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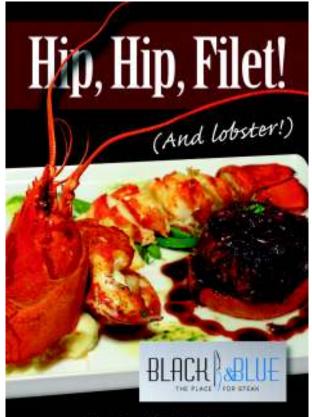
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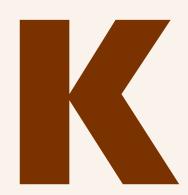
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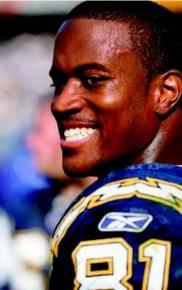
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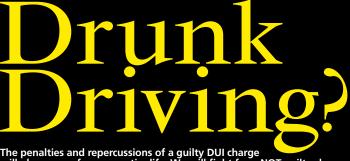


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When Developers Seize Planning

By Don Bauder

hat is it about Sunroad Enterprises and regional airports? During the same period in which certain City planners

were plotting to use Sunroad's defiance of federal and state air safety laws as a pretext to close down Montgomery Field and open it to real estate development, a similar scheme was cooking for Brown Field in

had bought for a song into residential parcels that would turn a fat profit. And during this period when they were paying for work that should have been done by the City and the local community, these Waring said the City would begin steering and paying for the community plan, instead of the developers. Waring didn't call the project off, though. In a letter dated June 29, he said that completing the community plan "is a high priority for the Mayor" and should be effectuated by yearend.

When some City officials permitted Sunroad to flip the middle digit to federal and state governments at Montgomery Field, it was a case of one government body shielding a law-defying developer from other government bod-



905 freeway near Brown Field

Otay Mesa. Sunroad and three other developers — McMillin, Pardee, and Integral Partners — were paying consultants to rewrite the Otay Mesa community plan so they could turn industrial parcels they

developers were preparing for the permitting process on residential projects in the area.

After City Attorney Michael Aguirre inquired about the malodorous arrangement, City real estate czar James ies. What's been going on in Otay Mesa has been worse: it has been a case of private developers essentially taking over the planning function of government and the citi-

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Red Ink at Copley?

By Don Bauder

n April 11 of this year, Copley Press, parent of the Union-Tribune, sold nine newspapers in Illinois and Ohio for

\$382.5 million. Now we know: those papers were losing money. The buyer was Gate-House Media of upstate New York. It is publicly held and makes regular filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Those reports reveal some things that privately held Copley was keeping secret.

Jettisoned were dailies in Springfield, Peoria, Galesburg, and Lincoln, Illinois; and Canton, Massillon, and New Philadelphia, Ohio; plus two weeklies. Reports filed by GateHouse show that the papers in 2004 sported net income of \$7.5 million. That dropped to \$5 million in 2005. Last year, the combined papers lost \$1.24 million. In the first quarter of this year, those papers lost \$1.65 million.

Total assets of the Ohio and Illinois papers dropped from \$462 million in 2005 to \$448.4 million last year.

The Ohio and Illinois papers were generating annual gross revenue of \$159 million. Before the sale, Copley Press would state publicly that its total gross revenues were \$550 million. Now, after the sale, they would be around \$390 million, because the *U*-T is about all that's left. Generally, small- to medium-sized newspapers are doing much better than metropolitan dailies. When Copley announced it was dumping the Ohio and Illinois papers, some said it would be better off selling the *U-T* and keeping the others. So is Copley Press now losing money? The company admits profits are down sharply. With circulation and advertising revenue sinking, it's possible the company is now seeing red ink, but not likely. Yet. ■

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BREAKING NEWS

Hooked on books Almost six years ago, on July 30, 2001, the San Diego city council, led by Mayor **Dick Murphy**, voted to give \$1 million to the San Diego Library Foundation, a small nonprofit group incorporated only three months earlier. The foundation's president was **Jim Dawe**, a well-known local lobbyist whose clients included National City's McMillin Communities, con-



Mike Madigan a

troversial redeveloper of the old Naval Training Center site. Among members of the foundation's board was **Mike Madigan**, the ex-Pardee executive who had gone on to become the city's ballpark development "czar" and later a developer and real estate

speculator in his own right.

He was later to face a variety of conflict-of-interest-related charges, agreeing in 2003 to pay a \$1000 fine for failure to properly disclose his downtown real estate assets. The group's "executive director" was **James Lewis Bowers**, a fundraising professional and La Jolla socialite who had also been on the board of the San Diego

Symphony and owned a small piece of uptown's posh Laurel restaurant.

The million-dollar check from the city was supposed to be "seed" money to encourage local fat cats to come up with millions of dollars more in donations to build a new downtown library on a vacant city-



James Bowe

owned block near the baseball stadium. "As evidence of the city's good-faith desire to secure a world-class Library System and to enable the Library Foundation to begin operations, the City agrees to provide \$1 million to the Library Foundation," said the council resolution appropriating the money with very few other restrictions, according to a "memorandum of understanding" accompanying the deal. "This is going to send a message to the philanthropic community that we're serious," city councilman **Jim Madaffer**, a big library backer, told the *Union-Tribune* the day before the vote. "We'd like to raise \$40 million or \$50 million."

Alas, to this day the foundation has been unable to wheedle anything close to that kind of cash out of the city's monied and corporate classes. As the years passed, the predicted construction cost has burgeoned to \$185 million, requiring the foundation to adjust its fundraising goal upward to \$70 million. But so far it has managed to scrape together only \$3 million in large pledges, one of \$2 million from *Union-Tribune* owner **David Copley** and another of \$1 million from the San Diego Foundation's Hervey Family Fund. Current foundation vice chairman **Mel Katz** has said that it was a mistake to set goals in the past and last month declined to tell the *U-T* when the group might hit \$50 million.

But what about that original \$1 million from San Diego taxpayers? Documents unearthed in 2004 through a request to the city under the state's public records act showed that much of the cash was spent on overhead. According to a "preliminary plan" attached to a November 7, 2002, let-

ter from foundation president Dawe to thendeputy city manager **Bruce Herring**, \$195,000 was earmarked for "Salaries and Benefits (Executive Director/Administrative Asst.)," \$70,000 for

"consulting services," \$160,000 for "Publications and Public Relations," including \$45,000 for "Agency services," \$50,000 for "Banners," and \$25,000



Virtual downtown library model

for "video," \$25,000 for "organizational meetings," \$15,000 for "office equipment and furnishings," and \$15,000 for "board related activities." From January 1, 2003, through March 31, 2003, according to the records, the foundation spent \$72,269.10 on "charitable expenses." By the end of December 2003, the fund balance was down to \$564,187.99.

Today, with the downtown library still a shimmering mirage, a long-overdue investigation is finally in progress. In a July 9 presentation to the city council's audit committee, the city's interim internal auditor revealed that the library foundation was being audited "as the result of a hotline complaint." The audit will "evaluate the internal controls and accountability for library donations" and "determine compliance with the terms of the [memorandum of understanding] between the City and the Library Foundation." According to the presentation, "Audit recommendations will be made to help strengthen internal controls over library donations."

Karin's heroes The great debate over the demise of the *Union-Tribune*'s freestanding book section rages on, led by outspoken Del Mar literary agent **Sandy Dijkstra**. "My point is that even though the *U-T*'s revenues may not be quite as HUGE as they have been in the past, you still own San Diego, so we book readers must wonder why you cannot afford to continue the Book Review, especially when other sections are being



arin Winner

kept, although they too have little advertising," wrote Dijkstra in a recent e-mail to *U-T* editor **Karin Winner** and **Chris Lavin**, senior editor for special sections, copied to local media and cultural types.

Lavin replied with a ringing defense of his boss: "Karin Winner has guided this news-

paper from some pretty dark days to make it one of the best regional newspapers in America and I appreciate that you see the value it brings, even stacked up against bigger papers with much deeper benches. She does not make changes without a lot of thought and whenever she must reshuffle the deck, Karin challenges her managers to find innovative ways to preserve the service our journalists provide to local readers."

— Matt Potter

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Kicking Up Dust

By Ernie Grimm

n a weekday, the west end of Barona Mesa Road in San Diego Country Estates is as bucolic a spot to live as any in San Diego

County. An eclectic array of \$600,000 homes on half-acre lots lines the street. The culde-sac sits four miles southeast of Ramona, as the redtailed hawk soars, more than one mile and over a ridge from the nearest thoroughfare, San Vicente Road. Only the singing of thousands of birds flitting among the manicured landscapes and sursation difficult. On weekend nights, the groan of generators from the recreational vehicles parked at the racetrack overpowers the chirp of the crickets.

On weekdays, the prevailing west-to-east breeze brings the scent of sage and wild lilacs growing on the hillsides and the moist smell of cottonwoods and willows grow-



Paul Freitas

rounding native chaparral breaks the neighborhood's silence. But on most Saturdays and Sundays, the droning of motorcycles speeding around the Barona Oaks Raceway drowns out all the birds and makes outdoor convering alongside the Klondike Creek just to the west. On weekends, the same breeze brings a cloud of dust the color of a brown paper bag kicked up by the motorcycles skidding their way around Barona Oaks' two dirt tracks,

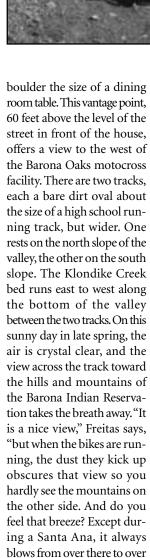
which lie just inside the Barona Indian Reservation a football field's distance to the west.

The weekend noise and dust are so bad, says resident Paul Freitas, "I find things to do on Saturday and Sunday so that I'm not at home."

Freitas's home sits on the north side of Barona Mesa three houses from the road's western terminus. He and his wife and two children have lived in the single-story Mediterranean house since 1996. A dark-haired man in his mid-40s dressed in green shorts, a gray surf-themed Tshirt, and huarache sandals, Freitas leads a visitor through his comfortably appointed house and out onto his back patio. "See this?" He wipes a finger across the glass top of a patio table and holds the smudged fingertip up for inspection. "This is the lovely dust that blows up from the track every weekend."

Indeed, all of his patio furniture, the patio itself, the shrubs in his landscaping, and the window screens of his house are covered in a visible layer of dirty dun-colored dust. "And this is only from one weekend's racing," Freitas explains. "I washed all this down after the weekend before."

Freitas walks across the dusty patio and out into his back yard, which slopes northward up a hillside. He ambles through a gate in the fence at the top of his property and climbs onto a flat-topped



Freitas serves as chairman of a neighborhood coalition called the Barona Environmental Association that for more than eight years has been trying, without success, to get the tribe to move the

here. So when they're racing

over there, the breeze pushes

all the dust over here."

track, or at least reduce the number of races at Barona Oaks. Not only has the track not been moved, but the number of races and race weekends has increased since Freitas penned a letter to then-tribal chairman Clifford LaChappa on March 26, 2000. "The track is located a mere one hundred yards from some of our homes and the noise and the dust impact us to a degree that you do not appreciate," Freitas wrote. "We understand that the track has been in place for a number of years; however, the frequency of the events and the character of the racing vehicles have changed dramatically in the last few years. When the majority of our membership purchased our homes, the track was in operation only a few weekends a year, primarily during the summer. In recent years this has changed. Today the track is used all year round on a weekly basis, sometimes as late as 11:00 p.m. Further, the vehicles are much more powerful and consequently much louder."

The California Mini Motorcycle Club runs Barona Oaks raceway. Their 2005 rules and regulations, which are posted on the Internet, confirm that the track is no longer only for kids on minibikes, as it was when it opened in 1973. Though minibikes with engines as small as 50cc ridden by kids up to eight years old are still raced there, the club also runs races for larger classes, including an "open class" that allows motorcycles of any engine size ridden by riders of any age. And the difference is striking. One recent Sunday, the noise at the end of the cul-de-sac, while the minibikes were running, was loud — like a swarm of enormous bees — but normal conversation was possible. Then an open-class race began, and the lower-throated roar of the bigger engines made conversation without significantly raised voices impossible.

In his letter to LaChappa back in March 2000, Freitas wrote, "In addition to the noise we are concerned that the track is located in a seasonal streambed. The vehicles themselves and the generating facility are a direct source of leakage of petrochemicals into the surrounding aquifer.... The purpose of this

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Seize planning

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The developer group is the Otay Mesa Coalition. It hired consultants called the Otay Mesa Working Group to alter the community plan so the developers could add 5500 residential units. I have gone over three years of the agendas, reports, and meeting notes of this group, which met at least monthly in the offices of architect/civic powerhouse Mark Steele. Among the attendees and eager participants were Theresa Millette and Mary Wright of the City's Planning Department. Also there was Tom Story, former head of land use at the City, who was hired by Sunroad in late 2005 and was charged with lobbying former employees before waiting the required time. Among consultants were airport lawyers Chevalier, Allen & Lichman, whom Sunroad hired as it reached the decision to construct its building near Montgomery Field despite warnings of the Federal Aviation Administration and the California Department of Transportation.

In essence, the Otay Mesa Coalition seized the planning process so it could build homes on land north and south of State Route 905. It is not desirable to build homes so close to an expressway, particularly one that will have heavy traffic from high-polluting trucks. That's why the Otay Mesa community plan of 1981 had the area zoned industrial/commercial. At a meeting September 30 of 2005, one working group attendee denounced "antiquated thinking in...preserving industrial lands."

On February 15 of last year, the working group declared that the 1981 community plan was "out of date. Assumptions regarding industrial uses and land absorptions were incorrect...There is a surplus of industrial land and a scarcity of residential land." The answer was the San Diego sacred cow, City of Villages, or so-called smart growth - essentially, densification, or shoehorning as many people as possible into a space, even though the infrastructure can't support the population. The working group's stated mission: "provide more housing."

CITY LIGHTS

To do that, the consultants considered a raid on Brown Field. On August 24 of 2005, they reflected on comments received from the public at an open house the week before. "The strength and consistency of the comments about making better use of Brown Field through making it smaller or eliminating it was surprising," noted the committee. On August 14 of last year, the group reported that an individual who owned property at both ends of the runway "is in the process of forming a Brown Field coalition to discuss ideas/solutions for Brown Field with the [Federal Aviation Administration] and the City." On May 12 of this year, a scribe wrote that "the Mayor's office wants to maintain flexibility for using Brown Field in the future. Not likely to support shortening the runway or designating site specific study areas without justification from detailed study of airport."

have been aware that in October of last year, 14 conservation groups won a major victory in federal court that protects vernal pools on Brown Field. "The decision we got on the lawsuit would have barred them from proceeding with any consideration of [shortening the field]," or at least made it very difficult, says David Hogan, conservation manager of the San Diego office of the Center for Bio-

Says Gerald Blank, attorney for the Community Airfields Association of San Diego, "One of the group's proposals was to shorten Brown Field's longest and most useful runway — make it more feasible to put housing in there." He believes Waring would like to expropriate Montgomery for developers and might have an eye on Brown, too.

'Corporate jets are ideal for Brown," says Rick Beach, president of the association, who believes the airfield could generate business and jobs for the county.

financing; community outreach programs to be run by the City; and, of course, Brown Field. The consultants talked with Southwestern Community College about setting up a site at Otay Mesa, close to a new high school.

In short, the rezoning of industrial land to residential land that would line the pockets of the four developers was planned to a gnat's eyelash. Make it a rat's eyelash. The Otay Mesa adventure "is a conflict of interest," says Councilmember Donna Frye. "It gets more and more interesting as developers look for parcels of land. It is a feeding frenzy to see who can get the land at a cheaper price. Once you get it upzoned, you have made a fortune. You don't even have to do development. Many of these developers are using taxpayers' money not only to get very rich, but to get filthy rich."

Lori Saldaña, who represents the 76th Assembly District, has been hearing from constituents that the developers and their paid consultants were improperly noticing meetings and not putting items on their agendas in an understandable fashion. "I love this public/private designation," she says. "Too often the public disappears from that equation. It's like a cabala closed club atmosphere. And the exodus of people leaving public sector jobs to join [the cabal] is interesting." ■

Kicking up dust

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letter is to open a dialogue with the tribal authorities with the goal of moving the track to another part of the reservation."

Freitas went on to cite state and federal environmental and noise statutes he believed applied to the case and to suggest arbitration if no agreement could be reached. After receiving no answer to the letter, Freitas sent it again, on April 15, 2000. Almost a month later, he received a letter dated May 11, 2000, not from LaChappa but from the tribe's Escondido lawyer, Art Bunce, which stated, "The Tribal Council's initial response is to reject any suggestion that any outside party should dictate to the Barona Band how it will use the lands of its federal Indian reservation."

Bunce went on to say that Freitas's letter "seeks to give non-Indians an effective veto over the decisions which the Tribe makes as to how it wishes to make use of its Reservation land. While the tribe wishes to be a good neighbor, the approach of your organization assumes the result of any dialog, and treats the Barona Band and its federal Indian reservation as just another ordinary neighbor, rather than a sovereign government. For this reason, the Barona Tribal Council is not interested in any discussion where the result is already dictated before the discussion even begins."

CITY LIGHTS

Communication between the tribe and the Barona Mesa **Environmental Association** grew a little more cordial over the next few years. Freitas and others from his association met with LaChappa once — "Though nothing came of it," Freitas says — and the tribe even agreed to have a noise study done. The test was performed on July 10 and 11, 2004, by Investigative Science and Engineering, which concluded, "Based upon the measurement, hourly noise levels were found to be at or below 60 [decibels]. This commonly would not be deemed as excessive noise."

Freitas says the test did not reflect normal conditions at the track. "The tribe insisted on knowing the date of the test, and fewer bikes came that day," he contends. Since then, there have been "more races, bigger bikes, more dust, and more noise. And they've started coming on some weekdays

Freitas and the members of the Barona Environmental Association who haven't moved out of the neighborhood in frustration have contacted County Supervisor Dianne Jacob's office as well as state and federal government entities. The message they've gotten from all of them has been a version of what one official from Dianne Jacob's office said recently: "We're well aware of the problem with the track, but we can't operate on tribal land."

The county supervisor's staff is planning an August meeting to bring together the tribe and its neighbors.

Neither the Barona tribe nor the California Mini Motorcycle Club responded to phone calls seeking comment. ■

Mayor Jerry Sanders may logical Diversity.

In its meetings, the working group was regularly updating progress on its multiple missions: the community plan; water; sewer; schools; parks; the environmental impact report; transportation studies of highways and streets; drainage; public facilities

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High Expectations

This one is for Tasha Robinson (Movie Review, July 12). Were you expecting drama, romance, moral con-

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flict, full frontal nudity, and a solution to global warming from *The Transformers?* Your review seemed a bit harsh considering it followed the same story line it did almost 30 years ago! Chill a little.

Donald E. Tague via e-mail

Gotcha!

This is to Patrick Daugherty on his "Field Trip" column for July 5 ("Sporting Box"). You're commenting on people's mistakes in writing, and when you talk about the World's Best Sailboats, the very cool big book, you talk about the pictures taken in many

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places including "in docks and harbors." The only dock you can be "in" is a dry dock. You tie up "alongside," or "to," or "at" a dock. I thought that was rather ironic after your other criticisms that you would pull a boo-boo yourself.

Dick Rogers Downtown

Palette Flattery

Hello. I read with interest the article in the June 28 issue, "How to Paint a Portrait" (Cover Story). I, too, enjoy drawing heads of people, but don't often do so. In my humble opinion I thought the painter, David Darrow, made the subject, Geoff Bouvier, more handsome in the portrait than he appeared in the photo on the inside page. In addition, the artist gave Mr. Bouvier a longer, thinner face and more hair than the photo showed. And the bottom lip was fuller as compared to the photo. The artist knows well how to use his paints.

> Claire via e-mail

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Come Back Home

I'm so impressed with our politicians here in San Diego. I just received Councilman Jim Madaffer's newsletter. Here's a link: http://www.sandiego.gov/ citycouncil/cd7/.

Get this! He's been in Sacramento championing for eminent domain reform. After reading Deegan's "City Lights" article "Where the City Draws the Line" (June 21), I wrote Madaffer and told him he needed to clean up his own back yard first. What a joke! I'd like to see more San Diegans call him on this hypocrisy! Unbelievable.

Comments from Reader Website

T.G.I.F. **Published July 3**

Posted by Jeff on 07/12/07, 10:57 a.m.

I love this article. This the third time I have read it in the past two weeks. Reminds me of myself and my dad and our connection in music. Though neither of us were in a band or play an instrument, we appreciate the 'time machine' quality of searching for music. He always has a good recomendation accompanied by a story. The Seeds, Sir Douglass Quintet, 13th Floor Elevators, Archie Bell and the Drells. I would have never has known their music existed it wasn't for my pop. Thanks again for the article.

City Lights, by Ernie Grimm **Published July 3**

Posted by Steve on 07/3/07, 11:56 p.m.

I am a doctoral level professional person and experienced similar abuse in the US Air Force medical field. In our case at least 4 other medical professionals kept detailed logs over several months of the maltreatment and we all filed separate IG complaints. Absolutely nothing was done to the perpetrator of the abuse...in fact she was promoted to full colonel shortly afterwards. With such leadership it is no wonder there is difficulty retaining professionals in the military. I am sorry to say this case was not unusual; I was told about similar experiences of hostile

working environments by others in the Air Force medical community who came from different assignments. Unfortunately a disgusting reality that will not improve any time soon.

Posted by mlaiuppa on 07/4/07, 12:05 a.m.

This is the poster child to rebut anyone that complains about Unions. If it weren't for this kind of abuse in the workplace we might not need unions. It's a shame Johnson can't take them to court and sue them. Money is the only way to get the attention of the UCSD medical department. Johnson should be nominated for sainthood. I certainly

would not have tolerated that sort of behavior, nor would I have stayed on the job that long. Of course, I also would have been documenting Mary Carpenter from day one of the abuse. Once I saw this was going to be a constant and consistent pattern, she would be meticulously documented. I also wouldn't have waited as long to approach HR or my Union.

Posted by Bill on 07/4/07, 12:14 a.m.

I went through a similiar while enrolled in the teaching program at San Diego State University. The abuse I received from both my block leader and supervisor

was appalling. In fact, so much that I did seek help. Unfortunately, the blame was placed on me and was asked to take "an extended vacation." In other words, I was forced to leave. The block leader and supervisor have been with the education department for years continued on page 52



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Dear Matt:

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I just received this e-mail. "Doctors are blaming a rare electrical imbalance in the brain for the bizarre death of a chess player whose head literally exploded in the middle of a championship game. Four players and three officials were sprayed with blood and brain matter when Nickolai Titov's head suddenly blew apart. Experts say he suffered from a condition called hypercerebral electrosis or HCE. Five people are known to have died of HCE in the last 25 years, including European psychic Barbara Nicole, whose death was reported in newspapers around the world. Said Dr. Anatoly Martienko, 'It is a condition in which the circuits of the brain become overloaded by the body's own electricity. The explosions happen during periods of intense mental activity, when lots of current is surging through the brain. Victims are highly intelligent people with great powers of concentration.' The doctor urges people to take it easy and not think too

I've been giving people that advice for years. Leave thinking to the professionals. Unless you're Criss Angel or David Caruso, do not try it at home. Judging from the news lately, I concluded that everybody had pretty much gotten the message. But then comes this e-mail, which has been making the rounds for, oh, a decade. I guess if you think about the unfortunate Comrade Titov, and imagine Dr. Martienko puzzling over the pumpkin pie that used to be Titov's head, then picture people in Mongolia and Guam and Andorra reading Ms. Nicole's grisly obit, then think about how our own heads throb when we fill out tax forms, the whole scenario might be believable. "I'm a highly intelligent person with great powers of concentration," you say. "Several times I believe my head came very near exploding!" And then of course you're off into the land of spoon bending and tin foil hats rigged with Radio Shack gadgets. Didn't I once say I was over urban legends? That I never would deal with them again? I lied.

The Case of the P.B. Mermaid

All manner of stuff sails in through the open windows here at Alice Inquiries and Pedicures, LLC. Some of it from places not very near us at all. A few weeks ago we found a small scrap of paper that had landed in the office coffee pot. Turns out it was a puzzler from two S.D. expats now in Florida. (California with humidity, I call it.) We could tell from the plaintive tone that they had exhausted all hope of ever answering this question and finally turned to us. What was the name of the restaurant on Mission (near/at Grand/Garnet) that had a big mermaid mural painted on an exterior wall? When she read the question, Grandma Alice was immediately transported to her long-gone hippie days by the pier, selling carrot juice and macramé out of the back of her van. "The mermaid! Holding a globe, wasn't she? I remember her, but the restaurant name not so much.'

We left Grandma to reminisce while we got on the blower to confirm her memory. Now, the elves are well connected in beachy areas, but the usual posse was of no help at all. Many blank stares and guttural thinking sounds and sighing.

"The surfer painted on the side of Taco Surf?" someone offered weakly.

No. A mermaid. The globe part is optional.

"Well, I dunno, pal."

But Grandma is relentless. Time for the big guns, I guess. Mr. P.B. History, John Fry. "You're hallucinating," sez he. "Never existed. A perfect example of confabulation. Happens all the time. Hardly anybody has a correct memory of Old P.B.

Well, we could believe that. Same with O.B. and Leucadia, I'd bet. But Grandma would not be silenced. "I remember her, Matthew! Don't tell me I'm just a dizzy old dame. Keep

John was most accommodating, considering the pressure we applied. To get us to go away, he offered up some P.B. classics: Billiard Den? (Naw; bikers, not mermaids.) Swan Song? Old P.B. Café? The Greenery? Nothing hit the spot with Grandma. Though she does remember meeting Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Seuss at the Greenery, where there were so many hanging plants Grandma accidentally put Thousand Island on a fern, mistaking it for the house salad; and her date slipped out of the place, sticking her with the tab, since she couldn't see him very well through the decorative

So, we turn to all of you in Aliceland. Did P.B. have a mermaid? If so, where? The first believable answer (with unimpeachable sourcing and backup) will win our usual coveted prize, a year of free Readers. In the meantime, since our Florida folks seem to share Grandma's hallucination, I guess we'll pass the time comparing medication tips.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Mid-Summer Sports Issue

egulars are aware that the Box regards American politics as a spectator sport. There are star players, teams, leagues, playoffs, and a national champion. Fans follow the game from childhood on, and once a fan chooses a team, he'll usually stay with that team for the rest of his life. And, least we forget the ultimate legitimizer, you can bet on it.

American politics uses a variation of the World Cup soccer format with yearly league play, regional contests every two years, and a Presidential World Cup every four years. The nation finished its regional contests last fall, Democrats earned a victory in the U.S. House, squeaked into control of the Senate due to a rare

double error by former senator George Allen of Virginia.

Since then, the game has moved on to the money primary. Who can raise how much from whom?

At hand is Duncan Hunter's second quarter Federal Election Commission (FEC) filing (April 1st through June 30th). Hunter took in \$800,000 and change and spent \$874,000 and change, which seems normal for a

bottom-feeding presidential candidate. Lets take a look at his distributions. One dollar went to American Express. Twelve dollars went to Bank of America. Seventy dollars went for flowers. And \$407,940 was spent on telemarketing fees. Again, everything appears normal.

Who else? Ah, Mike Gravel, the former, 26 years former, senator from Alaska and Democratic candidate for president. There are 36,000,000 people living in California and 17 of them donated money to Mike Gravel during the first quarter of this year. (Listen up people! Some of you are not carrying your share of the load!) Overall, Mike racked up \$175,000 in individual contributions since January 1, which is \$165,000 more than I thought he would.

Among the tight band of brothers who gave money to Mike is famous movie actor Mark Ruffalo. I can't picture him either, but he was in Collateral, Just Like Heaven, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, All the King's Men, and Zodiac. In fact, he's been in 22 movies since 1996 and I can't place him in a single one of them. I found his fan website, a pro setup with little content, Elizabeth, the webmaster, writes, "Please note that I am NOT Mark Ruffalo. I also do not know Mark... I have no idea how to get in touch with Mark." Still, after looking at his photographs, video clips, fan art, screen savers, and noting I've seen at least a half-dozen of his movies, I still don't recognize him. But that's

not the point. The point is he gave \$700 to Mike Gravel and that make's him a star in my book.

Now, to the headlines. Hillary took \$13.8 million out of New York. No surprise. \$8.8 million out of California. No surprise. \$28,000 out of Tennessee. That's a problem. And \$1,000 out of North Dakota. That deserves a celebration. Who was the hero? Ah, here he is. Let's clap our hands for Larry Villella of Fargo, North Dakota, the state's sole Hillary Clinton contributor and a standup guy.

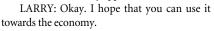
I happen to have, by way of incredible journalistic enterprise, a transcript of a February 22, 1993 telephone conversation between President Bill Clinton and one Larry Villella of

Fargo, North Dakota, age 14. (This is not a joke.) Clinton is aboard Air Force One.

THE PRESIDENT: Larry, it's President Clinton. How are you?

LARRY: Great. Nice to talk to you.

THE PRESIDENT: It's nice to hear your voice. I just heard about you sending me this \$1,000 check on CBS Radio. We just heard it over the radio this morning, and I really appreciate it.



The little bastard was paying off politicians when he was 14 years old!

But, to get back to North Dakota and Duncan Hunter, lets give a shout out to Grafton, North Dakota, home of the entire North Dakota Duncan Hunter donation gene pool. The North Dakota Duncan Hunter Honor Roll consists of James Kerian (\$2,000) and Dr. John Kerian (\$1,000). By the way, Hunter's showing is better than Gothem's creepy-ex-mayor Rudy Giuliani, who had 50 percent more contributors, three, but their total added up to a paltry \$600.

Looking at other notables, there is Ron Paul, the Lake Jackson, Texas, congressman, filling the old-crazy-white-guy slot on the Republican side. He raised \$2.3 million in the second quarter, which puts him in better financial shape then John McCain. How in the hell did he do that?

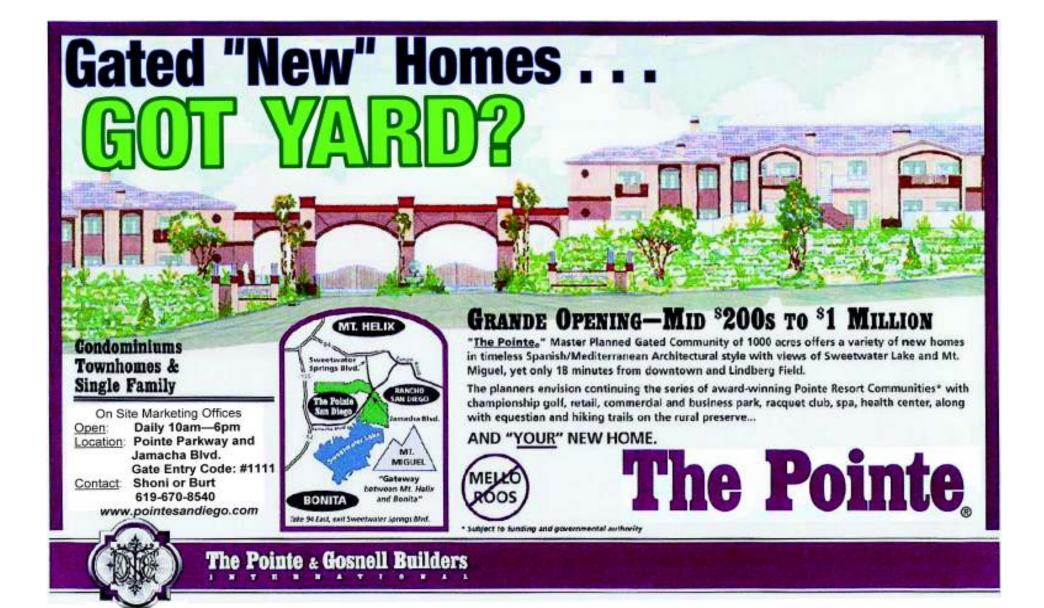
Look no further than North Dakota. Paul crushed Hillary, Duncan Hunter, and Rudy Giuliani, bringing home \$3,500 from three donors, easily finishing first among the aboveforementioned, so called, front-running

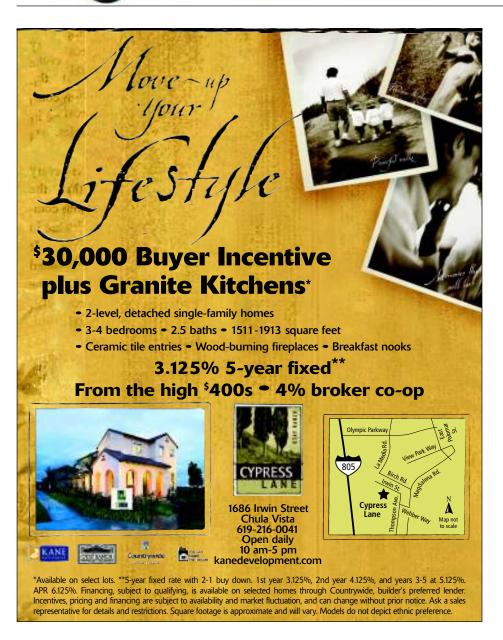
Finally, from the Strange Bedmates Make Better Bedmates file: Rupert Murdoch contributed \$2,300 to Hillary's presidential campaign. His son, James, gave \$3,400, and NewsCorp executives added \$40,000. All checks

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July 15 was summer intern Christopher Chelpka's first Sunday morning sermon at Bonita Presbyterian. "Many seminaries are starting to require

these guys to go out and have a testing of the gifts they think they have," said Pastor Stephen Parker. "They get feedback from the congregation — there will be several people evaluating the sermon."

The church was homey — low, gently arched roof; flowers painted along the edges of the small, rectangular windows; mauve doors and molding and the stage was small, with room for little more than two chairs and a substantial lectern. The musicians — organist and pianist, usually playing together - were stationed down below. During the prelude, the clusters of chatting congregants (including a sizable proportion of youth) broke up and took their seats.

"The Psalmist says, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul," began Parker, "and forget not all His benefits." The congregation struck up a deeply traditional hymn -

"The Lord, ye know, is God indeed/ Without our aid He did us make/ We are His folk, He doth us feed/ And for His sheep He doth us take" sung to the tune of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Then Parker prayed that "our worship would be pleasing in Your sight, that even your Holy Spirit might work in us to perfect the praise of our lips," and we sang again.

Chelpka led the responsive Psalm and the confession of sin ("Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus..."), then read "The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon": "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ

Back to Parker for intercessory prayer: "We would pray this morning that our lives would be consistent and compatible with the message...so that people would not be distracted...because of what we wear, how we act, what words we use...that with joy we may render unto our Lord Jesus Christ all that is His of our lives." In this vein, he reaffirmed that the collection was not "a commercial break," but "part of worship — it's all about rendering unto God what belongs to Him." Another hymn: "Take my silver and my gold/ Not a mite would I withhold..." Then the sung doxology, more prayer, and Chelpka reading from Second Timothy: "The saying is trustworthy, for if we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign; if we deny Him, He will also deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny himself."

Chelpka's sermon was on knowing "the beginning of perseverance — death and life in Christ; the way of perseverance — dependence on God; and the end of perseverance — the eternal reign with Christ.'

"Regeneration is our beginning," he began. "We can't grow near to God until we've been raised from death to life." Chelpka cited Romans on baptism: "We were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...we too might walk in the newness of life...' What does it mean to have died with Christ...to live with Him?"

Romans again: "He died to sin once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God."

On to the way of perseverance. Earlier in Timothy, Paul had drawn analogies to a soldier, "single-minded"; to an athlete, "competing according to the rules"; to a farmer, "working and obeying, but hoping for something more... God promises that once saved, you're always saved — He will endure you and persevere you to the end... But Our Lord warns, 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father.' It's possible to deny Christ with vour actions.... So heed this warning: put your whole faith and trust in Christ" and "you can have hope, because you're no longer trusting in yourself, hoping that...your working is going to...get you into heaven. You can have



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"Those who have put their faith and trust in Christ will be raised with Him," said Chelpka. Those whom He saves, He carries to the end. Believers can expect and have hope in a resurrection where we're ushered into the glory of God. Those who haven't put their faith and trust in Christ can't expect that, because it's only through Christ that we have salvation. Christ took on the punishment that those whom He saved deserved. If people have not put their faith and trust in Him, they're outside of that, which means that they will be punished."

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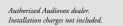






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The bottled-water section dizzied me as I searched through the sea of containers for flavored water with no sugar. I was hunting out beverages for Jennifer, a pregnant pal of mine who has gestational diabetes. "No fruit juices, sodas, wine, or margaritas," she had complained last week at the coffee chat. "My mouth is dying for some refreshment other than

I detected frustration in the mama-to-be."I've been buying sparkling flavored water," she grumbled, "but, frankly, my stomach is gurgly enough without the carbonation." I offered to find some refreshment for her and headed off to the stores.

To my amazement, neither Henry's nor Trader Joe's carried sugar-free flavored water without carbonation. Even the Glaceau Vitaminwater contained sugar. Better head home to make some calls before I waste steps, I thought. "We sell Metromint waters, which are a flavored sugarfree drink," answered the saleslady at People's Natural Foods Market.

After a couple hours of shopping, I returned home. Close to midnight, hubby Patrick and I sat down for some sipping. We started with Nestlé Pure Life Lemon Splash (\$3.19 for six half-liter bottles at Ralphs), sweetened with Splenda, Jennifer's warning rang in my mind. "Anything sweetened with a sugar-free sweetener always has a terrible aftertaste." We each took a slug and Patrick's scrunchedup face said it all. "Tastes like a flavored lemonade mix made really weak," he said. "Too sweet to me for a water," I replied as I read the bottle's label, "and an unbelievable amount of chemicals for just water.'

Nestlé Raspberry Splash fared no better, so we set the Nestlé aside and moved on to Fruit2O Natural Strawberry (\$3,29 for a sixpack of 16-ounce bottles at Ralphs). It was less syrupy and sweet than its Nestlé cousin, but it was hard to imagine drinking a bottle to quench my thirst.

Fruit2O Natural Cherry smelled like a cherry scratch 'n' sniff. "This tastes like ass," moaned Patrick, never one to mince words. "Why do they put 'natural' on it? Nothing natural about it. The only good thing about it is that it makes our terrible tap water taste good," he said, slugging some tap water to wash away the

We twisted off the cap of the Metromint Lemonmint water (\$1.59 for 16.9 ounces at People's). "Strong mint-leaf smell, instead of mint toothpaste," I noted. "It's like dry wine," Pat added. "It has a dry finish instead of the other waters that left your mouth too sticky. It leaves your mouth refreshed as if you had brushed your teeth. Feeling the Chill Factor yet?" I joked, reading the label on the bottle: "Experience the chill factor: the cooling sensation you can only get with Metromint. The real mint naturally stimulates the nerves, instantly opening your senses to send a fresh,

The aluminum can stated, "The

best water you can drink."

cool feeling throughout your body." The Orangemint relative was our second favorite. "Definitely thirst-quenching, and it wipes away the Splenda taste of the Nestlé, a winner in my book," I said.

We set the two bottles aside as clear winners and took a slug of the Metromint Spearmint. "This is still refreshing but a bit too much like mouthwash," Patrick said. "I feel like I just gargled. It could be good to offer a coworker if they had bad breath. Less offensive than offering a bottle of Scope or a mint."

Metromint Peppermint was our least favorite of the clan. "Tastes like liquid Altoids," was all my man could say.

The next family of waters up for tasting: Hint (\$1.50 for 16 ounces at Ralphs). The first variety, cucumber, was a winner. It smelled just like a freshly cut cucumber and brought us back to the day Patrick and I spent sipping

cucumber water between massages and pedicures at SK Spa in

La Jolla. "It's called Hint," Patrick said, "but that's more than a hint of cucumber, it is more like a strong suggestion."

The Pear flavor was Patrick's favorite of the evening. "You can almost imagine sweetness from the smell of pear, but it isn't sweet, it's very clean and subtle."

The Pomegranate-Tangerine Hint and the Peppermint Hint both failed the taste test, but the Raspberry-Lime Hint was a surprise winner. "Smells so much like a Jolly Rancher that I was all prepared to not like it," I explained. "But just the right amount of flavor without losing the water effect."

Both of the next bottles, O Water (\$1.39 for 20 ounces at Vons), were losers. "Call me crazy, but I can taste some chemical taste in these naturally flavored waters," noticed Patrick.

Our last selection was a wild-card item. While I perused the shelves at Whole Foods, the Hi0Silver Original Oxygen Water had jumped out at me (\$4.99 for a four-pack). The aluminum can stated, "The best water you can drink." How could I pass that offer up for my morning-sick pal. It also stated,

Ten times the oxygen of ordinary water." My curiosity got the better of me; it had to be tasted. Much to our surprise, it was the best water we had tasted. "Almost tastes like flavored water, though it has no flavor in it," Patrick said. "A very light water has the feel of an effervescent water but without the bubbles," I added. "Jennifer would love this water, too," I thought, setting

When all the waters had been tasted, Patrick flopped onto the couch with a bottle of beer. "This is my idea of flavored water."

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by Barbarella

Fear is not the natural state of civilized people.

— Aung San Suu Kyi

f the morning had been anything other than unremarkable, I might have been better prepared for the terrible onslaught that was to come. As it was, however, the sky was neither clear nor cloudy, and the temperature inside was maintained at 75 degrees. I'd eaten my oatmeal, selected something caffeinated from the fridge, settled into the ergonomic chair at my desk, and slid into the

I could feel the sweat beading on my brow from my exertions, but I

could not rest. Not until I knew they

were all dead.

quotidian business of checking e-mail and scanning headlines.

While purging the night's accumulation of spam, I sensed movement in my periphery. Tearing my gaze away from the computer screen, I located a gossamer strand catching the light. One end was floating in the air, and the other appeared to be

attached to the far side of a dust-covered copper sphere — part of a small fountain that has sat inactive on my desk since the water evaporated a year ago. I watched the silky string dance in the air for a few minutes and then brushed it away with a Max Mara catalogue.

Them

Sometime between cnn.com and the Drudge Report, I again sensed motion, this time to my right. A miniscule spider, such a light green that it appeared transparent, was traversing a credit card statement. I'm no Jain. What little guilt I occasionally feel for murdering insects, bugs, and other pests is fleeting. My weapon of choice — a pad of paper — was the closest thing I could grab. I set it gently atop the wispy creature and returned my attention to the words on the screen. I must have been too gentle, for a minute later I glimpsed my victim scrabbling over a stack of papers a few inches away from the pad that was supposed to have killed it. Without a second thought, I lifted the pad and struck the bug with a resounding slap. It was then that I noticed the remnant of spider that had already been under the pad. The first one hadn't survived after all. The vision of not one, but two little squash marks instilled in me a hint of trepidation, but I shook it off and retreated, yet again, to the

As a touch typist, my eyes remain on the screen while my fingers do their thing. I was updating my blog when, like a snowflake, the silhouette of another spider drifted down in front of my screen and landed squarely on the "7" key. I jerked my hands back and gaped at the invader. As I stared, momentarily paralyzed, two horrific realizations burned at the forefront of my mind with the icy heat of liquid

nitrogen: 1. There are many of them; 2. They are above me.

Had he been home, I would have screamed for David. Instead, I held my breath and considered my options. I crushed the creature with a piece of paper when I saw it make a move toward the "6" key. Releasing the air from my lungs, my sigh became more and more vocal, until it reached a desperate whine. It occurred to me that, if these things were dropping onto my desk, they may very well be dropping onto me. Thus, I tore my ponytail loose and flailed wildly at my head with both hands.

After this brief and violent episode, I sat and stared at my keyboard, resisting the knowledge that the only way to gauge the severity of my predicament would be to look up. I was convinced that the moment I tilted back my head, their little leader would give the signal and my face would suddenly be covered by hundreds of bloodthirsty spiderlings. I fought hard to convince myself that the reality couldn't be as bad as the Bmovie version playing in my imagination. I knew I had to look before another one fell, but my head wouldn't



budge. It wasn't until one of the diminutive green devils, whose silk had caught a puff of air and floated right to left past my face, that my mind checked out and my body reacted. Like an overdose victim who'd just been jabbed in the heart with a needle full of norepinephrine, I jerked to a standing position and my head snapped backward.

I was relieved to see nothing but the white ceiling and the tops of the sage-colored walls. But then, after my eyes had adjusted to this new perspective, I began to distinguish them dozens of moving, microscopic dots from the shadowy, spackled texture. There were only a few on the ceiling. Most of them lined the 90-degree crevice where ceiling met wall, as if they were taking up positions in preparation for a SWAT-team-style assault. I was surrounded.

I can't remember if I screamed as I ran from my office to the closet that houses the vacuum. I must have been making some kind of noise, because I do recall the vibration in my throat and chest. Touching my ankle is painful confirmation that I dropped the vacuum on my foot after I fished it from the closet; and a dull throb in my head is a constant reminder of how many times I bumped it as I fumbled to attach the long hose and find a suitable stool to stand on.

Armed with household appliances, I scrambled around the room, jabbing every inch from corner to corner with the broomy end of the vacuum hose. I lifted the blinds and shrieked when I found more baby spiders on the window. I could feel the sweat beading on my brow from my exertions,

but I could not rest. Not until I knew they were all dead. Then I saw it: a huge, shriveled exoskeleton lying on the floor at the base of the window, next to a bundled up ball of what looked like flimsy gauze.

Fragments of scenes played through my head — all of my spider associations colliding in a hodgepodge that included bits from the

cartoon movie Charlotte's Web, the horror flick Arachnophobia, and hours of Nature Channel documentaries. Finally, the pieces joined to make one solid conclusion that I could have sworn was spoken aloud to me in a British man's voice: "The mother spiders are devoured by their newly hatched spiderlings, after which the young will climb to the

highest point and let out their silk, letting the air carry them away." I extended the hose in my hand as if it were a sword, and sucked up the sac and carcass.

I don't know how long I stood in the center of the room, vacuum in hand, nostrils flared, eyes wide and darting every which way. I sighed a breath of relief when I heard David at

the front door. He paused at the entrance and then followed a trail of detritus that had fallen from the closet and been dragged down the hallway to my office by the vacuum's cord. David stopped at my door and looked around the room. Furniture was overturned, hoses and cords were scattered about, and my desktop was disheveled. My eyes

were crazed and stuck wide open, and my hair was deranged from having been let down and slapped silly.

"Something traumatic happened while you were gone," I said, by way of explanation.

Looking me up and down, David smiled and choked back a laugh. "Let me guess," he said. "It involved the vacuum?" ■

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Top: Suspected drunk driving accident, Loring and Gresham Street, Pacific Beach, July 3; bottom: Criscola's Liquor Store

"The situation

is frustrating

and it's getting

worse."

Plenty of Booze

Pacific Beach. 2:00 p.m. A typical, sunny summer Saturday. The smell of spilled beer mingles with sea mist and wet wood. I'm bar-hopping, and not one establishment I enter at midday is empty. Many are almost full. The people are predominantly white, under 30, and showing off a lot of tanned and tattooed skin. I see muscles, cleavage, midriffs, baseball caps on backwards, baggy shorts, tank tops, flip-flops, sunglasses, dyed hair, skirts and halter-tops, lots of makeup, lots of perfume, and lots and lots of cheap beers and shots.







4th of July, Pacific Beach

Suspected drunk driver, Pacific Beach

Pacific Beach. 2:00 a.m. A typical, starry summer night.

The bar crowds are dispersing, headed toward burritos and casual hook-ups and after-parties and drunken sleep.

I'm making my way along the main strip, taking in the slurred conversations, the stumbling around, and the intensified police presence.

I walk almost a mile on Garnet, from Haines Avenue down to Crystal Pier. I expect to see a fight or two, rampant littering, drunks getting into the driver's seats of cars, people peeing behind Dumpsters, and traffic backed up by gathering mobs in the street.

But I don't. I don't see any of that.

And the next morning, that same area seems so clean and serene. It's impossible to tell that thousands of people were partying in the area just eight or nine hours before.

Pacific Beach Middle School auditorium. 7:00 p.m. It's Monday, June 4, and over 100 local residents have gathered to contribute their opinions to a meeting of the Beach and

Alcohol Task Force. From looking at the crowd, one gets the impression of a mature, intelligent, well-dressed, well-paid, and quite vocal minority trying to organize against an absent horde of loud, dirty, troublemaking twentysomethings.

A sample of selected quotes from the meeting make it sound as if I've stepped into the midst of an epic battle for freedom.

"Storm city hall!..."

"The situation is frustrating and it's getting worse."

"Most of our problems in the beach area relate to alcohol: house parties, trash, public urination."

"We're here to find a middle ground, whether it's a temporary alcohol ban, or a selective ban on certain beach areas or on certain holidays."

"My freedom to be able to enjoy the beach the way I want to is in jeopardy."

"I'm a big fan of my rights to go have a beer on the beach."

"We have to remember all the businesses that are supported and all the jobs that are created by the people who come to the beach areas, and, yes, these people enjoy drinking and going to bars."

"There's a whole list of nitpicking little items that we're said to be reaching consensus on but not one of which is designed to reduce drinking in the beach area by a single ounce. This is a farce."

I'm reminded of the prologue to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, which, with a minor shift from the families of Verona's star-crossed lovers, might apply to our beach area's star-crossed population:

Multiple factions, often unlike in dignity,

In the fair beach communities, where we lay our scene,

From ongoing grudge to ongoing mutiny, Where easy alcohol makes the easygoing neighborhood unclean...

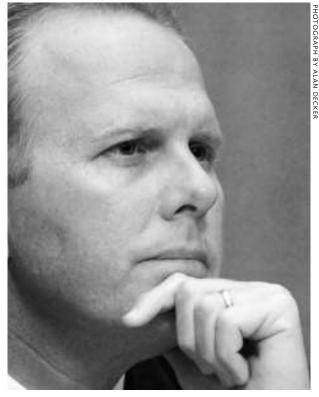
The people involved in the beach-area alcohol issue can be neatly divided into five starcross'd delegations. We have the Policy Makers, the Policy Enforcers, the Facilitators, the Non-Enjoyers, and the Enjoyers.

The Policy Makers are the federal, state, and city governments and the Department

of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The Policy Enforcers are the police and the ABC. The Facilitators are the business owners, who are members of a group called "Discover PB." The Non-Enjoyers are the conscientious people who have their interests articulated by the group "Save PB." And the Enjoyers are the visitors, most renters, and some property owners, who are fond of our beach area just the way it is and have formed a countergroup of their own, "Free PB."

The Enjoyers and Non-Enjoyers are engaged in a conflict over beach rights and liquor licensing that has escalated steadily for the past ten years or so.

On the one side, Free PB folks "promote the



Tevin Faulcones

expansion of individual rights, privileges, and freedoms," and on the other, the Save PB members "promote safety, awareness, respect, and enrichment."

In the words of one

local, it's "the irresponsible partiers versus those who care."

The tension between these two factions is no

earlier, and they clean up after.

But one wonders at the current state of compromise.

"We need to get information from the ABC people, from the police, and from the community and to see if there are areas that we can agree upon and change."

doubt good for Pacific Beach. Without the pressure from Save PB, one could imagine the Free PBers letting the place go to pot. And without the parties, PB would surely lose its hip, relaxed identity. Instead, the party goes on, though it ends

And no one can ignore the statistics:

According to 2005 police crime-analysis data for Pacific Beach: 1292 open-container violations, 357 people arrested for being drunk in public, 533 DUIs, 320 minors in possession of alcohol.

And in Mission Beach: 1191 open-container violations in 2005, 55 arrested for public drunkenness, 93 DUIs, 398 minors in possession of alcohol.

In the beach areas: 2692 calls for noise-related party disturbances in 2005. That's over 7 per night, all year long. In Mission Beach, it was 532 house parties, and in Pacific Beach, it was 2160 calls for parties and noise. Each of these calls costs city roughly \$150-\$200, for four officers in two squad cars to take an hour out of their nights to break up a noisy gathering.

Pacific Beach alone represents 15.13 percent of all alcohol-related arrests in the city.

And the bottom line: 179 liquor licenses exist in an area where recent overconcentration legislation calls for no more











than 49 licenses.

"This issue's been around for quite some time," Councilmember Kevin Faulconer says. "And what I wanted to do was get community leaders from both sides of the issue together around the table to do a couple of things. We need to look at these issues holistically. We need to get information from the ABC people, from the police, and from the community and to see if there are areas that we can agree upon and change."

Faulconer is explaining to me the driving force behind the formation of the Beach and Alcohol Task Force, a group that met for the first time in October 2006 and has continued to convene monthly ever since.

So, I ask him, mission accomplished?

"Yes," Faulconer says. "I think the group's been very productive. People have been open-minded on both sides. There's obviously some issues there's been no concurrence on — on the alcohol-on-the-beach issues — but then it got to some of the other issues, like, what is it that we can do — and there's been 16 recommendations where we've reached consensus. I think it's a reflection of how much work a lot of people have put in. Overall, I think we have a group that's committed to looking at things in a rational manner, asking, 'What are the facts? Let's look at crime statistics, let's look at licenses.' And that's where we are."

Following is a list of the 16 recommendations to which Faulconer is referring. Implementation in some form has begun on most.

- 1) SDPD off-duty officer patrols, funded by local beach business owners
- 2) Beach-specific neighborhood code compliance efficers
 - 3) Administrative

fines of up to \$1000 for party hosts in beach areas

- 4) SDPD: "Out of Cars and Into Bars" program, where officers visit and acquaint themselves with the staffs of liquorserving establishments
 - 5) SDPD: bicycle

patrols

- 6) Community Court, where adult offenders can perform community service in lieu of traditional sentencing
- 7) DUI kits for all patrol cars

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8) Security cameras in

Pacific Beach, along the boardwalk and pier

- 9) Mandatory security plan for on-site liquor establishments
- 10) Crime statistic information gathering by the SDPD
 - 11) Public opinion

baseline survey

- 12) Promote taxi cab use through incentives
- 13) Designated driver program in PB
- 14) Drunk driving education program
- 15) Concise webpage with pertinent enforce-

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16) University participation for student house parties, including reflecting arrests on a student's academic record

Given the crime statistics, one may wonder why so much emphasis



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has been put upon compromise instead of an allout ban.

"We have a large concentration of people in the beach communities," Faulconer says, "and a fair number of young folks as well. You always run into more issues when you put a large concentration of people into a small area.... It's important not to throw all the blame at alcohol. And it's also important not to be too hasty. Policies need a chance to work before we go restricting people's freedoms."

Jennifer Hill is the district administrator for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), the state regulatory agency that oversees licensing, administration, and compliance for businesses that sell alcohol.

Hill confirms the statistics, which are accurate up to November 2006: indeed, within the 92109



Citation for alcohol on boardwalk, Pacific Beach

zip code, there are a total of 179 active retail liquor licenses.

Doesn't Hill think that's an overconcentration of alcohol in one place?

"Well," Hill begins, "how we determine overconcentration is per census tract. In 92109, we have eight different census tracts. And the numbers, per census tract, are divided up between offsale licenses, like liquor stores and convenience stores, and on-sale licenses, like a restaurant or bar. So, census tracts within 92109, ves, are overconcentrated, or unduly concentrated

per the statute."

So we have more licenses than the legislation permits. How does that work?

"We've been reviewing this area for a number of years," Hill says, "and the history with license count is that the whole issue, statutorily,

of overconcentration of license, did not become effective until 1995. So the majority of the licenses

remember, there's differences between on-sales and off-sales. The numbers I have are for on-

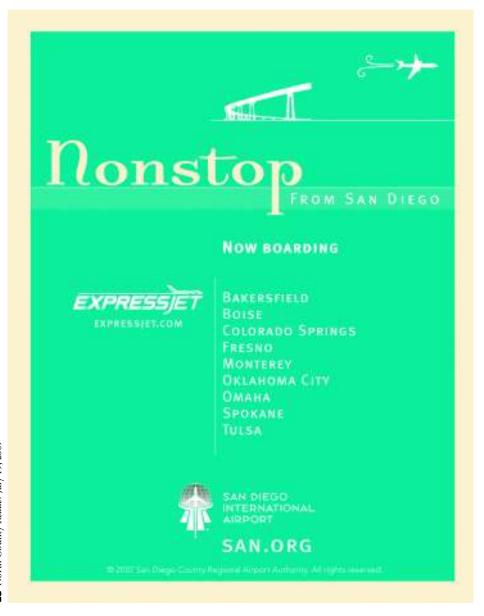
2005 police crime analysis data for Pacific Beach: 1292 open container violations, 357 people arrested for being drunk in public, 533 DUIs, 320 minors in possession of alcohol.

in the 92109 zip code were issued long before that, some as far back as the 1930s. In fact, in 92109, in 1997, there were 187 licenses. In 2006, there's 179. So it's actually gone down."

But I've heard that based on population, in 92109 we should only have 49 liquor licenses. Not 179.

"Well, we can break it down per statute," Hill says. "There are eight census tracts in 92109. And

sales only — bars and restaurants. For census tract 76 (in Crown Point), 7 on-sale licenses are authorized, and 31 currently exist. For census tract 77 (also Crown Point), 8 licenses are authorized, and 3 exist. So that's actually a census tract that's underconcentrated. For census tract 78 (east of Noves Street), there are 7 permitted, and 5 exist. Now, in tract 79.01, and that's Mission, Grand, Garnet — that whole area



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which is the main focus for tourism — 6 licenses are allowed, and 55 exist. So that, obviously, is unduly concentrated. In 79.03 (east of Fanuel and north of Garnet), 5 permitted, 6 exist. In 79.04 (east of Fanuel and south of Garnet), 6 permitted, 12 exist. In 80.01 (basically north PB), 7 permitted, 14 exist. In subtract 80.02 (also north PB), 3 are permitted, but 0 exist."

So that adds up to 126 on-sale licenses, with 49 permitted. (The other 53 existing licenses in 92109 are off-sale — CVS, 7-Eleven, Vons, Ralphs, liquor stores, etc.) How can the ABC justify those kinds of statistics?

Hill says, "Especially on Grand and Garnet, the majority of the licenses came into existence before the legislation that had to do with overconcentration. I remember reviewing new licenses on Grand and Garnet probably in, let's say 1998 or 1997, and not one person



Ben Nicholls

objected to them. The police department didn't. The community didn't. We have many statutes we investigate by law: crime statistics, the number of residents within 100 feet of a proposed

establishment, the number of residents within 500 feet, churches and schools within 600 feet. And all of that exists in different places in PB. But until recently, none of this was an issue. As

recently as ten years ago, no one objected to new licenses at all. And if no one objects, and we try to deny a new license just based upon the existence of an overconcentration of licenses, the judges overturn us. It's happened in the past."

I've heard that the judges are in the pockets of the liquor stores.

"Well, that's false," Hill says. "These are independent judges. I would definitely disagree with thing that a lot of community members don't understand is this: Our department, being a state agency, is 100 percent regulated by statutes that the legislature put into effect. We don't come up with our own laws. That's done

"PB is a 24-hour neighborhood. It's as busy at midnight as it is at midday. Even more so."

that."

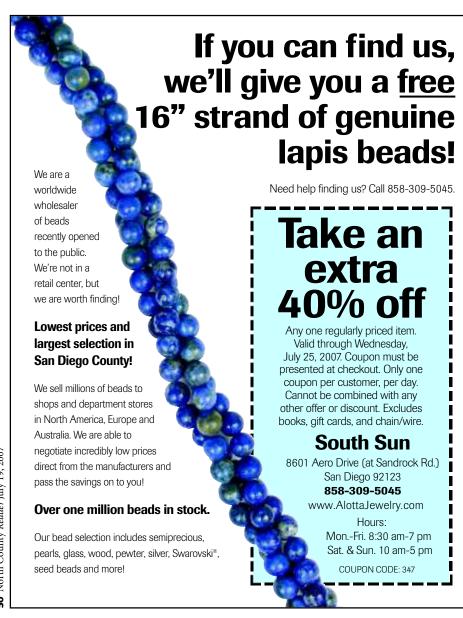
Is the ABC available for a price? Could campaign money be filtered in such a way that the ABC could effectively be purchased by a group that wants a license?

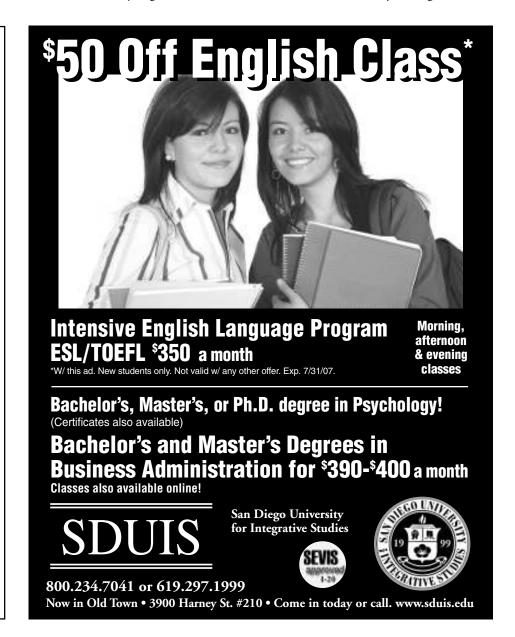
"No," Hill says. "No. Are you asking me if we can be bribed? The ABC is a state regulating agency. We're a law-enforcing agency. Our director is appointed by the governor, and everyone else is a civil servant. So, no, we are not for sale. Some-

through the formal process."

Okay. So let's get back to this census tract 79.01. There should be 6 bars there, but 55 exist? Can't you take away some of those licenses?

Hill says, "The only way for us to revoke an ABC license is, one, there are yearly renewal fees that are due, and they either pay them or they don't. And once again, our fees are mandated by statute. We can't just arbitrarily change them. It



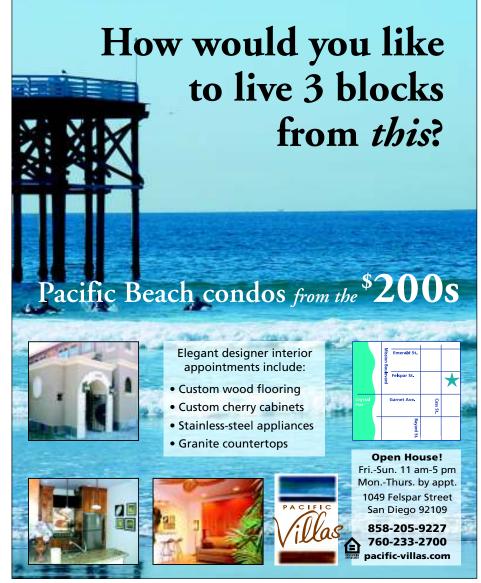


takes an act of the government."

It wouldn't be due cause to look at the situation and say, "There are 55 licenses here and there should only be 6," and then to take some away?

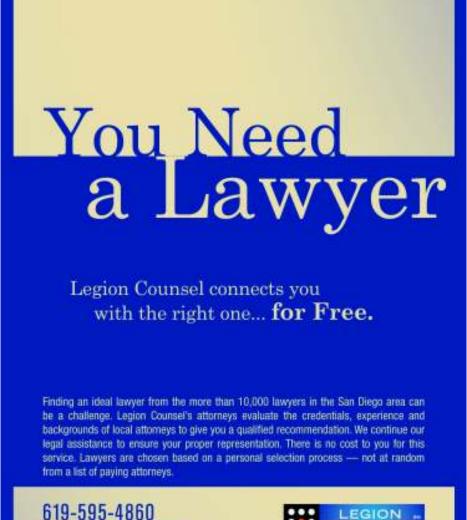
"We have no statutory authority to do that," Hill says. "There's a grandfather clause that exists, from before the statute concerning undue concentration came into effect. And so the only way for us to revoke a license is if an establishment doesn't pay the renewal fees, or, through administrative disciplinary action. And that's a progressive discipline situation. So let's say someone sells to a minor. For the first offense, we do not have the authority to revoke their license. We have a three-strikes law. If the establishment sells alcohol to a minor three times within 36 consecutive months, then after the third violation, the department may seek rev-











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ocation. Historically, on average, on the third offense, we do go for revocation of the license. Same with selling to an obviously intoxicated patron. We catch them, they go through disciplinary action — pay a fine, serve a suspension, etc. and then we monitor them more closely. And multiple offenses can result in loss of a license."

Well, for instance, one of the 55 licenses in 79.01 used to belong to Margarita Rocks. And they closed, so that was an opportunity to knock the number down to 54.

"With Margarita Rocks," Hill says, "they sold their license to a new entity. It's called a person transfer. We do not have statutory authority to deny a person transfer if the new person going in meets the qualifications. We do have authority to add conditions, which we did, in this case."

So the ABC can only enforce and regulate the



Pacific Beach bar, summer afternoon

laws that are laid down by the state legislature.

"Correct," Hill says. "We try to work closely with local law enforcement, and with the politicians and the communities, but, basically, we are bound by statute, and we're given our authority through that statute. We don't have that much discretion when it comes to our statutory authority."

How is a new liquor license issued? What's the process?

"Say it's a brand-new location," Hill begins. "Someone comes in, and they have to fill out a thorough application package, which includes all of their personal information, because we do a criminal-history run. It includes all of their finan-

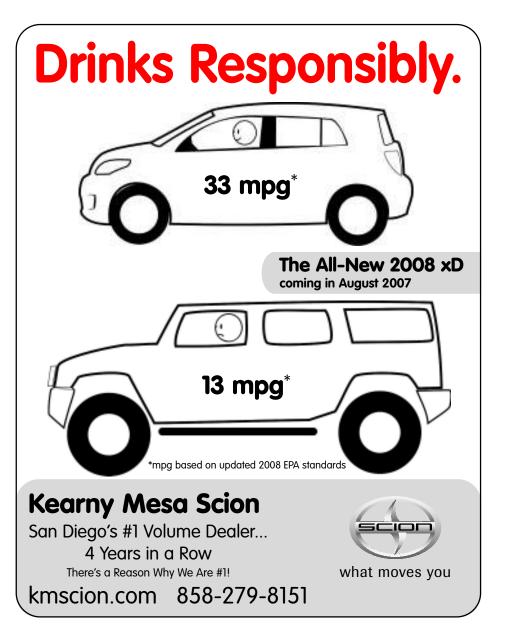
protest?' We also send out a mailing to all residents within 100 feet. We send out a notification to all consideration points within 600 feet, which are

"Despite what you might think," Nicholls says, "the vast majority of alcohol sold in PB doesn't come from the bars. It comes from the liquor stores and the supermarkets."

cial information, because we investigate all of their finances to insure that the money is coming from legal sources and there's no hidden ownership. We send out notices to the local police department, and we send the police department copies of the applications. We basically say, 'Here's the location, here's what they want, here's the statistics for this location, do you

churches, schools, hospitals, etc. They have to have the zoning approved by the local zoning authority. They also have to put a notice in their window announcing that they're applying for a license, and they have to publish the same notice three times in the newspaper, and they have to do a mailing to all residents within 500 feet of their location. There's a lot





of notification that goes out to the members of the community and the local law enforcement. So even though we are the legislators, and we make the final decision on

in the 92109 zip code, 6 licenses were denied, and 58 were withdrawn. With-

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process. So, in essence,

64 licenses were denied.

And, in that time, the total

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whether a license is issued or it isn't, per statute, we take in the information from the community, zoning, and police department, and they all have a say in the process. And then, if everything looks good to that point, we go out and physically inspect the location. So it's quite a thorough investigation."

I understand a new type of problem is this recent phenomenon of restaurants that turn into nightclubs.

"Again," says Hill, "those establishments have to follow guidelines, and if they do, then there's nothing in their licensing that says they can't do that. For example, they have to sell food during normal meal hours, and the sale of alcohol is secondary to the sale of food. After those criteria are met, there's nothing inherent in the license that prohibits them from turning into a nightclub-type of atmosphere after normal dinner hours. We can put restrictions on new licenses that will help. For instance, we can say, 'Okay, you're a restaurant? Great. At least 50 percent of your total gross sales have to be food, no live entertainment or dancing, and you have to close at midnight.' But with already existing licenses, we can't go back and put restrictions on. We can only do that through disciplinary action."

Hill goes on to lay out some of the statistics for me. From 1995 to 2006

drawals usually occur because licenses are probably going to be denied for one reason or another,

> that this area is posing a problem. But what do we do about it? "That's the million-

> dollar question," Hill says. "All we can do is take every application on a case-bycase basis and investigate it per statute. And what we do for enforcement is just work in conjunction with the community and the police department. As I say, we need these locations in compliance.

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down by 8, from 187 to And there's a lot of good operators down there. A Hill says, "With the lot of the situation with atmosphere the way it is Pacific Beach, though, is within this zip code, I that it's known statewide would say it's very hard to as a place to go on the get a new alcohol license, beach and party. It's huge even if you're in a census with the military, it's huge tract that's not overconwith college students, and centrated, because there's it's huge in the summer. still a crime-rate issue." The population just swells in the summertime. So So everybody knows it's more of a culture down there, and how do you address the societal culture? Like I say, it's not a one-prong problem or

solution."

Ben Nicholls is executive director of Discover Pacific Beach. "We're the business association for Pacific Beach," Nicholls tells me. "Every business in the neighborhood — bars, restaurants, hotels, and liquor stores included is a member of our organization."

So it's Free PB on one side, Save PB on the other, and Discover PB is kind of this mediating group in the middle?

"That's about right, yes," Nicholls agrees. "Free PB and Save PB are very much agenda-oriented

groups, and Discover PB is sort of a catchall business association. We try to tread the middle of the road, often. And sometimes that means we're more reasonable than most, and sometimes that means we're caught in the middle."

What about the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control? Do you think they have PB's best interests in mind?

"The ABC is an organization that's constricted by regulation. And it's very difficult for

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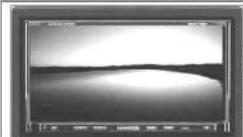
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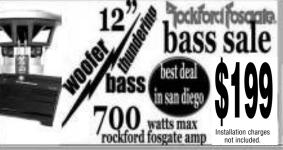
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them to insert any individual choice into what they do. They have processes that they have to follow. They have guidelines, and they can't strav from those. But I think the Save PB folks think there's some kind of agenda at the ABC that is created by individuals or some committee or something. But the reality of it is, the ABC is just a regulating agency that doesn't have the ability to make personal preferences about whether PB is the place to put all the alcohol licenses or not."

But 179 licenses in a place with fewer than 50,000 people?



Beachfront bar, Pacific Beach

"That absolutely is a lot of licenses," Nicholls agrees. "This is true. And I guess our position is, how are those licenses being used? Are they responsible business owners? Are they irresponsible? Our goal is to try to get the owners who hold those licenses to be responsible."

How does Nicholls's group do that?

"There's a couple of

ways," Nicholls says. "Last year, we instituted a Community Covenant, which is essentially a good-neighbor agreement. It was

hosted by our Hospitality Task Force. It has a 13-point plan to keep businesses in line, and it was signed by the owners of 30 bars along the core of the Garnet strip. And the Save PB folks helped us create that document. Now, it was signed by all of the big players — the Typhoon Saloons and whatnot — and many of the smaller ones as well, but there are still some establishments, like Cabo Cantina, which are quite happy to sell drinks halfoff and have happy-hour dollar beers. There are bars that aren't participating, and we encourage them to participate."

Nicholls also mentions that the Hospitality Task Force has done other "feel-good things," like

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doubling the number of trash cans along Garnet Avenue.

What are some other businesses that refuse to get on board with the Community Covenant?

"Daddio's is one," Nicholls says. "It's a restaurant that transforms itself into a nightclub under the radar. The Bareback Grill didn't sign on. They do dollar drinks, which is about volume instead of being about quality. And the Bareback has a great location and a great environment. They have great burgers. I think people will pay \$2.50 for a

beer there. But it's crazy to sell beer for less than you have to pay to get a cup of coffee or even a bottle of water. It's just irresponsible."

Does the Community Covenant take noise into account?

"It does," Nicholls says. "We encourage the members to use sound meters and to insulate their businesses against noise. One good example of this is at a new bar which has joined our task force. It's called Bar West. They're located at the old Margarita Rocks location on Hornblend. And when

the owner was putting together his concept, he called us, and he called the folks at Save PB as well, to come and make dos across the street aren't as impacted."

There's really a unique

There's really a unique situation along Garnet, with so many bars and

"In a nutshell," Captain
Long tells me, "the beach
community has always had
an issue involving alcohol."

suggestions about how to make his bar a better and more accommodating bar. So he's installed sound baffles and things like that in the club, so the con-

businesses located less than a block from so many residences.

"That is the real challenge," Nicholls says. "PB is a 24-hour neighbor-

hood. It's as busy at midnight as it is at midday. Even more so. And you have to think about it like it's another downtown. It's just like the Gaslamp. The challenge is that we're all jammed in with one another, residences and businesses, and that creates a really exciting and dynamic neighborhood that people love to come to. PB is full of people all the time. But it really is a challenge that we're strug-

gling through."
So the common standards for a responsible bar would include provisions for noise, trash,

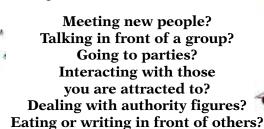
pricing, and what else?

"Security," Nicholls says. "We're suggesting higher security standards. Particular ratios of security guards to patrons, and things like that. And how to defuse a situation without just throwing it out onto the street and making it someone else's problem. That's very important. Also, how to recognize when someone's had enough and to stop serving them. And also, of course, not serving to anyone who's underage. But, really, one of the biggest things we've done is to set aside an

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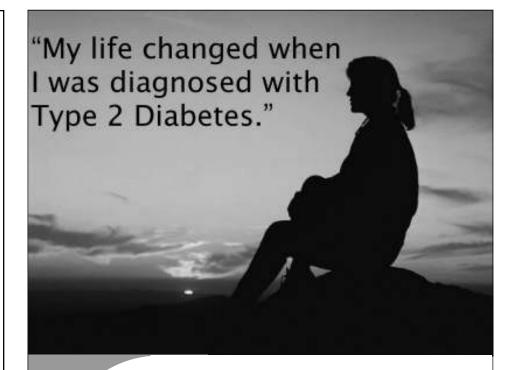
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Then Nicholls makes an interesting point.

"Despite what you might think, the vast majority of alcohol sold in PB doesn't come from the bars. It comes from the liquor stores and the supermarkets. I think there are 20 liquor stores in the neighborhood, and also quite a few supermarkets, like Vons. And the statistics say that when you see someone stumbling drunk down the boardwalk, that person came from a retail market."

What can you do to regulate the responsible sale of alcohol through a supermarket?

"It's tough," Nicholls acknowledges. "These markets aren't really a part of the community, in a manner of speaking. The bars and the residents came up with the Community Covenant, but I would like to see these independent grocers and the big chains come together to be more responsible businesses as well. For example, every time you buy a case of beer, you get a flier in the bag that tells you the rules

away. And the real losers there will be the supermarkets." I ask Nicholls whether

I ask Nicholls whether he has any parting thoughts on the subject.

"We have roughly the same number of liquor licenses in PB that we had ten years ago," Nicholls says. "But the question is, are the operators, now,

"PB isn't La Jolla, and it isn't stuck in the 1950s, it's a young-family- or young-singleperson-oriented community."

for drinking on the beach. Or maybe they set aside some money so that we can put signs on the beach that advertise the rules or advertise how to be a responsible beach drinker. Because the reality of drinking on the beach is, if it continues to be abused, it's going to go

better than the ones we had back then? And everyone that I've asked has said 'yes.' We have more responsible operators. And so, to me, that says, well, the strategy of replacing irresponsible operators with responsible ones is working. We're not decreasing the number

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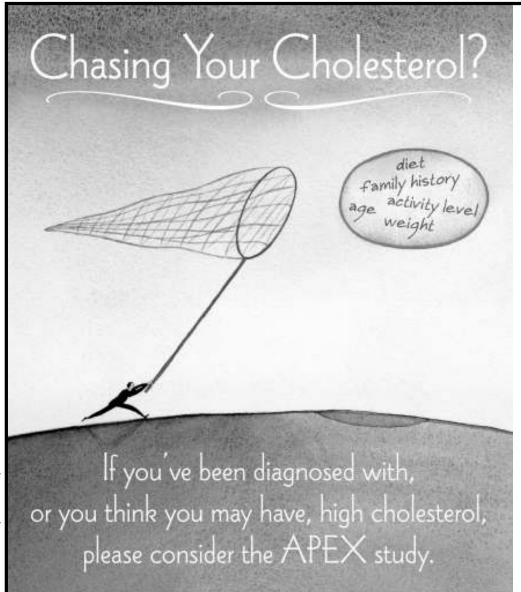
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of licenses, but the quality of businesses is getting better."

I decide to talk to some representatives from bars

that won't sign Discover PB's Community Covenant. Are they just being irresponsible? Don't they care about the neighborhood that sustains them? Or do they have

good reasons for not signing on?

"I don't even know about that," Daddio, the owner (and he says that Daddio *is* his name) tells me, surprisingly. "This is new to me. You're coming at me from outer space right now on that one. Community Covenant?"

I explain this document and the vision behind it.

"Well, that sounds like a good thing," he says, and he sounds genuine. "Except, we've got a special to buy one beer and get one free. It's a war out here to survive. I'm just

trying to help the public by giving them a good deal. And people don't get fall-down drunk here. We've never had any issues with that. But if there's a group that doesn't want us to offer specials like that, then I think we should stop. But, like I say, this is the first I've heard of it."

Daddio's has been in Pacific Beach for three years. "My daughter-in-law and my son are the ones who usually handle all this stuff," Daddio tells me. "But they took off to Texas for vacation, so here I am."

I ask him whether he'll put his foot down regarding compliance with the Community Covenant and discontinue the twofor-one specials.

"I'll discuss it with them," he says. "And whatever's fair, I'll do. No matter what."

Next, I head over to Cabo Cantina.

General manager Geoffrey Harris tells me that he feels Cabo Cantina has been singled out by the Community Covenant.

"I'm a firm believer in the Covenant," Harris says. "I think the Covenant works. I think it's a good thing for the community to have. But I felt that the one thing they specifically targeted was the twofor-one drinks. And we do have a two-for-one special, but it's geared around our prices being higher than most anyone else's in the area. And it's also just from 4:00-8:00 p.m., a happy-hour special, whereas other bars along the beach do specials throughout the day, throughout the night, whenever."

I tell Harris that the issue, as I understand it, is that drinks become too cheap, so people can get drunk for basically nothing.

"But the absolute cheapest drink you can get at Cabo Cantina breaks down to \$2.50," Harris says. "Even with our twofor-one, the lowest price

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you can pay for an individual beer between 4:00 and 8:00 is \$2.50. So it's a perception thing. We do it as an advertising tool, but it doesn't cause an overservice issue. That's not what we're about."

Harris tells me that Cabo Cantina has never been cited for underage service or overservice or overcapacity. They were cited for noise violations when they first opened, been in PB for a year and a half. But Harris has been running bars in the neighborhood for over 14 years. He tells me that certain people have a misperception about the place, and they're trying to turn it into something it's not.

"PB isn't La Jolla, and it isn't stuck in the 1950s," he says. "It's a young-family- or young-single-person-oriented community. A lot of transplants come

Captain Boyd Long, of the Northern Division of the San Diego Police Department. Captain Long grew up in San Diego, and he's been a police officer for more than 22 years. Northern Division runs roughly from the 8 freeway up to Del Mar and east to the 15 and includes the beach communities of Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla.



Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach

but never since. "And we even have minimal fights here," he says, "because our happy hour is 4:00-8:00, and after that, like I say, our prices are a little higher than the immediate places around us."

Cabo Cantina has

here from other places to enjoy the beach and the singles' lifestyle. It's a community for someone who has an active social life. And that's what PB's all about."

Next, I have a word with

"In a nutshell," Captain Long tells me, "the beach community has always had an issue involving alcohol. And they did have some restrictions on alcohol put in place back in about 1990 or '91, when we came to the conclusion that we were going to limit the number of hours that you could drink alcohol on the beach. And the limit was, they could

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of noon and 8:00 p.m. And I think today we have almost everyone in the county educated that that is the case. Because very few violations occur before or after hours, except on days of special events, like Memorial Day or Labor Day or the Fourth of July."

What's the root of the issue now, in 2007?

Captain Long thinks a moment. "Probably the growing problem for Pacific Beach especially has been the nightlife. The entertainment area that has occurred and is occurring along Garnet. I think it's the consensus of the community that they'd like to see the ABC take a stricter approach to allowing licenses to be granted in this particular area."

But the ABC tells me that they're doing what they can, because it comes down to policies and legislations. Does Captain Long think we should change our policies in the beach area?

"I'm here to enforce

policy," Captain Long says, "not to develop it. I don't think most people would want the police department developing policy. Policy should be developed by community members working closely with their elected officials, taking statistical input from the police department. And if the policy is to ban alcohol on the beach, then I'll work to ban alcohol on the beach. And if the policy is to allow drinking between certain hours, then it's my job to see to it that that gets enforced."

Doesn't Captain Long believe there's a problem? Should we ban alcohol at the beach and stop giving liquor licenses and, basically, shut the whole area down?

"I want to be perfectly clear about this," Captain Long says authoritatively, "and I've said it before. If we take the alcohol and remove it from the beach, it is my belief and my professional opinion that it

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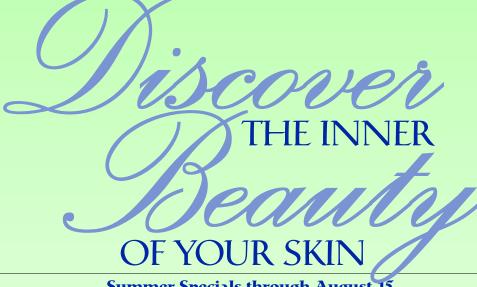
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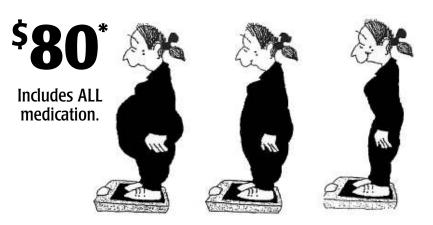


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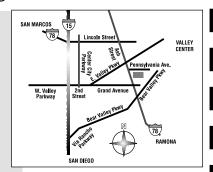
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will increase the number of people who attend house parties along the beach, and it's going to increase the number of people in the bars. Therefore, it will take some of the problem that we see on the beach, which doesn't even compare with the problems we already see inland, and it's going to make those problems worse."

I've heard this argument before, that banning alcohol on the sand may just spread the problem back up into the community. At least on the beach, the police have an ideal enforcement environment: they can approach whomever they want, without the need of a complaint or warrant.

"What's going on in PB is unprecedented anywhere else in the city," Captain Long says. "We have nightclubs mingled in so closely with a residential area. You could go one block, or even half a block, in either direction from the main entertainment strip in PB, and you can find residential housing. That causes a unique problem. For instance, if one of these clubs is playing loud music, and it disturbs a neighbor, then they can file a complaint. And I think that's why so many people are looking at this issue. It is a huge issue."

Are there any aspects of the situation that we need to look at more closely?

"We likely have a bathroom concern out on the beach," Captain Long acknowledges. "You know, Pacific Beach itself has a population of about 42,000 people. On any single day, that number is probably doubled. Now, you take your visitorship that just hits the sand on a holiday, and we might have, on the sand alone, maybe 100,000 people,

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It turns out that the Beach and Alcohol Task Force has begun to address this problem as well, calling, in many areas, for portable toilets.

Does Captain Long think that, in general, we're doing a good job of keeping things under control? I mention, in particular, that the numbers

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Captain Long tells me that, at any given time, 30 police officers from Northern Division could be patrolling the beach area. I ask him whether he thinks that's enough or whether he feels as if the police are out there all alone sometimes.

"I have to say that the business owners in the beach area are really trying," Captain Long says. "A lot of these owners want to make the beach a better place. And they want to be more responsible. And I really want to reiterate this: they are trying to be responsible. And they're partnering with us to make Garnet Avenue a nice place for people to come. Among other things, they're actually putting together funding to augment the police presence with off-duty officers. It's better for their business, and they get a better clientele by doing

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"I think we have to keep finding solutions on a problem-by-problem basis. We can't just change the whole way of life in the beach area. That's not going to happen. And I'm not sure that it should happen. We have to keep looking at the situations that arise and then deal with them." ■

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has had a history of treating minority students, future educators, terribly. I feel so much for the woman in the story. No job is worth that horror. And I hope that anyone reading this will stay away from UCSD. They, too, have a history of treating its workers terribly. And I also hope that individuals interested in becoming teachers and enrolling in the teaching program at SDSU should think twice. They say it's the best. Believe me, it's the worst!

Posted by Tim on 07/4/07, 9:36 a.m.

I think more often than not, verbal abuse is over-

stated and stretched to seem more like real abuse than it really is. In this case, though — this constant, everyday badgering and humiliation —, this is absolutely a case of serious abuse. Carpenter should be releaved of her position, no questions asked. Had this been a single case, or even a few fly-off-the-handle occurrences, I wouldn't be so quick to judge. The truth is, it wasn't a one-time offense; it was constant, daily abuse of not one but two employees beneath her.

Posted by Slow news day San Diego Reader? on 07/5/07, 4:45 a.m.

I'm sorry, but I thought we lived in the United States where people are innocent until proven guilty.

I find this piece of 'journalism' to be so one-sided it is appalling. Did anyone bother to pull the employment records of Schacht? I also wonder why Carpenter is not equally represented by a Union Official? What happened with the restraining order that Schacht filed? Did the court uphold it? I have read nothing here but a bunch of heresay. What happend to reporting facts instead of smearing the name of a prominent cancer research doctor and a renowned medical center.

Posted by Christian Hertzog on 07/5/07, 6:04 p.m.

SNDSDR: Carpenter is an Administrative Specialist, a title which is unrepresented. Your state tax dollars are going towards defending her. UC supplied a criminal defense lawyer for Carpenter, and instead of running the Cancer Center, administrators went down to court twice, presumably to back Carpenter, a double waste of your tax dollars as it tied up court time. Now UCSD is forcing us to go to arbitration, another waste of your tax dollars. They have refused to provide us with information which we have the right to see under state labor law, and CUE has filed an Unfair Labor Practice charge, still another waste of your tax dollars.

Posted by Carpenter is the real victim! on 07/5/07, 8:52 p.m.

Let me start with a quote from the article: ""Paula's

Posted by First Hand case is extraordinary. I have Observer on 07/5/07, never seen that kind of abuse in the office. Paula 11:01 p.m. is a very tough woman because typically when the abuse reaches that kind of level, most employees leave. Could the real reason Paula would not leave her job is that she was trying to build a case of lies against Carpenter in order to get her fired and take her job? It seems that Paula is

a very weak person and

could not take the normal

rigors of a high stress job. It

seems as though Paula was

out of her league and the

fact that Carpenter was

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Carpenter. Paula seems to

be a leach that tries to find

a weak prey and expose that

weakness.

I find your article to be irresponsible reporting since you have printed what Ms. Schacht "says" occurred. I can't believe that you need no proof of such accusations before defaming an excellent and respected employee, M. Carpenter. I never observed the incidents of abuse related to you by Ms. Schacht while working for Dr. Kipps and would regard them as suspect. With regard to comment by C. Hertzog regarding donor checks being hid by Ms. Carpenter is an outrageous accusation and should not be believed. I cannot believe anyone who has ever worked with Ms. Carpenter and seen first hand her dedication and excellent work ethic could give credence to

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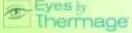
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Posted by George Sanders on 07/10/07, 6:09 p.m.

This is in response to the comment of SNDSDR on 07/5/07. You state that "Clearly, if the University hired a defense attorney for Carpenter and spent valuable time appearing on her behalf, they must feel she is innocent of the accusations being made against her." This statement does not correspond to actual practice in most universities. Most universities will tend—one might say "instinctively"-to defend higher-level employees when they are accused of wrongdoing. The main fears are usually the following: the removal of an employee such as Carpenter in response to a complaint might encourage other employees to take action against their supervisors, the authority of all upperlevel employees might be weakened as a consequence, and admission of any wrongdoing will reflect badly on the university.

Therefore, in any potentially embarrassing and/or destabilizing situation of this nature, universities will tend to ignore their own rules and procedures, deny the facts, and even go to court to defend one of "their own." Even basically decent people caught up in a culture of corruption will tend to go along with the prevailing behavior, because the consequences of speaking up can be terrifying. It is unfortunately rare in such situations that decision makers will recognize that removing clearly dishonest and abusive senior faculty, staff, or administration-even if they are one's colleagues or friends might actually increase the university's credibility and foster trust in its employees. Who knows, perhaps employees start to believe that the university intends to

live by its own stated values. For a university, going

to court is always risky, because it might generate bad publicity. But the low-level employee bringing a complaint is also risking publicity, because it is possible that he or she will never get a job in a university again. But there is a more realistic reason for a university going to court, even in a questionable case. Each large university has a fair number of lawyers under fulltime employment, and the university doesn't have to pay them a penny more to defend one of "its own". Few universities provide legal insurance for low-level employees, and few even have a union. The person bringing the complaint usually has to pay \$200 or more an hour for legal advice. Universities will commonly go to court and stonewall for years, waiting until the complainant is bled dry.

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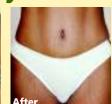
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demonstrably fraudulent statements in official reviews of their junior colleagues; they will never be removed or officially punished for their actions, even when these are in explicit violation of the university's own rulebook. Administrators will always use the default excuse that the senior professors made a "mistake." Similarly, abusive actions on the part of chairs, administrators, or senior

staff will usually be re-cast as "interpersonal conflict between two University employees."

Anyone doing a bit of research can find numerous substantiated cases of abusive professors defended by universities for years; in most cases, only when the victim has a well-documented case of the worst sort of abuse and enough money to last out a lengthy trial will a case be won by the complainant. This does not mean that every complaint made is legitimate. However, I suspect that most employees of universities have some idea of the consequences they face if they make a complaint against a supervisor.

There are quite a few recent high-profile cases of scientific misconduct that illustrate how difficult it is for an individual to take on a supervisor. At the University of Vermont, a research assistant discovered clear fraud on the part of his mentor, a renowned research scientist (New York Times magazine, Oct. 22, 2006). The assistant acted cautiously, assembled openand-shut proof of largescale misconduct, contacted the responsible officials and followed all the rules. Six years later the professor was finally convicted; the assistant had to hire a lawyer to defend himself from the professor's accusations, and accumulated \$16,000 in legal fees (paid back in the settlement), and faced complete career destruction.

The account given in the Reader article, although horrifying, is at least credible. It does not surprise me in the least that UC would defend Carpenter to the extent that it has. The appar-

ent negligence by UC of its own written procedures (such as Dr. Kipps' failure to appear at Step 1 meetings) indicates that the burden of credibility in this matter now lies on the university, not on the person making the complaint. It would be much wiser for the university to follow all its own procedures to a T; this would at least remove suspicion that its failure to do so resulted from the weakness of its case or its contempt for its own rules.

Posted by UCSD employee on 07/11/07, 10:03 a.m.

Hello to all of you. After reading all the comments, I felt it necessary to reply. I have worked at UCSD for 3 years. I have also experienced this growing problem of supervisor's exhibiting this behavior. I worked in a department with a supervisor who was degrad-



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ing and verbally abusive. I went to the supervisor above her and got, literally, a shrug of the shoulders. I then went to the Union (after a long string of events) and had the pleasure of working with Chris H. I, however, decided that I

would no longer take the behaviors exhibited by this individual and resigned my position.

The same supervisor is still there, there were complaints of her behavior before I worked there, and there are complaints of her behavior now. It is sad to say, but this does happen. I am completely appauled at the alleged treatment of these two ladies. Even though this sort of treatment goes on, the university is still a good place to work and provides jobs for

thousands (though it is no excuse to let these actions go unpunished). Policies are in place to prevent these things from happening, but in many cases policies are simply not followed. In any event, I am in a department now that I love with a supervisor who is great. I am sorry to Paula and Renee for they went through and admire the strength and courage they have to speak out. Also, I would like to thank Chris Hertzog for all the work he did with me, even though I resigned.

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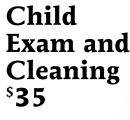
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and Renee's strength in moving forward with this. Good Luck.

Posted by Soon-to-be-retired-UCSD-Employee on 07/11/07, 10:06 am a.m.

I've been with UC for ten years and have seen my share of verbal abuse and sexual harassment from the

top down. I'm not a pushover, but fear and intimidation are powerful tools, when the rent is due. % A director told me once when he let me go, "You're not going to work out you're not my type." I later found out there was sexual harassment case was pending against him. % A well know vice-chancellor made hateful comments about gays, to me while watching a skit on acceptance; ironically it was during a hate free week on campus! % A director called me the 'sickest person on the planet', I suffer from a severe digestive dis-

order, that makes it very painful to sit and work. I really have to laugh out loud every time I read something from the chancellor regarding the 'Principles of Community'. What a crock, this place is riddled with 'puffed-up egos' and hypocrites. To quote the Grateful Dead, "What a long strange trip it's been." So long!

Posted by UCSD Employee on 07/11/07, 10:21 a.m.

As a UCSD employee whose Admin position is part of CUE, I am constantly frustrated by unions in general and the petty behavior that comes out of them. I see crapy employees file grievances for stupid reasons. I see these same employees working at the U for years and years because they hide behind the union and they make it impossible to fire a bad employee. On the other side of things,

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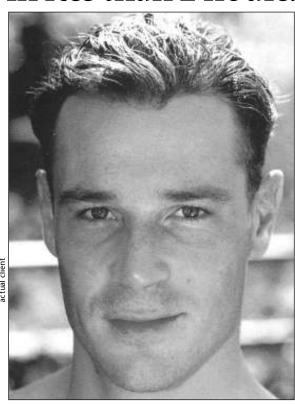
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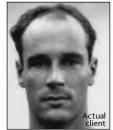
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an exemplary employee like myself is limited by the union as to what kind of raises and or promotions my boss can give me unless I were to have my position reclassfied to non-union. It surprises me that anyone EVER has to go to a union to settle anything. If you dont like your job or who vou work with, LEAVE. Find something else, why would you want to stay in a job that you hate and with people who mistreat you? Unions are a waste of time and money, as shown here.

Posted by The survivor on 07/11/07, 10:28 a.m.

As a former supervisor at UCSD I can tell you departments don't always

have your back. If you are a supervisor and an advocate for labor they'll run your butt out too. My department had so much hate and discontent a consultant was bought in to sort things out. It must be noted the consultant was a former UCSD middle management retiree! When I presented all my documentation to the consultant, which by the way, was given to my operation's leader well before consultant were brought in, it was discovered my documentation went no further then the operation's leader. It was apparent when the Op's leader was question as he came back from his @ss chewing proclaiming while slamming anything not attached to a wall around, his career was likely over! As luck would have it, he went on to retire with a healthy retirement long after I was "laid off"

Posted by UCSD employee on 07/11/07, 10:28 a.m.

As an administrative employee of UCSD's School of Medicine, I am horrified by the lack of spelling in these responses! Really, proof read! Beyond that, I am also horrified by the typical university response to such abuse. It happens all the time - I hear real complaints from coworkers far more often than I should and they seem to hover around the same PIs (faculty, doctors) or Administrative Specialists. Because of the excellent research of the PI, complaints are ignored. The same is true for Admin. Specialists - If they have been with UCSD for a long time (they have in order to have the title) and they work for a prestigious faculty, they are protected. There must be another way to deal with this. No, UCSD doesn't want to lose the researchers (or their long time assistants on whom they have come to rely), but there is no excuse for this abuse.

The system of checks and balances is NOT working and these egos must be put in check. I, myself, worked in an office where at times there was disrespect, temper tantrums, random, unjustified yelling, and laziness present in my immediate supervisor and I ignored it until I couldn't any longer. Once I switched jobs, I was amazed to find general happiness return to my life outside of work. Workplace abuse like this can truly be devastating to your personal happiness and life. The article is a bit one sided, but I fully believe that the other side refused (or failed) to comment and I hope that some good will come from it going to print. UCSD is a wonderful place, but this area needs

serious attention and improvement. Also, kudos for you 2 for coming forward most do not.

Posted by 26yr UCSD Employee on 07/11/07, 11:24 a.m.

I'm soon to retire from UCSD, having started in 1978, and I must say UCSD has come a long way down. I've worked in three departments and can affirm all the impressions given by these lower level employess of what typically goes on here, sad to say. I stopped counting the number of exiting employees - well over 40 in our division just since 2000. The disparity between official UC policy and day-to-day workplace

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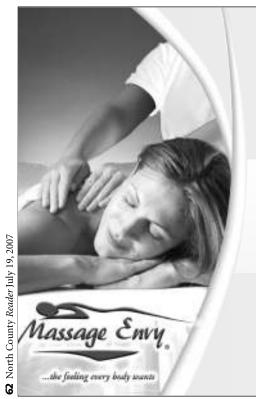
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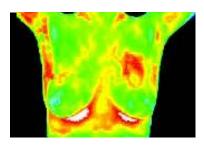
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events is both laughable and heartbreaking.

No doubt this reflects a

larger reality of American worklife in general, especially large organizations, and UCSD is probably no different. This is one story that got attention - most are never heard. But these events are completely believable and happen all the time. Just read the job bulletins over time and you'll see a pattern of recurrent openings in certain departments. Or try talking to temps who rotate through various areas. The idea that anyone would endure humiliation and further abuse by coming forward in order



to "win money" is ludicrous. Believe it or not, there are still some decent people in this world who finally "do the right thing" only after after doing their best to make it work because they need the pay.

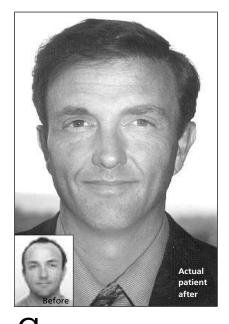
Many times I wanted to file a grievance but lacked courage because I witnessed how others were targeted and treated unfairly. I knew I couldn't handle the consequences of speaking up. It isn't always about how you do your job duties as about "impression management". I'm guessing Mary Carpenter is better at maintaing a certain "persona" in come circles while behaving very differently around others. Those who see only the polished persona find it hard to believe descriptions of the "dark" side - but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist. That kind of "splitting" is not uncommon. My sympathies to all who work in these kind of toxic environments. I know its not easy. I'm doubtful any of this will change because its

the organization itself that is sick. It promotes those who "talk a good game" and then fight to keep the status quo.

Posted by Another UCSD Employee on 07/11/07, 12:02 p.m.

School of Medicine has an awful reputation amongst the employees. Everything people have said about the atmosphere in that unit is correct. I work with an intermittent bully. She is all sugar and spice to those she doesn't exactly engage in work with but when it comes to actually doing her job, she is difficult, stubborn, and will flat out refuse to do certain tasks. Because she is a CUE position, she can't be fired, so her awful attitude continues to taint our office. When I first worked here, she physically pushed me in front of our boss who did nothing. I've since let her know that I am no weakling and I am left alone, though I consider her mere presence to be detrimental.

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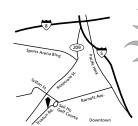
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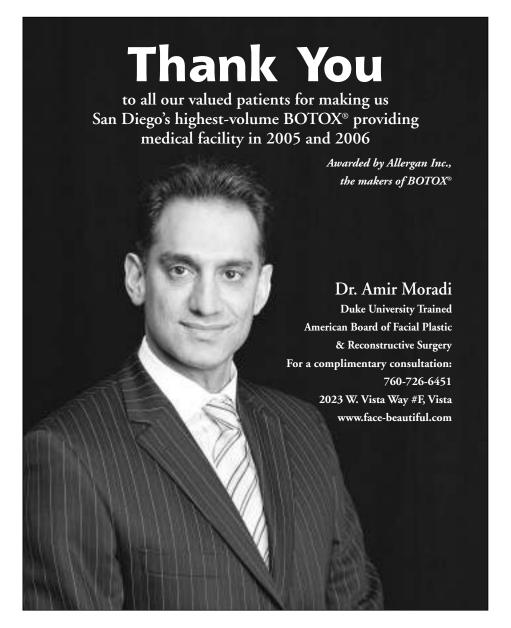
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Rock Rose, Kangaroo Paw

Dry-Land Gardens

Phil 115 [degrees] here last July, and the rock rose and lavender did fine," says Don Schultz, horticulture manager for the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. In the desert, where temperatures recently reached 120 degrees, Schultz says native plant life should have no problems. "The barrel cactus, for example, would survive. It's native to very hot areas and will take it as hot as you can give it."

On Saturday, July 21, the Water Conservation Garden will conduct a class on xeriscaping, or landscaping with low-water-

LOCAL EVENTS use plants. The term
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copyrighted, and trademarked by the Denver Water Department in 1981. But it doesn't mean all dry — according to xeriscape.org, to xeriscape means to apply water in "well-controlled amounts and locations in the landscape."

"People think that palms, like the queen palm, need a lot of water, but they don't," says Schultz. "They think because palms and some flowers, like the bird-of-paradise, are tropical, that you've got to water them a lot. I water them about once a week, even in the summer; I water them a couple of inches a month." Schultz measures water by inches rather than time for the sake of consistency. "Sprinklers, how they're installed, how far

apart they are, what kind of nozzles are used — there are so many factors that can cause a lot of variations. I run [the sprinklers] here for 15 minutes, but if you ran yours for 15 minutes, you could be putting much less water down than mine." To measure in inches, Schultz places measuring cups in the areas he waters. "Instead of waiting for the rain, turn your sprinklers on and see how long it takes to put down half an inch."

Cacti and succulents are often overwatered. Once the acacia tree is established, it only needs water once a month. "If the soil is too wet, California native plants can get diseased," Schultz explains. Two such plants are the manzanita (a shrub) and the ceanothus (or California lilac). "The way they get through the summer is they go

deciduous and look like they're dead. Imagine the plants on the hills, nobody's watering them, and they get through the summer. When you start watering them, they are susceptible to all these disease organisms that like moisture. The plant didn't evolve in that situation, so they have no resistance."

Choosing the right kind of soil

can help gardeners avoid accidental overwatering. "If you have clay soil that holds water really well and doesn't dry up, you are much more prone to overwater. If you have real sandy soil, you'd have a hard time killing plants." Schultz adds that any plant can be killed by overwatering — even aquatic plants can drown if they are not exposed to the right balance of soil to water.

Like other plants, some xeriscape



plants require skilled maintenance to look their best. "Some plants need to be pruned strategically." Schultz describes the Cleveland sage as an example. "It's the sort of plant that once it blooms out, toward the end of the summer, it's gotten to be kind of long and leggy. When it gets into fall, it starts to put out new growth in the base. By that time, you want to prune back to the new growth, about half the length of the stem, creating fresh new growth...

"Over 90 percent of the lawn going into any kind of new construction you see is tall fescue grass," says Schultz. "That's the standard grass that you see stacked in sod outside of Home Depot." Bermuda grass and zoysia grass use about two-thirds of the water needed for tall fescue grass. Whereas the fescue grass stays green year-round, lower-water-use grasses lie dormant in the winter, turning brown in the shade or in cool weather. "On the coast, they lose some color but don't go completely brown," says Schultz.

Schultz says it's difficult to give general advice on gardening in Southern California.

"There are many different climate zones just in this small area, and that does complicate things." Kangaroo paw may flourish along the coast but not do as well inland, in contrast to the hot-summer-, cold-winter-loving crepe myrtle. However, Schultz points out that caring for drought-resistant plants is not as difficult as maintaining plants that require a lot of water, such as roses, hydrangeas, or azaleas. "A lot of xeriscape plants are native to climates similar to ours. You can just go ahead and put them right in the soil."

— Barbarella

Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget Saturday, July 21 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West El Cajon Cost: \$12 members, \$15 nonmembers Info: 619-660-0614 or www.thegarden.org





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BAJA

Tijuana's 118th Anniversary Celebrations continue with jazz

concert, Thursday, July 19, 6:30 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira).

Timbiriche in concert, Thursday, July 19, 9 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$150.

"Apuntes Historicos de Tijuana" painting exhibition by Rosendo Méndez opens with reception, Friday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Palacio de la Cultura (2nd Street and Constitución). Head back to Palacio de la Cultura for "Poetry in Tijuana," Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m. 011-52-664-687-2604.

Author Hilario Peña discusses new book, Los Dias de Rubi Chacón, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636.

Baja Rosario Festival 2007, cultural festival celebrating founding of El Rosario in 1774 with history, art expos, regional foods, music and dancing, rodeos, horse races, carnival rides, and guided tours of mission sites, museum. Festivities begin afternoon on Friday, July 20, continue through

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

BRINGING UP BABY

Thursday, July 26, Screen on the Green series.

(SEE FILM)



Sunday, July 22. Find town of El Rosario approximately 150 miles south of Ensenada via Transpeninsular Highway. 619-664-3585. (ENSENADA)

Mexicali on the Beach — expect beach sports, music, food, and entertainment, Friday, July 20-Sunday, July 22, at Hotel Villa Serena. 011-52-661-612-2525, (ROSARITO BEACH)

Bullfighting, matators César Castañeda, Alejandro Amaya, Luis Vilches ride horses from Eduardo Cuevas against bulls from Estancia, Friday, July 20, 4 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea.

Busy on Friday? On Sunday, July 22, bulls from Fernando de la Mora meet up with matadors Amaya, Vilches, and Juan Antonio Adame at 4 p.m. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TUUANA)

Seafood Festival, with more than 20 competitors, as well as music and entertainment, Sunday, July 22, noon-7 p.m., at Malecón. 011-52-664-682-8745. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Birdwatchers need not despair now that the winter migrants are gone. Plenty of shore birds can be found on summer evenings in the natural coastal wetland areas of San Diego County. From south to north the publicly accessible coastal wetlands include the Tijuana River Estuary, south San Diego Bay (just north of Imperial Beach and along the bay shore at Chula Vista), the San Diego River channel (inland from Sea World), Los Peñasquitos Lagoon (adjacent to Torrey Pines State Reserve), the San Dieguito River estuary, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon. In and around these areas look for California gulls, American avocets, brown pelicans, snowy egrets, killdeer, and redwing blackbirds.

BALLOON

Cicadas, the insects that sound like tinny buzzsaws in the brush, have been putting up a racket around San Diego lately. Occasionally mistaken for the tail buzz of a rattlesnake, the sound is merely that of a male calling to potential mates. Some 30 species of cicadas inhabit San Diego County, but none are of the famous periodical type that emerge en masse every 13 or 17 years to serenade parts of the eastern United States.

Cumulonimbus Clouds, or thunderheads, are most likely to form over San Diego County's deserts and mountains during the latter part of the summer season, beginning about late July. The clouds appear by midafternoon — often the result of moist, tropical air entering the county from the south or southeast. If intense, these cloud buildups are accompanied by enough rain to flood the desert washes and mountain drainages. When the weather pattern allows the movement of moist air beyond the mountain barriers, even coastal San Diego County can experience the cool spatter of raindrops and spectacular evening lightning displays.

Fleas, the bane of pets and humans alike, are hopping all over San Diego again as the summer progresses. Fleas were even more troublesome in San Diego County's past than they are today. Soldiers on the Portola expedition over two centuries ago named a deserted Indian village in today's North County "Rancheria de las Pulgas"; and the problem of pulgas ("fleas") in the dusty streets and dwelling places of Southern California were commonly mentioned in 19th-Century journals and diaries. The place-names Las Pulgas

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Canyon and Las Pulgas Road in Camp Pendleton are reminders of a timeless torment.

Plan for Excellent (and Colorful) **Birding** when joining the Audubon Society birders at Palomar Mountain State Park, Saturday, July 21. Possible species: hairy woodpecker, purple finch, Western tanager, brown creeper, red-breasted sapsucker, purple martin; tiger lilies usually found along trail.

Bring water for trail insect repellent, lunch. Meet at 8 a.m. at School Camp/Doane Pond day-use parking area within state park. Day-use fee. Moderately strenuous. 619-692-3246. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Trail Repair Work at Paso Picacho in Cuvamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, July 21, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Rot Happens, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, July 21, 8:30 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

Volunteer Service Project planned by REI Chula Vista, Saturday, July 21, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in Sweetwater Regional Park (3218 Summit Meadow Road). Trail maintenance, restoration in Red Hill area. Tools provided; wear close-toed shoes, hat, work gloves if you have them. Free. Registration: 619-591-4924. (CHULA VISTA)

Lazy Days of Summer, enjoy cooling shade of old oak trees during interpretive strolls planned Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, July 21, 22, and 25, 9:30-11 a.m. in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). $Free.\ 619\text{-}668\text{-}3281.\ (\text{SAN CARLOS})$

Help With Wildlife Monitoring after San Diego Tracking Team hosts training, Saturday, July 21, 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Learn to recognize tracks of native mammal species, join experienced tracker on one or more wildlife survevs. To reach site, take Canvonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs. Free. 760-715-4102. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Friends of Rose Creek beckon volunteers for variety of work in native plant garden, Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.-noon, behind Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Weed, water, plant native species. Bring work or gardening gloves, water. 858-405-7503. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-

"Squeak, Hoot, and Howl!" Listen for sounds of night hunters — bats, owls, coyotes – during guided walk on Saturday, July 21, 7:15-8:30 p.m., starting at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. (SAN CARLOS)

Learn Telescope Etiquette and see "celestial wonders" during star party hosted by San Diego Astronomers Association, Saturday,

July 21, 8:30 p.m., at Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Telescopes provided, but feel free to bring your own. Free. 858-565-3600, (JULIAN)

Discover Old Escondido East and its variety of historic architectural styles during walking tour led by Escondido History Center, Tuesday, July 24, 6 p.m., starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

day, July 20, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-594-6828.

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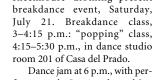
dance jam (children 5 and under free). 619-525-8258. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate the New Dance Floor at La Jolla Presbyterian Church, Saturday, July 21, 7 p.m., in fellowship hall (7708 Eads Avenue). Dance lesson offered by Russ Maples at 6:15 p.m., followed by live music by Sylvia and Salvador. Donation: \$5. Singles, couples, all

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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 Sunday, July 22, and at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 25, August 1.



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English Country Dancing with calling by Judee on Sunday, July 22, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Thursday at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between

Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8–10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409.

FILM

Movies in the Park series continues with *The Goonies* on Thursday, July 19, and *Charlotte's Web* on Thursday, July 26, 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 Mystery of the Nile (6 p.m.) and The Human Body (7 p.m.) on July 20. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

"DOXIE DAY IN THE PARK"
San Diego Dachshund Club

San Diego Dachshund Club summer picnic, Balboa Park, Sunday, July 22.

(SEE SPECIALS)



"Entrapment" with Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones, screens for Cinema under the Stars series on Thursday and Friday, July 19 and 20. Order up *Breakfast at Tiffany*'s on Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22. Screenings be-

gin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Global Warming: Something Worth Getting Heated Up About! Series commences with Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, Friday, July 20, 7 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Free. 858-755-1616 x118. (DEL MAR)

Moonlight Movies feature *Barnyard*, Saturday, July 21, at Tierrasanta Community Park (11220 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Fun starts at 5 p.m., movie starts at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Free. 858-573-1393. (TIERRASANTA)

"Ten Items or Less," starring Morgan Freeman, may be seen during Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, July 23, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

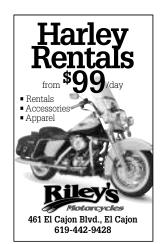
"Spy Kids" screens for family movie nights planned for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, July 25, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Jean-Luc Godard's 1967 Masterpiece Weekend screens for summer film series, Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Bringing Up Baby," Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant, and a leopard named Baby — three reasons to hit Screen on the Green outdoor film series, Thursday, July 26, 8 p.m. on east lawn at San Diego Museum of Art. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Making the Modern" is topic when docent Mona Palmer explores major art movements of 19th- and 20th-Century Europe for



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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)

What to Pack, What to Wear? Prepare for Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk benefiting Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation after clinic, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m., REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Especially for firsttime walkers. Free. 858-279-4400.

Looking for Lost friends or Family Members? Joan Lowrey demonstrated websites, techniques for finding living people at Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meeting, Saturday, July 21, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). 858-278-4519. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Xeriscape: Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" presented Saturday, July 21, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Learn seven principles of xeriscape, planting techniques. \$15 general. Reservations: 619-660-0614.

"Real-Time Remote Monitoring in the Tijuana River Watershed" is topic when Mitra Fattahipour of HoundSystems speaks for "Saturday Speaker Series," Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m., at Tijuana Estuary Visitors' Center (301 Caspian Way). 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"British Resources Available at the Family History Center" explored when English, Scottish, Irish Interest Group chairmen address British Isles Genealogical Research Association. Tour of facility follows. Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Bring lunch for break. Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

Make Your California Roll and Eat It Too! Mayumi Masubuchi leads sushi class, Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Bring small knife, cutting board. \$35. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Autochrome Color Transparencies taken around San Diego in 1920s will be shown for Pacific Beach Historical Society, Saturday, July 21, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Free. 858-272-6655. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Composting Class on Sunday, November 22, 10 a.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). Free. Registration: 619-409-5900. (CHULA VISTA)

"The Diocese, the Crimes, the **Cover-Up"** is topic when reporter Mark Sauer addresses Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, July 22, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-421-5844.

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ment" is topic for Vicki Newman, R.D., Monday, July 23, 10 a.m., at Moores UCSD Cancer Center (3855 Health Sciences Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-822-2236, (LA JOLLA)

"How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Cat" — training secrets, cat behavior, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with cat, Monday, July 23, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). For people only. \$35. 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?" USD Hebrew Bible professor Russell Fuller reveals the answer, Monday, July 23, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. Suggested reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"World Travel 101" presented by Hostelling International Adventure 16 stores, focusing on travel documents, smart packing, personal safety, budgeting, cultural awareness, more. Talks offered Monday, July 23, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374), Wednesday, July 25, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662), and Thursday, July 26, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). 7 p.m. Free. (MISSION GORGE, SOLANA BEACH, OCEANSIDE)

"Searching the U.S. Census by Geographical Means, or, What to Do When the Name Indexes Fail" is subject when Professor Ioel Weintraub speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, July 24, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

Author Seth Hettena signs, discusses Feasting on the Spoils, Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North, 619-692-3676). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ultra Light Backpacking Clinics with tips for reducing pack weight, clothing, packs, shelters, sleep systems, food and cooking supplies planned by REI. Catch talk on Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard, 760-944-9020) and REI Chula Vista (2015 Birch Road, 619-591-4924). Talk repeats Wednesday, July 25, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (CHULA VISTA, ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

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

ROAM-(__)-RAMA

nce rich in rural landscapes, the area between Fallbrook and Bonsall has expe-Prienced a lot of suburban growth — everything from full-blown subdivisions to large-acreage lots with mini-mansions placed on them. Fallbrook remains the "avocado capital of the world," but perhaps not for long.

Not much publicly owned recreational space has existed around Fallbrook until recently. In the past two decades, though, the Fallbrook Land Conservancy has helped to preserve a number of key parcels of land of historic and natural



value. A small and obscure example of this is Heller's Bend Preserve, a 47-acre canyonand-hillside parcel featuring a year-round stream shaded by oaks and sycamores and a lush hillside fairly dripping with mature chaparral. The preserve is open daily, and pets are welcome if kept on a leash.

To get there from most San Diego locales, take Interstate 15 north to Highway 76 (Pala Road). Turn west and continue 4.5 miles to South Mission Road on the right which leads north toward Fallbrook, Drive 1.5 miles on South Mission Road to the country road signed "Hellers Bend." Turn left, and after 0.3 mile park on the road shoulder at the circumspectly marked entrance to the preserve, taking care not to block

After entering the preserve on foot, you

descend to cross the small, shaded creek on a concrete ford, and then follow a paved driveway sharply up the hillside. After passing a couple of side paths, the main road swings onto a ridgetop. At one particular spot, exposed to the cool afternoon and evening coastal breeze, you get a nearly panoramic view of a good chunk of Fallbrook and Bonsall.

Thirty years ago, citrus and avocado orchards draped nearly every hill and valley below; now there are plenty more homes popping up. To the north, note the narrow ravine followed by the curvy Heller's Bend Road. Today's South Mission

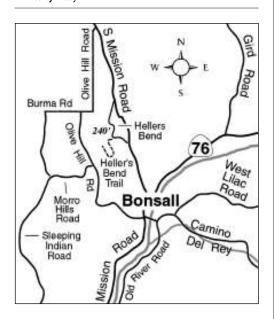
Road took a higher, straighter route to the east, leaving

behind a scenic, one-mile stretch of the old road behind.

HELLER'S BEND PRESERVE

Catch the cool evening breeze from a hilltop in Heller's Bend Preserve near Fallbrook.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 54 miles Length: 1.2 mile round-trip Difficulty: Easy



"How to Live Happily Ever After tancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa (9700 with Your Dog" presented North Torrey Pines Road). Regis-Wednesday, July 25, 6 p.m., at San tration, breakfast: 7:30 a.m., lecture Diego Humane Society and SPCA at 8:35 a.m. \$35. Registration: (5500 Gaines Street). Housetrain-619-308-0420. (LA JOLLA) ing, socialization, calmness, nutri-

"Representations of Women in Nizami's Manuscript of Khusrau and Shirin in the Freer Gallery" is topic for scholar Renee Almassizadeh when she addresses Asian Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art, Thursday, July 26, 1 p.m. \$10 general. 619-543-9810. (BALBOA PARK)

No Giant Maneaters from outer space, just "Bugs!" discussed by Dexter D when San Diego Herpetological Society gathers, Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-744-8260. (BALBOA PARK)

"Gardening with a Water-Wise Approach" presented by plantswoman extraordinaire Judy Wigand for San Diego Historical Society, Monday, August 13, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, Talk includes water-wise bird and butterfly garden.

Monday-Friday 11 am-7 pm, Saturday 10 am-6 pm

Plant forum follows. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

IN PERSON

Jonathan Butler Benefit Concert and award ceremony hosted by Greater San Diego Business Development Council, Thursday, July 19,

5 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$45, \$65. 858-537-2281. (DOWNTOWN) Third Thursday at Sanctuary143 on Cedros, with live music by two

members of the rock/jazz/hip-hop band Vajra, work by local artist Jeff Faeth, July 19. Event begins at 6 p.m. at 143 South Cedros Avenue. Free. 760-487-1137. (SOLANA BEACH)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series continues when 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)

"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, and alto saxophonist Lee Konitz with Joe La Barbera (percussion), Darek Oles (bass) on Thursday, July 26. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$23. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Four O'clock Friday series commences with horse racing and concert by Unwritten Law, July 20, 4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Included in regular Del Mar Thoroughbred Club admission (\$6). 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

Samba Mapangala and Orchestra Virunga play East African pop music for TGIF Jazz

in the Parks series, Friday, July 20, 6 p.m., at Poinsettia Park (6600 Hidden Valley Road). Shuttle services, 5-9 p.m., from Pacific Rim Elementary School and Legoland parking lot. Free. 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

The Mar Dels play Concert on the Green, Friday, July 20, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (2111Z2 East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"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)

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

Meet Real Space Cowboys during forum, Saturday, July 21, at San Diego Air and Space Museum. Astronaut Eugene Cernan, one of only 3 people to voyage to moon on two different occasions, and one of only 12 humans to walk on the moon, shares his experiences. He'll be joined by astronauts Scott Carpenter, Thomas Stafford offer "unique perspective on space exploration, yesterday, today, and tomorrow." Moderator is Ed Buckbee, director emeritus of U.S. Space and Rocket Center, founder of U.S. Space Camp. Forum begins at 2 p.m., followed by booksigning. Free admission. 619-234-8291.

Flux Theory entertains for summer concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn streets) on Saturday, July 21, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606, (NORTH PARK)

(BALBOA PARK)

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)

Comedy at Twiggs — comedians Derek Ellis, Big D, Jeremy Saville, plus "special guest," and emcee Jason Bang hit Twiggs Coffeehouse (4590 Park Boulevard) on Satur-

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tion, communication, more. \$35.

Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247.

"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

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sources, and national significance

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The "CEO" of San Diego, Mayor

Jerry Sanders, discusses challenges,

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day, July 21, 9 p.m., Cover: \$5. 619-987-3710. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Authors and Art, celebrating "artistic accomplishments of some of our best lesbian and gay writers and visual artists," is Sunday, July 22, 10:30 a.m., San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tom Spanbauer reads from newest novel, Now Is the Hour; readings by David Cohen, Patrick McMahon, Lisa Shapiro, Donation: \$10 general, 619-517-0382, (BALBOA PARK)

Yavaz plays Latin jazz for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove, Sunday, July 22, 2 p.m. Free. 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Sunday Concerts by the Sea at Moonlight Beach promises Latin jazz by Luna Llena, Sunday, July 22, 3–5 p.m. Dogs, alcohol, glass prohibited on beach, located at western foot of Encinitas Boulevard. Free. 760-633-2740.

Riders of the Purple Sage present their "new twist on a vintage sound" for Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park, Sunday, July 22, 4 p.m. Find park on Soledad Mountain Road (off Lamont Street). Free. 858-483-6666. (PACIFIC BEACH)

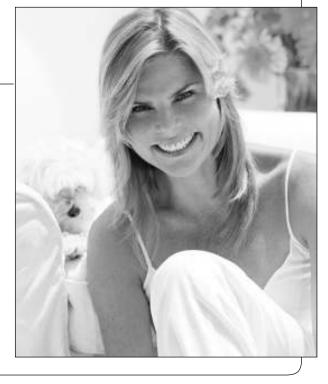
Breez'n plays music of 1950s, '60s, and '70s for "Music in the Park" series, Sunday, July 22, 5 p.m., at Veterans Park (785 East Palomar Street). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

"HOW TO EXPERIENCE AND STAY PRESENT IN **YOUR LIFE**

Mariel Hemingway, Friday, July 20, Seaside Center.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Swing N EZ Big Band featuring Elliott Lawrence performs for

Sundays at Six, Mark Jackson Country Band plays final concert

3 hours from \$225*

of series, July 22, 6 p.m., at Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Free. 619-667-

There's a String Summit planned with Tristan and Tashina Clarridge, Brittany Haas, and Rushad Eggleston for Acoustic-MusicSanDiego, Sunday, July 22, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650

Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Flamencolores," combining music, singing, and dance, Sonidos Gitanos (Gypsy Flamenco) takes stage Sunday, July 22, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Lead dancer/artistic director is Maria Bermúdez. Tickets: \$25-\$100. 323-663-3779. (LA JOLLA) Open-Mike Poetry Reading, Monday, July 23, 8 p.m., at Twiggs, 4590 Park Boulevard. Free. 619-295-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series continues when Corvelles perform Motown tunes on Tuesday, July 24; Hillcrest Wind Ensemble takes stage on Wednesday, July 25; San Diego Six play Dixieland music on Thursday, July 26. Concerts run from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Vocalist Jeri Brown and her band perform for KSDS-Jazz 88's Jazz Live series, Tuesday, July 24, 8 p.m., in Saville Theater at City College (1313 Park Boulevard). \$10. 619-388-3037. Concert may be heard broadcast live on KSDS, 88.3 FM. (DOWNTOWN)

Award-Winning Composer and Conductor Marvin Hamlisch will discuss, sign his Chorus Line Revival CD, Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Singer-Songwriter Showcase, promising solos and duets, Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., at E Street Café (128 West E Street). Free. 858-576-7302. (ENCINITAS)

Is It Possible to Live a Year Without Chinese-Produced Goods? Sara Bongiorni discusses, signs A Year Without "Made in China": One Family's True Life Adventure in the Global Economy, Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m., at Book Works (in Flower Hill Mall, 2670

Via De La Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

The Original Musical Company B presented by California Pioneer Heritage Foundation, July 26-28, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Piece - with cast of 60 and a ten-piece band — is based on Mormon Battalion's march from Iowa to San Diego. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. each day, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Tickets: \$9.50, \$8.50 general. 800-988-4253, 760-415-0577, (ESCONDIDO)

Comic Dennis Miller in concert, Thursday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets start at \$40, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS), (PALA)

SPORTS

Seaside Racing Season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club 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.

Family Fun Day is Sunday, July 22, with appearance by SpongeBob Squarepants, pony rides, rock climbing, bungee trampolines, carnival rides, games,

General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Du-



CALL 7 Days: 8 am-7 pm

summer concert series, Sunday, July 22, at Ouail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), Dinner begins at 5 p.m. (\$35 includes food); concert at 5:45 p.m. (\$20 without dinner). Reservations: 760-436-3036 x206, (ENCINITAS)

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1. What book are you currently reading? What page are you on?

I'm reading about five books at the moment. One is *Uncertainty: Einstein, Heisenberg, Bohr, and the Struggle for the Soul of Science*. I'm about one-third of the way into it.

2. Tell us a little about the book.

It has to do with the controversy regarding Von Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle and how Bohr and Einstein dealt with it. Finstein couldn't accept the idea

that the universe is unknowable. Of course, he didn't believe in God.

The Uncertainty Principle states that you cannot know where an object is and how fast it is going at the same time.

3. What do you make of the argument?

It's a refreshing book — you have to sit and think about it. Even though it's about math, it's not [inaccessible]. I can't handle the

math; never could. Calculus and I are mortal enemies.

I'm intrigued by the processes of thought between the three [scientists]. Bohr realized the enormity of what Heisenberg was proposing, but neither he nor Einstein was a good mathematician. Heisenberg had to invent his own form of calculus, in a sense.

4. What about the style — is the language easy to understand?

Actually, it is. Math is not in the book.

5. Compare this book with others you have read.

I've been looking for a book like this for a long time. I found it, started reading it, and thought, I have a winner here! It's right on the money — I'm enjoying it.

6. Tell us what book or other work has been the most life-changing for you and why.

None. The book you are reading at the time leads you to others, and then still others. Different ideas hit you at different times, and your values change.

7. Tell us about your favorite author(s).

I have thousands of books, all selected for a reason. [Favorites] depend on where I am at the time. You read some authors and they lead you to others. Your ideas change.

8. What magazines or newspapers do you read? How many articles do you read to the end?

The Economist, Wired, Scientific American, New Yorker.

I read the articles that interest me. Some of these stories are several thousand words long, but if the subject is worth the time commitment, then I will read all of it.

9. Tell us about your friends you talk to about your reading. What are your conversations like?

[Conversations] depend on who you're talking to. I'm not an academic. People are caught up in their lives, so some of them don't get as deeply into the books as others.

10. Other comments:

Bookstores are evaporating.

rante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Padres host Philadelphia Phillies in Petco Park, July 19–22, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads head to Colorado for games against Rockies, July 23–25, at 6:05 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday. Road trip continues with games in Houston against Astros, July 26–29, at 5:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 12:55 p.m. on Saturday, 11:05 a.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Sunset Paddle at La Jolla Shores hosted by Hike Bike Kayak, Friday, July 20, starting at 6 p.m. at 2246 Avenida de la Playa. \$45 for single kayaks, \$37.50 for doubles (includes equipment). Required reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

54th Annual Over-the-Line World Championship hosted by Old Mission Beach Athletic Club at Fiesta Island, Saturday and Sunday, July 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)

"Run and Stride with Pride" 5k run and walk, Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m., starting on University Avenue (at Center Street). Race-day registration, \$35, in Park Boulevard Pharmacy parking lot (corner of University and Park Boulevard). 619-962-2149. (HILLGREST)

Rides to Suit Every Rider! San Diego Bicycle Club's "world famous" Saturday rides start at 8:30 a.m. at 8715 Via La Jolla Drive (in parking lot at La Jolla Village Square). Fast rides, core training, and development rides offered. Helmets mandatory. Free. 619-522-0058. (LA JOLLA)

Capoeira Weekends continue 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)

Family Pedal and Paddle, Mission Bay kayak tour for families, Saturday, July 21, starting at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Participants must be two or older. \$55 for adults, \$35 for kids. Required reservations: 858-488-5599 (Pacific BEACH)

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

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by
Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, July 22, 8–11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from

Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Coast! Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for adventure from Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road) to Vista and back along the coast, Sunday, July 22. The 75-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. Free. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

USPA Rossmore Cup Finals hosted by San Diego Polo Club, Sunday, July 22. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. Club takes break until August 19. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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)

SPECIAL

Calling All Harry Potter Fans! San Diego State University Library hosts brown-bag book discussions of each title in J.K. Rowling's series, every Thursday through July 26, noon, in room 430/431 of SDSU Library. Bring lunch, 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)

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 Lumberyard 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)

Heartbeat Classic Chevys, Pierce Arrow, and San Diego Classic Car Clubs all showcased during Cruisin' Grand on July 20. Events held every Friday through September 28, 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. (ESCONDIDO)

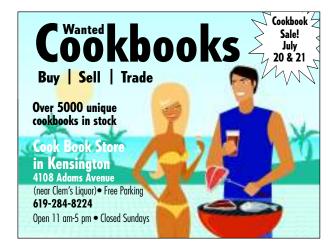
Life Drawing and Painting Open Studio offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6–9 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring drawing and painting supplies to work with model; a few short poses followed by one or two long poses. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Hate Crimes: 25 Years After Vincent Chin" is theme for symposium hosted by San Diego Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans, Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in room 1202 of Jacobs School of Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering at UCSD. Organizers plan screening of Who Killed Vincent Chin? Panel moderated by Lee Ann Kim, panelists include state senator Leland Yee, David Kawamoto, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Tenario, filmmaker/activist Eric Byler. Reception follows. Free. 858-457-3739.

Summer Pooch Paw-ty and Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at Muttropolis. Bobbing for biscuits, tips







on keeping canines cool, Yoghund ice cream for four-legged attendees. Find shops at 227 South Cedros Avenue (858-755-3647) and 7755 Girard Avenue (858-459-9663). Free. (SOLANA BEACH, LA JOLLA)

"United for Equality" is theme for San Diego LGBT Pride celebrations, July 21 and 22. Events begin Saturday with parade, 11 a.m. Contingents and floats start parade at University Avenue and Normal Street (11 a.m.), end at Balboa Drive. Free for spectators.

Parade is followed by festival at Marston Point with multiple stages for live entertainment, art exhibit, dance floors, food, more. Festival hours: noon-10 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$15 for one day, \$21 for two-day pass. 619-297-7683. (BALBOA PARK)

1000 Butterflies will be released to commemorate rededication of Balboa Park's Zoro Garden, Saturday, July 21, noon (at El Prado and Village Place). Free. 619-232-5762.

Put One Candle on the Cake during anniversary celebration, Saturday, July 21, noon-4 p.m., at Lightning Brewery (13200 Kirkham Way, suite 105). Beer, entertainment. Fee: \$20 for ten beer tastes. 858-513-8070. (POWAY)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Joseph Conrad's Classic Heart of Darkness is topic for Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, July 21, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Bluegrass and Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 22, 4-6:30 p.m., at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe (651 East Vista Way). Lighthouse makes music. \$10 tickets include one ice cream sundae or root beer float. Reservations: 760-724-2110, 760-639-6164.

Doxie Day in the Park, San Diego Dachshund Club hosts 19th annual summer picnic, Sunday, July 22, noon-3:30 p.m., at corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring your doxie (western attire suggested), shade gear, water, picnic. No fees, no competition. 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

"IMPRESSIONIST GIVERNY: A Colony of Artists, 1885-1915," July 21-September 30, San Diego Museum of Art.

(SEE ART MUSEUMS)



Racism in America and the World is topic when Objectivist Discussion Group meets to focus on Avn Rand's Racism, Sunday, July 22, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune

Coffee Lounge (2906 University Avenue). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. (NORTH PARK) "Suburban Trees" continues through fall at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo

Scanga features work by seven area

sculptors. Viewing hours:

9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mondays–Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD) Comic-Con 2007. 38th annual event takes place Thursday-Sunday. July 26-29, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Exhibit area with comic books, original art, toys, games, trading cards, clothing, movie

gaming, parties, lectures, guests. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday; night programs 7 p.m.-midnight. General admission: \$25 Thursday and Friday, \$30 Saturday, \$15 Sunday (discounts for juniors, seniors). 619-491-2475. (DOWNTOWN)

memorabilia; programming, anime,

Understanding Judaism is quest when P&R Discussion group gathers, Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos **Volleyball Camps** for those 7–18 offered every week through August 31 at courts south of Oceanside Harbor. Learn basic techniques for skills, tips from pros, training techniques to include in regular practice routine. Camps run Monday-Friday, with full and half-day options. Costs, registration: 310-940-7166. (OCEANSIDE)

"Juri and the Bearded Dragon" presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, July 22, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: The Three Wishes by Puppet Express, July 25-29. Showtimes: 11 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)

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" — J.K. Rowling's seventh and final installment of the Potter series - is released on Saturday, July 21. In celebration, many bookstores and libraries are hosting release parties on Friday, July 20. The Book Works and neighboring shops in Flower Hill Promenade (2670 Via de la Valle) plan Wizard Party, 10 p.m.-midnight. Indoor and outdoor screenings of Harry Potter movies, facepainting, crafts. New book offered for sale at 12:01 a.m. at Book Works (open until 1 a.m.). 858-755-3735.

Among the other spots: Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347), starting at 10:30 p.m. Many branches of San Diego Public Library will be hosting events; call your local branch for details. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"The Power of Plankton" provides theme for family program, Saturday, July 21, 1 a.m.-3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way), Included with paid aquarium admission. No reservations necessary.

"Explore It: Plankton Party," also slated for July 21, runs 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Design plankton, learn about challenges of drifting in ocean, view tiny creatures through microscope. Fee is \$4 per person, in addition to regular aquarium admission. Advance

registration required: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Light" provides topic when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, July 21, noon-3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admission, 619-238-1233, (BALBOA PARK)

Tea and Etiquette Class led by Linda Bibalo, Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). Napkin savvy, handshakes, eye contact, posture, more. For those seven and older, \$35 fee includes certificate, afternoon tea delights.

Bibalo returns on 21st for "The Teen Scene — Etiquette 411," for those 13-17, at 2 p.m. Eating difficult foods, handling accidents, soft skills, more. \$55 fee includes certificate, brunch, materials. Registration for either class: 888-218-2105. (MISSION VALLEY)

Don't Run — Stay Found! Sheriff's department search and rescue volunteer Pam Medhurst and her bloodhound puppet will present safety tips for hikers and demonstrate search and rescue techniques, Saturday, July 21, 5 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 855 - 565 - 3600. (LAKESIDE)

Teen Musicians and Skateboarders hit Robb Field State Park (2525 Bacon Street), hosted by Element Skateboards and Collective Sound Music Academy, Thursday, July 26, 6 p.m. Students will open for bands such as Venus Infers, Shimmies, more; skate demos by Adaptive Action Sports and professional riders. Art show. Donation: \$5. 530-680-0636. (OCEAN BEACH)

Teen Talent Show. Thursday. July 26, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library

(acting and comedy), instrumental music, other talents. Competitors judged by three-person panel; prizes awarded. Free for spectators. 760-602-2058. (LA COSTA) "San Diego International

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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 World-Beat 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 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Comic-Con International at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Included in convention admission. 760-470-2481. (BALBOA PARK, DOWNTOWN)

"Jam with the Band" Concert Series planned Friday, July 27, 8 p.m., in Commodore Ballroom at Loews Coronado Bay Resort (4000 Loews Coronado Bay Road). Teen bands Shey Euphoria and Numskul will perform; extra musical equipment will be available and concertgoers are encouraged to get onstage to iam with band, \$10 cover benefits Modest Needs (\$20 for adults). Reservations: 619-424-4443, Concerts repeat on August 11, September 1. (CORONADO)

"The Great Jaguar Rescue: Go, Diego, Go Live!" follows Diego, Alicia, and cousin Dora on adventure-packed missions, hitting San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue) on August 18 and 19. Curtain rises at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with additional show at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$18-\$39, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic fron-

tier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

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

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

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

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the



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Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

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

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

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose

gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street: 760-434-9189, (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music,

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

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

Olaf Wieghorst Museum, Jim Willoughby's cartoon art celebrates rugged way of life in "Old West" and problems faced by cowboys in modern times. See "Willoughby's West" through October.

Museum 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 mu<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

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San Diego Natural History

Museum, "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibition described as "the largest, longest, most comprehensive ever assembled in any country" continues through December. Exhibit of 27 scrolls — ten exhibited for first time ever - showcases Dead Sea Scrolls from Israel and Jordan, never-before-exhibited ancient Hebrew codices from Russian National Library, medieval manuscripts from British National Library, and modern interpretations of texts. To ensure preservation of the 2000-year-old parchment, 12 scrolls will be displayed for first three months and an additional 12 in last three months.

"Contemporary Israeli Photography," a collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery on view through December, features work by Neil Folberg, David Harris, Didier Ben Loulou,

Duby Tal, others, and includes sculpture and glass.

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

Current "giant-screen films" are Ancient Qumran: A Virtual Reality Tour and Ocean Oasis. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

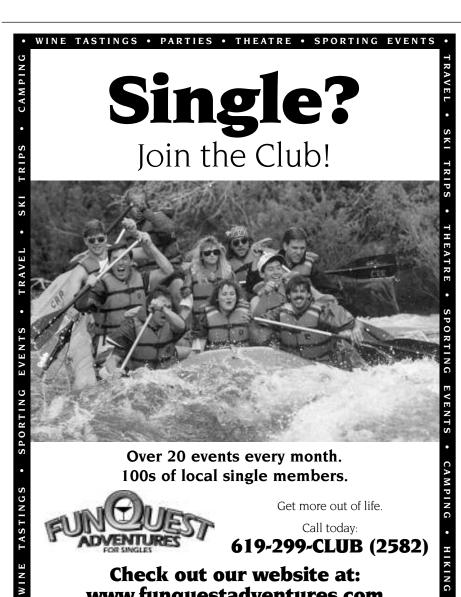
The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis,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

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

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

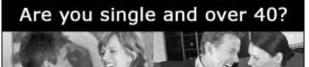
San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits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





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y kitchen doubles as what a friend laughably refers to as my "study." It's where I write, eat, go online, wash dishes, and noodle. It hasn't been upgraded since the original 1920s house was carved up into one-

bedroom rentals many years ago. It's not decrepit, quite, but it's not cuddly either. For the past several days I've kept open, here in my study, one page or another in the

catalog of the stellar Harry Callahan retrospective currently at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Today it's a 1984 color close-up of a woman in a ruby dress standing on a street corner. We see only the torso, its creases and quarter-moon slices pleating down the fiery fabric that billows out at us. My kitchen never looked so good, not since I began exposing it, so to speak, to Callahan's imagery, because a great photographer's work sharpens attention, teaches us to reexamine the familiar spanked clean of the dust of habit. The tones and textures and tints the eye takes for granted become revivified, quickened. I appreciate the cool, clean lines of my antiquated Hotpoint fridge more now than I did a week ago.

Callahan's achievement in photography is deep and enduring, but he wasn't any kind of Druidic presence. He was a quiet, grounded, plainspoken man whose statements about photography were as unassuming as his photographs are extraordinary. He believed that if you do your work assiduously, even when there seems not much work to be done, something will happen: "[I feel] just like everybody else. Trying to figure things out." But he brought to his work a crystalline ardor. He was first of all a visionary of the familiar ("Nature, buildings, and people are my

subjects") who *also* made visionary pictures using double and triple exposures, image "implants," and darkroom manipulations that transformed commonplaces into newly minted visual facts. His style throughout is subdued and elemental.

Unlike Lee Friedlander or Walker Evans, he didn't saturate picture space with information. Every print he chose to exhibit was the crisp, pristine product of enrich-

ing reductions.

I've also exposed my kitchen to Callahan's spare, wiry images of nature in the city. The inventor of photography as we know it, Henry Fox Talbot, published the first photo-illustrated book in 1844, an instruction manual on the new medium titled The Pencil of Nature. Talbot, who called his first images "photogenic drawings," believed that photography draws nature as the eye actually records it. Roughly a century later, Callahan began working his intense variations on that originating concept. Witness Weeds in Snow, a Detroit picture from 1943: triangulated inky shoots lope across a perfectly blank white field. Twenty years later, in a shot of ferns curling up through snow in Providence, he's still using the camera to record nature's hieroglyphic narration of its comings and goings. Throughout his career, Callahan revisited old negatives. Whenever he played with the one for Weeds in Snow, he had to pave smooth the textures of the snow, otherwise he'd lose the sketchy spontaneity he toiled to achieve. The spiritual and material dynamics of chiaroscuro mattered supremely. Black bites into white, or vice-versa: Sunlight on Water throws fluorescent white threads across velvety black archipelagos. These pictures, like Cattails against

Sky—the semitranslucent cattails look like one-time-only, long-meditated calligraphic brushstrokes—stare hard at clarity and contrast. They practically reinvent the world's definitions.

Callahan's methods fold austere formalism into chance discoveries. Late in life, he said: "I find pictures in grass, but I don't look at grass because it's line. It's just grass. But then these things can come out intuitively and naturally: I don't force my brain." Well, it may just be grass, but it's also, finally and above all, line. Callahan had an extraordinary gift for intuiting patterns in the natural order (as well as patterns that situate human nature there) that restore to us a sense not of fragmentation and separateness but of connectedness, of forms streaming into forms. A contact sheet of snapshots he took in the

Georgia Mountains in the late 1980s shows tall grasses so tossed, matted, and torqued by wind that they begin to look less like grasses and more, mostly, like hanks and braids of long womanly hair; like, in fact, his wife Eleanor's hair as it appears in the hundreds of pictures he took of her.

His career is a straightforward story of pursuit, tenacity, and steadiness. He discovered photography in 1938, at the age of 26, while work-



Eleanor, Chicago, 1949

Harry Callahan: The Photographer at Work Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park Through Sunday, September 9. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

ing as a clerk in the accounting department of Chrysler Motors in Detroit. In those days, workplaces all over America had amateur camera clubs, so Callahan joined Chrysler's. Many years later he said that those years fully formed him and in a way fixed forever his poetics: "I just felt this was as good as I'd ever be. So then my idea was that I'd make the statement in terms of experiencing my life, and then it would change; and my dream







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Grand Opening of New Vietnam Gallery on Saturday, July 21

The exhibit features maps, photographs, weapons and equipment used by the Marines in the Vietnam War. Photographs from the National Archives, as well as David Douglas Duncan's Vietnam photographic essay *War Without Heroes* and *Leatherneck* Magazine are featured. The museum and gift shop are open to the public, **free of charge**. Museum visitors must show a photo ID to enter the base, but a military ID is <u>not</u> required.

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would be that it would end up as one big body of work, the beginning just as strong as the end, but changing throughout it all in some way, just because of life." His contact with Ansel Adams, whose workshop he attended in 1941, convinced him to devote his life to the art. And by 1946 he was well-enough known to be offered a teaching job at the Institute of Design in Chicago. His work was already drawing on the experiments of Bauhaus refugees like László Moholy-Nagy, who was responsible for hiring him at the ID, so that while his work never strayed far from representational motifs and the straightforward, mineralized approach of Adams, he also developed a passion for the luminescent abstraction of Bauhaus photography. His stint at the ID marked the beginning of a long teaching career. In 1961 he was hired by the Rhode Island School of Design and worked there until retirement in 1977. His students have testified that he taught mostly by example: in a time of big-mouth shaman types and savants of critical theory, Callahan in his statements sounded like a Zen cornhusker. Do the work, live your life, pay attention, and it will come to you. Believing as he did in the confluence of photographic practice and the inner life, his pictures have no histrionics in them.

Callahan wasn't interested in painterly effects, especially when he worked in color, which



he did virtually from the beginning. He especially didn't want the sooty, crepuscular tones of black-and-white pictorialism. He makes birches look carved into a dark, snow-bound wood, lighted from inside as if their pith were wire filaments, their twiggy outreaches raked skyward. "The mystery isn't in the technique," he said, "it's in each of us." Though he never ceased refining his darkroom techniques and experimenting with things like developing prints not from contact sheets but from slides and other supports — had he lived long enough, he certainly would have played around with digital reproduction — the image was a compound of selectivity, perceptual acuity, and what I can only call a spiritual neediness to somehow see into what he called "the moment that people can't always see.

The result was a mysterious, high-finished variety. Consider the supremely nifty 1943 photo of a car on a Detroit street. The fender, with its steely reflective sheen and chrome-trimmed skirt, looks descended from The Victory of Samothrace. His most stunning urban image, Wabash Avenue, of pedestrians stepping across a concrete platform of light under a garage's PARK sign, creates such a stage-lighted effect that while it looks theatrical, it's also a hyper-true rendering of how light, especially in the endless flatness of Chicago, isolates and defines planes of reality. It gives amorphous light a structure. Whether it's the glass and concrete piles of Chicago and

Detroit, or the clapboard vernacular of Yankee propriety in his color pictures of Providence, Callahan was pulled toward architectural definitions. He photographs houses so that we see them as constructed things, not as forms that contain an inner space. His color tends to be restrained but tensile, wakeful to tonal variety and equilibrium. The photographer and onetime director of photography at the Museum of Modern Art, the late John Szarkowski, has said of Callahan's life and work, "The search for equilibrium was a lifelong task.'

He was at the same time drawn toward the mysteriousness of flesh. His many nudes essay how the eye represents flesh to consciousness. He photographed Eleanor endlessly, and in time added their daughter Barbara to his motif horde. In 1953 he made a series of very brightly backlit, overexposed nudes that turn Eleanor and the child into cursive, ectoplasmic emanations. They often serve as elements in an image's compositional rigor, counterpoised to a lamppost or alleyway or tree. The Eleanor nudes are formal adventures that push the dynamics of light and form, but each is also an homage to something he finds beautiful in or about her — the woman as woman. He wants to "illuminate" her, as we speak of spiritual or intellectual illumination. The most beautiful image in the show is a rear-view color shot of mother and child facing a bright window. The light makes them glow. Flesh never looked so rosy and translucent and precious. ■

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GALLERIES

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hibit by cityscape painter Randy

R.D. Riccoboni continues through

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858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

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)

Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100," draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist's

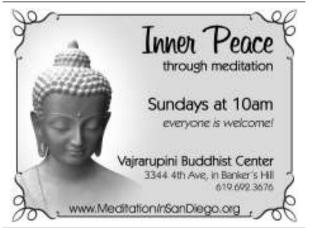
Mingei International Museum,

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 hand-

craft. 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 cur-





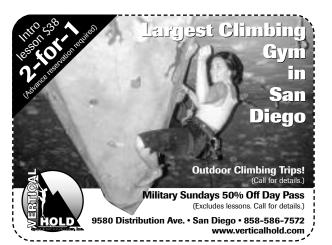




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rency, group of masks including example of Amazonian feather work, ritual objects, selection of monumental containers. Closes Sunday, May 11. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,

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

"Harold Cohen," continuing through Sunday, September 23, features work by "one of the few artists ever to become deeply involved in artificial intelligence as a process for art-making." Cohen is author of AARON program — first computer program to paint original art — an ongoing research effort in autonomous machine intelligence. Exhibit showcases latest developments in Cohen's research, presents "several stunningly colored, large-scale prints and a digital projection" of AARON's changing palette and composition.

"Suburban Sublime," opening Saturday, July 21, includes paintings, drawings, photography from museum's collection reformulating "traditional principles of the landscape genre to address urban sprawl and suburban expansion." Closes Sunday, September 23.

New York artist Peter Simensky investigates the mechanisms by which value is assigned, accounted for, stored, and exchanged. See "Cerca Series: Peter Simensky," Saturday, July 21, through Sunday, including September 23, Simenksy's original "Neutral Capital" bill collages, the "Neutral Capital Collection" (mobile gallery-in-a-box housing artworks by prominent international artists purchased using Neutral Capital), as well as new video, sculptural plaster multiples.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date through Sunday, September 23.

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

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

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

"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 Madsen, 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, "Impressionist Giverny: A Colony

"Impressionist Giverny: A Colony of Artists, 1885-1915," opening on Saturday, July 21, showcases more than 100 Impressionist paintings, with examples by Claude Monet, Theodore Robinson, John Leslie Breck, Frederick Carl Frieseke, Pierre Bonnard, others. "All of the works on display were produced in or near the charming rural village of Giverny, which became a creative mecca for numerous Impressionist painters during the turn of the century." Through September.

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 photomural 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.

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

"Lyric Visions from Nezami's Quintet," continuing through Sunday, December 16, includes more than 20 paintings created for or inspired by Nezami's texts, "among the most celebrated and influential poetic works in all of Persian literature." Paintings range in date from 15th to 20th Centuries.

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

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

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

Events that are underlined occur after July 26

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CLASSICAL

Hailing from Saint-Raphael, France, L'Esterelenco choir performs Friday, July 20, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Donation. 858-587-8951. (LA JOLLA)

Be Dazzled! Cirque du Symphonie is theme for San Diego Symphony Summer Pops on Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m., at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Evenings conclude with fireworks. Gates open at 6 p.m. Single tickets: \$12–\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Vocal Soloist Enrique Toral joins civic organist Carol Williams

in concert, Sunday, July 22, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Johannes Brahms provides theme for this summer's festival by classical pianist Gustavo Romero hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Enjoy *klavierstucke*, *rhapsodien*, waltzes on Sunday, July 22, 4 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The Organist at Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris is Olivier Latry, who will take stage for 20th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, July 23, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Summer Sing hosted by Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music (PACEM) on Wednesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). This week: Schubert's "Mass in G" and Mozart's "Coronation Mass." These events provide opportunity to learn or relearn major choral pieces. Fee for participants: \$15 general, includes music rental; free for spectators. 619-298-7261.

The Symphony Strikes Back! Celebrate 30 years of *Star Wars* when San Diego Master Chorale and San Diego Symphony present Summer Pops concert with John Williams's Oscar-winning scores, Thursday, July 26, 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)

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Crowd Pleaser

Mullins has staged the Bard's "problem play" just for yucks.

JEFF SMITH

ooking for an undemanding summer bagatelle? Go see the Old Globe's *Measure* for *Measure*. It's a real crowd-pleaser. Of course, if you want an earnest exploration of one of Shakespeare's most intricate works — designed,

writes John Wilders, "to show the impossibility of writing comedy" — look elsewhere.

The play takes place in Vienna. Director Paul Mullins has reset it

in the early 20th Century: the Vienna of Sigmund Freud and a perfect locale to probe *Measure*'s psychological labyrinths. But instead of diving in, Mullins has glossed over every subtext and staged the Bard's "problem play" just for yuks.

In Shakespeare's version, at least, the main characters are in between identities. Isabella is almost a nun. She's becoming a Sister of St. Claire (and wishes its rules were "more strict"). Her brother Claudio is almost married to Juliet, but they have already consummated — "dessert before saying grace," wrote scholar Gary Taylor — and she's pregnant. To make law enforcement more strict, the Duke of Vienna's stepping down. People think his proxy, Angelo, merits his angelic name, he most of all. But the Duke wonders if, when Angelo rules Vienna, power will corrupt him. To find out, the Duke disguises himself as a Franciscan friar.

So a nun returns to the world; a Duke poses as a priest; and a self-proclaimed saint, convinced he bleeds ice water, is now "the demigod, Au-

thority." Out of their element, they aren't so much star-crossed as cross-eyed. Each sees (and hears) double. Pregnant with power, Angelo *really* enforces "a long-neglected law" against fornication and orders Claudio executed (when finally nabbed,

Angelo says he's "unpregnant"). Isabella pleads for her brother. Her innocent words excite Angelo, and his heretofore repressed passion "breeds" with them.

Shakespeare complicates matters by having no one agree on a character's character: Escalus says the Duke's a well-meaning, know-thyself contemplative; Lucio, that he's a "superficial, ignorant, unweighing fellow." And the Duke we see? An inept, sadistic Prospero, and almost infinitely strange.

Measure for Measure is Shakespeare's Rashomon. But instead of hearing conflicting reports, we watch them unfold, each character twisting like a Rubik's cube, at times reflecting an adjacent color, at others, clashing. At stake: justice versus mercy, and life versus death. And no measures are equal: no eye for an eye; more, an eye for a stubbed toe.

When actors perform *Measure* with passion, relishing the myriad contradictions, the play prompts laughter and bottomless mystery, often in the same instant. Paul Mullins, however, has staged a detour from complexity. He's tweaked every comic moment and inverted the major and minor characters. The subordinates cavort like leads, especially Lucas Hall's honeycomb-clad Lu-



Stephanie Fieger in Measure for Measure

Measure for Measure, by William Shakespeare

Old Globe Theatre, Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Paul Mullins; cast: Sam Breslin Wright, Celeste Ciulla, Eric Hoffmann, Carolyn Ratteray, Bruce Turk, Charles Janasz, Jonathan McMurtry, Tom Hammond, Michael Kirby, Stephanie Fieger, Kate Turnbull, Rhett Henckel, Lucas Hall, James Knight, Nathaniel McIntyre; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Robert Morgan; lighting, York Kennedy; sound design and original music, Christopher R. Walker

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



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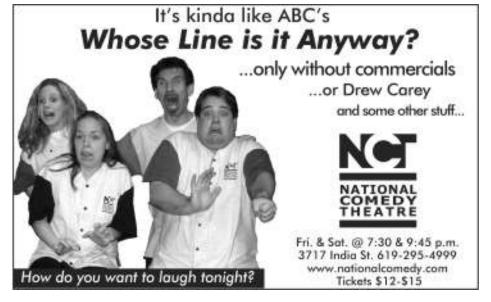
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cio, who flits and spurts about the stage as if on leave from Cirque du Soleil. At one point Hall bounds up Ralph Funicello's steep, stained-wood stairs in three hops — most impressive (even the Russian judge would give it a ten). But instead of letting Lucio's be one perspective among many, Mullins allows Lucio's shallow "foppery" over "morality" voice to dominate.

Robert Morgan's costumes stress this imbalance. As if their dilemmas were crystal clear, the leads wear black and white — gloomy charcoal, crusty Franciscan gray. The townsfolk and comic characters dude up for the boulevard in Technicolor: spats, checkered slacks, and straw and felt hats for the men, baroque patterns on the women's dresses.

The comedy frames — and in the end mocks — the somber leads. They drone on about human frailty and "lawful mercy" and feel like a nuisance the director couldn't sweep under the carpet, James Knight's Angelo's a stiff corporate guy with no interior life, even when feelings for Isabella balloon. Stephanie Fieger's Isabella has touching moments but, as directed, verges on cold sanctimoniousness. I'll bet Tom Hammond could catacomb the Duke with subtexts. Instead he's asked to make him a superficial, meddlesome voyeur, which Hammond does, well. But at no point does he become the "Duke of dark corners" we hear so much about.

All production elements serve the director's comedic conception. The ensemble work, in particular, has no weak links (Jonathan McMurtry adding another gem to his collection as Barnardine, the drunken felon who refuses to be hung). The pacing is brisk, the blockings fluid. The show, in short, is of a piece. It just isn't Measure for Measure.

They should dip the whole thing in a vat of Iago juice. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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

Actors Alliance of San Diego: Actors Festival, 2007

I want to plug this enterprise sight unseen. The 17th annual Actors Festival offers local performers, directors, and playwrights the chance to showcase themselves in new or rarely produced work. Most of the one-acts take place on a bare stage, or with a few props, against a black background. Costumes range from off-the-rack to off one's clotheshanger. The emphasis isn't on production values; it's on acting. Each evening offers three or four selections. Not every one, of the almost 30 plays in the festival, will be a show-stopper. Some get chosen for juicy roles rather than telling a story or making a dramatic point. But the percentage of quality work is usually high. And every now and then you'll find a jewel. The festival concludes on July 22 with a "Best of the Fest."

Worth a try

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 22; FOR PLAYS, DAYS, AND TIMES CALL 619-544-1000.

Arcadia

In Tom Stoppard's masterpiece, everything occurs twice, like a mathematical iteration - only differently. It takes place at Sidley Park, a country estate in Derbyshire, in 1809-1812 and in 1989: same room, same table, different worlds. Stoppard called his play "a thriller and a romantic tragedy with jokes." The description's apt (he also could have added that it looks at two eras when chaos replaced order). Cygnet Theatre's opening-night performance brimmed with insights (director Sean Murray knows this play in all its complexities) but offered a mixed bag of acting. As Bernard Claudio Raygoza's so clear and



connected, everyone else seems a beat or two behind (the energy would perk up if actors having to explain things understood them better). Rosina Reynolds smartly plays Hannah as romantically icy, but full of emotion when sleuthing her subject. Matt Biedel gives an assured, funny performance as Septimus (from whom Lord Byron might have stolen his "Byronic style). At times Rachel Van Wormer's Thomasina (math genius 100 years ahead of the times) was too blaring, and others, as in the unforgettable ending, when she radiated. The production has a sleek, elegant look. The play's full of doublings, many ghostlike, Eric Lotze visually underscores the du-

the French windows. Worth a try.

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

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Avenue Q

Sex comes to Sesame Street. If age 30 is the new 20, then Jeff Whitty (book), Robert Lopez, and Jeff Marx (music and lyrics) have written a musical for this out-of-school-but-groping-for-purpose-in-life generation. Actors and puppets, both expressive, perform

before a brownstone façade (Avenue Q being a step down from New York's "Hell's Kitchen") and go where Muppets feared to tread: they sing not about letters of the alphabet but racism, porn on the Internet, and how "It Sucks to Be Me." They struggle with work and love and, hounded by the Bad Idea Bears — on loan from PB? — the urge to slack. The energized ensemble has no weak links. Robert McClure, Carla Renata, Angela Ai,

and especially Kelli Sawyer, who does Broadway-quality work and manipulates Kay Monster, a puppet, are quite impressive. The tinny miking system, which slurs words and even whole jokes, makes them sound as if they have clothespins on their noses. The Tony Awardwinning musical's equal parts iconoclastic and cutesy but is always crisp and very funny.

Worth a try.

SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY,

DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 5; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

The Break-Up Notebook: The Lesbian Musical

Early in the Lori Scarlett/Patricia Cotter musical comedy, Helen dives under her office desk. Asked what she's looking for, the recently dumped woman says, "Oh, something tiny, my self-esteem." To rid her of her ex, she doesn't need a therapist, she needs an exorcist. Break-Up Notebook traces the slow process of healing from major emotional hurt to, a song proclaims, "Coming Back to Me." The show's longish (ten minutes could go from each act) but always funny, and the pop score's both witty and emotionally resonant. Performing before a wall of blue notebook paper, Diversionary Theatre's cast, smartly directed by Peter Schneider, does triple duty: singing, dancing, playing Helen's various friends (Andy Collins is a hoot as Bob, especially doing the "Chicks and Dicks Bossa Nova") and potential lovers (including Melissa Fernandes's hilarious linedancing teacher in recovery, "the 12-stepping two stepper"). Make that quadruple duty, since they change Jeanne Reith's always appropriate costumes in split seconds. New to San Diego, multi-talented Beth Malone has a special





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Buddy, The Buddy Holly Story

The Welk Resorts Theatre presents a musical celebration of singer/songwriter Buddy Holly ("Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "That'll Be the Day"). Javier Velasco and Steve Gunderson co-directed. WELK RESORTS THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, NORTH ESCON-DIDO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2; TUES-DAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-8501.

Carmen

The world premiere of Carmen-setto-pop-music is full of sound and fury, but under Franco Dragone's relentless, preemptive-strike direction everything gets staged with equal intensity. Key dramatic moments lose emphasis, and the story flattens out. 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-thenmoment 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 with choreographed precision). But many scenes take place inside an ugly floor-to-ceiling black metallic façade. 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," is the genuine article. The night I caught the show, some audience members gave Silverman and Valentine a standing ovation, which they, at least, deserved.

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The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

OnStage Playhouse presents Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield's comic sprint through the Bard's oeuvre: "37 (or so) plays, 154 sonnets, 90 minutes." Daniel Zisko directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-

ENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH AUGUST 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

The Deception

The La Jolla Playhouse presents a new adaptation of Pierre Marivaux's comedy about a fiancée who disguises herself to learn about her husband-to-be and finds out too much. Dominique Serrand directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, SUNDAY, JULY 22, THROUGH AU-GUST 19; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Broadway/San Diego hosts a touring production of the popular musical comedy (music and lyrics by David Yazbek; original direction, Jack O'Brien) about scammers, swindles, and double-crosses. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JULY 22: THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

Hamlet

The Old Globe Theatre opens its Summer Shakespeare Festival with the Bard's tragedy. Darko Tresnjak

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Too Much Coffee Man



Carmen

Hay Fever

The Old Globe Theatre stages Noel Coward's comedy about the Bliss family's romantic weekend at their country home (at least that's how they hoped it would be). Robert Longbottom directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, JULY 19. THROUGH AUGUST 19: SUNDAY, TUES-DAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

The House of Chaos

San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre and the Collective Theatre Company present Velina Hasu Houston's contemporary adaptation of the Medea myth: a female Japanese expatriate lives with her white American husband "in a bleached, segregated community outside of Los Angeles." EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH JULY 29: WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 888-568-2278.

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Joseph and the Amazing **Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Lamb's Players Theatre, which has staged the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical before, has a flair for its irrepressible spirit. Their current production, with Deborah Gilmour Smyth belting out the story of Joseph's coat of many colors, and smooth-voiced, likable Spencer Moses in the lead, releases that spirit once again. Webber's eclectic score, from calypso to Elvis, feels like a Whitman's Sampler of his versatility. The nine-member cast gives and gives. The musical was Webber and Rice's first collaboration, composed without the budgetary largess that has overloaded their musicals with gaudy effects ever since. For those who remember Lamb's earlier, much more humble efforts, this is a Joseph with a budget. Instead of a Vegas-chintz look, the set and costumes are upscale (Michelle Hunt's quality outfits take so much time to change that onstage actors must stretch the interludes to accommodate them. which results in stop-and-go pacing). The show remains a crowdpleaser. But the sense of humble, scavenger-hunt improvisation is gone. It's as if *loseph* got moved from Glitter Gulch to a tonier part of the Strip. (Note: due to popular demand, Lamb's has twice extended its run).

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE CORONADO THROUGH JULY 29: TUESDAY THROUGH THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Reviewed this issue. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE. SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: MEA-SURF FOR MEASURE RUNS IN REPER-TORY WITH HAMLET AND THE TWO GEN-TLEMEN OF VERONA; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-234-5623.

Measure for Measure

Menopause the Musical

The San Diego Rep hosts a production of Jeanie Linders's musical

about "the change." Songs include "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" and a remake of the disco tune "Stayin' Alive" called "Stavin' Awake." LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 26: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

$Worth\ a\ try.$

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Starlight Theatre continues its summer season with Rodgers and Hammerstein's blockbuster musical about a grand, new land. STARLIGHT BOWL, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH JULY 22: THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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Rashomon

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Fay and Michael Kanin's theatrical adaptation: an event seen from differing viewpoints. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH AUGUST 12; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055

Resilience of the Spirit: 6th@Penn Theatre, Human Rights Festival, 2007

Program 8 of 6th@Penn Theatre's festival includes Challenge Theatre plays; Psst...I Have Something to Tell You, Mi Amor by Ana Castillo;

One Last Mass, by Bonnie Milne Gardner; and Vessels, by Kim Yaged.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JULY 25; FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF INDIVIDUAL PLAYS, CALL 619-688-9210.

San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" - on Fridays - is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. The story line's straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackeriack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, THROUGH AUGUST 12; WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583

The Two Gentlemen of Verona

For a director, staging one of Shakespeare's earliest plays is a good news/bad news deal: you get to do the Bard, but it's Two Gents, which has gaps you could drive a truck through. Matt August's work, on the Old Globe's outdoor stage, looks as if he's burned for the as-



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Hamlet

signment. Young Veronans, Valentine, Proteus, and Julia are really innocent. And when the country boys reach Milan, they go through the looking glass into decadent Restoration England. In this luststeamed environment, the young men's rude behavior makes a bit more sense (since the adults are scruple-free), if you don't look too closely. You will wonder how

Stephanie Fieger's appropriately adamant Sylvia could have remained so unlike her surroundings, and how Tom Hammond's Mick Jagger-agile Duke shrinks in the final scene, giving way to young Valentine's (likable Ryan Quinn) dimly motivated emergence as the play's moral voice. And surely Joy-Farmer Clary's sparkling Julia would regard Proteus, in the end,

with a more discerning eye, especially since Corey Sorenson makes Proteus's flip, from ardent innocent to sexual terrorist, so convincing. In such a fickle world, only the clowns — Celeste Ciulla, Sam Breslin-Wright, and Jonathan Mc-Murtry, accompanied by a scenestealing dog named Monty — are constant.

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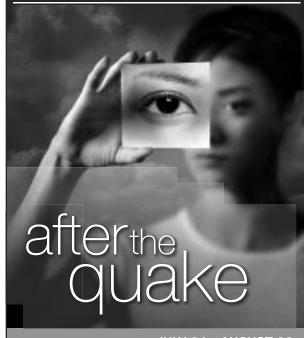
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Hater High Best known as Tom Waits's alma mater, Hilltop High's current rock scene is identified by its two active camps: you have the angry, and play real fast. They are horrible musicians. They hate us because we know we play real music, and they can't. Sometimes they have flyers for their shows that show a hardcore kid beating up one of us or one of our fans. It says, 'Hate wussy bands.' They talk crap. One of us has been jumped. But it

the inside track

fashion-conscious emo kids and the always-aggro hardcores.

No One Home,

doesn't intimidate us. We're dedicated to real rock and roll."

"They focus on their



NO ONE HOME — THE HISPANIC STROKES

nicknamed the "Hispanic Strokes," don't play either game. The five hardcore bands who attend the Chula Vista high school don't appreciate it.

"They call us various names," said lead singer Robert Martinez, 17 (his four bandmates are 15 and 16). "All they can do is scream, be tough image and get-ups," says drummer Danny Mendoza. "They all sound the same."

No One Home's original music won them second place at this year's Del Mar Fair Battle of the Bands. That led to a recent Saturday night show at the Casbah, a rare prize for a high school band.

The chance to play the Fair's Battle of the Bands reactivated No One Home, which had become disillusioned over the lack of local gigs. "We needed some form of success," said singer/guitarist John Bilben. "We had been working at it for so long." All the members of the band except Martinez had been playing together for three years. Guitarist Nick Camacho says venues like Soma didn't seem interested. "Most of the bands that play there aren't our style." No One Home were inactive when the Fair called.

Bilben says six bands played at the June 29 Battle of the Bands finals. "We were told around 700 bands had applied from all over Southern California," says Bilben. "Then they narrowed it to 20, then 6." He said the winning band, Invictus, won \$1000 and a chance to play live on Fox 6. The others got pothing.

"The fact that Invictus beat us was a slap in the face," says Martinez. "When they won, they were the only ones who cheered. We just looked at each other. They were the worst band of the night. I would have been a lot more content if we had lost to someone else."

"The judges kept going to the beer garden," said Camacho.

"They were drunk off their asses," said bassist Esteban Garcia.

No One Home appears Saturday, August 4, at the Epicentre.

— Ken Leighton

Shipwrecked "It was a full-on bar brawl, like you see on *Most Shocking Videos*," says VV Morgue of a July 5

event she promoted at Chasers. As the band Ghost Ship was playing, Morgue reports, "I saw one of the bartenders covering her ears and making fun of the set. Then, she tells them to stop playing, because she thinks their equipment shut off an electrical breaker." The band stopped for a moment, no electrical problem was found, and they began their final two songs. "I'm sitting in the back when five guys show up, and one starts yelling [at the band], 'Get the fuck out, I'm a SHARP!' [Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice]... I don't know if he was really associated with them or if he was just trying to scare us off.

"This guy goes up to a fan watching the show and punches him in the head," says Morgue. Another patron reportedly snapped a picture of the alleged SHARP, whereupon, according to Morgue, "My good friend Bethany was between the running SHARP and the camera guy, and the SHARP punched her in the face and threw her against a wall." Band members got involved in the ensuing scuffle, during which "Ghost Ship's PA system got destroyed," according to Morgue.

The next day, singer Wyatt Frye said, "Ghost Ship as a band has never promoted violence in any way; however, the circumstances left no other option."

Morgue says police weren't summoned and alleges that "The bar let in underage kids, who were playing as part of the lineup...[that's why] they didn't call the cops."
According to Chasers' website, they only book bands whose members are "over 21," but Morgue claims this notice wasn't on the site until the day after the altercation.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Street Hits the Road

The *Union-Tribune* has shrunk its weekly eight-page "Street" section from eight pages to one. Over its 21-month history as a pull-out section in "Night and Day," Street had featured local-music types such as



BOLLAND TAKES IT TO THE STREET

Michael Horvath (Lessons from Zeke) and Mario Orduno (Art Fag Records) on its cover. Each week a different local band was featured in a section called "America's Finest."

"The shrinking of the U-Tis on all of our minds," said guitarist Peter Bolland, whose band the Coyote Problem was featured twice in Street. "The columnist in the [U-T's] business section is gone, and so is the book section. I don't think the U-T is doing anything horrible. It's just the way things are happening all over the country.... I teach at Southwestern College. My students don't read the paper. That's just the evolution of our culture. Old guys like me [49] lament the decline of the printed page."

The last Street section appeared June 28.

"I just hope they can retain local writers and it doesn't become a *USA Today* paper with articles written on the East Coast."

Night and Day editor Michael Crowell says even though it was never announced to the public, it was the plan all along for Street to exist primarily on the Internet.

"Everything you saw in the printed Street will still be available on line [utstreet.com]." Crowell says none of his editorial staff were cut back in the move.

"I do know younger people read more online than on the printed page," says Bolland. "But how could Street have the same impact [online]? There will be a smaller amount of people reading it."

Crowell guesses that 1000 to 1500 people a day now look at Street online.

"It's awful," says singer/songwriter Lisa Sanders about the shrunken Street. "I'm perplexed."

Both Sanders and Bolland say the best way for adultskewing local artists to get





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coverage now is a 9 p.m. Saturday locals-only show on KPRI hosted by Astra Kelly.

"Wow, that sucks," says singer/songwriter Josh Damigo, a former Street cover subject. "I'm a little shocked. That was my favorite part of the newspaper.

"My dad was in the newspaper business [as a typesetter], and computers killed his job," says Bolland.

"I liked the way Street presented the local scene in an eyepopping, visual way.'

One veteran U-T newsroom staffer did not feel the same way about Street's reliance on

photos. "It had no depth. It was like a junior high paper where everyone writes about their friends. If you were a friend of the Street staff, that's how you ended up in Street.... People around here are depressed. They are running scared. Until six months ago the downtown bureau had a staff of 15. Now it's down to 4 or 5.'

— Ken Leighton

Housebroken Habitat

House, a residence and home recording studio at 1008 21st Street, has been hosting house parties with live music for several months. Upwards of 100 people attend, with

cover charges usually waived due to the lack of venue permits. "We have run into some issues with one particular neighbor who is going to put a damper on things for a while," according to a recent MySpace post by organizer Roy Silverstein. "The crux of the matter has to do with people out front talking, yelling, and being generally loud.... He also pointed out to me a spot where two people seemed to have relieved themselves on his property. This is totally unacceptable. And, apparently, it's not the first time.

"If there is another problem like the one we had last night, I will only have one option: discontinuing all house shows at the Habitat," says Silverstein. "It will be



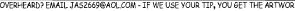
RED PONY CLOCKS IN AT HABITAT HOUSE

very important from now on that the outdoor lingering be

"I'm going to try to temper that in the future by being careful about who is booked. Bigger bands, you'll have to play elsewhere." Habitat House has canceled its July concerts and has cut back August to one show. At this writing, operators still plan a September 1 event with Bunky, Red Pony Clock, around a dozen other bands.

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: MISSION BEACH





Love Juice Liquidation

When Brian Witkin opened

his Love Juice Labs last year,

"McStudio." He maintained

successful Love Juice Labs, all

Witkin felt it couldn't go

franchised by flagship Love

"We're really cheap," Witkin, 22, said. "It's what

recording studios are a dying

breed. Other studios better

watch out because we're

gonna put them out of

business. That's a fact.'

After 13 months of

operation, the Love Juice

studio, operated out of a

warehouse in Otay Mesa,

went belly up last month.

tracks for local bands

The studio produced

Wasting June, Haustorium,

and Livid. The Love Juice

studio equipment is being

liquidated by Stefan Georgi,

21, who was a major investor

"I just consider it a bad

investment and have moved

on," says Georgi. "Brian's

Witkin, who says he

doing real estate now."

in the project and who has

taken over the assets.

It wasn't.

bands can afford.... Big

he scoffed at those who

dismissed the discount

there were three other

recording facility as

Juice in Riverside.

wrong.

wants to go back to school, explains what went wrong.

"We paid [Love Juice] a franchise fee, and then we had to pay them to come down and build the studio. Then we had to buy all the equipment. They were supposed to help us promote the studio and manage the business. They never did anything they agreed to do.

Witkin and Georgi's agreement with Love Juice spelled out that all studio time was to be booked through the Love Juice home office in Riverside.

"We got a lot of complaints from bands," says Georgi. "They would call their number, and no one would answer.'

The toll-free number listed on the Love Juice Labs website is disconnected. Love Juice Labs co-owner Dave Swanson responded via e-mail: "We're friends with the licensee's families. They are good kids. I think putting their money into real estate is a good thing, because a venture into the music business requires more time, effort, and patience than they have

shown they can apply. The licensees are supposed to do their own promotions locally. Every Love Juice customer from San Diego County was referred to the San Diego

location. A lot of North County bands didn't want to go to Otay Mesa to record due to the distance. The licensees failed to follow our

LOVE JUICE RUNS OUT ON WITKIN

policies, which specify no drugs or alcohol in the facility and that the facility is to be kept clean. The bands that know us are used to a clean, safe environment, and many of them refused to record in

When told of these responded, "[Co-partner and David's spouse] Donna [Swanson] told us she was getting written statements from the bands regarding drug and alcohol use. It never happened."

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

I OPENED THE WINDOW WHEN

IN SOME

They got 25 percent off the top of everything we made," Georgi says. "It was a crappy deal from the start."

Love Juice Labs was just part of Witkin and Georgi's mini music empire, which also included Pacific Records, a CD-pressing company, and a record store (also called Pacific Records). After three years of operation, the store, which was located within the Epicentre facility, was closed in June.

"The major reason we decided to scale back is that we overextended ourselves. and we didn't focus on one or two core things," says Georgi.

Georgi says he will now oversee Pacific Records and that it will remain an active entity. He said he will focus on developing the career of one of its artists, Get Back Loretta.

— Ken Leighton

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kept to a minimum...and, obviously, please refrain from pissing anywhere but the toilet. There are two in the house for your use.

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Spunk

"We had no idea there was a porn star in our midst, nor did the person throwing the party."

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

he band started out as a one-off thing, to play a Halloween party with our friends in the band Three Piece Unit," says Dave Howarth, guitarist for Blue Shift. "When we started getting gigs at places like the Second

Wind in Santee, we figured we might as well keep playing and see how it goes."

Howarth describes the band's music as "instrumental surf rock

with a little punk mixed in. You know, 'spunk.' We're playing with a few vocal song ideas but haven't really done anything about them yet." The band includes drummer Andy Richardson ("who likes to beat on old animal skins and yell") and bassist Gary Robertson ("He taught himself to play, though I suppose that's true of almost all bassists").

Howarth offers his side of an event that was mentioned a while back in the *Reader*'s "Crasher" column. "We were playing a house party. Halfway through our set, the crowd really started to thin out. We figured since the house was so small that you could pretty much hear us everywhere...that everyone left to get another drink or something. We didn't find out what had really happened until we read about it later [in "Crasher"]...turns out some Internet male porn star happened to be at the party, and he was doing some impromptu performing with his date on the back lawn. How the hell did he know about the party? I guess his date was invited."

Unaware of their carnal competition, the band kept playing. "We had no idea there was a porn star in our midst, nor did the person throwing the party. I guess he [the porn star] didn't last all that long because the entire crowd was back within five minutes. I think there were a lot more people there at the end of our set, and they were definitely, um, in aroused spirits. The party people should've told us what was going on at the time, so we could

have gone to watch, too. Punks."

The trio answered our lists queries collectively.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. *Made from Technetium*, Man or Astro-Man? ("Without them, Dave would never

have picked up a guitar in the first place.")

2. Wincing the Night Away, the Shins ("Our bass player listens to it

before sleeping because it gives him good dreams.") 3. How the West Was Won, Led Zeppelin ("It's such great mood music that it takes the mind off work in no time flat. Not that we need much help in that regard.")

4. *Chemical Bomb*, the Aquabats ("What kind of laughing gas have they been huffing anyways?") 5. *Criminal*, Eminem ("Our drummer's choice.") 6. *Operation: Twang!*, Jonny and the Shamen ("Really fun surf band who broke up.")

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

- 1. *American Psycho* ("Best darkened twist on a yuppie lifestyle ever.")
- 2. The Big Lebowski ("Rivals Monty Python and the Holy Grail for sheer number of quotable lines.")
- 3. The Fifth Element ("This movie has it all: action, sci-fi, comedy, romance, and even a good moral.")
- 4. Snatch ("Guy Ritchie films are awesome.")
- 5. V for Vendetta ("Everything comes together to make this movie fantastic, with an intriguing story that has parallels to current world situations, amazing acting and cinematography, a hint of philosophy and politics, all wrapped around a plot of mystery, tragedy, violence, and romance. It's Shakespeare meets 1984 meets Kill Bill, and let's not forget it has Natalie Portman.")
- 6. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* ("Yeah, we're a lot more twisted than your average surf band.")



Blue Shift

FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

- 1. *Invader Zim* ("The jokes are so surreal and random.")
- 2. Futurama ("A few of our songs are based on that show, and we're really looking forward to the new ones in 2008.")
- 3. *Mythbusters* ("Now that's gotta be a dream job, to build and destroy things all day long for the sake of entertainment, plus the girl is pretty damn cute.")
- 4. *The Simpsons* ("At least prior to the 2000 season.")

"OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO": WORST PICKUP LINE?

"Are you from Tennessee? 'Cause you're the only ten I see!"

STAR TREK OR STAR WARS?

"Star Wars, because the spoofs are funnier, and because of Princess Leia's metal bikini. Plus, Star Trek never got its own Christmas TV special with Bea Arthur and Harvey Korman."

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

"Another Dick and Bush."

ADVICE TO RON JEREMY?

"Turn around slowly in china shops."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"We're a bunch of nerds disguised as dorks."



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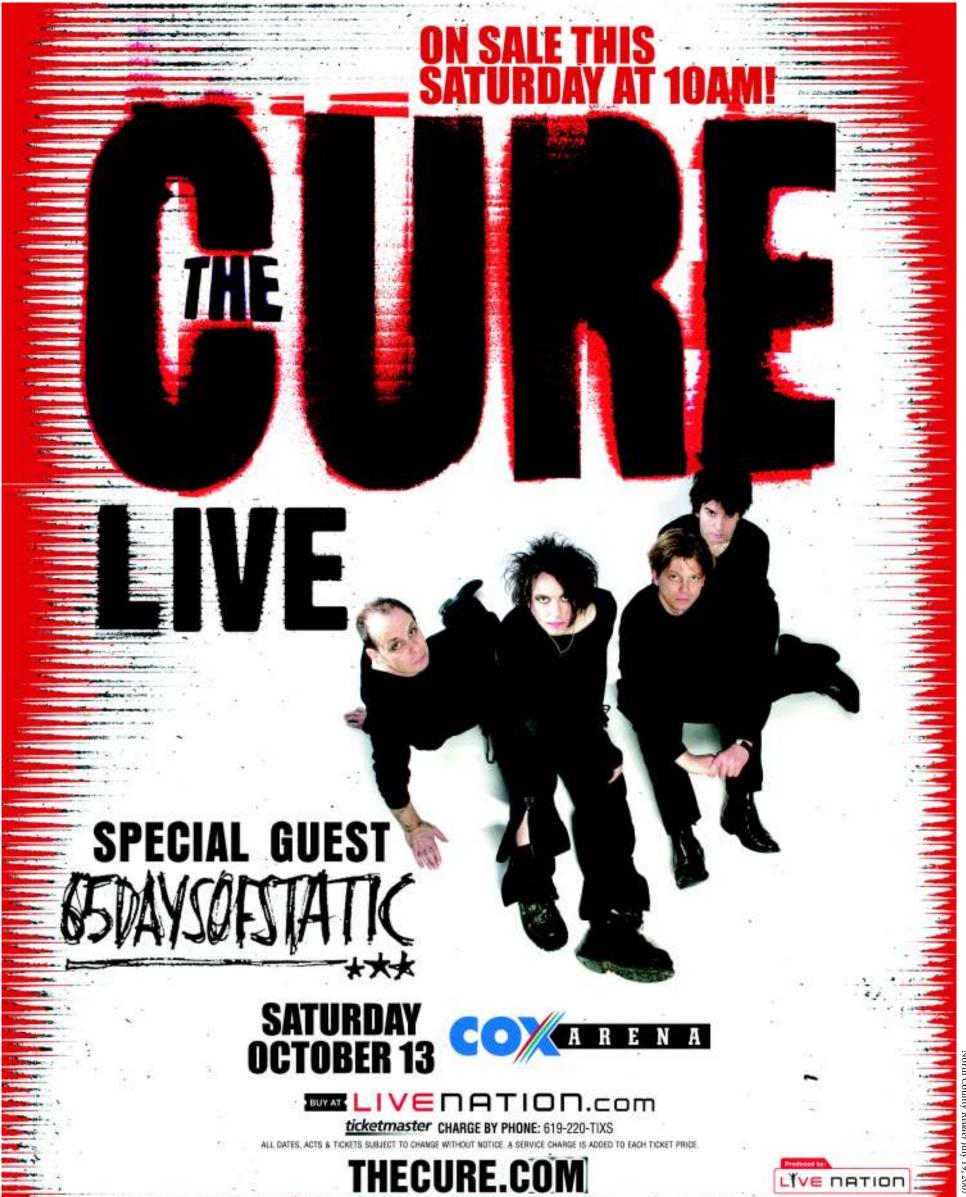






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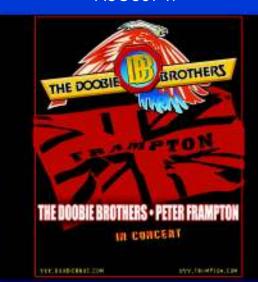
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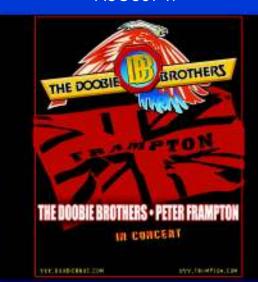
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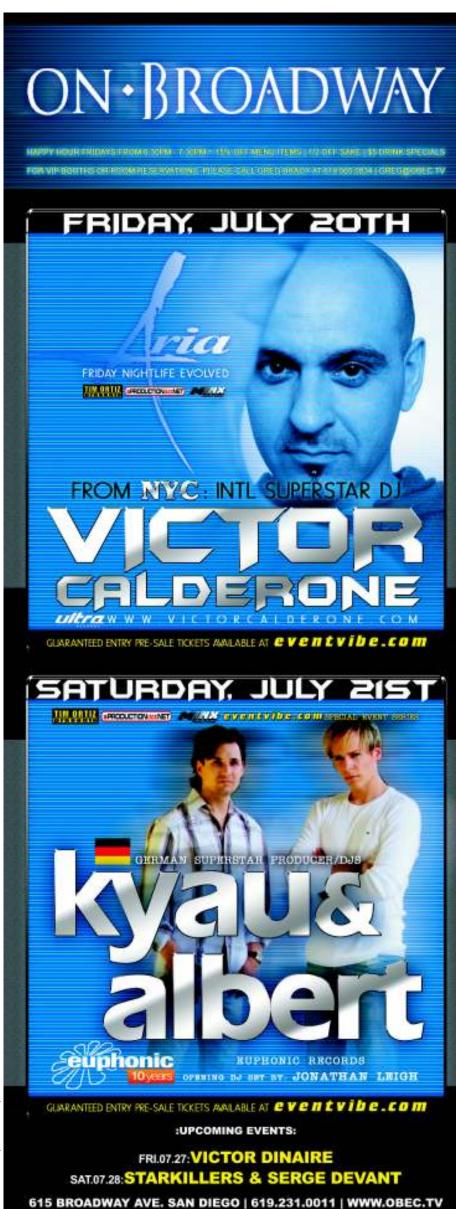
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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

Dickey Betts: Humphrey's Concerts

MONDAY

John Hiatt and Shawn Colvin:

"American Idols Live": San Diego

Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

War: Cahuilla Casino, Saturday, July 21,

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.

TUESDAY

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay. Tuesday, July 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Tuesday, July 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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Bob Weir and **Keller Williams**:

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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: $\operatorname{Belly} \operatorname{Up}$ Tavern, Saturday, July 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Hootie & the Blowfish:

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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.

Clav 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

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, August 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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SI*SE: House of Blues, Sunday, August 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-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.

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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: Vieias Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, August 14, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400

Public Enemy: House of Blues Wednesday, August 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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**The Aggrolites:** House of Blues, Saturday, August 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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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-

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Diana Krall: Vieias 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.

Rlue October: House of Blues, Friday August 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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The Asylum Street Spankers:

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Eddie Money and Air Supply: Cahuilla Casino, Saturday, August 25, 52702 Highway 371, Anza. 951-763-

Marilyn Manson and Slayer: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-

Beyonce: Cox Arena, Sunday, August 26, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429

Gogol Bordello: House of Blues. Monday, August 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

The Jonas Brothers: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. Lonestar: 4th & B, Wednesday, August 29, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-

Creedence Clearwater Revisited:

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Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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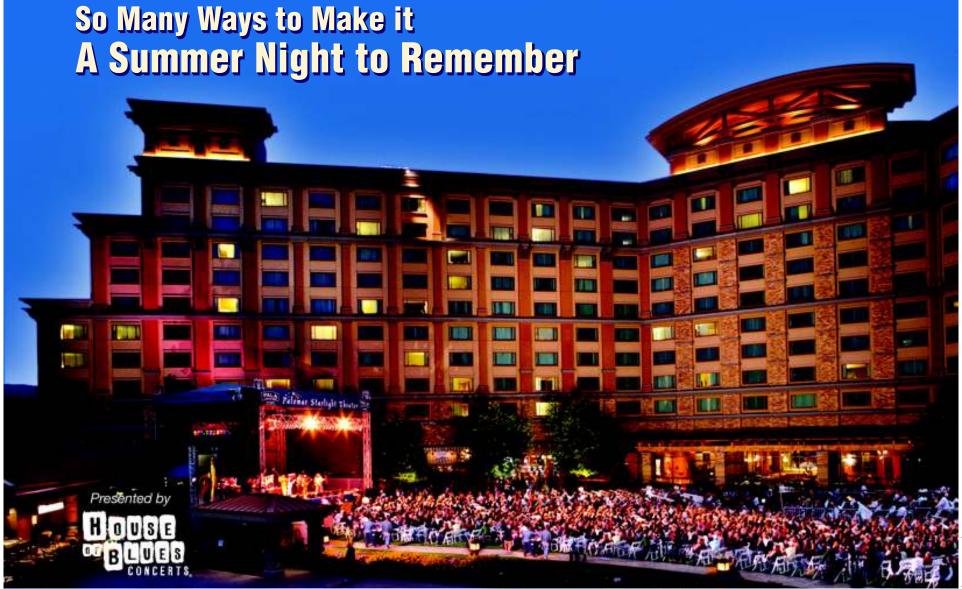












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Keyshia Cole: 4th & B, Wednesday, September 5, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Temptations and the **Four Tops:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Thursday, September 6, 2241 Shelter
Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Lily Allen: House of Blues, Thursday, September 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Iris DeMent: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

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.

The 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.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

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.

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.

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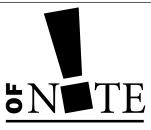
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Eddie Money: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

There's this thing that **Shara Worden** does with her voice that scares me. I don't know how else to put it. Listen to "Golden Star," the second song on the album *Bring Me the Workhorse* by **My Brightest Diamond**, which is essentially her solo project. That song progresses along nicely as a simple P.J. Harvey-reminiscent rock number with some effective accents from strings. Worden sings in her controlled alto about a moment of unexpected closeness with a lover: "And everything is suddenly exploding." And then, about two minutes into the song, she suddenly swoops up to a shockingly high note,

holds it, shakes it with a little vibrato, and then swoops up even higher for a kind of whoop of joy. The last 50 seconds of the song are mostly built around her repeating the word "exploding," and every time she sings it, her voice gets more and more wild, until it sounds as if her vocal cords are going to snap off and go bouncing around the room.

I've been listening to this song over and over this week, and every time I hear it, when I get to that last minute of the song, it freaks me out.

Worden, who studied opera and musical arrangement in school, performed oddball cabaret in New York, and sang backup on tour with Sufjan Stevens, presents what may be a best-case scenario for the mixing of classical music and rock. Some songs work better than others, and her voice can some-

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Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 7, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Tragically Hip: 4th & B, Saturday, October 13, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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Calendar

CLUB **CRAWLER**

THURSDAY 19

Blag Dahlia, He Who Cannot Be Named, and the rest of the **Dwarves** will be at **Brick by Brick** tonight playing it loud, fast, and simple. Nothing much has changed in the veteran punk band's sound, but their last disc, 2004's The Dwarves Must Die, showed Blag's got pop tendencies....Femi Kuti, son of afrobeat/worldbeat pioneer Fela Kuti, was nominated in 2003 for Best World Music Album, Fight to Win, The Nigerian nulti-instrumentalist and his band **Positive Force**, which features his teenage son on sax, will bring the beats and Kuti's social sloganeering to the Belly Up Tayern....San Diego's punk diva Amy Paddick and **Revenge Club** will be at the **Ken Club** laying down their ning, and rhythms. punk'd riffs, dru

FRIDAY 20

Tons to choose from tonight, so quick: early on you got the **B-Side Players** iamming soul-jazz at Lou's Records in Encinitas; Perry Ferrel's new groove-rock act **Satellite Party** will be at this year's first Friday Night post-race rager at the Del Mar track; boy-girl odd pop band Kill Me Tomorrow will be at the Tower Bar; if you like more edge than that, Blackout Party's playing a couple blocks over at the **Ken Club**; Johnny Cash tribute band **Cash'd Out** will exhume the Man in Black out at Winston's; and biggest band in the world, Polyphonic Spree, will cram nic-rock group on the stage at Cane's.

SATURDAY 21

Hey, look, they've let Hank III back into Solana Beach. This'll be Williams's first stop since last summer's Sol Fest, where Hank got too rude/crude for Solana. He'll bring his hopped up country rock to the **Belly Up**....Brothers Billy and Bobby Shaddox and their band **Billy** Midnight will be back at the Casbah Saturday night — a while since they've rocked that Crazy Horse round here....Also at the **Casbah** Saturday night is **Aaron Karo**. Karo's phenomenon is a Web 'zine that he started sending to 20 friends while he was in school at UPenn - it now has 50,000 subscribers, Simon and Schuster have published two collections of them, and Karo is touring a stand-up act across the country. He'll perform at 7:00.

SUNDAY 22

"Ramblin' Man" Dickie Betts and his band The Great Southern, which features Betts's son Duane on guitar, will play Humphrey's Concerts by the **Bay** on Sunday night. Betts is best known as a founding member of the Allman Brothers band. If you can't make the show or want to hear before you buy, check out Dickie Betts and The Great Southern's live '06 disc *Official*Bootleg....Chamber rock trio **Rasputina** will adorn the **Belly Up Tavern** stage with their cello and drum pieces and Vic torian garb. Formed from the ashes of the Travelling Ladies Cello Society in

Brooklyn, New York, Rasputina were best known for gothic covers of classic rock songs. Rasputina "recitals" feature fuzzed out cellos, dulcimers, and rocksteady drums playing alternative alterna tive rock. In June, the trio released their sixth disc Oh Perilous World....Feel like hanging out, watching a movie

Whistlestop and Citizen Video in South Park symbiosis have made it possible to have a pint draft and watch a classic. This Sunday they'll screen Matt Dillon's first film, Over the Edge purportedly the inspiration for Kurt Cobain's "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

MONDAY 23

"When people tell me I don't sing like a white chick, all I can think is 'Thank God,'" says **Nikka Costa** of her funk pop and soul style. Though she is godughter of Frank Sinatra, Costa is relatively unknown in the U.S., preferring Europe, where disco chic sells. She will perform Monday night at the **Belly Up** Tavern This week the Cashah's Anti-Monday League presents The Cribs and Sean Na Na. The Cribs are three brothers (two of whom are twins) from Wakefield, England. They broke the scene there in 2004 with their pals the Kaiser Chiefs and play a similar sort of frenetic pop rock. The Cribs are touring in support of their new disc, Men's Needs, Women's Needs, Whatever. L.A.'s Sean Na Na is every bit as goofy as the name, penning tongue-in-cheek indie pop of the sunshiny variety — lots of "ba ba ba ba."

TUESDAY 24

Riverside's ska punk veterans Voodoo Glow Skulls are back from a European tour to tout their latest disc Adiccion Tradicion y Revolucion and will be entertaining all ages at Soma Tuesday night. The skulls combine trad Jamaican ska beats and horn bleats with American punk and metal for a danceable mix....Guitar slinger John Hiatt will be playing electric blues out at Humphrey's "The William Faulkner of jazz," Mose Allison, will be crooning at Anthology's piano Tuesday night. The native M sippian will be 80 this year....La Jolla Playhouse will premier After the Quake, an adaptation of mystic novelist Haruki Murakami's six vignettes about the Kobe earthquake of 1995.



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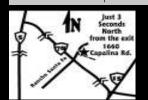
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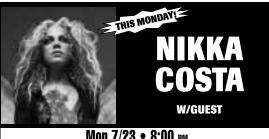
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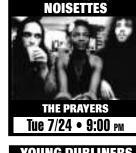
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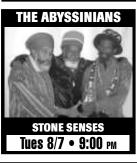














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WEDNESDAY 25

Austinite Dale Watson visits the Cas**bah** Wednesday night when brings his honky-tonk and heartache to the Middletown stage. Watson suffered a mental breakdown over the death of his fiancée. But the success of his new release, From the Cradle to the Grave, has made him a favorite among indie and alternative fans of Johnny Cash Another sort of country will visit **Humphrey's** stage when singer/ songwriter/ "actor" **Lyle Lovett** and His Large Band play the bayside showcase. This summer the former Mr. Roberts will release It's Not Big. It's Large....Belly Up Tavern's throwing their anniversary party Wednesday night and propping up local pop-rocker Greg Laswell, folk-rocker Derren Raser, and punk-rockers Get Back Loretta. 94/9's Anya Marina will be there doling out the swag and raffling a surfboard and concert tix.

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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.

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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.

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.

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Top 40, techno, and '80s. Sundays, Hot Summer Sundays featuring guest DJs. Wednesdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up, 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

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The Kava Lounge: Third Saturday of the month, hip-hop, funk, and soul with DJs Thumbprint and Concise. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, Re:Do, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Buddha and SC. 4079 Adams Avenue Kensington. 619-284-2848.

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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 DIs Bryan Pollard and guest. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, Whiskey Circus, rock/pop/blues. Saturday, Uplift, rock/metal.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., John Tafolla and Friends, variety

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Crash Carter*. Friday, *Uplift*, rock. Saturday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Sunday, Triple Shot, blu Monday, Cactus Twang, roadside rock. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Luna Llena, Latin jazz.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, the Polyphonic Spree, pop/rock/psychedelic Saturday, Tainted Love, '80s tribute, Sunday, Bredren and the Jah Roots Hi Fi Sound System, reggae. Wednesday, Victoria Robertson, Negative Filter, the New Addiction, and Satori, pop/alternative

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/punk/indie/rock. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Career Soldiers, Mouth Sewn Shut, the Ghoulds, and Sayaka.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131, Thursday Fuzz Huzzi and Hectic Watermelon, rock. Friday, Iamb, Candle, and Zero Sum, alternative rock Saturday Individual Cannobliss, Silverside, and Autumn Tragedy, hard rock, Wednesday, One Theory, Autobody, Middle Finger, Aghori, and Six Reasons, hard rock/alternative.

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., Jennifer jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Jennifer Cunningham, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Birds of Yore. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Ryan Whitney, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Jenn Grinels. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Diangela.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach.

858-483-8847. Friday, Lloyd Street. urday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101. Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Frankie Dee and the Funk-Natra Band, Friday, the Flat Out Liars, classic rock. Saturday, Blue Heat, blues/rock. Sunday, the Blues Brokers, blues jam

La Jolla Brew House, 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-6279. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Rick Ross, piano/jazz.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, Gil Barron, Mark Fulton, James East, and PTrak Armenta, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick* Fiore, John Guilino, Dave Scott, and the Cynthia Hammond. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice, Latin jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Thursday, 9 p.m., Mary Arden Collins, world/folk/pop/soul.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, the Screamin' Yeehaws, Road Noise, and the Utah Country Swillers. Friday, Split Finger, Divided by Zero, and the Big Provider, rock/reggae. Saturday, Vokab Company and Native Root, funk/hip-hop.

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. Thursday, Married by Elvis, country. Friday, Dazed and Confused, rock. Saturday, the Nards, rock. Wednesday, Mick Overman, folk.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla, 858-488-4200, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Escencia, jazz.

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Friday • July 20 6 pm • Songwriter

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Saturday • July 21 9:30 pm • Motown & Dance

Detroit Underground

Sunday, July 22 8 pm • KIFM Smooth Jazz

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Wednesday, July 25 9:30 pm • Sweet Soul Music

The Soul Persuaders

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Wednesday, September 5 • 8:00

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Thursday, September 6 • 7:30

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Friday, September 7 • 8:00

Heart

featuring Ann & Nancy Wilson Sunday, September 9 • 7:30

Doobie Brothers

with special guest **Johnny "V" Vernazza** Monday, September 10 • 7:30

Foreigner

Tuesday, September 11 • 8:00

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Wednesday, September 19 • 7:30

Kenny G

Wednesday, September 26 • 8:00

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Thursday, September 27 • 7:30

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, 9 p.m., On the One and Modern Day Moonshine, soul/rock/reggae. Friday, Cash'd Out, rockabilly. Saturday, Stranger, rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Wednesday, Tiger Sharks and the Fading Captains, rock.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Ronnie Baker Brooks. Friday, the Ira B. Liss Big Band Jazz Machine. Saturday, Michael Burks. Sunday, No-Pals. Tuesday and Wednesday, Mose Allison.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*,

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Booty Basement and Skull Kontrol. Friday, Theo and the Skyscrapers, the Static Age, and Viva in Stereo. Saturday, Billy Midnight, Vision of a Dying World, and Matt Curreri. and the Ex-Friends.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park, 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Dave Patrone. Friday, Yavez. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, Fuzzy and the Bluesmen or Sue Palmer.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Blue Rockit. Friday, Private Domain. Saturday, Major Healy Sunday, the Mark and Chris Duo. Tuesday, Dregs of Sada. Wednesday, Private Domain, unplugged.

4th and B, 345 B Street, downtown.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, Groove Sessions. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds. blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., Modern Day Moonshine, soul/rock/reggae, 9 p.m., Femi Kuti and the Positive Force, Afro-beat. Friday, the Untouchables and the Skeletones, ska/reggae. Saturday, Hank Williams III, Assjack, Big Red Goad, and the Power of Country, country. Sunday, gospel brunch. Tuesday, Ely Guerra, alternative.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., Diva Soul, disco/T40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Pop Rocks, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Insight, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100, Live music Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Modern Day Moonshine, soul/rock/reggae/funk.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/Soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Ayanna and the Exiles. Friday, Bill Magee Blues. Saturday, Southbound Blues. Sunday, Blue Largo. Monday, Big Mo. Tuesday, Danny Sanchez. Wednesday, the Bayou Brothers.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sally's Seafood on the Water, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One



BY DAVE GOOD

A friend — actually, it was his wife — chose **Dream Theater** as the soundtrack for his last hours while he was waiting to die from cancer. At that point he was incapable of doing much of anything, let alone picking out a playlist. "It's his favorite band," she had said over the telephone, while in another room of the house my friend was drifting in and out of morphine sleep. She played Dream Theater records and sat with him as she faced the stone wall of his no longer being there. "I believe on some level," she said, "that he can experience the music."

Dream Theater was around when demos were still being handed out on cassette tapes. That they built memorable hard-rock operettas

ensemble playing was of little note; technical prowess is the rule in prog metal. It was more Dream Theater's high entertainment standards and hard touring that endeared them to metalheads and created a cult legacy based on relatively few recordings. This year the band released their ninth studio album, Systematic Chaos. Never as popular as their peers in terms of record sales. Dream Theater could still outplay most of them, and for good reason: Founding members Mike

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Portnoy, John Myung, and John Petrucci learned from

the masters while at Berklee College, polishing rote covers of Iron Maiden and Rush. "Covering" is a habit that they would carry on into their adult lives as musicians. In fact, Dream Theater has sometimes been known to cover an entire album while on tour.

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for one's own death speaks to the hard-core nature of my friend's past. At times I wonder how much of that grand music he was able to hear in the end. All of it, I hope.

DREAM THEATER, Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m. 619-594-6947.

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Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo*, calypso.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Bomba Chante.* Tuesday, *Ritmo Caliente*, salsa. Wednesday, *Prisa*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday and Monday, 4 p.m to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince of Piano*. Tuesday and Wednesday. *Kevin McCully*, piano.

Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Fran Loskota, pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Karen Giorgio, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio de la Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, international/standards.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, DaGroove, rock hits, and DJ Marc Thrasher. Friday and Saturday, DJ Marc Thrasher. Sunday, DJ Famous Dave. Monday, Manic Mondays with DJ Thrasher. Tuesday, DJ Famous Dave. Wednesday, the Stepping Feet, a Dave Matthews Band tribute band, pop/rock, and DJ Famous Dave.

SAN DIEGO

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Sunday, *String Summit*, fiddle/folk. **The Aero Club,** 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Willovealot, smooth jazz/funk.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday. *B Natural*, pop/Top 40. Saturday, blues band.

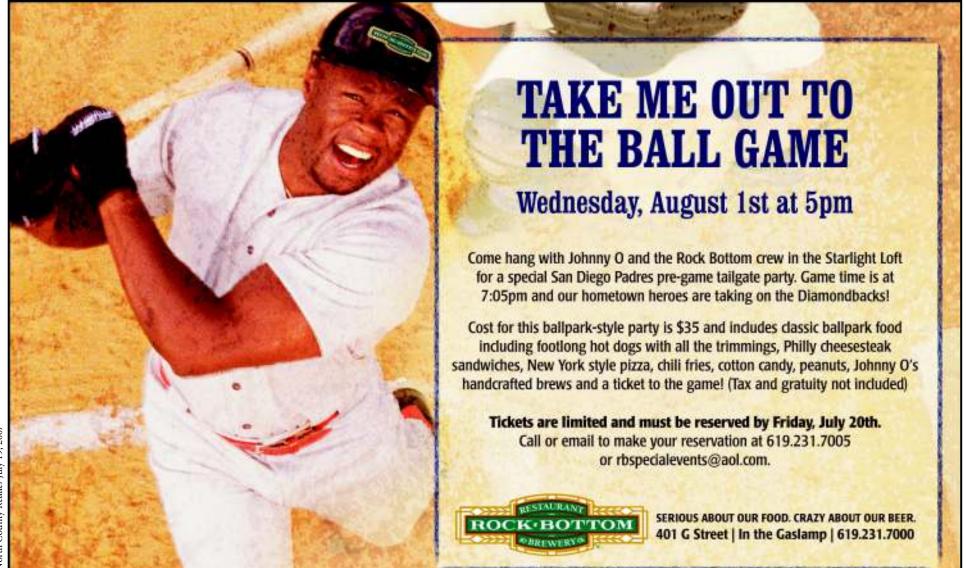
Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Live Irish folk/Celtic music.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Brenda Panneton*, folk/pop Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, the Dwarves, the Uprising, and the Atoms. Friday, Authentic Sellout, Pretty in Stereo, and the Loaded. Sunday, Nick Oliveri and the Mondo Generator, Circus Diablo, Casket Yoyo, and Magnolia Black.

Chasers Cocktails, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-280-9379. Saturday, Kastle Gray, Skull, Boisterous Uprise, Discriminados, and Hungover Tomorrow, punk/thrash.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 p.m., the Zzymzzy Quartet, traditional jazz/Gypsy swing.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, the Crashing Marbles, a Dull Science, Kings to



You, a Midday Atlantic, and Sound Escape. Saturday, Plane Without a Pilot, One-Eyed Monsters, Hallowed Drive, and Just Like Jenna.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, *Blue Rockit*,

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge:
Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Reggie
Smith and Stellita, soul jam. Friday,
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Patty Zlaket, 9:30 p.m.,
Makai, dance/disco. Saturday, 9:30 p.m.,
the Detroit Underground, rock/soul.
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Barbara
Jamerson, jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, Jason
Weber, jazz. Monday, Chet Cannon, blues
jam. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., Indie by Design.
Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., the Soul
Persuaders, sweet soul.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. 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, *Grandpadrew, Jaime Robb, Jesse Bowen*, and *Tiff Jimber*. Friday, *Greg Laswell* and *the Pawnshop Kings.* Saturday, *Gregory Page.* Sunday, *Brenda Xu, Alex Esther, Jardan Reimer*, and *Thompson.* Wednesday, *the Citizen Band, Impulse*, and *Jayson Bayles and the Revival*, rock.

Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom, 3893 54th Street, San Diego.
619-229-8228. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Orquesta Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Vintage Vegas, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub,

1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park.
619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., Yesterday's
Paper, Good Drinkin' Weather, and
Entra-P. Saturday, 9 p.m.. Four Minutes
Till Midnight, Conformity Jones,
Hotwheelz, and Nathan T. Wilson,
rock/funk/hip-hop/folk. Monday, 8 p.m.,
Mystery Train, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m.,
Masterguru and Droid, grindcore/death
metal. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Firethorn,
Alpine Daze and Boogie Nights, the Sick
String Outlaws, and Jack's Last Bullet.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band*, big band/swing.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Moon Dance*, 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. Monday, 8 p.m., And the Furies Say, Chris Schlarb, and C.J. Boyd, instrumental experimental.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the 25th Hour, 2 Sweet, Let Live, This Time Next Year, Uprising A.D., and Kick Rocks. Sunday, Lamb of God, Hatebreed, Behemoth, and Three Inches of Blood. Tuesday, the Voodoo Glow Skulls, the Evil Petting Zoo, Los Kung Foo Monkeys, Chase Long Beach, and the Ska Skank Redemption. Wednesday, Killwhitneydead, the Tony Danza Tapdance Extravaganza, From the Shallows, and the Demonstrations.

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. **Terra,** on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Saturday, *Electric Soul*, rock/soul/R&B.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, zydeco. Friday, Mama Red and the North Park Band, rock. Saturday, Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Band, swing/jazz. Wednesday, the High Society Jazz Band. **The Tower Bar,** 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Thursday, the Cathouse Thumpers and Action Andy and His Haunted Honky-Tonkers, rockabilly/country. Friday, Kill Me Tomorrow, alternative rock.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*,

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *Astra Kelly, Michael* Torres, acoustic. Friday, 8 p.m., Dead Man's Party, classic hard rock. Sunday, 7 p.m., Rasputina, rock. Monday, 7 p.m., Rasputina, rock. Monday, 7 p.m., Nikka Costa, soul/funk/rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m., the Noisettes, indie rock. Wednesday, Greg Laswell, Get Back Loretta, and the Derren Raser Band, acoustic/rock/alternative.

Tiernan, Barbara Nesbitt, and Chris

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle,

Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Alan James*, folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 7 p.m., Alan James, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., Tom Boyer, acoustic.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

The Comstock Bar and Grill, 316 West Mission, #115, Escondido. 960-746-6188. Friday, 9 p.m., *West of 5*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Scott*



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Carter Duo, rock/pop. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., blues jam. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., C.C. and David, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Sons of Borderto rock/blues/folk. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Johnny "B" Blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bruce Cameron, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Red Lane, rock/blues.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carme Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 619-755-1141. Friday, 4 p.m., Perry Farrell, alternative rock

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Z-Bop, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, the Clachan Boys, Irish folk. Friday, Leo Rising, rock.

Saturday, DJ Nez.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Thursday, 8 p.m., the Miggs, No Lifeguard on Duty, Falling Face Forward, and BassHit, indie, Friday, Shadows Prophecy, Dogmatic, Kentucky 6 Gun, Axson, Thee Corsairs, and Jason Lee and the Riptides, rock/alternative/indie, Saturday, Mean Dinosaur, the Skank Agents, Chase Long Beach, Mr. Shiraz, and the Ska Skank Redemption, rock/alternative/ska. Sunday, live rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439 6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the iia Rangers, country

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach, 858-755-9474, Friday, the High Rolling Loners, rock. Saturday, Lord

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Album: Laid Out (2006) Artist: Pufferbilly Label: Seagoat Records

Where available/price: available online at

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Songs: 1) Laid Out 2) Game Show 3) Holdin' On 4) Change 5) Happy 6) Sweet Love 7) Dreamer 8) Morrison 9) Funk Groove 10) Butter 11) Fishin' 12) War 13) Trouble 14) Gotta Get Up 15) Juarez

Band: Dave Berry (vocals, guitar, percussion), Michael Grayson (vocals, guitar), Dave Sidley (bass), Mike Wortman (drums), Kit Wolverton (keyboard), Mitch Brown (saxophone), Rvan Hall (quitar)

Website: www.pufferbillymusic.com

Although Pufferbilly's second album, Laid Out, glides through several genres, it doesn't blend any of them. There's a dip from one to the next, which leaves the album on the schizophrenic side of the schizophrenic/

genius line.

Title track, "Laid Out," and sevrhythm mold with plenty of tobacco-

enth song, "Dreamer," have the spirit of bluegrass and blues. On those two songs, Dave Berry's sliding Dobro guitar fills the honky-tonk

spit twang. A quick rebel yell and a lyric about cornbread lead the audience to believe this will be a traditional rock/Southern blend.

But between songs one and seven, the band switches to a softpop, jam-band style of play marked by coffeehouse acoustic guitars and Berry's lead vocals taking on a "content to be effete" headiness along the lines of a wimpier Jason Mraz or Alvah Music impersonation. Then the final track begins with a Flamenco-style Spanish guitar.

The band's confusion as to its own sound isn't only album-wide: some individual tracks switch from original to borrowed lyrics. "Dreamer," track seven, is cut in two by a snippet of Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Chile" line "...stand up next to a mountain/ chop it down with the edge of my hand." And track 12, "War," brings in a good portion of "Get Up, Stand Up" by Bob Marley and Peter Tosh.

Even furthering the scattershot compilation, "Morrison" picks up the pace and approaches "rocking," while "Butter" starts off with



Pufferbilly

wah-wah guitar work.

I can appreciate the group's technical skill as they incorporate these established takes into their own. The guitar and percussion work are nimble, and the transitions are seamless.

Pufferbilly's intended audience seems to be wayward Phishheads and Deadheads, so if that's your thing, have at 'em. Only brace yourself for their jumps to incomplete reggae and '70s folk rock.

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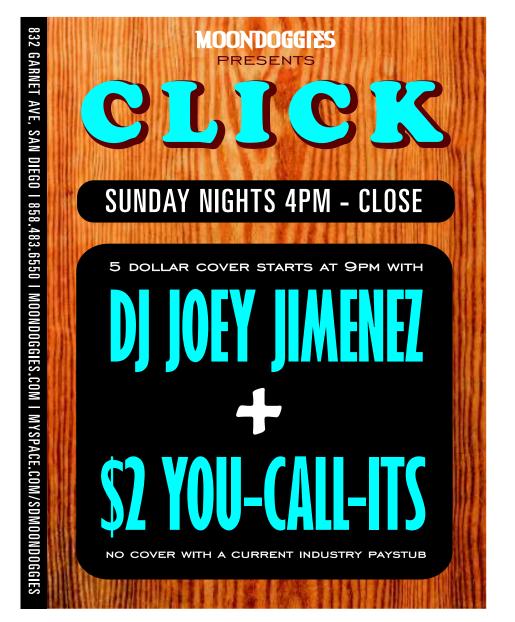
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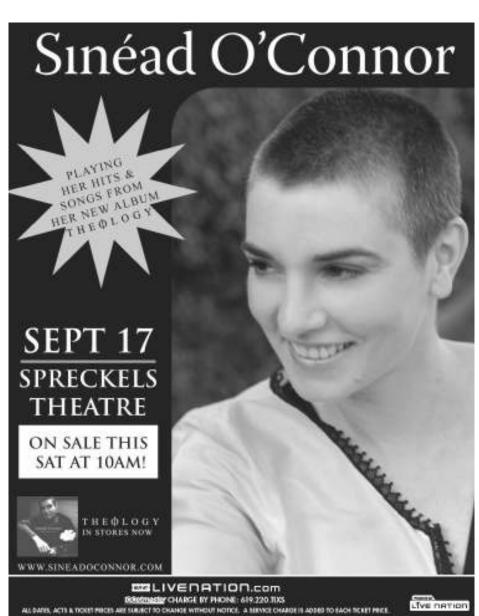
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Artist: Modern Rifles

Song: "Illegal Dracula Demo" and

"Manbird" (from

www.myspace.com/modernrifles) Heard by: Daniel Ross, Spring Valley



It sounded a little bit like At the Drive-In with the intro — the harmonics at the beginning of the riff — and just local San Diego bar-rock bands. Maybe like Sparta a little bit — kind of that "grunge/indie/punk." I thought that the drums were recorded well. I liked the beginning riff. It sounded a little bit technical. The lyric[al] content wasn't really that extravagant, in my opinion. It sounded kind of like an intro song to amp everyone up in the crowd. No lifechanging realizations in the song. It would be fun to see that show. It sounds really energetic.

Artist: The Drowning Men Song: "Gun and a Reason" (from www.myspace.com/drowningmen) Heard by: David Bain, South Bay



I was kind of turned off to [that song]. actually. I couldn't really get into it. You know who I'd compare it to? The mix of your average, legitimate indie band with the guy from blink-182's [other band], Angels and Airwaves. I didn't really pay attention to [the lyrics]. It's not that I disliked anything — if I heard it on the radio, I wouldn't necessarily need to change the station — but it wasn't really anything that drew me in. I'm glad that style of music is becoming more popular, but at the same time, it's just kind of like "one more [band]." I guess it's [good] driving music.

Artist: Get Your Death On Song: "Hour of Bewildrament" and "The Birth" (from www.myspace.com/getyourdeathon) Heard by: Seth Pritchard, University



It sounded like metal but like the "emometal" sound. I liked the beginning of ["The Birth"]. It had a sort of industrial sound, as in actual industry, not the sound of industrial music but the sounds of a factory. It was real melodramatic. I think there was one line..." blood spills into the water" or something. I think he was a little bit depressed when he wrote it. [The ideal activity for that song would be] breaking up with your girlfriend and then going to an airport and lying on top of your car as the planes go over.

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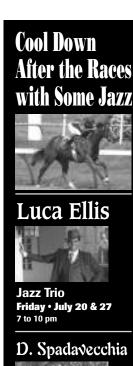








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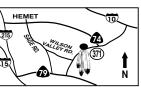
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The first event was a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, which was held at the Pacific Coast Grill in Solana Beach. I didn't know where the restaurant was, but I had an address for it on S. 101 in Solana Beach. As I drove down the 101. I saw similar addresses and tried to park. I couldn't find a spot and circled the residential streets. I found a spot but was an hour late. When I walked to the address I had, there was a Roberto's. I didn't have a contact number, so I hopped back into my car and drove south until I found the place. I find it odd that these establishments have the same addresses.

I found Shannon standing on the bar. Whenever you see an attractive blonde on a bar, you know it's going to be an interesting time. She was yelling out raffle ticket numbers for prizes. One guy won a Habitat for Humanity T-shirt and screamed as if he were a contestant on The Price Is Right. Shannon should've had a bullhorn or a mic in the



Top left: Tracie, who is leaving for Iraq, and Al, who was welcomed home; Top right: A pirate with a beer in his hook; Bottom left: Shannon up on the bar, yelling out raffle numbers; Bottom right: A Habitat for Humanity worker and her husband

volunteer for Habitat for Humanity."

I wasn't sure about the

"No other state is so associated with one religion."

I threw down the rolled up bills. A woman next to me at the bar said, "I don't know why they moved it. It was convenient where it was."

ginger ale, and as I got a few

container, it was taken behind

the bar. I waited for it to be

brought back. When it wasn't,

singles to throw in the tip

I met Karen, a volunteer who got her friends to work the bar. She came up with the idea for this fundraiser, which is in its sixth year. She said, "I bought a house. It was a mess. That's when I decided to

connection but didn't interrupt her.

"I figured...I like to eat and drink, so this would be a good way for me to give back. We've raised over \$10,000 in the years we've had this event." I felt guilty that my two dollars wouldn't put much of a dent in anything.

When Shannon was done giving out prizes, we had a

chance to talk. She told me that she was from Salt Lake City and still considered herself new to San Diego. I told her my friend moved to Salt Lake a few years back and bugs me for not skiing when I visit. She said, "I didn't ski until I was 16." I told her that I figured I'd either break bones or that I'd love it so much I'd have another expensive hobby. She said learning to snowboard was a lot easier, which surprised me.

I asked if she was Mormon, and she said she was. "I don't know why I asked you that," I said. "I bet a lot of people do when they find out where you're from." She said,
"Yeah. That's why we hate that
question so much." Another
woman standing nearby said,
"No other state is so associated with one religion."

I met the woman who writes the Habitat newsletter. We started talking about plane crashes, and she told me that the previous week she was in Clear Lake, Iowa, where Buddy Holly's plane went down. I asked her why she was there.

"My husband and I saw B.B. King. His family is from Iowa." I asked if they had a memorial of some kind in front of the venue. "Oh, yeah. And all the streets around there — there's a Buddy Holly Drive. They have photos inside of all the people that have performed there, and it still looks exactly the same." I told her that the Hard Rock Casino in Vegas had a part of the plane Otis Redding died in and that I thought that was morbid. She said, "We talked to an officer that told us they didn't do anything with the airplane. Nobody thought to. It ended up like any other plane that's involved in a crash and was eventually just

She told me another story about seeing Paul McCartney







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at an airport. She said an eight-year-old boy approached and knocked on the limo door and said, "Would you please shake my hand?" Paul did and said, "How would you like a photo?" Her husband asked her why she didn't get a photo as well.

I look through their pamphlets and read several stories about the homes Habitat has built. There's a story about Jimmy Carter.

When Shannon jumped on a table to give more prizes away, I got a phone call — a good time to sneak to my next party.

Tracie, a woman in Ocean Beach, was being deployed to Iraq for a year. She's in the Navy and wanted everyone dressed in aquatic costumes.

When I walked in to the party, I saw that they

had hung posters welcoming Al back home. Several quests were in military uniforms, and there was a sailor's hat on the table where people had written messages to Tracie. I met Al, who was in an admiral's uniform, and asked him if he was an admiral. "No, this is a fake uniform." I discovered that Al was from Rhode Island and that he went to SDSU before enlisting.

I saw a few people in beach attire and one guy dressed as a pirate. I said, "You're just trying to get as much use as you can from your Halloween costume, aren't you?"

I was surprised by his ability to hold a drink in his hook.

I asked Tracie what she was going to be doing when she got to Iraq. She hesitated, so I asked, "Will you have to kill me after you tell me?" She said, "No. It's just hard to explain. I do radio watch, sending messages back and forth. And I'll do some explosive ordnance disposal. We are bomb techs. And we fix robots that they send out. That's really as much as they've told me so far."

A girl named Alyssa is having someone sign a petition to save seals. She has a shirt on that reads "Save the Seals."

I heard the pirate over my shoulder say some cheesy joke about his favorite subject in school being "arrrr-t." When a woman standing near him started coughing, he said, "Just tell people you have scurvy."

There was a sea net with a variety of things in it over the window. I saw a few American flags on the apartment walls. There was a boat on the coffee table and pinatas that fit the theme.

There were a couple of kegs and a lot of food. Tracie told me she included Cracker Jacks because of the sailor on the box.

As I was helping myself to the seven-layer dip, I heard a woman yell at her friend, "I don't want a Jell-O shot! I have to drive home." Her friend looked at me and replied, "And, uh, a Jell-O shot hinders that?"

"There's always room for Jell-0," I offered.

She said, "I live in Temecula. I have a babysitter with my kids."

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Her friend walked past me and said, "She acts like I'm forcing her to drink a bottle of Stoli." ■

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A Motel 6 of the Mouth

I've always wondered why I've never seen any reviews of The Shores, the less formal, less ambitious restaurant next door to the exalted Marine Room, but under the same ownership and same awesome executive chef, Bernard Guillas. So here — a review to sadly, with some embarrassment, answer the question.

Before we trudge further in this tale, it seems reasonable to say that the best thing about The Shores is its weeknight early-bird dinner (Sunday—Thursday, 5:00—6:00 p.m.), which offers three courses for \$20 and three choices each of appetizers, entrées, and desserts. The choices are equivalent to the à la carte dinner fare but at a price more attuned to their true value. A cash-strapped traveler could combine this bargain with a Grand Slam breakfast at Denny's for a full day's affordable sustenance; together, the two eateries' meals would make a Motel 6 of the mouth.

The bad news is that I'm grouping these three establishments into a single sentence, which hints at the quality of The Shores' cuisine. It is by no means the pits among the "view" restaurants -I can name seven worse malefactors without pausing to think — just as I can name five roach motels in this county that make any Motel 6 look like the Ritz. But don't mistake The Shores for a simplified or lower-priced Marine Room cousin — it's a much poorer relative. The food is nothing like brilliant Bernie's, and yet for an à la carte dinner here, you pay pretty ritzy prices (figure \$150 for two, with one shared bottle of \$30 wine) for ordinary, fill-'er-up grub. There's not even a hint of the Great Guillas in the food or the menu, nor much personal creativity from the chef de cuisine who oversees this kitchen.

The Shores is set in a charming, family-oriented resort hotel (with relatively modest prices, given the prime beachfront location), where youngsters play Ping-Pong in a central courtyard or frolic on the sands. The restaurant's wall of windows looks out on a shallow beach. Swimmers, snorkelers, and kayakers share the sea, and novice surfers gently wipe out a few hundred feet farther up the Cove's curve. The sun sets right into the water (wear shades). The restaurant is light, airy, comfortable, with capacious white-clothed tables and a few half-shell banquettes. Most diners are probably hotel guests, but we spotted one foursome who seemed to be UC grad students finishing an early-bird dinner as we arrived.

My companion and I began scouting with a dinner from the normal menu. Once we'd ordered, a basket of Bread and Cie *pain levain*, baguettes, and skinny, delicious bread sticks arrived, with room-temperature whipped butter. At least, I think it was butter. (It certainly wasn't the Marine Room's primo Plugra.) Our best dish of



the evening was an appetizer inaccurately dubbed "Kobe short-rib- stuffed portobello." Nothing was actually stuffed into anything — you had long slabs of portobello in balsamic glaze topped with juicy chunks of short-rib meat dripped with melted cheddar. Fun food.

Things went downhill from there. Louisiana blue crab cakes were sludgy and starchy, tasting more of bread filler than crab,

though the diced sweet potato and andouille sausage accompaniment was pleasing. Then came a vat of New England clam chowder amended with sweet corn. It had the expected creamy consistency and tasted of starch thickener — but not many clams. It was okay, if you don't mind "boring" as a flavor.

We divided our entrées between The Shores' two focuses, Midwestern Angus beef steaks and California-style seafood. If you want a starch or a specific vegetable (other than the one the kitchen provides with your entrée), you need to order it as a side dish. The Pacific swordfish loin arrived dryly well done, despite our pleas for mediumrare. It was topped with chopped tropical fruits and a sweet, fruity cream sauce. On the side, to share, was an unadorned plateful of mushy steamed broccolini. "How nice, they made-a this especially for me," I quipped desperately in my best Chico Marx imitation. "'Cause I was born in Broccolini, New York-a."

Next, a steak. The previous night at JRDN, I'd savored a paragon of full-flavored, well-sea-

soned rib-eye. Here, the same cut, cooked rare to order, came with three sauces (a passable béarnaise, a sour stone-ground mustard aioli, and an odd, gelatinous Cabernet reduction). For all that, it was just another dead cow, lacking an inter-

esting seasoning rub and not wildly flavorful on its own. My companion poured béarnaise over the soggy broccolini in vain hope of revivifying the comatose veggie.

We tried a couple of desserts. Key lime pie had nice, tart custard but a mushy graham crust. Bailey's Irish Cream cheesecake was cloyingly sweet, worsened by chocolate drizzles.

No assessment of The Shores would be complete without a pass at their most popular offering, the Friday night seafood buffet. (Other friends had tried it once and reported that it was "plain but not bad.") My mini-posse and I started with the shellfish on ice. It was not a fabulous array. It was, in fact, a cheap and modest array. Mediumsize peel-and-eat shrimp with uninspired cocktail sauce and bland dumbed-down remoulade (neither New Orleans nor French - maybe Nebraskan). Green-lip New Zealand mussels. Florida stone-crab claws with hard-to-extract meat (some lush, some stringy). The best selection of the entire buffet consisted of salmon "tequila cilantro cured" and/or "lightly hickorysmoked." All the salmon slices were in one pile, so there's no way to tell whether both processes were applied to the fish, or if there were supposed to be two different versions. Whichever, the

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Simple steak and seafood entrées, classic steakhouse appetizers and sides. Wine list mainly top-shelf supermarket bottlings; reserve list more expensive but also primarily familiar big California names. Barely adequate choices by the glass, decent pours. Corkage \$12. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Kobe short-rib-stuffed portobello appetizer, cured/smoked salmon at seafood buffet. **NEED TO KNOW:** Validated parking (three hours) in underground garage. Resort-casual dress. Reasonably quiet.

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salmon (cured, for sure) was bright and juicy. It came with soi-disant "buckwheat blini" that looked and tasted more like palm-size breakfast pancakes from a mix (could it be Aunt Jemima buckwheat mix?). There were herbed crème frâiche and capers to spoon on to taste.

Around a corner were soups and salads. A lobster bisque came with clever optional garnishes of sweet-corn relish and toasted pepitas (shelled pumpkin seeds), which almost succeeded in distracting the palate from the utter lack of lobster flavor in the thick pink colloid. A "Louisiana gumbo" was worse — essentially a spiced-up tomato soup with fleeting bits of sea bass, andouille, chicken pastrami (huh?), mushy crawfish, okra, and gumbo filé. It was a Gumbo of Ignorance, even less authentic than the Campbell's canned version, assembled with no hint of the zest and complexity of true gumbo. (For one thing, no traditionalist in Louisiana would ever use both okra and sassafras - filé — to thicken the same soup. Well, there are rare exceptions, but to succeed with such a violation of custom, you have to know deep in your gut what gumbo is.





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The Shores' version is what it isn't.) It also had too much cayenne dumped in too late in the cooking to integrate with the rest of the ingredients. (Ouch!)

The salads included a potato salad with hidden shrimps, figs, and other gourmet ingredients, all lost amid the copious spuds. A bow-tie-pasta-and-crab salad left us asking, "Where's the crab?" An iceberg lettuce salad with Gorgonzola and other goodies had a dessert-sweet maple dressing that recapitulated the horrors of Midwestern college-dorm food.

Hot dishes: A "scampi station" offered stir-fried-to-order small shrimp (about \$3 per pound, wholesale), teeny scallops, swordfish, mushrooms, and various garnishes. Its very name is a lie. "Scampi" implies large, meaty prawns, not bland krill. Other hot entrées (salmon and mahimahi) were dead in their chafing dishes; they should have been switched out for fresh batches before we arrived, and I didn't see any switching during the whole two hours we were there.

An "All-American Cheese Maker Selection" next to the raw bar offered a choice of six cheeses — Tillamook cheddar being a typical example — all of them so young and innocent, they could have been virgins laid out for sacrifice to some volcano god. Chalky or flat or inane, none was aged enough to savor by adult humans. Spread 'em on baguettes and throw them into the volcano — let 'em become grilled cheese virgins!

The dessert selection looked like a supermarket display of the final products of an orgy of Betty Crocker mix-mania. The only delicious flavor among them was furnished by big, ripe Carlsbad strawberries. Even if the pastries were housemade from scratch, the Betty Crocker analogy remained apt upon tasting them. We tried many, liked none.

There are worse (if usually cheaper) seafood buffets in town, just as there are worse seaside restaurants. But I was left wondering: What is the purpose of The Shores? Is it to subsidize the Marine Room by serving mediocre ingredients at high prices? Is it to feed an unjudgmental captive audience at the hotel? I'd love to stay there (looks nicer than a Motel 6), but if I did, I'd hoof it a few blocks to Piatti or Barbarella's to buy a dinner with actual flavor at a better price. Unless, that is, I got in off the beach in time for the early-bird special — I could use the savings to amortize a serious dinner at the Marine Room.

Ratatouille

There's no point in a chef interview for a restaurant that's so "un-chef-v." Let's talk about something no less relevant and more cheerful, the movie Ratatouille. It's arguably the first full-out "foodie movie" since Babette's Feast and won't be the last — we caught coming at-

tractions for a comedy starring Catherine Zeta-Jones as a chef. Better to have chefs as heroes, I guess, than the usual musclebound purveyors of bullets and testosterone. Besides, in Ratatouille, the hero-chef is a rat not a metaphorical rat like, say, Alice Waters's tattling ex-partner Jeremiah but an actual rattus rattus. But Remy is a French rat. Although a member of a large clan of suburban garbage-eaters, he has a nose and a palate. Not content with slop, he's prone to sneaking into the house of a gourmet old lady to watch cooking shows on her TV while she naps and to raid the cheeses on her sideboard and pair them carefully with fruits from her fruit bowl. He even attempts to cook a chanterelle from the woods by the heat of the old lady's chimney. Lovely little psychedelic visuals (swirls of bright color) illustrate his moments of epicurean joy.

Remy wants to be a chef, but

his father (the voice of Brian Dennehy) sternly warns that rats shouldn't be gourmets: "Food is just fuel... You can't be too picky about the fuel you put in your engine if you want to survive." Taking the opposite viewpoint is Remy's culinary muse, Auguste Gusteau (who looks rather the way Bernard Guillas might look if he put on 100 extra pounds and three more chins). Gusteau's TV show and cookbook (Anyone Can Cook) are still, respectively, running and selling, although the chef died of heartbreak after losing a star. His Paris restaurant is now run by his venal former sous-chef, who has slapped the great chef's name on an appalling line of American-style frozen food products (e.g., "Gusteau's Tooth-Pickin Chicken"). Through a series of accidents, Remy finds himself at the restaurant and by hazard takes on the task of restoring its former glory with his own culinary genius — not easy in a world where humans don't understand Rattish — and where a rat in a restaurant kitchen is anathema.

The film was created by the computer-animation whizzes at Pixar, in Emeryville (next door to Berkeley), a company whose creative geniuses are also.

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evidently, true Bay Area foodies. They hired Thomas Keller (the French Laundry) as their chief chef-consultant, observing him and his crew at work so they could recreate cookingpro movements in animation. (It's Keller's own recipe for ratatouille that serves as Remy's triumphal creation.) Hence, the kitchen scenes have amazing verisimilitude, with only a slight exaggeration of the speed and peril of flashing knives, flaming skillets, rolling carts, servers dashing in and out. One scene offers a quick course in whodoes-what in a professional kitchen, from chef to gardemanger — and the sole woman chef has had to struggle for respect from her peers. Ingredients look hyper-real: When a character pours a glass of Bordeaux (the bottle shape is the giveaway, of course, but the label is obscured), I was shocked that I'd correctly guessed, merely from the color and viscosity of the liquid in the glass, that the wine would be identified a moment later as a Chateau Latour. When the glass is empty, it even bears traces of the Latour's legendary

I didn't mind that the allpowerful Grim Eater, restaurant critic Anton Ego (Peter O'Toole), operates the opposite of the way I do - announcing his arrival, eating solo, and bringing a negative attitude to his forays. (I've heard that some British critics actually do all that.) I was amused to dig up, way back in memory, a possible reference for this character's general appearance — the 1971 cool cult horror film, Robert Fuest's The Abominable Dr. Phibes. (For film freaks as well as foodies, Ratatouille is a feast of hip citations.) And it's a delicious movie - smart, funny, and thankfully only semisweet. (Disney bought Pixar and released the movie, but it's still more brainy Pixar than sentimental Uncle Walt.) But exiting the theater to Horton Plaza's fifth-level fast-food array immediately brought back Remy's father's words: "Food is just fuel...You can't be too picky." Unfortunately, the words apply to the subject of this restaurant review as well.







Italy, and Hold the Nostalgia

"It's like being home in Europe."

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t's three in the afternoon, way off the beaten path in Little Italy, but even now, this little place is humming. People lining up for gelati, people lining up for panini, people lining up because other people are lining up.

That's me. Being a nat'ral follower of fash-

ion, I jump in line, on principle. It's a sunny, breezy afternoon. We're all standing on Cedar at State, up where dozens of bright, new, and hellishly expensive condos are sprouting. This is a little old building, but it has had a facelift too, with newly painted white-and-orange walls with bits

of black. The tables under the jacaranda tree are filled with Beautiful People, from hip gals to oldsters in Panama hats smoking huge cigars. And the languages! French, Italian, Spanish, German...is that Russian? Portuguese? Are we near some language school?

Suddenly, the line shuffles and I'm inside. Cool, clean, white and orange again, with black tables, orange chairs, black window frames. I mean, this is just a small corner café, but somehow they've turned it into an airy, ultramodern Euro place. The babble of languages helps. So does the Italian-pop soundtrack. Half the counter's taken up with a display of gelati. Wow. You can see they use actual fruit in it. Then they have a cabinet of croissants and pastries. Three French guys ahead of me, Kevin, Ibrahima, and Ariel, say this is their hang-out while they're here studying international business. "It's the nearest thing to Paris," says Kevin. "They have the best panini. Their prosciutto ham and their mozzarella are so-o Italian. And the gelati. It's like being home in Europe.'

I hop aboard one of the tall stools at the stainless-steel counter. Only problem: *clunk*. No knee room. Vanessa, the Italian girl behind the counter, comes up. I ask for a coffee. She heads for the espresso machine. "Uh, no. Just a coffee," I say. She pours a Danesi coffee. Huh. Italian. In a nice round, thick cup, \$1.50. Not bad, except no refills.

"With Italians," explains this other guy behind the counter, Francesco, "you ask for a coffee, they presume you mean espresso."

I check out the orange menu, full of cute come-ons. Like, in the Piatti Freddi section (and no, that doesn't mean "Fred's Patties," the way

I thought — it's "cold plates"), the Saggio's a salad with prosciutto, artichoke, mozzarella cheese, pine nuts, and a "drizzle" of Tuscan olive oil. "This is a wise choice," it says. Maybe, but not a cheap choice at \$11.25. La Sera ("the Evening," \$10.25) is mixed sliced fresh vegetables, cannellini

beans, and prosciutto with — hey! — "a specially selected scoop of gelato to perfectly complement your dish." That I gotta try. Except I get led astray as the menu drifts kinda charmingly from English to Italian. Like, Nonno Amadeo (Grandpa Amadeo) is "sliced Italian meat (will depend on the chef's mood), *insalata verde, olive nere, arancia*. My grandfather's favorite plate, \$10.75."

Huh. All very colorful, healthy, and, well, Mediterranean. Somehow, I end up ordering the Rustico ("variety of 'very' Italian meat, goat cheese"), even though it's \$12.75. This isn't salad, but four different kinds of *charcuterie*, cold cuts, surrounding a little mountain of goat cheese, with slices of baguette.

OK. Gelato doesn't come with this dish. But gelato, schmelato. Here's where I go from being wait-and-see snacker to fanatic fan, slave, addict. The goat cheese is guerr-reat, nice and sharp, with a dark vinaigrette over it. The bread's fine, the purple Bresaola cured beef slices taste spicy, lightly olive oily, and — seems they've air-dried this for months in some Italian valley called Valtellina — delicate. So is the capicola, the cured pork. But it's the salami and prosciutto that are the showstoppers. The salami's slices are thin, with interesting pepper contrasts and a slightly sweet, tangy thing going. Daggone, it's good. And equal with that is the prosciutto, the Italian dry-cured ham. It's salty

but nutty, slightly caramelly, totally wonderful. If that's Italian meats, bring 'em on. Man, I feel like I'm at a wine tasting. Actually, it would be great to have a little vino with this, but they don't do wine or beer here.

Turns out, Francesco came all the way from Tuscany to create this place.

"When I moved here to San Diego a year and a half ago," he says, "I didn't speak a word of English."

He was a sometime classical and pop pianist who joined with his two brothers in Tuscany to start up a couple of cafés. They were a success. The three brothers, Francesco, Lorenzo, and Giovanni, decided America was ready for them.

"This is a precise copy, down to the orange chairs," Giovanni says, "of our two cafes in the town of Pisa."

"Pisa? Straight up?" I say. Heh heh.

"Absolutely. The menu, the gelati, the attitude."

The attitude?

"Absolutely. We wanted to bring a piece of *modern* Italy to San Diego. You have lots of places here in Little Italy that evoke the old days, the old architecture, Napoli, Dean Martin. We want to say, 'This is Italy today.'"

Guess he's talking about the chrome-y starkness of the place, the plasma screens mixing the menu with scenes from La Bella Italia, the cool espresso machine.

Francesco says the gelato is the heart of the place. "These gelati are incredibly healthy. Fruit, sugar, water. That's all. We make them up each morning. We use real fruit. Italians eat these gelati for their health, every day. That's why we call our place *Pappalecco*. It means 'kids' licking food.' "Oh yeah. I suddenly get it. *Pappalecco* is "lollypop."

Which is why I'm back, a few days later, determined to try that gelato-salad combo. Even though it's only about 2:00, I ask Francesco's



Lorenzo

brother Lorenzo for the "evening" salad (La Sera, \$10.25; "in the moonlight..." says the menu). And yes, when it comes, beautiful. Yellow endive around the edge of the plate, green lettuce, red prosciutto, white cannellini beans, a pink sauce, and, alongside, a bowl of lemonflavored gelato. The gelato does freshen you up for your next lunge at the beans 'n' prosciutto. Lorenzo says the combo was his idea. "Back in Italy we even do it with raw fish," he says.

Wow. Leave it to the guys from Pisa to introduce a new angle on eatin'. ■

The Place: Pappalecco, 1602 State Street, Little Italy, 619-238-4590 **Type of Food:** Italian

Prices: Saggio, salad with prosciutto, artichoke, Parmesan flakes, pine nuts, \$11.25; La Sera (mixed vegetables, beans, prosciutto), \$10.25; Nonno Amadeo (sliced Italian meat, green salad, olives, orange), \$10.75; Rustico (Italian cold cuts, goat cheese, bread), \$12.75; Piatto del poeta ("Poet's Plate"), shrimp, smoked salmon, zucchini, \$11.25; panino Toscano, with prosciutto, mozzarella, \$7; gelati, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50

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Dream Come True

"They want to have their own private label—the family wine."

POW camp in Cambodia during the Vietnam War. "While I was there," he recalls, "I dreamed of places. You built places in your mind — you did all kinds of things like that. I drew

a house, Spanish-style, surrounded by fruit trees, with a rounded wooden door." Years later — back in the '80s, and back in San Diego — "I showed it to my wife. One afternoon, she was driving around Ramona, and she found the house. It was for sale; I came up to look at it and wrote a full-

price offer." Adobe, surrounded by avocado trees, with a commanding view of the valley below — and a rounded wooden door. "We had the name — Hacienda de las Rosas — even before we had the house."

It turned out that the apple orchard on the property — some 600 trees — had grown too old to produce any longer, but Holzhauer wasn't overly perturbed. The space was ideal (after a fair bit of earthmoving) for a horse's round pen — together with his wife Tammy, he raises Peruvian Paso Horses. "We both had horses as kids, and when we first started riding gaited horses, we found that there was no posting — no bouncing. We can drink wine while we ride." And on the slopes above and below the pen, he could plant his vineyard. He took some viticulture classes at Davis and set to work, sinking rebar at the ends of his rows and building

white concrete end posts around it. He ran more wire than some — he'd put only good soil on the hillside and needed a way to manage plant vigor. Increased vine density and a lyre trellising system — which gave him eight feet of cordons in a four-foot

space — did the trick.

"I love horticulture," says Holzhauer, "and I liked the idea of the vineyard, that whole ambiance that comes with it. It's not the same as an orchard. It's more than just a farming kind of thing. You take your time with each plant — maybe you have to cut off one or two leaves

to allow sun on the grapes. It's more of a lifestyle. You don't usually sit in an orchard and talk about the fruit on the trees. With grapes, you sit out there with your friends and talk about the dreams — living the good life."

He wasn't alone in his dream of the vine-growing life. "When I started putting in our vineyards, people started saying, 'I'd love a vineyard! I'd like to grow grapes! I'd like to make my own wine!' Then I started hearing these stories: 'Well, my grandfather made wine back East — we did it all together. It was horrible, but it was a blast to do. I want my kids to have that.' They have the dream that they're going to make this incredible wine, or they're somehow able to let their blood pressure go back down. And it's just a blast to take raw land and turn it into something that's going to last for years."

Eventually, Holzhauer heard enough stories

that he thought there might be a business in it. "Part one is getting the vineyard in and getting them through the first season. We do site location. We check to see where the winds come from, so that the wind comes through the rows. We check where the sun is — we want maximum sunlight toward August and September, when you need to get those sugars up. We do everything on drip irrigation, and we try to use gravity as much as possible in letting the water run. And we put in a good infrastructure — the posts and wires. If it's not strong enough, then the whole thing will collapse in three or four years. Plus, for a percentage of the year, there are no leaves on

the vines — it's just bare posts and wire. So we try to make it look as nice as possible."

Part two is vineyard management. "We can maintain the vineyard for them, and we can take the fruit to market for them, help them sell it. And we offer custom crush — we bring the fruit here, bring in whatever equipment we need, and start making the wine. Sometimes, they take it home with them in the barrels. They want to have their own private label — the family wine. I planted a vineyard for a nice old lady who calls her ranch Serendipity. On my invoices, it just said, 'Granny's vineyard' — I called her 'Granny' out of respect. Sure enough, she now has business cards that read, 'Serendipity Ranch: Granny's Vineyard.' That's the dream."

The word is spreading. "I do a lot in Ramona, but I have some in Alpine, some in Jamul. I'm putting in ten in Blossom Valley this November. We're getting homeowners together from a development or a neighborhood — you can get eight or



William Holzhauer's home vineyard

ten families together that all want to have grapes." (Those lots will all run around an acre, but Holzhauer is happy to put in five or six rows in an urban backyard.)

Holzhauer administers a root-absorbed chemical to battle the glassy-winged sharpshooter (bearer of the vine-killing Pierce's disease), but other than that, he tries to keep things organic; he's not creating small-scale industrial farms. "I've found out through life that things are just better naturally. If you've ever tasted a garden tomato versus a grocery-store tomato...it's not the same thing. We don't poison rodents - we put in owl boxes and predator perches. If your dog gets hold of a ground squirrel, it doesn't have arsenic in it." As for pests, "I guess the corn weevil is one of my big things. They couldn't get rid of this bug, and they kept putting pesticides on the corn, and the bug kept getting stronger. All they had to do was change their fertilization process and use organic material, and the bug went away. And we try to keep things sustain-











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able - something you can pass on to the next generation and something that's really nice for your neighborhood." He voluntarily adheres to the code set forth by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance, which espouses environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible practices.

And he recently purchased a copy of Ancient Agriculture: Roots and Applications of Sustainable Farming. "This is the handbook that was given to all the Spanish explorers before they left Spain — it covers everything from raising oxen to making and storing wine. People think this organic, sustainable stuff is new. It's not new. It's what everyone had to have. The author, Gabriel Alonso de Herrera, writes, 'Agriculture offers a secure and stable life...The land is the source of all things, and because of the great benefits derived from it, we call it mother.' This guy is quoting the Romans, and I read that and say, 'Yeah.' "■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop $1030\,$ North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billy" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo." It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbeanstyle food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself - crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for medianoche). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner daily. Inexpensive.

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiffby-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-suc-cessful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. - N.W.

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light. creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. - N.W.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, in-cluding many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, al-though some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinners closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350, Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wideranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive.

— N.W.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787, No. this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score

of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting chawan mushi (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a threeegg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake - rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032, Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from neverfrozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama* ebi often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, kaiseki (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *tep*pan items expensive. — N.W.

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Shopping 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediter-ranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Santaluz, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it's, as Guide Michelin would say, "worth a detour." Provence-born chef-owner Phillippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of panisse, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other

great dishes include transcendent *coq au vin*, superb slow-baked salmon; and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Monday night moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) are as fine as the à la carte menu, although itís difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower than average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 condido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color - vellow purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of sunomono (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with masago, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bitesize cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. -

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continen tal food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with wine tasting. Regular lunch and dinner Thursday and Friday. Reservations recommended for Saturday wine tasting. Call for directions. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (toro) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, masago, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the uni (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the eggomelet sushi (tamago), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and ponzu sauce: and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive

early for prompt seating. Lunch week-days only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive.

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858, "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a

breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative

sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive.

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yam-aguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy

meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters - the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately: 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

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MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the tom kha koong (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstanding and authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing soto ayam (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy sambal goring (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. -

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080, Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — $\dot{M.N.}$

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, how-ever, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. In-

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the gauchos' great parillada mixta (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, welltreated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are ex-uberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many af-fordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Din ner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask be fore you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W.

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 New port Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the

smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner, till 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Fridays). Inexpensive.
— E.B.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive. Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and coowner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive.

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surf-boards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate - EB

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include vaki soba (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and champon noodle soup (udon noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner - and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese

619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their sajj. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and fool madamas (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef shawerma wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. In expensive. — N.W.

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies - each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Re stroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Vagabond Kitchen 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco* de carne meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're sur-rounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a Cheers for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly takeout, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. - E.B.

Chef Axel European Bistro 7097 University Avenue (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-460-7942. Chef Axel is a real chef with classic European training, bringing his expertise and high stan-dards to this neighborhood German restaurant. Currently, heis offering only a set-price Sunday brunch plus occasional special dinners, along with catering on or off site. The food is madefrom-scratch home-style cooking, including hearty soups, Bavarian veal sausage, rich noodle gratin, perfect schnitzel, and a Hungarian goulash that really "gets it" about Hungaryís spirited flavors. The brunch buffet includes a wide sampling of these dishes, along with free-flowing champagne or mi-



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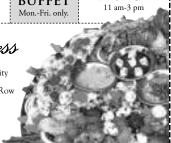
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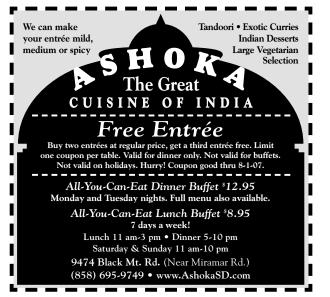




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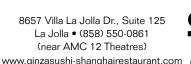
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mosas. Rare German beers are also available for an additional charge, along with an affordable wine list emphasizing German whites. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W.

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228, A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate fingerfood) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — N.W.

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a but-termilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — N.W.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best ors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes in-



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California Cuisine 1027 University etween Tenth Avenue and Vermont). Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crum-

bled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken tikki masala navratan korma (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or keema muttar (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincely sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte din-

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). - N.W.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. - N.W.

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of sal-ads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea. the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bondi Bar & Kitchen 333 Fifth Avenue (between J and K Streets), Gaslamp, 619-342-0212. What's loud, strange, and smart enough to catch the eye of every passerby? It's a huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub offering numerous Aussie - with urban Australian cuisine for ballast — plus a full bar (several of them) of well-chosen wines plus hard liquor. Prime seating is on the front patio and in large straw fish-traps suspended from the ceiling in the front dining room. (Dining rooms in back are dim; bring a mini-flashlight to read the menu.) The food resembles California

Fusion cuisine but is often spicier, made with home-country ingredients including grass-fed beef, South Pacific fish species, and herbs you've never heard of. There's great grazing on appetizers, including outstanding Pacific oysters on the half-shell, beef pies, tempura prawns, seafood pot stickers, and the fun of exploring cheeses from Oz. Mains are generally less exciting, with a tendency to vercook fish and meats. But it's a party. Dress code: Wear clothes. Three meals, seven days until 11 p.m., midnight on weekends. Mainly moderate, some entrées expensive. - N.W.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilledto-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war go ing on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever con sider serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive.

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose "small plates" many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing

foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as 'sceney" crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W.*

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Iim, Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranatemacadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahi-tian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D.*

Crudo Restaurant 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-398-2974. *Crudo* refers to the Italian version of sushi, but that's not on the menu at this flashy eatery-cum-nightclub, a partner-ship between Italian restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and disco maven Mike Viscuso. Nope, the raw fish here is Japanese fusion sushi and sashimi, with some excellent, creative "party rolls" (like the Green Hornet and the Crudo roll) and delightful, shareable sashimi "plateau" — a mini-encyclopedia of fish and garnishes. Fusiony appetizers, noodle or rice bowls, and baroque, high-end entrées fill out the list. Having a bite before the disco opens buys free entry to the lounge. Short wine list at high markups;

numerous sakes (mainly by-the-bottle only) at high-to-ridiculous markups; full bar. Want quiet? The dining patio in front is sheltered and serene. Disco Wednesday through Saturday night. Dinner nightly. "Bowls" and simple sushi inexpensive, otherwise very expensive. — N.W.

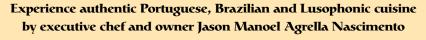
Dussini Mediterranean Bistro 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It's still huge way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguiça and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice— not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. - N.W.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (between F and G Streets), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. This is still one of the better Gaslamp Italian restaurants but its glory days may have passed and its prices have escalated. At this writing, it no longer has its own chef but shares an executive chef with two other nearby restaurants under the same ownership (Greystone and Ose-tra). Starters still shine, including mozzarella campagnola and fritto misto. No more great pizza — the oven is gone, to make room for more tables. Pastas can be excellent: The ravioli stuffed with lamb is delicious. Most main courses, though, are a letdown, although fork-tender braised osso bucco served with marrow (and a spoon to scoop it up!) is as sexy as can be. For dessert, try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Good wine list, with plenty of pleasing Italian bottles at affordable prices. Nice service by staffers from Italy, not Hoboken like its sister-restaurants. Valet parking. May be loud. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 11 p.m., midnight on weekends. Expensive to exorbitant. - N.W.









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Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The osso buco is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive. — N.W.

Vahida's Healthy Choice Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These Burck or Chevapchichi are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive.

BAJA

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El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and barcas (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed empapelado (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature cabreria steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. —

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's Mercado Municipal is like entering a scene from The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the mercado, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach Loncheria La Poca Lucha, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bistek ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Pescado frito (fried fish), milanesa con papas (veal with fries), pollo frito (fried chicken), and carne asada are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterráneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian palazzo offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole* poblano, includes two eggs, enchilada de mole, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. Super antojitos means super snacks, so search out the pastes — pastries stuffed with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B.

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Star Of India 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also at 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora*— a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*



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he latest installment in the Harry
Potter series opens with a storm
gathering precipitously over the
young wizard's head, portending an attack by the Dementors, those soul-

sucking wraiths that circle their prey like buzzards. It's moments like these that show how far J.K. Rowling's

hero has come from the beginning, when he was delivered from a Dickensian home life into a gee-whiz world of flying broomsticks, whimsical creatures, and other magical enchantments. Now dark clouds follow him around like Pig-Pen's filth, and being a wizard has become a joyless burden, a destiny that he grimly accepts as his lot in life. Though there are moments of levity scattered throughout Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, the workmanlike fifth entry in the franchise, the overall feeling is that it sucks to be Harry Potter, and it's only going to get suckier from here on out.

Though he fends off the Dementors, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) gets expelled from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for using a

forbidden curse in the presence of a "muggle." He wins back admittance on appeal, but many members of the Ministry of Magic refuse to accept his contention that the evil Voldemort

(Ralph Fiennes) has returned and plans to engage the forces of good in a battle royal. As a measure to keep

Harry and his cohorts in line, the Ministry installs prim taskmaster Dolores Umbridge (Imelda Staunton) as the new professor of Dark Arts, and she keeps them busy with grueling memorization and paperwork. Harry revolts by creating Dumbledore's Army, a group of rebel students who harness their powers in a secret training room. He's also introduced to the Order of the Phoenix, a clandestine faction preparing for a showdown with Voldemort.

While not all Harry Potter movies are created equal, consistency has been a major priority for the series, to the point where it's become the Prozac of blockbuster franchises — few highs or lows, just a general baseline of pleasing competence. Granted, there's a



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

significant difference between the flat literalness of Chris Columbus's first two entries and Alfonso Cuarón's fanciful *Prisoner of Azkaban*, but the films are telling one long story, and inspiration is often sacrificed for continuity's sake. Directed by David Yates, who has a background in British television, *Order of the Phoenix* feels a little too complacent at times, though it has

moments of visual wit, and it doesn't soft-pedal the dark mood that has eclipsed the series. Save for the thrilling opening sequence, there's not much to remember about the film beyond Staunton (*Vera Drake*), who masks her bottomless malevolence behind a pasted-on patrician smile. During this transitional stage, Dumbledore's Army and the Order of the Phoenix prepare

for bigger fights ahead — and presumably, more exciting movies, too. — Scott Tobias A.V. Club Rating: B-

iven that America's leaders don't feel that the Geneva Conventions apply to them, it's ironic how much moral outrage has recently been directed at so-called



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"torture porn," the grisly sub-genre that may be petering out with the sputtering box-office performance of The Hills Have Eyes and Hostel sequels. The trouble with many of the apocalyptic reviews, which apply to even to the most skillful and effective examples. is that they fail to make distinctions between art and trash; if a film offers up torture for viewers' presumed edification, then it couldn't possibly have any merit, right? Yet there's a world of difference between The Devil's Rejects and Wolf Creek - which work in the bracing (and, in the former case, politically loaded) tradition of The Texas Chain Saw Massacre — and bottomfeeding garbage like Captivity, which tries to nibble the stale crumbs of the Saw phenomenon.

In spite of cowriter Larry Cohen, the high-concept B-movie wizard behind Q: The Winged Serpent and the It's Alive trilogy, Captivity goes about its business in surprisingly rudimentary fashion. With little

setup, famous fashion model Elisha Cuthbert gets lured to a nightclub for a charity event, but a bad guy spikes her appletini and spirits her away to his torture chamber. Communicating with her strictly through cut-and-paste notes, disturbing video footage, and booby traps in the room, the captor subjects Cuthbert to various horrors, most involving the misuse of a Cuisinart. Cuthbert finds an unexpected ally when she discovers another victim (Daniel Gillies) in the cell adjacent to hers, but in this controlled environment, someone's watching their every move.

As with the Saw movies, there's a big twist behind all these gross machinations, but once it arrives, it raises the question of why the writers didn't come up with another twist to cover up the honkingly obvious one. A long way from The Killing Fields — or even his famously botched version of The Scarlet Letter, for that matter — director Roland Joffé halfheartedly builds atmosphere with dim lighting, scratchy sound effects, and more surveillance equipment than Fort Knox. In a genre where killers love to play head

games, it's a clever idea (Cohen's?) to have this one remain mute, but that leaves Cuthbert to carry much of the psychological load, and there's no substance to her character, apart from the suggestion that she's being punished for her vanity. Captivity has the compulsory quality of a straight-to-DVD movie — and considering the fast-fading torture-porn movement, that's no doubt the destiny of similar offerings to follow.

— Scott Tobias A.V. Club Rating: D ■

MOVIE

Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Andrea Gronvall, and Dave Kehr, reprinted by permission from the Chicago Reader.

Breakfast at Tiffany's —Blake Edwards's 1961 film of Truman Capote's novel is one of his best-known efforts but far from his best—it's one of the few that he didn't write, and screenwriter George Axelrod has entirely too many opportunities to indulge his own rather sleazy sense of social satire. Still, this story of a party girl (Audrey Hepburn) in love with a gigolo (George Peppard) allows Edwards to create a very handsome film, with impeccable Technicolor photography by Franz Planer. — D.K.

Broken English — A single thirtysomething (Parker Posey) meets an eccentric Frenchman (Melvil



Lady Chatterly

Poupaud); directed by Zoe Cassavetes.

Captivity — Reviewed this issue. With Elisha Cuthbert, Daniel Gillies, and Pruit Taylor Vince; directed by Roland Joffé.

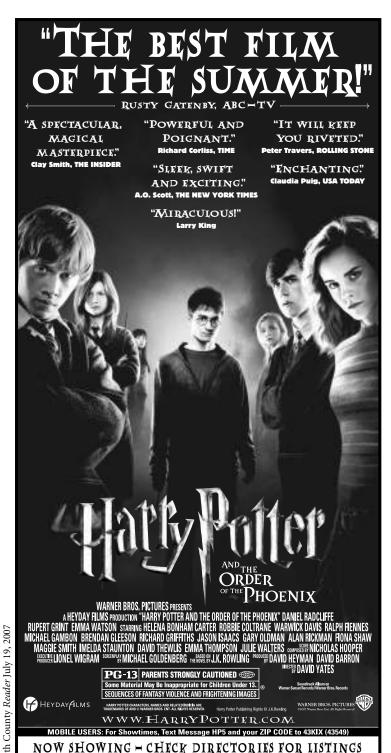
Entrapment — Sean Connery remains the closest thing we have to Cary Grant, which helps to explain why he often gets teamed with leading ladies a third his age. But he brings off the conceit with more polish than Clint Eastwood, and it's the romantic sparring with Catherine Zeta-Jones as another glamorous thief — not the unsuspenseful heists — that makes this silly thriller lightly bearable. The multiple double crosses tend to be more fun, if no less predictable, than the hyperbolic action sequences because the

stars are more at ease (and we're not watching stunt doubles). Some of the locations (London, rural Scotland, Kuala Lumpur) add spice to the mixture, and Ving Rhames and Will Patton provide the formulaic secondary cast. Jon Amiel directed the script by Ron Bass and William Broyles. — *J.R.*

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 animals 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 selfconsciously 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 Âlba, 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



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out here. Tim Story directed; with Julian McMahon and Andre Braugher. — *J.R.*

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.

Gypsy Caravan — Five gypsy bands from four countries on a U.S. tour

Hairspray — Movie adaptation of the stage adaptation of the original movie. Starring John Travolta, Queen Latifah, Amanda Bynes, Christopher Walken, and Michelle Pfeiffer; directed by Adam Shankman.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — Reviewed this issue. With Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes, Gary Oldman, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham Carter, and Robbie Coltrane; directed by David Yates.

I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry — Adam Sandler and Kevin James star in this comedy about two firefighters who pretend to be a gay couple in order to secure domestic benefits. Dennis Dugan directed; with Dan Aykroyd, Steve Buscemi, and Jessica Biel.

Knocked Up — Judd Apatow made his bones as a comedy writer for Ben Stiller and Garry Shandling, but his own projects — the TV series Freaks and Geeks and Undeclared and the sleeper theatrical hit The 40-Year-Old Virgin — have a sensibility all their own, loyal to the tradition of raunchy adolescent humor but also sneakily astute in their emotional truths. Like Virgin, this story of a lazy slob (Seth Rogen) who drunkenly impregnates a beautiful TV host (Katherine Heigl of Grey's Anatomy) shows how young men and women tend to view each other as the gateway to adulthood, though in this case the looming responsibility of childbirth makes the passage even more terrifying. Funny, honest, and generous, this is mainstream American comedy at its best. Apatow directed; with Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, Martin Starr, Jason Segal, and Jay Baruchel. – J.R.J.

Lady Chatterley — D.H.

Lawrence wrote three versions of the novel that we know as *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. Pascale Ferran adapts the second version, *John Thomas and Lady Jane* (the pet names of Lady Chatterley and her gamekeeper lover for their sex organs) into a masterful 168-minute piece of storytelling (2006) that never ceases to be gripping in spite of its measured pace. Ferran proves that a distinction between sensual and sexual art is worth making. There are also class issues: the heroine (Marina Hands) is happily married to an invalid, impotent war veteran (Hippolyte Girardot) who signals his acceptance of someone else from the same class fathering his heir. But since it's his gamekeeper (Jean-Louis Coulloc'h), the affair's kept secret. Ferran's sureness in charting every step in the couple's discovery of each other never falters; when they eventually find the opportunity to remove their clothes before having sex, it's a major achievement, and celebrated as such. In French with subtitles. — I.R.I.

License to Wed — As someone who's been developing an allergy to Robin Williams over the years, I didn't exactly welcome the idea of his playing the clergyman from hell as he conducts a souped-up version of a rigorous "marriage preparation course" for a Chicago couple (Mandy Moore and John Krasinski). But even if I could have put up with the unpleasantness of this as comedy, I still would have balked at the eventual portrayal of this monster as an angel in disguise — even as he's monitoring the couple's everv move from a surveillance van to make sure they don't indulge in premarital sex. Director Ken Kwapis (The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants) gives this script-by-manyhands a certain gloss it doesn't deserve. — J.R.

Live Free or Die Hard — Twelve years after the third entry in the action franchise about unstoppable New York maverick cop John Mc-Clane (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 Eurotrash sniper who rappels down buildings are more thrilling than the



VICTORIA MATURE

Cast, Medea reading

I love Michael Cacoyannis's great films of Euripides. My favorite's probably *The Trojan Women* with Katharine Hepburn as Hecuba, Vanessa Redgrave as Andromache, Geneviève Bujold as Cassandra, and the great Greek actress Irene Papas as Helen. It's hard not to think of it now when I see women in Iraq and Afghanistan trying to cope with wars that they're caught in the middle of.

Iphigenia stars Papas as
Clytemnestra. It's a devastating
movie about how Agamemnon
sacrifices his daughter Iphigenia
to the gods and the politics of
war. The hatred in
Clytemnestra's face in the last
shot prefigures the whole
Oresteia.

Interestingly, Papas played *Electra* 15 years before, goading her grown-up brother Orestes to kill their mother Clytemnestra and avenge their father. It's a take on the mother murder that's different from the Aeschylus trilogy. What stunning films from the same director who made *Zorba the Greek!*

THE TROJAN WOMEN 1971, Kino Video List price: \$29.95 IPHIGENIA 1977, MGM List price: \$19.98 ELECTRA 1962, MGM List price: \$14.98

DAVID S. COHEN

Co-founder and director, Grass Roots Greeks, www.asianamericanrep.org

I've been thinking about Euripides's Medea as the Grass Roots Greeks perform readings of Marianne McDonald's contemporary translation at SDSU's Experimental Theatre in connection with the Asian American Repertory Theatre's production of a modern updating of Medea. Italian neorealist Pier Paolo Pasolini directed a great film version with Maria Callas in a nonsinging role that truly captures the spirit of ancient Greece. It's a fascinating exploration of film's potential to communicate the multidimensional, ever-shifting reality of myth.

Lars Von Trier's Medea starkly recreates the ancient world in images of primitive squalor. It features the most horrible scene of child sacrifice I know of. Heartrending and hard to watch, but one senses that Furipides would have approved.

Jules Dassin's *Dream of Passion*, with Melina Mercouri as a Greek actress playing the Euripides role, depicts the powerful way that actors can be possessed by their roles. But it's not yet available on DVD.

MEDEA (France/Italy/West Germany) 1970, Vanguard Cinema List price: Out of print, available used MEDEA (Denmark) 1988, Facets

List price: \$29.95

TIMOTHY BRITTAIN

Sound design and original music for select Grass Roots Greeks readings

The BBC's *Oedipus Rex*, translated and directed by Don Taylor, stars Michael Pennington as Oedipus, Claire Bloom as Jocasta, and John Gielgud as Tieresias. It's staged and acted brilliantly despite a tiresome score.

Pier Paolo Pasolini's Italian version of *Oedipus*, the masterpiece *Edipo Re* weaves a spell of cinematic and mythic magic. Employing his characteristic neorealist style, Pasolini cast real peasants as citizens of ancient Thebes. He imagined a millennia-old reality so vividly we can feel the primitive terror of that plague- and incest-ridden city in our modern skin.

Julie Taymor directed Igor Stravinsky's opera *Oedipus Rex* — with a libretto in Latin by Jean Cocteau — with Jessye Norman singing Jocasta in a Japanese production that uses huge puppets and dancers to represent the fated king's tragic fall. A female Japanese narrator adds another layer of exotic, archetypal reality to a musical and artistic triumph unlike any other Oedipus ever put on film.

OEDIPUS REX (England/USA)
2004, Philips Classics
List price: \$29.98
EDIPO RE (Italy) 1967,
Water Bearer Films
List price: \$29.95
THE THEBAN PLAYS: OEDIPUS
THE KING/OEDIPUS AT
COLONUS/ANTIGONE
(ENGLAND) 1984,
Films Media Group
List price: \$425.95 (three discs, for educational institutions)





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CENTRAL

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Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Evan Almighty (PG); Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG); Knocked Up (R); License to Wed (PG-13); Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13); Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13); Ratatouille (G); Sicko (PG-13); Transformers (PG-13); You Kill Me (R)

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) Hairspray (PG); Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13); I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13); Knocked Up (R); License to Wed (PG-13); Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13); Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13); Ratatouille (G); Transformers

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Evening (PG-13); Lady Chatterley (Not Rated); Sicko (PG-13); La Vie en Rose

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Breakfast at Tiffany's (Not Rated); Entrapment (PG-13)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Kidtoon Comics** Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sicko (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30 Sat. 4:45, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:45, 10:45

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6 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Captivity (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:10, 9:35, 11:50; Evan Almighty (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:45, 5:20; 3 (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40 Sun. 2:10, 2:40; 1408 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00; Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Hill Sun. (10:50, 11:35) 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:05, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30. Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40 Sun. 2:10, Sun (10:50, 11:35) 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:05, 7:05. 7:50, 9:50, 10:30; **Harry Potter and the Order** of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 11:45) 12:50, 1:35, 3:05, 4:05, 4:50, 6:20, 7:20, 8:05, 9:40, 10:45, 11:20; I Now Pronounce

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Gypsy Caravan** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Broken English (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; La Vie en Rose (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 3:50 6:45, 9:40; **Once** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Paris. Je T'Aime (R) Fri. 4:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 4:15, 9:45; Rescue Dawn (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Waitress** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:30,

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00 Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 6:00; Dinosaurs Alive! (NR) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **The Hu**man Body Fri. 7:00; Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; The Alps: Giants of Nature (No Rated) Fri. 12:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00

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EAST COUNTY

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LA MESA

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; License to Wed (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Transformers

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CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

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Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) **Captivity** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; **Evan Almighty** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10) 1:40, 4:15, 6:55; Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 12:50, 3:10; 1408 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 12:50, 5:10; 1408 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 1:55, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:25, 1:20, 3:35, 4:20, 6:30, 7:15, 9:25, 10:05; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:05, 4:35, 7:45, 10:50 Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:30) 12:35, 1:45, 2:20, 2:50, 3:50, 5:15, 5:45, 6:20, 7:25, 8:35, 9:05, 9:40, 10:30 Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:50, 6:20, 9:40 Sun. (11:00, 11:30) 12:35, 1:45, 2:20, 2:50, 3:50, 5:15, 5:45, 6:20, 7:25, 8:35, 9; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 11:15) 1:15, 2:05, 4:10, 5:00, 7:05, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 11:15) 1:15, 2:05, 4:10, 5:00, 7:05, 8:00, 9:55; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 10:00; **License to Wed** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:00, 3:25, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25; Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 12:40, 2:55, 3:45, 6:35, 7:05, 9:45, 10:15 Sun. (11:50) 12:40, 2:55, 3:45, 6:35, 7:05, 9:45; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri -Sun 9:30: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13) Fri.-Sun 6:05, 9:35; Ratatouille (G) Fri -Sat (10:55, 11:45) 12:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:15, 5:05 5:50, 7:55, 8:45, 10:35 Sun. (10:55, 11:45) 12:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:15, 5:05, 5:50, 7:55, 8:45, 10:30: Transformers (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 11:20) 12:00, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:45, 3:30, 4:05, 4:50, 5:25, 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:40 Sun. (10:35, 11:20) 12:00, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:45, 3:30, 4:05, 4:50, 5:25, 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:50, 10:20

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street (619-216-4707) **Evan Almighty** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:25) 7:25, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:25, 7:25, 10:15; **1408** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:55, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:00, 7:55 10:45; Hairspray (PG) Fri. (11:00, 1:45, 4:55) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:55, 7:50, 10:40; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 10:50, 11:30, 12:15, 12:45, 1:20, 2:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:05, 4:45, 5:15) 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:20, 11:10 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 10:50, 11:30, 12:15, 12:45, 1:20, 2:00, 3:00, 3:30) 4:05, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:20, 11:1; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:10, 1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 5:30) 7:30, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:10, 1:30, 2:15) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:35; **License to Wed** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:40, 4:40) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:40) 4:40, 7:45, 10:05; **Live** Free or Die Hard (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:35, 4:35) 7:50, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:35) 4:35, 7:50, 10:55; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 1:00, 3:50) 6:50, 9:40; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:30, 1:10, 3:45, 4:20) 7:00, 7:40, 10:10, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 1:10, 3:45) 4:20, 7:00, 7:40, 10:10, 10:50; You Kill Me (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:05) 8:05, 10:25 Sat.-Sun

(12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 8:05, 10:25 **IMPERIAL BEACH**

South Bay Drive-In

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

Evan Almighty (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:05) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; **Evening** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **Harry** Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:30) 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:00; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; **License to Wed** (PG-13)

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ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

River Village

F3256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 7:30, 10:45; I Now Pronounce You **Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **License to Wed** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 4:45; Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 7:15, 10:15; Ratatouille (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri. Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:45, 10:45

POWAY

Poway 10

wav Road (858-646-9423) **Evan Almighty** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, Site Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, Sun. (10:30, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 1:00, 2:00) 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **License to Wed** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45, 10:45

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

VISTA

Vista Village Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Evan Almighty (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **1408** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 12:30, 3:00, 5:20) 7:35, 9:55; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:10, 1:20, 2:00, 4:10 4:50) 7:05, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40; **Harry Potter** and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 1:10, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00) 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:00, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:20) 7:20, 8:00, (11:20, 12:00, 2:00, 2:40, 3:40, 3:20) 7:20, 0:00, 10:00, 10:40; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **License to Wed** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:25 Sat. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 9:45 Sun. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:25; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:45) 7:50, 10:45; No Reservations (PG) Sat. 7:10p.m.; Ratatouille (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 11:30, 1:20, 2:15, 4:10) 6:55, 9:35; Transformers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00,

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:10, 4:05) 7:00, 10:00; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:10; Transformers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun (12:20, 3:30) 6:45, 9:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420) Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00,

8:00, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:30, 10:15; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Kidtoon Comics** Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **License to** Wed (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **No Reservations** (PG) Sat. 8:00; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri. Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Evening (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Sicko** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **You Kill Me** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15,

ENCINITAS La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Knocked Up (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45: Ratatouille (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790) Captivity (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:05, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; **1408** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:20; Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:30; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:00, 2:00, 3:30) 5:20, 7:00, 9:00, 10:20: I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:5) 1:40, 4:40) 7:45, 10:35; License to Wed (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55, 4:25) 7:10, 10:10; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:55, 3:25) 6:30, 7:05, 9:40, 10:15; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:05, 1:30, 2:00, 4:25) 5:05, 7:20, 7:50, 10:15, 10:35; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 3:00, 3:30) 6:30, 7:00, 10:00, 10:30

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) **Evan Almighty** (PG) Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:05, 10:15; **1408** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (1:25, 3:45) 6:00, 8:20, 10:45; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Sat. (11:10, 12:10, 1:10, 1:30, 2:10, 3:10) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:10, 7:15, 7:45, 8:10, 9:10, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10 Sun. (11:10, 12:10, 1:10, 1:30, 2:10, 3:10) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:10, 7:15, 7:45, 8:10, 9:10, 10:10, 10:40; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 11:45, 1:35, 2:20) 4:15, 4:45, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Knocked Up** (R) Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 2:05) 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; **Li-cense to Wed** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:20, 9:50; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 6:55, 9:50; Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) Sat -Sun (11:15. 2:00) 4:55, 7:35, 10:20; **Ratatouille** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; **Transformers** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 12:30, 1:50, 3:35) 4:50, 6:45, 7:55, 9:45, 10:50

over-the-top chase sequences, so contrived as to verge on self-parody. Len Wiseman (Underworld) directed. — A.G.

Ocean's Thirteen — Just a way station between Ocean's Twelve (2004) and the inevitable "Ocean's

Fourteen," this third installment in the franchise is outlandish even as fantasy, a labyrinthine revenge caper undertaken after evil lug Al Pacino double-crosses sweet-tempered lug Elliott Gould (part of the usual crew) out of his share of a Vegas hotel-casino. George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, and Carl Reiner are all back, though Julia Roberts has taken a powder as designated sex object and been replaced by a villainous

Ellen Barkin, the butt of much





Ocean's Thirteen

ageist ridicule. Predictably adolescent and smarmy, with the mix of sentimentality and cynical flippancy that's becoming Steven Soderbergh's specialty (even when he's pretending to make art films), this is chewing gum for the eyes and ears, and not bad as such. — J.R.

Once — In the opening scene of John Carney's engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the wastrel who's snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep

the money. That sort of humanity infuses the movie, a low-budget and leisurely plotted DV project in which the singer, a poor vacuumcleaner repairman, falls in love with a young Czech immigrant (Markéta Irglová) who plays the piano and helps him put together a band for a demo session. The songs don't advance the narrative lyrically so much as follow the two characters' uncertain relationship through the slow realization of their themes; in particular a scene in which they first jam together in the back room of a music store is a gem. — J.R.

Paris, Je T'Aime — Most features composed of sketches by different filmmakers are wildly uneven. This one is consistently mediocre, albeit pleasant and watchable. It helps that none of the episodes runs longer than five or six minutes. Many of the most famous areas of Paris the Latin Quarter, the Champs-Elysées — are omitted, but Olivier Assayas, Gurinda Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Gérard Depardieu, Christopher Doyle, Vincenzo Natali, Alexander Payne, Bruno Podalydes, Walter Salles and Daniela Thomas, Nobuhiro Suwa,





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Tom Tykwer, and Gus Van Sant, among others, do pretty well with their chosen parts of the city. In English and subtitled French. — J.R.

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End — Nearly every element of the previous two movies resurfaces in this third adventure, which ends up overloaded with characters and subplots. Returning villains Geoffrey Rush, Bill Nighy, and Tom Hollander team with Chow Yun-fat and a half-dozen pirate lords to bedevil fey buccaneer Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and star-crossed lovers Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley. Depp plays multiple versions of Sparrow, who now suffers from a split personality; his shtick is funny, but the players are all upstaged by the astonishing special effects, superior to those of earlier installments in creating a wondrous and menacing world. Gore Verbinski directed; with

Naomie Harris, Stellan Skarsgard, and Keith Richards. — A.G.

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.

Rescue Dawn — Released by MGM, starring two busy Hollywood actors, and easily slotted as a Vietnam POW adventure, this could be Werner Herzog's most commercial movie ever. But it's also elemental Herzog, a story of superhuman

willpower that he first told in his moving 1997 documentary Little Dieter Needs to Fly. Christian Bale gives a committed performance as Dieter Dengler, the U.S. fighter pilot shot down over Laos in 1966 and held in a jungle camp; Steve Zahn and Jeremy Davies are compelling as Dengler's suffering prison mates, respectively drawn to and repelled by his irrepressible optimism as he plots their escape. With its clumsy treatment of the Laotian guards and its macho denouement back in the States, Rescue Dawn sometimes stumbles into Rambo territory (it was screened for U.S. troops in Iraq on Independence Day). But like much of Herzog's work, it's essentially apolitical, focusing on a man at war with his environment — and no one plunges into the foliage the way he does. — J.R.J.

Sicko — Asked who the greatest French poet was, André 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.

Transformers — Not a movie, just one gigantic commercial for Hasbro, this collaboration between director Michael Bay and executive producer Steven Spielberg is a textbook case of cynical Hollywood extravagance. State-of-the-art CGI might please the now-grown fans of

the popular line of Autobot and Decepticon toys introduced in the '80s, but the embarrassingly weak screenplay by Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci (The Island, Mission: Impossible III) will disappoint those hoping for entertainment value beyond the spectacle of robotic aliens morphing into cars, trucks, tanks, and jet fighters. As if aware of their insignificance, Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Anthony Anderson, and John Turturro ham their way through the boring high-tech drivel about a war over earth's future, while Josh Duhamel and Jon Voight play it straight. Hugo Weaving voices the evil Megatron. — A.G.

La Vie en Rose — Marion Cotillard tears up all the available scenery in this overblown, achronological biopic of French pop singer Edith Piaf. Whether sincere or cynical, the movie is a near parody of the "Je ne regrette rien"/"This is Mrs. Norman Maine" school of female suffering and camp mortification: the heroine grows up in Grandma's brothel, sings on the streets, gets discovered by an entrepreneur (Gérard Depardieu no less), loses or gets snatched away from loved ones, becomes dependent on drink and drugs. Director-cowriter Olivier Dahan lamentably leapfrogs past most of the German occupation, when Piaf was a courageous member of the resistance. With Sylvie Testud and Emmanuelle Seigner. In French with subtitles. — J.R.

Waitress — 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 neonoirs 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.

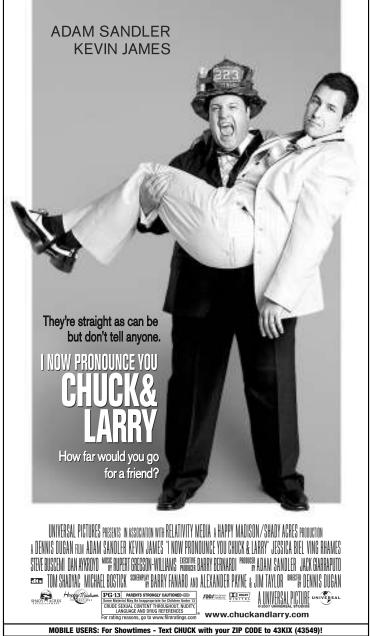


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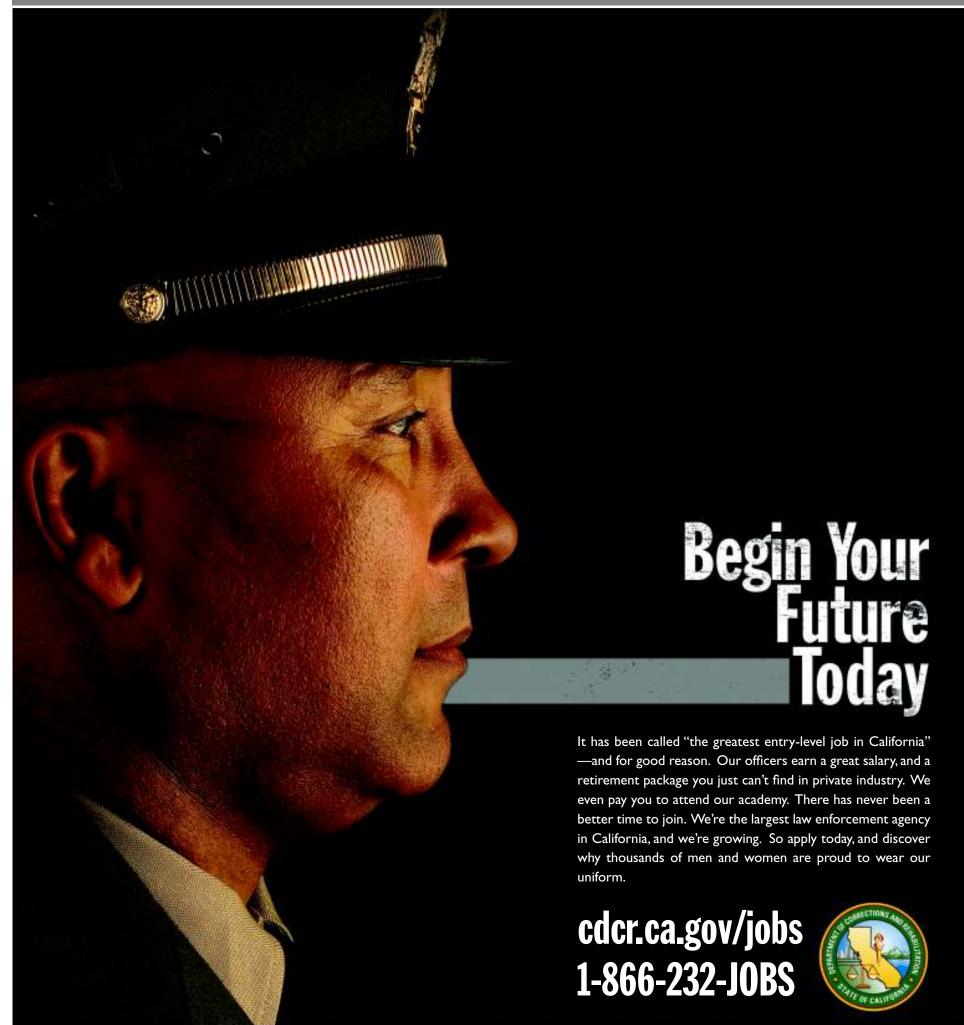
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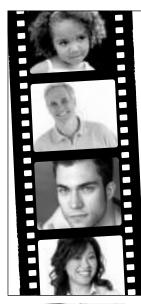
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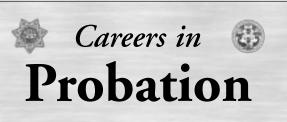
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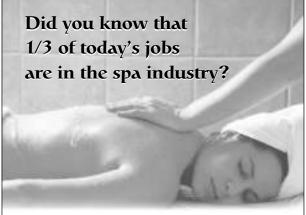
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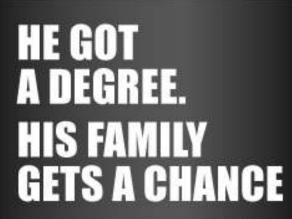
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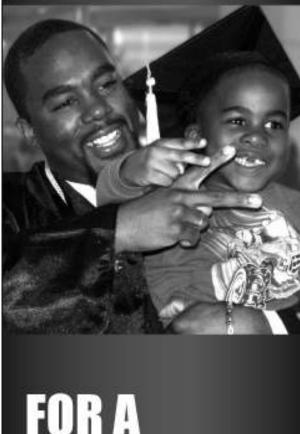
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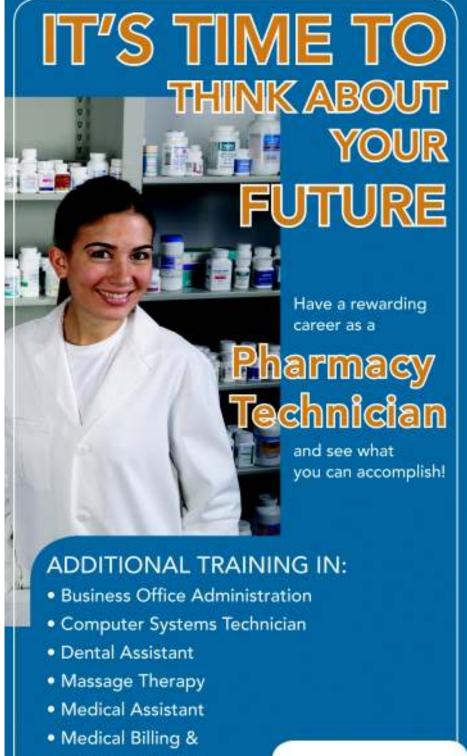
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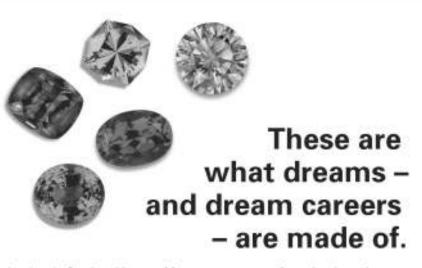
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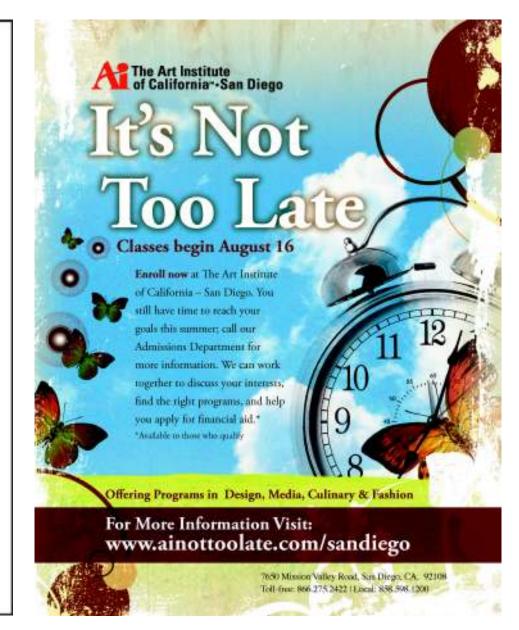


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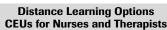
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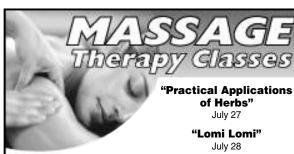
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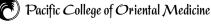
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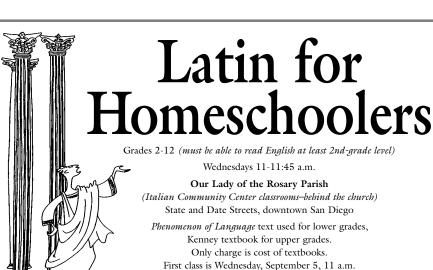
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I got here [Harry Potter midnight premiere] before 5:00 a.m. Since we aren't going in until 11:30 tonight, that's an entire day. It will be the longest I've waited. One friend joined me, but others couldn't get time off. Another wishes I'd stop talking about it. I brought my "sorting hat," which was in the first movie.



Dan Lacey Armorsmith

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My longest line was the Trilogy Tuesday, when they premiered the third Lord of the Rings movie and showed the first two. The total time there was the most, since I got to the theater at 6:00 a.m. and the last movie started at midnight. I didn't get out of there until 3:30 a.m. That's almost 24 hours. The couple that showed up a few hours before me fell asleep during the movie. I got here at 7:00 a.m. My friend waited for a Wii for two days.



Brooke Tompkins

Student

Scripps Ranch

We got here at 1:00 p.m. We got tickets a week in advance, but we wanted to make sure we got good seats. We brought blankets and a cooler packed like we were going on a trip. I can't imagine I'd wait in a line this long for anything else; maybe a really good concert, but not some product. I'd wait for another Harry Potter movie. I'd bring an air mattress, though, because it's more comfortable.



Vanessa Do

Student

Rancho Peñasquitos

I got here at noon. I've waited in really long lines for Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter. The wait at Comic-Con was a few hours. I wouldn't wait overnight for a movie, though. I'd never wait by myself. My family doesn't have a problem with it. I will have waited 12 hours for this. The only thing I would wait longer for is a David Bowie concert.



Ralph Perez YMCA employee

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I was in a few documentaries, since I waited in line for a month to see the Star Wars movie. Maybe I shouldn't brag about that. I started lining up for movies in 1977, with the first Star Wars. With summer blockbusters you don't want people to ruin the movie for you. And it's fun to be with a crowd that's just as excited as you to see it. I want to get here earlier than the first people that got here the night before. With concerts, I waited two days for Bruce Springsteen tickets. I'll probably be dating myself here, but I waited a long time for tickets to Duran Duran.



Kiera Fuller

Student

Mira Mesa

It will probably be this line. I got here at 3:30 p.m. That will be nine hours I waited to see this Harry Potter. I waited in a long line for Lord of the Rings. I waited in line for books, too. The Harry Potter books were released at midnight. I went to Borders during the day and got a number for my reserve copy. There was a long line, but we left and came back later that night. So, that wasn't a continuous line. My friends think I'm weird being this into it. I'm having a friend show up later. I don't know how the other people in line will react to that, though.

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- 18. 2501, to Tacitus
- 19. River in central Germany
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- 23. Milker's handful
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- 25. Puff up 27. Indy 500 advertiser
- 28. Bridge builder, maybe: Abbr.
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- 42. Stuff in trays
- 43. AOL rival
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- _ premium
- 48. Broadway choreographer of "Chicago"
- 50. Name of six tsars
- 52. 2001 Britney Spears song "_ Away"
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- 57. Time ____ half
- 58. Photographer Adams 59. Baldwin of "30 Rock"
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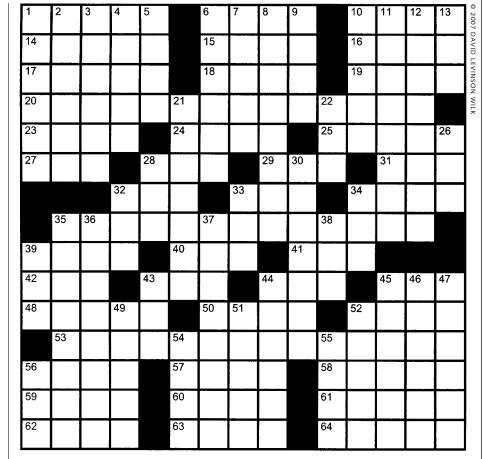
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- 4. Like close friends
- Postpaid encl.
- 6. Mouth puckerers
- 7. 1964 Burt Lancaster film "Seven Days
- 8. "Good
- 9. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit

10. Perfect

- 11. Less than perfect
- 12. Sign of welcomeness
- 13. "Car Talk" broadcaster
- 21. Some coast-to-coast flights 22. "Pygmalion" monogram
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- 28. Soften, as lighting 30. It's about 17 miles from San Diego
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- 33. Boxer, e.g.: Abbr.
- 34. Raggedy
- 35. Its parent company uses the symbol YUM on the New York Stock Exchange
- 36. Biased
- 37. Mercy
- 38. Rink great Bobby
- 39. It uses 1,218 peanuts for each of its 28-ounce jars
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- 44. Songs of praise
- 45. Competitor of Capitol and Epic
- 46. Get a program on the radio 47. Some are right
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- 54. "That's all
- 55. Tandoor-baked breads 56. A portrait of him overlooks
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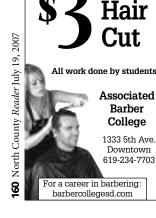
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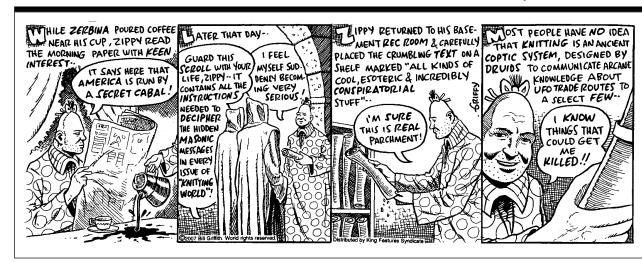
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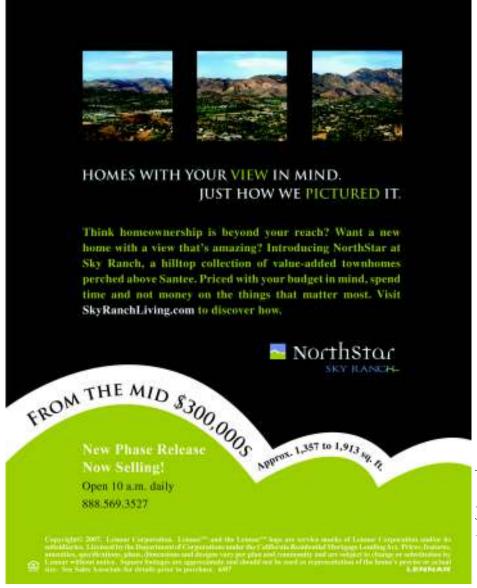
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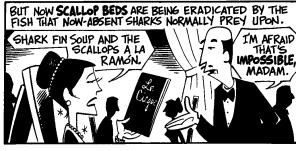














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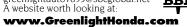
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Science on the Cutting Edge

- (1) A Tohoku University (Sendai, Japan) researcher reported in June that his work reveals that cockroaches have memories and the ability to learn, in that they can be taught to salivate (upon exposure to a specific odor), just as Pavlov showed that dogs could be taught to salivate (upon hearing a bell). (2) The human nose's ability to differentiate smells is greatly improved by mucus, which helps the nose by separating the scents chemically, and researchers from the UK's Warwick University said in April that they had

developed an artificial mucus (a thin polymer coating over an artificial nose that enhances that device's effectiveness).

 Among the recent discoveries of substances that provide similar virility outcomes as Viagra: the venom of a variety of black widow spider found in southern Chile (according to a researcher at Universidad de la Frontera in Temuco, Chile); the health drink Boost Plus (according to a June lawsuit filed by Christopher Woods of New York City. who developed priapism); the winter-flowering heather plant (according to botanists at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland); and walnut extract (according to a researcher at Universiti Malaya in Malaysia) (though one would need 7 pounds of walnuts to achieve the effect of one pill).

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

Exciting New Products: (1) a washing machine with a built-in MP3 player and speakers (U.S. patent applied for in June, from the South Korean firm LG Electronics) and (2) Liver Love, Carob Crunch, Honey Hearts, and other dog treats that are marketed as snacks that owners can enjoy along with their dogs (from Britain's Alldog Bakery), but with the principal drawback that they are more expensive per gram than lumpfish caviar or the priciest of gourmet chocolates.

Leading Economic Indicators

Faced with falling prices for domestic wine, a group of French vintners has made terroristic threats against the government and retailers who carry imports. The guerrilla gang, wearing black ski masks, released a video in May (so far ignored by the Sarkozy government), reminding officials about recent incidents in which small explosives were detonated in supermarkets that carry imported wines and in which a tractor-trailer carrying imported wine had been shot at. Said one hooded protester, "Blood will flow" if prices don't soon rise. Parents With Too Much Money: Backyard play sets can range in price from less than \$100 to high-end outfits of \$2,000 to \$12,000 that would typically include fancy combinations of rock walls, rope ladders, sandboxes and tunnel slides, and maybe a tower with roofs and rotating plastic guns mounted on the walls, according to a May report in Milwaukee's Journal Sentinel. Also available: the King Kong Carl McKee Custom, at 46 feet by 58 feet, featuring towers 16 feet high (price: about \$46,000 installed).

The Continuing Crisis

· In June, for the fourth year, professor Paul Worsey of the University of Missouri-Rolla conducted his Summer Explosives Camp, with 20 highschool-age kids learning the techniques of blowing things up (e.g., a tree stump, a watermelon, a dead chicken). Said one camper, "Some people like baseball (but) I just like to set off bombs." Worsey's main goal is to recruit mine-engineering majors to his school, but another benefit, he told National Public Radio, is that the school "attract[s] the kids that might otherwise get into a little bit of trouble [and] give[s] them ... an opportunity

· In June, the town council in Ledbury, England, turned down Timothy Fry's request to be allowed to exercise his two snakes, Rose and Buddy, in the town's park. He said he'd been letting them roam, leashless, for the last year with no complaints, but admitted that the two (a corn snake and a rat snake) were getting stressed from all the attention they have been receiving.

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Thirty Years Ago

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—CLASSIFIEDS, July 21, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

He decided to build a 50-foot tower in the front yard of his home on Eighteenth Street in National City. Two elevators would climb to the top of this tower, where a room would slowly revolve. From there he could gaze at the Coronado Bridge in serenity. And James LaValle, who is 78 years old, did complete about 30 feet of his project. Then city workers swept in two weeks ago, demolished the tower, bulldozed away its remains, and cleared the front property of everything else LaValle had lovingly constructed on it.

—CITY LIGHTS: "THE LAVALLE TOWER CAPER," Jeannette DeWyze, July 22, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

George Bernard Whitehead is the owner of

San Diego Chicken Pie Shop, and he has been in the restaurant business longer than anyone in San Diego. Sheldon's Café in Pacific Beach has been in existence since 1937, but the present owners bought the business in the midfifties. Hob Nob Hill has graced our scene since 1944, but George started at Chicken Pie Shop in 1937.

— "THE VALUE OF PIE," Eleanor Widmer, July 23, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Del Mar was a very fun community in the early days. A lot of Hollywood people rented homes there during the racing season. I had a home there on the beach at the foot of 27th Street. On race dates and after race dates on Sundays, they'd all kind of gather, sometimes at our house, sometimes at others'. Jimmy Durante, Pat O'Brien, Bob Crosby, Desi Arnaz, Lucille Ball, Willie Shoemaker, a couple of songwriters. They'd start someplace, then all come on over and have drinks and beer and snacks — a traveling party all summer long.

Then when the track came up for renewal of its lease in the mid-'60s, there was a group gathered that wanted to front the thing. John Alessio was one of the leaders, but some

of the opponents didn't want him to take an active part in it because he had the track down in Tijuana.

I was conned into buying a racetrack for quarter horses up in New Mexico. It was started by some crazy quarter-horse people from Texas, and they had substantial purses. We thought that activity could be brought down to Del Mar in the off-season. I had bought that track personally and was just holding it to bring it on down if we got Del Mar.

- "TRACK MARKS," C. Arnholt Smith, July 23, 1992

Ten Years Ago

Two years ago, on the day I learned my father was going to die, my doctor told me I was sterile. Both my past and my future collapsed. I was not brave and entered a despair so profound and seemingly permanent that my friends and family doubted they would see me emerge.

People waited to see if my commitment to the I'll-take-my-licks-and-try-mydamnedest-come-what-may was serious. I did my laundry. I paid my bills. I buried my father.

— "THE LESSON THE MOONFLOWER TEACHES."

Abe Opincar, July 17, 1997



San Diego Reader, July 23, 1987

Five Years Ago

"All articles written about disabled people always start out with how the person was before the accident," says disabled person Heather Siegel. "Then they have the accident or the illness, and [the article relates] how they have survived. 'And aren't these people just chirpy? Aren't we so happy that the chirpy little wheelchair people are still functioning?' I hate those articles."

- "GUESS HOW MANY LEGS I'VE GOT IN MY CLOSET," Matt Lickona, July 18, 2002

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SEX DRIVE

I was having another long, disjointed night, which is normal when you drive a yellow cab in New York City. But this night in particular it seemed like everyone had sex on the brain — at least a little more than they usually did.

Early in the evening, I got hailed by a 60-something-yearold woman on her way home from work. She seemed in a good mood, fresh out of the office, and wanting to talk, so we chatted while I drove her home. Somewhere in our conversation she revealed that she was a business manager for gay porn film companies, and when I asked how she got into that line of work, she replied, "Just lucky, I guess."

Then she added, "I mean, I got into it the same way any 63-year-old straight woman gets into this business — by chance."

We started discussing how watching porn all day could really kill a person's sex drive. "To be honest," she said, "it doesn't really bother me at all. I just woke up one morning and realized I wasn't interested in sex anymore. And you know what? It was a great feeling." She paused to think for a second and said, "Of course, my husband wasn't too happy with it."

I said, "Yeah, I can't imagine he'd be thrilled. How does he deal?"

I could see her eyes squint into a wry smile in the rearview as she explained: "Every now and then I give him a token, you know, to keep him satisfied. But other than that, well, he's got two hands — he can take care of himself. Besides, he's 65 years old! How much sex does he really need anyway?"

On the other end of the spectrum, I picked up two teenage

girls who gabbed about boys the whole way home. After they got settled in the back, one turned to the other and said, "Okay, so who do you like more — Simon or Andrew?"

The other girl replied, "Well, Simon's cuter, but... I don't know... Andrew's cooler." Then she continued. "Oh, and fuckin' Gabe! I found out he does like me. He is SO annoying."

They continued discussing the ever-important boy situation until I dropped them off at their Upper East Side apartment building. By the end of the trip, it sounded like Simon was coming out the winner.

As the night wore on, the club business increased. I picked up a guy in the West Village going to The Eagle, a gay leather bar in Chelsea. When we started talking, he told me he worked for Virgin Airlines as the guy who listens to your phone calls when you hear the message that says, "This call will be recorded for quality purposes." How random. But I was thrilled to know that someone really does listen to our phone calls when we talk to these companies.

As I dropped him off in front of the dim red light bulb that marked the entrance to the bar, I imagined him sitting in ass-less chaps with a telephone headset listening in on all of our conversations about delayed flights and e-tickets.

A few hours later, pushing on 2:00 a.m., three drunk idiots hopped in the cab and,



naturally, wanted to go to a strip club. But, not just any strip club. After taking a million years to get settled in the backseat, they addressed me, saying only two words, "Scores West."

I wasn't sure where it was, and when I asked if they could direct me, they just stared at me and kept repeating "Scores West... Scores

West" over and over and over again, as if that was gonna make me suddenly know the address.

I kept telling them I didn't know where it was and they persisted. "Scores West! It's a strip club!"

I replied, "That doesn't help me. Do you want me to take you to a different strip club?" I could've taken them to a thousand others,

> including the Scores on the East Side, but they were set on Scores goddamn West.

Finally they discovered this amazing thing called 411 and they got the address. Turned out it was on the same block as The Eagle, but I had been oblivious to it

earlier.

I delivered the drunks to their fill of tits and ass and spent the rest of my shift marveling over all the different places and ways to score in this city. It was only 2:00 in the morning. I could only imagine what was in store for me next.

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Anyway, we just had sex education class and I'm here to talk about it. Oh, I heard a good one the other day. Hee hee ha. It goes like this, "Rock out with your..." Well, I can't say it. It's a dirty one. Michael Stafford said it really loud one day behind the Social Studies building. He yelled "ROCK OUT WITH YOUR...you know what...OUT!"

Ha ha ha.

There's one like that for the girls, too. It goes, "Jam out with your..." I don't want to say it. It's not really dirty, just a word. You know, it's a shellfish. Okay, I'll whisper it: "clam out."

I don't know how they come up with these, but they crack me up. Apparently, any enthusiastic dancing to popular music with your, um, okay, let me spell it, g-e-n-i-t-a-l-s outside of your clothing is okay for these jokes.

I'm getting some sort of signal from the producer. He's making a hand gesture. Ha! Not the bad one, but he's moving his hands in big circles. He's pointing to the cue cards. Now he's scratching his forehead. Are you going to cry, Mr. Roberts? I don't want to make you cry.

Um. Okay. Let's read the cue cards. This one says, "When males enter puberty their..." WHOA! I can't say that! Wait a minute. You mean they get bigger? I haven't noticed mine getting any bigger. They're still about the size of my combination lock at school.

Okay, that crashing sound you heard is my principal coming into the studio. She just knocked over those big lights. Now she's making the "cut" motion across her neck. I think she wants me to stop.

Dang it! She said I'm going to be suspended again. That's bull! I came out here and did what you told me. This isn't fair! I did your stupid TV show.

It's not my fault!

My dad's going to kill me.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 19

ON THE SET: THE BRONX IS BURNING ESPN 10:00 A.M.

When we colonize Uranus, I hope they establish a township named after Mianus, Connecticut. It'd be Mianus, Uranus. Sort of an "I'm okay, you're okay" sentiment mixed with how dogs greet each other.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

USA 7:30 P.M.

Shut up, Tom Cruise. See, there's harmless weird, like me, and then there's aggressive weird weird on a devious mission. Tom wears aggressive weird like an ugly leisure suit. He's like that kid who feeds his snake a diet of green plastic army men, mice, and his little brother's hair. Tom Cruise, you creep everyone out.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

SCOTT BAIO IS 45...AND SINGLE VH1 8:00 P.M.

Oh, great. We get Scott Baio's love life piped into our apartments. As if there aren't enough odd smells and mysterious stains clinging to my couch. Now I have this to contend with. I feel like I should cover everything with towels before this show starts.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

CYCLING VS 9:00 A.M.

Since I'm a cyclist, I tuned in for one of these Tour de France broadcasts. Let me recap it for you. Guys riding bikes. Guys riding bikes. Guys riding bikes. Repeat for four hours. There should be a ladies Tour de France. On old beach cruisers. In bikinis and high heels. With a Popsicle-eating contest to crown the victor. Man, that sounds great. Why didn't the dummies that came up with the regular Tour de France think of this?

MEDIUM

NBC 10:00 P.M.

My television station is producing a mixture of the shows Medium and Cold Case Files. It's going to be called Luke Warm. That kid from 90210 will star in it as a psychic, but he won't be a detective. His power will be to know when a bag of old hot dogs is about to turn bad. Plus, he'll have a parrot. I think parrots are going to be big this year.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

ABC 9:00 P.M.

If I were a Tyrannosaurus Rex, I'd eat the Desperate Housewives first. As a dog chews on grass to make itself sick up, I think the collagen, Botox, and silicone carried around by the cast would aid in my digestion of other Hollywood stars. I would roar and scratch at the windows of their BMWs with my tiny front claws. Then I'd sing my theme song, "I am/ the Tyrannosaurus Rex who eats/ TV show actors," and then there'd be a guitar solo. And fireworks.

MONDAY, JULY 23

HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER CBS 8:00 P.M.

If the doctor who performed my vasectomy ever wants an extra thousand dollars as retroactive payment for the procedure, I'll give it to him. It's a small price to pay to never have to tell a kid, "Well, supposedly we'd met a few hours before this, but my first recollection of your mom was when I opened the car door and her prosthetic leg fell out. The police asked me where my pants were and why there was a smiley face painted to my chest."

TUESDAY, JULY 24

AMERICA'S FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS ABC 8:00 P.M.

I have a plan to get ten thousand bucks real quick. It involves a plastic baseball bat, a trampoline, and a tiny dog. I can't tell you what's going to happen because you have to be surprised by the events. I'm working the camera, naturally. Who's in?

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

A TRIBUTE TO TONY

CA4SD 8:30 P.M.

Since this is the local San Diego channel, I assume this is for Tony "An Island unto Himself" Gwynn. Am I the only one in local media who's willing to extend a helping hand to our former-baseball-hero-turned-personal-neighborhood? I saw him at a game the other night. He was dousing his microphone in barbecue sauce. Tony, come with me to the gym, buddy; let's do a sit-up.

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I dream of Paul with more frequency in the summer, and he is always a boy.

By John Brizzolara

Summer seems to be more and more a reminder of mortality — traditionally, poetically, ass-backwards from the norm, I would think. When my English teacher Mr. Grev asked the class of high school sophomores why April is the cruelest month, I had a lengthy answer. I riffed on that sentiment without having read The Waste Land (which may not have done me any good anyway, at least at the time). Since then, of course, I have; and as someone commented on the eboard not long ago about the movie Bladerunner, "See it, learn it, live it." That is pretty much how my relationship with that poem has developed. At no other time does the waste land come into as sharp a focus for me as it does in the summertime.

Possibly this has become more true since the death of my brother Paul in May of 2003, an event that preceded an abysmal summer of record proportion. I have associated summer with the apocalyptic since 1968, my 18th summer, living in Chicago and having officially set off into adult life by renting my first apartment, though I had not lived in my parents' home much for three years. Nineteen sixty-eight was fairly apocalyptic no matter where you were, but in Chicago there was a real edge to it. I was arrested twice: once was for conspiracy to incite a riot. I was so incapacitated by LSD that I would have been incapable of conspiring to ride a bicycle, and so my introduction to crime was just like everyone else's — as an innocent man. At the end of that summer, my only sane parent, Robert Brizzolara, died.

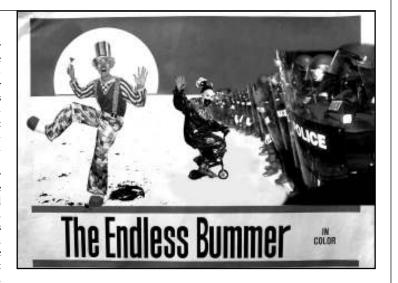
The following summer I migrated to San Francisco. By then the summer of love had pretty much done a 180. Haight Street was boarded up, and those amber-tinted, no-shadow street lights cast the neighborhood in a historic, Betadine tint. Flowers and marijuana had been replaced by cocaine and heroin. By the end of that year, instead of attending Woodstock, I was at the Rolling Stones concert at Altamont. Shortly after that, someone wrote to Rolling Stone's "Correspondence, Love Letters and Advice" column, "The Age of Aquarius died at Altamont. It's all over now, Baby Blue." And though that concert was in December, it was the end of my own personal endless summer of the mind in California after only six months.

Moving right along...I was married in the summer of 1977 (the Summer of Sam) at Manhattan city hall just after the blackout. Almost a month to the day of my marriage, my little bundle of mortality was given unto me, yea and verily, at Beth Israel Hospital at 3:02 a.m. during a record-breaking heat wave. The umbilical cord was seen to be pressing on my son's neck, and my wife was told to stop pushing, against all instinct. The woman doctor locked eyes with me and communicated that I must persuade my wife to stop pushing or the child would be hanged before it was born. Her silence communicated also that this must be done without alarming the mother; hysterical, she would be useless.

But again, it is my brother Paul whose postmortem presence seems to announce itself with more insistence between May and September. I dream of Paul with more frequency in the summer, and he is always a boy. The explanation is elementary, I think. While he was my closest brother in every way, it was in the summertime that our alliance was solidified and reaffirmed annually. Paul had severe dyslexia, bad vision, and hearing disorders, which were widely adjudged to be idiocy by education professionals at the time. With the exception of a few weeks when Paul was in summer school every year, those months were our time.

One summer we ran away to Greenland. It looked like a straight shot by tramp steamer from New York. We made it as far as a neighboring suburb and turned back due to some fundamental exigency I've since forgotten. Our two weeks of "grounding" in the middle of that summer served to forge inmates' camaraderie between us. Grounding was suspended for one day for the funeral of my Aunt Louise, actually a great-aunt and the first dead person I'd ever seen.

In the July heat and humidity, captured as though beneath a bell jar but under the dome of Saint Robert Bellermine's Church in Chicago, Aunt Louise looked all circus paint and powder, a silver wig with a suspect hairline. In death she wore a scowl I don't remember seeing on her face in life, as if she had tasted bad ravioli — impossible if she had made it — and it had killed her. The pan-



cake makeup and whatever she had been dusted with were scored by rivulets from the falling tears of her sisters and daughter. She looked like a deflated and gaudy clown, hardly the vessel of life-at-high-volume I remembered. I cried at that funeral but not for my great aunt. It was from the memory of having been locked in that same church after my uncle's wedding two summers before.

My first trip to Mexico was not in summer but in January and by boat. My ex-wife (then girlfriend) and two acquaintances took a 48-foot ketch down the coast of Baja. Our first landfall was in Magdalena Bay. As we approached land, mostly surfing the ketch into the bay, the day grew warmer; by the time we anchored I had decided that Mexico was a good place to die. It took me years to realize that winter near the Tropic of Cancer does much to imitate a midwestern summer, that old generator of thanatopic thoughts.

Winters in San Diego are less like that, which suits me. Yet even in the heart of the most disagreeable January, here there are, inevitably, what most consider heaven-sent summer-like days. To me they are an appearance out of the corner of one's eye perversely in the wings of a summer comedy, a shadow of the reaper.

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