sisters*. Saturday, *a Fork in Time*. Sunday, *Amber Rubarth* and *Joey Ryan*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Bert Lam's Guitar Trio* and *Tom Griesgraber*.

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.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

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*.

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, *Stone Wolf*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dance Gavin Dance*, *a Skylit Drive*, *Blinded Black*, and *Kenotia*. Friday, *Carnifex*, *White Chapel*, *the Partisan*, *the Red Death*, *Diskreet*, and *Irish Front*. Saturday, *Dinosaur Party*, *Brannigan*, *Yovee*, *Finback*, *Jordan Reimer*, *the Opportune*, and *Time*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning* and *the John Kopecky Trio*. Saturday, *Mia Jones* and *the Ko Trifecta*, R&B/Top 40/jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tim Ninnink* and *Doug Walker*, modern jazz.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Stars on Water*, rock. Saturday, *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues/swing.

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The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Music is punk/rock/alternative. Friday, *the Scarlet Symphony*, *Roses on Her Grave*, and *the Scene*. Saturday, *Roxy Jones*, *the Apes of Wrath*, *Thee L.A. Gentlemen Callers*, and *the Peelers*.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, *the Scientist*, *Ranking Joe*, *Soljie*, *J Irie*, *the Tribe of Kings*, and *Diego Roots*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *Matt Jennings*, *Forro in the Dark*, and *BitterSweet*, calypso-hop/jazz-influenced electronica beats. Saturday, 9 p.m.,

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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **The K23 Orchestra**
Song: **"Big in El Portal"** (from the CD *Whisper of a Newborn Ghost*)
Heard By: **Rob Barnes**, Golden Hill



Rob

[It sounds like] Rage Against the Machine but mixed with some kind of jam band/reggae/political influence. It totally had that Rage sound. The lyrics were about local activism. It sounded like something you would hear at a coffee shop spoken-word [event] or something...some dude ranting and raving on the microphone. I kind of liked the way it flowed with the vocals and the lyrics. The lyrics seemed pretty well thought out and conscious. I didn't really like [the music], but I can see how other people would be into it. It's something you'd hear on the beach in O.B. or something...like, while dudes play volleyball and smoke weed.

Mommy's Little Monsters and *the Clash City Rockers*, rock. Tuesday, *Silverbird*, *Bartender's Bible*, *the Deere Johns*, and *Married by Elvis*, country/rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the B-Side Players*, Latin jazz.

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Artist: **Sexy-Lou** featuring **Nkeyz**
Song: **"Throw It Up"** (from the CD *EMH Productions: Vol. 1*)
Heard By: **Kevin**, Mission Hills



Kevin

It just reminded me a lot of Parliament — at least, the beat did. I liked the old-skool funky feel; I liked how they were reppin' San Diego. That's pretty much it. It could have been a little bit more lyrical for my taste, but it's pretty good. They were just talking about cruisin' around in black whips with .22s...you know, your basic gangster shit. [That would be a good song for] cruisin' around, barbecuing, or just playing dominoes.

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Artist: **Sean Thompson**
Song: **"Germs"** (from the CD *Surrogates*)
Heard By: **Kyle Magee**, North Park



Kyle

It's like really generic singer-songwriter/crooner-type music. I guess [he reminds me] of Bright Eyes. The instrumentation is high-gain guitars and is acoustic at some points. There's an organ effect on the keyboard. [The lyrics] sounded kind of vague to me. I didn't really get what he was talking about, necessarily. It sounded poppy, definitely. It had a poppy rhythmic melody to it. I didn't really like the guy's voice. It sounded kind of off-key at some points. [The ideal activity for that song would be] sitting in your room crying or something.

Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m.,

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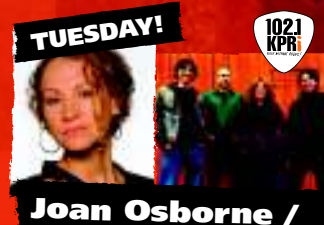
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Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Irish/Celtic folk.

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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*

!NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I once read a book about songwriting that had an interesting piece of advice. It said that when you had a recorded version of your song, you should put it on a mix tape or CD in between some of your favorites by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. If your song doesn't sound good in that company, the author said, you should work on it until it does. I think this is a good piece of advice if you want to encourage 99 percent of the musicians in the world to hang up the guitar and go to business school. I mean, who does measure up to the Beatles and the Stones?

On a similar note, if you're going to

play your own material in a style that's obviously modeled on dark, post-punk music of the '80s, it takes a lot of chutzpah also to perform a faithful cover version of a Joy Division song. All you would be doing is reminding the people in your audience that they would be better off going home and listening to *Unknown Pleasures*. And if the song you pick is "Love Will Tear Us Apart," Joy Division's best-known and most-often-covered number, you've got big problems.

So it's pretty impressive when **World Wide Spies** take on this challenge without making complete fools of themselves. The Los Angeles band has a sound that's not just reminiscent of Echo and the Bunnymen, the Cure, Siouxsie and the Banshees, et al., it's practically a remix of them. Still, the battles



over authenticity and originality in rock appear to be over, and the winner is "Who Cares?" By being so good at it, World Wide Spies prove they have as much of a right as anyone to play this music.

WORLD WIDE SPIES, The Casbah, Tuesday, July 17, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$5.

Calendar BANDS

ALTERNATIVE

Abigail's Attic: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Amalgamated: The Casbah

The Apes of Wrath: Tower Bar

Audition Laboratory: Dreamstreet

Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys: The Casbah

Birth: Brick By Brick

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SAT. AUG 18

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SUN. AUG 20

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THURS. SEPT 6

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ZUB HUMANZ

Calendar

BANDS

ALTERNATIVE
(continued)

The Bloody Hollies: The Casbah

Brannigan: Soma

Carnifex: Soma

Caskets on Parade: 'Canes

Dance Gavin Dance: Soma

Dante's Boneyard: Brick By Brick

Gitane Demone as the Crystelles: Brick By Brick

Dinosaur Party: Soma

Diskreet: Soma

The Dreaming: Brick By Brick

Drowning Men: The Casbah

Earline: Brick By Brick

Elyzium: Brick By Brick, 'Canes

Finback: Soma

FONO: 'Canes

Front Yard: Dreamstreet

Get Back Loretta: The Casbah

The Golden Hill Ramblers: The Casbah

Golden State: 'Canes

Hatchet Wound: Dreamstreet

Hector's Revenge: Dreamstreet

Irish Front: Soma

Kastle Grey: Brick By Brick

Kenotia: Soma

Manganista: The Casbah

Missing Persons: House of Blues

The Modlins: The Casbah

Muzzle and the Absens: 'Canes

Reeve Oliver: The Casbah

The Opportune: Soma

The Partisan: Soma

The Peelers: Tower Bar

Poor Bailey: The Casbah

Public Puppet: Dreamstreet

The Red Death: Soma

Jordan Reimer: Soma

The Republic: Surf N'Saddle

The Republic of Letters: 'Canes

Roses on Her Grave: Tower Bar

The Royal Campaign: The Casbah

Say Vinyl: The Casbah

Scar'd Sanity: Brick By Brick

The Scarlet Symphony: Tower Bar

The Scene: Tower Bar

A Scribe Amidst the Lions: 'Canes

Skull: Brick By Brick

A Skylit Drive: Soma

Species Droid: Brick By Brick

Steady Echo: 710 Beach Club

Thee L.A. Gentlemen Callers: Tower Bar

Time: Soma

Transfer: The Casbah

Unset: Brick By Brick

Vyb Gyor: The Casbah

White Chapel: Soma

World Wide Spies: The Casbah

Yovee: Soma

ROCK

Backdoor Slam: House of Blues

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub

Brax: The Ould Sod

Canobliss: 'Canes

The Scott Carter Duo: Dick's Last Resort

The Clash City Rockets: Belly Up Tavern

The Credit Union: Ocean House

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40 Ounces to Freedom: 'Canes

Adam Franklin: The Casbah

The Taylor Harvey Band: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Hell Yeah: House of Blues

Inhale: Surf N'Saddle

Innaway: The Casbah

In Vitro: House of Blues

Jet Wash: Tiki House

Joey and the Stingrays: Downtown Cafe

Roxy Jones: Tower Bar

The Jones Revival: Island Sports and Spirits

The Karl Marx Band: Humphrey's

Laguna: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill

Leo Rising: Bar Leucadian

Los Karma: The Avalon

The Maddox Revolution: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Material Witness: Ocean House

Marie McKee: AcousticMusicSanDiego

Mike Officer and the Mob: 710 Beach Club

Modern Day Moonshine: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Thrusters, House of Blues

Mommy's Little Monster: Belly Up Tavern

The Mother Funkers: Dreamstreet

Mower: 'Canes

The New Master Sound: Winstons

Night Shift: Pal Joey's

Nite Hawk: Carvers

No Use for a Name: The Casbah

Ronny North: The Avalon

Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill

Pink Froyd: Winstons

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Radio Personality Meets the Star



Willie Nelson, July 15 at Pala Casino

A few years ago I was in Nashville for the annual Country Radio Seminar. At the last minute I was asked if I could go to the Hilton and do an interview with Willie. I said, "Yes!!"

So, around 10:30 in the morning I walked over to the Hilton (everything's within walking distance downtown). I went up to the penthouse suite and there were a bunch of haggard looking dudes hanging out, most of whom were Willie's people. Around 11 a.m. someone came out of the bedroom, looked at me and said, "Your turn." I

hopped up and headed to the bedroom. I walk in and there is Willie, who might be about an inch taller than I am, 5'3". We sat down face to face and spent about 20 minutes just chatting. During the whole interview I kept looking over his shoulder at the bottle of Whiskey River booze sitting on his dressing table right behind him. The bottle was brand new and hadn't been opened. I mentioned that it was cool that he had his own whiskey, and he asked if I wanted to have a drink with him. Naturally, I said yes, even though it was 11a.m. He opened the bottle, poured us both a shot, and then gave me instructions on how to properly drink the whiskey. "Sip it...don't down it," he said. We toasted and tipped back our shot glasses.

He signed the bottle, gave me both shot glasses and a big hug. His hair smelled like weed. It was so awesome. My husband loves to take the bottle out of our booze cabinet and show it to everyone. The bottle is still about half full. I refuse to let anyone drink it because I like to think that I have some essence of Willie trapped in that bottle, and if too many folks drink from it his essence will get diluted. I got Willie in a bottle.

Seriously, I've interviewed every single country star, with the only exception being Johnny Cash. Willie was my favorite. It was just one of those experiences that you want to share with your grandkids one day. I mean, really, who gets to drink with Willie that early in the morning?

I suspect some folks have done more than drink with Willie if they are on the road. Just listen to Bruce Robison's song "What Would Willie Do?" and Toby Keith's "I'll Never Smoke Weed With Willie Again."

If I were going to be trapped on the proverbial desert island, I'd take my husband, my kids, and Willie. You just know he's resourceful. He'd figure out a way to weave hemp into a boat and eventually we'd get on it and leave. That is after we hung out for a few weeks with him.

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It was getting late on a Friday night, and a woman I was with wanted to get something to eat. As we passed by Domino's, she insisted we stop. They were closed, except for deliveries. "Don't you have a party to go to?" she asked. "We can get food there." Well, I had a "black and red" party the next night, but nothing the night we were out.

I suggested that we follow the pizza guy — he'd surely be going to a party — and she was game, so we tailed the red and blue.

Pizza Guy's first stop was a bust — no party. At his second delivery, an apartment complex, he appeared lost. He circled one of the buildings several times before getting on his cell phone. He tore out of there, and we almost lost him. My date was paranoid that he'd notice us following him and ducked beneath the dashboard. I told her that if she was really hungry, I'd accidentally dropped some M&Ms down there a few days earlier.

We were trying to hang back far enough so the driver



Top: Connie, who turned 30, in white (on far right)

wouldn't notice us, and he temporarily got away. When we spotted him again, it appeared as if he may have also spotted us. He got out of his car holding pizzas in a warming bag, looked at my car, and pulled out his cell phone. For fear he was calling the cops, I took off. I didn't

Bonita Golf Club. Her party theme was black and red.

When I was in a store buying my stepdad a card, I saw a

"I'm Caucasian. When we get on the dance floor, it's never pretty."

want to be the one looking in my rearview mirror, followed by flashing red and blue.

The next day, it was red and black. Connie was turning 30 and would be celebrating at the

red and black birthday card with a funny message and bought it for her. It felt weird buying a birthday card for someone I'd never met.

I wore an old black and red

SDSU jersey I had and a Rolling Stones belt with the red lip logo as a buckle. I put on a necklace of red and black beads. I thought I would have more red and black than anyone there. I had no idea, however, how underdressed I'd be.

Connie was wearing a long white dress. She looked as if it were her wedding day. I wondered why there was no red or black on her. As I glanced around the hall, I saw guys in black tuxedos and suits with red ties.

A few women wore red high heels or red dresses.

When Connie pointed out Mario Lopez who helped her put the party together, I asked, "The actor from Chula Vista?" "No," she laughed. "Everyone always asks him that and his response is, 'I'm the original Mario Lopez.'"

There were two DJs setting up. One was named "All Kutz"; the other, "DJ Rue." A real radio DJ showed up — Xavier (the "X Man") from 92.5 FM.

When the music started, the dance floor filled up. One Latina lady asked me why I wasn't dancing. "Maybe you haven't noticed, but I'm Caucasian. When we get on the dance floor, it's never pretty." She said, "I know someone who's white who dances real well." "He's gay, isn't he?" I joked. She thought about it a second and said, "Actually, you're right. I think he is."

I saw a photographer there taking pictures of everyone and realized that I'd left my camera in the car. When I went out to get it, I noticed lowriders in the

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parking lot and several cars with flashy rims. I saw a guy wearing a red cap backwards and smoking a cigarette. Another guy who was walking in wore a red fedora and a fancy suit. He looked a little like a pimp.

When I heard another car drive by with loud music, I thought about gangs shooting each other for wearing the wrong colors. But this crowd didn't appear to be gangbangers. If someone had asked me who I claimed, I'd say, "I'm down with the Aztecs, homie."

It wasn't until I walked back in that I noticed they had a red carpet, velvet ropes, and were taking photos at the door. It was as if we were arriving at the Oscars.

Someone introduced himself, and as we were shaking hands, I was relieved he didn't do one of those fancy handshakes that always catch me off guard. And since my high school basketball days are long gone, I probably wouldn't remember how that shake

goes (you know the one, where it ends with your fingertips locking with theirs).

There was a guy named Nathan at the party who I was told was an editor for *Lowrider Magazine*. I would have liked to talk with him, but he constantly had a crowd around him.

While I admired the classy table settings, colored napkins on white linen cloths, I asked Connie how much she threw down for all of it. "It was probably around \$7,000. We had to

rent the hall and a lot of other things."

There were several families there, and while I was taking a picture of two kids running around, a guy who appeared to be in his early 20s said, "Be ready with your camera, man. When the coat comes off and the lights go down, I'll start dancing."

When people kept stopping Connie for photos, it reminded me of Jennifer Lopez being chased down by paparazzi. There were a

handful of women at this party who looked like Lopez, but they enjoyed the attention of the photographers. I overheard one woman say to her friend, "I'm glad they've taken a bunch of photos of me. At least I know I didn't get dressed for nothing." ■

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JRDN (short for Jordan) doesn't have a long-shot panorama of the ocean like other "view" restaurants. Instead, it's up close and personal with the beach. Surfers tromp by, heading seaward with their boards, while tired, sunburned families trudge back to their cars. At JRDN, not only can you see the sea, you can smell it. As night falls, the pedestrian traffic fades away, and you can catch a sunset over the water, or, with luck, the fabled "green flash."

The dining room is dominated by a long, well-populated bar on the oceanward side and a sushi bar along the interior edge. A glass wall with a wave pattern is programmed to change colors internally; hidden behind it is a corridor featuring a giant wall-mounted wine "cellar." The interior tables are light-tinted wood, unclothed. In good weather, the crowd heads for the heated, glassed-off beachside patio. The music at the bar thunks loudly through the door, so if you want quiet, ask for a table at the southern end of the patio. The crowd is mainly young and spirited; a birthday party at a table near ours periodically erupted like Petco when the Padres score a run. The company that owns JRDN got its restaurateuring start with the Moondoggies chain (which blossomed into Gringo's, JRDN, and Cendio), and I have a feeling that JRDN's crowd includes plenty of Moondoggies' graduates, taking the next step up the economic and culinary ladders.

Even before we read the menu, an amuse-bouche arrived — succulent packets of tempura-fried shiitakes. You get no bread unless you ask for it, but we didn't miss it once our appetizers arrived. We began with a round of Pacific oysters on the half-shell (a near-bargain at \$10 for six). The Gold Creeks from Washington were small but sweet and rich. To our delight, they came with two excellent dipping sauces — a well-balanced shallot-strewn mignonette (the name means "little darling" in French, and it resembles a light vinaigrette) and a spicy cocktail sauce that could have passed muster in New Orleans. Bold and piquant, it had come a long way from its ketchup ancestry, and there were heaps of horseradish and lemon slices to let you doctor it into a clone of the Acme Oyster House's sauce. With this, I started to trust the restaurant.

The star summer appetizer (our waiter's favorite, and ours, too) is a tomato-melon "gazpacho." I've added the quotation marks to indicate that this is a world apart from classic sour and chunky Spanish gazpacho. Instead, it's a purée of tomatoes, cantaloupe,



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and honeydew with a tickly edge and a little bite from Champagne vinegar and fresh mint. If that's not good enough, it's amended with chunks of sweet Dungeness crab and a swirl of basil crème fraîche. "I think of myself as a good cook," said the Lynnester, "but I mainly follow recipes. The imagination that went into this is the difference between a cook and a chef."

The Dungeness crab cakes here join the roster of the city's best (with Sally's, Oceanaire's, and Tin Fish's). You get four small patties of nearly straight crab, bound with reduced cream, eggs, and minimal bread crumbs, strewn with a mixture of sweet yellow corn kernels and black *huit-lacoe* (Mexican "corn smut," a mushroom-like fungus that colonizes the kernels). Brilliant, I thought.

A smooth, silky rabbit pâté was too subtle to enjoy *comme il faut* on toasted artisan French bread with whole-grain mustard — but it was delicious when we ate it with a fork, daubed with a touch of mustard and accompanied by a nibble of cornichon and a forkful of breezy arugula salad.

One of JRDN's primary identities is as a steakhouse, serving Meyer's natural beef — many different cuts — along with a Berkshire pork chop, lamb chops, several fish species, Maine lobster, and chicken breast, all from the grill. With each of these you can choose one of five different seasoning rubs, one of seven different sauces, plus two side dishes. We went

for the most flavorful steak cut, the rib eye, with the JRDN rub (roasted garlic and garlic salt) and opted for the béarnaise sauce because it's by far the hardest and scariest to cook at home. "What's the different between béarnaise and hollandaise?" asked Mark, a new friend. "Half an hour," I answered. "Béarnaise starts with cooking down wine and a little fresh tarragon or chervil to a thick syrup, then straining it through a fine sieve.

And *then* you add all the thrills and chills of making hollandaise, substituting the wine reduction for the lemon juice." (Cooking hint: for an unorthodox but spectacular version, use the dregs from a decanted red Bordeaux or a fine Cabernet. Funny pink color but great flavor. Drink the wine alongside.)

The beef was perfectly done to rare, and the rich rub and sauce lifted it from the realm of mere meat to juicy manna. For our first side, we chose marrow and cheese mac, which yielded a small marrowbone (overcooked well past succulence, alas, into dry sandiness) standing alone amidst the world-beating mac and cheese, comfort food of the gods in their pajamas. Our second side, pan-roasted asparagus with oyster sauce and roasted garlic, was skimpy but tasty. We were drinking wines by the glass (to cope with our varied entrées), and the best match we found for the steak was a suave Martin Ray Pinot Noir. (The slightly gritty tannins in a Joel Gott Cabernet clashed

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

JRDN ★★★★ (Excellent)

Tower 23 Hotel, 723 Feldspar Street (at Ocean Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736, www.JRDN.com.

HOURS: Lunch Monday–Friday 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; brunch Saturday–Sunday 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; dinner Sunday–Thursday 5:00–10:00 p.m., Friday–Saturday until 11:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers, soups, and salads, \$9–\$21; entrées, \$21–\$41; desserts, \$9.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Unfussy California cuisine featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats, organic and local produce, plus sushi bar. Wide-ranging wine list at fair markups, plenty by the glass. Full bar, creative upscale cocktails.

PICK HITS: Oysters; tomato-melon gazpacho; Dungeness crab cakes; pan-seared scallops; steak of choice with JRDN rub; marrow and cheese mac; Meyer lemon tart. Chef's favorites: "Chef's Thunder" steak (with Vidalia onions and blue cheese), ahi tartar with preserved lemons, mussels with chorizo, pork with chermoula rub, and lobster "carpaccio" at lunch.

NEED TO KNOW: Chic, ultramodern architecture but informal atmosphere with exuberant youngish crowd. Heated patio seating (reservable) at edge of beach. Validated valet parking. One lactovegetarian entrée, but a dozen vegetable sides plus salads can make a meal. Bread service not automatic; request it if desired.

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with the acidic treble notes of the béarnaise.)

Scallop-lovers all, we decided to gamble on pan-seared "dry" scallops, even though their menu title didn't trumpet day-boat or Diver credentials — "dry" merely means dry-packed on ice, without the icky phosphate preservatives that turn scallops dead-white and mushy. It turns out, though, that these scallops were splendid dayboat specimens from Maine. They were sensitively cooked to barely opaque, sweet and tender, plated over a flawless

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risotto with Dungeness crab (you can never have enough Dungeness) and succulent sections of artichoke heart-and-stem, with a dreamy Meyer lemon beurre blanc glazing the plate. (The server coped well with “family-style” eating, bringing a full complement of tablespoons for the soup and steak knives for the meat. He didn’t bring a spoon for serving out the beurre blanc, but we managed by swishing forksful of scallop through the sauce.)

The only false note was a whole grilled fresh Royal Dorado (from Baja waters), which despite our pleas was overcooked dry. A *salsa verde* went a long way to moistening it again and offered the right zesty tang to flatter the lean, mild fish.

After the clean, clear flavors of our appetizers and entrées, for a change we actually looked forward to dessert. A Meyer lemon custard tart was tiny but sparkling, with sugar-glazed dried lemon slices standing up straight in the sweet-sour custard. The crust was crumbly, and the dish was strewn with fresh blueberries. A strawberry-rhubarb panna cotta was disappointingly solid—and stolid, with a gratuitous topping of fruit gelatin. “After the panna cottas made by Jack Fisher [now at Jack’s La Jolla],” said Lynne, “I expect it to be shivery and trembling, not this firm and pedestrian.” The best of that dessert was a garnish of ripe chopped strawberries and a petite mound of basil sorbet.

We all agreed we’d go back anytime. “The food is running a really high average,” Lynne summed up, “and you don’t have to dress up for it.” For all its spiffy decor and fairly high prices, JRDN combines the virtues of a neighborhood hangout with precise and delightful cooking that highlights every flavor and disguises none of them. The food is just right for the summery, breezy atmosphere: It’s a day at the beach.

ABOUT THE CHEF

The opening chef at JRDN was Victor Jimenez (formerly of Gringo’s, Thee Bungalow, and Gulf Coast Grill). When Victor took some time out to relax and travel (word is, he’s in India right now), his second-in-command, David Warner, was promoted to executive chef. (This is not, needless to say, the distinguished British actor of the same name.)

“I’ve lived in San Diego for about two years, and I’ve been working at JRDN for just about a year now,” he says. “I’m from Wildwood, New Jersey, and I worked in Cape May, a very Victorian resort town. I started out working in restaurants washing dishes when I was 14, and when I was about 17 my cousin opened up a tavern. He offered me a job and asked if I wanted to cook or wash dishes. I asked, ‘Which gets paid more?’ ‘The cook!’ I started there and stayed and just fell in love with cooking. I ended up going to school in Florida at the Fort Lauderdale Art Institute of Culinary Arts, did a two-year program, and moved back to Cape May, where I worked at the Pelican Club. Then I moved to Charleston, South Carolina, and worked in

the Peninsula Grill in the Planters Inn—it’s a Relais and Châteaux restaurant. After about a year I moved back to Cape May and worked at a really nice place called the Washington Inn, very well known on the East Coast, with the largest wine cellar in southern New Jersey. I worked there for two years, then moved out to San Diego. I always wanted to live out here, and finally, financially, I could. I grew up on the beach,

then went to school and worked in Florida, another beach. I always loved the beach, so San Diego was another stepping stone.

“I worked at Kensington Grill as a sous-chef when I got here, then I moved over here as a sous-chef, got bumped up to executive sous-chef, and now I’m the chef, for about the last month. Everything’s going good so far. I can’t complain. We put in new lunch and dinner menus

for summer, and we’re starting tasting dinners on Sundays, and we’re going to have some wine dinners in the fall and change the menu again, keep it seasonal. I have pretty much complete freedom to change the menu; I just have to check it with the management. They said, ‘That sounds great, go with it!’ They trust me and I trust them. I’ve got really good relations with my purveyors. Crow’s Pass Farm up

in Temecula is doing a great job for us. It’s really interesting being on this coast, you see a lot of different produce and fish than you do in the East.

“We try to keep it simple, take it back to the roots. I think people have been bombarded in recent years by paragraph-long menu descriptions. We want to cook foods that people can identify and keep it fresh, keep it fun, make the guests feel

like they’re kids again, smelling something good in the kitchen. Especially being by the beach, we get a lot of tourists, and it gives them a chance to have a nice meal without it being scary for them. We don’t have a humongous kitchen or walk-in—on the other hand, that helps keep our product fresher. We have fish and produce delivered daily. Nothing stays too long in this restaurant.” ■

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I came to where J crosses Third in Chinatown. Wheeled around the corner and whoa! A bronze statue, eight feet tall. A fine, stern old man, armed with a sword and a kind of ski-jump crown, full of life and power. Turns out it was made in China for San Diego's Chinese community. The plaque says it's the emperor Chin who, like, *created* China in 221 BC, standardized written language, the currency, weights and measures, and, oh yeah, built the Great Wall.

Quite a guy. That's when I notice the fingertips on his right hand have been rubbed until they're a shiny gold. People must touch them for luck. Maybe if I just rub the fingernail on his index finger...

I won't say it was instant, like rubbing Aladdin's lamp. But...

As I'm walking up First at G, past Horton Plaza's back entrance, I notice this older guy wearing a private security officer badge at his belt. He has a leather lifting harness around his waist.

Somehow, I don't think he's a security officer. He's dressed more for walking the Pacific Trail than the streets of San Diego.

"Welcome," he says. "This café is so filled with love." For a crazy moment, I wonder if he could be, like, the Emperor Chin reincarn...nah. Whatever, in a jiffy he's gone, across the street to a 24-Hour Fitness gym where a recumbent bike is parked out in front.

Wow. I would have walked straight past the café he's talking about — a whole big café terrace, umbrellas, tables, and all — because, except for ribbons of twinkle lights, it's not that well lit. "Beach

City Market," says the sign above its brown, hooped-canvas awning. "Espresso. Juice Bar. Smoothies. New York Style Deli. Freshly Prepared Sushi. Gourmet Salads." Maybe it's the twinklers, but it makes you think of Van Gogh's painting, *The Night Café*. Arles, France, right? Now I look at it, a golden pool of light in the night. And, hey hey! It's open till 10:00 p.m., and when I bolt in and check the menu, yeah! It's affordable.

I'm glad to see they have a small soup and half-sandwich deal for \$7.95. Of course, this is fast deli

food. The soup pots are cardboard. The guy wraps your sandwich in butcher paper. So we're not talking clinky plates, glowing glasses of wine. Oh well. I can afford it. That's what counts.

I'm thinking the minestrone soup and half a Londonport roast beef sandwich "flavored with port, white herbs, and spices." Or the Deluxe, which has roast beef "coated with salt, pepper, and garlic," plus horseradish cheddar and "pub-style horseradish." Each goes for \$6.95 as a whole sandwich on its own. I almost ask for Number 20, the veggie sandwich, because it has grilled eggplant — love that oozy mess — roasted red pepper, roasted zucchini, Italian yellow squash, grilled Portobello mushroom, lettuce, and tomato.

But the counter guy, Sam, cuts off my fantasy. "Soup's just off," he says.

"Okay," I say. "What's the most filling thing on the menu?"

He zings his finger up and down the list. I do too. Oh man. I should come at lunchtime. That's when they have an "outdoor grill lunch," 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. For \$7.95, you can have chicken fajitas, grilled BBQ chicken, chicken kabobs, or grilled salmon, on mixed greens and rice. Or noodle dishes for \$5.95, or sandwiches like a half-pound burger sizzled right there for

\$5.95, or a jumbo hot dog for \$3.95.

"Most filling?" Sam says finally. "Number 19."

That's a triple-decker turkey club sandwich. I tell him to fire away. He makes it and wraps it. I get a medium coffee (\$1.75) and take it all outside to one of the brown, faux-wood plastic tables. Man. I look around. Van Gogh all the way. Geraniums spill out of hanging flower baskets. Twinkle lights climb the palm tree trunks and line the brown canvas canopy. It's all magic against the evening's aqua sky. The only spellbreaker is the echoey sound of Coke cans collapsing under the heels of guys collecting the day's pickings from Horton Plaza's trash bins.

I chomp into my toasted triple-decker. It's sort of a Dagwood sandwich, that's how stuffed it is. Lots of tasty, thin-cut turkey on the bottom, then a moby layer of bacon, lettuce, tomato, with dill pickle on the side. It's an honest sandwich. No mystery flavors, just nicely filling.

The place is emptying. Sam brings out a coffee and sits down. "You should see it at lunchtime," he says. "Everybody comes. The 24-Hour Fitness people, tourists, shop employees, lawyers, politicians. The mayor comes twice a week. It's quite a scene."

The older guy in the lifting harness and the security badge comes back. Johnny V. "It's like a European café, isn't it?" he says. "The people are so warm-hearted. They let me sit for hours." Johnny's 72 and is most famous locally for being kissed on the cheek by Sophia Loren, for helping deprived kids, though I can't tell if it happened here or in La Bella Italia.

I'd noticed that they sold wine and beer. "Can we drink it out here?" I ask.



"No," says Sam. "Horton Plaza management won't let us."

Oh come on now. Crazy. Just think of Van Gogh. He'd never have painted *his* café if it only served coffee.

But whatever. I raise my cardboard coffee cup in the air. "Here's to the Emperor," I say.

"Who?"

"The Emperor Chin. He's just down the road. He grants wishes." ■

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Therese Gotfredson has been around the Ramona wine scene since before Bill Jenkin and Frank Karlsson got together and hatched the notion of Ramona Vintner's Cellars — a winery operation that would source fruit from the valley's vineyard-planting boomlet. It was love that brought her into the club — both gastronomic and romantic. "I was a graphic designer for 20 years and got burnt out on the corporate world. So I started a catering business, Trezette's, and my specialty was gourmet appetizers. I did a lot of cocktail parties, and I really liked to pair wines with them. I'm a good taster." Enough clients had Ramona addresses to get Gotfredson to move her operation (and her home) from Tierrasanta. And even before she did that, she had met and started dating Jenkin.

"Bill and I had a planting party for his acre of Syrah — 500 vines. He did most of the hard labor — digging holes and such — and I did the maintenance in the vineyards. I started taking classes: a winemaker's class at Costa Mesa with local wine guru Lum Eisenman and several grape-growing seminars out at Shadow Mountain Winery. I really enjoyed it, and I met other grape-growers through the Ramona Chamber of Commerce mixers." She and Jenkin started taking wine jaunts up north, getting advice from successful wine operations in places like Paso Robles — places not unlike Ramona.

And in 2001, when Jenkin and Karlsson started up their winery, she stepped in as operations manager. "I did all the PR, the media, and the labels, and ran the tasting room" on Ramona's main drag. But after a few years, there were breakups: Jenkin

and Karlsson parted company, and so did Jenkin and Gotfredson. Jenkin started up Pamo Valley Vineyards; Gotfredson stayed on with Karlsson, who kept the tasting room (and the label design) and renamed his winery Lenora.

Like others before her, Gotfredson found selling San Diego wine to San Diegans a difficult business. "I ran into a lot of stop signs when I tried to promote Lenora at tasting rooms down in San Diego. I didn't like it. I thought, 'There are some really great wines out here, and if you put them in your store, you'll see results.' They wouldn't take the chance. I did get the Dos Rojos in at the Third Corner," but other venues were still sounding the old mantra of "people want to drink Napa and Sonoma." She noted that Salerno has had some luck (I recently spotted his wines on the shelf at Mona Lisa down in Little Italy), which may be due in part to his knack for winning medals in competition. But, in general, "A lot of people aren't aware. They still go up to Temecula."

If you can't get distribution, you have to rely on Internet sales and — if you're lucky enough to have one — the tasting room. Lenora has a tasting room,

but "the location is really bad. Bad parking, you can't see it from the road, and the overhead is pretty high." Gotfredson went out looking and found what looked like a sure thing: a cozy box of a building next to King Leo's chocolates (and just down the road from the Orfila tasting room) in Wynola. But Karlsson didn't want to move, and so she struck out on her own, opening Country Cellars, a tasting room featuring the wines of San Diego County.

Of course, "opening" is often a short word for a long process. Gotfredson found the building in August of last year and didn't open until April. "I had to go to the county first, because they said there were more alcohol establishments up here than population." (Wineries remain a subject of contention in the backcountry; more on that in the future....) Then, the ABC required her to expand the square footage of her shop and to wall off a smallish corner up front for a tasting area. There was the matter of ADA compliance, and she had to put bars on the windows to protect against the threat of thirsty burglars. Becoming an advocate for local product was suddenly getting expensive. But she soldiered on and got a little landscaping help from William Holzhauer of Hacienda de las Rosas Winery, who planted a row of Petite Sirah vines out front as an ad for his backyard-vineyard-building venture. (Inside is rustic and woody, with redwood lattice, electric grape-lights, and consignment work from local painters.)

Then, in March, Frank Karlsson died, and Gotfredson found herself scrambling to help out her old employers as they attempted to keep the place going in its founder's absence. She told Karlsson's



Therese Gotfredson

wife Kerstin that she needed to spray for powdery mildew yesterday and worked at stabilizing and bottling several Lenora wines that were ready to go. "Lum Eisenman was really helpful again," she says, "and so was the Ramona Vintner's Association." While Karlsson was ailing, "We got a pruning and bottling part going at Lenora."

But open she did, and an ad on the website wineevents.com brought in a good crowd from all over. "I got a lot of response from San Diegans coming up for the weekend, and a lot of people from Orange County come and visit Julian. I'm with the Julian Chamber of Commerce and the Julian Merchant Association, and it helps that I know most of the winery owners — they want to see me succeed. Witch Creek" — which runs a tasting room in Julian — "sends customers to me," and the people at the Orfila room were glad for the company. To keep things neighborly, she doesn't carry their wines, nor those of Menghini or J. Jenk-



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ins (except, sometimes, the latter's apple wine). She's more interested in providing an outlet — even a showcase — for the numerous wholesale/online-only wineries dotting the county: San Pasqual, Salerno, Pyramid Vineyard, Mahogany Mountain, and Flying Kite, among others. She's hoping to start carrying Edwards and is looking forward to the first releases from several newly bonded operations around Ramona, including a Tempranillo from Joe and Becky Cullen's Cactus Star Vineyard. "I think Tempranillo is an up-and-coming grape."

While she waits for the apple-season tourist rush, Gotfredson is summoning her catering skills back into service, putting on a white-wine and appetizers event on July 22 (reservations required, see www.countrycellars.com). A red wine and chocolate pairing will follow on August 5, giving her another chance to work with her neighbors at King Leo's. The two have already managed one successful collaboration: "I offer the Mahogany Mountain Zinfandel Port in a King Leo's chocolate cup. That's kind of my niche, and it's been going well. Some people will sip and then take a bite, but a lot of guys just pop the whole thing in their mouths." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M.

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. Most of their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble,

frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelery," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged

seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappa's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one drive-way west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni

salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M.

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The ex-

hilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner nightly, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — N.W.

Nine-Ten Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor-matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W.

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. (Also at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Encinitas, 760-436-6261.) This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veg-



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& THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. (Also at 2015 Birch Road, Chula Vista, 619-591-1690.) To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, in-

cluding crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two

great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood

dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order.

Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded.

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Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of

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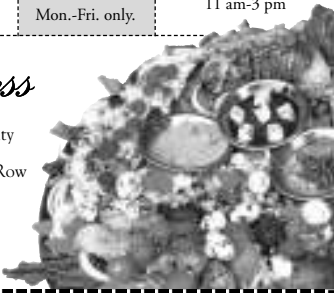
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night, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Humphrey’s by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it’s a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there’s no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W.*

Isabel’s Cantina 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself “Food Girl,” has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of

Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed “lazy cook,” she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other locations: 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811; and 3946 Illinois Street, North Park, 619-294-8292.) No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz

Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *muez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Chula Vista and North Park locations have *parrillada* meats. Breakfast through dinner until 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lefty’s Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That’s what Lefty claims his “king of all pizzas” weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can’t help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring “the real Chicago” to San Diego. So of course we’re talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his “stuffed” pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour’s “make and bake” time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent “Lefty’s carbonara” (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — *E.B.*

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their “Great Grilled Grueben” — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, “gem3tlich.” Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You’ll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn’t nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say “hot,” expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian

friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it’s the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you’re hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves’ tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don’t forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont’s single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It’s quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mario’s de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant’s sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any

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direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the “machaca sonora style” (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studied with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M.

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, goeey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy;

and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M.

FAR EAST

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50

years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its “Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich” (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open

for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B.

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celi-ery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to “extraordinary,” to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — N.W.

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rus-

tic, woody dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served,

but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W.

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Samba Grill 510 Fourth Avenue (Horton Plaza, top level), Gaslamp, 619-236-1000. This huge restaurant

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Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja,

661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W.*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You're going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don't want over-complicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose

from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of “Restaurant Row”), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their “krab” salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — *S.M.*

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. “*Il fornaio*” means “the baker,” after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfiatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza putanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.*

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Roboflop

Bumbling Autobots meet spastic teen romance.

For the past year or so, geek tempers have flared high over the prospect of a Michael Bay-directed update of *The Transformers*, a mid-'80s Hasbro cartoon about sentient alien robots capable of disguising themselves as mundane Earth machines, from cars to planes to tape recorders to, um, robotic dinosaurs.

Thanks to a line of reasonably neat toys and a better-than-average-for-the-time plotline pitting the noble Autobots against the evil Decepticons, *The Transformers* captured the imagination of a generation of kids, and the several spin-off series and animated movie continued to bring new fans into thrall. Since the first live-action film version was announced, the Internet has been abuzz with debate over exactly how the explosion-meister director of *Pearl Harbor* and *The Island* was going to screw up the franchise. Hard-core fans have bitched about the robot designs, the vehicle designs, the silly Maguffin-centric plot, and much more, but even they couldn't have anticipated exactly how *Transformers* ruins their memories: by turning the franchise into a terrible '80s comedy.

The film opens with Peter Cullen

(reprising his '80s original role as Autobot leader Optimus Prime) delivering a cheesy voiceover about "the Allspark," a mysterious cube of unknown provenance that gives life to worlds. Cut to modern-day Qatar, where a giant robot destroys an American military base and hacks into its computers in search of data on the

cube, in the kind of modern action scene fans were probably most hoping for. And then...cut to nearly an hour of John Hughes-style teen-romance goofery, as spastic twit Shia LaBeouf flails his way through an attempted romance of Megan Fox, the hottest girl in high school. He pratfalls in front of her, he blithers to himself nervously, he gets all unnerved as his mom asks if he's been masturbating and suggests that if the word makes him uncomfortable, he could call it Special Happy Time instead. Astonishingly, what should be a propulsive action film stumbles along in this vein through much of the rest of its length, dragging out inane jokes and excruciating humiliation routines; even when the heroic Autobots finally appear, they're similarly dignity-free bumbler who spout passé

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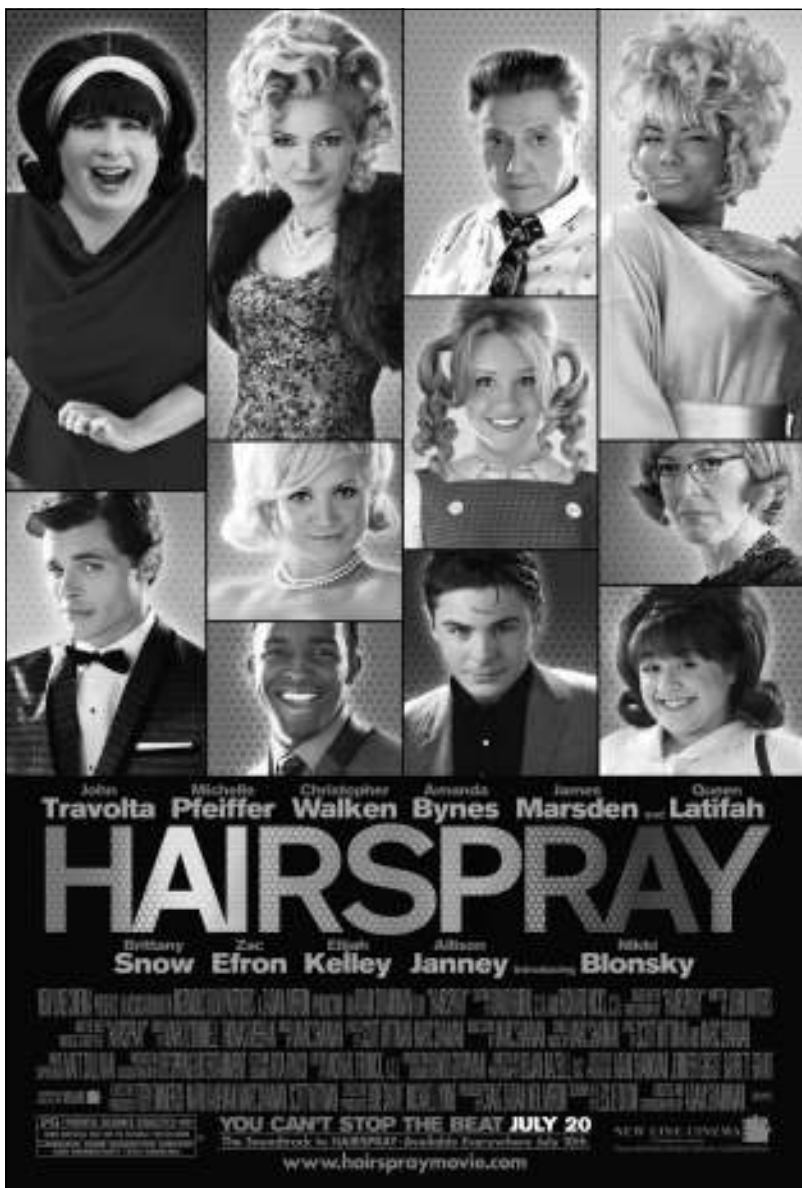
catchphrases (having learned their English from Earth TV, natch), accidentally stomp a rose garden (Optimus Prime: "Oops, my bad"), and get pissed on by a Chihuahua ("That's going to rust").

Transformers features a fair bit of action, and from time to time it stays serious long enough to get exciting.

But the *Transformers*' cluttered visual designs and Bay's frantic cutting frequently make it hard to tell what's happening in a given battle until the victor shows up in the next scene. And the writers' habit of undermining nearly every significant moment with corny gags and comic robot flailing à la *Short Circuit* is practically

inexplicable. At this point, no one should be expecting much from Michael Bay except fast pacing and decently choreographed explosions. With *Transformers*, he doesn't even make it that far.

— Tasha Robinson
A.V. Club Rating: C-



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On NBC's series *The Office*, John Krasinski plays the closest thing to an audience surrogate, an apathetic paper salesman who casts conspiratorial glances at the camera, as if to say that he knows as well as we do the folly of what just happened. That cooler-than-thou attitude would grate if Krasinski weren't so likable or if it wasn't undercut by the irony that he's still a weak-willed paper salesman from Scranton and thus not that much hipper than his coworkers. For these reasons, Krasinski is both perfectly cast in and completely wrong for *License to Wed*, his unfortunate bow as a Hollywood leading man. In many ways, the comedic black hole that is Robin Williams isn't all that different from Steve Carell's *Office* character, a manic joke-teller who specializes in putting people in uncomfortable situations. Krasinski knows how to play off Williams — his pained looks are all too

appropriate in the face of Williams's desperate shtick — but it's disillusioning to see him here because he seems too smart for this film.

Getting perhaps a bit too comfortable with her romantic-comedy persona, Mandy Moore looks as if she stepped off the set of *Because I Said So* and onto this one without bothering to find another gear. (With her implacable rom-com cheeriness, she could be her generation's Meg Ryan.) After Krasinski proposes to Moore, she immediately sets to work on her dream wedding, and top priority is to secure a local church, run by Williams's "Reverend Frank," for the ceremony. Before he agrees to marry a couple, Williams requires them to go through several rigorous challenges designed to test their union and strengthen their bond for the tough times ahead. And since the only open slot on his schedule is three weeks away, Moore and Krasinski are forced to take a crash course.

License to Wed's premise isn't too bad: Many engaged couples are required to go through religious counseling sessions before tying the knot, and it can be an awkward pro-

cess, especially for those who haven't been to church since the VCR was invented. But Williams's sessions are more disturbing and less funny than they should be. He tries to drive a wedge between Moore and Krasinski, but he seems motivated by a weird psychosexual connection to Moore, and he comes across more as a voyeur and a sadist than Williams's usual wacky-but-lovable nutjob. (As his devilish young protégé, Josh Flitter — who also did his best to spoil *Nancy Drew* earlier this summer — is even harder to stomach.) All poor Krasinski can do is sigh, look to the camera, and beg for deliverance.

— Scott Tobias
A.V. Club Rating: D+ ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Dave Kehr, 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 releases (*Total*



Broken English

Recall, *Basic Instinct*, *Starship Troopers*) is commercial moviemaking of the highest order, superbly mounted and paced. Its story of a sexy Jewish singer (Carice Van Houten) who poses as a Nazi for the Dutch

resistance during World War II is based on 40 years of research and 20 years of script development with cowriter Gerard Soeteman (*Soldier of Orange*). Like much of Verhoeven's best work, it's shamelessly melodramatic, but in its dark moral complexities it puts *Schindler's List* to shame. Van Houten and Sebastian Koch (*The Lives of Others*) are only two of the standouts in an exceptional cast. In English and subtitled Dutch, German, and Hebrew. — J.R.

Black Sheep — Stunning vistas of New Zealand's rolling countryside aren't enough to carry this lame 2006 horror spoof about a lab experiment gone awry. Seeking closure with his older sibling (Peter Feeney) after 15 years of estrangement, a phobic young man (Nathan Meister) returns to their bucolic ancestral home. Big brother has used the family's ranch to pursue a sideline of genetically engineered sheep, but the arrogant scientist he's employed is on her own mad tangent, producing an army of man-eating weresheep. If writer-director Jonathan King had been either sillier or more pointed in his satire, he might have aimed for a Kiwi clone of *Shaun of the Dead*. By default the puppets and animatronic creations of fabled Weta Workshop take center stage, but the rather crudely rendered monsters look like leftovers from a tag sale for indie filmmakers. — A.G.

Broken English — A single thirtysomething (Parker Posey) meets an eccentric Frenchman (Melvil Poupaud); directed by Zoe Cassavetes.

Captivity — A fashion model and her chauffeur are held captive by a sadistic killer. With Elisha Cuthbert and Daniel Gillies; directed by Roland Joffé.

DOA: Dead or Alive — Martial arts action based on the video game franchise. With Jaime Pressly and Holly Valance; directed by Corey Yuen.

Double Indemnity — James M. Cain's pulp classic (1944), as adapted by Raymond Chandler and directed by Billy Wilder. Barbara Stanwyck is perfectly cast as a Los Angeles dragon lady burdened with too much time, too much money, and a dull husband. Fred MacMurray (less effectively) is the fly-by-night insurance salesman who hopes to relieve her of all three. Wilder trades Cain's sun-rot imagery for conventional film noir stylings, but the atmosphere of sexual entrapment survives. With Edward G. Robinson. — D.K.

Evan Almighty — In this farcical sequel to *Bruce Almighty* (2003), God is still a janitor played by Morgan Freeman, but the Buffalo newscaster played by Jim Carrey is now a Buffalo newscaster-turned-congressman played by *The 40-Year-Old Virgin's* Steve Carell. As soon as the hero arrives with his family in a Virginia suburb to "change the world," God orders him to build an ark and then sends loads of ani-

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mals in pairs after him until he obeys. Freeman's God is a mix of Old and New Testament, with a dash of both sexism and sitcom; Carell's Noah is a political fool, but that only proves he's honest and sincere. This is idiotic, but it's so good-natured I didn't mind. Directed by Tom Shadyac from a script by Steve Oedekerk (Joel Coen coauthored the story); with Lauren Graham, John Goodman, John Michael Higgins, and Wanda Sykes. — *J.R.*

Evening — Susan Minot adapts her own novel with the help of Michael Cunningham (*The Hours*) about a dying woman (Vanessa Redgrave) coming to terms with her two daughters (Natasha Richardson and Toni Collette) and memories of her youth in the '50s (where she's played by Claire Danes). Despite the show-offy cast, it took me a while to warm to these people and their self-consciously idyllic settings — as well as to the slick direction of former cinematographer Lajos Koltai — but I was eventually won over. With Meryl Streep, Glenn Close, Patrick Wilson, and Hugh Dancy.

Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer — As federally mandated by the No Marvel Superhero Left Behind Act, this sequel to *Fantastic Four* (2005) drags in the Silver Surfer, who looks like a gigantic hood ornament and, given voice by Laurence Fishburne, has about as much personality. The original quartet (Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Chris Evans, Michael Chiklis), with their bizarre and frequently comic superpowers, are amusing enough to carry another installment, though the first movie's genesis story was more fun than the perfunctory doomsday scheme trotted out here. Tim Story directed; with Julian McMahon and Andre Braugher. — *J.R.*

Fido — Zombies are domesticated as workers and pets in this horror-comedy. With Carrie-Anne Moss and Billy Connolly; directed by Andrew Currie.

1408 — An author of paranormal guidebooks (John Cusack) checks into a notorious Manhattan hotel room whose guests never survive the night. Adapted from a Stephen King story, this trite but watchable chiller plays like a scaled-down version of *The Shining*, with Cusack driven over the edge by hallucinations of his abusive father and dead daughter. Back in the '80s, adaptations of King's fiction were the cutting edge in Hollywood horror; now, in the age of *Saw* and *Hostel*, they seem like old-fashioned comfort food, something for parents to enjoy while their kids are in the next theater digging the torture and evisceration. Mikael Hafstrom directed, and Samuel L. Jackson has a fine old time as the boogety-boogety hotel manager. — *J.R.J.*

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — David Yates directs the latest installment in the series based on J.K. Rowling's novels; with Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes, Gary Oldman, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham Carter, and Robbie Coltrane.

Hitch — The name above the title of this slick, fluffy romantic comedy is Will Smith, playing a Manhattan "date doctor" who advises shy guys on how to score. But with all due respect to Smith, the movie — a performance piece with an unbelievable barebones plot — belongs to Kevin James (star of the TV show *The King of Queens*) as Hitch's main client, a klutzy accountant who's hopelessly in love with his wealthy socialite boss (Amber Valletta). This is a mannerist mugfest for all concerned, including Eva Mendes as a gossip columnist, but like the movie as a whole, James manages to be so light on his lumbering feet that it's only natural for the film to culminate with his goofy dancing. Andy Tennant directed the script by Kevin Bisch. — *J.R.*

Joshua — Psychological thriller starring Sam Rockwell and Vera Farmiga; directed by George Ratliff.

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 *Un-*

declared 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.*

License to Wed — Reviewed this issue. With John Krasinski, Mandy Moore, and Robin Williams. Ken Kwapis directed.

Live Free or Die Hard — Twelve years after the third entry in the action franchise about unstoppable New York maverick cop John McClane (Bruce Willis), a steely computer genius (Timothy Olyphant, the series's weakest villain so far) has crippled Washington, D.C., by breaching the nation's vital data banks. McClane enlists a Jersey hacker (Justin Long, the Mac guy from the Apple ads) to reverse the damage, but the bad guys' omnipotence at nearly every turn dilutes the film's suspense. The physical stunts by Maggie Q as a lethal martial arts expert and Cyril Raffaelli as a Euro-trash sniper who rappels down buildings are more thrilling than the over-the-top chase sequences, so contrived as to verge on self-parody. Len Wiseman (*Underworld*) directed. — *A.G.*

A Mighty Heart — Mariane Pearl's 2003 memoir about the terrorist kidnapping and murder of her husband, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl, is ideal material for a suspense film, and this docudrama manages to be gripping even though the outcome is no mystery. Closely adapted by John Orloff, the movie functions as a police procedural, with the journalist's pregnant wife (Angelina Jolie) and a team of U.S. and Pakistani officials struggling to navigate the Islamic underground of Karachi as they search for Pearl. But Orloff also captures the book's human drama, as Mariane tries to remain hopeful in a steadily darkening situation, and its international sweep, as the rescuers are frustrated by tensions between Pakistan, India, and the West. Director Michael Winterbottom is known for his war-zone dramas (*Welcome to Sarajevo*, *In This World*), and his crisp documentary style enhances the emotionally charged story. — *J.R.J.*

Nancy Drew — A good half century has passed since I've read any Nancy Drew mysteries, an endless series that's been appearing since 1930, and frankly I wasn't expecting Andrew Fleming's 'Scope movie, written with Tiffany Paulsen, to stir up many memories of them. But this is a loving, uncondescending tribute to the novels' sweetness and hokeyness and an excellent piece of genre filmmaking. Nancy (Emma Roberts) accompanies her geeky dad (Tate Donovan) to Hollywood, where they rent the former mansion of a late movie star who's died mysteriously, and the girl sleuth solves the case. The postmodernist evocations of the past (roughly the '50s through the '80s) are a charming mishmash, delivered with wit and style. With Josh Flitter and Barry Bostwick. — *J.R.*

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BRYAN OTT
Director and cowriter, *Reagan's Wharf*, www.reaganswharf.com

Without question, Budd Boetticher's *Seven Men from Now* — starring Randolph Scott and Lee Marvin — is the film that inspired *Reagan's Wharf*, my first independently produced feature. The ever-stoic Scott, tempered by guilt at having been indirectly responsible for his wife's death, searches for a way to redeem his past. Shot in a mere ten days, this character-driven film proves that big budgets and special effects do not a great movie make.

Arguably, *Rio Bravo* is Howard Hawks's greatest film. The new special edition DVD is the highlight in an incomparable filmography. What other director has made so many amazing films in so many different genres? If Hawks's heroes are men who're good at what they do, it's only natural that if they die, they just weren't good enough. That clarity makes for great drama. Add John Wayne into the mix and what more can you ask for?

SEVEN MEN FROM NOW (USA) 1956, Paramount
List price: \$14.99

RIO BRAVO (USA) 1959, Warner
List price: \$39.98 (two discs)

GLENN HEATH
Cowriter, *Reagan's Wharf*, www.matchcuts.com

Uncovering characters' past traumas was a huge factor in writing *Reagan's Wharf* and I can't think of a director who has influenced me more in this regard than Anthony Mann. Mann's brilliant western *The Naked Spur*, which pits a vengeful Jimmy Stewart against an evil and spry Robert Ryan, exemplifies this dynamic beautifully.

A master class in mood and atmosphere, the Coen Brothers' *Miller's Crossing* remains the best example of their verbose dialogue and brutal characterizations. Gabriel Byrne has never been more hypnotic and Albert Finney's incredible shootout, juxtaposed with a haunting rendition of *Danny Boy*, still sends shivers up my spine.

The Western provided the spark for *Reagan's Wharf*, and *Dead Man* marks the genre at its most complex and demanding. Johnny Depp's singular journey West quickly becomes a spiritual rebirth, revealing both the horrors of Manifest Destiny and the beauty of cultures colliding.

THE NAKED SPUR (USA) 1953, Warner
List price: \$19.98

MILLER'S CROSSING (USA) 1990, Twentieth Century Fox
List price: \$9.98

DEAD MAN (USA/Germany/Japan) 1995, Miramax
List price: \$14.99

ANGEL GRANADOS
Director of photography, *Reagan's Wharf*, www.medialunge.com

Fun, funny, yet meaningful, *Three Kings* takes place on the stark desert plains of Iraq, but this time it's Operation Desert Storm. After the cease-fire, four American soldiers have the opportunity to steal some of the gold Saddam has taken from Kuwait, ending their day jobs forever. But this quest comes with great obstacles, forcing the young Americans to question their motives. Fast-paced, action-packed, and with witty dialogue, *Three Kings* retains its powerful message.

They say everyone has a twin somewhere. What if you came face to face with yours, except it wasn't a twin, it was really you instead? One of Krzysztof Kieslowski's best films, *The Double Life of Veronique*, follows two girls — one in Poland and one in France — who share the same name and features, but not the same life. This beautiful film is deliberate, visually poetic, and hauntingly original.

THREE KINGS (USA/Australia) 1999, Warner
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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

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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

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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.*

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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-Elysées — are omitted, but Olivier Assayas, Gurinda Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Gérard Depardieu, Christopher Doyle, Vincenzo Natali,

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Once

Geoffrey Rush, Bill Nighy, and Tom Holland 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.

Ratatouille — Brad Bird's second collaboration with Pixar is more ambitious and

meditative than his Oscar-winning *The Incredibles*. "Anyone can cook" is just one of the lessons of this superbly rendered CGI animation about a young rat (voiced by Patton Oswalt) who longs to work in the Paris restaurant made famous by his late idol (Brad Garrett). The novice rodent chef transcends his clan's prejudices by teaming surreptitiously with a human, an inept scullery boy (Lou Romano) the rat coaches to gastronomic acclaim. Cooking tips abound, and the Proustian moment a snooty food writer (Peter O'Toole) enjoys is a corker. With the voices of Ian Holm, Brian Dennehy, and Janeane Garofalo.

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.

Sicko — Asked who the greatest French poet was, Andre Gide said, "Victor Hugo, alas." I feel the same way about Michael Moore. He qualifies, sometimes lamentably, as our most important political filmmaker, in part just because the media do such a poor job of delivering basic news to us. His blistering attack on the American health care system and the abuses of medical insurance companies offers eye-opening contrasts with national health services in Canada, England, and France, and, atypically, he delays appearing on-screen for some 40 minutes to keep the focus on this country's victims. When his comic persona finally does come in, there's something a bit irritating about him asking so many questions he already knows the answers to, sometimes paying more heed to the audience members he perceives as clueless than to the people he's talking to (as when he asks some Cubans on the street, "Is there a doctor here in Cuba?"). But this is still essential viewing — a moving, informative, corrosive, and even sometimes hilarious call to arms. — J.R.J.

Spider-Man 3 — Even longer than its predecessors, 3 piles on the series's usual comedy scenes and action sequences while adding some black slime from outer space and a few new actors (Thomas Haden Church, Topher Grace) to the more familiar faces (Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, J.K. Simmons, Rosemary Harris). And a pile is what it feels like, especially when two superheroes ultimately join forces to defeat three supervillains. Given how bogus the movie is whenever it departs from formula, it's not surprising that the funniest bit (in which Peter Parker becomes a disco smoothie) is stolen from Jerry Lewis's *Nutty Professor* or that the best special effects, involving a gigantic Sandman, dimly echo *King Kong*. Director Sam Raimi tries to pump some life into this dutiful enterprise but seems more than a little bored himself, especially when he's getting

mushy about Spider-Man's moral decline and regeneration. — 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 imme-

diately, 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.

Transformers — Reviewed this issue. With Shia LaBeouf, Jon Voight, and John Turturro; directed by Michael Bay.

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Waitress

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 (G  rard 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 — The late Adrienne Shelly, best known for her roles in *Sleep With Me* and Hal Hartley’s *Trust* and *The Unbelievable Truth*, wrote and directed half a dozen films, three of them features, but this tangy, resourceful comedy drama is the first I’ve seen. Keri Russell plays a gifted pie baker and abused housewife who waits tables at a diner along with two romantically frustrated coworkers (Cheryl Hines and Shelly) and unexpectedly finds herself pregnant. The film isn’t averse to reaching for Hollywood fantasies, but there’s a lot of what seems to be hard-earned wisdom here about women in bad marriages. The men tend to be either idealized (hunky Nathan

Fillion, patriarchal Andy Griffith) or monstrously geeky (Jeremy Sisto and Eddie Jemison), and Shelly clearly had fun with all of these caricatures. — J.R.

You Kill Me — John Dahl’s previous neo noirs have been too cynical for me, but this crime comedy has such a goofy script (by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely) and such an eccentric cast that it kept me curious about what would happen next. An alcoholic Polish-American hit man in Buffalo (Ben Kingsley) gets sent to San Francisco by his uncle and boss (Philip Baker Hall) to dry out. Thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous and the funeral home where he gets a job, he winds up with a strange assortment of company, including a gay man (Luke Wilson), a real-estate broker (Bill Pullman), and a well-to-do lover (Tea Leoni). Even if you can’t accept all the movie’s curveballs, you might still be amused. With Dennis Farina and Alison Sealy-Smith. — J.R.

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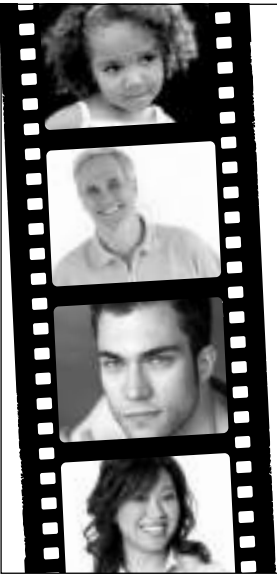
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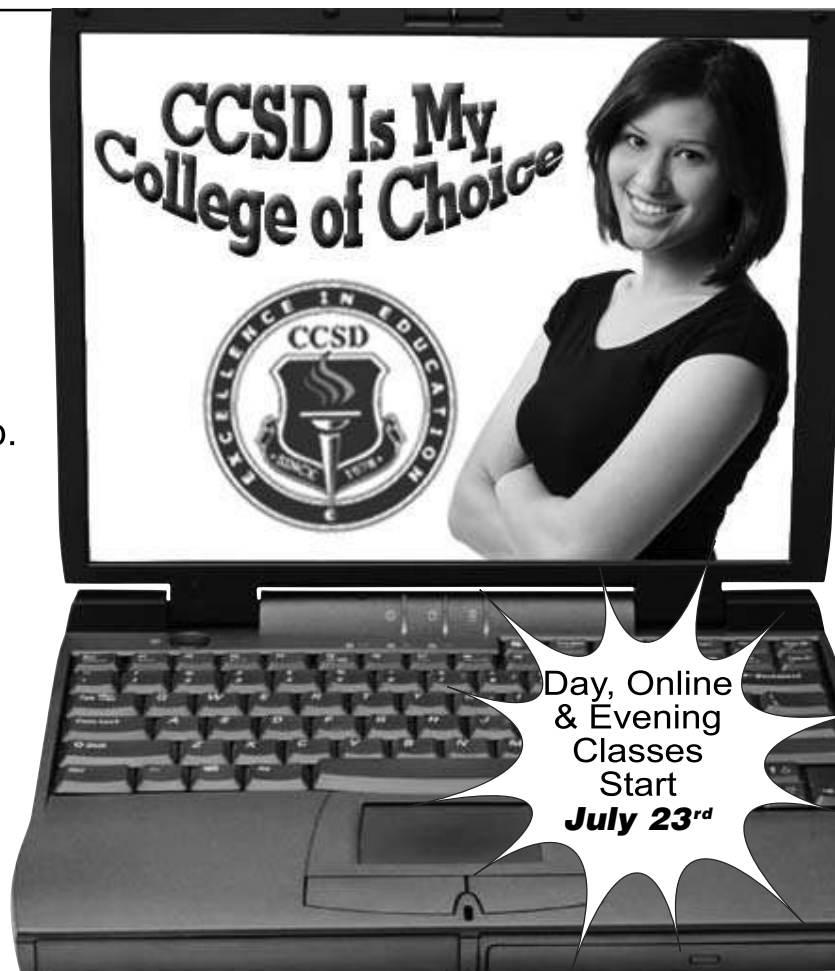
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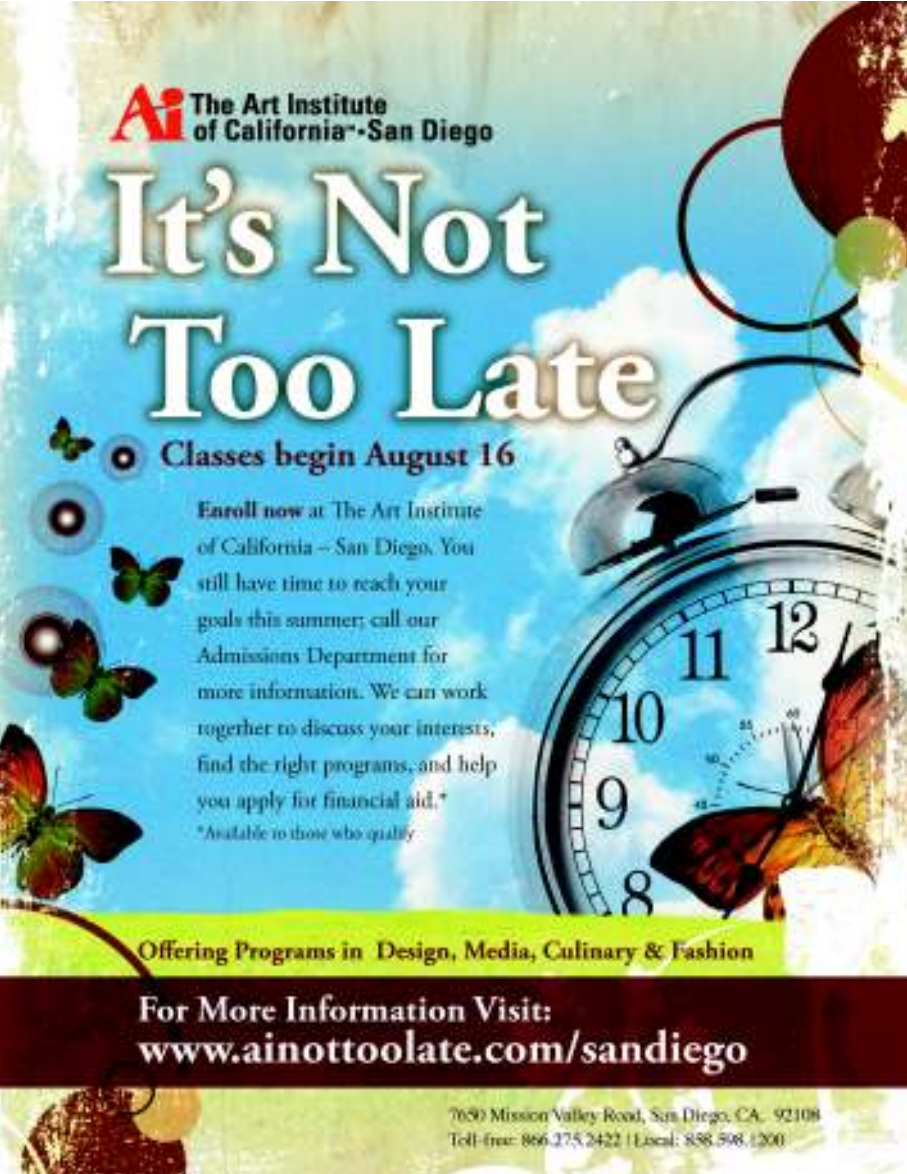
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Nikki Barrett
Disabled
Bankers Hill

I collect bills when they come in! I enjoy collecting pottery. I just started. I look at the bottom to see the imprint. It has a number there, which shows where it's from, the date, and other things. I bought one once at a garage sale for \$5 that was worth \$130. Right now, I only have around 30. But I'm always looking for more. Websites are too expensive, so I just stick to garage sales.



Glen Smith
Business owner
Temecula

It's a weird collection. I collect tape measures. I'm a woodworker and do-it-yourselfer. I have about 200. The ones I like best have advertising on them, or a sports team logo. I have a few old ones, from the '50s and '60s. I only collect the retractable ones.



Jen Stubbs
Social Worker
Ocean Beach

I collect giraffes. I've been collecting them since eighth grade. I don't have lots of them. I just think it's a very cool animal. They are unique. They're taller than me, they appear peaceful and elegant. And, they have really long necks.



Reyna Brook
Human Resources
Ocean Beach

I collect a few things. Venetian masks. I don't have that many yet. I was always into how they looked, and now I have some on my wall. I have one that my boyfriend got specifically in Venice and carried all around with him there. People give them to me as gifts now. I also collect anything with tropical fish. It could be statues, things that hang, anything.



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Downtown

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Across

- Tall, dark or handsome: Abbr.
- Spanish girlfriend
- Last words?
- Novelist Clancy
- “Blue II” and “Red Sun,” e.g.
- Fix, as cuffs
- Where a fortune teller might sit?
- Having wings
- Schwarzenegger’s middle name
- Object of many crushes
- Swarm
- Title for a military officer who has a degree in medicine?
- Forbidden
- Earlier: Abbr.
- 1990 Literature Nobel Octavio
- Unsophisticated sort
- They may need massaging
- Person who cuts the hair of PGA star Ballesteros?
- National League East stadium
- Island in the Adriatic
- It might be flat
- Tabula _____
- Vanishing sounds
- Brand name of a meat product made by an L. Frank Baum character?
- Dunkable treat
- View from Hong Kong
- Best Actress of 1979
- Handles cargo
- It’s literally been taken in the cases of 17-, 24-, 37- and 51-Across
- “_____ my case”
- “Let’s give _____!”
- Md. neighbor
- Chapter’s partner
- Step before shampooing
- Monogram on a handbag, perhaps

Down

- Chance to get on base
- Hackman’s “French Connection” role
- 2003 Literature Nobel
- Tan and Irving
- Prefix meaning “wrong”
- NYC subway
- Angora sources
- Out
- Color of Crayola’s Macaroni and Cheese crayon
- Has faith (in)
- “If _____ Hammer”
- Grand _____ National Park
- Process, as ore

- Ottava _____ (poetry type)
- Blunder
- Gloomy
- Former Virginia senator Charles
- It might be wireless
- Liq. measures
- A patient may say it
- Sushi option
- Prepares
- Some ducts carry them
- Opposite _____
- Noblewoman
- Philbin’s morning cohost
- “Blue Moon” of ’60s baseball
- Egg _____ yung
- “_____ of Honey” (1961 film)
- Sounds from a librarian
- “Understood, captain”
- Liver, in Lyon
- Year St. Eugene became Pope
- Midwest hub
- Equestrian
- Its two official languages are French and Creole
- Tree dwellers of cookie ads
- Scott who wrote “Island of the Blue Dolphins”
- Arctic sight
- Show the door to
- Metric wts.

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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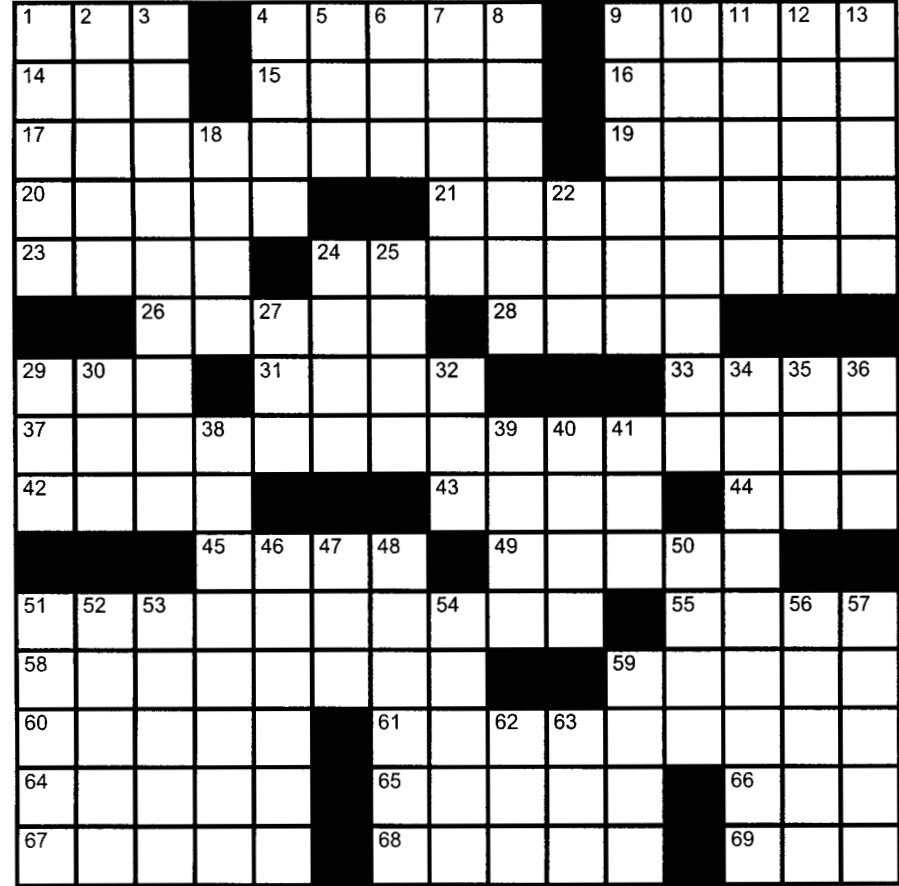
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 7/5/07.

There were 89 entrants. The winners are:

- Andrew Haedrich, *San Diego*
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SurfMOBILE

Name: **Tom Downer**

Home: **Normal Heights**

Vehicle: **1971 Volkswagen Bus**

Surfing: **Dog Beach, Ocean Beach**

Tom Downer's wife calls his '71 Volkswagen Bus his "beach garage." Tom says, "It's still the only vehicle I can get three surfboards and two volleyball courts in, and be able to lock it up." He carries a 10' 6" Ukelele, a 9' 0" Native, and a 7' 6" Native, with tarps between the boards for protection.

Tom owns a brand new Toyota pickup but prefers the bus for beach trips. "I can't lock the boards up in the truck. I'd have to pick one board and stick with it no matter the conditions. Like this morning, I could've used the 10' 6" or the 9-footer. It was just fast enough to use the 9, so I locked the other boards up and went out."

The curtains, kept closed for added security, are tattered. The body and paint show bits of rust from ocean air and saltwater spray. "This is what I've been struggling with for the past couple years," Tom says. "Whether I want to restore it again or just let it go."

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He bought the bus locally in 1981 and used to take it up and down the coast from San Elijo Lagoon to Kilometer 38 in Baja, but now he confines his travels because of gas prices and doesn't "try to get across the borders these days. It's become too much of a pain."

Tom's been surfing since 1963. "The funniest thing I've ever seen, this sticks with me to this day, down here on Sunset Cliffs a girl's leash snapped and she lost her board. I passed her and she said, 'Can you bring me in? I don't know how to swim.'"

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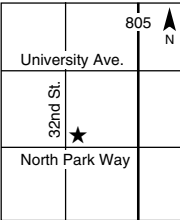
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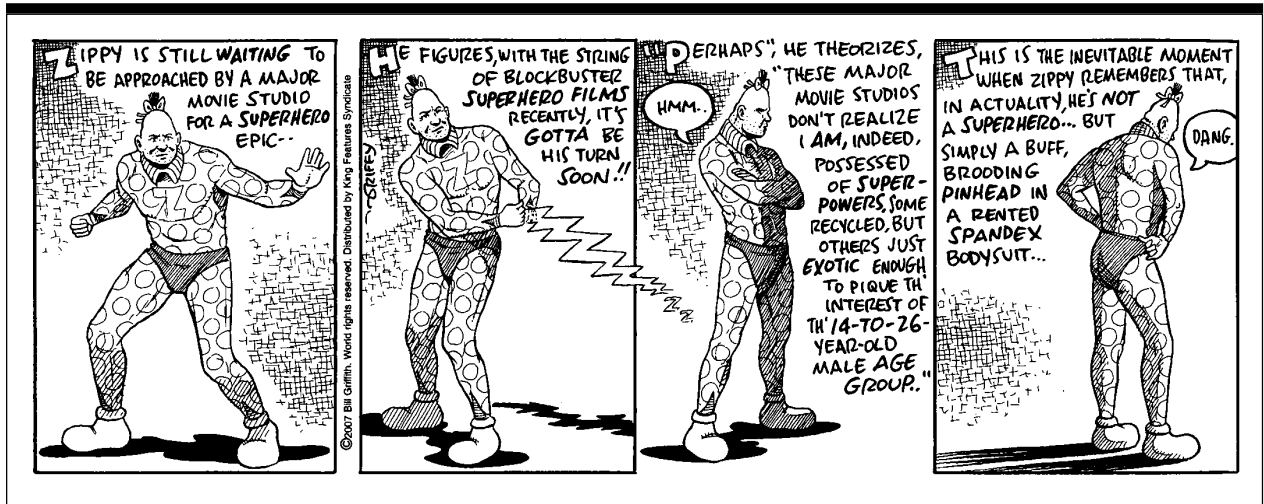
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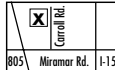
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LEAD STORY
— Africa’s largely primitive Hadzabe people, down to their last 1,500 members after surviving thousands of years of disease, famine, and encroaching civilization, fear their final blow will be the recent deal that Tanzania made to turn the tribe’s prime hunting grounds over to United Arab Emirates royalty for private safaris. The land comprises 2,500 acres near the Serengeti Plain, and some Hadzabe (who still make fire by rubbing sticks together) are resigned either to fight the “invaders” (with bows and poison-tipped arrows) or to migrate to towns for survival, according to a June *Washington Post* dispatch from Tanzania’s Yaeda Valley.

Alcohol Was Involved
— Andres Vasquez, 20, of Verona, KY, initially told the 911 operator in May that someone had “thrown” his truck on top of him, but he finally admitted to the dispatcher that he was drunk, had

had a one-vehicle accident, was trapped upside-down, and was in dire pain, fading in and out for over two hours. The operators pleaded the entire time for Vasquez to just say where he was so that they could send a rescue party, but, as the *Kentucky Enquirer* put it, “When repeatedly asked his location, [Vasquez’s] answer was always the same: ‘I’m under the [expletive] truck.’” (He finally gave a clue and was rescued.)

Compelling Explanations
— **Lame:** (1) Jonathan Powell, 17, was convicted in April of sexually assaulting a college student in Iowa City, Iowa, after his DNA was found in several places on her body. Powell explained the DNA by claiming that he had merely bumped into the woman accidentally while jogging and had become so “entangled” with her that he was unable to free himself for about “45 minutes.” (2) In April, Donald Duncan Jr., 34, was convicted of invasion of privacy in Carlisle, Pa., after his wife discovered a hid-

den-camera video of two girls who were disrobing in a bedroom in the couple’s house. Duncan said he had set up the camera because he suspected there were ghosts in the house and wanted proof. — **Lawyer Charles Curbo** filed a motion in Memphis, Tenn., in June, claiming that his client, Tony Wolfe, who was convicted of murder, failed to get a fair trial due to the ineffectiveness of Wolfe’s lawyer (i.e., Curbo) because the lawyer was often too sleepy to do a good job. However, the prosecutor pointed out that part of Curbo’s strategy had been to “wear down” witnesses “by extensive cross-examination” and that it was no wonder that he was exhausted. — **Tiffany Weaver** pleaded guilty in April to having stolen a lawyer’s official ID and impersonating the woman in order to gain access to the jail in Baltimore so that she could visit her incarcerated boyfriend, but she denied, through her lawyer, that she and the boyfriend had had sex while they were together. “There was never

any sexual intercourse,” said attorney Ivan Bates. “There was no thrusting whatsoever.”
Unclear on the Concept:
— (1) After the owner of a wrought-iron business in Brussels, Belgium, abruptly turned away a 53-year-old Nigerian native who had applied for a job, the local labor office declared the owner racist. However, the man said he was just trying to protect the Nigerian from the owner’s dog. “My dog is racist,” he said. “Not me.” (2) Police in Kyoto, Japan, said in March that a man had been detained after firing a dozen rounds from his house toward a new, 11-story condominium building next door. The man explained that he was angry that the building was blocking the sunlight he had previously enjoyed.

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Thirty Years Ago

Otto Bos, Mayor Pete Wilson's new, young press secretary, was leaning back, telling a reporter about how he had been the head zucchini cooker with Del Monte Foods in Oakland before he became a politics writer for the San Diego *Union* when Bob White, Wilson's executive assistant, rushed into the office.

Finding himself face-to-face with a reporter, White looked terror-stricken. He raised a sheaf of papers in front of him and said three times, "We're low-key here." Then he headed for the back door of the press secretary's office and disappeared.

The 33-year-old press secretary leaned back again and put his hands behind his head. "Now, where was I?" He went on to recount how he had served in a M.A.S.H. unit in Vietnam and came home to protest the war in full uniform, but only once. "I got my picture taken by the FBI and everything," he said, grinning.

—**"ALL THE MAYOR'S MEN,"** Paul Krueger and

Richard Louv, July 20, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Movie reviews do not ordinarily make me laugh out loud. But Duncan Shepherd's essay

on *E.T.* was the wittiest and most piercing debunking of Hollywood pretension I have read in a long time. It has doubtless raised up a lynch mob of those long-fingered, green-skinned sentimentalists who hold that *E.T.* is One and Spielberg is His prophet. I hope Shepherd manages to elude them, since he is the best film critic writing for any publication that I receive regularly. Pauline Kael, reviewing *E.T.* in the *New Yorker*, simmered her mush to a thicker consistency than usual by calling the movie a "bliss-out."

—LETTERS: **"D.S. on D.S.,"** David Sewell, La Jolla,

July 15, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Developer Ernie Hahn has done enough good for San Diego to be named our godfather, as far as I can figure it. And if he wants to help us again with his plans for improving the sinkhole that lies east of Gaslamp, I say, let him have at it, I'm tired of myopic doomsayers like Paul Krueger ("The Inside Story," July 9) who denounce moves to upgrade the downtown area and try to find profiteering under every newly laid brick.

—LETTERS: **"THE FILTHY SINKHOLE,"** Adam Pendleton,

San Diego, July 16, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

The Son, Rick Valdez: In a lot of ways my brother and I were opposites. Steven was conventional and I was the rebel. He was the good boy, and I always questioned things. We were both severe hemophiliacs, and we'd been going to Children's Hospital — I can't even tell you for certain, but since the mid-'60s. When we were young we were always at the hospital because we were bleeding all the time.

—**"TAINTED BLOOD BROTHERS: HEMOPHILIA IN THE TIME OF AIDS,"** Neal Matthews, July 16, 1992

Ten Years Ago

Baby Rock has been a preferred nightclub for some of the super-rich exporters of illicit drugs and their hirelings. A Tijuana resident cognizant of the goings-on in the border city said that the notorious Arellano Felix brothers — the second most powerful narco ring in Mexico and sought after by U.S. authorities — used to patronize Baby Rock, although the last sighting of them was two years ago. It is still a popular place for young lower-level executives of the narco trade.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"PORNO KING TIED TO T.J. HOT SPOT,"**

Bob Owen, July 10, 1997



San Diego Reader, July 11, 2002

Five Years Ago

A steer skeleton lay in the dry creek bed. Tom extracted a tooth from its skull and handed it to me like a picked flower. Its roots were long and brown, so desiccated they looked almost wooden. Only its crown was any bit of white. I slipped the gift into my backpack — a souvenir of square V17.

—**"BIRDS SQUARED,"** Jeanne Schinto, July 11, 2002

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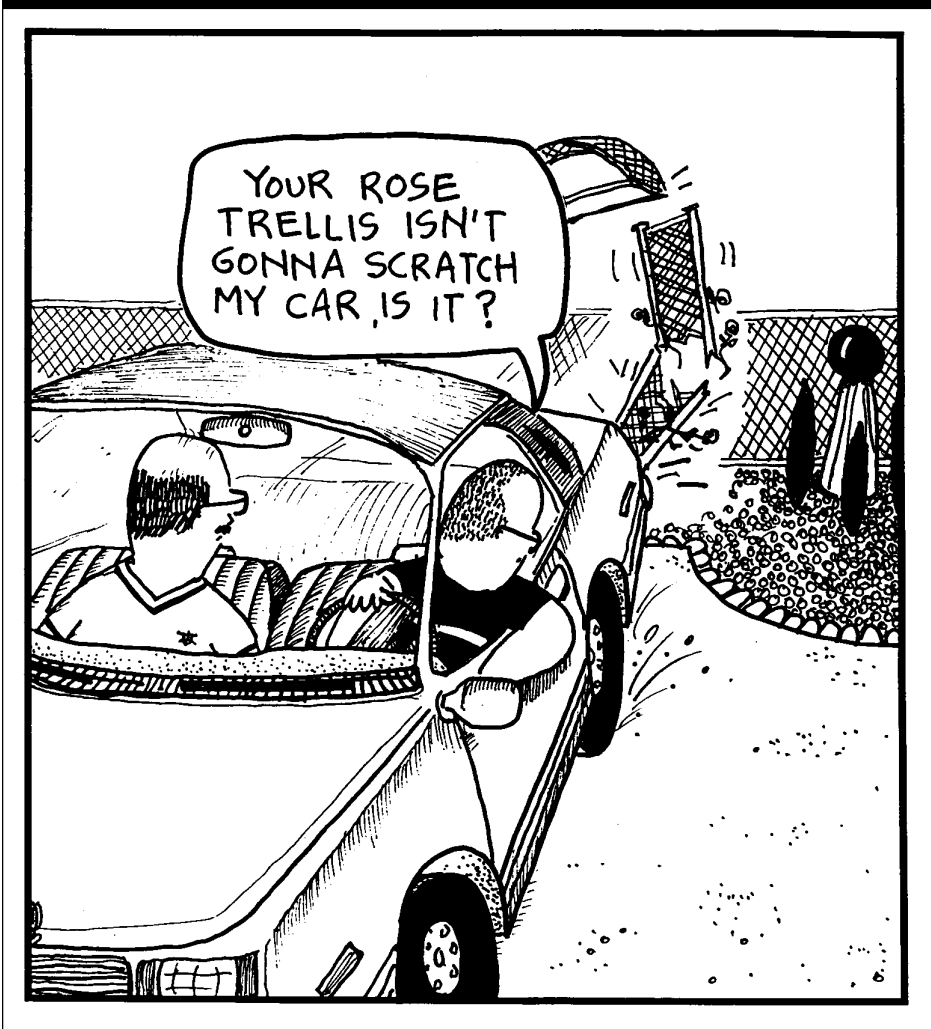
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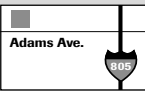
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I was furious with Vladimir for obvious reasons and even more upset at this faceless landlord (I had never met him at that point) for kicking us out with such little notice. I realized there was a recurring theme that resonated throughout my experiences here in Dublin, which included getting fucked over and ripped off. This time, I decided to make a stand. I was not able to collect my security deposit (which I struggled so hard to preserve by replacing that busted refrigerator) until I gave my set of keys to Vladibeer, so he could be sure that I was out of the apart-

ment and rotting on the streets. In my boldest attempt at cleverness, I duplicated the keys before handing over the originals to Vladismirnoff, told him that I had moved out, and continued to live in the apartment in secret, with all parties involved being none the wiser.

I knew a bitter and unpleasant confrontation was pending between me and John (the faceless landlord), so I lived in discomfort and unease every day. I was sitting atop a powder keg, waiting anxiously for the matches. I slept in fear at night — a frontline soldier in a foxhole, afraid to make any movement that would reveal my position to the enemy. I became a 21st-century Anne Frank, living in hiding...and this is my diary. The only difference is I was not hiding from the Gestapo, but from a crass Russian and a malicious Irish landlord with phenomenal asshole wattage. I believe my

room will become an overpriced museum 50 years after my heroic death, open to students, historians, and tourists from all corners of the world who will at last be able to learn about the atrocious



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dent ID. They will learn to never hate a tenant for the rest of their lives, and they will understand the inhumanity of antitenantism. This will be my legacy.

Plus, I was simply too lazy to move out, because I had accrued an unnecessary surplus of crap in the past two months that would not be easy to schlep around on buses and through the streets. Moving house takes a good deal of initiative, which I do not possess.

On the third day, while I was enjoying an unusually sunny day in the city, the landlord became privy to my scheme. He had already placed an ad for the apartment, which he thought was vacant, and it was promptly answered by an Irish couple who was eager to move in. When he came over with the potential new tenants to view the digs, my stuff was still strewn about. He called Vladimir in a rage, who then gave him my mobile number. Once I confirmed to him that I was still liv-

ing on site, he told me to “Get the fuck out of the apartment right now.” He had plenty of other four letter words for me, and none of them were “take your time.”

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Something is wrong here as I go back and read this. I feel I haven't accurately expressed how frustrated I am, which just lathers up a bit more frustration. In times like this, I turn to none other than Him, my Saviour, the son of God, the Saviour of mankind. I close my eyes and remember that He died on the cross to pay for my sins, and only in Him will I find love, virtue, and wisdom...and for that moment I am at peace with all and everything that has been the source of my despair. Then I open my eyes and realize I still don't have a fucking apartment.

I leave Dublin with one final thought, one concrete conclusion, one grand catharsis that should have revealed itself to me on the basketball courts in elementary school, but has now been broken over my head in one big, beautiful, cresting wave of clarity: I am not a winner.

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FOXY HAS MAD GAMENESS. “Gameness” is a word my friends and I picked up from a book, *A Fighter’s Heart*, by Sam Sheridan. It means a willingness to fight even if a dog is whipped and dragged out tired. The word came from the underground world of illegal dog fighting, but critics started using “gameness” to describe mixed martial artists, the guys on Ultimate Fighting Championships.

Foxy is my girlfriend’s 4-pound Pomeranian Chihuahua.

Once I get Foxy’s conditioning up, I’m going to enter her into a fight. My girlfriend would never give the go-ahead for this so I’ve waited until she’s in Hawaii, vacationing with her best friend.

“How’s Foxy?” my girl asked on the phone last night.

“Oh, she’s doing great. She’s sleeping right now,” I lied. Foxy was really on a treadmill, chasing a stuffed plushy dog hung on the wall. Mad gameness.

I’ve pumped Foxy with steroids, raw meat, and Gatorade since the second my girl got on the plane. Good doggie.

Foxy’s on a strict regimen of jogging, eating, and beatings. Since the dog weighs less than a phone book, I kind of just roll her around, grab at her snout, and pick her legs up to swat her on the butt. I growl at her a lot to get her used to confrontation. She’s chained to a laundry detergent bottle in my kitchen. Isolation drives a dog crazy.

“Foxy, kill!” I yell when I take her out for a walk and a poop and we pass the neighbor’s yard. Tera is the neighbor’s 100-pound Rottweiler. “Foxy, kill!” I yell, and Foxy jumps to Tera’s fence and snaps at the big dog’s feet.

So far my neighbor has turned down every opportunity to fight the two dogs. Because his damn dog is a sissy, and he knows Foxy would destroy Tera. Every day, I stand outside their gate, hold Foxy up and shout, “Let’s do it! Hundred bucks says Foxy rips Tera’s throat out!” Nothing. My neighbor has zero gameness.

I’ve got two days left before my girlfriend arrives home from her trip to Hawaii. I’m stepping up Foxy’s training. In the first few days I only worked her physically, but I’m throwing in mental training. Now, at night, Foxy and I sit on the couch and watch reruns of the Ultimate Fighting Championships.

Foxy lays upside down, and I massage her tiny leg muscles and rub her belly. “See, Foxy? Randy Couture. You are Randy Couture.”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 12

SOFTBALL: 2007 TACO BELL ALL-STAR LEGENDS
ESPN 10:00 A.M.

The word “legend” is being tossed out here a little too lightly. Softball legend? Another line of thinking is that when I say the word legend I’m using it incorrectly. If I say Muhammad Ali was a legend, does that really mean I think he’s a middle-aged lesbian with a beer gut?

DON'T FORGET THE LYRICS!

FOX 8:30 P.M.

In a prom-dress-type situation Fox and NBC have devised essentially the same television show. NBC’s is called *The Singing Bee*, and

Fox’s offering to Wal-Mart shoppers is this steaming sack. Not since *The Addams Family* and *The Munsters* debacle have the networks been so overlapping. Who will win in the ratings game? The real answer: go outside, you’re devoting entirely too much time to crap that you’ll forget on your deathbed.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

GOOD EATS

FOOD 8:00 P.M.

I feel sorry for the weird salad dressings that nobody eats. Sure everyone has some ranch, balsamic vinaigrette, or for those wild times, bleu cheese on hot wings. But what about

Thousand Island? I think at night the bottles of Thousand Island hang their heads and weep a little because no one’s going to buy them in the morning.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

TOUR DE FRANCE, STAGE 7 — LIVE
VS 4:30 A.M. — 8:30 A.M.

Even with living immortal Ol’ One Nut McGhee, Lance Armstrong, “le Tour” is le boring. Without him, VS Network has about as much chance of getting people to watch as that bum in the bus stop who propositions all the passing schoolgirls with a “puppet show” from his zipper.

DRAGNET

TELEvisa 9:30 P.M.

Weird. This isn’t the movie with Tom Hanks or the original series from 1967. This is a remake of the series, starring the dad from *Married with Children*. Apparently, in 2003 there were two seasons of this made by USA. And, you’ll notice, this broadcast is in Spanish. I’m certain I’ll watch only because I’ve given up drugs, but still crave that *What the hell is going on?* feeling of complete confusion.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

BUILDING THE GREAT PYRAMID
DISCOVERY 8:00 P.M.

My friend, Ron, went to Egypt last year. He hit all the sites, floated down the Nile, rode camels to the pyramids in Giza. His favorite part: There’s a KFC situated about 50 yards from the Sphinx. He says you can eat a fried drumstick and gaze upon a neon sign of the Colonel. With Sphinx in the distance. I’m totally going to that KFC next year.

MONDAY, JULY 16

VICTORIA BECKHAM: COMING TO AMERICA
NBC 8:00 P.M.

Super. Posh Spice moves to Los Angeles and (of course!) we get a reality TV show about it. Hollywood documents the mundane goings on of yet another pretty millionaire. I feel like a slave waiting for Abraham Lincoln to free me.



Dragnet

I harvest my mud, sleep on my hay, and sing my spiritual songs of redemption, yet no one, no one, will write entertaining programming.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
HSN 8:00 P.M.

What the hell? HSN takes a turn that could be described as tacky, even by their standards. I might watch just to see the sad broken gazes of the hosts who are forced to hock Christmas standards in the middle of July. They’ll be a bit like orphans begging for porridge, and I’ll call in and tell them I’m a millionaire and I want to buy the whole lot. Then I’ll hang up without giving my credit card information and laugh. Ha ha ha! Merry Christmas, suckers!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

FERRETS: THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
PBS 9:00 P.M.

Excuse me? PBS continues its devotion to esoteric interests broadcast to the masses and confusion as to why nobody watches. Ferrets. Really, PBS? Ferrets?

THURSDAY, JULY 19

UGLY BETTY

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Until Salma Hayek pulls her top off, I’m not watching. Since she’s no longer affiliated with the show, ABC’s chances of snaring the chubby, 31-year-old, Caucasian, North Park, hetero, alcoholic, male demographic are slipping further and further away from them.

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Everybody makes mistakes, John. Everybody.

By John Brizzolara

Cozy up to writers at your own peril.
— Truman Capote

In human relationships, kindness and lies are worth a thousand truths.
— Graham Greene

In spring of this year I wrote about a friend (possibly a former friend now), though I disguised him pretty thoroughly, I thought. I was certain only he would recognize himself and no one else, not even his mother. I assumed (and we all know what happens when we ass-ume) that my old amigo would probably not read it, or be able to where he lived. I don't know if his mother saw it, but guess what? I keep forgetting the stuff I write is no longer just regional journalism local to San Diego. Instead of being delighted at this sort of promotion to being a national (and international) writer again, the first thing I notice is, hey, this stuff can bite me in the ass. The man I wrote about took serious umbrage. Oh, yes.

I apologized by e-mail, as thoroughly as I could, but there is something about that type of communication that labors under some McLuhanesque effect or lack of effect I have not puzzled out. It is not just a matter of practiced usage of the English language. There may be a lack of emotional content so thorough in electronic mail that it might render an apology more ineffective than, say, a typewritten letter sent by U.S. mail.

For several days I went through a depression borne of the seeming truth that I had truly torpedoed a friend, and in a cowardly way. It took time and discussions on the nature of friendship via e-mail with my friend Mark, with

whom I have been friends since 1985.

Mark wrote to me:

"I do think he projects what he wants to see onto you, and I don't think that is good. You aren't 'the bad boy' type, though people sometimes see you that way.... You are," [and I hesitate to quote this, but I do believe I am fundamentally decent — with minor lapses] "a decent and troubled man.

"You cannot let go easily of [your own] past wrongs; but I have to say, people who let go of their sins too easily aren't great people.

"Everybody makes mistakes, John. Everybody. The measure of a man is what he does about those mistakes."

And then:

"You reached out to be my friend. You didn't have to do that; there was no real benefit to you. You were always polite and kind to me, even as I made still more rookie mistakes. Your friendship was so very essential to me during some very, very dark times. Laughter, understanding, and just listening. You did quite a bit of that, in between the jokes and the Jose [Sinatra] stories.

"The humor was life-saving to me, because I am naturally quite morose.

"I tell you all of this because having friends is very important to me, and I think to you as well.

"Just a couple of quotes — how I love quotes! — about friendship":

Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become. Except in cases of necessity, which are rare, leave your friend to learn unpleasant things from his enemies; they are ready enough to tell them.

— Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809–1894)

Human beings are born into this little span of life of which the best thing is its friendship and intimacies, and soon their places will know them no more, and yet they leave their friendships and intimacies with no cultivation, to grow as they will by the roadside, expecting them to "keep" by force of inertia.

— William James (1842–1910)

And Mark again:

"Friendships take work. And they do require care and feeding. And you have done those things, certainly, from my point of view. Sometimes, I think of friendships like bank accounts: a friend does something great, it is a deposit to that account. They screw up, it is a withdrawal. So the question remains, should we treat our friendships like a skinflint banker during the Depression, or like the World Bank treats Brazil? Everybody is different."

I very well realize this reads like, "I may have screwed this one guy, but my other friend says I'm okay. And do let's focus on what nice things he says about me."



But one subjective fact worth mentioning is that I value Mark's friendship more highly than that of the other man and quite possibly one of the reasons is that he himself is so eloquent on the subject of friendship and it is an eloquence born of hard treatment and long nights. Had I written what I had about Mark, I would feel badly enough; and while I can't imagine doing so, I would have to wonder what it was that brought me to it. None of Mark's behavior has ever been egregious enough — or even close — to warrant such a thing. So I would be left pretty much with the idea that there was another agenda, an alternate, actual list of grievances I was addressing in a way that smacks a little like cowardice.

One of the interesting things about the process of writing is that it is a good way to find out what you are thinking. You would think you would pretty much know beforehand, but it doesn't really work that way. Upon re-reading the piece I had written about the injured friend, I realized I was more than a little disappointed in this man for a number of reasons going back ten years and in the end having little to do with any of the subjects at hand, which I seized upon in the column.

But I had to write it first to see what it wasn't.

My apology to him stands. I'm sorry for the way I can be, I guess. I'm sorry for all of us.

If I were a good man I would understand the spaces between friends.

— Roger Waters/Pink Floyd

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