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THE SARCASTIC Killer

**Tales from the
Homicide Beat**

A boy 3 1/2 months old was the youngest homicide victim in San Diego County during the first half of 2007. The oldest was a 75-year-old woman. Both were killed by family members, allegedly, the infant by its father and the woman by her daughter.

There were 53 homicide cases between January 1 and June 30, 2006. There were 66 during the same period of this year. Some cases have received high-profile media attention.

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BREAKING NEWS

Blinded by science Former Republican San Diego city councilman **Bill Mitchell**, who was once quoted as saying that the fire department could save money by not answering false alarms (he said the attribution was false), has become a poster boy for a campaign to raise the state's cap on medical malpractice payouts. "Bill's troubles began in 1998, when the 70-year-old went in for a glaucoma operation," says a profile on the website of the L.A.-based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, a group that is spearheading the effort to increase the amount of money juries can award in such cases. "The ophthalmologist left him instructions: call him immediately if he had redness in the eye; a discharge; pain; or loss of vision. One morning a few weeks later Bill looked in the mirror and said, 'Oh my God! I have all four symptoms.'"

After a five-hour delay, Mitchell said, he saw the doctor and was finally operated on twice but ultimately lost vision in the eye. He was unable to sue, according to the foundation's account, in part because California's \$250,000 cap on damage awards discouraged lawyers from taking the case, and he subsequently dropped the matter. "I was shriveled into a shell," Mitchell is quoted as saying. "I felt like an old man." Adds Mitchell, "You can't trust doctors and the medical facilities. They don't always help you. They'll use any legal manipulation to keep you from being compensated.... I don't trust the bastards anymore."

Sees no evil That recent report on the City's Sunroad office building debacle by Mayor **Jerry Sander**'s in-house ethics officer **Jo Anne SawyerKnoll** has cleared fellow mayoral aide **Julie Dubick** of any involvement in her husband's dealings with Sunroad owner **Aaron Feldman**. As first reported here May 24, **Mitchell Dubick**, an attorney with Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, filed suit on June 26 of last year against the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of Sunroad Holding, seeking documents about a Sunroad tax audit. That was just a week after the Federal Aviation Administration told Sunroad that its Montgomery Field office building was 20 feet too tall, launching the scandal that subsequently engulfed the mayor's office.

SawyerKnoll's report says Dubick "was never aware of her husband's involvement with Feldman. Further, no evidence was found that she had ever communicated any information to her husband regarding the Sunroad-Centrum 12 project or its controversy." Besides that, the report concludes, Dubick, the mayor's "policy director," didn't know much about what was going on anyway. "Ms. Dubick further advised that what little she knows about the Sunroad-Centrum 12 project and all the various issues surrounding the topic are primarily those things that she has read in the newspapers."



Julie Dubick

Pols in cars The *San Jose Mercury News* reported last week that Democratic assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña**'s 2005 Honda Accord

Hybrid, owned by the state, got crunched in a "chain-reaction crash" here on December 2, 2005. That earned her first place on the paper's list of state lawmakers' auto damage claims. The repair tab was \$12,199. Second on the list was fellow Democrat **Jerome Horton**, who was a member of the assembly back in January of last year, when he failed to yield when turning right



Bonnie Dumanis

on a red light and hit another car. Damages: \$11,808. The grand total assembly accident fix-it bill for five years was more than \$300,000. But in a subsequent clarification, the paper noted it couldn't obtain records saying how much of the damages were covered by the state and how much by insurance companies of other drivers involved in the crashes... Speaking of cars, the office of San Diego County district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis** has 255 of them, according to a list it recently released in response to a request under the state's Public Records Act. Prices range from \$15,113.63 for a 2006 four-door sedan all the way up to \$45,127.83 for a 1999 van especially equipped for transporting handicapped persons. There also are three 2006 sport utility hybrids ranging from \$37,697 to \$39,598; a 2007 four-door sedan at \$36,466; and a 2005 pickup costing \$31,715.53. Grand total for the fleet: \$6,295,797.85. The office declined to provide more detailed information about the cars or say who is driving what, citing security concerns.

Insatiable It's been ten years since the Miami murder of fashion designer **Gianni Versace** by **Andrew Cunanan**, the onetime San Diego gay party boy turned serial killer whose murderous saga transfixed the nation and terrorized Hillcrest in the spring and early summer of 1997. This year's July 15 anniversary inspired a big story in the *New York Times* but just a small "On this date in history" note in the *Union-Tribune*.



Andrew Cunanan

The *U-T*, of course, never liked the story, taking months to fully report it, even after the national media jumped aboard as the body count grew. **Maureen Orth**, the *Vanity Fair* contributor who wrote 1999's best-selling *Vulgar Favors*, reported that Cunanan, a Bishop's School graduate, was seen at lavish parties thrown by **David Copley** at his "Foxhole" La Jolla mansion. Ironically, local playgoers will soon get plenty of Cunanan when *Most Wanted* premieres this coming October at the La Jolla Playhouse: "This musical theatre piece explores America's obsession with celebrity through the lens of the media frenzy surrounding a spree killer with an insatiable appetite for fame." Copley is not on the theater's published list of benefactors.

— Matt Potter

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Welcome, Pickpockets!

By Don Bauder

Ethics I. Have you ever wondered why so many crooks set up shop in San Diego? It's for the climate — the ethical

climate. A sleazebag visiting the city this year and following the Sunroad episode would certainly pronounce this the ideal location for a Ponzi scheme, pump 'n' dump stock heist, or real estate development scam.

Sunroad Enterprises put a building close to Montgomery Field. It defied federal and state safety regulations. The City let it happen. The city attorney pushed through a stop-work order. But on December 19, 2006, Mayor Jerry Sanders met with his friend and major donor, Sunroad owner Aaron Feld-

man, along with Sunroad executive Tom Story and City real estate czar James Waring. Two days later, the City issued a modified stop-work order permitting the building to go forward under the guise of winterization. After a civic conflagration, Sunroad agreed to lower the building. Sanders appointed his then second in command, Ronne Froman, to investigate — the classic case of the fox guarding the henhouse. Froman assigned the task to Sanders's Office of Ethics and Integrity. Then she resigned. (Who can blame her?)

Late last month, the report came out. It began inauspiciously by not mentioning that Froman had initially spearheaded the report, then quickly jumped ship.

The utterly predictable punch line was that "No evidence was found *whatsoever* [italics mine] of conspiracy, fraud, corruption, illegal conduct, violation of any federal or state law or regulation or improper influence by or of any city staff."

Hilarious, that. There is a very important letter that the so-called Office of Ethics and Integrity was aware of but ignored. It was written January 19, 2007, by Jeff Brown, aviation safety officer of the California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. It was received by Sanders and Waring. Brown wrote that the December 21 letter, permitting the building to defy state and federal laws "under the pretense of

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Cite Opinion, Junk It

By Don Bauder

Ethics II. An ethicist should understand that it's wrong to cite a legal opinion as your reason for taking a particular action when in fact you have rejected that legal opinion. But the City's self-professed Ethics Commission has done just that.

As a result of the ruse, 16 prominent lawyers, mainly from San Diego, will not have to file Statements of Economic Interests that bare their ample assets to the public. At the time the purported Ethics Commission concocted the subterfuge, four of its six members were lawyers.

It began in late 2005, when civic activist Mel Shapiro complained to the commission that the lawyers who represented city councilmembers and bureaucrats in the various governmental investigations into pension-related wrongdoing should have to

file the Statements of Economic Interests.

Most of the lawyers wailed that they were working for individuals, not the City, even though the legal bills were paid by the City. The lawyers refused to file their Statements of Economic Interests.

Stacey Fulhorst, executive director of the commission, kept telling Shapiro that she wanted an opinion from City Attorney Mike Aguirre. The key question: did these attorneys, like government-hired consultants, play a role in government decisions?

On February 9, Aguirre issued an opinion, limiting it to the attorneys representing councilmembers Scott Peters, Jim Madaffer, Toni Atkins, and Brian Maisenschein. (Those attorneys are, respectively, Pamela Naughton, Thomas Zaccaro, and the firm of Morrison & Foerster, which represents both Atkins and



Stacey Fulhorst



Pamela Naughton

Maisenschein.)

Aguirre's opinion was clear-cut: "These attorneys have broad access to individual councilmembers. This access has the *potential* [italics mine] to influence governmental decisions on a variety of matters." Accordingly, those attorneys should disclose their

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Get Out of My Emergency Room!

By John Brizzolara

On June 19 at 220 Broadway, just outside room 30, the courtroom of Judge Timothy Walsh, an unlikely group gathered

in the narrow hallway to “represent,” as it were, at the sentencing of Alissa Valencia. Valencia, 42, had attacked David “the Water Man” Ross on the street, carving much of his defensive right arm into useless meat, requiring emergency surgery.

The unlikely group consisted of some 30 or so of the city’s displaced and disenfranchised, people residing in shelters or lodging “illegally” on the streets, where Ross’s rounds provide the only source of water in a multiacre area of urban desert known as skid row. The men and women, some in wheelchairs or shuffling with colostomy bags, were dressed in clean shirts,

which was that afternoon postponed, to “represent” outrage at the injury of this street Samaritan. They were outraged as well at something almost every one of them had suffered at one time or another during their tenure on the streets and suffered at the hands of those in the very business of care and mercy: the attempted dumping of Ross by Scripps Mercy Hospital in the early hours of May 5, 2007.

Ross was found at the scene of his stabbing, near 17th and Imperial, covered with his own blood and clutching a penknife. Ross had picked up the weapon while in shock, some inner sentinel of reason telling him it might do

knife. His ID and wallet locked in his car, Ross looked much like any other deranged derelict who had snapped. That was exactly how he was received and treated at Scripps Mercy. His treatment (reported here on May 24, “Water Man: Down, Then Out”) was hardly unique.

In response to that May 24 account, several other victims of hospital mistreatment called, e-mailed, or approached me, either personally or through David Ross.

Ross’s attorney in the matter of his treatment at Mercy is Nancy Sussman. The amount of time it took Mercy to surrender Ross’s medical records to her was in violation of the evidence code, says Sussman. “Ross was pronounced fit by surgeon Randal Vecchione to go home that night or early the next morning after four hours of surgery, without rechecking the patient. You never do that,” she says. Barely conscious, Ross was urged to get up and leave by hospital staff, although he had fallen in the bathroom, unable to stand. At no time was Ross visited by a doctor postsurgery, much less asked how he might be feeling. Nor did any other hospital employee inquire as to his state at any point during his brief stay. He was offered a token for the trolley, which runs nowhere near the hospital, and a pair of pants (his were bloody, ruined, and held by the police).

An Associated Press story that ran in the *Union-Tribune* on February 10, 2007, by Michael R. Blood regarding a dumping case in Los Angeles and a recent spot on *60 Minutes* on the phenomenon brought the situation into focus recently in San Diego. The story in the *U-T* reported:

“Even on Skid Row, it was shocking: a paraplegic man in a soiled gown sliding along the sidewalk with his hands, clutching a plastic bag with his belongings between his teeth. Police said the man, who was dragging a broken colostomy bag behind him, was dumped on the sidewalk Thursday in one of the worst parts of the city by the driver of a hospital van. The area is the same location where city officials say hospitals have dumped the homeless before....



Scripps Mercy Hospital

“The case comes three months after the city attorney’s office filed its first indictment alleging homeless dumping, against Kaiser Permanente Hospital.”

The differences in San Diego and at Scripps Mercy might be that the transportation back is less reliable. One of Sussman’s previous clients was placed naked, except for a sheet, into a taxicab to return to his apartment after an incomplete and minimal evaluation in the emergency room. Several hours after his neighbors carried him upstairs,

he suffered cardiac arrest. Ross was simply expected to leave Mercy without so much as a wheelchair to the door — and he did the next evening with the aid of Suzanne Afflalo, his doctor from Kaiser.

Sussman tells of a woman she represented who lost her baby. “A black patient on Medi-Cal who had excessive bleeding at 25 weeks of pregnancy, she was given a minimal evaluation at Sharp Hospital and discharged, only to lose her baby a few hours later in the bathtub.”

In a second incident involv-

ing a pregnancy in December 2002, “I took my housekeeper into Scripps Mercy to have her baby, but she didn’t have insurance, just Medi-Cal (you don’t really call that insurance, right?), and they wouldn’t give her an epidural,” Sussman says. “I mean, she’s screaming in pain, and we couldn’t get them to give her

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David Ross

and many had shaved, washed, and combed their hair, likely at the Neil Good Day Center. Beneath the toothpaste and aftershave and deodorant, one could sense morning-maintenance doses of alcohol quickly dissipating in the heat amid courtroom delays. This group was at the hearing,

yet more damage in the wrong hands. Almost anyone’s hands at the scene were the wrong hands.

So that is how Ross was found: a white man in his early 70s with a crude tourniquet applied by those who knew him on the streets, rapidly losing blood, and clutching a

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'weather proofing' the building, makes it difficult to regard the City's actions as anything other than an *attempt to undermine State law.*" (Italics mine.) Helping someone else break state law is illegal.

In addition, it is illegal to let a developer construct a building without a state permit. The City did. Caltrans had warned it in September of last year that construction of the Sunroad building was a violation of the California Public Utilities Code.

Sanders publicly insisted that he had not brought on Ted Sexton of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority to help with the Sunroad imbroglio. Then City Attorney Mike Aguirre produced correspondence between Alan Bersin, head of the authority, and Sanders, showing that this was a lie. Bersin had written to Sanders that Sexton's services would "help resolve issues surrounding the Sunroad Enterprises building near Mont-

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gomery Field."

So how did the Office of Ethics and Integrity handle that hot potato? Well, it put the blame on the mayor's flack, Fred Sainz. According to the report, Sainz erroneously put together a press packet denying that Sexton had been recruited to deal with Sunroad. The mayor hadn't seen the press packet, we're told. The mayor also didn't remember signing the letter to Bersin requesting Sexton's help on the Sunroad mess. Hmm. But according to the report, Sanders was aware at the time that Sexton was indeed working on Sunroad.

So why, then, did Sanders go on Roger Hedgecock's radio show and deny that Sexton was working on the Sunroad issue? The Office of Ethics and Integrity dodges that one, even though Sanders later apologized to Hedgecock for the whopper.

The report ignored completely police chief William Lansdowne's refusal to carry out a Sunroad search warrant and the public leaking of the search warrant's contents — something that is also against

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the law.

Sexton refused to be interviewed for the report. Sunroad people weren't interviewed. Nonetheless, the Office of Ethics and Integrity drew many conclusions. How? By blindly accepting people's word. The one that gave me the biggest chuckle revolved around that December 19 meeting among Sanders, Feldman, Story, and Waring. Two days later, the City issued the modified order that permitted Sunroad to complete the building. The report admits that the four discussed the modified work order. But, says the purported Office of Ethics and Integrity, "Both Mayor Sanders and Waring stressed that Feldman did not make any offers of inducement, bribes, corruption or any illegal actions in exchange for assistance with the Sunroad issue."

Oh. That's comforting — to a larcenist looking for a home base. ■

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financial interests.

But on June 15, Fulhorst wrote to Shapiro and said that his complaint had been dismissed. The lawyers wouldn't have to bare their fat assets.

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Why? Well, opined Fulhorst, on February 9 the city attorney had issued an opinion on the topic. She attached it to her letter to Shapiro. She wrote, "In this memorandum, the City Attorney concluded that these types of attorneys should file [Statements of Economic Interests] if they are exceeding the limited scope of work authorized in their respective contracts and are using their relationships with their City Official clients as a means to influence government decisions." Shapiro's complaint had provided no such evidence, she wrote.

But Aguirre's opinion had said no such thing. "Stacey turned it upside down. In my opinion, the lawyers should file" because they had potential to influence government actions, says Aguirre.

I called and e-mailed Fulhorst. I said I didn't see where she got her interpretation of Aguirre's letter.

She got back to me by e-mail, singing a different tune. "As you indicate, the City Attorney did issue a memo in which he opined that attorneys representing individual City Officials should file [Statements of Economic Interests] because they may be influ-

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encing the municipal decisions made by their clients," she wrote. But Aguirre said they *may* be influencing government, not *are* doing so.

"The City Attorney has essentially speculated in his memo," Fulhorst wrote, and the lawyers on the purported Ethics Commission concluded that they cannot act on a legal opinion based on speculation or opinion.

Yet Fulhorst had cited Aguirre's opinion as a reason for turning down Shapiro's complaint and even supplied him with a copy of it. Didn't she think Shapiro can read?

The purported Ethics Commission "had their own legal counsel, had all these lawyers on the board, but [Fulhorst] wanted Aguirre's opinion," says Shapiro. "Then it was completely ignored," in fact, turned on its head.

Indignant, Shapiro went to his own lawyer. The action to absolve the lawyers "was done in closed session," he says. "The file is now closed, and they will hardly show you anything. There is no appeal. You can go to court, but there isn't a chance of winning. My lawyer says the law is on their side."

In mid-July, Aguirre wrote the four councilmembers and asked that they have their attorneys file the Statements of Economic Interests. With the so-called Ethics Commission's opinion in hand, the attorneys will certainly resist.

The lawyers who got off the hook have had many opportunities to influence San Diego government. Naughton represents Councilmember Scott Peters as well as Tom Story, the Sunroad executive who left the top land-use job at the City and joined Sunroad, and quickly

started lobbying his former employees, thus breaking the law, according to the city attorney's office.

"Many worry that the Ethics Commission has done more to protect than correct the ethical transgressions of the city council," sums up Aguirre. ■

Emergency room

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an epidural. You have to call the anesthesiologist in, you have to inject it in the spine, you have to go to all this trouble for someone who doesn't have insurance, and you only get, like, ten cents on the dollar. We were literally begging them for an anesthetic, and they wouldn't do it, so she ended up giving birth without it. The baby now is four years old. It was literally ripped out of her.

The doctor didn't even show up for the birth."

A Dean Russo-Metavia wrote to me from Carlsbad on May 30 saying, "I was prematurely discharged from a hospital (Scripps Green) before my medical condition was stabilized. My Medicare insurance (Secure Horizons) entitled me to visiting 'Home Nursing care,' it was denied, in spite of my repeated requests.

"After four days of near unconsciousness at home, my Primary Physician discovered that my medical condition (pneumonia) had worsened. I was headed for death! With his intervention, I eventually recovered.

"This is in violation of both Federal and California 'Patients Bill of Rights.' The California Dept. of Health Services is mandating the enforcement of that regulation but unfortunately ignores the systemic problem.

"I have recovered my medical records that substantiate my charges."

Other victims of alleged abuse were brought to my attention:

On May 15, 2007, Shawna Davis, at the time residing at St. Vincent de Paul's women's center, experienced severe back pain, "Excruciating to

where I couldn't move at all," she told me. Paramedics were called, and she was taken to Scripps Mercy, where she had been treated previously for sciatica. "On this occasion the pain was far worse than ever before." Davis, with minimal insurance (Medi-Cal), was never examined and was released within a few short hours. "It was because of my insurance and where they had picked me up," she concludes. A spokesperson at Scripps Mercy told me, "Many of these patients are simply drug seeking."

I have cardiomyopathy and a pacemaker and defibrillator, installed after quadruple bypass surgery. I've been forced to call 911 repeatedly in the past three years while experiencing severe chest pains that I unwisely treated with alcohol. On more than one occasion, I have been released in the middle of the night with only a hospital gown and a token, and I've been repeatedly accused of abusing 911 services. On several of these emergency room visits, I was given an EKG that proved negative. While one sympathetic female doctor in 2006 advised that I be kept overnight for observation—"Absolutely necessary considering your

cardiac history" — hospital staff told me, "We can't simply hold you here because you're drunk," and the doctor's orders were overturned. (I was no longer covered by employer insurance after changing employment status from staff to freelance.) In the small hours, I wandered the streets of Hillcrest, where I was eventually arrested for public intoxication. I have not returned to Mercy emergency since July 24 of last year. Cardiologist Richard Friedman diagnosed the chest pains as symptoms of anxiety aggravated by temporary homelessness, familial problems, and alcohol use and has since prescribed medication for anxiety rendering further visits and humiliation unnecessary. My alcoholism has been in successful treatment as well for the past year.

On August 1, Judge Timothy Walsh will again consider the sentencing of Alissa Valencia. She had made a plea bargain before new facts came to light, and Walsh had postponed the sentencing. Cloud 9 Shuttle has been engaged to transport the disenfranchised, the displaced from outside St. Vincent de Paul and the Neil Good Day Center to the courthouse. This item you are reading should appear on the day or day after this courtroom proceeding. Following Channel 10's interest in covering the hearing, both Channels 8 and 39 have indicated similar interest. Juliette Vara of News 10 has championed this issue from the beginning: Ross's unlawful and dismissed ticketing in August of 2006, his May victimization, and the no less inhuman treatment at the hands of Scripps Mercy Hospital. ■

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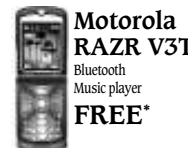
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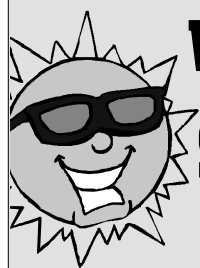
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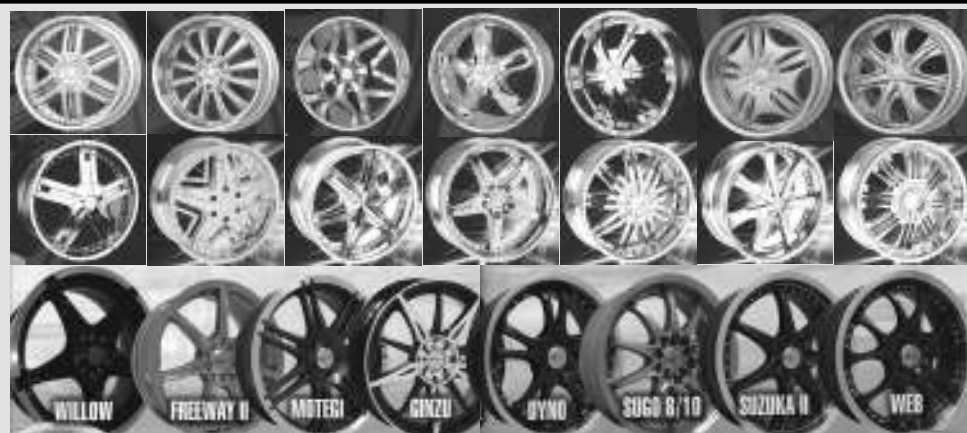
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Deep Shakespeare

I will shortly be seeing *Hamlet* at the Old Globe, another play that, like *Measure for Measure*, Shakespeare critics have erroneously dubbed a “problem play.” In his re-

view this week (“Spare, Well-Spoken,” July 26), Jeff Smith remains true to Shakespeare, and it’s only fair that I say so after taking him to task last week about *Measure for Measure*.

Hamlet is instructed by the ghost of his father to “revenge his foul and most unnatural murder” and at the same time to “taint not [his] mind,” as Mr. Smith wisely notes. (Most critics ignore that caveat.) That is,

Hamlet is challenged to do an action that God has forbidden and yet not to go wrong doing it.

This seems like a lose/lose situation, and Shakespeare makes it stand for the human condition itself. But is his plight impossible?

No. There is a solution, thanks to Shakespeare’s depth of vision. The key lies in the human free will: Right motive or wrong? Readiness for the divine

shaping or willful interjection of one’s own pride? Man always has that choice.

Hamlet gets it wrong first, and then, when providential circumstances have taught him humility, he gets it right. His error costs him his life, but his soul, unlike the villain’s, is redeemed.

Gideon Rappaport
Clairemont

Head Count

In response to Dan Whitehead’s entry on July 5 (Letters, “Comments from Reader Website”), pining — whining? — for the San Diego of the 1970s, one considers that the contrast over 37 years or so is mainly an issue of ratio of human numbers to a commensurate genuine, honest — let the Pussycat adult theater and its 1970s ilk slide — economy. In a word, overpopulation. As to the concept that human activity “can’t destroy the weather,” maybe D.W. website writer would admit that as block upon block of walls of skyscrapers, along with eco-

consumption, e.g., grossly excessive carbon emissions, make their play, a material “blessing” is negotiable, subject to change?

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Lotsa Losers

Regarding the cover photo for “Plenty of Booze” (July 19), “Plenty of Boobs” would have been more apropos. What a bunch of stereotypical losers. I want my MTV, dude!

Dan Adams
Clairemont Mesa

Animal Cannibals

I was just reading your Restaurant Reviews and Guide in the Reader of July 19. You know, none of the restaurant reviews show whether the restaurants use meat, eggs, or dairy products from vegetarian-fed animals. Because I understand that the American livestock growers feed our animals any combination of dead, ground-up animals and pets, animal waste, and lard.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Hey, Matt:

Walking around my neighborhood you can't help but notice numerous homeowners who have placed plastic jugs or glass jars of water in their front yards in order to keep dogs from pissing on the lawn. Is there any science behind this practice, or is it just a suburban myth?

— Steve, O.B.

Myth yeah, science no. Can't believe we didn't put this one to rest years ago. Pretty sure Neanderthals put jars on the lawn to keep the tigers from taking a dump in the cave. Grandma remembers that. The only real question here is where this myth comes from. It's ubiquitous in the U.S. Not sure if it's infiltrated the E.U., but I kinda doubt it. Anyway, the theory is that the sunlight reflected and refracted through the clear glass and the water scares the dogs and keeps them away. If your neighbors are among those using "frosted" milk jugs, well, they're not even following the bad instructions in the untrue story, so that's a complete farce. You might say that doesn't matter, since it doesn't work anyway. But I say, if you're going to make a fool of yourself, then make a perfect fool of yourself, and get it right.

The dog brains willing to deal with the lawn jugs story say that if they work at all, it's only briefly. Dog approaches familiar lawn, sees unfamiliar things on it, circles the yard suspiciously, moves elsewhere. For a day, anyway. After that the jugs are just a part of the scene and have lost their novelty value. They might even provide dogs a target to pee on. Bolder dogs will probably ignore them to begin with if everything else smells right. The only way water will fix the problem of the pooped-on lawn is if you fill up balloons and throw them at the inconsiderate dog owner.

Dear Matt:

Whatever happened to the "Fairest of the Fair" at the San Diego County Fair or Del Mar Fair?

— Bob, via e-mail

Hey, you're right. Haven't seen her around lately, but never missed her till you said something. The Fairest (a.k.a. "Miss San Diego County"), traditional spokesqueen for the old Del Mar Fair, was a big deal every year since the '30s. If she survived all the later pageants, the winner had a chance to become Miss Universe or Miss Galaxy or Miss Crab Nebula or something like that. And she was always escorted by mariachi-suited "Don Diego" (Tommy Hernandez), local actor and the fair's goodwill ambassador for decades. He died in 1984, but when did she bite the dust? The "beauty" pageant was probably doomed before this, but in 2003 and 2004, there was some dispute over the rules and a big whoop-de-doo about who the real FotF was. They got that one straightened out behind the scenes with no hair-pulling or attempted stranglings with sashes. But some of the glitter was gone from the tiara. This was about the time that the fair administration and name changed, so I guess it was seen as a good chance to hustle her majesty off the stage too. It reportedly cost \$85,000 a year to host the shindig anyway. One of the Fairest's main tasks was to appear on radio, TV, supermarkets, etc., as official good-looking fair promoter. A major PR function. In this modern world of spin control, how can public relations ever be left to the whims of a high school senior with puffy hair? The fair's PR function was reassigned to trained marketing people hired as interns each year. There's been no adequate substitute for the cheesecake factor.

Matt:

Settle an argument I'm having with my wife. I say if you open one of those big plastic bottles of soda, pour out the drinks, then crush the empty part when you close it back up again, the carbonation will stay in the soda better because there's less room for it to escape to. My wife thinks I'm nuts but can't tell me exactly why it wouldn't work. We turn it over to you. I'm right, right?

— The Bickersons, San Diego

On paper, you're a genius. Can you keep the soda bottle squashed? Probably not. That's the flaw in your plan. When you uncup the fresh bottle, the CO₂ gas dissolved in the soda is freed like a flock of little birds. Recap it and the CO₂ will continue to escape until the pressures above and inside the soda are equal. Unfortunately, pressure from the escaping carbon dioxide will reinflate the bottle before equilibrium is reached and keep the cycle going for a while. Those big jugs of soda have to be chugged if you want them to be crisp and sparkly. They start dying as soon as you uncup them. If you're desperate, you can slowly pour the soda into a glass jar with no headroom, then put on a top. But of course the agitation of pouring makes the carbonation flee even faster. Basically, you're doomed. And that's probably why the missus sneered at the idea. "Guy" ideas (and this is a typical "guy" idea) always sound great, but usually they're danged hard to pull off. But she'd let you find that out for yourself.

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By Patrick Daugherty

Young Barry Bonds

Not much I can do about this. The stars in baseball heaven have aligned with Mars, and with Saturn, while a blue moon hovers off the starboard side of Mercury. In other words, Barry Bonds may hit home runs 755 or 756 or both in San Diego. The Giants are in town Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Here's the deal: I have to write a Bonds column, but my aim is to write about Bonds using infomeat you've never read before. And steroid-free. Fair enough?

We'll begin in Hawaii 21 years ago. Not a bad time and place. I'd just bought an acre of land, sight unseen, in a lava field and was driving around Hilo in a red, \$300 Mustang wondering how I was going to offload that odious patch of cement. Five islands to the north, Barry Bonds was playing outfield for the Hawaii Islanders, a AAA minor-league baseball team in the Pacific Coast League.

Barry Bonds played 44 games for the Islanders in 1986, batted .311 with seven home runs. The Islanders loved him. And to prove it, here's teammate and 1986 Islanders pitcher Ed Farmer, as quoted in Carrie Muskat's biography, *Barry Bonds*: "Barry was a young guy trying to get to the big leagues. The difference was, you knew this guy was going to make it. He had talent."

Islanders manager Tommy Sandt bespoke his admiration in the same text: "It was, like, 'Wow, this is a big league player.' Put him in the lineup every day, that's all I had to do."

You could say it's always been Barry and Hawaii. Two years earlier, Bonds was in the Aloha State playing for the Arizona State University Sun Devils.

And just like the Islanders, ASU teammates loved Barry too. Here's ASU teammate Mike Devereaux as quoted in Muskat's book: "Barry did things that were amazing. He would hit a ball with topspin over the fence that would be incredible."

ASU 1984 baseball coach Jim Brock told the *Arizona Republic*, "Barry Bonds is clearly the most talented athlete I have had the pleasure to coach." And the *Phoenix Gazette* quoted Brock as saying, "I always found him likable and totally sincere. A lot of kids with a famous dad or uncle are uncoachable, but not Barry. He may have missed a curfew or two, but I never questioned his sincerity."

In March of 1984, the Sun Devils flew into Honolulu for a four-game series against the University of Hawaii. The following story is

taken from *Love Me, Hate Me: Barry Bonds and the Making of an Antihero*, by Jeff Pearlman.

By the way, you should know that the Sun Devils were rated number one in the nation for most of 1984. In Honolulu, Coach Brock laid down an 11:00 p.m. curfew and put his three co-captains (outfielder Oddibe McDowell, shortstop Romy Cucjen, and pitcher Kendall Carter) in charge.

Four players broke curfew, including Barry Bonds. "At the stadium the following afternoon, (co-captain) McDowell gathered the four night crawlers together. 'We're trying to win a

national championship, and you guys are just killing us,' he said. 'So when we get back to Tempe, y'all are gonna have some serious punishment running to do.' Three of the four nodded in agreement. Barry did not. He looked McDowell in the eyes and said, 'Who do you think you are? You're not the coach here. Jim Brock is. You can't make me f— run.'

"Upon returning to Tempe, Brock suspended Barry and held a team meeting without Bonds. 'It's been brought to my attention that a lot of you think Barry is causing more harm than good,' he told his players. 'And I don't believe I can excuse his actions any longer. So here's the deal — I'm going to give you boys the authority to vote on Barry's future. Do you want him to continue on the team, or do you want him off? Keep in mind, our ultimate goal here is to win a national championship, and he's obviously a big part of that. But it's your decision.' Brock walked off, and his troops retreated to the players' lounge to talk."

What did a team in contention for the national championship decide? *Every player voted to expel Bonds, save two*, outfielders Devereaux and Todd Brown. Turned out, the vote was about Bonds, not about Bonds missing curfew. Team members complained he was late for practice and first to leave practice. They didn't like how he referred to himself in the third person, blamed others for his mistakes, would never throw home from the outfield for fear scouts would see he had a weak arm.

Then came a moment like so many other moments in Bonds's life...someone — usually a coach — always someone who wanted to use his talent, picked up the pieces. "Brock told the team that because the vote wasn't unanimous, he could not — 'with a good conscience' — expel Barry."



Barry Bonds

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Sunday school enrollment: 15

Annual budget: about \$84,000

Weekly giving: about \$1750

Singles program: yes

Dress: semiformal

Diversity: diverse — African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Caucasian

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Website: www.covenantrcus.org

Many pamphlets sat on the table just inside

the door of the Chula Vista Police Officers Association Building: *On the Faith of the Gospel, The Sovereignty of God, Objections to God's Sovereignty Answered, The Foreknowledge of God, The Wrath of God, Accepting Christ...*

Teaching and prayer were the twin themes of the service. The opening hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (accompanied by a synthesizer set to organ mode) ended every other line with the exhortation, "Take it to the Lord in prayer!" And Elder Alfred White began the service by asking after "The Memory Verse," found in Ephesians, chapter six, verse 17. Did anybody memorize that verse?" He called on three congregants, and they all repeated, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." A quiz fol-

lowed: "The title of the sermon, 'O Sister, Where Art Thou?' does not necessarily mean that she is lost, but asks the place of Christian women in the ____." "Church," murmured a few voices from the congregation. And then the motto to live by: "Let godliness be your lifestyle." White led a deep moment of silent prayer, then gave the pulpit to Pastor Gil Baloy.

Baloy read from Isaiah — "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions" — and led the congregation in singing the *Gloria Patri* before uttering a lengthy prayer of thanks and confession: "We are thankful for your saving grace, manifested in our having been justified by your grace through faith in your Son Jesus Christ, by the forgiveness of our sins, and for His righteousness being imputed to us who have none whatsoever, that we might be adopted into the family of God, and made children and joint heirs of God with Christ." (Prayer and teaching together.)

More teaching, as the responsive readings included a psalm — "Evildoers shall be cut off,

but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth" — and a lesson from the Heidelberg Catechism on Providence, defined as "the almighty, everywhere present power of God whereby...all things come not by chance, but by His fatherly hand." The profit of knowing about this Providence is "that we may be made patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and for what is future, have good confidence...since all creatures are so in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move." And more prayer, detailed petitions for healing and strength, followed by thanksgiving for fellowship and consolation.

We sang Psalm 150 ("Praise ye the Lord!"), and Baloy read from Paul's letter to Timothy (a hot-button text): "I will not suffer a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence" — which he met head-on. "It's given as a commandment." And "lest we think" that this was just "Paul in his day...the apostle gives two reasons." The first reason:

"For Adam was first born.' God had an order in terms of who He made first.... Woman was made for man, derived from man, and subject to man." He cited 1 Corinthians: "The head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.' There's the Divine Bureaucracy, if you will.... This is how it is, and you can either take it or leave it, but there are consequences, of course, for either decision.... Submission is not an easy thing...all of us must submit, and it's when we don't have the willingness to do so that there are problems in the church."

In the closing prayer, Elder White asked, "Lord, enable us to apply this to our lives, and Lord, enable us to remember that we are all under authority.... Lord, enable us to submit to those who are

in authority. By nature, we don't want to do this.... And we do thank you for the women in the church, Lord, and we do pray that you would bless them, Lord, and enable them to have that wonderful energy, Lord, that only you can give...."

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"There are two classes of people," said Baloy, "the sheep and the goats, or the wheat and the tares. Those would be believers in Jesus or not. If you're not a believer, you will be in hell. You will be in God's eternal condemnation, because of sin — because God is a holy God. If you are a Christian, because you trust in Christ and you're covered by His righteousness and blood, then you will be saved — and you are saved, actually. You can know before the time — even as Paul spoke about how there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit."

— Matthew Lickona

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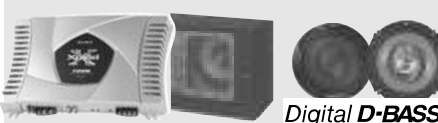
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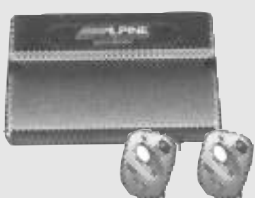
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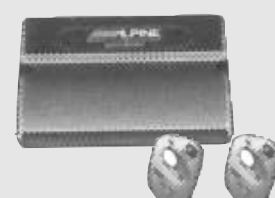
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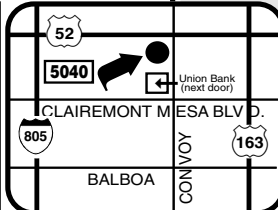


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—EVE KELLY

A few weeks ago, I found sugar-free water for my friend Jennifer who has gestational diabetes. Jen's been a bit down in the dumps about her condition. "I never thought it would be an annoyance to remember to eat every couple hours," she complained to me. "Drawing blood four times a day you expect to be a pain, but eating?"

This week's dilemma was bread. "Boy, do I miss Il Fornaio ciabatta bread," she complained. "I'm supposed to stay away from white-flour foods." I assured her I could research some bread that was tasty enough to serve alongside her diabetic-friendly dinners.

I found some help from Misty Orr, marketing assistant at Food for Life Baking Company that produces Ezekiel 4:9 sprouted-grain breads. "How is the bread made? And what is sprouted-grain bread?" I asked Orr.

"To make sprouted-grain bread, we take the grains and we soak them in filtered water. And they will begin to grow...start to sprout. So there is a little sprout growing out of the grain. The size varies depending on the grains; some grains sprout better than others. And in that process enzymes are released and that is what causes it to grow and become a living food. The enzymes break down the proteins and the starches, making them more tolerable. Once the grains are sprouted, we take them all and put them together and mix them and grind them up into dough. We add a little bit of sea salt and fresh yeast to some of the products, and they are baked in small batches.

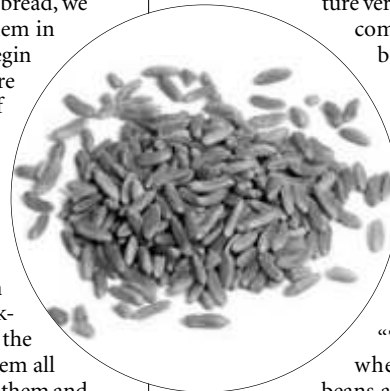
"Ezekiel 4:9 is a complete protein," Orr continued. "A complete protein contains all the amino acids that your body can't make on its own. So you are getting a protein similar to that of milk or eggs; it is like the highest source of protein. I wouldn't call the bread itself a protein. It still has carbohydrates; it is still made from grain, but it is going to be the good carbs, the complex carbohydrates, and complete protein in it as well. So your body processes it differently."

What about the flour-less aspect of the bread?

"To be flourless is a good thing because flour in general doesn't have a whole grain, and even with whole-grain flour, your body still has to break down the grain to get to the nutrients. Even if it has been ground up into a powder, it still has to go through the process of breaking it down to get those nutrients. When a grain is sprouted, because it predigests the grain, it makes the vitamins and minerals more available for your body to absorb so you get more of the vitamin content of the grain. It also makes it more glycemic to your body. When you have just flour or whole grain, it has to convert the starches, and it will convert the starches into sugars and your body will store some of that as fat, rather than using it all for energy. In this sprouting process, because the starches have



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"When a grain is sprouted, because it predigests the grain, it makes the vitamins and minerals more available for your body."

already started to be converted into maltose, the maltose is usable energy for your body; it makes a lower glycemic index. So people who are diabetic do a lot better eating our sprouted grain bread."

Good news for Jennifer.

"If someone is gluten intolerant," Orr offered, "many times the bread is fine for them to eat. If they just have sensitivity or a mild intolerance, a lot of people can eat the Ezekiel breads with no adverse reaction. But if someone has an allergy or celiac disease" — a genetic gluten intolerance — "I don't recommend Ezekiel breads because they do still have some gluten in them. There is less, because it is sprouted, but it is not completely gone."

The breads come in sesame, cinnamon raisin, low sodium with no sea salt added, and the original Ezekiel bread.

And what about the name: Ezekiel 4:9?

"The owners of the company are Seventh Day Adventist. They took that scripture verse from the bible and combined those grains, beans, and lentils and found that in sprouting them, it also made the bread that much more nutritious, and in using the soybean and lentils with the grains it made it a complete protein."

Ezekiel 4:9 says,

"Take also unto thee wheat and barley and beans and lentils and millet

and spelt, and put them into one vessel and make bread of it."

The next day I popped into Stringbeanz Low Carb Foods in College Area. I found another bread option: Julian Bakery's Smart Carb #2, A Complete Protein Bread (\$5.99 for a 24-ounce loaf). The Cinnamon Almond Raisin bread was tasty, and it also contained sprouted whole grains. And it had 15 grams of carbs, 16 grams of protein, and 12 grams of fiber per slice. I spoke with Julian Bakery manager Cheney Mantooth. "The Smart Carb #2 Cinnamon Almond Raisin is sweet, but it has no sugar. The thing that makes it sweet is the cinnamon, and then the raisins have their natural sugar. But if you want totally sweet-free, wheat-free, and yeast-free bread, we also sell Manna from Heaven [\$5.99 a loaf]. It's recommend by Dr. Rosedale in his diet book for heart, diabetes, and weight release. It really moves through you pretty fast, but it keeps you full. It has ten grams of carbs, eight grams of fiber, and nine grams of protein. Both breads have the kamut grain, which makes the bread high in protein and fiber."

For gluten-intolerant folks, the bakery makes bean bread and also southern corn bread (\$5.99).

Julian Bakery breads can be ordered online at julianbakery.net or bought at Whole Foods, Jimbo's, some Albertsons in North County, Lazy Acres, and some Bristol Farms.

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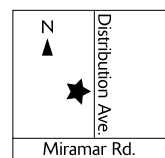
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- Trapped in Twin Falls

Dear Trapped:

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by Barbarella

Horse Sense

A horse which stops dead just before a jump and thus propels its rider into a graceful arc provides a splendid excuse for general merriment.

— Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

It was 8 a.m. and already over 80 degrees. I cursed myself for forgetting to bring my hat. In a pathetic attempt to protect my burn-prone scalp, I had brushed my hair back into a ponytail, rather than parting it on the left as I often do. Taking refuge in a spot of shade, I

I turned around and was almost face to face with the kid behind me, whose horse's head was pressed against Trace's haunch.

watched a woman brush and saddle five horses. Another woman walked back and forth with a barrel and rake collecting copious amounts of fresh *merde de cheval* from the dust.

I had decided, in keeping with the day's adventure, I would adopt a "frontier spirit," which included not doing anything I didn't *have* to do. So it was with a cavalier disregard that I scrawled my name across the bottom of a piece of paper that probably said

something like, "If you fall and die, we're not responsible." Further embracing my manifesto, I waived my right to wear a helmet by marking my initials in the second square.

"Are you on the wagon?" asked a woman seated on the bench to my left. Flanking her were two boys, who I guessed were 8 and 14 years old. I thought it an odd question to ask so early in the morning, but I didn't want to be rude, so I quipped, "Of course not — being on the wagon isn't any fun." The kids looked confused, and the woman gave me a half-cocked smile. It was then that I spotted the old-fashioned prairie wagon being pulled into the clearing by two golden Clydesdales wearing silver-studded leather har-

nesses. I hadn't realized riding a wagon was an option when I'd made reservations for the "horse ride to a cowboy breakfast." But I didn't let *her* know that. I forced a chuckle and added, "Just kidding. But, yeah, I'll be riding a horse."

It was my last day at Warner Springs Ranch. In a few hours I'd be packing up, checking out, and driving home. But first, I was going to hop on a horse, ride to a remote clearing in the wilderness, and eat a hearty breakfast prepared by cowboys, so help me Clint.

A tall man with white hair and a gray mustache approached. His striped, button-down shirt was tucked into Levi's, and his boots and hat were the cowboy kind. "I'm Alberto," he said with a smile, extending his hand.

"Barb," I said, extending mine.

"You riding a horse?"

"I hope so," I said. "I've never ridden one before. Well, once, but that was, like, in the sixth grade, and I don't remember it at all. But my legs are strong." *But my legs are strong?* I silently asked myself. *What the hell is that supposed to mean?* Alberto gestured for me to follow him to the middle of the corral, to a small wooden platform with three stairs.

Waiting patiently next to the platform was my steed — a resplendent, russet beast of burden named Trace. I climbed the platform and accepted Alberto's offer of help. I grabbed his arm with my left hand, held the

knob of the saddle with my right, and swung my leg over Trace's back. Once I was stable, Alberto grabbed Trace's reins and led us several feet away from the platform before turning back to help the teenager who had been sitting on the bench. The woman and other young boy were waiting to board the covered wagon. From my perch, I called out, "Have fun on the wagon!" Under my breath, I added, "I never did."

Alberto had instructed me to hold the reins with one hand and the knob-thing on the saddle with the other; and how to start, stop, and turn the horse — if the animal were a go-kart, his reins would be the steering wheel, and three swift kicks to his side would be stepping on the gas pedal. Only my horse didn't seem to have a gas pedal. "This horse, he is very lazy, no?" Alberto told me. "So you have to push him a little."

Alberto jumped effortlessly onto a black beauty, which trotted out of the corral, and I loosened Trace's reins and leaned forward, the two cues for the horse to follow Alberto. I don't know what I'd been expecting. A gallop? A canter? I'd have been happy with a steady gait. While I waited for the others to mount their horses, simply straddling the hay-eating muscle machine beneath me made me feel like I was about to tap into all that strength and power. Instead, when my horse, following Alberto's mighty stallion, took its first sluggish step, I suffered the same kind of disappointment I felt when



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I realized that *The Gods Must Be Crazy* was not a movie about schizophrenic deities.

I soon became convinced that Trace wasn't lazy so much as comatose. I was 20 feet behind Alberto, but the four horses behind me were nose to ass. Alberto kept looking over his shoulder and saying, "You're hungry, no? Kick him and we get there faster." I feared abusing the majestic creature, but I didn't want to disappoint Alberto by being a bad cow-girl. I tapped Trace's side a few times with my heel and begged, "Come on, boy, you can do it. Let's go. Pick up the pace — *picante*. Maybe there will be shade at the other end of this." The horse shook his head and made a drawn out sound that was half-snort, half-clearing of the throat. All of the other horses echoed Trace's sentiment with their own exasperated versions of what I could only imagine were the equine equivalent of kvetching.

The sun was relentless. My sunglasses were hot against my face, and I could see the sweat dripping down each side of Trace's mane. I was desperate for movement. With no breeze to cool our sweat, we were baking. Maybe if the horse took off at a gallop, it would create a refreshing current. "Come on, Trace!" I made a bunch of clicking noises with my mouth and then kicked, this time more than a light tap.

After taking three

quick steps, Trace slowed again, almost to a stop. Then I felt something hit my leg. I turned around and was almost face to face with the kid behind me, whose horse's head was pressed against Trace's haunch. "What was that?" I asked him. He shrugged and said he hadn't seen anything.

A few minutes later, I leaned forward in the saddle, pressed my hand against Trace's neck, and

whispered in his ear, "All right, you, let's get moving *now*. This is ridiculous." I bounced my heel against the horse, experimenting with different areas — further forward, further back, right in the middle. Then it happened again, only this time I saw it: Trace's tail flew up and slapped me on the thigh as though he were trying to shoo me off *like an insect*. I swung around in the saddle. "Did you see it that time? Did this horse

just hit me with his tail?" The kid was giggling, nodding. Yeah, he'd seen it.

We finally arrived at the clearing where I was relieved to find a few trees offering shade. The rigid saddle had left my butt

sore, forcing me to waddle to the breakfast table. After a plate of eggs and sausage links and a cup of syrupy coffee, it was time to go. I looked at the woman, now sitting on a cushion in the cabana-like

comfort of her canvas-covered wagon. And then I looked at Trace. With a sigh, I walked toward the horse, where Alberto was waiting for me, his hand outstretched. ■



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THE SARCASTIC KILLER

Tales from the Homicide Beat

continued from front page

One is the gruesome case of Allen Burton Hawes, whose body parts were found scattered all over San Diego County. Another is the killing of professional surfer Emery Kauanui in La Jolla. Some cases, such as one at Parkway Plaza on May 9, deemed at first to be suspicious deaths, were later classified as suicides.

Officer-involved shootings resulting in a death are investigated by the district attorney. Those that are determined to be justifiable are not statistically included in annual reports of area homicides. The February 10, 2007, shooting of 17-year-old Noe Rojas during a traffic stop resulted from officers observing what appeared to be a "blue steel revolver with a red tip sitting on the shelf near the glove box." It turned out to be a toy gun. The shooting was found to be justified and is not labeled as a homicide.

Also deemed defensible was the killing of a 22-year-old Cardiff man, who was mowed down by a citizen's car in Pacific Beach on March 17. In another case, although Michael Ray Estrada claims it was self-defense when he shot Victor Arreola in Fallbrook on January 7, 2007, he faces trial for murder. This latter case is the second on this list of homicides committed in San Diego County in the first half of 2007. Included is each homicide's investigation status; this further information is provided by updated press releases from the detectives of the respective homicide units in various area law enforcement agencies and their public-information and media-relations officers.

A MAN DIES IN A MOTEL ROOM

**230 Via de San Ysidro, San Diego
January 7, 12:31 p.m.**

At 12:05 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Economy Inn. Multiple gunshots had been heard. In a second-floor room, they found a male suffering from a gunshot wound. Paramedics attempted lifesaving measures, but the victim was pronounced dead at 12:31 p.m. A vehicle that had left the scene was located in the 1600 block of Fresno Avenue in Chula Vista. In a follow-up at a residence in the 1100 block of Del Mar Avenue, officers received information that a second shooting victim had been transported to Tijuana for medical care.

SDPD Homicide has identified the victim as David Ramos, 22. They say they are still working on the case.

SELF-DEFENSE OR MURDER?

**713 East Elder Street, Fallbrook
January 7, 5:59 p.m.**

Sheriff's Department received a call from an area resident about a shooting at the Fallbrook Village Apartments. Deputies arrived at that location at 6:04 p.m. and found a Hispanic male adult lying in front of the apartment complex. Paramedics attempted to give first aid to the victim but were unable to revive him, and he was pronounced dead at the scene. Initial reports indicate that the victim was involved in an alter-





SPECIAL BULLETIN

WILLIAM S. ROSENBERG
Lieutenant
WILLIAM S. GORE
Lieutenant

Bulletin issued: January 11, 2007

MURDER INVESTIGATION SUSPECT WANTED

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is seeking the public's help in locating the whereabouts of homicide suspect Michael Ray Robledo. An arrest warrant was issued for Michael Robledo on January 11, 2007 for the murder of Victor Arreola. The incident occurred at The Fallbrook Village Apartments, 713 E. Elder, Fallbrook, CA on Sunday, January 7, 2007.

If Mr. Robledo's whereabouts are known, call 9-1-1. Do not attempt to contact Mr. Robledo who is considered armed and dangerous.

SUSPECT:
Michael Ray Robledo
DOB: 09-10-80
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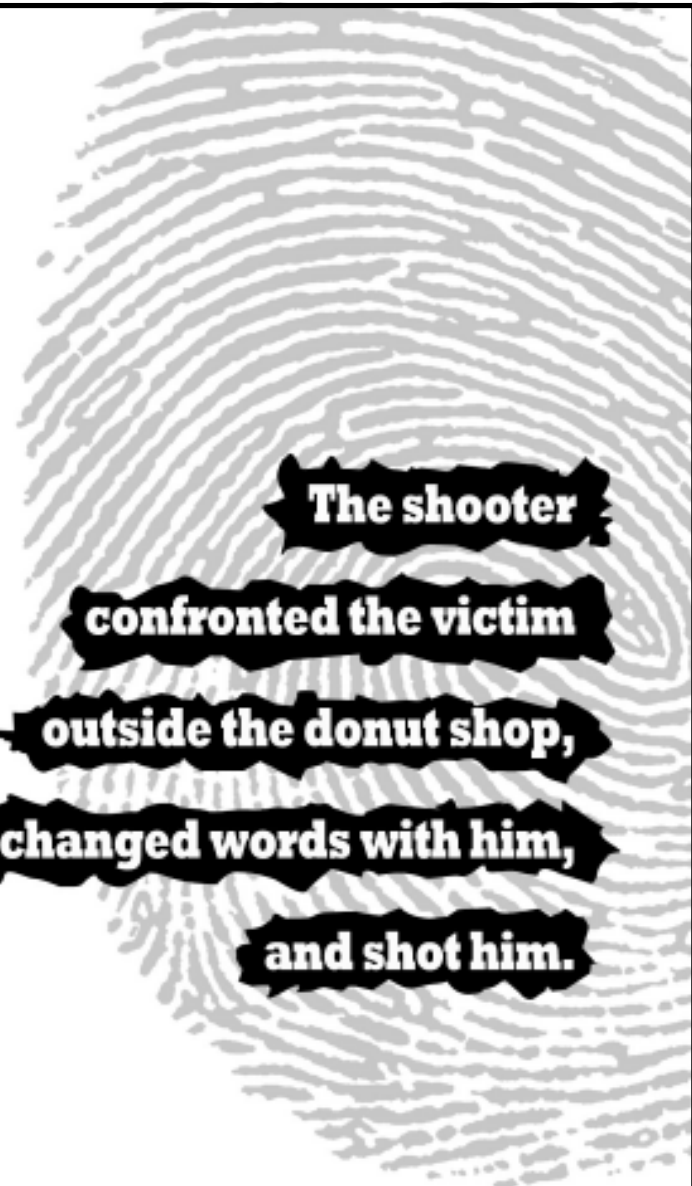


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REPORT TO: San Diego Sheriff's Case #07011404H

INFORMATION - FORWARD TO: Detective J. Ryzynski, Homicide Detail, (619) 914-2321 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. To contact the investigator during weekends and holidays, call the San Diego Sheriff's Communications Division at (619) 565-5206.

Apprehended: Michael Ray Robledo



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and shot him.**

cation with at least one other male immediately preceding the shooting.

Sheriff's Homicide Unit identified the victim as Victor Arreola, 32. Victor was employed as an assembly worker at the water-treatment product manufacturer R.O. UltraTec USA in Fallbrook. His brother Cesar Arreola-Pablo told police that he was watching TV while his brother left the apartment with a load of laundry. He heard shots fired, ran out, and saw his brother lying on a sidewalk, holding his chest and saying, "They screwed me." Cesar stated that he saw two men; one used a silver-colored gun to fire again at Victor before they ran away.

An arrest warrant was issued

for Michael Ray Robledo, 26. He was arrested January 16, 2007. San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force spotted Robledo riding in a vehicle near the 1000 block of Old Stage Road. Once the car stopped, Robledo took off on foot. He was captured in the 1000 block of Main Street. He was charged with one count of murder and held on \$1 million bail. It was learned his true surname is Estrada, not Robledo. He was arraigned on May 30, 2007, and pleaded not guilty for reasons of self-defense. Deputy Public Defender Kathleen Cannon's position is that this shooting was in self-defense, because the victim was chasing Estrada with a baseball bat: her client was not only defending himself but also trying to protect

other residents of the East Elder Street apartment complex. "A bat is deadly force, and it can be met with deadly force," Cannon told the court. "I don't think the evidence establishes an intent to kill."

Deputy District Attorney Debra Daley did not agree that the self-defense criteria had been met, because Arreola had held the bat well out of striking distance. Daley said, "Had he swung the bat, it wouldn't have made a difference, because they were 28 feet apart."

Deputy District Attorney David Greenberg says that a third of the 15 murder cases pending in North County involve self-defense claims. "Acquittals aren't very often," Greenberg states. "Hopefully,

we've ferreted those out [in advance] so they didn't get tried."

Judge Joan Weber ordered Michael Ray Estrada to stand trial for murder. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

WOMAN MYSTERIOUSLY DIES ON FREEWAY

**State Route 94 and Euclid
Avenue, Emerald Hills
January 10, 5:30 p.m.**

Filigran Torres, 24, was hit by a big rig and several other vehicles on the freeway. California Highway Patrol investigators at first considered this a pedestrian accident, with Torres at fault, until witnesses came forward and stated that they had seen

Torres worked as a gas-station clerk in National City and had three small children. An autopsy by the medical examiner determined that Torres had died from multiple blunt-force injuries. The manner of death (suicide, accident, or homicide) is unknown, according to Rooney. SDCPD are looking for other witnesses, who can contact the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-

Apprehended: Gerald Michael Nash

**EASTLAKE HIGH
SCHOOL ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL SLAIN**
1542 Oleander Avenue,
Chula Vista
January 12, 7:20 a.m.

A male occupant of the home reported that he had gone downstairs and found blood on the door to his adult sister's room. He was worried his sister was hurt. The responding officer, Oliver Demery, forced

Suspects wanted in the Damon L. Green murder

entry into the room and found the body of Diane Carpenter (DOB 10-08-1952). They noticed a trail of blood drops leading away from the house. The victim's son, Kaijamar "Kai" Dion Carpenter,

called San Diego Police and asked to be picked up in the area of 51st Street and El Cajon Boulevard. Diane Carpenter was the assistant principal of EastLake High School.

At the May 9 preliminary hearing in Chula Vista Superior Court, Kaijamar said in a videotaped interview: "I wanted to kill her. I wasn't paying attention, I was just stabbing her." Chula Vista Police Detective John Pene conducted this taped interview and testified at the hearing that he felt Kaijamar "was trying to throw me off track with my questioning. I think he may have some issues, but he knows what's going on."

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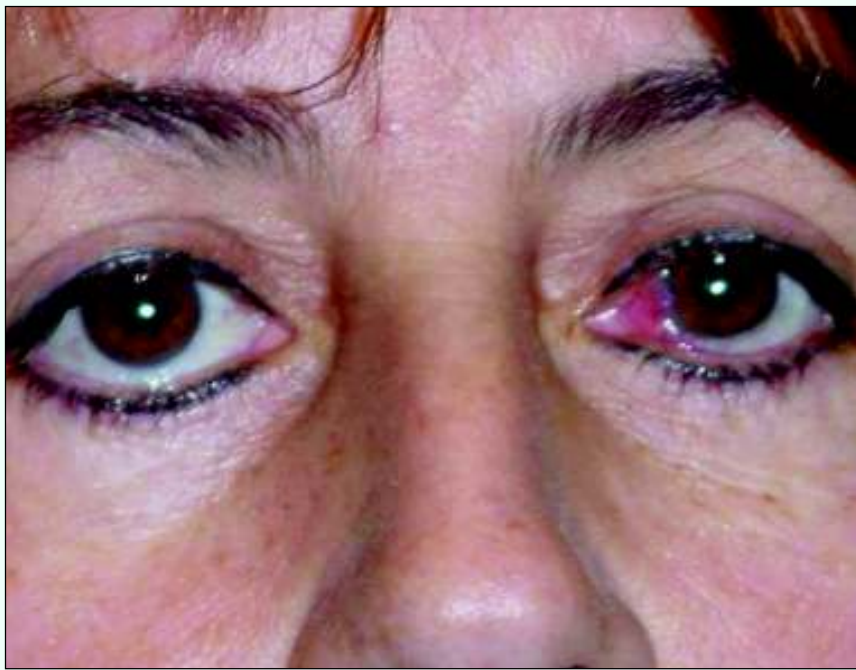
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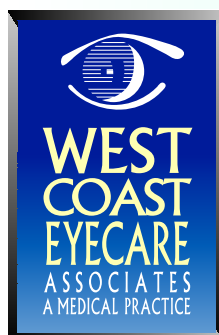
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nandez ruled that there was sufficient evidence for a trial. Kaijamar's public defender, Kate Coyne, says she filed paperwork to have her client declared insane and incompetent to face trial. A status conference and possible setting of a trial date will be heard in court August 30, 2007.

THE FIRST OF MANY GANG-RELATED HOMICIDES IN SAN DIEGO

3600 36th Street, Cherokee Point
January 14, 6:49 p.m.
Officers found a male lying on the sidewalk, suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was pronounced dead at 7:10 p.m. A few minutes before the shooting, the victim had been in a fight with four Hispanic males. The four males

fled northbound on 36th Street, leaving the victim lying on the sidewalk. Then, another Hispanic male drove up in a pickup truck and parked near the victim. He got out of the truck, walked up to the victim, and fired a gun.

SDPD Homicide identified the 25-year-old victim as Rudy Valdez. A few minutes before the shooting, Valdez was involved in a fight. The shooting has been determined to be gang-related. Lieutenant Jeff Sfera describes the gunman as Hispanic, in his late 20s, bald, with a thin build, wearing a white T-shirt and black pants. His truck is described as a dark-blue Toyota Tundra, with big rims and wheels, raised frame, and a Chargers lighting bolt in the rear window.



NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: March 22, 2007
CMBL: 07-0062

CONTACT: Lt. David R. Mosier
PHONE: (760) 838-3300

HOMICIDE SUSPECT SOUGHT

On March 22, 2007, at approximately 9:45 p.m., 26-year-old Carlos Eduardo Rios, of Escondido, was stabbed to death at a liquor store located at 1147 E. Washington Ave. Rios died as a result of the attack.

Rios was believed to be a Hispanic male, was responsible. On Friday morning, March 23, 2007, one of the two suspects was located and questioned at the Escondido Police Department. At this time it is believed this subject was not involved in the homicide.

Through the investigative process, the primary suspect was identified as Carlos Lara Rodriguez, a 26-year-old resident of Escondido. Rodriguez is approximately 5'7" tall, 150 lbs, with short black hair and is wearing a long black coat with a hood. He has been seen wearing a long black coat with a hood. He has been seen wearing a long black coat with a hood.

Rodriguez is believed to be in the Escondido area and should be considered armed and dangerous. If you see Rodriguez at home where he may be, advise that you immediately contact your local police department. Please do not attempt to take custody of Rodriguez.

This case is being investigated by members of the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to telephone Sergeant Daniel Pineda at (760) 832-6115. Anyone with anonymous information regarding this or any other crime is asked to contact the Escondido Police "Tip Line" at (760) 838-4375.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. David R. Mosier



Wanted: Charles Lara Rodriguez

THE CASE OF THE RUDE AND SARCASMATIC KILLER
300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad
January 19, 12:06 a.m.

Carlsbad Police Department received a 911 call about a fight in progress. Dispatchers were told that there was possibly a gun

involved. Upon arrival, officers found the victim on the ground with apparent gunshot wounds. Paramedics responded and the victim was pronounced deceased on scene. Officers were directed to an individual across the complex — David Jonathan Sumner, 21 — who, according to an eyewitness, might have been involved. When they attempted to contact Sumner, he fled on foot. Officers pursued and located him on the roof of a building in the 300 block of Carlsbad Village Drive. Officers recovered a gun nearby, which turned out to be the suspect weapon in the crime. It appears there were no ties between the victim and suspect prior to the crime. Sumner appears to have initi-

ated the confrontation, which led to a physical fight. Sumner was arraigned on May 29, 2007, for the shooting death of James Jay Wendal, 44, an Ocean-side resident. James Cowan, Wendal's friend, stated the fight broke out because the two men bumped shoulders and then made "sarcastic" and "rude" remarks to one another. Sumner is being held on \$2 million bail and is ordered to stand trial.

ANOTHER BODY IN A CAR
7800 Shorewood Drive, Skyline
January 27, 5:25 p.m.
On a Friday evening, officers responded to a report of a body lying inside a parked car. They found a deceased male in the trunk of a

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station wagon. Based on the condition of the body, the death was deemed suspicious, and Homicide detectives were called on the scene.

SDPD Homicide says the victim has not been identified and the case is still under investigation.

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9700 Winter Gardens Boulevard, Lakeside
February 1, 4:00 p.m.
Sheriff's Department received a 911 report of an armed suspicious person. The first deputy arrived on the scene at 4:03 p.m., entered the condominium, and found an injured male lying on the floor. At 4:16 p.m., paramedics pronounced the victim dead. Neighbors reported hearing two shots.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office

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identified the victim as James Marcel Magot, 64, a Pacific Beach resident who ran a real estate business along with his wife. Magot was a Vietnam veteran, a Purple Heart recipient, and an elder for his La Jolla church. Michael Ray Jennison, who lived in the condo, was a suspect in this homicide. Jennison, 36, was arrested

on February 3, in Phoenix, Arizona. Police say he was driving alone and had three guns and \$50,000 cash in his car. Sheriff's investigators report that Jennison's condominium was in probate, and Magot was shot after coming by with an offer to sell the property.

DAUGHTER STABS MOTHER DURING CARD GAME
4100 38th Street, San Diego
February 17, 6:40 p.m.
 Police were dispatched to a report of a stabbing at an apartment complex. They found a 75-year-old retired woman, Mercedes Ramirez, suffering from numerous stab wounds inside the apartment. Paramedics

transported the woman to a trauma center, but she died at 7:17 p.m. Inside another apartment, her daughter, Tomasa Ramirez, 36, was arrested for the murder and taken into custody without incident.

Deputy District Attorney Wendy Patrick Mazzarella said Tomasa allegedly got up from a card game she was play-

ing with her mother, went to the kitchen, grabbed a steak knife, and began to stab her mother. When the mother tried to run, the defendant stabbed her repeatedly in the back. Mazzarella said the defendant immediately called police and told them what she had done, then proceeded to wash off the murder weapon. Criminal pro-

ceedings were suspended on June 5, when Judge Peter Deddeh ordered a mental-competency exam for Tomasa Ramirez. The competency hearing was set for July 23, 2007.

MAN DIES MYSTERIOUSLY AT TROLLEY STATION
Cottonwood Road and South Vista, San Ysidro
February 17, 10:24 p.m.
 SDPD officers were dispatched to a report of an injured person calling for help. They found a 25-year-old male, covered in blood, in the street near the Beyer Boulevard Trolley Station. Paramedics attempted to save the male, but he died at the scene at 10:24 p.m. The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim was assaulted on the platform of the trolley station. The victim staggered down a path that leads to Cottonwood Road, where he collapsed in the street. SDPD says the male has not been identified and the case is still under investigation.

VEGAS MUSICIAN SLAYS CARING FRIEND
2100 Parktree Lane, Escondido
February 18, 8:35 a.m.
 Escondido Police Communications received a telephone call from an unknown source reporting "two people dead and one person injured." Officers arrived at approximately 8:40 a.m. A male subject, who had been shot in the facial area with what is believed to be a small-caliber handgun, exited the house at approximately 8:46 a.m. He was immediately taken to an area trauma center. His wounds were not life-threatening. At approximately 11:45 a.m., the suspect, later identified as Octavian Crishan, 68 years old, of Las Vegas, Nevada,

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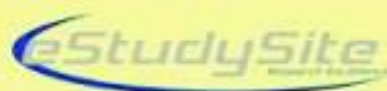


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exited the garage of the residence and was uncooperative with police units. Nonlethal beanbag rounds were deployed; the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. While checking the residence for additional suspects or victims, the body of a deceased male, who appeared to be in his late 60s, was located. He had also been shot.

Escondido Police identified the murder victim as Herman Wiesemeyer, 67, a long-time friend of Crishan's. The man with the facial injury is Matthew Vivian. According to Deputy Public Defender Barbara McDonald, Crishan is claiming that

he was abused by both parties and acted in self-defense. Crishan's defense will be based on his allegations that Wiesemeyer and Vivian tried to coerce him into creating a will or living trust naming them as benefactors and that Vivian threatened to inject him with potassium chloride and poison if Crishan did not comply.

Detective Miguel Ramirez testified to the court that Wiesemeyer looked after the suspect and had helped him move out of an assisted-living facility in Las Vegas.

According to the Musicians Union of Las Vegas, Crishan, a violinist, was a long-time

member. His high-profile gigs on the Las Vegas Strip included performing as the concertmaster at the

shows.

In a June 19, 2007, hearing, a Superior Court judge ruled that a trial would go forth.

Candles were placed on the spot where Easton was run over, and tributes to Easton were posted on his MySpace page. The driver was not charged with a crime, which was deemed self-defense.

Aladdin Casino. They said he attracted the attention of Sammy Davis Jr., who hired Crishan as a concertmaster for some of his

The date is set for October 16, 2007.

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February 26, 7:30 a.m.

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4900 Wheelhouse Drive, Ocean Crest
March 3, 2:48 p.m.

Police were called after several people detected an odor coming from a parked Lincoln Navigator. They checked the vehicle and found the body of a deceased person in the back seat. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the truck was first noticed on March 6. On March 10, a citizen called police to have the vehicle marked with a 72-hour-violation notice. The vehicle has a Baja license plate.

Police say the body has not been identified and the case is still under investigation.

DRUNK RUNS DOWN BICYCLIST

500 North Highway 101, Solana Beach
March 16, 11:46 a.m.

Manville Frangos, an off-duty senior volunteer from the Sheriff's Encinitas Station, was driving behind a red Toyota 4Runner. Just north of Solana Vista Drive, he saw the 4Runner hit 40-year-old Jeannie Franklin, who was riding her bicycle in the bike lane. Frangos followed the vehicle and wrote down the license plate number before returning to the scene, where a sheriff's deputy and an emergency-room doctor had arrived.

Franklin was pronounced dead at 11:52

a.m. She and her husband Simon Franklin had spent part of the morning at a Cardiff market. When they left,

Highway 101. She died of head injuries and a severed spinal cord.

A broadcast for the suspect vehicle went out

The shooter confronted the victim outside the donut shop, exchanged words with him, and shot him. The victim fled into the donut shop, and the suspect fired through the plate-glass window.

he took the bus back to their Solana Beach home, while she, an avid biking enthusiast, rode along scenic North

on the air. Local agencies began looking for the vehicle and its owner, 41-year-old Brian Stephen Carnes.

Escondido Police Officer Martin spotted the vehicle in a driveway on Rock Springs Road in Escondido and detained Carnes as he got out of the freshly washed 4Runner.

Carnes was arrested. He had a 1998 DUI conviction. He was booked into the Vista Detention Facility on charges of vehicular manslaughter, felony hit and run, and driving under the influence. Deputy District Attorney Brenda Daly said that the charge of murder was later filed because of "his prior DUI conviction and the results of an investigation." Carnes's blood alcohol level was .26.

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800 Agate Street, Pacific Beach
March 17, 6:15 p.m.

Police were dispatched to a report of a vehicle-pedestrian collision. They arrived to find a male down in the street. In the meantime, a second male had called police from two blocks away to report he had just hit someone with his vehicle. The injured male was transported to a trauma center, where he died at 6:45 p.m. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the motorist and his girlfriend were driving slowly on Agate Street,

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The Sarcastic Killer

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looking for an apartment to rent, when they noticed several males walking toward them in

the street. The males started yelling at the motorist, and one of them kicked the driver's door. The driver accelerated to get away from his attackers but in doing so hit a third male who was

standing in front of the vehicle. After running over the individual, the motorist stopped. The injured male's companion started to chase him, so the motorist left the area and called 911.

San Diego Police identified the victim as Timothy Easton, 22, of Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Candles were placed on the spot where Easton was run over, and tributes to Easton were posted on

his MySpace page. The driver was not charged with a crime, which was deemed self-defense.

THE CASE OF THE DONUTS PLUS SHOOTING

4090 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington March 20, 2:28 a.m.

San Diego Police responded to a report of a shooting at Donuts Plus. They arrived to find an injured male in the rear of the business. The victim was transported to a trauma center, where he died at 3:24 a.m. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim, 38, and a male friend were eating at a taco shop next to the donut shop when the victim became involved in a conversation with another male. The conversation turned antagonistic before the male suspect left the taco shop. Approximately ten minutes later, as the victim and his friend were leaving, the suspect and his companion returned. The shooter confronted the victim outside the donut shop, exchanged words with him, and shot him. The victim fled into the donut shop, and the suspect fired through the plate-glass window.

Police identified the victim as Damon Green. They said no arrests have been made, and the case is still actively being investigated. Crime Stoppers offers a \$1000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. Call 888-580-TIPS.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND IN A CAR, THIS TIME BURNED

1330 North Magnolia Avenue, unincorporated El Cajon

March 20, 11:59 a.m.

Sheriff's Department received a call to assist the El Cajon Fire Department at the Magnolia Auto Repair. Deputies and fire personnel were directed to a locked mini-van.

There was someone in the van who appeared to be unconscious and could not be aroused. Once the vehicle was forced open, the body

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of an adult male was discovered. Also apparent was the fact that there had been a fire

Officers forced open one of the doors, removed a portion of the rear seat, and were able to see the body of a male inside the trunk.

inside the vehicle. It was at that point that arson investigators were called to the scene. Arson investigators' initial determination suggested that the incident appeared to be of a suspicious nature. Investigators from the Sheriff's Homicide Detail were notified and responded. Sheriff's Homicide Department says the case is still under investigation.

MAN STABBED OUTSIDE LIQUOR STORE
1141 E. Washington Avenue, Escondido

March 22, 9:48 p.m.
Police received a telephone call reporting a possible "stabbing vic-

p.m. and discovered the victim collapsed on the sidewalk. The victim had indeed been stabbed and was unresponsive. The victim's cousin, a witness to the stabbing, told police that two unknown Hispanic males had approached them after they'd made a purchase and exited the liquor store. One of the suspects exchanged words with the victim, pulled a knife from his rear pocket, and stabbed the victim;

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both suspects then fled westbound on Washington Avenue. The witness described the suspects as Hispanic males, 16–19 years old, wearing dark clothing.

The victim was transported to an area hospital, where he later expired from his wounds. Escondido Police identified him as 26-year-old Carlos Rios, of Escondido.

Police also identified one of the suspects as 25-year-old Charles Lara Rodriguez, responsible for the murder of Rios. Rodriguez is believed to be in the Escondido area and should be considered armed and dangerous. Rodriguez is approximately 5' 9" tall, 150 lbs., with short black hair and brown eyes. Crime Stoppers offers a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Rodriguez.

ABUSE LEADS TO INFANT'S DEATH
300 Millar Avenue, El Cajon
April 3, 1:03 a.m.

Police responded to a call from a father that his infant was not breathing right. Officers administered CPR until medics arrived and transported the 3 1/2-month-old infant to Grossmont Hospital, then later to Children's Hospital. The infant was in critical condition. Tests at the hospital showed that the infant was the victim of abuse, and doctors determined that the infant's father, Brandon Joseph Robert Martin, 18, caused the injuries. Martin, who worked as an electrician, was taken into custody. On April 6, doctors determined the victim had no brain activity. The decision was made to remove the baby from life support. The child was pro-

nounced dead at 2:45 p.m. Martin has been charged with Penal Code 273ab, "Abuse of a Child Causing Death," according to Lt. Tim Henton of the El Cajon

Clairemont Mesa East
April 4, 8:23 a.m.
Police responded to a report of an abandoned car. Neighbors had first noticed the car on the evening of March 23 but did not contact

the trunk. Based on the condition of the body, the death was deemed suspicious. The car, a Gold Chrysler Concord, had been reported stolen in Chula Vista on March 24. San Diego Homicide detectives identified Ivan Lorenzo, 28, through a fingerprint check. Lorenzo lived in Tijuana but was a U.S. citizen. Police say the case is still being investigated.

Dean, 63, was stopped by an officer at First and Harbor, according to Rooney, and arrested and charged with the homicide. An investigation revealed that the suspect and victim had been involved in an argument over a jacket, and the suspect beat the victim while taking the clothing back from him. Both victim and suspect are homeless. The District Attorney's office says a trial date, if any, has not been set.

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Police. If convicted, he could get 25 years to life. **AGAIN, ANOTHER BODY FOUND IN A CAR**
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police until a foul odor began to emanate from the vehicle. Officers forced open one of the doors, removed a portion of the rear seat, and were able to see the body of a male inside

BUM FIGHT OVER JACKET LEADS TO MURDER
200 Harbor Drive, Marina
April 8, 6:15 a.m.
A citizen noticed a male down outside a business near the San Diego Convention Center. Police arrived to find the victim unresponsive. He had been beaten to death with a blunt object, said Lt. Kevin Rooney. Claude

THE MYSTERY OF THE TWO DEAD BODIES
300 Woodman Street, Skyline
April 24, 1:00 p.m.
The resident of the apartment unit, a 70-year-old male, had been at a local hospital for a week. He called two relatives and asked them to visit his home to check on it and to pick up some personal items.

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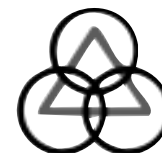
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The relatives went to the home, where they found the front door open. They entered. The living room had been ransacked. While checking the rest of the home, they discovered two males in separate rooms who both appeared to be deceased, with trauma to their bodies.

San Diego Police identified the victims as 50-year-old Daniel Lee Collins and 51-year-old Rock Walker. The resident did not know them. Police say it is unknown what their

occupation was and the case is still being investigated.

A STABBING AT THE BEACH **100 Ventura Place, Mission Beach** **April 29, 6:52 p.m.**

Police arrived to find an unconscious male victim suffering from an apparent stab wound. Lifeguards and paramedics attempted to save the victim's life, but he died at a trauma center at 7:26 p.m. Witnesses said the victim and an unknown suspect were in an argu-

ment that escalated to a physical encounter before the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim. After the stabbing, the suspect walked his bicycle to the parking lot on the south side of Ventura Place, placed the bicycle in the bed of a pickup truck, and drove away.

Police say they have yet to identify the victim or suspect and the case is still being investigated.

MISSION BAY DREADLOCKED

GRABBER FATALLY SHOT
1700 East Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay
10:20 a.m., July 25
SDPD Officer Travis Hamby and members of the Air Support Unit helicopter "ABLE" responded to a report of a sexual assault near the Hilton Mission Bay Hotel. Jill Vizcaino of San Carlos reported to police that she was walking in the area with her son and a female friend. A black male with dreadlocks, who appeared to be a transient, walked toward them, "eating a piece of chicken," she said. The man passed them, wished them a "good morning," and then, abruptly, grabbed the female friend between the legs.

According to Lt. Manny Guaderrama, a similar sex crime occurred the prior week along Clairemont Drive, by a suspect with a matching description.

Officers on board ABLE observed a male matching that description near the waterway of Tecolote Creek. Officer Hamby parked his vehicle in the lot at 1500 Mission Bay Drive and approached the suspect, later identified as Dominic Long, 32.

Long "appeared to be holding a shiny, sharp object clenched in one of his hands," according to Homicide Unit Captain Mary Cornicelli. Long motioned Hamby toward him, and Hamby ordered, "Turn away and get on the

ground." Long refused to comply and started to walk toward Hamby, the sharp object still in hand.

Hamby, who has been on the force for 21 months, contends he believed he was going to be stabbed. He fired his service weapon, shooting Long.

Long turned away, started to walk, and then collapsed on the concrete.

Other officers arrived and found a chrome pocketknife in Long's hand. They placed him in handcuffs and attempted first aid. Paramedics pronounced Long dead at the scene.

Hamby has been placed on administrative duty while the case is being investigated. ■

— Michael Hemmingson

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UCSD Research Study on ANXIETY

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TYPE 2 DIABETES RESEARCH

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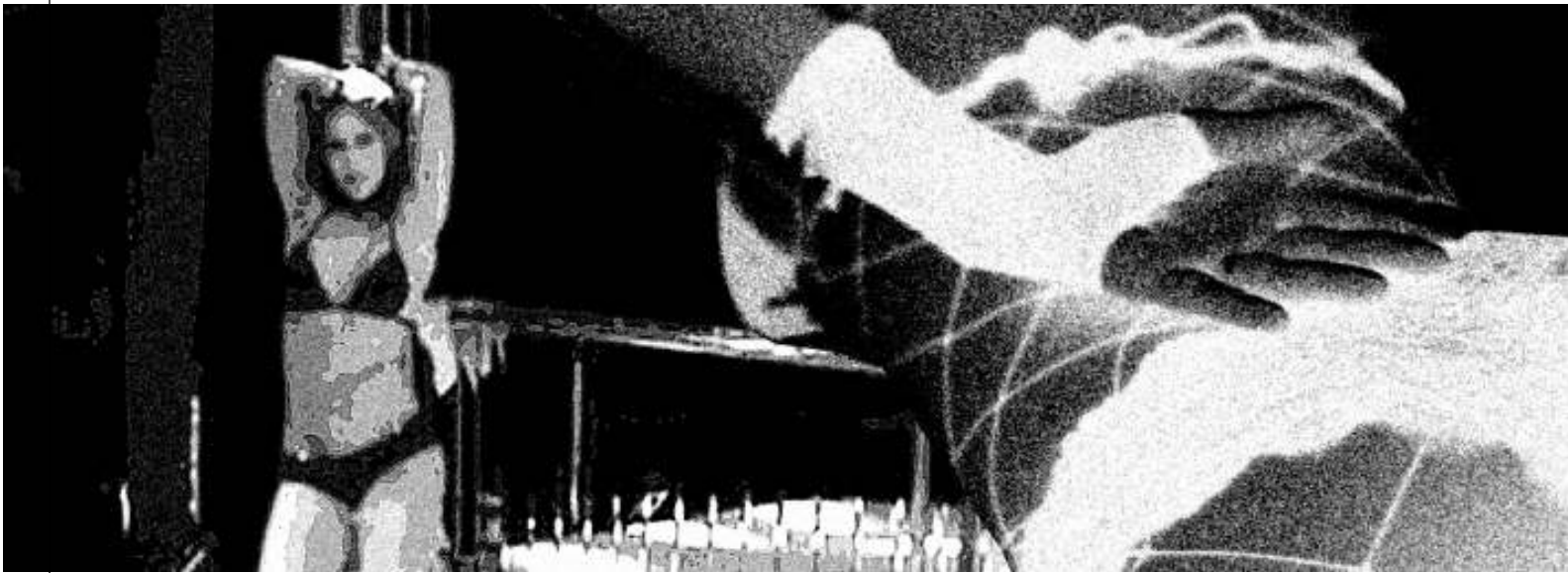
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- Be above the age of 18
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Not be taking medication for your Diabetes

To learn more about the study contact Catherine DeLue at:
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One Weird Gig



I DIDN'T SET OUT TO BECOME A PORNOGRAPHER.

In '84, about to become jobless, I grabbed the Yellow Pages and circled every "bookstore" listing within moped-riding distance of my North Park apartment. Hand-delivering my unimpressive résumé took me to a round, one-story building at 6321 University Avenue, where a sign out front informed that Jolar Cinema was a bookstore of the adult variety. The "cinema" referred to peep-show booths, where 8mm, 16mm, and (then new) video porn unspooled 24 hours a day. Live strippers performed in booths in the back.

The "bookstore" was a front room that had a few shelves of triple-X-rated magazines. A shaggy clerk charged me \$2 admission (traded for eight machine tokens) to enter the rear room, where celluloid peep-show booths lined the perimeter and video booths ran down the center. The back of the club had an enclosed stage with narrow booth doors arranged in a semicircle around access windows. Customers entered a booth, dropped tokens or quarters into a slot, and a little hydraulic door rose to reveal one or more "totally nude" dancers on a stage. Another slot made it possible for customers to pass dollar bills to the women, who, thanks to the slight elevation of the stage, gyrated their pelvic region

near the customer's face. The windows cost \$1 to open, but after around a minute, the shutter slammed shut, and it took more cash to reopen.

Behind the stage were four private-talk-show booths, where customers could solicit one-on-one performances from the ladies. A thick pane of Plexiglas separated the "dancer" on her raised mattress from the customer, whose side of the booth included a stool and a wall-mounted box of tissues. The cost here was \$5 to start the show, plus whatever tips you stuck in the lady's slot (a hole cut into the wall), with the show growing progressively raunchier based on tips. Dancer and customer communicated via boxy old

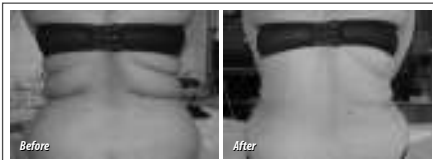
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phone receivers, though few dancers did much talking.

Manager Lee Bickel hired me as a clerk. The duties on my solo 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift included checking in the evening dancers, selling product, changing and maintaining the film projectors and video banks, and managing the sometimes troublesome customers. Twenty-four years old at the time, I learned from my first paycheck, signed by Edward Fonzo at Modern Bookkeeping, that I was earning just over minimum wage and working for a company based in Durand, Michigan, called Ellwest, which was the name on the store's brass tokens. Bickel's boss was Harry Mohny, who later gained notoriety over a \$14 million tax bill and as founder of the Déjà Vu Showgirls chain of

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Mohny moves in with 18-year-old porn star Gail Palmentier (later known as Gail Palmer) and makes ten movies with her, including the popular "Candy" series starring Carol Connors.

I soon discovered that Ellwest was part of one of the nation's largest pornography chains, a big employer not just in Durand but all over the United States. Mohny's Entertainment World International was the main Midwest distributor of X-rated movies; his Wonderful World of Video (previously Amber, Inc.) had a lock on West Coast distribution from its office at 6315 Hollywood Boulevard. The company had a stake in porn videos produced by Caballero Video, and Mohny was sole owner of Caribbean Films (whose corporate address was an L.A. post

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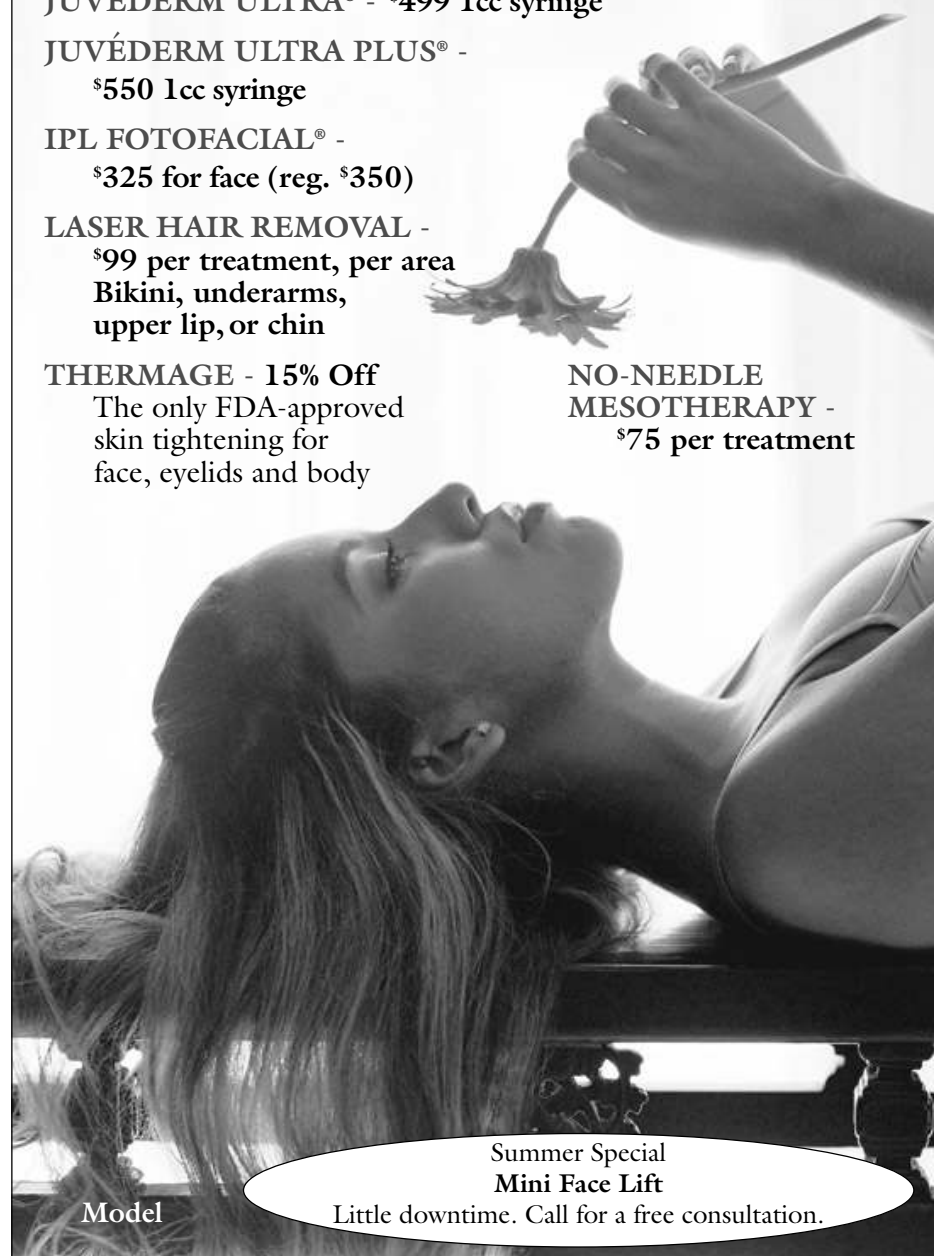
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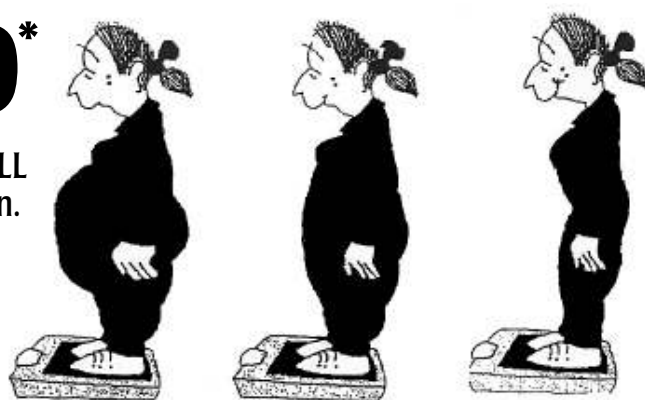
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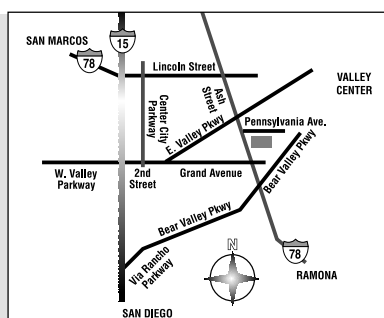


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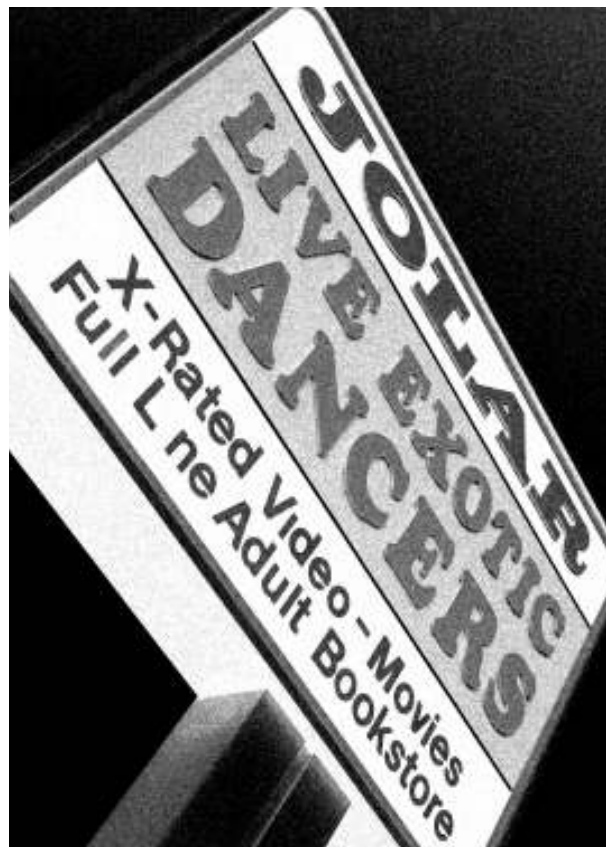


office box). At that time, he was already wealthy enough to co-own, with other company principals I'd later meet, several homes in La Costa. As I became more entrenched in the business, I'd see financial reports for nearby operations in the chain, such as the Eyeful in Ontario, Venus Fair in North Hollywood, and Cinema X in Bakersfield. It was stunning to see how much money was pouring into the company.

Bickel upgraded me to manager, and I began building the bookstore into more of an adult boutique, putting up new shelves for highly profitable (and ridiculous looking) rubber, leather, and novelty goods, right down to the inevitable blow-up dolls and buckets-o'-lube. We started one of the city's first adult-video rental systems, with tapes (mostly Beta) arriving

weekly from the company in Michigan. The company shipped all the chain's stock and reorders from Variety Distributing, at 1112 North Saginaw in Durand. I wasn't allowed to place orders with anyone else. I was supposed to keep it a secret that someone outside San Diego owned Jolar; the owner on the business license was a woman named Jackie Hagerman, and a company-owned home in La Costa was listed as her primary address, though she spent no more than a few weeks a year living there.

It was an odd job. Bouncer skills came in handy, particularly when drunk guys tried climbing over the booth walls to get at the ladies. I also had to deal with dancers' angry boyfriends and husbands, ejecting several and signing more than one police report. I caught shoplifters, and I



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tell you, it's hard not to laugh out loud when you catch a bald guy wearing a Freak Brothers T-shirt slipping a pocket rocket into his bumpy pants. I doubled up the janitorial

shifts to have guys constantly cleaning and mopping the peep-show booths (truly among the world's worst jobs). I had to acknowledge that I had one weird gig.

It got weirder after Lee Bickel took a vacation from which he never returned. The company told me he quit. Bickel told me he was fired. I know he threatened a lawsuit and received a sizable settlement. I remained friends with him until he passed away a couple of years later from AIDS-related illnesses. He had been diagnosed just before he vanished from the tiny manager's office alongside Jolar's front desk. I was covering Bickel's shifts when "owner" Jackie Hagerman flew in from the main office in Durand and made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

Hagerman — a tiny, hyperactive, tough-as-nails Asian woman once described by a colleague as "Yokoesque" — offered me \$1000 a week to manage the Jolar Cinema. Right away, I took the word "cinema" off the front sign and

redesigned it to read "Jolar — Live Nude Dancers," since the dancers weren't even hinted at on the old signage. Over the next 30 days, the weekend bank deposit increased from about \$9000 to a little over \$12,000, mostly on the strength of the bright new sign, advertising in local military papers (with a coupon for a "free nudie show," actually a handful of extra booth tokens), and growing video-rental revenue as we expanded to take credit card and check deposits.

Another project was replacing the creaky old film projectors with video decks and oversized TV screens. I rebuilt the dancers' stage, installing flashing built-in lights on the floor and ceiling. We revamped the private-talk-show booths, decorating each with a different theme: a tropical jungle, a colle-

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giate bedroom, an Asian boudoir, and a "kinky" room where the dancer could sit in a leather stirrup seat suspended by heavy-duty chains. Comical illustrated signs on booth doors now proclaimed these "Sexual Therapy Consultation Rooms." I kept the wall-mounted tissue boxes.

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CHRONOLOG #2: Jolar opens in September 1978 on Broadway downtown, with A. Dale Manicom listed in arti-

cles of incorporation as owner of the "local" company set up to manage the club. Federal authorities later accuse real owner Harry Mohny of using trusts and corporations to conceal his business interests and to avoid taxes. 1980: The Gaslamp Quarter's 16-block area contains around 30 adult bookstores, movie houses, and porn shops. Summer 1983: Jolar relocates to a former furniture store in the College Area on University Avenue, next to

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One reason Jolar paid me so well was that I was legally responsible for anything that happened. If a dancer was arrested for prostitution or for having drugs on the premises, I'd go to jail, too. You can believe I ran a tight ship. Bickel had installed a video-surveillance system that covered the stage and dancers' dressing room, while wiretaps allowed us to monitor the conversations going on in private-talk-show booths. The eavesdropping was intended to ensure that the girls weren't turning tricks or buying or selling drugs.

The threat of jail loomed constantly, and vice cops were always visiting, in particular Officer Goldy, badge #1356. Goldy's job included policing the city's strip clubs and peep shows and enforcing City-decreed regulations that

tended to be fluid, with frequent revisions.

One funny week, the City changed the rules for peep-show establishments, as defined in section 33.3302, division 33 of the municipal code. Suddenly, to keep our permits active, we had to screen at least 51 percent non-X-rated material in our film booths. This was surely enacted thinking it would shut down the peeps. Instead, the following Monday morning, all the peep-show store managers in San Diego were running around to camera and hobby shops buying out the all-age-appropriate 8mm and 16mm film footage.

By that afternoon, the sounds of *Donald Duck*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *King Kong* clips boomed from within peep-show booths along with the usual moans and groans

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of porno loops! This lasted almost a month, and strangely, some of the non-X-rated movies earned as many quarters as the porn loops (black-and-white boxing films were inexplicably, disturbingly popular).

Around the same time, another new ordinance required adult shops to take the doors off the booths, even those with live girls. Our local lawyer, George Haverstock, argued that the legal definition of "door" allowed for a saloon-type swinging affair that provided a modicum of privacy. This staved off citations and possible closure for another few weeks while we wrangled new deals with the City. It was a constant wrestling match, and vice was getting more aggressive in their patrols. Sometimes, they even arrested clerks or patrons, usually for lewd conduct, drug possession, or intoxication,

or whatever else they could come up with to keep us in court (and, I suspect, to scare away customers). My old work files show ten official visits from police between August 10 and October 16, 1985, including:

8-10: Officer P. Derninc, ID #2164, cited clerk for "litter" in 11 booths.

8-11: Officer Swarzendruber, badge #250, unit #2559, entered office and demanded "Beth's" real name and address, would not say why he needs this infor-

mation. I refused to provide, he left without further incident.

8-20: Vice officer J. Deloach, badge #711, ticketed second-shift clerk John for not having a Misc. Merchandising License on display.

8-26: R. Camacho, ID #2563, ticketed [clerk] John for having doors on booths. They told him he'd be arrested if they come back and doors are still on.

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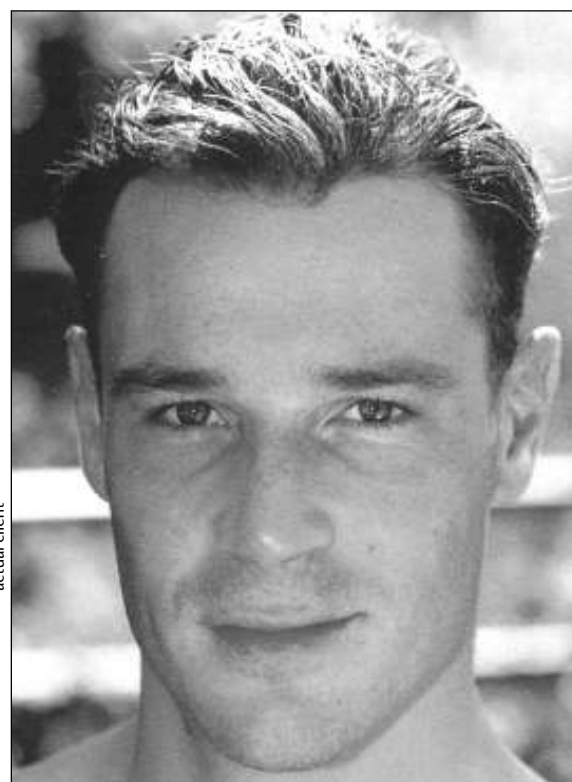
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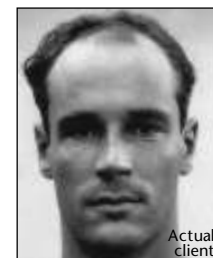


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Officer Goldy styled himself as our nemesis; often, to my mind — and perhaps his as well — playing Holmes

to my Moriarty. He might as well have had a magnifying glass when he showed up to inspect the premises, checking for anything from the smell of pot in the dressing room, to "forbidden sexual acts" by dancers, to customers getting intimate with each other in the booths.

Goldy once cited a married couple for sharing a booth, even though they were only watching a movie, not screwing. He also wrote a littering ticket to a guy who

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Nude dancers had to be licensed, which required attending a downtown class that Goldy taught. I used to drive new girls there and sit outside the police trailer where courses were held. Sometimes, I'd hear him tell the girls, "That guy out there is nothing but a lowlife bottom-feeding pimp who just wants to grab the last dollar bill right out of your G-string." He'd come out afterward and wink at me, as though it were all a joke.

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action (I hesitate to say
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pening at adult establish-
ments all over town, not
just at places with live
ladies. I found this out
from two guys who vis-
ited my Jolar office. They
wanted me to join them
in forming a merchants’
co-op for local adult-
store and theater opera-
tors that would pool
resources for things like
group legal
representation.

At that time, I’d
never heard of Reuben
Sturman or Gojko Vasic.
They’d later be notorious
figures in major legal
brouhahas relating to
their respective porn
conglomerates. To me,
they were just two guys
trying to talk me into
joining the 20 or so oth-
ers who belonged to
AMMO (Adult Mer-
chants something-or-
other; I forget, and my
work files don’t say). I
attended a handful of

meetings. Representa-
tives of most if not all of
the bigwig Southern Cal-
ifornia porn concerns
showed up at various
times, including Noel
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*agents had raided his
Cleveland warehouse,
seizing 590 copies of a
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man controls General
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eventually runs nearly a dozen F Street bookstores, including shops in El Cajon (opened in 1985), Miramar, Chula Vista, Escondido, North Park, and Leucadia, with all but the last including peep-show booths. In the late '70s, a costume-clad F Street penguin mascot shows up at events to pass out flyers and peep-show booth tokens; efforts are undertaken by some to ban the F Street penguin from public events.

Sturman was easily the

most mysterious and deferred-to figure at the merchant co-op meetings I attended (most held in closed, windowless bars, after hours, in places as remote as Ramona). I got an instant sense of the power he seemed to hold over everyone. He once arrived with an expensive-looking briefcase handcuffed to his wrist. Everybody pretended not to notice; as always, they seemed intimidated, if not outright scared of the guy. I was dying for someone to ask, "Hey, big bank deposit, or are you on a secret mission for Her Majesty?" but nobody commented on the Bon-dian maneuver. If it was all for show, it was a damned good one. (At more than one of these odd functions, I found myself mentally cuing the *Godfather* theme, though I saw no outward evidence that such paranoia was justified.)

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I recall one meeting at which vice cops sat down with local strip-club operators, though Sturman was a no-show,

as were the other big-wigs. Vice was there to help us hammer out a legally acceptable definition of "masturbation," down to whether over-the-clothes rubbing counted. This was an amusing cross-conversation. Mohny was there, along with his live-in mistress, and I recall her interjecting, "It shouldn't even count unless the person masturbating has an orgasm," which drew blank stares from everyone. I still don't know if she was joking.

At least once the final wording was put into the new city ordinance, dancers busted for doing two-girl shows would be charged with "mutual masturbation" rather than "crimes against nature."

I stopped going to AMMO meetings — and contributing dues — when I realized Jolar had little in common with F Street, the Kitty Kat The-

ater, and the shops getting pushed out of the Gaslamp Quarter. The last knew they were doomed; it was only a matter of when. It may sound silly, but I considered Jolar upscale by comparison, especially after a guy from Adult World defended his store's leaving illegal waist-level "glory holes" drilled between peep-show-booth walls (allowing anonymous physical contact between strangely inclined male patrons) because "Those booths make five times more money."

Only a few meetings concerned those of us with live dancers (Body Shop, Les Girls, Star & Garter, and a couple of others), and Jolar was the only locale in the city with machine-operated live peep-show booths. Besides, I quickly grew uncomfortable being in close quarters with Vasic and Sturman. They were

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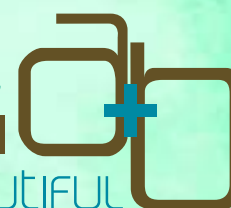
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the two most unnerving people I'd met in my porn career to date, simply because the blood in their veins seemed to run so cold. Peep shows were only my job — they were these guys' lives.

SD PORN

CHRONOLOG #4:

1985 — Gail Palmer, who the previous year had reported Harry Mohney for tax evasion, sues him for using her name without permission to promote films like *The Young Like It Hot* after he supposedly excluded her from their financial "partnership." In

a court deposition dated November 19, 1985, Palmer states, "Although Mohney incorporated his business, he had total management and control over it while placing other people in positions of officers and directors to avoid being connected to the business. These named officers and directors were merely Mohney's puppets." A New Year's Day fire at Mohney's Indianapolis office uncovers documents that lead authorities to raid one of his Michigan warehouses. Hidden paperwork reveals Mohney's hand in more

than 70 corporations, including Jolar Cinema Ltd. Evidence surfaces that he may have skimmed over a million dollars a year from some operations. The Meese Commission report on pornography (1986) links his business dealings with organized crime bosses, stating (page 1230), "Mohney worked closely with the La Cosa Nostra [mafia] Colombo and DeCavalcante crime families, who dominated East Coast porn distribution with the Gambinos."

On one of my worst

days, a half dozen FBI guys showed up in my office. It seemed that Harry Mohney was in legal hot water, the feds having discovered that his company, not Jackie Hagerman, was Jolar's true owner. When the feds saw the monitoring switch and speaker on my desk that eavesdropped on the private-talk-show booth phones, I was handcuffed and arrested for "maintaining an illegal surveillance system." When they found a UPS box of porn videos sent from the Michigan

office, they threatened to file federal charges against me for interstate transportation of pornography, which they claimed could earn me 20 years in prison.

I sat there with my mouth shut (a company edict I followed religiously) while they tore my office apart and took away files, bankbooks, and records, even my school notebook from a night class I was taking in graphic arts. The charges against me were later dropped, but the FBI visited me a few other times. Most of

their questions were about Mohney, particularly about his and the company's residential properties in and around La Costa. I didn't know at the time that his ex, Gail Palmer, had filed suit against Mohney in February '85, claiming that she co-owned the house at 2520 La Costa Avenue ("I later discovered it was placed in the name of Caribbean Films, Inc.," she wrote in a court declaration).

I was surprised to find out the FBI knew I'd house-sat in a couple of those La Costa homes

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(one periodically occupied by Hagerman, not Mohney). That's about the same time that I started noticing black cars without license plates following me as I drove to our various bank deposit drops (we maintained several; I knew better than to ask why). When the drivers didn't turn out to be robbers, I assumed them to be feds.

I wondered if someone had been following me up to La Costa, perhaps on occasions when I was asked to prepare company houses for

company guests. I'd be sent off by Hagerman or Mohney with a shopping list of snacks, fridge drinks, wine, condom boxes, and other stuff that I was to sprinkle around for visitors. I was occasionally instructed to introduce a "fun loving" dancer or three to male company associates, with the girls making their own deals with Mohney, Hagerman, and/or the visitor if there was to be monetary compensation for their time and efforts. I know, I know...weird gig.

The house Hagerman frequented had all-white carpets and furniture downstairs, furthering that Yokoeseque association for me. She liked my girlfriend and invited us to spend evenings and weekends there by ourselves, though she usually slotted in some shopping, dry cleaning, or car-delivery errands for me to do (she had a new Mercedes that always needed to be moved from some airport or another, as her expensive gold hood ornament kept getting stolen in parking lots).

After the FBI raided my office, and as I began hearing more about the growing porn empires of Sturman, Vasic, and my own boss Harry Mohney, my girl flat out asked me, "Jay, are you working for the Mob?"

I allowed that I couldn't say for sure about the first two guys (especially after Sturman's handcuffed briefcase), but I didn't think Mohney was with the Mob. Maybe a mob, but not *the* Mob, you know? I'd met him several times; he was a nice guy. He'd congratulated me a bunch and paid me nice bonuses for the increasing revenue at Jolar. He didn't talk like a wiseguy or goodfella. He had a linguist's elocution and vocabulary. He dressed like a high school

math teacher.

SD PORN CHRONOLOG #5:
1985 — An indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Cleveland alleges Reuben Sturman conspired to evade millions of dollars in taxes by laundering \$7 million through foreign bank accounts. He's also accused of destroying records despite a grand jury subpoena. One of his codefendants, Scott Dornen, pleads guilty to conspiracy, admitting he delivered around \$450,000 of unreported cash to Sturman. Meanwhile, Sturman-involved adult businesses in the Gaslamp Quarter (most operated under or serviced by his umbrella firm, Sovereign News Company) are being pushed out by new zoning

and license restrictions. Mafia kingpins transplanted from the Northeast, such as John Antonelli (in the local porn and massage parlor business since the mid-'60s) and his associates, begin abandoning downtown porn emporiums.

Mohney (or rather the company) bought an adult bookstore at 827 National City Boulevard, and Hagerman and I began remodeling the cavernous interior, setting it up like Jolar, with live dancer booths. However, there was some doubt about whether the City would allow us to open the doors. Mohney wasn't a legal county resident, I was told, or perhaps he was merely unwilling to apply his name to the license. Lord

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knows, in-house paper trails regarding his many business interests were treated like top-secret documents: need-to-know prioritized, arcanelly coded, and promptly shredded. We were instructed to refer to him as "our friend" in company correspondences and reports.

In a meeting with Hagerman and Mohny, I was approached to front as owner of the National City shop, at least temporarily, until the permits cleared and the business could open. I considered the substantial offer to put my name on the business license as owner and on incorporation paperwork as president and controlling officer of the new corpora-

tion while we remodeled. We opened the front section as a bookstore, managed by a Jolar part-timer named Tom Gray, who would later go to a federal prison camp in Boron for dealing meth. The only reason the doors were opened was to stave off the City's threat of condemnation. In what is in hindsight a rare wise decision, I declined to become a part-owner of the National City store. Sure enough, it was shut down a few weeks later before the remodeling was finished, and neither Hagerman nor Mohny ever referred to it again.

Mohny was eyeing other San Diego sites for what would eventually become his Déjà Vu

clubs. Downtown was seeing the death of its peep-show population. At the same time, the city was becoming a hot spot for both porn producers and resident stars, with more and more videos being produced (and sold) within city limits. We briefly carried, on consignment, a few videos literally handmade by the dancers themselves (or by their entrepreneurial pimps-slash-boyfriends). The company saw the future was in live nude girls, especially those industrious enough to market themselves with trinkets like handmade videos, Polaroids, and even worn undergarments (which we briefly offered to customers free as a happy

hour promotion, part of a paid private-talk-booth show and given right off the ladies' backs, as it were).

The company opened new stores patterned after Jolar, such as Pandora's Box on Sixth Avenue in Tucson, Arizona. Similar shops were started in Phoenix, Galveston, Las Vegas, and elsewhere, and Hagerman and I trained some of the new managers in Tucson or at Jolar. In-store porn-star signings became popular, with occasional media coverage. It wasn't always positive coverage ("You'll be shocked to hear what's happening in *your* neighborhood!"), but anything that men-

tioned us was considered good press.

SD PORN CHRONOLOG #6:
1985 — Though Reuben Sturman avoids conviction in a federal sting operation dubbed MIPORN, he finally faces prison thanks to an IRS agent who, since 1975, had been investigating his worldwide holdings, including kickback money earned from peep booths set up in San Diego. Sturman's found guilty of tax evasion in 1989, earning four years at Boron federal prison camp near Barstow (plus a million-dollar fine). While in prison, he faces charges of conspiracy in a bombing said to stem from his hiring bikers to extort kick-

back money from porn shops. Sturman has a helicopter assist him in escaping from the low-security facility on December 7, 1992. He's arrested eight weeks later in an apartment near Disneyland. He's acquitted of the bombings but convicted of conspiring to commit extortion through the use of violence. Since he owes \$29 million in back taxes, the IRS seizes all his available assets. Sturman dies of a stroke in late 1997. Gojko Vasic, founder of the F Street adult bookstore chain, dies in 1993. His wife Alma takes over the chain.

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and revamped the system (her gold Mercedes hood ornament was stolen twice while parked out front, I suspect by angry dancers). She rebooked the girls as independent contractors and rented them booth space at the club to perform. We charged \$75 per day off the top of anything they made and then took 50 percent of their tips, which customers put through the slots into the lockboxes. The women didn't handle their money until the end of the week, when we'd deduct our booth-rental fees and our half of the week's tips. This pissed off a lot of dancers, but none that I recall quit. In fact, competition became fierce to rent booths on weekend nights, with women paying days in advance to keep their preferred booth and shifts. Rent soon went up to \$100 per booth shift.

After a few weeks of this system, the state Labor Commissioner came down on us. I was visited on June 26, 1985, by deputy labor commissioner Victor Rojas, who brought with him several vice cops and a fire inspector, Captain Marion Stillwell. Stillwell kept me busy with eight cited violations, while Rojas and vice grilled the dancers. The labor department then informed us that dancers had to be treated as employees from that point forward, threatening us with years' worth of dancers' back taxes if we challenged the decree. Hagerman chose not to fight and put all the dancers on the payroll, requiring them to clock in (I had to buy a time clock) and paying most of them minimum wage. All their tips went into lockboxes that the company kept for each woman until the end of the week. Then Jolar would cut them a check for 50 percent of their total tips.

It wasn't just vice and the City that were

campaigning to erase the pornographic blight on University Avenue. There were also occasional protestors. The 20 or so matronly ladies carrying "Jolar Exploits Women" signs around the building on four consecutive weekends (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., same shifts as the dancers) were my favorite. They actually listened to the dancers when they went outside to say that they weren't being sold into slavery and that the lowest-wage earner among them took home more cash per night than the club manager (i.e., me). "Who's exploiting who?" they posited. The protest signs didn't come down, but it was enjoyable and amusing to see such disparate women, leading such unrelated lives, having a lively discussion in the front parking lot about a woman's right to buy a condo off wages legally earned while nude.

The club was raided again in February 1986, this time by cops holding warrants for the arrest of several dancers and me. One of the dancers, "Angie," had solicited an undercover cop, and others had been caught performing forbidden acts in private-booth shows for secret Sheriff shoppers (many of whom, the dancers insisted to me, exposed themselves and masturbated).

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defendant fondled and licked each other vaginally as well... Manager arrested for operating or maintaining a house of prostitution and pandering, class 5 felonies."

I'd never spent more than a couple of hours in jail for the company; someone had always bailed me out while the handcuffs were still warm and taken care of my court appearances. I can't recall ever being in a courtroom for them, despite being arrested four times over dancer infractions (in addition

to the unnerving if never-pressed FBI bust). Charges against *me*, anyways, were always dropped, if ever filed at all. This time I had to spend the night in a downtown holding cell, and I was unhappy about this, as you can imagine. Besides, I kept seeing those unmarked black cars...

When Harry Mohny next came to the club a few weeks later, I was still seething, and I bitched up and down for who knows how long. I recall being pretty foulmouthed. I

hadn't even been offered the standard company bonus for taking the trip to jail (\$1000 on each previous occasion). On top of everything, he'd brought two young children, about two and four, into the back of the club where the dancer booths were. This was illegal and more than upsetting. Women seeing the kids through their booth windows were grabbing for their clothes and freaking out. Errec, a stunning young mom and our highest-grossing day girl, ran up to my office crying and

announced she had to go home, immediately. "I can't be in there shoving my hand up myself while little kids are running around and laughing two feet away from me! This is sick!"

I agreed, and a few minutes later I flat out told Mohny to take the kids (*his*, I later discovered) outside; I refused to let them stay another moment. He stared at me, mouth agape. Hagerman had heard me go off a time or two, but Mohny was the guy everyone in the company deferred and referred to

with a reverence bordering on messianic. Even as I was kicking him out of his own store, I realized my days at Jolar were numbered.

He quietly gathered his kids and drove them somewhere. I don't think he said another word to me. Ever. He showed up with a bunch of workers a few days later, and they began tearing apart one wall of the bookstore to build a connecting hall between the counter and my office. I hadn't been informed this major remodeling was about to happen, and Mohny

drove off before I could ask, "Wot the...?"

I decided it was a good time to take a vacation, and I said so, out loud, to myself in the office, just in case the FBI might be listening. On Hagerman's next visit, I gave her the dates I planned to be gone. She looked me in the eye and said — ever concise and up front — "You realize you won't have a job when you get back?"

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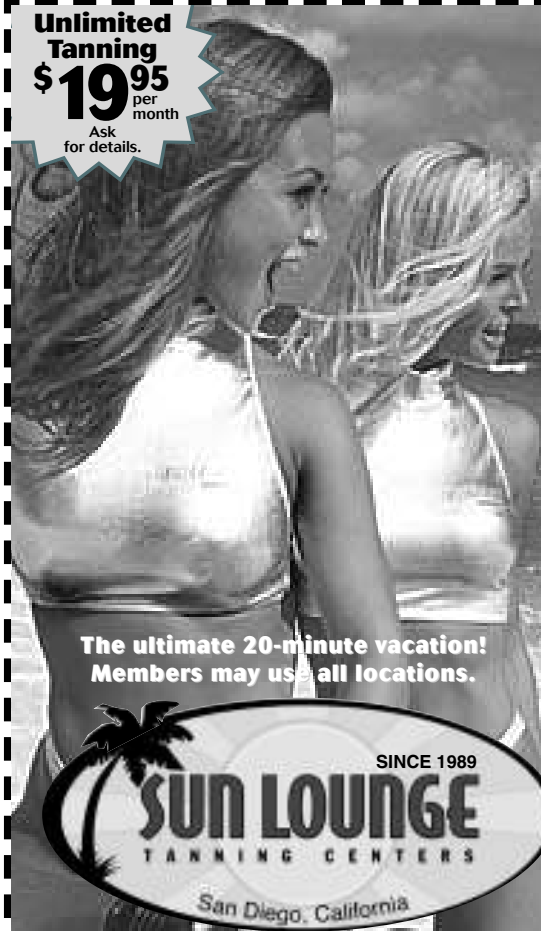
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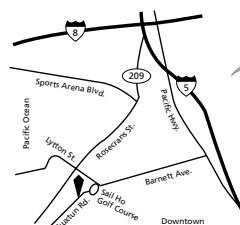
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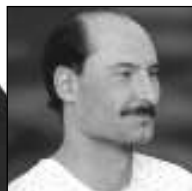
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said, referencing the event that'd landed me in company management. I packed up my stuff from the office, took down my *Buddy Holly Story* movie poster, made one last deposit, and visited the East Coast. When I returned to San Diego, Hagerman had hired a guy named George — whom I hear she later married — to run Jolar.

It was over ten years before I'd again see Jackie Hagerman or Harry Mohney. Hagerman won a "Good Guy" retailer award at a 1997 porn industry award show. She appeared pretty much the same as I remembered her, remarkably well preserved and as wired looking as ever. Mohney made a rare personal appearance when Larry Flynt inducted him into Hustler's "Porn Walk of Fame" in L.A. on October

29, 2003. He looked 30 or more years older than I recalled, appearing wizened and tired. He'd surely been through a lot.

SD PORN CHRONOLOG #7: *While Harry Mohney escapes personal conviction in MIPORN, his company, Wide World of Video, faces corporate charges. In the last MIPORN trial, in 1987, he pleads guilty and pays millions in fines. 1990 — federal prosecutors call Harry Mohney "the nation's second-largest purveyor of pornography" and estimate his net worth at over \$100 million. In October 1992, he begins serving three years for tax evasion at Boron federal prison camp. "He used scores of corporate entities to hide himself in a very effective way," says Richard Delonis, the assistant U.S.*

attorney who prosecuted Mohney. "I have not encountered anyone who took cheating on their taxes to this kind of level." A federal tax lien totaling \$14,454,611 is levied against Mohney's companies in October 1993.

The next time I visited Jolar, a year or so after my vacation, Hagerman had hired a new guy to run things. Willem Hoiejenbos, a European, was listed in the articles of incorporation as "president of Jolar Cinema of San Diego Ltd." In the years since, I've dated several of the Jolar dancers and gotten to know him a bit. At one time, Hoiejenbos and I both dated a platinum blonde stripper calling herself "Savannah" (who lived with me while she worked at the club). Contemporary Jolar girls

told me the dancers weren't making nearly as much money as in the old days, when \$20,000 to \$30,000 weeks were becoming commonplace.

Post-Jolar, taking a cue from how popular porn stars are, I founded my own comic book publishing company, Carnal Comics, featuring porn-star autobiographies. *True Stories of Adult Film Stars* became the top-selling adult comic book title of the '90s. I got to work with and often befriend women like Annie Sprinkle, Marilyn Chambers, Jasmin St. Claire, Jenna Jameson, Hyapatia Lee, Annabel Chong, Jill Kelly, Kendra Jade, Christina Angel, Ginger Lynn, Aja, Savannah, and dozens more lubricious ladies. I fell in love with one porn star and lived with a few others, though

those are tales best left untold, assuming you'd even believe me if I shared them. Jolar eventually proved to be nowhere near my weird-est gig.

SD PORN CHRONOLOG #8: *2000 — Harry Mohney co-owns the Déjà Vu strip club chain (reportedly grossing \$10 million yearly), and his Déjà Vu Consulting firm manages over 60 strip joints (née "gentleman's clubs") in the United States and Europe, including the Hustler Clubs. He has eight children, four born out of wedlock. April 2000 — 19 local peep-booth establishments are inspected by vice, who issue notices of violation at 12. Four arrests are made for violation of California Penal Code section 647(a) (Lewd Act in Pub-*

lic), and one person is arrested for violation of Health and Safety Code section 11364 (possession of narcotics paraphernalia). In May, City Attorney Casey Gwinn spearheads an effort to have doors removed from area peep-show booths "to prevent group sex, masturbation, and a variety of unsanitary and unsafe sex practices." He introduces the vice report at a city council meeting, citing items found in booths, including "excrement, sexual paraphernalia, used condoms, semen, used Kleenex, used napkins, clothing, urine, narcotics paraphernalia, balloons, and matches."

I bumped into several ex-Jolar dancers over the years. Anorexic-thin "Toni" became a street prostitute and was battling AIDS when I last

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saw her. Her voluptuous little sister "Honey," with the Betty Boop voice — whom I hired on her 18th birthday — is an actress I've seen in several mainstream movies and TV shows (including *Married...with Children*). "Sandy" started her own real estate office in East County and has, I hear, done very well. "Mary Jane" has a high-profile job in a famous zoo run by her father. Russian transplant "Sapphire Skies" ended up managing Déjà Vu's Kearny Mesa club, as well as appearing in an issue of Carnal Comics.

"Tiffany" filed a lawsuit against Jolar after ten years of employment, spending her last day locked (by herself) in her dancer booth and having to be removed by police, who disassembled the booth door. "Madalyn" is currently suing Jolar, claiming she was fired while pregnant (though she's another former

roommate, I declined to file a deposition). "Jezebel Flaire," "Shyanne," "Justan Obsession," "Becky Sunshine," "Annah Marie," "Bonnie Michaels," and several others became relatively anonymous porn "stars," none of them to any notable acclaim. "Shyanne's" porn website contributed to her losing custody of both her children.

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CHRONOLOG #9:
2000 — The City imple-

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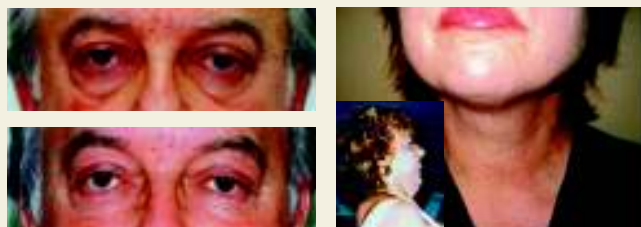
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2001, zoning issues force two of F Street's San Diego stores to close. Of the 30 adult boutiques once based in the Gaslamp Quarter, only 2 remain. By 2004, only 19 of the city's 39 licensed adult entertainment businesses have peep-show devices. A local ordinance is drafted and passed that forbids peep shows from operating between 2:00 and 6:00 a.m.

In January 2001, a new law went into effect, AB 2509, amending section 350 of the Labor Code to read, "Any amounts [of cash] paid directly by a patron to a dancer...shall be deemed a gratuity," i.e., the ladies could keep 100 percent of their tips. Jolar attorney George Mull filed a lawsuit against the Labor Commission contending that the new law treats strip clubs differently than other industries and that the law "interferes

with the contracts clubs have with their dancers." The labor dispute is still in contention. At this writing, Jolar takes out the first \$50 from the dancers' booth machines, with the rest of the machine money split in half. The dancers keep all cash tips, in accordance with the new law, and they're also paid an hourly minimum wage. They're fined \$100 if they leave their shift early.

Jolar principals keep popping in and out of my life. I cocreated a mildly successful comic book series with "Bonnie Michaels" (*Nightingale: Mistress of Dreams*) and "Deja Sin" (*Fallen Angel*). I paid for "Jezebel Flaire" to go to massage school while she was my mistress, and I covered the rent for "Mary Jane" for about a year while we were sleeping together (I guess qualifying her as another

mistress, though she'd kick the ass of anyone calling her that). I dated "Shyanne" while she worked at Jolar a couple of years ago.

I now regret recommending the Jolar gig to her, as other dancers then encouraged her (back) into drug use and prostitution. Not that she wouldn't have drifted toward that anyway, but strip clubs too often provided her — and many others — with an irresistible one-stop shop.

According to Shyanne, the company opened a new locale on Barnett Avenue, where she sometimes "dances" in the same peep-show-booth setups. She told me robberies are frequent, vice is constantly on patrol, and her bosses claim the City is trying to shut them down. Again. The battle of the peeps goes on. ■

— Jay Allen Sanford

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LETTERS

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And I do think there's a relationship to mad cow disease and sicknesses, although the USDA doesn't seem to agree with me.

Name Withheld

Reader Reviewed

From time to time, I pick up your magazine. Features I like are:

"Sheep and Goats," crossword puzzle, free classified advertisements, and occasionally an article. One I especially liked in the July 12 issue is "T.G.I.F.," "Everybody Makes Mistakes, John, Everybody," by John Brizzolara. It came up just at a time when a friend of mine was experiencing crudeness from other people whom she had considered friends. I picked up the phone and read it to her. I hope it helped her to be somewhat forgiving of their thoughtlessness.

Some of your rougher contents are not pleasing to me, as you might expect from your wide readership. But I still find content I like, so thank you for it.

Matthew Alice: I remember when I was an assistant editor of a rag in Normal Heights. A young woman came in, inquiring about writing for the paper. She interviewed briefly with my boss. Upon leaving, she seemed crestfallen that she was not hired. I prayed for her. Later, I found her again, in the pages of *your* magazine. It looks like things turned out for the better for having been rejected. Thank you for taking her in and keeping her all these years. "Congrats, Matthew Alice!" Please tell her.

Jerry Schad: I remember taking an astronomy lab class from him years ago, when he was a professor with San Diego Community College. He had the patience of Job! He was tactful and caring, and so knowledgeable. He inspired me to start watching the skies. A couple of years ago or so, I was at a star party in the Cuyamacas, watching for a direct hit of a satellite on an asteroid. With my Zeiss binocs and researched knowledge as to the timing of the hit, I actually saw it. Sadly, *all* the as-

tronomers who were there with their high-powered telescopes missed it. They misjudged the timing by 11 minutes and were too late. But what I learned from Dr. Schad stood me in good stead. "That you, Jerry Schad!" Please tell him.

Crossword puzzles: Too hard for me (I stubbornly refuse to look things up for answers to the clues). However, once or twice I actually complete them. Usually, I just tell myself that I did the best I could and congratulate myself for getting as many answers as I did.

"Name This Place": Sometimes I actually recognize the place. Although I don't take time to write in, it's fun to try guessing, anyway.

"Sheep and Goats": I appreciate your profiling the churches I frequent from time to time. Thank you for your closing question asking what they believe about Jesus Christ. It seems San Diego County has lots of places for you to interview!

God bless you, and keep on keeping on!

Sara L. Brown
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Good Food, Good Health

A Twist on Filipino Cuisine

Since most Filipinos are immigrants, when they come here they change their diets,” says Ofelia Dirige, a nutritionist with a doctorate in public health. “They used to eat fish, vegetables, and fruit when they were in the Philippines; meat was expensive. When they come here, because the meat is so cheap and abundant, they start eating more meat. If you go to Filipino restaurants, most of the meat is fried and fatty.”

Dirige is cofounder of Kalusugan Community Services, an organization designed to promote health in San Diego’s

Filipino-American community.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, approximately 1,850,000 Filipinos

immigrated to the United States, making them the fastest-growing Asian-American group.

On Saturday, August 4, Kalusugan Community Services will host “The Taste of Healthy Filipino Cuisine Extravaganza” to introduce its campaign for healthy eating. “Kalusugan” means “good health” in Tagalog.

“The purpose of the campaign is to reduce and prevent obesity among Filipino-Americans by working with the environment, which means working with Filipino-American restaurants and grocery stores,” Dirige explains. “One problem with Filipino restaurants here is they give you too much [food], especially rice. For example, fast-food places like Conching’s, Karihan, and Maharlika — you go in there and just point to the foods that you want and they give you

two scoops of rice to go with the meat. One serving of rice is only half a cup; two scoops of rice is the equivalent of four slices of bread.”

Popular Filipino-American food — *lumpia* (meat-filled, deep-fried spring rolls), *chicharon bulaklak* (deep-fried pork entrails), and chicken *chicharon* (deep-fried chicken skin) — is unhealthy. “*Lechon* is a roast pork — when you roast a pork, you include the fat with it, especially the skin. People like it because it’s very crunchy,” says Dirige. “We call it ‘highway to heaven,’ because when you eat it you have heart disease because of the fat.” Another favorite is pork knuckles, one of the fattiest parts of the pig. “Fatty kinds of meats are cheaper than ones that are really lean,” says Dirige. She adds, “[Most] Filipino restaurants don’t serve any kind of salad.”

Dirige is working with Filipino restaurants to make traditional dishes more nutritious. Villa Manila, a Filipino restaurant in National City, has modified its recipe for *pancit* noodles by using less fat when sauteeing the dish and offering chicken breast instead of pork. It also offers a fresh, unfried version of *lumpia*.

Unhealthy items, still in high demand, will remain on the menu. “We don’t want restaurants to lose their business when we modify. It’s a compromise. For people who want to eat healthy, there’s some options for them.” One smarter choice might be *sinigang*, a soup dish that includes fish and vegetables. Many restaurants are offering brown rice as a substitute for the starchier white.

“Usually the Asian population is kind of behind in terms of information relating to health,” says Dirige, who attributes the lag to

language and cultural barriers. According to a survey she conducted from 2000 to 2003 involving 458 Filipino-Americans who allowed their measurements and weights to be taken, “About 36 to 40 percent of Filipinos are overweight in San Diego and 13 percent are obese. Only 16 percent ate 5 servings of vegetables and fruit per day.” Dirige warns that, though diabetes is the eighth leading cause of death in America, it is fourth for Asian Americans.

Obesity is one of the major risk factors for developing type 2, or adult-onset, diabetes. As with heart failure, this risk is increased when a person carries excessive fat in the abdomen, a condition known as android obesity. “The apple shape, when people bulge in the stomach, is a higher risk than the pear shape, or more bulge in the hips. The one that is deadly is the fat in your belly, that’s the active fat,” explains Dirige. Most Filipino women tend to be apple shaped.

At the event, local chefs will conduct demonstrations of “healthy cooking with flavors of Philippine cuisine.” Larry Banares, executive chef at Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines and host of a biweekly cooking segment on Channel 10 News, will prepare an avocado

mango salad and *pancit molo*, or noodles stuffed with lean ground pork, diced shrimp, vegetables, and seasoning. The noodles (won ton wrappers) are boiled in chicken broth. Joseph Orate, department chair for the Grossmont College Culinary Arts Program, will cook Filipino-style chicken and vegetable chop suey and *sinigang*-style poached salmon.

— Barbarella

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SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

BAJA

Mexico's National and Regional Arts, crafts, and products are celebrated in Rosarito Beach Fair 2007, continuing through Sunday, August 19.

At the Palenque, see Julio Preciado on Friday, August 3, 11:30 p.m.; Luis de Alba on Sunday, August 5, 8 p.m.; and Horóscopos de Durango on Thursday, August 9, 8 p.m.

To reach the fair, take first Rosarito exit from toll road; fair is visible at its Boulevard Benito Juárez location. Admission: \$5. 011-52-661-612-4391. (ROSARITO BEACH)

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OUT & ABOUT

JOIN THE BELLOBRATION! Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus, Wednesday–Sunday, August 8–12, San Diego Sports Arena.

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gust 2, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$13 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Baja California Wine Festival with music, food, entertainment, Friday, August 3, 7 p.m., at Riviera Cultural Center. \$28 U.S. 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA)

"A Walk Through the Vineyards," harvest festival with wine tasting, music, food, and entertainment, Saturday, August 4, 11 a.m., at L.A. Cetto Winery. \$43 U.S. 011-52-664-638-5848. (ENSENADA)

More Than 6000 Pounds of Caesar Salad will be prepared by 12 chefs, Sunday, August 5, noon, at Tijuana City Hall in Zona Río. Music, food, entertainment. Tickets: \$3 U.S., includes one sample. 011-52-664-684-0481. (TIJUANA)

Country Dinner and harvest festival, Sunday, August 5, 1:30 p.m., at Viña de Liceaga Winery, San Antonio de las Minas. \$60 U.S. 011-52-646-172-3022. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Wine, Music, Lecture promised Tuesday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., at

Club Campestre Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). \$45 U.S. 011-52-664-104-7510. (TIJUANA)

Summer Jazz Festival with performances by Jazz Sessions, Jazz son tres, Lupillo Barajas, Troker, Jazz Vinyl, Dat'z Jazz, and Lupillo Cruz on Wednesday, August 8, 6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Elderberry, a common bush or small tree found from San Diego County's coastal canyons to the mountain slopes around Julian and Palomar, is in fruit this month. The branches carry myriad tiny bluish fruits covered with a white powder. The fruits have traditionally been used for various drinks and preserves.

San Diego's Warmest Weather, on average, should occur in August through early September, according to statistics compiled from several

decades of measurements taken near the San Diego International Airport. In an average year, coastal residents enjoy an average daily temperature of 70°, which compares favorably (depending on your viewpoint) with the January average daily temperature of 55°. The range between the high and low is typically 10° or less this time of year. August's warm, semitropical weather will eventually give way to September's and October's slightly cooler days interspersed with occasional heat waves brought on by Santa Ana conditions — dry, hot winds that sweep down the mountain slopes from the interior.

Shore Birds migrating southward are beginning to arrive in San Diego County. Through fall and winter various ducks, sandpipers, and plovers will be spotted in increased numbers in the county's remaining coastal wetlands. Best bird-watching spots include the Tijuana River estuary, south San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel, Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, and Buena Vista Lagoon.

The Milky Way appears at its most glorious during August summer evenings free of moonlight (this particular year, these evenings occur from this weekend through August 16). You'll need to be in the mountains or the desert to see it clearly; too much artificial light in or near the urbanized parts of San Diego County renders it all but invisible. The Milky Way seems to broaden and become generally brighter over the south horizon, specifically near the constellation Sagittarius. When we gaze in this direction, we look toward the crowded heart of our galaxy, where millions of dim stars are so closely spaced in the sky that taken together they resemble puffs of steam.

Special Birds make birding at Salton Sea worthwhile at this hot time of year. Head out to search for wood storks, black terns, yellow-footed and laughing gulls, lesser nighthawk, and migrant phalaropes with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, August 4, 7 a.m.–noon, beginning at Salton Sea National Wildlife Headquarters. Free. Details: 619-692-3246. (SALTON SEA)

Trail-Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, August 4, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. For those 16 and older with a parent. Free. Registration: 619-341-1746. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Whelan Lake Bird Walk, see many different species during walk hosted by Buena Vista Audubon Society to scope out avian migrants, Saturday, August 4, 8 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-941-7824. (OCEANSIDE)

Interested in Indigenous Flora? Point Loma native plant garden work party, Saturday, August 4, 9 a.m.–noon. Pruning, weeding, watering led by Friends of Point Loma Native Plant Garden. Find garden at Mendocino and Greene Street off Voltaire Avenue. Free. 619-297-7380. (OCEAN BEACH)

Get Out and Walk! Enjoy open space, native plants and animals during guided walks, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, August 4, 5, and 8, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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Hike in Search of Hawks, other birds in Jack's Pond Nature Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 4, followed by Skyhunters program at 11 a.m. in big barn of Jack's Pond Park (986 La Moree Road). Admission to this "Discover San Marcos" event: \$3. Required reservations: 760-744-9000 x3508. (SAN MARCOS)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk a Suspension Bridge (the only one in San Diego), a wooden trestle bridge, and "other surprises" during an Urban Safari walking tour of Bankers Hill led by Patty Fares, Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations and departure point: 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL)

Check Out the Sun using special telescopes for viewing during star party in the San Pasqual Valley, Saturday, August 4, 5:30 p.m., at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 619-884-5527. (ESCONDIDO)

Sky Hunters, rehabilitated live birds of prey showcased during program, Saturday, August 4, 6 p.m., at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Free. 858-565-3600. (JULIAN)

California Native Plant Society leads walk on first Sunday of each month, including August 5, 9 a.m., from Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including August 5, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

What's Biting and Where? "Lake Jennings Fishing University" convenes for instruction by Helix Water District lake manager Hugh Marx, Sunday, August 5, 1 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Program is free, parking is \$3. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

Harbor Island Sunset Walk hosted by Walkabout, Monday, August 6. Three-mile walk starts at 6:15 p.m. by information board near restrooms in parking lot at west end of Harbor Island (on Harbor Drive across from Hilton Inn). Free. 619-222-3447, 619-231-7463. (SHELTER ISLAND)

"Tracking the Wiley Coyote," naturalist Susan Cunningham leads moderate hike on Chaparral Nature Trail, east ridge to the ranch house, and back — main areas that coyotes inhabit in Daley Ranch — Tuesday, August 7. Two-hour hike starts at 5:30 p.m. at main entrance on La Honda Drive. Reservations requested: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Adopt-A-Crag! Volunteer service project hosted by REI and Allied Climbers of San Diego, Thursday, August 9, 6–8 p.m., at Santee

boulders (across from West Hills Park). Area has been spoiled by graffiti and litter — help clean it up. Stay for pizza dinner. Free. Register with customer service: 858-279-4400. (SANTEE)

DANCE

Cross-Step Waltz taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, August 3, in room 207 of Casa del

Prado. Open dancing follows lesson at 7:30 p.m. All ages, abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

The Syncopaths, a Los Angeles band, make music for contradancing, and JoAnn Koppany calls, Friday, August 3, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$10. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including August 4, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8–11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

"California Heritage Project" presented by California Ballet Company, August 4 and 5, at California Ballet Studios (4819 Ronson Court). Project described as

"collage of dance and art work based on our own California culture...from neoclassical to flamenco and jazz." Pieces include *By Candlelight*, *Dedication*, *Pirates of the Pacific*, others. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15, \$25. 858-560-5676. (LINDA VISTA)

Trolley Dances FUNdraiser hosted by San Diego Dance Theater, Sunday, August 5, 5 p.m., at Dance Place San Diego (2650

Truxton Road, suite 108). Wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, three singing performances, new choreography by Jean Isaacs. Suggested minimum donation: \$65, benefiting "Trolley Dances." Reservations: 619-225-1803. (POINT LOMA)

West Coast Swing Dance Party, Sunday, August 5, 7:30–10 p.m., at Synergy Dance Zone (7480 Miramar Road). Introduction West Coast swing class: 6 p.m.; intermediate class:



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FILM

Class Movie Series features *She Done Him Wrong* and *It's a Gift*, starring Mae West and W.C. Fields, Thursday, August 2, 7 p.m., and Sunday August 5, 2 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue). \$9 general, \$7 seniors and children. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Movies in the Park series continues with *Madagascar* on Thursday, August 2, and *Happy Feet* on Thursday, August 9. Screenings begin at dusk at Spring Valley Park (8735 Jamacha Boulevard). Bring picnic, blanket. Free. 619-479-0312. (SPRING VALLEY)

Cinema under the Stars, see *Dazed and Confused* on Thursday and Friday, August 2 and 3, and *Sunset Boulevard* on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5. Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

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 *Antarctica* (6 p.m.) and *Mysteries of*

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Miramar Lake, perched halfway up the dry hills overlooking Scripps Ranch, Mira Mesa, and the distant coast, was completed in 1960 as part of the second San Diego Aqueduct project. Water flowing south to the reservoir originates from both the Colorado River Aqueduct and the California Aqueduct. As a key component in San Diego's emergency water storage system, the lake is kept nearly full during the warmer and drier months of the year. As a result, there's a palpable cooling effect when the summer breeze blows across the water.



Twilight at Lake Miramar

The lake and the city-owned lands around it have long been popular for water-based activities such as boating and fishing, and for more strenuous pursuits such as walking, jogging, biking, and in-line skating. Fishing and boating are permitted only on Saturdays through Tuesdays, from sunrise

to sunset. The narrow, paved road following the shoreline of the lake is open to self-propelled travelers seven days a week year-round. Much to the dismay of exercise buffs, a strict closure (for security reasons) of a segment of that road over the top of the Miramar dam was in effect following the events of September 11, 2001. Last month, the closure was lifted, and once again "traffic" was flowing across the dam. The San Diego City Lakes Department describes the rescinding of the closure policy as "tentative."

The reopening of the perimeter road makes the five-mile full-loop journey around the lake much more palatable and less-repetitive than the seven-mile, out-and-back trip travelers have had to put up with for the last several years. Wednesday through Friday you're practically guaranteed a more peaceful exercise experience, since there are no motorized vehicles allowed on the perimeter road on those days.

Condominiums and boxy minimansions have risen like battlements all around Lake Miramar in recent years. The mood has changed from one of remoteness to one of quiet refuge within a spreading suburban milieu. Yet even today there's a reminder of former wildness in the pungent-scented sage-scrub and

chaparral vegetation down alongside the perimeter road. Pets are welcome to enjoy the "call of the wild" too, but only if on leash and kept 50 feet or more from the water's edge.

You may call 619-465-3474 for recorded information about Lake Miramar and several other San Diego city lakes.

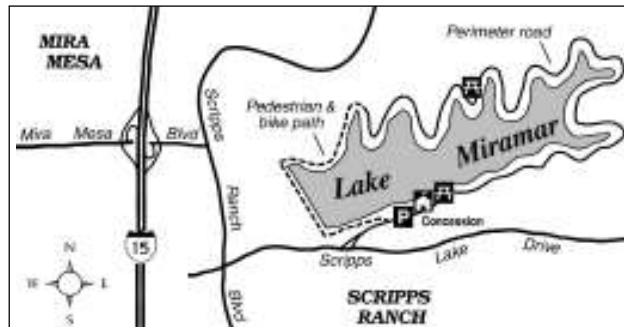
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Egypt (7 p.m.) on August 3. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Movies by the Sea, annual event features *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* on Friday, August 3, and

March of the Penguins on Sunday, August 5, 8 p.m., at Ellen Browning Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove. Entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. Bring blanket, picnic. Free. 858-454-5718. (LA JOLLA)

Moonlight Movies feature *Grease*, Saturday, August 4, at Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Fun starts at 5 p.m., movie starts at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Free. 760-602-7519. (LA COSTA)

"Techno-Movie Night" — promising "unique and never-seen-before video performances" by Technomaniacs — Saturday, August 4, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). See recently released video of "2001 St. Cecilia's Show," the premiere Technomania Circus show. \$5. 619-231-1950. Warm clothing recommended. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Rain in a Dry Land" chronicles two Somali Banyu refugee families and their lives in U.S. This POV documentary screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, August 6, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. In Mai Mai, Somali, and English, with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Parking Lot Pictures, catch Audrey Hepburn in the thriller *Wait Until Dark* when it's featured on Thursday, August 9, 8 p.m., in parking lot at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Bring a lawn chair, blanket. Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

24th Annual Big Fish Tournament hosted by San Diego Rod and Reel Club is August 18 and 19. In preparation, head to "Big Fish Seminar" with presentations by Rock Cod Rick, Tim from Swiftly Products, Thursday, August 2, 6 p.m., at Bali Hai Restaurant (2230 Shelter Island Drive). Registration: 619-922-6113. (SHELTER ISLAND)

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"Hidden German Genealogical Sources in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City" is topic when Penny Feike addresses German Research Association, Saturday, August 4, 9 a.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (3900 Vermont Street). Free. 619-276-4660. (HILLCREST)

Fragility and Beauty of Aquatic Life explored in "Dana Montlack: Recent Works," on view through Sunday, August 26, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Montlack discusses her "endeavors in digital photography and digital media" during artist's talk, Saturday, August 4, 1 p.m. Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Get to Know the Mars Phoenix Lander when NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Jay Lavine presents preview of NASA's newest mission to Mars, Saturday, August 4, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Courtroom Sketch Artist Debbie Krentz Johnson demonstrates techniques for Pastel Society of San Diego on Sunday, August 5, 2:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-713-1128. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Middle-Eastern Drum and Dance Class led by Frank Lazaro and Jayna of Bellydance Superstars starts Monday, August 6, at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Drumming at 6 p.m.; bellydance to live drumming, 7-8 p.m. \$12 per hour class. 760-703-1487. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Dead Sea Scrolls: Controversies and Theories of Early Judaism and Christianity" explored by Eric Meyers of Duke University on Monday, August 6, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. Suggested reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Intro to GPS" offered on Tuesday, August 7, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and REI Chula Vista (2015 Birch Road, 619-591-4924). Class repeats Wednesday, August 8, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley

Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, CHULA VISTA, KEARNY MESA)

"Designing with California-Friendly Plants" is subject for Wednesday Night Water Wise series, August 8, 6 p.m., at Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Site analysis and measurement, plotting design, environmental factors, water-efficient plant grouping. \$11. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Impressionist Giverny" is topic for Insight Gallery talks at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, August 9. James Grebl presents talk in English at 6 p.m.; Gwen Gómez presents exhibition for Spanish-language visitors at 7 p.m. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Good Bugs/Bad Bugs," in-depth classes led by entomologists David Kellum and Herb Field on Thursdays, August 9, 16, 23, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, August 25, 9 a.m.-noon, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Learn about all manner of insects. Nonmembers: \$100. Upon

completion of classes, receive certificate of accomplishment. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

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

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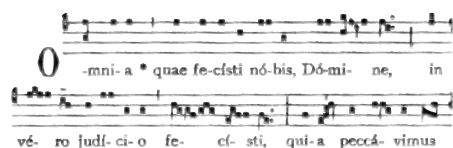
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“Blister in the Sun” — Violent Femmes for Four O’Clock Friday concert, August 3, 4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Included in regular Del Mar Thoroughbred Club admission (\$6). 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca play Afro-Cuban tunes for TGIF Jazz in the Parks series, Friday, August 3, 6 p.m., at Pine Avenue Park (3205 Harding Street). 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

The City’s Finest and Flux Theory perform for Concert on the Green on Friday, August 3, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (211122 East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Stand-Up Comics Matt Kirsch and John Wessling perform for Ocean Beach Comedy, Friday, August 3, 7 p.m., at Winstons Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). Kirsch and Wessling are two stars on fledgling online social television network Operator11.com, with their shows *Hilarious!* and *The Red Eye*; their live show will be netcast live on *operator11.com* site. \$5. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

The Tony Award-Winning Musical *Into the Woods* is presented by Carlsbad Community Theatre, August 3–5, at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 seniors and students. 760-931-8709. (CARLSBAD)

“Broadway Rocks!” San Diego Symphony Summer Pops and “four top-notch Broadway vocalists” perform songs from *Wicked*, *Rent*, *The Lion King*, *Tommy*, *Phantom of the Opera* for concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$12–\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“Luncheon of the Boating Party” signed, discussed by author Susan Vreeland, Saturday, August 4, 11 a.m., in Oceanside Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Free. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

The Electric Blues-Rock Quartet 145th Street entertains for summer concert series at Bird Park (at 28th and Thorn streets) on Saturday, August 4, 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-204-5606. (NORTH PARK)

Berkley Hart in Concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church

(4650 Mansfield Street). \$18, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Noted Mandolinist and Guitarist Tom Corbett brings his band to stage for concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Comedy at Twiggs — comedians Jeremy Saville (from HBO), Mal Hall, Kyle Smith, headliner Eddie Pence from Comedy Cen-

tral, emcee “The Rezinator” — all at Twiggs Coffeehouse (4590 Park Boulevard) on Saturday, August 4, 9 p.m. Cover: \$5. 619-987-3710. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Benny Hollman’s San Diego Charger Party Band plays blues, salsa, funky jazz for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove, Sunday, August 5, 2 p.m. Free. 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Hailing from the Mollys, singer/songwriter Nancy McCal-

lion is joined by Danny Krieger in concert, Sunday, August 5, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free tickets issued at 1 p.m. at door. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

Summer Sunday Concerts by the Sea at Moonlight Beach promise oldies when the Corvettes perform on Sunday, August 5, 3–5 p.m. Dogs, alcohol, glass prohibited on beach, located at west-

ern foot of Encinitas Boulevard. Free. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

Blues Racket plays all kinds of high-energy music for Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park, Sunday, August 5, 4 p.m. Find park on Soledad Mountain Road (off Lamont Street). Free. 858-483-6666. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Conductor, Musician Tom Scott joined by Jimmy Mulidore’s Jazz Train for summer concert series, Sunday, August 5, at Quail

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)

Expect Boogie-Woogie when Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra play for “Music in the Park” series, Sunday, August 5, 5 p.m., at Memorial Park (373 Park Way). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

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Shaun Gilbert

What books are you currently reading?

The book I most recently finished is *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz. It's set in Britain, and it's about an American kid named Alex Rider. His uncle is dead, and he finds the cause suspicious: he's told that the uncle was in a car crash, and wasn't wearing a seat belt. Alex knows his uncle was always very careful. So he goes to the dump and finds that the car windows were shattered by bullets. Eventually, he's blackmailed into being a spy for his country.

There was a lot of suspense and action, and it was very thorough and descriptive.

Favorite characters?

Alex — he's basically a 14-year-old version of James Bond. Tell me about style and language.

It's a normal writing style, written in third person. The only thing that might be confusing to some people is the use of British terms, like "snogging" for "kissing" and "snooker," which is like pool.

Favorite passages?

Well, I had a favorite scene, where Alex is playing snooker with the villain, and he acts like he's really bad at the game, and then later, beats the villain easily. It's full of smart, funny talk." Compare with other books you've read?

Mostly, I read fantasy books, things like *Eragon*, *Harry Potter*, and *Lord of the Rings*. Books that have more complicated plotlines and go into more detail. Fantasy fascinates me. There's a very thin line between fantasy and sci-fi. What we think cannot possibly be would be categorized as fantasy, and what we think is not, but possibly could be, is classified as sci-fi. I've heard of reading for fun being called "escape reading." For me, fantasy is more of an escape — to jump into a new realm, new ways of thinking — than sitting in

the same world with new inventions, most of which will be possible within the next decade.

What book has been most life-changing for you?

The Bible, because it's the truth, and makes me see what life is about. I have a favorite verse: "The King will answer to you, saying, 'Whatever you have done unto the least of these brothers of mine, you have done unto me.'" Matthew 25:40.

Tell me about your favorite authors?

My favorite author of all time is Christopher Paolini, the author of *Eragon*. He has a new style. He created a new language, a new world. In that way, he's similar to Tolkien, but he puts more detail into everything he writes. Dwarves have multiple gods, elves are vegans, human beliefs and skills are widely var-

ied. In *Eragon*, when you cast a spell, it takes away your energy, as if you actually did the thing by hand. The spell is just a shortcut, a way to do it faster or in a different way. With Harry Potter, you just say a charm and flick your wand. You don't lose any energy; it just happens.

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

None.

What conversations do you have about what you're reading?

I talk about books in my book club here at the library. We have a sheet of questions, and the person who reads the question answers first. Then anyone who wants to answer can speak. I speak when I find the question interesting; usually they get me to think about the book in a different way.

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show featuring Rob Black, Mark Schreiber, Neal Fallon, Thai Rivera, Ro, Jason Bang, Julia Lillis, Sunday, August 5, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). For those 21 and older. \$5. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

Word Mocha, featured poet is Lizzie Wann, Monday, August 6, 8 p.m., E Street Café (128/130 West E Street). Open mike follows. Free. 760-230-2038. (ENCINITAS)

The Debut of Face to Face...Loving You promised during live vocal per-

formance by L. Sidney Davis, Tuesday, August 7, 3 p.m., at Perks (UCSD Bookstore coffeehouse, 9500 Gilman Drive). New recording by Grand Jass Limited is "compilation of songs with spiritual and social messages that celebrate 'love' in its many facets while

exploring its impact on individuals and society," with lyrics written by Roger Davis, assistant vice chancellor for human resources (emeritus). Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series continues when San

Diego Concert Band performs classic Broadway tunes on Tuesday, August 7; Hollywood Steel Drum Band takes stage on Wednesday, August 8; and San Diego Banjo Band plays Thursday, August 9. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in

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Family Concert with audience participation, stories, old tunes performed by musician Nancy St. John, Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m., Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. Appropriate for all ages. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Poetry Reading by Janet Baker hosted by Magee Park Poets, Wednesday, August 8, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Open reading follows. Free. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

Music, Poetry Comedy — all welcome during open-mike performances planned every Wednesday, 8:30–11:30 p.m., at South Park Bar and Grill (1946 Fern Street). Sign-ups: 8 p.m. Free. 619-696-0096. (SOUTH PARK)

Classic Surf Sounds! Enjoy music by the Surf Kings, Thursday, August 9, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). Concert is in conjunction with current exhibition, “The ‘70s: Surf Photography by Jeff Divine and Classic Boards from the Era.” Beer, pizza start evening. \$15. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

“Cowboy Boots: The Art and Sole” read from and signed by custom boot maker Jennifer June on Thursday, August 9, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Seeing Stars in La Costa! Tennis stars including Venus and Serena Williams, Justine Henin, Maria Sharapova, Jelena Jankovic, Martina Hingis, and many others compete in 2007 Acura Classic,

continuing through August 5 at La Costa Resort (2100 Costa del Mar Road). Matches generally begin at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays, with play starting at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 5. Tickets: \$10–\$100. 760-438-5683. (LA COSTA)

Boys of Summer, San Diego Padres host Arizona Diamondbacks in Petco Park, Thursday, August 2, 12:35 p.m. San Francisco Giants arrive for games August 3–5, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads head out on road trip to St. Louis for games against Cardinals, Monday–Thursday, August 6–9, at 5:10 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Horses Are on the Track! 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 (August 3, 10); 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 19; and 3:30 p.m. on August 19, 24, 31.

“Cult Concert and All-Day Beach Party” slated for Saturday, August 4, 1–10 p.m. The Cult performs following races. “Family Fun Weekend” runs 1–6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5. Pony rides, rock climbing, bungee trampolines, magic shows, carnival rides, rides, more.

General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

Midnight Catfish Craze, head to Lake Poway for fishing fun, 4 p.m.–midnight, Friday, August 3. Final weigh-in: 12:15 a.m., followed by awards. Lake stocked with over 2000 pounds of channel catfish. State fishing licenses required. Find Lake Poway at 14644 Lake Poway Road. 858-668-4770. (POWAY)

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53rd Balboa Park 8-Mile and 3-Mile Run hosted by San Diego Track Club, Saturday, August 4, 7:30 a.m., in Pan American Plaza. For age group information: 858-874-8784. (BALBOA PARK)

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Saturday, August 4, 8–11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to La Jolla Cove caves. Beginners welcome; for those ten and older. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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Look for Garibaldi, lobster, octopuses while snorkeling in La Jolla Cove during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum on Sunday, August 5, 8 a.m. \$30. For those ten and older. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Ramble Forever Ride, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 80-mile outing on and near the coast, Sunday, August 5, 8:45 a.m., at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for "nice lunch stop." 619-243-8617. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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

SPECIAL

Shark Week continues at Birch Aquarium at Scripps through August 4. Explorations for all ages into world of misunderstood ocean predators. Daily activities include encounters with live sharks, viewing of more than ten species of sharks and their relatives in marine life displays, shark scavenger hunt, show-and-tell with Scripps Oceanography shark scientist.

Shark-focused feeding shows in giant kelp forest tank on Thursday, August 2, 12:30 p.m., and Saturday, August 4, 2 p.m. Shark Reef feeding shows at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday and Saturday, August 2 and 4. Activities included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Texas Hold 'em Tournament, poker players of all levels invited to join Matt Vasgersian for night of Texas hold 'em benefiting local charities, Thursday, August 2, in Hall of Champions. First round of play in no-limits tournament begins at 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$200 per player; \$50 for spectators. 619-686-1900. (BALBOA PARK)

"Is There a Future for Kurds?" Bring your thoughts to P&R discussion group on Thursday, August 2,

OUT & ABOUT

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Larger Than Life, "travel down the rabbit hole" during TNT (Thursday Night Thing) on August 2, with inspiration from giant table and chair sculptures by artist Robert Therrien. UCSD art history professor Norman Bryson presents talk on work by Therrien; play musical chairs with live melodies performed by Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra; live music; see vintage cartoons; create a "flying mustache-on-a-stick." Shindig starts at 7 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Jacobs Building (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Latin American Festival and Mata Ortiz Pottery Market, August 3-5, at Bazaar del Mundo shops (4133 Taylor Street). Traditional art, clothing, jewelry; entertainment. Festival begins at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

Axel Draggers showcased during Cruisin' Grand on August 3. 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)

Tai Ji, Qi Gong Classes offered by Helen Hu every Saturday, 9 a.m., near art show on Shelter Island. Free. 619-226-6506. (SHELTER ISLAND)

"Xtreme Nation 07," Saturday, August 4, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre. 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

"Art in the Park," members of Point Loma Artists host seventh annual outdoor art show and sales event, Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in Plumosa Park (in 2680 block of Chatsworth Boulevard). Work in variety of media. Free admission. 619-850-7603. (POINT LOMA)

Project Hope introduced by AARP Chapter 239 Encinitas to public during program on Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m., in La Jolla Village Square community room (to right of movie theater box office, 8650 Villa La Jolla Drive). For all ages to "share ideas with those in the community who have wanted to become active in something but have not yet decided what that is." Free. 760-753-2456. (LA JOLLA)

Psychic Fair hosted by Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on the green at 2975 Washington Circle. Wide variety of readings including psychometry, flower readings, pendulum, tarot, runes,

trance channeling. All sessions: \$20 for 15 minutes. 760-745-9176. (ESCONDIDO)

"Taste of Filipino Cuisine Extravaganza" with sampling of various Filipino dishes by Chef Larry and other local chefs, Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Holiday Inn (700 National City Boulevard). Healthy Eating Campaign event includes cooking demonstrations. General admission: \$5, seniors and students: \$3. Recommended reservations: 619-477-3392. (NATIONAL CITY)

Tai Chi Wellness Center Demonstration, Saturday, August 4, 10-11 a.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Demonstration includes Wu-style tai chi form, push hands, self-defense, sword form, saber form, energy demo. Participants, audience members invited to barbecue and potluck following demonstrations at Tai Chi Wellness Center (3650 Clairemont Drive, suite 1). Free. 858-272-2698. (CLAIREMONT)

Get the Buzz, view real mutant fruit flies when scientists from Salk Institute of Biological Studies take part in "DNA Day at the Fleet," Saturday, August 4, noon-3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Who Art Thou?" Kirby Fairfax seeks to start a group "in which participants...use expressive arts for increased self-knowledge and wholeness." Exploratory art session, Saturday, August 4, 2-5 p.m., at Caffe Primo (139 South Main Avenue). Free. Donation. Reservations: 760-216-7350. (FALLBROOK)

Express Gratitude for the Gifts of Life and ancestors during Bon Odori: Gathering of Joy on Saturday, August 4, 5-9 p.m., at San Diego Buddhist Temple (2929 Market Street). Dancing, taiko drumming, food (for sale), entertainment, exhibition entitled "Nihon Tamashii: Celebrating Nikkei Traditions." Free. 619-239-0896. (DOWNTOWN)

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Sights + Sounds, radio station FM 94.9 plans party on Saturday, August 4, 8 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. *Big Sonic Chill* DJ Midori hosts “fresh fusion of art and music,” with live performances by Starline Theorie and SSI. \$25. Reservations: 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Auto and Cycle Swap and show, Sunday, August 5, 6 a.m.–2 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. Vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” Admission: free for active military and kids under 13; \$5 general. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

Biker Beach Party promised Sunday, August 5, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Biggs Harley-Davidson Shop (1555 South Coast Highway). Food, music. 925-433-2060. (OCEANSIDE)

Chocolate and Wine Pairing, Sunday, August 5, 1–4 p.m., at Country Cellars (4510 Highway 78). San Diego wines, chocolates from King Leo. \$8. 760-765-0089. (WYNOLA)

“Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature” continues with a look at *The Island Within* by Ludwig Lewisohn, Sunday, August 5, 1 p.m., in 201 West Commons at San Diego State University. Discussion led by Ellen Zyroff. Program hosted by San Diego County Library and four community partners. Free. 858-694-2484. (SDSU)

The House of Perú offers lawn program of songs and dances at International Cottages on Sunday, August 5, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Nathaniel Branden’s *Counterfeit Individualism* is topic when Objectivist Discussion Group gathers, Sunday, August 5, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

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LOCAL EVENTS

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

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Soryo Ayako Stott and assistants present demonstrations, Tuesday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Speed-Pitching! Discuss your book-in-progress or book ideas with literary agents Frank Scatoni and Jennifer de la Fuente of Venture Literary Agency, Tuesday, August 7, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Participants assigned five minutes to talk about their work. Free. Required reservations: 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Off-Road Madness promised for Cajon Classic Cruise car show on Wednesday, August 8, 5–8 p.m., on East Main Street. Cruise nights continue on Wednesdays through September 7. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

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

"Understanding the Stock Market" is goal when P&R Discussion Group meets, Thursday, August 9, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

Year of the Mango! Festival of Fruit sponsored by California Rare Fruit Growers, August 11 and 12, at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Tutorials, field trips, fruit tastings, demonstrations on range of rare fruits in addition to mango, as well as fruiting plants for purchase from exhibitors. Events begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, conclude in afternoon on

Sunday. \$40 general, \$20 students. 760-877-2062. (CHULA VISTA)

Grape Stomp 2007, enjoy traditional grape stomping, wine tasting, winery tours, dinner buffet, dancing, live music, 4–8 p.m., Saturday, August 25, at Orfila Vineyards and Winery (13455 San Pasqual Road). Fee: \$75 general, \$70 for children and non-wine drinkers. Reservations: 760-738-6500 x22. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos Volleyball Camps for those 7–18 offered every week through August 31 at courts south of Ocean-side 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)

You're Invited to Pirate Paul's Pirate Party when Big Joe Productions performs in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, August 5. *Something's Fishy* when Weaver's Tales perform August 8–12. 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)

Take a Wild Musical Ride when San Diego Junior Theatre presents *Grease*, through August 12, in Casa del Prado Theater. Recommended for those ten and older. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on August 11 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8–\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

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Concert by ShirLaLa, Lawrence family Jewish Community Center, Sunday, August 5.

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Celebrate National Gymnastics Day, Saturday, August 4, 3–5 p.m., at Elite Gymnastics Academy (1810 John Towers Road). Young gymnasts show off what they have been learning, followed by competitive team performing routines, "Rock N' Rollathon." Donation. 619-441-5900. (EL CAJON)

"Toon Tunes" concert by ShirLaLa (a.k.a. Shira Kline), Sun-

day, August 5, at 1:30 and 3 p.m., for San Diego Jewish Music Festival at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Each "outrageously hip Jewish music" concert is preceded by activities involving Silly String, snacks, games. Tickets: \$2 for children, \$6–\$8 for adults. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Honey, I Shrunk the Kids, explore Robert Therrien's huge pieces during family day events, Sunday, August 5, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Jacobs Building (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Games, storytelling. Included in regular museum admission for adults (\$6 general), free for those 25 and younger. 858-454-3541 x151. (DOWNTOWN)

Youth Boxing offered Monday, August 6, 4–5 p.m., at Knockout Fitness Club (1231 Camino Del Rio South). Free. 619-291-2131. (MISSION VALLEY)

"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

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

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

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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art, "First Footsteps: Kumeyaay on Coronado" continues through Sunday, September 23, an original installation chronicling Coronado's early inhabitants, the native Kumeyaay Diegueño people. Kumeyaay Indians established seasonal homes along beach, finding food, materials to sustain themselves through mild coastal winters using traditional methods of hunting, fishing, sheltering. See traditional Kumeyaay baskets, pottery, matates, tools, weapons, and a tule boat.

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

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

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

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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CLASSICAL

“Broadway Rocks!” San Diego Symphony Summer Pops and “four top-notch Broadway vocalists” perform songs from *Wicked*, *Rent*, *The Lion King*, *Tommy*, *Phantom of the Opera* for concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$12–\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

If It's August, It's Summer-Fest Time! La Jolla Music Society's 21st annual SummerFest gets underway with opening-night concert of pieces by Dvořák, Smetana, and Brahms, Friday, August 3. “Great Romantics” including Shostakovich, Mendelssohn, Dvořák, and Schumann showcased on Saturday, August 4.

“Beethoven I — The Young Hero” is presented Tuesday, August 7, with the master's “Trio No. 1 in E-Flat Major for Piano, Violin, and Cello,” “Quartet in B-Flat Major,” and “Septet in E-Flat Major for Strings and Woods.”

“An Evening with Cho-Liang Lin” is slated for Wednesday, August 8. Tickets: \$50, \$75.

Each concert is preceded by “Pre-lude” program at 6:30 p.m. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets (except where noted): \$40, \$60. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Guest Organist Doug Read plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, August 5, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Organist Ty Woodward of St. Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, performs for 20th annual International Summer Organ Festival on Monday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The German Requiem by Johannes Brahms is the challenge when Annie Whattoff conducts “Summer Sing” hosted by Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music (PACEM) on Wednesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Events provide opportunity to learn or relearn major choral pieces. Fee for participants: \$15 general, includes music rental; free for spectators. 619-298-7261. (MIDDLETOWN)

ART LISTINGS

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GALLERIES

Artist Peter Max brings his latest exhibit to Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street) on Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4, 6–9 p.m. Max's latest retrospective features over 300 pieces of art, including original paintings, drawings, limited-edition prints. 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

“16th Annual Juried Exhibition,” boasting work by 42 artists, opens with reception on Friday, August 3, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). This year's juror was Arthur Ollman. Closes on Friday, August 31. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Southern Hemispherics” by Lisa Ross and “Sandscapes” by Tom O. Scott may be seen through Sunday, September 9, at Ordovery Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Artists' reception: Saturday, August 4, 5:30 p.m. Also on view: work by Lew Abulafia, Sharon Anthony, John D. Clark, Donna Cosentino, Peter Fay, Heidi Fickinger, Art Myers, Abe Ordovery, Jennifer Saracino, Blake Shaw, Lisa Smith. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

Blind, Self-Taught Outsider Artist David Kontra visits D Gallery for opening reception of his exhibition “Out of Sight: The Mind's Eye,” Saturday, August 4, 7 p.m. Find gallery at 222 Wisconsin Avenue, 760-805-0423. Show of over 80 paintings continues through Tuesday, August 14. (OCEANSIDE)

“Forward Motion,” group art show benefiting A Reason to Survive opens with reception on Saturday, August 4, 7 p.m., at Zedism Gallery (3540 Adams Avenue). 619-283-1210. See work by Mary Fleener, Yuransky, Scott Saw, Bill Pierce, Dave Miles, Saratoga Sake, Tonya Van Parys, Melissa Inez Walker, Jason Sherry, John Grow, Jeremy Wright, Pamela Jaeger, Bret Barrett, Trevor Presley, Amy Hyde. 619-283-1210. Through August. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“57th Annual Open Juried Show of Fine Arts” continues through Sunday, September 2, in Carlsbad Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101). Awards reception is Sunday, August 5, 2 p.m. 760-431-8959. (CARLSBAD)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “In Character: Actors Acting: Written, Directed, and Pho-

tographed by Howard Schatz” is collection of portraits featuring luminaries from stage and screen mugging for photographer Schatz. “Resulting photographs depict a wide spectrum of emotions.” Images are accompanied by directions Schatz provided during shoot.

“Weaving Connections: Cultural Exchanges During the Southern California Basket Trade, 1880-1940” offers historical look at work of Native American weavers, with bold, inventive basketry designs. Weavers challenged stereotypes by integrating traditional forms with contemporary shapes, imagery.

Juried show “Cultural Fusion: Exploring the Multicultural Influences on the Arts of this Region” includes paintings, mixed-media sculpture, and video art by local artists.

“Silent Ties: New Work by Shauna Peck” boasts pieces in which Peck “utilizes subjects that symbolize freedom and the complexities and subtleties of strength.”

These exhibitions continue through September. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 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” includes paintings, drawings, photography from museum's collection refor-

mulating “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” through Sunday, September 23, including Simensky'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 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 of Artists, 1885-1915” 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.

“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.

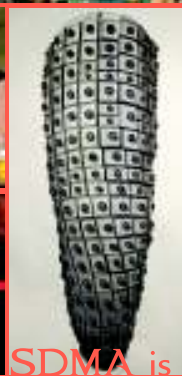
“Tastes in Asian Art,” continuing through Sunday, December 2, features over 80 new works, many of which have never been displayed before. Highlights include new subsection of sculptures of *lo-hans* (enlightened monks), newly restored Chinese ancestor portraits, a screen of samurai warriors, an elaborate 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)

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MUSIC SCENE

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Outside the Law The SDPD was trying to contact Marc Shannon last week. The vice department wanted him to know that he could not

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the inside track

use a North Park building at 3926 Ohio Street — once a 99-cent store — for live shows until he got the proper permits.

Shannon had already staged a July 21 show at the all-age, 500-capacity venue he calls Avalon. “We had no problems,” said Shannon of that first show, which featured local band a Scribe Amidst the Lions. He was planning his grand opening for last Saturday with Get Back Loretta, the Silent Comedy, and Chasing Paper.

Last Wednesday Sergeant Steve MacMillan of the SDPD told Shannon that the grand-opening show would not happen until he had a city-issued entertainment permit. Later in the week, MacMillan said there had been a change of plans and that his department would grant a one-day permit for the July 28 show.

MacMillan said there are a number of hurdles to overcome before the city issues an entertainment

license. It can take up to 30 days to acquire one.

“There are condos just to the north,” said MacMillan about possible noise issues that would need to be addressed. “I see where they are saying they expect to hold 500 people. Where are all those cars going to park?” He explained that agreements

without problems. “They held us to 200 capacity. We had to turn away 87 people.” He says the city made him hire a fire marshal. The city has imposed a 50-person limit for future shows until he obtains a permanent entertainment permit. He has a show planned for Saturday.

Shannon maintains that MacMillan was not aware of all the permit applications he submitted. “It wasn’t his fault. The paperwork was misplaced.” Shannon says he has spent \$47,000 to open the venue. “I’m not going away.”

— Ken Leighton

Whiny Foal Rosey Bystrak’s blog (sddialedin.com) has fueled the debate over fans shooting concert videos to post online. After a July 6 Band of Horses show at ‘Canes, Bystrak posted, “So there I am with my tiny Sony digital camera... While playing the super emotional song ‘Funeral,’ [singer Ben Bridwell] flips me off and mid-song yells, ‘I see you recording me.’ I look around and at least five other people are taping him, and he calls me out.... There’s nothing worse than a...whiny baby onstage.” After the song, Bridwell launched into a tirade against concert tapers who post on YouTube.

“Several bands have e-mailed me to thank me for posting pictures or YouTube footage of them,” blogged Bystrak, “and [they] even link to me on their respective websites, but apparently Band of Horses is...too cool...to accept whatever publicity they can get.”

Pitchforkmedia.com asked Bridwell about the incident. “It was really annoying,” he said. “It was



BRIDWELL RIDES ROSEY

just scratching at the surface of what’s happening to shows lately. Everybody’s got a camera in their pocket, and they turn it on to just, I don’t know, exploit us in some way or further their own projects or whatever the fuck they’re doing with their websites and shit...as far as I’m concerned, it just looks like someone trying to record a really shitty performance to post somewhere and embarrass us forever.”

Pitchfork’s report then turned up on Idolator.com and the U.K.’s Drowned in Sound, with readers posting comments defending and/or berating both Bystrak and Bridwell. “In a day, I went from about 250 hits to almost ten times that,” says Bystrak. “I opted to not respond to comments, and I still won’t, because most likely they’ve come and gone and are now hating on the next indie-nation whatever.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

Hymns Plummet Which came first, lyric or melody? No need to pose that classic songwriter query to Glen Galloway about any tunes on his band Soul-Junk’s new album. In the beginning were the words, to paraphrase John 1:1. Yet the Biblical refs on 1959, Soul-Junk’s tenth full-length, go back farther. 1959’s 23 tracks involve Galloway singing the Old Testament’s Book of Psalms’ first 23 chapters — verbatim.

“I really end[ed] up writing the song around what [would] rock that chapter instead of picking my favorite bits and pieces to arrange in a song,” explained Galloway. “I sang most of these voice-only on a microcassette and listened to them for about a year before trying to record them in a studio. Musically, past S-J recordings were more about sound experiments and weird chords...”

Soul-Junk was launched in the mid-1990s when

Galloway reduced his central role in Trumans Water (who soon after migrated to Portland). While celebrated globally by underground music heads for its scripturally informed guitar rock, lo-fi acoustic strum, and hip-hop, Soul-Junk mystified many — including fellow Christians.

“Just got kicked off the lectern at a worship song summit,” rapped Galloway on “3PO Soul” off S-J’s 2000 CD 1956. “My hymns all plummet, cuz church ladies still can’t hum it/ But the

Kingdom of God? Yo I’m from it/ Man’s religion gave me a fake red light so/ I’m have to run it...”

“I think Soul-Junk is in the process of leaving a legacy that will probably be more valued after they are gone,” summarized Brian Flechtner of the Oregon-based label Quiver Society! that released 1959. He appreciates S-J’s ongoing evolution as well as an ability to remain diverse and experimental on the new record. “I used to go to a church that sang from the old ‘Psalter’ — the Puritan approach to singing the psalms can be quite somber.”

“I like that it’s different from anything I’ve ever done before,” concluded Galloway, 1959’s sole performer, except for some charming vocals from four-year-old daughter Mila. “It’s also very deep in terms of the Spirit for me. After hearing these songs 300 or 400 times, I still hear the inspiration behind them



GALLOWAY (LEFT), BEHIND OR AHEAD OF HIS TIME?

much louder than the mechanics of recording them.

“I’d love to eventually record the whole Bible in a way people could listen to over and over. I’ve already done it for myself on microcassette/mp3, but it’s

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chipmunk ultra-midrange voice-only-phonics — reminds me of stuff I recorded when I was 14, ping-ponging back and forth between two Radio Shack portable cassette players. Sounds good in concept, but I'm looking to make this whole thing melt-in-your-mouth yummy rather than hard work in any way. My gauge is if listening seems like work or fun. While I was recording the Psalms, everyone who heard them asked for a copy. That's what it's supposed to be."

— David Stampone

Dubious Logos The future of Long Live Logos looks bright.

The Escondido band, including three brothers and their best friend, has recorded songs with producer Brad Wood (Smashing Pumpkins, Liz Phair, Say Anything, mewwithoutYou). MTV2 will air an interview with them on its "On the Rise" segment, which will be available for download in September. Described as Todd Rundgren meets the Killers, one of their songs has been licensed for use on the soundtrack for the NBC-produced *Freestyle Life* based on the (Mountain) Dew Action Sports Tour.

Along with Get Back Loretta, Long Live Logos was

signed to the local Pacific Records label. Pacific Records founder Brian Witkin says something seemed "dubious" about four months ago. "Long Live Logos asked us what it would take to get out of their [Pacific Records] contract."

Witkin says as part of their deal signed last year, Pacific Records recorded and released an EP and a full-length album, *Mundus Vult Decipi*.

But Witkin says things got "fishy" over a different part of the contract. "Part of our deal was that we paid for the recordings they did with Brad Wood." Witkin says that even though he has never heard those Wood-produced sessions, Pacific did purchase the rights to them when they signed the band. "It was a nominal fee, but we did pay them for it," says Witkin. "We thought it was strange they would ask about getting out of their deal only a month after their first CD came out." Witkin



LONG LIVE LOGOS SETS UP FOR LONG HAUL

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says Pacific forked out at least \$1600 for tour support for the band.

"The band told us they were having trouble getting the recordings from Brad Wood," says Stephan Georgi, who has taken over operation and ownership of Pacific Records from Witkin.

Logos leader Danny Castro explains. "Brad said [Pacific Records] didn't pay him so [the recordings]

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weren't theirs. He said this is his property and that they were recorded before the contract."

Georgi says he backed down and sent a letter relinquishing any claims to the Brad Wood recordings. "It definitely wouldn't surprise me if these guys break big and move on to a bigger label. When that happens, we have their first CD and first EP. Their fans will want to get their earlier stuff, and I'm okay with that. With this agreement, we can all move forward. Otherwise we would be in a state of limbo. I have 100 percent [ownership] of those first recordings."

Long Live Logos appears Wednesday, August 8, at Lestat's.

— Ken Leighton

Don't Drink the Sponsor Everyone points out the irony to Marco Collins: the former VH1 programmer, record label honcho, and radio exec lost his last full-time job due to drug abuse. He had to leave 91X last year when he stopped showing up for work.

He's been hired by Southern Comfort as the face of the SoCo Music

Experience concerts. He will MC all five shows at different U.S. cities. His band interviews will be seen on a Jumbotron screen in between bands and then will be viewable on Southern Comfort's website. Southern Comfort is paying a lot to underwrite the shows. All five are free of charge. The Southern Comfort brand is trusting in Marco to be its spokesman.

"Being active as opposed to being out of work is much better for Marco," says marketing executive Brent Walla, who hired Collins to host the SoCo fest. Walla says he does not expect Collins to endorse Southern Comfort or any other alcoholic beverage. "We spoke about that in great detail," says Walla. "The days of the concert promoter and the backstage partying are gone."

"I don't see it as a threat to my sobriety," says Collins. "People ask, 'Are you sure you can get sober in the same industry?' But the music industry has its own network of support [for recovering abusers]. My sobriety is not about being in any job or any city. It's about emotional stability."

And Collins maintains that the days when the radio

industry was soaking in drugs went out with WKRP. "It's not like it was in the '80s when everyone was doing blow." He says he's considering getting back into radio and was recently

offered a chance to audition for a DJ gig at a station in San Francisco. Collins currently programs three different stations for *slacker.com*, a local company that provides multiple music channels à la XM or Sirius.

After his 91X "crash and burn" last fall, Collins spent six weeks in a highly structured rehab in Georgia. It was paid for by the Grammy's, which funds a recovery program for music industry veterans.

"I'm very grateful," he says. "But when I first got there it was a son of a bitch. I was ready to run. I was miserable."

Collins admits he has backslid more than once. "I'm like the Energizer

Bunny. I don't give up. Like they say in meetings, 'Keep coming back.' I have no other options. I could lay down and die, or I can get up and keep fighting."

The Flaming Lips, DJ Z-



COLLINS STOPS RUNNING

PHOTOGRAPH FROM MSPACE.COM/MARCO COLLINS

Trip, the Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Galactic, and Delta Spirit appear at the SoCo Music Experience August 25 downtown near Park Boulevard and Imperial Avenue. It is free. Must be 21.

Near press time, it was announced that Marco Collins would rejoin the 91X DJ lineup this weekend.

— Ken Leighton

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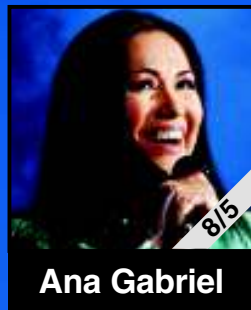
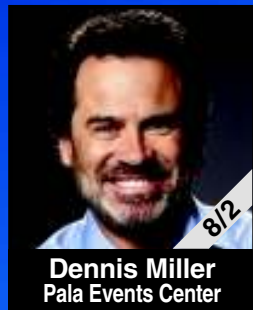
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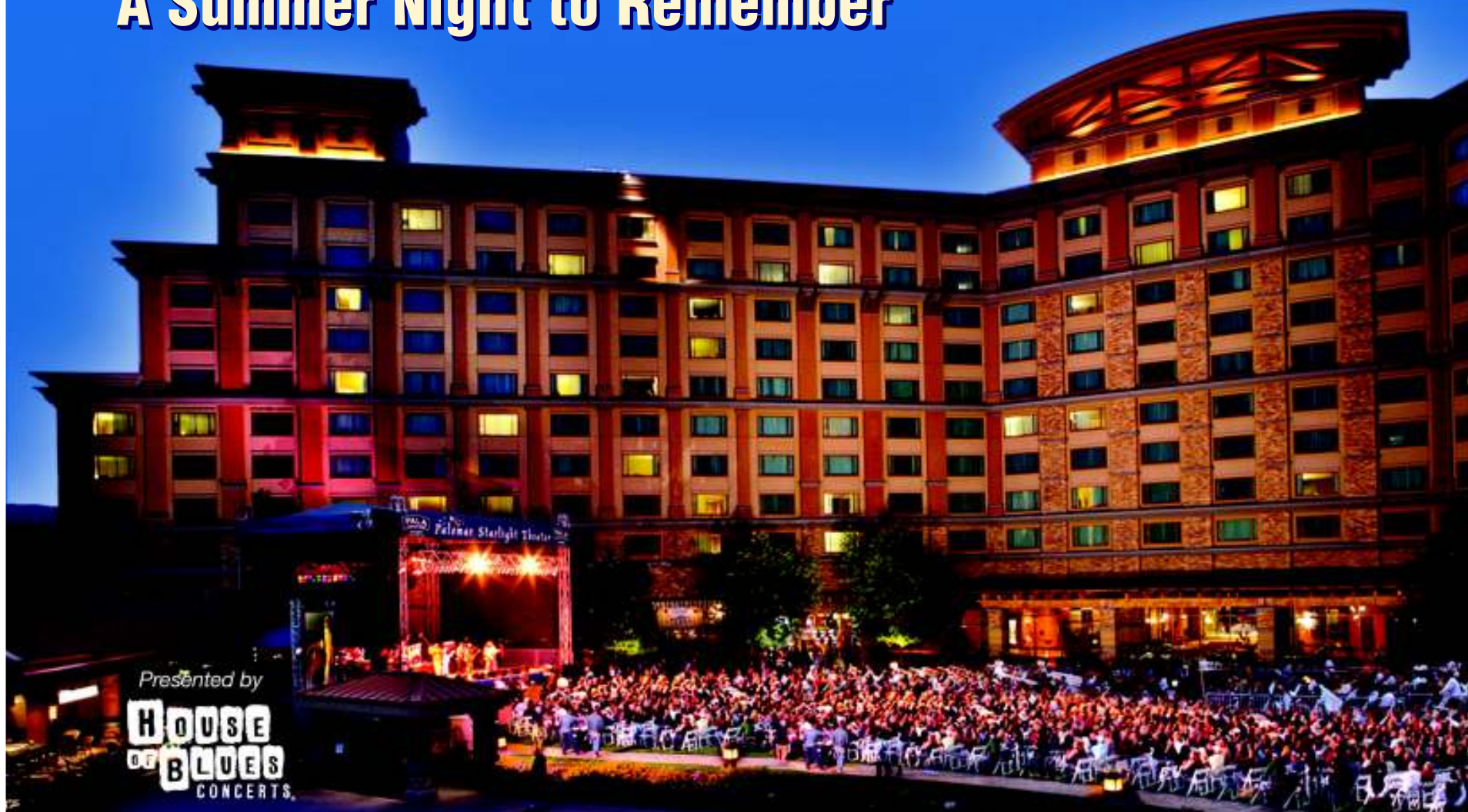
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“When I was younger, horror matched my insides more, but nowadays sci-fi matches it more.”

Singer/songwriter J.D. Boucharde’s four-album project *Contra Mundum* (Latin for “against the world”) is a biographical odyssey about his experiences with addiction, abuse, and depression. He specializes in telling stories, though not all are based on true life. He sometimes tells audiences that he was only three days old when he gave his first piano recital, in the lobby of the hospital where he was born, playing a tune he’d heard playing over the hospital PA (“Do You Know the Way to San Jose?”) with “hands the size of teaspoons.” As such, it’s no surprise that, when asked to describe his music, he spins another chimerical yarn.

“In 2002, just after finishing the *Up* album, Peter Gabriel stops by Calvin and Hobbes’s house to borrow their cardboard-box time machine. Peter puts on the goggles, climbs in the box, and flies back to 1994, picking up Kevin Gilbert. Together, Peter and Kevin travel to 1983, picking up Roger Waters from Pink Floyd, and six more years back, to get Randy Newman from 1977. The four of them scoop up Elton John from 1973 and Brian Wilson from 1960 and they all arrive in 1956 at Sam Phillips’s Sun Studios in Memphis. There, they order out for ribs, buy several cases of beer, and write 147 songs, recording 23 of them in one extended four-day weekend. They fly the time machine home, exhausted, each to their respective eras, but promising to write each other.”

SONGS CUED IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Human Radio, “These Are the Days” (“A bitter song that whisks me back to college, smack-dab in the middle of the worst year of my life, driving in a red Datsun pickup, eyes closed and momentarily free of all worldly concern.”)

2. Kevin Kline, “Busy Busy Busy” (“From Sandra Boynton’s CD-book *Philadelphia Chickens*, describing American life in a nutshell.”)
3. The Beach Boys, “Surf’s Up” (“Brian Wilson and Van Dyke Parks at their finest, and don’t let the title fool you — it ain’t bubblegum music.”)
4. Bob Bennett, “The Kings of Summer Street” (“Exquisite songwriting.”)
5. Peter Mayer, “Holy Now” (“Perfectly reflects my worldview.”)

DESERT ISLAND DVDs?

1. *Arrested Development, Season 2*
2. *The Shawshank Redemption*
3. *Chariots of Fire*
4. *The Big One*
5. *The Thin Red Line*

FAVORITE TV SHOW THEME SONGS?

“My favorite themes would all be from vintage TV shows like *Cheers*, *The Greatest American Hero*, and *The Rockford Files*, all great and imprinted on me forever.”

WORST GIG?

“My worst was also my first, other than that piano in the lobby of the hospital where I was born. In my second year of college, I played an on-campus concert with two friends. That whole week leading up to the gig, the stage fright was nearly unbearable. After the show, we listened to the tape we made of the performance, looked at one another, and decided to destroy all recorded evidence of our shame. I’ve never regretted this.”

LUCKY OR UNLUCKY IN LOVE?

“In all my dating years, I was never hit, thrown



J.D. Boucharde

out, thrown up on, or abandoned mid-date for another guy, so I guess I did okay and was pretty lucky. I love my wife, and we’re in it for good. With respect to dating, like it says in that song by the Cult [“New York City”], ‘I ain’t never coming back, child.’ ”

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

“Gee, let me think...I would have to say there are certain leaders in power today that seem to thrive on paying lip service to democracy and freedom, but who instead create a pseudo-spiritual environment where terror, mistrust, and absolutism thrive on every side...no names, though.”

ADVICE TO LINDSAY LOHAN?

“Buddhism.”

FAVORITE TWILIGHT ZONE?

“‘Living Doll.’ ‘My name is Talky Tina, and I think I hate you.’ Dolls that kill. Yowch.”

SCI-FI OR HORROR?

“For years, I would have said horror. I’ve been a Stephen King fan since I was 14. However, I like good science fiction even more now; not novels, but short stories in compilations. When I was younger, horror matched my insides more, but nowadays sci-fi matches it more. Speculative fiction dredges up all the grandest possibilities, and the dark possibilities, too.”

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

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Billy Bob Thornton: House of Blues, Thursday, August 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

FRIDAY

Clay Aiken: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Reel Big Fish and **Less Than Jake**: House of Blues, Friday, August 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Vanilla Ice: 'Canes, Friday, August 3, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Musiq: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Violent Femmes: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, August 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

SATURDAY

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

Chris Cornell: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

SUNDAY

Huey Lewis & the News: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ana Gabriel: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

SI*SE: House of Blues, Sunday, August 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

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.

Sonny Landreth: Anthology, Friday, August 10, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Squeeze: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Floetry: House of Blues, Saturday, August 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Lee Ritenour: Anthology, Saturday, August 11, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Teena Marie: 4th & B, Sunday, August 12, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

"Rock the Bells": Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Keb' Mo' and the **Robert Cray Band**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 14, and Wednesday, August 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Poison: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Hilary Duff: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, August 14, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

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.

Cake: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, August 17, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Los Lonely Boys: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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

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Dave Koz: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, August 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

India.Arie: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

UB40: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

ZZ Top, The Pretenders, and The Stray Cats: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 19, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Dweezil Zappa: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

UB40: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Diana Krall: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Wednesday, August 22, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Dr. John: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Macy Gray: 4th & B, Thursday, August 23, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Crowded House: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Warped Tour 2007": Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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

Asia: 4th & B, Friday, August 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Asylum Street Spankers: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, August 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Sophie Milman: Anthology, Friday, August 24, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Mandy Moore and **Paula Cole**: 4th & B, Saturday, August 25, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Eddie Money and **Air Supply**: Cahuilla Casino, Saturday, August 25, 52702 Highway 371, Anza. 951-763-1200.

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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. 619-231-4343.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

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Grada: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, August 31, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

B.B. King and **Etta James**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Daryl Hall & John Oates: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Yellowman: 'Canes, Wednesday, September 5, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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. 858-481-8140.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rise Against: Soma, Friday, September 7, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Aly & A.J., Corbin Bleu, and Drake Bell: Open Air Theatre, Friday, September 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Incubus: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Kings of Leon: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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

Steve Vai: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Monday, September 10, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Foreigner: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, September 11, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Chicago: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 14, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

The John Jorgenson Quintet: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday,

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: House of Blues, Sunday, October 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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Suzanne Vega: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 17, 143 South

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House of Blues downtown hosts musician/actor **Billy Bob Thornton**, who last week released his fourth solo disc of "roots rock and folk story-tellin'." *Beautiful Door*. Thornton came up as a drummer, but has become a multi-

with a beach-themed party — sand, umbrellas, and volleyball and skateboard exhibitions between races. After the races, **The Cult** will play the infield stage. The Cult brought heavy guitar sound and psych-rock flavor into synth-heavy '80s, turning new wave on its head with hits "She sells Sanctuary" and "Love Removal Machine"....The **Casbah** dishes up the four food groups of indie rock when **Transit War**, **Spell Toronto**, **The Megs**, and **Sub Rosa** share the bill. Transit War's been getting a little bit of critic love for last year's hook-heavy disc *Miss Your Face*.

SUNDAY 5

San Diego's deep-space jam band **Earthless** will touch down on the **Ken Club** stage Sunday night. The instrumental trio's sonic squalls evoke freaked-out Floyd, while their deep poly-rhythms show Fugazi flair. They'll share the stage with fellow cosmic jammers **Titan**, and from San Fran, **The Assemble Head in Sunburst Sound**, who are touring in support of their latest, *Ekranoplan...*. New York's electronic trip hoppers **Si*Se** are on tour behind last year's Latin-tinged dance disc *More Shine*. They'll play **House of Blues** Sunday night... And if that isn't enough Sunday for you, the **Rattlesnake Aces** and **Flight to Athena** will lend their metal and melody to the Zombie Lounge's "**Undead Art Show**" — five local artists will hang their zombie-themed artwork.

MONDAY 6

Tupelo, Mississippi native **Paul Thorn** will play the **Belly Up** Monday night. Thorn's a singer/ songwriter/ "poli-tophilosophist" with a long list of credits and an acoustic melody for every story he sings. He'll share the bill with San Diego's beach-y acoustic-cat Alex Woodard... **Casbah's Anti-Monday League** offers up '60s revivalists **The 88** this week, along with **Satisfaction** and **Dynamite Walls**. The 88 made a splash a couple years back with their disc *Over and Over* and continue to tour and play late-night TV behind the disc's piano-heavy pop.

TUESDAY 7

Australian alterna-rockers **You Am I** tour through town touting their seventh and latest disc *Convicts*. The sonic Youth-

will play the **Casbah** Tuesday night, along with **Red Walls** and "the fastest piano in the Midwest," **Mark Mallman**.... On-again, off-again vocal trio the **Abyssinians** will bring harmonies and Jamaican roots reggae to Belly Up, where they'll share the bill with Caslab's jah surf cats **Stone Senses**.... **Diamond Dogs** will take the **Beauty Bar** stage Tuesday night. We're assuming this is the slick Bowie tribute and not the hair band from Sweden. Beauty Bar's website's a little stingy with info, per usual. If you're interested in either act, call the City Heights bar and ask them: 619-516-4746.

WEDNESDAY 8

Casbah’ll prop electro-dance Wednesday night when Bay Area trio the **Love-makers** stop and shop their new EP, *Misery Loves Company*. Fellow Bay Area band **The Death of a Party** shares the bill doing their best to keep the dance-punk movement alive with a “Modern Lovers-meets-Art Brut” sound....And it’s straight-up punk rock at the **Zombie Lounge** when Canada’s “nerdiest exports,” the **Bayonettes**, appear with the **Sess** and **Zerex**.

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Club Montage: Sundays, first floor, *Klub Retro*, nu wave, synth-pop, and new romantic; second floor, *Underworld*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego. 619-294-9590.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth and Adam Atom. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Gaslamp Tavern: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, DJs Billie Knight and Tech spin hip-hop, '80s, and R&B. 10 p.m. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. Sundays, *Hot Summer Sundays* featuring guest DJs. Wednesdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and glitch hop. Sundays, *Dubstep*, downtempo, hip-hop, and jazz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Third Saturday of the month, hip-hop, funk, and soul with DJs Thumbprint and Concise. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Re:Do*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Buddha and SC. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue bachata, and reggaeton. 8:30 p.m.; 18 and

up. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo Lounge*, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Shooterz: Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. First, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Show Palace: Fridays, *Fuego Nights*, house, hip-hop, and old skool with DJs Que and DJ Dizzy D. 1527 E. Mission Avenue, Oceanside. 760-439-1100.

South Park Bar & Grill: Fridays, *Shakedown*, funk, disco, and '80s with DJs Riddles and Myson King. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696-0096.

Static Lounge: First Friday of the month, *West Coast Mash Up*, drum 'n' bass, jungle, and ragga. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, electro, '80s classics, and hip-hop with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In the film bio *John Lee Hooker — That's My Story*, daughter Zakiya remembers her famous father as a good (if frequently absent) provider. Later in the film, brother **John Lee Hooker Jr.** tells a different story: The electricity is frequently turned off for nonpayment, and the family piles on the extra blankets and lives in cold and darkness until a certain acquaintance exhibits savvy enough to hotwire the power box. Thereafter, John Lee Jr. says they learned to turn out the lights at night so patrol cars wouldn't catch them stealing power. The two siblings do match stories in that it was a musical household; both would eventually

become performers themselves. But with one of the world's most influential blues singers for a parent, was the music of the Delta their birthright or just heavy baggage that takes a lifetime to shed?

"The blues," John Lee Jr. would sing years later, "ain't nothing but a pimp." At least in his own case, he was right.

In 1972 John Lee Hooker Jr. was 18 and singing on his father's album *Live at Soledad*. What followed was not the road paved to success but one that led to hell. For the next two decades drugs, booze, and incarceration were John Lee Jr.'s life. He alludes to a family/friend intervention that reeled him back onto solid footing and into a recording studio. In 2004 he released *Blues with a Vengeance*, earned a Grammy nomination, and nailed the highest honor a blues artist can receive, a W.C. Handy Award.

While John Sr.'s music was all swamp



JOHN LEE HOOKER JR.

magic, John Jr.'s is more Motown, less Delta, more a dance thang than a sexified rave-up of personal miseries. John Lee Jr. has the cred to sing "Stormy Monday," but his version almost sounds thankful.

JOHN LEE HOOKER JR., Humphrey's Backstage, Saturday, August 4, 9:30 p.m. \$14.

to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section.

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *John Cain*, international/jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, 9 p.m., *Illicit Behavior*, classic rock. Saturday, live rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live blues/jazz/rock/reggae nightly.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *the Dirty Heads*, *Iration*, *the B-Foundation*, and *Tomorrow's Bad Seeds*, reggae/rock. Friday, *Vanilla Ice and Silver Needle*, hip-hop/metal/indie. Saturday, *Wild Child and the Monsters of Rock*, rock. Sunday, *the Mayan Kings and Organika Sound System*, reggae.

Cody's La Jolla, 8030 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0040. Sunday, 5:30 p.m., *Joe Cardillo*, acoustic rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *the Spins*, *No One Home*, *David Vaughn*, *Jesse Brewster*, and *Hell Yeah!*, hip-hop, and *Joel's Dad*, acoustic. Friday, *Awaiting Samsara*, *Back From Ashes*, *One Inch Punch*, *Fracture Point*, and *Staring At Strange*. Saturday, *Deliverance Machine*, *Testing Tomorrow*, *A Race Called Man*, *Smiles & Handshakes*, and *Superstring*.

Wednesday, *Elyzium*, *The Orange Velvets*, and *Mr. Gnome*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Lloyd Street Rockers*, reggae. Saturday, *Aaron Blythe*, acoustic.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *the West Coast Blues Boyz*. Friday, *West of 5*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Farmers*, cowpunk/rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., *Rick Ross*, piano/jazz.

Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, 2606 North Mission Bay Drive, San Diego. 858-270-0840. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Joe Cardillo*, acoustic rock.

Mission Bay Deli, 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Bay. 223-5056. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Robin Henkel Band*, blues/funk/swing.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722.

Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

People's Food, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 6 p.m., *the Zyzmzyz Quartet*, traditional jazz/Gypsy swing.

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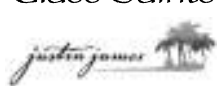


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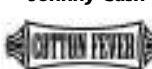
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710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Friday, *Broke on Friday, the Empire State, Sound Escape, and a Conscious Few*, rock/alternative rock. Saturday, *Dirty Frank and Agave*, rock. Sunday, *Northstar*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *the Bartones*, rock. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *Kevin Never Talks and Red Channel Review*, alternative rock. Sunday, open mike. Wednesday, *Ancient Sunrise*.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Saturday, 10 a.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, folk/rock/indie.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Wagon and the Cathouse Thumpers*. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel*, reggae, and *The Mayan Kings*. Saturday, *Deadline Friday and Stripes and Lines*, rock. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Wise Monkey Orchestra*, acid jazz. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Chi Club and the Blackbirdz*, groove/rock. Wednesday, KD3, jazz.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San

Diego. 619-595-0300. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Al Stewart*. Saturday, two shows, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., *Jonny Blue*. Sunday, *Peter Sprague*. Tuesday, *James Torme*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Slits*, *Tender Buttons*, and *the Muslims*. Friday, *Subtle and Thee More Shallows*. Saturday, *the Transit War*, *Spell Toronto*, *the Megs*, and *Subrosa*. Sunday, *St. Vincent and Death Vessel*. Monday, *the 88*, *Satisfaction*, and *Dynamite Walls*. Tuesday, *You Am I*, *Red Walls*, and *Mark Mallman*. Wednesday, *the Lovemakers*, *Jezebel*, and *Death of a Party*.

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. Live rock and roll almost every night.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Sunday, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle-Taggle*, Celtic folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, *Motel and Lu*.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Groove Sessions*. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, 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. Friday, *Reel Big Fish*,

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

If Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars got over their infighting and paranoia, found love, and recorded a power-pop album, it might come out sounding like *Over and Over*, the 2005 album from L.A. band the **88**.

Most of the songs on *Over and Over* bounce along with an infectious rhythm that's somewhere between T. Rex and a burlesque strip show. **Adam Merrin's** piano plays a big part in the sound, as you would expect from a band called the 88 (the number of keys on a piano), but drums, bass,

and guitar carry on with just as much swagger. And singer **Keith Slettedahl** sends everything over the top with a voice that's a little raspy on the high end and full of exaggerated vibrato on the low end. If he wanted to, he could probably get a lot of gigs with both Guns 'N Roses and Stone Temple Pilots tribute bands. That's another way of saying it's the kind of voice that could get annoying quickly.

Fortunately, Slettedahl knows when to hold back. Even the sweet, quiet ballad "You Belong to Me" works.

The 88 have appeared on some of the late-night talk shows and had a couple of songs in TV shows and movies (even a Sears TV commercial!). Recently the band signed with Island Records and stands to gain a lot more attention. However, they have had so



THE 88

many lineup changes over their relatively brief lifespan (the 88's first album came out in 2003) that it remains to be seen how much of that bounce will remain on the 88's next album. Hopefully, all of it. I like hearing Ziggy happy.

THE 88, Monday, August 6, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

Less Than Jake, *Streetlight Manifesto*, and *Against All Authority*, rock. Saturday, *Strung Out with a Wilhelm*, *Scream*, and *I Am Ghost*. Sunday, *Si*Se*.

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/Top 40. 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, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Friday, *Crossfire*. Saturday, *Johnny Vernazza*. Sunday, *Chet Cannon & the Committee*.

Monday, *Big "Mo" Blues*. Tuesday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Wednesday, *Blue Four*.

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 Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo*, calypso.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Salsa Caliente*. Tuesday, *Orquesta 8.8*.

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: Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince of Piano*, piano/pop.

Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 8 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, *DJ Famous Dave and the Stepping Feet*, Dave Matthews Band tribute.

SAN DIEGO

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., *Willowdeat*, 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. Music is Irish/folk. Thursday, *Harold and Gabe*. Friday, *Dannicus*. Saturday, *Skelpin*. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Skelpin* or *Robbie O'Reilly*.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Javid*, Flamenco guitar.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *Ancient Sunrise*, *Dead Pigeons*, and *the Opportune Time*. Friday, *Mad Martigan*, *Kavena*, and *Mr. Roarke's Tattoo*. Saturday, *the Whiskey Dicks*, *the Handsome Devils*, *Monovox*, *Critical Me*, and *CDM*. Sunday, *Nancy Silva Project*. Wednesday, *Tuck*.

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with special guest **Amy Dalley**
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Wednesday, October 3 • 7:30

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Operation Human Shield, New Age Heroes, Chasing Claymores, and Eight Minutes To Twilight*. Saturday, *Airplane to Garcea* and *J.D. Combs and the Soul Stealers*, indie/punk.

The Filling Station Pub and Grill, 9522 Miramar Road (corner of Black Mountain Road), San Diego. 619-578-0757. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *City Limits*, country.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live music.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gary Jules* with *Jim Bianco*, folk. Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *John Lee Hooker Jr.*, blues. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Jose Molina Serrano*, jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Aubrey Fay*, smooth jazz. Monday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Honey Tribe*, original rock. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Nathan James* and *Ben Hernandez*, blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Metro*, '80s dance.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is hard rock/indie/alternative/metal/punk. Thursday, *the Boyish Charms, the Modlins, Slings*, and *the Bears*. Friday, *the Calvins, the Eruptions*, and *Sprinkle Motion*. Saturday, *Vocoder, Folio*, and *Call Down Fire*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437.

Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Glowfriends* and *Jeremy*. Friday, *Eleanor England* and *the Shep Meyers Trio*, jazz. Saturday, *Kelli Rudick* and *Trevor Davis*. Sunday, *Ted Friedman*, *Nick Bearden*, and *Shannon Curtis*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Finding Fiction* and *Long Live Logos*, alternative.

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., *the Bleeding Irish* and *Denise Rowe*, punk/folk/acoustic. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Cactus Bob* and *Unemployed*, rock/folk rock. Sunday, *the Rubbernecks* and *My Life in Black and White*, punk/country/folk. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, *Bedford Grove, Somato Sensory*, and *the Exit Theory*, rock/alternative/power pop/soul/funk. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Cyrus Fell Down*, experimental rock.

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.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., *Shawline Expression*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative/punk.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Big Fellas & Brawnson*. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Tuesday, *The Predicates, Runhoney*, and *Josef Grool*.



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Album: *Fairlanes Avenue* (2007)

Artist: Eight Minutes to Twilight

Label: Zissou Records

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Songs: 1) Collision 2) Stings 3) Shadowlands 4) No One Said 5) _ianity 6) Long Road Home 7) All This Hope 8) Kill Creek Road 9) Goodnight Prayers 10) Matt 11) State of Mind 12) Luxury

Band: Josh Wright (vocals, guitar), Josh Howard (drums, bass, keyboard, trumpet, guitar)

Website: myspace.com/eightminutestotwilight

Extra info: Eight Minutes to Twilight is scheduled to play the La Salina Invitational, at km 37 in Tijuana on August 24.

Eight Minutes to Twilight recorded *Fairlanes Avenue* before performing their first live show. On the CD, Josh Howard played the drums, keyboard, bass,

trumpet, and some guitar. Since then they've garnered a reputation for putting on an exciting show by bringing on Jason Janofsky for bass; Howard still holds down

multiple instruments, switching between keyboard, trumpet, and drums, sometimes two at a time.

Josh Wright handles most of the guitar work and vocals. His voice wails, melancholy and lovelorn, and his guitar work thrums competently, if a little hidden beneath the piano and trumpet...the only track that really features the guitar is track 11, "State of Mind."

The lyrics don't get bogged down with the "poor me, we've broken up, and I'm miserable" trap of the acoustic emo crowd; instead, songs such as "Kill Creek Road" tell different types of stories: "Cast/ a shadow on the wall/ and freeze it there/ it's now/ and then I want to be here



Eight Minutes to Twilight

again. You're my heaven here/ and now. You're my heaven here/ and now."

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619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *Blue Rockit* and *Janet Hammer*, blues/rock/jazz. Saturday, *Riz Orkestra, the Donnis Trio*, and *Playground Slap*, rock. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights.

619-296-0616. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Micah Wolf*, folk.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

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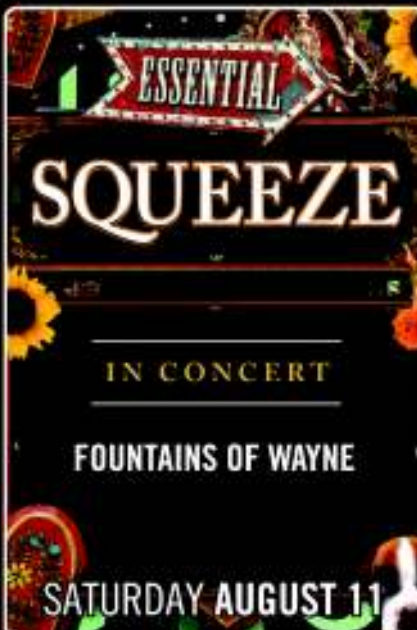
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Saturday, 2 p.m., *Final Outlaw*, 9 p.m., *Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra*, *Audible Mainframe*, and *Lexington*, jazz/hip-hop/reggae. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Old Crow Medicine Show*. Monday, *Paul*

Thorn and *Alex Woodard*, acoustic. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Abyssians* and *the Stone Senses*, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Steve Poltz* and friends, acoustic/pop/alternative.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Melissa Vaughan*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skyler Stonestreet*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Simeon Flick*, folk/jazz/pop. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, folk/rock/indie.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the MLC Band*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live music. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *C.C. and David*, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Gumboyya*, New Orleans funk. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Steamers*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel 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., *the Violent Femmes*, 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*, country/folk. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Donnis Trio*, acoustic rock/folk.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe.

858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/alternative/punk/metal/indie. Thursday, *Etched In Red* and *Hydrovibe*. Friday, *Decompression*, *Sator Square*, *Scar'd Sanity*, *Foil*, *Individual*, *Canobliss*, and *Flashburn*. Saturday, *Exodus*, *Helstar*, *Damcyan*, *Mudface*, *Animal Corpse*, *Warbringer*, *Paths of Possession*, *Abysmal Dawn*, *Abomination*, *Close Dark Faith*, and *Axcys*. Sunday, *Cage*, *Vicious Rumors*, *Nihilist*, *Fuel by Fire*, *Medius*, *Awaiting Samsura*, *Vivisect*, *Aghori*, *Keeper*, *Rise to Mourn*, and *Pieces of Teeth*. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Lazarus*, *Disintegrator*, *the Cut Throat Pirates*, and *Mystechs*. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., *Evervess*, *the Guilt Trip*, *People Noise*, *Two Inches from Glory*, and *the Nancy Silva Project*. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *Joneslagger*, *Well Rose*, *the Fred Jones Band*, and *a Dull Science*.

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-793-6460. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Powerhouse Quartet*, jazz.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., *Coldfire*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Lizard Fish*, alternative rock.

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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Shoestring Strap*, bluegrass/country. Saturday, *Good U Shood*, rock. Monday, *Carl O'Callaghan*, folk.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Stage 4*, jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday,

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **John Cain**
Song: **"Song of Brazil"** (from the CD *Life's a Good Gig*)
Heard By: **Rich**, Rancho Bernardo



Rich

I don't know if I could draw a comparison between his music and others. I think "Latin jazz" is an accurate [term]. The mix of North American and South American is what sets it apart from a lot that I've heard. There's a lot of Latin jazz from L.A. and from southern Florida, and it's sort of that mixed with samba-type music. The words, first off, seemed very mature and fit very well with the music. His description of "wanting to be somewhere and something" I thought was very funny because he appears to be there and that. I thought they were excellent musicians. I'd play it inside my helmet on my motorcycle — I normally don't listen to music, but that's good for driving around on the coast.

Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Gibson*, guitarist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*, guitarist. 1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist.

Sun Deck: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues/swing.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jackson and Jesus*. Friday, *Big City Shaman*, blues. Saturday, *Harmony Road*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Harmony Road*, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jim Moore*. Tuesday, *Gene Warren*. Wednesday, *2 Guys Will Move U*.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **The Mice**
Song: **"Closer, Closer"** (from the CD *Volume 1*)
Heard By: **Gavin Rich**, Linda Vista



Gavin

They definitely sounded like they had a Green Day influence. I'd mix that with surf-rock guitar...maybe, like, the Red Elvises. The vocals had a lot of the So-Cal punk scene in it. I could see how it could be very energetic and well done live. It'd be really easy to market because of the catchy lyrics. The guitar was awesome. It was a song about them trying to make it big. There's a nice little double negative they kept repeating: "we're not going to go nowhere." With the nice guitar lines they have, it would go great with surfing and skateboarding — extreme sports.

Artist: **The Calico Cartel**
Song: **"Get a Life"** (from the CD *Kill the Lights*)
Heard By: **Dee Fowler**, Ocean Beach



Dee

I would compare the song I just heard with the Killers. It sounds punkish to me. I listen to death metal, so it's a faster beat than I'm [used to] listening to. It's faster paced, like the Mars Volta. I liked the song. It's pretty catchy...it's, like, dark and stuff. It's mature. I wasn't really listening to the lyrics; I was listening to the drums and other instruments. I'd be partying if I was listening to that song. I'd definitely support them. It sounds radio [friendly].

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ALTERNATIVE

(continued)

Awaiting Samsura: The Jumping Turtle

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Basic Radio: Dreamstreet

Bass Hit: Dreamstreet

The Bears: The Kensington Club

Bedford Grove: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Boyish Charms: The Kensington Club

Boys Night Out: Soma

Brigade: Dreamstreet

Cage: The Jumping Turtle

Call Down Fire: The Kensington Club

Call of Thousands: The Jumping Turtle

The Calvins: The Kensington Club

Canobliss: The Jumping Turtle

J.D. Combs and the Soul Stealers: Epicentre

Damcyan: The Jumping Turtle

Close Dark Faith: The Jumping Turtle

Darkness Enthralled: The Jumping Turtle

Dead Pigeons: Brick By Brick

The Dear Hunter: Soma

Death of a Party: The Casbah

Death Vessel: The Casbah

Decompression: The Jumping Turtle

Destroy the Champion: Soma

A Dull Science: The Jumping Turtle

The 88: The Casbah

Elyzium: Dreamstreet

The Empire State: 710 Beach Club

The Eruptions: The Kensington Club

Etched In Red: The Jumping Turtle

Evergreen Terrace: Soma

Evervess: The Jumping Turtle

The Exit Theory: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Exodus: The Jumping Turtle

Flashburn: The Jumping Turtle

Fear before the March of Flames: Soma

Finding Fiction: Lestat's Coffee House

Foil: The Jumping Turtle

Folio: The Kensington Club

Four-Letter Lie: Soma

Fuel by Fire: The Jumping Turtle

The Guilt Trip: The Jumping Turtle

Hanger 18: The Jumping Turtle

Heathen Culture: Second Wind (Santee)

Hector's Revenge: Second Wind (Santee)

Helstar: The Jumping Turtle

Hot Cross: Soma

Hydrovibe: The Jumping Turtle

I Am Ghost: House of Blues

Individual: The Jumping Turtle

Jezebel: The Casbah

Johnny Different: Dreamstreet

Joneslagger: The Jumping Turtle

Kavena: Brick By Brick

Kevin Never Talks: Tiki House

Knifemill: Soma

Long Live Logos: Lestat's Coffee House

Mad Martigan: Brick By Brick

Medius: The Jumping Turtle

The Megas: The Casbah

The Modlins: The Kensington Club

Mr. Gnome: Dreamstreet

Mr. Roarke's Tattoo: Brick By Brick

Mudface: The Jumping Turtle

Murder on the Dance Floor: Soma

Yo, DJ!

Talk About a Star



Vanilla Ice plays 'Canes tomorrow, August 3.

I was a freshman in college, in the Bay Area [in the early '90s]. That was where my radio career began in college radio. I was cruisin' around in my Honda Civic, listening to KMEL, which is one of the biggest stations there. I heard the DJ say, "Here's a song called 'Ice Ice Baby,' by Vanilla Ice."

When people talk

about Vanilla Ice or that song is mentioned now, they always make fun of it. But when I heard that song, you could really hear the bass when you cranked it up in your car. I liked the rap. I liked his sample from the Queen song ["Under Pressure"]. You had to just turn the radio up.

I was DJing house parties and at clubs. And when I played that song, everyone got on the dance floor. Everyone liked it. Whether it was kids, adults — everyone started dancing when they heard it. No matter what anyone says now, everyone was bumpin' when that came out.

And, it wasn't like now, where a song and video often

come out simultaneously. So, at first, we didn't see what this white kid looked like. And, once people saw him and the song had been out for a while, people started making fun of his look.

Today, I have good memories thinking about the song. It's like an instant memory flashback to where you were at, and what you were doing."



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The Muslims: The Casbah

Nihilist: The Jumping Turtle

The Opportune Time: Brick By Brick

The Orange Velvets: Dreamstreet

Paths of Possession: The Jumping Turtle

People Noise: The Jumping Turtle

Pieces of Teeth: The Jumping Turtle

Pierce the Veil: Soma

Radio's Silent: Dreamstreet

Red Channel Review: Tiki House

Emily Richards and 2012AM: Portugalia

Scar'd Sanity: The Jumping Turtle

Scary Kids Scaring Kids: Soma

Scream: House of Blues

Shatter Messiah: Dreamstreet

Sick Pills: Dreamstreet

The Nancy Silva Project: The Jumping Turtle, Brick By Brick

Silver Needle: 'Canes

65 Days of Static: Soma

Slings: The Kensington Club

The Slits: The Casbah

Somato Sensory: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Sprinkle Motion: The Kensington Club

St. Vincent: The Casbah

Streelight Manifesto: House of Blues

Strung Out with a Wilhelm: House of Blues

Subrosa: The Casbah

Subtle: The Casbah

Ten Foot Tongue: Dreamstreet

Thee More Shallows: The Casbah

This Will Destroy You: Soma

To Die For: Dreamstreet

Two Inches from Glory: The Jumping Turtle

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V-Child: Dreamstreet

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Virgin Black: Dreamstreet

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Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

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Amelia Browning: South Park Bar
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Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Eleanor England: Lestat's Coffee
House

Aubrey Fay: Humphrey's

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

John Guilino: Pasquale on Prospect

Janet Hammer: Tio Leo's Lounge

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on
Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio
Leo's Lounge

Alfred Howard and the K23
Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern

Insight: Jimmy Love's

Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro and
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The Jazz 101 Band: Pasquale on
Prospect

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Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam: South Park Bar
and Grill

Kevin McCully: The Westgate Hotel

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho
Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

Riz Orkestra: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's
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The Shep Meyers Trio: Lestat's
Coffee House

Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind:
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Tim Ninnink: South Park Bar and Grill

Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice:
Pasquale on Prospect

Sue Palmer: Croce's Jazz Bar

Dave Patrone: Croce's Jazz Bar

Peter Prince of Piano: The
Westgate Hotel

The Powerhouse Quartet:
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Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Cuvee Restaurant

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect,
Croce's Jazz Bar

Robert Sebastini: Cafe LaMaze

Peter Sprague: Anthology

Stage 4: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Steamers: Coyote Bar and Grill

Al Stewart: Anthology

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BANDS

REGGAE / SKA

The Abyssians: Belly Up Tavern

The B-Foundation: 'Canes

Dirty Heads: 'Canes

Elijah Emanuel: Winstons

Iration: 'Canes

Lexington: Belly Up Tavern

The Lloyd Street Rockers: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Mayan Kings: 'Canes, Winstons

Organika Sound System: 'Canes

Sally's Steel Drum Duo: Sally's Seafood on the Water

The Stone Senses: Belly Up Tavern

Tomorrow's Bad Seeds: 'Canes

COUNTRY

The Band in Black: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Robbie's Roadhouse

Calico Ridge: Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

City Limits: The Filling Station Pub and Grill

The Clachan Boys: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Honky Tonk Kings: Renegade Inn

The Rubbernecker: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Shoestring Strap: Surf N'Saddle

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Nick Bearden: Lestat's Coffee House

Cindy Lee Berryhill: Belly Up Tavern

Jim Bianco: Humphrey's

The Bleeding Irish: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Aaron Blythe: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Aaron Bowen: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Joe Cardillo: Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, Cody's La Jolla

Shannon Curtis: Lestat's Coffee House

Dannicus: Blarney Stone Pub

Trevor Davis: Lestat's Coffee House

D. Henry Fenton: 710 Beach Club

Simeon Flick: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Ted Friedman: Lestat's Coffee House

Mike Gardner: Cheers, North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

Glowfriends: Lestat's Coffee House

Gonzo Gonzales: Hotel del Coronado

Harmony Road: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Harold and Gabe: Blarney Stone Pub

Jackson and Jesus: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Javid: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Jeremy: Lestat's Coffee House

Joel's Dad: Dreamstreet

Gary Jules: Humphrey's

Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Adrienne Nims and Raggle-Taggle: Dublin Square

Carl O'Callaghan: Surf N'Saddle

Robbie O'Reilly: Blarney Stone Pub

Steve Poltz: Belly Up Tavern

Denise Rowe: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Kelli Rudick: Lestat's Coffee House

Sharon Hazel Township: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), Turquoise Cafe

Shea: 710 Beach Club

Skelpin: Blarney Stone Pub

Skyler Stonestreet: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Paul Thorn: Belly Up Tavern

2 Guys Will Move U: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Melissa Vaughan: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Kelly Winston Lee: 710 Beach Club

Micah Wolf: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Alex Woodard: Belly Up Tavern

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers: Patrick's II

Big "Mo" Blues: Patrick's II

Big City Shaman: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Blue Four: Patrick's II

Blue Rockit: Tio Leo's Lounge

Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II

Crossfire: Patrick's II

Fuzzy and the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill

Robin Henkel: Terra

Ben Hernandez: Humphrey's

John Lee Hooker, Jr.: Humphrey's

Nathan James: Humphrey's

Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta: South Park Bar and Grill

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds: Henry's Pub

Mystery Train: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band: Patrick's II

Johnny Vernazza: Patrick's II

The West Coast Blues Boyz: The Kraken

RAP/HIP-HOP

Hell Yeah: Dreamstreet

The Spins: Dreamstreet

Vanilla Ice: 'Canes

EVERYTHING ELSE

Audible Mainframe: Belly Up Tavern

Tom Barabas: G5-Georges on Fifth

C.C. and David: Coyote Bar and Grill

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel

Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel
John Cain: Shooters Bar and Grill, Bahia Resort Hotel

Old Crow Medicine Show: Belly Up Tavern

Orquesta 8.8: Sevilla

Orquesta Rico Tumbao: Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

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CUPS AND CAKES

by Josh Board

I got two phone calls from two different people about Dana's 21st birthday party. The two callers assured me that it would be a swanky affair at a mansion in Poway.

There was a tram waiting at the end of a long driveway. Security guards who resembled Shaquille O'Neal were hired to keep people from going inside.

When I hopped on the tram, I said to a couple sitting nearby, "I haven't been on a tram since Disneyland." The driver turned around and said, "I drive that tram, too. I work there during summers." I said, "Hey, will this tram give any-one rides home if they drink too much?"

He didn't answer.

I couldn't believe the view — lights of the city to one side and, as you looked down into the back yard, a pool wrapped around the house. There was a band playing and a dance floor. I heard one song before the band finished.

I walked down the stairs and noticed there were fire extinguishers, something you don't normally see in a back yard. I overheard someone say, "This house probably has its own zip code."

I noticed a small poodle



running through the crowd. I almost stepped on it when I backed up. Dana's parents were nearby and I asked, "Aren't you afraid your dog will get crushed by this crowd?" Her father said, "Oh, no. [The dog's] been through this before."

I saw Dana, a petite Middle-Eastern girl, walking upstairs with a few friends. I asked her if it was strange to drink in front of her parents.

"This house probably has its own zip code."

"Hey, I'm 21 now, so I can drink. But my parents are cool. I've partied in front of them before. And they're drinking. I think they're already drunk."

One of her friends was stumbling down the stairs. The



guy with her said, "You drank too much. You're going to fall. Just let me carry you." The blonde girl pushed him in the chest and slurred, "I'm fine! Let's go dance."

The band was breaking

down and a DJ was setting up.

I talked to the drummer. I told him that his style and his outfit, which included a tie, reminded me of a drummer from the '40s. He motioned to his tie, "Yeah, it's a bit



Top: Dana, the birthday girl, in middle with roses;
Bottom left: Dana getting ready to blow out the candles

restrictive playing in this thing."

The DJ started playing and I went to one of the three bars to grab a drink. A few minutes into the long line, I noticed the other two bars had fewer people. The couple behind me said, "By the time we walk all the way over there, we would've been farther along in this line."

The young crowd was well-dressed. A few of them, I heard, were models. An African-American girl walked by, and someone said, "What do you think of her?" I said, "She's gorgeous. But look at

her legs. They're too thin. They look like pencils." He laughed and said, "You're probably the only person here that's found a flaw with that thing of beauty."

I ran into a heavy-set guy I've seen at a few clubs. He was wiping the sweat off his face and forehead as I approached. He stuck his hand out to shake. As we shook hands, I could feel the wet sweat that he just wiped off himself. I wasn't sure if it would be rude to wipe my hand. Then I thought, screw that! He didn't mind shaking my hand with that sweaty mess.

There wasn't much food — some chips and baked goods on a few tables near the bar area. I grabbed a blue cupcake, and as I was eating it, a woman called out. I turned around and she had her dress pulled down showing her breasts. A few people nearby whistled. She stumbled back and her boyfriend said, "She gets like that when she's drinking."

An older Middle-Eastern woman came over and said, "You looked sexy when I saw you smoking that cigar earlier." I replied, "Do I look sexy scarfing this cupcake down?"

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She laughed and said, "Come dance with me." I told her I wasn't much of a dancer. She grabbed my arm and tried to pull me toward the dance floor. I wouldn't budge, so she stayed and talked for a minute.

She worked in real estate. I don't usually ask, but I had to know how they got this house. I asked what the family did. She didn't answer at first, but then said something about selling phone cards.

I went over to talk to the singer of the band. He told me he's a publicist in L.A. I asked if I'd know any of his clients. He said, "I have a bunch. Virginia Madsen, from *Sideways*. And her brother Michael." I said, "He did a great interview on Adam Carolla's show." He said, "Oh, yeah. I was worried he wouldn't want to wake up that early. And, when they started talking about Chris Penn's death, I thought he handled that well." I told him I was in Las Vegas when Michael came down here for a book signing. He said, "He's so great to work for. We didn't have the biggest turn out, and when I

apologized, he said something about how we sold a couple more books than he would've if he wasn't down here."

I told him I had a rubber ear and asked if Madsen would sign it (he cut off a cop's ear in *Reservoir Dogs*). He said, "He's often asked to sign ears."

He then said, "I like your piercing."

"What are you talking about?"

He pointed to my nose and said, "Oh, wait." He leaned in closer and said, "It's something blue." It was frosting from the cupcake.

The woman who tried to get me to dance returned, and I told her she looked great dancing. She said that she would've looked better if I was with her. She started to say something else and then gasped. I looked over my shoulder and saw one of the guests peeing in a sandpit.

I looked at the time — 10:00 p.m. — and at least 30 percent of the crowd was tipsy. When I asked one of birthday girl's older relatives how to spell Dana, she said, "D-A-Y-N-A."

She was slurring a bit. Her husband came over a few minutes later and said, "It isn't spelled with a Y." I said, "Yeah, after she spelled it, I noticed it wasn't written that way on the cake."

A little kid walked by and handed me a flyer for some club. I said, "You aren't old enough to get into this club." He replied, "Someone just paid me to hand these out."

I sought out my dancing friend who was with her daughter. "I wonder what some of the older relatives here think of all the tattoos," I said. Standing nearby was a woman who had a tattoo of a gun shooting hearts out the barrel and dripping blood. I asked dancing lady what she would do if her daughter came home with ink. "My kids are good. My daughter would never do that. We're real tight. We have a close relationship, and I know everything she

does."

I wondered how many of these kids' parents thought that.

I looked over and saw that the drunken flasher was lifting her dress and showing other parts of her body.

As I was leaving a girl asked me, "Can you finish this cupcake? I only took one bite out of it." I said, "Why don't you just toss it?"

"I don't like wasting food."

I responded, "Yeah. There are starving kids in China that would love this cupcake." I grabbed it and took a bite as I walked away.

Who cares if I get frosting on my nose. I'm leaving. ■

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On the Old Globe stage this summer, Shakespeare's *Two Gents* has a disguised woman, *Measure for Measure* a Duke disguised as a priest, and you could even say that Prince Hamlet uses the "antic disposition" as a mask. And few people see through them. In fact, there are so many disguised characters in theater, from the Renaissance through the 18th Century, you wonder if entire populations needed their eyes checked. Paintings and portraits of the times delineate features sharply, but out on the street, did people identify costumes more than faces? Just how much of each other did they actually see?

In *The Deception*, currently in an outstanding production by Theatre de la Jeune Lune at the La Jolla Playhouse, Pierre de Marivaux adds a new wrinkle to the device of *déguisement*. To perform "amorous espionage," a woman disguises herself as a man. She will see the world as it is, not as it wants to seem. In the end, however, she can't extract the mask.

She's a French countess prearranged to marry Lelio. She wants to find out about her husband-to-be — just curious because, after all, this man will have her heart. So she becomes Chevalier, a knight, and tumbles into way too much, including Lelio's five-million-franc prenup with another woman. Steven Epp and Dominique Serrand, who adapted the play from Marivaux's *La Fausse Suivante* (the fake servant), retitled it *The Deception*.

The title's a mite misleading, since the one deception weaves multi-tangled webs. And once the servants learn of it, they thatch even more.

Marivaux (1688–1763) became notorious in his time — and nowadays enjoyed — for his bipolar style, a salmagundi of the high and the low, inserting a cherub, for example, when a gargoyle should appear. His contemporaries (Voltaire among them) pooh-poohed the topsy-turvy embroidery as "Marivaudage," which Claude Crebillon defines, in part, as "an introduction to each other of words that have never made acquaintance, and which think they will not get on together."

Along with telling an intriguing, ultimately fatal tale of avarice in the name of love, director Serrand and Jeune Lune have done a remarkable thing: they've recreated "Marivaudage" both visually and verbally. Performers flow across the stage like leaves on a river. As light as Prospero's Ariel, they'll suddenly make an oblique turn, or bang into a wall, and wobble like Keystone Kops. They strike poses, but not when you'd expect, and break them off as if too artful, or not artful enough. Most amazing: at no point do they move only for movement's sake. Every step is emotionally justified, so character- and scene-connected it never feels choreographed. The cast is, at once, precisely detailed and completely spontaneous. And all perform with the loose-cannon energy of youth.

Another high-low Marivaudage: Steven Epp's



Liz Elkins, Emily Gunyou Halaas, Michelle Diaz in *The Deception*

The Deception, by Pierre de Marivaux, adapted by Steven Epp and Dominique Serrand
La Jolla Playhouse, Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre, UCSD


Directed by Dominique Serrand; cast: Merritt Janson, Emily Gunyou Halaas, Casey Grieg, J.C. Cutler, Nathan Keepers, Brandon D. Taylor, Dorian Christian Baucum, Michelle Diaz, Liz Elkins; scenic design, David Coggins; costumes, Sonya Berlovitz; lighting, Marcus Dillard; sound, Zachary Humes

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dialogue combines elegant phrasing — the language of 1724, when the play premiered — with the attitude-infested speech habits of today's young (Casey Greig's Lelio, for example, is as much gangsta as young French noble). Four-letter words jolt the production away from becoming a slick —

and distant — 18th Century curio. There are times in Act One when the plots get so thick you can't tell who's sided with whom. But when the unmaskings begin, what might have been a comedy turns into stark, even violent, disillusionment.

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Sonya Berlovitz’s soft beige, eggshell, and white costumes define character but, being deliberately drab, throw attention away from themselves: this production is about acting, not decoration.

J.C. Cutler, as the drunken Trivelin, and Nathan Keepers, as the mentally challenged Arlequino, bookend the cast: the former as the play’s realist (at once off-putting but honest about his selfishness), the latter a bird-chasing comic delight. Merritt Janson gives Chevalier a subtle intensity, whether she’s devising or deceived. A favorite moment: Chevalier tells the emotional countess she forgot to think; this when the Chevalier’s brain-deep in the irrational.

Accompanied by two white-clad women — the trio’s graceful movements recalling the Three Fates — Emily Gunyou Halaas’s Countess is all extremes. She moves like a ballerina; then, bouncing from one wall to another, like a *commedia* clown. No step, high art or low comedy, feels out of place. Like the Jeune Lune production, Halaas creates living Marivaudage. ■

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After the Quake

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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 Award-winning 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; 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 line-dancing 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 audience-rapport and carries the show as Helen.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH AUGUST 12; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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The Deception

Reviewed this issue. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, THROUGH AUGUST 19; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

The End of Death

Swedenborg Hall hosts the world premiere of Janet S. Tiger’s comedy, which asks, “What if you could live forever, in a 25-year-old body?” SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, THROUGH AUGUST 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 858-274-9678.

Fireflies

6th@Penn Theatre presents Charmaine Spencer’s drama about an art teacher and her students in a concentration camp. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH AUGUST 12; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-688-9210.

Hamlet

Director Darko Tresnjak has set the great tragedy of dilatory revenge in Shakespeare’s age — of ghosts, hellfire, and divine right of kings. He makes no visual attempt to tweak *Hamlet* with forced relevance (and for this relief from contemporary narcissism, much thanks). Robert Morgan’s excellent costumes bespeak the period: ruff collars and regal flecks of gold. The spare, well-spoken production has some questionable choices, and the performances are uneven (the younger actors tending to emote the ends of their scenes at the beginning). Charles Janasz’s Polonius is near perfect, however, a state department official sliding toward senility. And Celeste Ciulla gives Queen Gertrude, usually played as a docile bystander, depth and vitality. The night I attended, Lucas Hall did a metamorphosis. At first he was just acting Hamlet, and watching himself do it. Then about two-thirds through, it was as if Hall grasped the impossibility of Hamlet’s plight: revenge a death, kill the king, but stay pure and “taint not” his mind. Instead of just saying his lines, suddenly Hall *meant* them. From that point on, Prince Hamlet walked the stage.

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: *HAMLET* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA* AND *MEASURE FOR MEASURE*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-234-5623.

Hay Fever

The Bliss family, unbeknownst to its various members, is having weekend guests. Look out below! The family’s a new social class: wealthy bohemians (David writes novels, young Simon paints, Judith’s a retired actress, and Sorel wants, unsuccessfully so far, to be “normal”). When guests arrive, each comparatively normal, they enter a surreal local where decorum gets turned on its head. Soon they yearn to leave. You could call their exodus a Bliss conspiracy, except that the family can’t agree on anything beyond individual liberty. Dressed in Gregg Barnes’s stunning costumes (especially for Judith, each of whose is a multicolored/patterned de Mille epic), the Old Globe’s fine ensemble cast turns Andrew Jackness’s detailed set (but too uncluttered for the “slapdash” Bliss clan) into a maelstrom of clashing attitudes. Director Robert Longbottom sustains a light touch and rightfully stresses Noel Coward’s wish that the dialogue be just one language among many: the cast speaks with appropriate looks and gestures (Sarah Grace Wilson’s Sorel, for example, bounces from chairs to sofas like a runaway soccer ball). Amid the “playing up” of games and scenes, most of which she instigates, Judith Lightfoot Clark’s a splendid Judith. And in the middle of her baroque — and hilarious — sweeping hands and Mrs. Siddons-like swoons, Clark creates a woman resolving a personal crisis with equal, and impressive, aplomb.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH AUGUST 19; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, 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.

Measure for Measure

Looking 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. Director Paul Mullins has glossed over subtexts and staged things just for yuks. He’s tweaked every comic moment and inverted the major and minor characters. The subordinates cavort like headliners (especially Lucas Hall’s hyperactive Lucio, flitting about Ralph Funicello’s handsome stained-wood set as if on loan from Cirque du Soleil). 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 (so he took away their inner lives). All production elements serve the comedic concept. The ensemble work, in particular, has no weak links. The pacing is brisk, the blockings appropriate. The show, in short, is of a piece. It just isn’t *Measure for Measure*.

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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 “Stayin’ Awake.”

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled de-frocked 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



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Worth a try.

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Rashomon

Something happened a thousand years ago near Kyoto, Japan, but to this day the testimonies conflict. A Samurai warrior died; his wife was raped; and a notorious bandit, did, or did not, commit both. Each, including the warrior’s ghost, tells a different version. *Rashomon* is Heisenberg’s “Uncertainty Principle” (subjectivity fogs objective reporting) a millennium *avant la lettre*. The North Coast Rep’s offering a serviceable David Ellenstein-directed production with three shining lights: Doren Elias plays the cynical Wigmaker like an English-speaking sewer rat; the always marvelous Seema Sueko makes the wronged Wife a triptych — three sharp, detailed versions of the same woman, at once quite different and, deeper down, similar; Richard Baird’s bandit Tajomaru does everything from high tragedy to low, and hilarious, comedy. Sueko and Baird are two of San Diego’s finest actors, and their tandem work — how they simply and generously “play” together — is a joy to watch. Marty Burnett’s set, lit with appropriate shadows by Matt Novotny, does triple duty as a bamboo-fringed roadside, the Kyoto courtroom, and the sweeping Rashomon gate, where the “truth”

gets a thrice-over and then a final — or is it? — rinse.

Worth a try.

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

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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 assignment. 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 lust-steamed 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 McMurtry, accompanied by a scene-stealing dog named Monty — are constant.

Worth a try.

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Adobe is the finale of this summer's series search for "view" restaurants with serious food. It doesn't have an ocean view but is situated in a plush resort, an oasis of Southwestern serenity amidst the corporate architecture of UCSD and various science and technology institutes. Mary Jo and I, meeting Sam and Keith for dinner, caught glimpses of paradisiacal scenery on the long trek from the self-parking lot to the restaurant. Then we realized we were hopelessly lost, and Mary Jo called Sam, who was standing at the restaurant reception desk on her cell. A shuttle tram showed up to rescue us. A cask of rum (better yet, well-chilled Chardonnay) hanging from the driver's neck would have been nice but wasn't strictly necessary.

I was hoping for scenic surroundings of rural greenery. "I came to Casablanca for the waters," said Bogie. "But Monsieur, this is the desert," answered Claude Raines. "I was mistaken," Bogie retorted. Estancia is indeed peaceful, in a Southwestern desert mode, but the only view from the restaurant is the patio dining area of Mustangs and Burros, the casual dining spot next to Adobe, and then more resort buildings in the background. A view? I was mistaken. But I did get one thing right—Jesse Frost, formerly at the Hotel Del's late, exalted Prince of Wales, presides over the kitchen here. That alone made it worth a visit, since the Prince's food was reputedly fabulous right to the end of its days.

The dining room is handsomely Spanish Colonial with tall, shapely wooden chairs and such graces as wrought-iron stands for hanging your purse or your fedora. But the weeknight of our visit,



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staff seemed sparse. (They were coping with numerous banquets and conferences in the private dining rooms.) Our waiter was bouncy and friendly but absent for long stretches—and over the course of the meal, there were occasions to wonder whether the kitchen was operating with all hands on deck.

Actually, they weren't. Along with all the catering events to distract the staff, the chef himself had taken off that evening for a special occasion.

The dinner menu is relatively brief—seven

appetizers, eight entrées, five totally optional vegetable sides (since all entrées come with vegetable and starch garnishes). But the prices for fine cuisine are comparatively gentle.

During my tour of view restaurants, I've grown accustomed to seeing plump green dollar signs floating over the wine-dark sea (typical entrées around \$35, steaks \$40 on up). Here, the average entrée is about \$26, a New York strip steak is \$28, and the menu tops out at \$31 (for a half-rack of Colorado lamb that would

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likely cost \$18 raw and untrimmed if you could even find the equivalent quality at the supermarket). Given the classy ingredients and the chef's obvious talent, it's rather a bargain and has duly become the "neighborhood restaurant" for the gene splicers and brain surgeons working across the street.

We began with the house lobster bisque — a slightly unconventional treat, with the sharp bite of chipotle chiles and an herbal undertone of "epazote pesto" from the Mexican-born chef, who smoothly incorporates lively Latin flavors into the French-New England comfort classic. Even though there's no lobster on the regular menu (to provide "spare parts" for the broth), plenty of purchased lobster bodies obviously went into it, lending a solid bass note of crustacean flavor.

Sautéed diver scallops "Marmitako" (based on a Spanish Basque tuna stew of that name) were bedecked with tasty smoked piquillo peppers and fried caper berries and came with a little tart filled with onion and tender chopped Florence fennel. A pair of freshwater langoustines, resembling swollen crayfish, arrived in a pool of "stone ground pistou," a rich, complex basil broth garnished

with a squash blossom stuffed with succulent ratatouille. (No, the chef hasn't seen the movie.) The langoustines were tender but torturous for those at the table unaccustomed to making quick work of crawfish. (Dainty Midwesterner Mary Jo suffered at having to break them apart with her hands.) And although each element of the dish was dramatic, I'm not sure that they had much to say to each other. They were like Hamlet, Lady Macbeth, and King Lear all speaking their soliloquies at once on a single stage.

Our waiter's fave-rave salad of marinated beets with baby arugula, candied pistachios, and "molten Brie" (a coated, heated hunk) was pleasant — but less so for a group eating family-style by rotating the plates at the smallish four-top table. Once the Brie cooled a bit, it remained soft, but its "molten" fun was gone — leaving one more baby beet salad with cheese among the local multitudes of its ilk. (At least it wasn't chèvre again.)

Our most rewarding entrée was a moist, oven-roasted hunk of salmon with a pomegranate gastrique thinly glazing the plate. Its top surface wore a quietly spectacular crusting of Fleur De Sel and coarse-ground white Muntok peppercorns. The amount of these seasonings was perfect — a wake-up call for the palate — but not overwhelming. The fish was plated over small green French lentils (called Beluga lentils, no relation to

sturgeon). There was a bit of cauliflower purée there, too.

Also excellent: Half a rack of Colorado lamb, beautifully rare to our order. Its main garnish was an onion-ring-like puff of "crispy truffle curd," similar to tofu in texture but mysterious in taste. It turned out to be creamy, fine-milled white polenta amended with truffle shavings and truffle oil. Alongside was a strong, tangy shallot-tomato relish. The Greek yogurt listed on the menu with this dish was nowhere detectable. Maybe the day's supply of it landed at one of the nerd-conference dinners.

We were intrigued by the title of a dish called "crispy molten beef short rib." This turned out to be a substantial rectangle of wine-braised beef cooled, boned, and then crusted and flash-fried in panko. During its 12-hour braise, all the fat had melted off and was no doubt skimmed from the sauce. While this improved the healthiness of the dish, it didn't much benefit the flavor. "This is interesting," said Sam, "but I think I finally prefer short ribs served on the bone..." "With more of the fat still on to make it luscious," Keith added.

The ribs came with creamy mashed potatoes, pearl onions, and "garbanzo fries" — aka *panisse*, a marvelous peasant delicacy from Provence. (They look like French fries but are made from chick-pea flour.) They were delightful — if not quite as instantly addictive as

chef Philippe Verpiand's more flavorful version at Cavaillon. (Verpiand himself is from Provence, so he grew up with *panisse* and is a master at them. I don't know what he does differently.)

Last and least that evening was the Paella Estancia — no fault of the recipe, just the lapse of a distracted line-chef while the head chef was absent. Paella has enough wild variations in Spain and Latin America that I have no firm preconceptions about what it should be. Frost's version, which he discovered while cooking in restaurants in Spain, is moister than most, with a dark, zesty lobster broth cloaking the rice. The insuperable obstacle that night was that all the seafood species — mussels, bass, prawns, bay scallops — were overcooked till tough and shrunken, rather than being properly introduced into the dish during the last minutes before serving. Only the Spanish sausage slices survived to tell the tale.

A dessert sampler platter (\$24) lets you choose any four desserts. For a group, it's a great deal, because Adobe's desserts are terrific. Avocado sorbet proves rich and interesting, while raspberry sorbet sings with fruit flavor. Valrhona molten chocolate cake with fresh berries is the chocoholic's dream. Mascarpone cheesecake is more of a custard — light and gooey, barely holding together. Best of all, although it looks the

most modest, is a little pastry puff of apple, with the texture of a brioche. The sampler also provides wonderful cookies — pink meringues sandwiching berry jam and fudgy bittersweet chocolate bites. (Chef Frost was fortunate to have worked, post-culinary school, with a rigorously trained French-born chef who — unlike most American chefs — handles desserts with the same aplomb as other courses. Currently, there's no specialized pastry chef.)

Adobe is a charming restaurant with delightful food, but it's somewhat hampered by the need to serve too many masters simultaneously — dedicated diners like us, hotel guests (including small fry), plus conferences, weddings, banquets, etc. (This often occurs at hotel restaurants, but here the problem seems more pronounced. Perhaps that goes with the lower-than-expected food tabs.) It does an admirable job of compromising between the varying needs of food-fearers and forthright foodies — but it's still a balancing act. I think what we have here is a four-star chef stooping to conquer a lot of eaters who might prefer comfortable, uncreative two-star fare. I'd certainly go back — the chef is doing interesting work. But I suspect that the diversity of the clientele puts a bit of a chill on Frost's potential daring.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I'm originally from Mexico City and lived there until I was six," says chef Jesse Frost. "And then we moved to Saint Louis, stayed there until I was in high school, moved to San Diego, and then I went to school in San Francisco at the CCA, the California Culinary Academy. I was in San Francisco for four years, and I worked at La Folie [note: one of SF's top French restaurants, whose chef-owner, Roland Passot, has played a role in training numerous top chefs, including George's Trey Fosse]. Then I went to a restaurant called Bistro Chapeau, opened by Roland's former maître d', and I was opening chef for that.

"I moved back down to San Diego because family members were having babies and I wanted to be an uncle. I worked at El

Bizcocho as sous-chef, and then I was chef de cuisine at Prince of Wales and came here to be executive chef at Estancia. And I did short stints cooking in France and Spain.

"What started me toward becoming a chef? My father was in marketing, and he traveled in Russia, China, Japan, and he was a very good cook himself. He'd do dishes that you'd be hard-pressed to find in the Midwest. We were eating Hungarian goulash and chicken satays with peanut sauce. It just really intrigued me. We lived on a small farm where we grew our own vegetables — I was around that kind of atmosphere where the food is locally grown, fresh, organic, making family meals together with stuff we had on our farm. I'd worked a bit in pizza shops before I went to CCA, nothing heavy, but I did know what I was getting into when I decided to become a chef. I don't know why I didn't change my mind. I was either going to go into visual conceptual art or I was going to be a chef.

"At Adobe, I have to be a little careful because Mustangs and Burros is only open in the evenings. So it's a three-meal-a-day restaurant, and we have to cater to both sophisticated diners and to a family of five that just wants to grab a quick bite. We have to be able to satisfy many palates while keeping it interesting and fresh for us to produce it. I have the freedom to buy pretty much everything that I would like to, but I have to keep in consideration our clientele. Estancia La Jolla is a conference center first; it drives 64 percent of our business. We also do a lot of weddings and catering. So we're busy as hell. We also have room service, and the wine bar and bodega, and our gastro-pub Mustangs and Burros, with a very comfortable atmosphere. Adobe itself makes up the smallest portion of what we do here. So the majority of my experience is in fine dining, and here it's limitless. You have people looking for something special, but you also have families from out of town, and then the corporate segment, which wants more of a structured meal program.

"When I came back to San Diego, I found that local farms had expanded a lot into providing produce for restaurants. I feel very fortunate to live and work in San Diego. I like to keep things honest. The task put to the chef is to find the best ingredients you can and undermanipulate them as much as possible. When I see these crazy concoctions at some places, I always ask myself, 'What are they trying to hide?' If you buy a carrot, you want it to taste like a carrot. That's what Roland [Passot of La Folie] taught me — that old school of the Lyonnaise style of French cooking. If you put on a braised rabbit leg, you want it to taste like braised rabbit leg. What I do is to take that foundation and put some little twist on it to make it interesting." ■

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Hank plonks himself down. “Look, look,” I say. He follows my gaze across Prospect Street.

“Oh my giddy aunt,” he says. This three-year-old kid is trailing along with his mom and older sister. His left hand’s reaching up to grip Mom’s hand. His right hand’s holding...a cell phone. He babbles away casually as they head into a boutique called Miss Trendy.

“So-o-o La Jolla,” says Hank. We’re sitting at a sidewalk café packed with a surfy-young bronzed-exec crowd straight out of the ads in *GQ* and *Dream Home* magazine. They’re soaking suds and laughing a lot. Next to us, two marble wall plaques have a bull and a bear carved into them.

Oh yeah. I get it. This is the Bull & Bear. Bull and bear markets. Duh. This crowd’s probably all stockbrokers and investment bankers who help La Jollans play Monopoly with their millions.

The Bull & Bear’s an attractive, La Jolla–sleek place. Outside, there’s a reddish tile deck, green umbrellas, hanging baskets of flowers over orange-patterned tables, black chairs. Beyond Prospect you catch glimpses of cliffs, a Levi-blue patch of ocean, things doing fly-bys: gulls, pelicans, choppers.

I pop inside to pick up a couple of menus. It’s intimate, narrow, half a dozen tables, dun-brown and black walls, a big sign on the right. “Bull and Bear. Toro y Oso. Stier und Baer. Taureau et Ours. Tjor ocr Bjorn. Toro e Orso.” English, Spanish, German, French, Swedish, Italian. Huh. So Bjorn Borg was “Bear” Borg?

Pretty barkeep named Amy hands me the menus. Hmm. The dishes’ names are geared toward the stocks-and-bonds crowd. “Bull burgers,” “Chicago Exchange chili cheese burg-

ers,” “Blue Chip burgers...” On the other hand, the price is right for us penny-stock guys. The most common price is \$7.95. The Bull Burger is a half-pounder (actually, they’re all half-pounders) with the usual fixin’s for \$6.95. They have a Bull Burger Special that adds fries and a soft drink for \$8.95. The “Bankrupt BBQ Burger” (with BBQ sauce, bacon, and mozzarella cheese) is \$7.95, and so is that Blue Chip Burger (topped with, of course, Gorgonzola blue cheese).

The Dow Jones Dog’s \$3.95 but the Franchisee Dog with bacon and cheese (\$5.95) is more interesting. They have wraps for \$7.95 (chipotle chicken looks pretty good), plus a bunch of \$7.95 salads. I hesitate for a moment at the Oriental Chicken, scoot on down past sandwiches to the “Bull & Bear Favorites.” The “Federally Insured” Fish and Chips are \$9.95 — does that include the insurance premium? — but “Captain Roy’s Fish Tacos with chips and salsa” are more my style: only \$6.95.

I almost decide on those when Amy comes up, and, natch, Hank goes straight in for the kill, or should I say krill. “Fish tacos and the house salad,” he says. “And a beer.”

Dang. Like Hank — in fact, love the guy. But you won’t catch me copying him.

I scan the burger list. The one that seems to offer the most bang for the buck is the “Hot Stock” burger. That’s a half-pound patty, with a split Louisiana sausage on top.

I get a \$1.75 cawfee too. Working again tonight.

And yes, the “Hot Stock” is tasty, peppery, and per-lenty of it. It needs maybe some sauce, though, to make it juicier. I ask Amy, and she’s kind enough to bring some Gorgonzola. Not quite what I’d meant, but it helps some.

And, wow. Hank’s happy, guzzling into his fish tacos. “Better than Rubio’s,” he says — and he’s always been a Rubio’s fan. His two tacos look so good, stuffed with cabbage and oozing creamy sauce and the dark salsa he’s poured in. They’re gone in a La Jolla minute, along with the half-plate of red-colored corn chips. And the salad.

And people are pretty friendly, too, once we relax about being peasants from that desert out there called “Not La Jolla.” Like, when Hank orders a second “Bear Beer,” Amy tells how her day job is teaching English literature to high school kids. Wow. Then the guy behind us eating a bunch of large tomato slices with mozzarella balls on top turns out to be a lawyer from Pittsburgh here to see his 95-year-old Aunt Molly. First time in 40 years. They were both originally from Cape Town, South Africa. His name’s Alex.

I suddenly realize Alex’s dish is on a separate “tapa” menu. Dammit. I hadn’t noticed. His “Caprese Salad” costs \$7.95. And they have delish-sounding things like “Crab Rangoon” (also \$7.95), which is crab with cream-cheese wontons and sweet peppers. Or mahimahi with ceviche, for \$8.95. Or baked ziti — a pasta dish, also \$8.95 (two bucks more with meatballs).

And inside, when I go to get Hank a, uh, third beer, here’s this trumpet player named Brad, hunched over his plate at the counter, jamming down on another tapa, shrimp spring rolls (\$7.95). Brad’s been everywhere. Traveled with War (remember “Low Rider” and “Spill the Wine”?), even shared the stage with Dizzy Gillespie, man!...

But by the time Hank’s ordering his fourth Bear, I’m starting to fret. He’s my ride downtown.

“Don’t worry, don’t worry,” he says. “I can



Amy

handle it.” “Look, I can always catch the number 30. Hour and a half, but...” “Don’t you ever say anything straight out?” Hank blurts. But then he fiddles in his pockets, brings out his keys. “Here. Just keep the sun on our right. Don’t go past ‘U-Turn to USA.’ ” ■

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I found that there was money in growing grapes," says William Holzhauer, recalling his first investigations into the production end of the wine business. "But there's a lot of money in a winery — because the risk is in making the wine." He was already set on putting in grapes on Hacienda de las Rosas, his dream estate in Ramona, and he decided he might be up for the risk. "I started going to classes at UC Davis and started showing up at people's vineyards at harvest and volunteering: Shadow Mountain, Salerno, Pamo Valley Vineyards." Eventually, he started making his own product over at Salerno's place from locally purchased fruit: Zinfandel Port, Sauvignon Blanc, and a Cab-Petite Sirah blend.

Today, Holzhauer's estate winery is still a few months away from completion, but there's enough there to get a sense of it. The mission-style bell tower is up on the winery façade. The iron-wood main doors have arrived from Morocco. And you can see the layout — the sections set aside for the barrels, the tanks, the tasting room, the stables...

The stables? "We'll showcase horses here," explains Holzhauer. "We'll bring in stallions, and babies and their moms. We raise Peruvian Paso horses here. Spanish horses, Spanish wine — tie them together." Spanish wine here means Tempranillo — and Mission (!). "It used to be the

number-one grape in Anaheim," he says — back when Anaheim was wine country. "It was their table grape and their wine grape. There were hundreds of acres of it. It's a spicy grape. People say you can't make great wine from it. Well, you can if you know what you're doing. It's a great blending wine." So, once the estate vineyards come online, he'll be blending it with Tempranillo.

The wine and the horses are personal passions, but Holzhauer is happy to mix them for the sake of consumer-friendly ambiance.

To aid in the cultivation of that Spanish image, he says, "We're working with an historical society out in St. Augustine, Florida. We hope they're going to let us copy a wine bottle that was found on a Spanish galleon from the 1400s. It's the only glass wine bottle [of its kind] in the U.S. We're in negotiations to copy it and manufacture it. It's a weird bottle" — he gestures to indicate its irregularity — "they're all going to be a little bit individual. I want to put Mission and Tempranillo in there, put a Spanish doubloon on the glass itself, and call the wine Pieces of Eight. People want the romance; they want the story of your winery, the story of your vineyard. When I go out selling my wine, I'm selling the story on the side: Peruvian Paso horses, Father Serra, the missions, Spanish-style wines..."

He's also looking at enlisting the missions in

his effort to build the brand — and to promote California's viticultural history in the bargain. "I'm working with the Mission Society right now to raise enough funds to go back and replant Mission grapes at the missions themselves. We're working with the plant foundation at UC Davis. We'll just put in a couple of trellises, so that people will get the idea that grapes were there. They don't have to make any wine from it, but it's great publicity, for us and for the missions."

It's not all Spanish, all the time — Holzhauer also grows Cabernet and Syrah to go along with the wines he makes from purchased fruit. But he understands the importance of finding a niche, even — perhaps especially — in a niche market. "We have some great winemakers in San Diego County, but very few marketers. I may be one of only two or three people going out there and knocking on doors: 'Hey, you want to buy some wine?'"

Holzhauer likes the work, except when he doesn't. "I've walked away from some tastings — some of these wine bars where they're 'Listerining' my wine" — taking a sip, then sucking air into their mouths to aerate the wine. "I know the reasons why they do it, but it makes no sense to me. It's a still wine; I didn't make it to Listerine. I said, 'If your clients do that, then they need to drink your wine.' When you're sitting down and having a glass of wine, are you doing that?"

So far, he's met with a measure of success: "restaurants, wine bars, Albertsons.... At dinner, the Spanish restaurants sell a lot of wine." Having Spanish varietals "is kind of like a whole package: 'Hey, that fits in!'" Now, a number of other local wineries have signed on to have him



Why not wine?

carry their product as well. "The Spanish thing might not go over so well at an Italian restaurant, but then, hey, I've got Salerno."

And in at least one instance, he's found that there is strength in numbers, even — perhaps especially — in a niche market. "Once, I was at a pouring, and this lady came up and said, 'This is really good wine; I'd like to sell some in my stores.' You never know where a lead is going, so I started making nice. Then she said, 'But I don't want just one winery.' So I pulled out our brochure and said, 'I know about 12 wineries...' It turns out she's the CEO of a car-wash company. There are two locations in Rancho Bernardo and one in Carmel Valley, and they have a beer-and-wine license. They've got a huge room with cards and gifts and wine. I said, 'Why don't we just make a display?' So I got a barrel, cut it up, and put it back together, so that there were windows in the barrel — you can see the wine inside. Then we put



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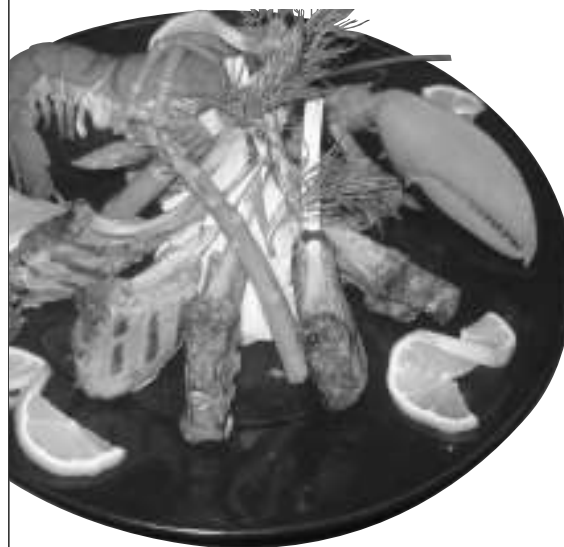
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a big sign on top that said, ‘San Diego County Vintners’ Association — Local Wineries.’ We use it as a fundraiser. The wineries that participate get \$9.50 a bottle; I sell it for \$10, and we give 50 cents back to the association. I’m on my third reorder; we’ve got them in seven or eight locations. Alex McGeary up at Shadow Mountain in Warner Springs called me and said, ‘I just got a couple who bought one of our wines from the Rancho Bernardo car wash, and they drove all the way up here and bought a case.’” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashia lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Joey’s Smokin’ B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also Torrey Hills Center, 4645 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. Joey Maggiore doesn’t produce Southern “Q” so much as So-Cal “Q” — more an homage to Memphis than anything you’d find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true “Q” fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the “suh-weet” sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. House-made hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner, but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied.

Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until midnight. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grines.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Milton’s Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzo brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that’s your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It’s got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101’s vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café’s (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Diner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s

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“new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Asia Vous 417 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-5000. Chef-owner Riko Bartolomei produces outstandingly inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, remaking the classics with fresh twists and superb ingredients, including naturally raised meats and poultry. No one does “fusion” better, and there’s not a culinary cliché on the menu: e.g., everybody else’s warm goat cheese with beet salad is replaced with goat cheese tempura and braised fennel. The inspired

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Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little “motel row” just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered

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Fiore’s Harrah’s Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there’s an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at Oyster Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W.*

The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you’d expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they’re flexible. Want bacon, sausage, *and* ham in your breakfast pita? They’ll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You’ll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.*

LA JOLLA

Donovan’s Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées

include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneled, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

George’s at the Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. At George’s dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, California Modern Restaurant, chef Trey Foshee’s superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasizing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don’t miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon, Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or half-bottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service — make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace Bistro, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men’s restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale’s facilities. Downstairs dinner only; upstairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs

expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. — *N.W.*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don’t even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe “sunset dinners” Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restauranteur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don’t miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as

black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you’ve got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — *N.W.*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego’s 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden’s wildly successful “home interiors” chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food’s more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant’s mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lightnin’ Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal “saddles” (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren’t the smokiest, but they’re tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you’re getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

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Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the “Korean B.B.Q.” marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You’ll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — *M.N.*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, “run over” between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it’s the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB’s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they’ll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Saska’s 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior’s low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook’s sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant’s serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.*

Urmi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a “Crazy Boy” roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids’ menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn’t just a restaurant, it’s the social center of the universe — and Judy “The Beauty” Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy’s Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans’ fave may be the “veggie option”: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you’re waiting, they always have this “out there” eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like “Will Be President For Food.” Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They’re gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Dona 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico’s Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o’ salsa — it’s a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Antonio’s Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the decor hasn’t been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it’s because there’s been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily; Saturday and Sunday champagne brunch-buffet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.*

Geno’s Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He’d won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today, a new owner has continued the tradition. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you’re light of pocket go for the “Ripcurl” hot dog, the

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Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blan-

der, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

FAR EAST

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M.*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El

Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or pot roast Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B.*

DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cafe Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc*. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to

cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W.*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

House of Blues 1055 Fifth Avenue (north of Broadway), downtown, 619-299-2583. HOB's dining rooms (filled with vibrant folk art) are separate from the nightclub, so you don't have to attend a performance to eat there. Highlight of the week is the prix-fixe Sunday "Gospel Brunch" in the basement (with near-hidden elevator access), a generous buffet of mainly tasty mainstream and Southern goodies, including extraordinary smoked roast beef. Upstairs, the regular menu mingles soul and Cajun dishes with pub grub. The gumbo is surprisingly successful (if not exactly personal or eccentric) and the jambalaya is real. Oddly bittersweet Voodoo Shrimp (aka "BBQ Shrimp") comes with irresistible rosemary cornbread. A sampler of grilled Louisiana sausages is a hit. But some dishes denature regional flavors — the amiable, Tennessee-style baby back ribs are more Nashville suburb than downtown Memphis, while the humongous Cajun meatloaf and the bronzed catfish boast all the right Cajun spices but no Cajun flavor. Entrées come with vegetables, but consider amending them with tasty, inexpensive sides like superb sweet potato fries with housemade ketchup. Wine list is pitiful; have a Hur-



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Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant homeliness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where pres-

idents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzing desserts, and even a chocolate fountain for large parties, available upon request. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at

the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. (Pizza-by-slice portions stop at 6 p.m.) Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BAJA

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Mr. Fish Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic

middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Restaurante Don Quijote Hotel El Conquistador (ground floor), 10750 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 681-7955. This tribute to the great windmill tilter himself serves as breakfast, lunch, and dinner anchor for the town's truest colonial Mexican *posada* (inn). It's a world of glowing stained-glass windows, heavy doors, and black wrought iron. You expect Zorro him-

self to come clattering out from the shadows on his horse. The food is standard middle-class Mexican fare, but between quail dishes and enchiladas, creations like cheese-stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon pop out. Nicest surprise? *Sopa Azteca*, with tortilla strips, grated cheese, chopped dark red chiles, and avocado. Inexpensive to moderate. Open three meals, seven days. — *E.B.*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371; and Eastlake Village Center South, 2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900; both in Chula Vista. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no.

That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'l-ish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W.*

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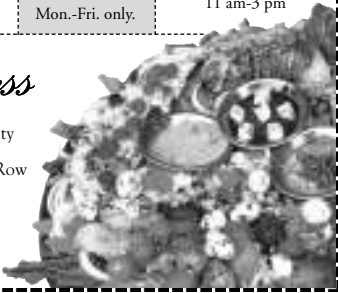
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Low-Brow Lohan

She strips, she swills liquor, she wrestles with a robotic prosthetic hand.

Though it has ample competition, the preposterous new thriller *I Know Who Killed Me* — which unintentionally suggests *The Parent Trap* as remade by the Marquis de Sade — may just mark the nadir in Lindsay Lohan's sad, excruciatingly public descent from hot young star to walking punch line. The lead role in this kind of laughable, low-grade schlock is supposed to follow decades of bad choices, flops, and public humiliation, not a few years of tabloid infamy and questionable decisions.

In a dual role that plays queasily on her schizophrenic public persona, Lohan plays a pampered child of privilege who's tortured by a sicko and wakes up in the hospital professing to be a tough-as-nails harlot with a crack-addict mom. Then again, Lohan also unironically refers to the police as "fuzz," so it's possible she thinks she's a street tough from the late '60s as well. She then stumbles deliriously down a lurid, Grand Guignol rabbit hole of endless dream sequences, florid symbolism, identical twins, stigmata, babies switched at birth, and a special, exposition-tastic guest appearance by conspiracy buff Art Bell. The film

is so relentlessly convoluted that it wouldn't seem out of place if the final twist revealed that Lohan is actually Jim Carrey in the thematically similar *Number 23*, another professional suicide attempt disguised as a challenging double role.

From its title onward, *Killed* suggests a film that Roger Corman might have rejected in 1968 as too sordid even for his lowbrow tastes, with some lovingly filmed torture thrown in for contemporary resonance. Lohan is clearly trying to establish herself as a serious thespian, but the result skews much closer to the grindhouse than the art-house: Audiences might want to plan a long, hot shower immediately after this ridiculous wallow in Cinemax-ready depravity. Lohan gets to play virgin and whore, hard-boiled stripper and pampered princess. She strips, she swills liquor, she withstands torture, she wrestles with a robotic prosthetic hand. Not since Ashton Kutcher in *The Butterfly Effect* has such a lightweight actor cavalierly taken on so many daunting acting challenges and failed so spectacularly. Having broken free of the Disney machine that molded her, Lohan now seems

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I Know Who Killed Me

intent on destroying her career and credibility on her own terms.

— Nathan Rabin
A.V. Club Rating: D-

The deafening buzz greeting *The Simpsons Movie* represents a marriage of convenience between savvy corporate marketing and frothing fanboy adulation. Fox has

stoked anticipation for the film to feverish levels simply by tapping into the massive groundswell of goodwill the show has built up over two decades as one of the country's most beloved pop-culture phenomena. Such torrents of hype often lead to crushing disappointment, but *The Simpsons Movie* more or less justifies its massive buildup. It isn't the best movie ever,

nor will it make fans forget the show's early-'90s golden years, but audiences will probably be too busy laughing to complain about any shortcomings.

In a plot that combines John Swartzwelder zaniness with James L. Brooks sentiment, *The Simpsons Movie* pushes the destructive tendencies of hapless patriarch Homer Simpson to their logical extreme. When Homer's



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thoughtlessness causes an ecological disaster of extinction-level proportions, EPA head Russ Cargill (voiced by *Simpsons* favorite Albert Brooks) sequesters the entire city of Springfield under a giant dome. On the home front, Marge once again begins to

wonder whether Homer's brusque façade hides a core of innate decency or simply more boorishness. It's up to Homer to save Springfield and his marriage, in roughly that order. The fingerprints of cowriter/producer James L. Brooks are all over the genuinely tender moments sprinkled amongst the silliness, such as a surprisingly poignant subplot that finds Bart embracing Jesus-loving neighbor Ned Flanders as a warm, supportive, stable surrogate father figure.

Where *The Simpsons*' social satire once had fangs, it now sports something closer to baby teeth. Though the writers take potshots at their parent corporation, as well as one of its primary corporate competitors (here's a hint: it rhymes with Misney), there's no danger of Fox being nibbled to death by its prize piranha. But like a legendary band trotting out old hits, *The Simpsons Movie* benefits from a soothing sense of familiarity: The gags, themes, and ideas are familiar and well-worn, but there's joy in them all the same. Though it never regains the inspiration or comic density of its brilliant first 20 minutes, *The Simpsons Movie* keeps the laughs coming from start to finish, a feat as rare and wonderful in film as it has been through 18 years of television.

—Nathan Rabin
A.V. Club Rating: B+

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Hot Rod

Becoming Jane — Historical drama speculating on the life and romance of a young Jane Austen. With James McAvoy, Anne Hathaway, Julie Walters, Maggie Smith; directed by Julian Jarrold.

The Bourne Ultimatum — The third installment in the franchise based on Robert Ludlum's spy thrillers. Paul Greengrass (*United 93*) directed; with Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, David Strathairn, Joan Allen, and Albert Finney.

Bratz: The Movie — Four "BFFS" fight peer pressure as they enter high school. With Nathalia Ramos, Janel Parrish, Logan Browning, Skyler Shaye; directed by Sean McNamara.

Broken English — This bittersweet romantic comedy, an auspicious feature debut by writer-director Zoe Cassavetes, gives versatile Parker Posey one of her most complex roles. She plays a lonely, pill-popping, hard-drinking New York single under pressure from her mom (Gena Rowlands) to settle down. Her best friend (Drea de Matteo) urges her to just get out there, but all her dates — like a one-night stand with a vain actor (a very funny Justin Theroux) — end disastrously. Enter a coworker's visiting French pal (Melvil Poupaud), who seems destined to cause her even more pain. How Posey's neurotic, self-destructive heroine finds her way to healing is the core of this generous film, whose moral is that happiness can't begin unless you're open to its possibility. With Peter Bogdanovich, Bernadette Lafont, and Josh Hamilton. — A.G.

El Cantante — Pop icon Marc Antony portrays salsa superstar Hector Lavoe. Also starring Jennifer Lopez; directed by Leon Ichaso.

Dazed and Confused — Belonging to an international trend that might be called the plotless examination of bored teenagers, Richard Linklater's third feature (1993) begins right after the end of spring term in 1976; a lot of the stupidity it lingers over and criticizes (though nostalgia à la *American Graffiti* threatens to overwhelm the critique) has to do with the brutal hazing of junior high school kids by juniors and seniors. I enjoyed some performances (especially by Wiley Wiggins and Rory Cochrane) but hankered after the precise sense of place and the elliptical treatment of character that gave Linklater's *Slacker* some of its distinction; here one learns enough about the characters to realize how little Linklater knows about them, and so little about the location (despite the Texas license plates) that one often feels stranded in Anywhere, USA. What survives is a better-than-average teen movie but not much more, at least if you aren't a member of Linklater's generation. With Jason London and Milla Jovovich. — 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.

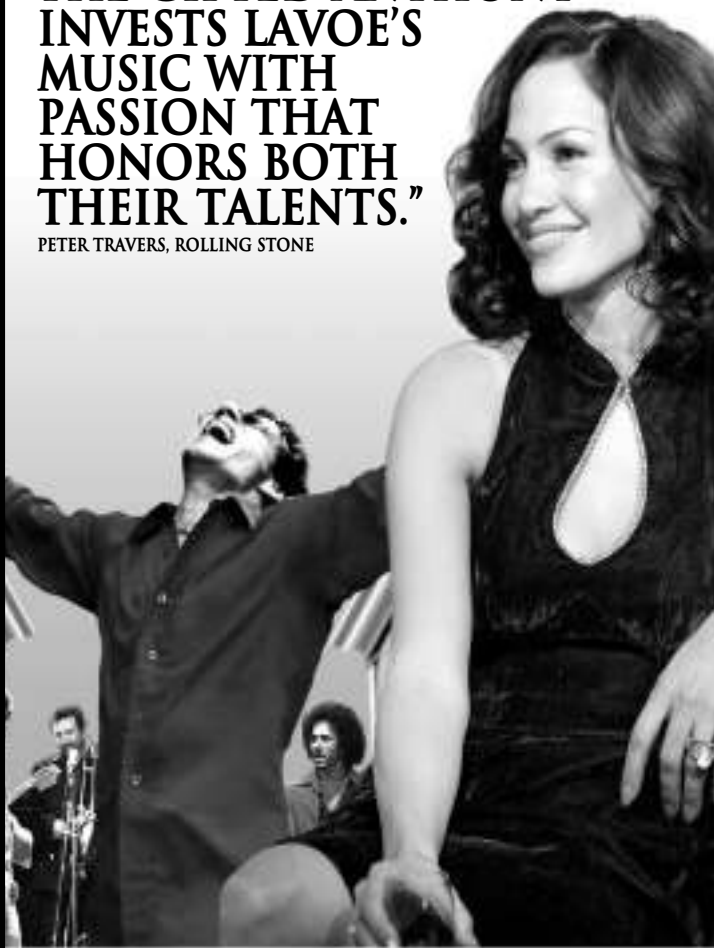
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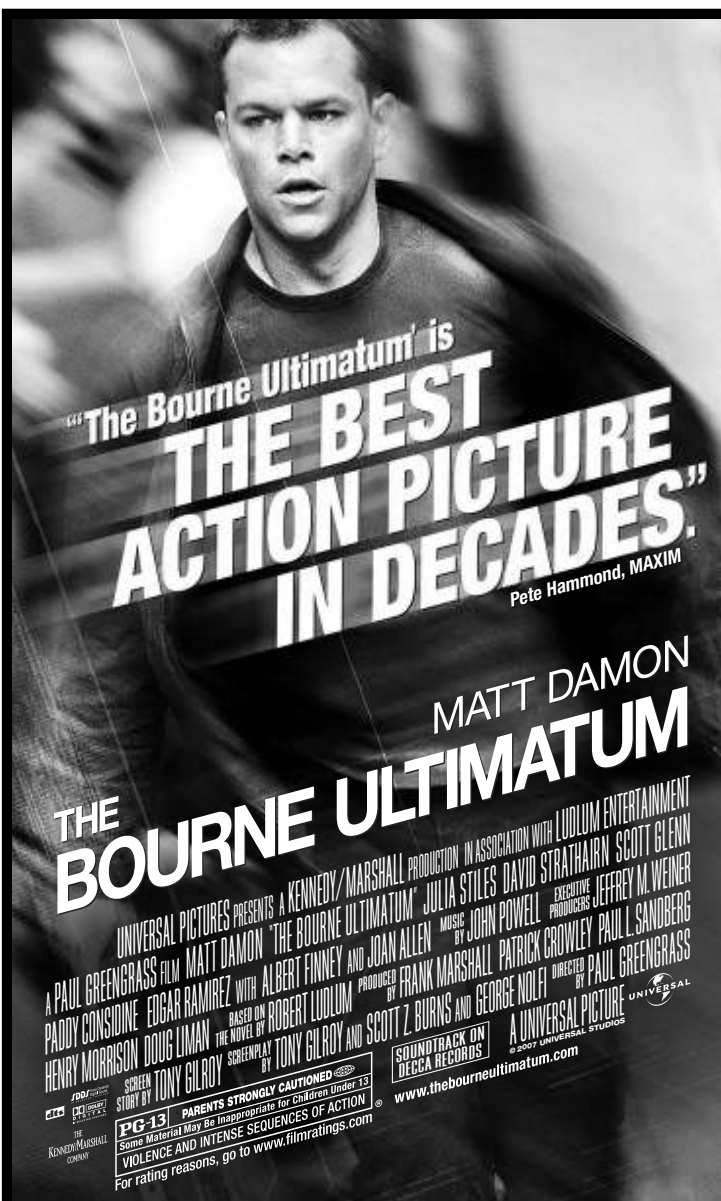
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Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer — As federally mandated by the No Marvel Superhero Left Behind Act, this sequel to *Fantastic Four* (2005) drags in the Silver Surfer, who looks like a gigantic hood ornament and, given voice by Laurence Fishburne, has about as much personality. The original quartet (Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Chris Evans, Michael Chiklis), with their bizarre and frequently comic superpowers, are amusing enough to carry an-

other installment, though the first movie's genesis story was more fun than the perfunctory doomsday scheme trotted out here. Tim Story directed; with Julian McMahon and Andre Braugher. — *J.R.*

Hairspray — Adam Shankman's movie version of the Broadway hit — itself based on John Waters's 1988 film — satirizes prejudice about race, class, and physical appearance in 1962 Baltimore. Plump, peppy

teenager Tracy Turnblad (lovable newcomer Nikki Blonsky) crusades to integrate a local TV dance show and helps restore romance to the marriage of her eccentric dad (Christopher Walken) and overweight mom (John Travolta, in drag). With its wisecracking screenplay, period-perfect pop score, and Shankman's splashy choreography, this may be the funniest, dancingest screen musical since *Singin' in the Rain*. The inspired cast includes Queen

Latifah, Amanda Bynes, Jerry Stiller, Michelle Pfeiffer as Tracy's snobbish nemesis, Allison Janney as a religious fanatic, and Waters as a flasher. — *A.W.*

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — The fifth movie adapted from J.K. Rowling's best-selling novels introduces the young wizard prodigy (Daniel Radcliffe) to another formidable adversary: the new instructor at Hogwarts School of

Witchcraft, played by Imelda Staunton as a cross between Elizabeth II and Nurse Ratched. A zealous apparatchik of the Ministry of Magic (superbly realized by production designer Stuart Craig), she bans the practice of spells, leaving her frustrated students more vulnerable than ever to the sorcerer Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes). Less magic also means less fun and discovery, as Harry battles depression and a hostile press; this is the bleakest Potter installment to

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date, and under David Yates's choppy direction, Maggie Smith, Emma Thompson,

Brendan Gleeson, and David Thewlis have little more than walk-ons. — A.G.

Hot Rod — Andy Samberg of *SNL* fame stars in this comedy about a clumsy motorcycle stuntman. With Isla Fisher, Jorma Taccone, and Bill Hader; directed by Akiva Schaffer.

I Know Who Killed Me — Reviewed this issue. Starring Lindsay Lohan, Julia Ormond, and Neal McDonough; directed by Chris Sivertson.

I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry — Adam Sandler and Kevin James star as Brooklyn firemen who pretend to be gay lovers so they can collect domestic partner benefits. The script originated with Jim

Taylor and Alexander Payne (*Sideways*, *About Schmidt*, *Election*), but the end result has all the earmarks of Sandler's cynical, complacent Happy Madison Productions crew: for every stale homophobic joke there's a sheepish nod to political correctness, and just to be safe director Dennis Dugan plays the firefighter card at every opportunity. With Jessica Biel, Dan Aykroyd, Ving Rhames, and Steve Buscemi. — *J.R.I.*

Interview — Writer-director Steve Buscemi fulfills a cherished project of Theo van Gogh, the Dutch filmmaker assassinated by an Islamic extremist in 2004, with this English-language remake of van Gogh's

hastily done two-hander *Interview* (2003), written by van Gogh's friend Theodor Holman. Van Gogh was a deliberately unpleasant provocateur, and his hand is evident in this playlike encounter between a political reporter (Buscemi) and the schlock TV actress he's assigned to interview (Sienna Miller). But the good direction and performances seem wasted on limited material; despite a few interesting twists and ambiguities, the main revelation — that the reporter is an insufferable snob — doesn't seem worth the 84 minutes devoted to spelling it out. — *J.R.*

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. — J.R.J.

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

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The Puffy Chair

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With movie studios catching the indie buzz, independent films can sometimes feel, well, not very indie. Fortunately, there are still filmmakers making movies with the help of parents, T-shirt sales, or a break at Sundance. Andrew Bujalski's *Mutual Appreciation* is shot in high-contrast 16mm, a far cry from Hollywood slickness. Small on plot, big in character, the actors have mastered a sort of graceful awkwardness that may make you laugh and wince at the same time.

Moving up a few production budget notches is the Duplass brothers' *The Puffy Chair*. *The Puffy Chair*'s plot is rather loose, making the real verve the characters' negotiations with one another. The DVD bonuses are great, including such early shorts as *The Intervention*, which also happens to be the name of the Duplass brothers' film screening at the upcoming Sundance Film Festival. Watch the short first and get a taste of good things to come.

MUTUAL APPRECIATION (USA)
2005, Image
List price: \$14.99

THE PUFFY CHAIR (USA) 2005,
Genius
List price: \$19.95



American Movie

MATTHEW MCGLENNEN

San Diego filmmaker

American Movie is one of my favorite movies. Amateur Wisconsin filmmaker Mark Borchardt attempts to complete his latest masterpiece but problems only increase. Despite setbacks and personal flaws, Mark's full of passion, humor, and unexpected wisdom. Wonderfully touching and wildly hilarious, it's proof that truth is stranger (and a hell of a lot funnier) than fiction.

Nobody does crime documentaries better than Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky. In *Brother's Keeper*, a small town is shaken up when one of their citizens is accused of murder. Heartwarming and heartbreaking, you'll never forget this film.

The outstanding documentary *God Grew Tired of Us* follows three Sudanese Lost Boys as they relocate and adjust to new lives in the U.S. This film's a celebration of life, and a love letter to the human spirit. It's also one of the most moving things I've seen in years. Highly recommended.

AMERICAN MOVIE (USA) 1999,
Columbia/Tristar
List price: \$27.95

BROTHER'S KEEPER (USA)
1992, A&E
List price: \$24.95

GOD GREW TIRED OF US (USA)
2006, Sony Pictures
List price: \$24.96



Roger Dodger

CRAIG OLIVER

Featured filmmaker at last month's Citizen Fest

Recently, American independent cinema has revealed some great writer-directors making their debuts. Though Kenneth Lonergan has earned his bucks by writing *Analyze This* and *Gangs of New York*, he made a name for himself with the great *You Can Count on Me*, featuring Laura Linney and Mark Ruffalo as an estranged brother and sister struggling to come to terms with their lot in life.

Dylan Kidd's *Roger Dodger*, with Jesse Eisenberg and Campbell Scott, explores man's attempt at understanding women and the power of sex.

Todd Field's *In the Bedroom*, with Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson, dives headfirst into the grieving process of their characters after their son's murder.

Field's film received critical if not box-office acclaim while Lonergan's follow-up, *Margaret*, has yet to be released, and Kidd's *P.S.* was largely ignored. Expect more great things from these filmmakers.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME (USA)
2000, Paramount
List price: \$9.98

ROGER DODGER (USA) 2002,
Artisan
List price: \$14.98

IN THE BEDROOM (USA) 2001,
Miramax
List price: \$14.99

can't produce a single person who'd call him a real friend. His chances look grim until he meets a sweet, unassuming cabbie (Dany Boon) who makes a point of liking everybody. The movie's reptilian setup doesn't do much to nurture a sense of mirth, and Auteuil is too likable an actor to make an effective SOB. By the time director Patrice Leconte (*Intimate Strangers*) arrives at his predictable climax and conventional moral, this lethargic French comedy may not have any friends either. In French with subtitles. — J.R.J.

No Reservations — I don't believe in fixing things that aren't broken. Sandra Nettelbeck's wholly accessible *Mostly Martha* (2001) is one of the most delightful comedies of recent years, so the idea of a remake with English instead of German dialogue is already pretty dubious, an insult to the capacities of both audiences and the original filmmakers. Catherine Zeta-Jones plays a neurotic chef trying to get along with both her eight-year-old niece (Abigail Breslin), whose mother has been killed, and a sous-chef (Aaron Eckhart) who joins her kitchen staff. She's miscast, but she can't be blamed for lacking the verve and smarts Martina Gedeck showed in the original: Carol Fuchs's silly, mushy script has her character swerve without warning between obtuse rigidity and sweet normality — to make her character believable

would have been all but impossible. Scott Hicks directed, and even the usually adept Patricia Clarkson as the heroine's boss is set adrift. — J.R.

Ocean's Thirteen — Just a way station between *Ocean's Twelve* (2004) and the inevitable "Ocean's Fourteen," this third installment in the franchise is outlandish even as fantasy, a labyrinthine revenge caper undertaken after evil lug Al Pacino double-crosses sweet-tempered lug Elliott Gould (part of the usual crew) out of his share of a Vegas hotel-casino. George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, and Carl Reiner are all back, though Julia Roberts has taken a powder as designated sex object and been replaced by a villainous Ellen Barkin, the butt of much ageist ridicule. Predictably adolescent and smarmy, with the mix of sentimentality and cynical flippancy that's becoming Steven Soderbergh's specialty (even when he's pretending to make art films), this is chewing gum for the eyes and ears, and not bad as such. — J.R.

Once — In the opening scene of John Carney's engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the wretches who's snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep

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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 every 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-many-hands 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 McClane (Bruce Willis), a steely computer genius (Timothy Olyphant, the series's weakest villain so far) has crippled Washington, D.C., by breaching the nation's vital data banks. McClane enlists a Jersey hacker (Justin Long, the Mac guy from the Apple ads) to reverse the damage, but the bad guys' omnipotence at nearly every turn dilutes the film's suspense. The physical stunts by Maggie Q as a lethal

martial arts expert and Cyril Raffaelli as a Eurotrash sniper who rappels down buildings are more thrilling than the over-the-top chase sequences, so contrived as to verge on self-parody. Len Wiseman (*Underworld*) directed. — A.G.

Manufactured Landscapes — As a teenager in northern Ontario, Edward Burtynsky worked in a gold mine and an auto plant, and he brings to his panoramic still photographs a fascination with industry and the natural landscape that's magnified in this big-screen documentary. Filmmaker Jennifer Baichwal trails him on a tour of industrial sites in China and Bangladesh, and her opening sequences are breathtaking (an eight-minute tracking shot along a giant factory floor, a scene of the photographer posing yellow-clad workers on a road flanked by yellow buildings). Burtynsky is drawn to spots (and lives) that have been disfigured by commerce — like

the awful "E-waste" dump where poor villagers harvest metal from junked American computers — and the open-endedness of his images is the key to their power. The same virtue doesn't apply to his commentary, which is too general to rise above the pedestrian; the movie works best traveling from the eye straight to the conscience. — J.R.J.

Molière — Depiction of the early life and career of 22-year-old Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, not yet the writer recognized by history as Molière. With Romain Duris, Fabrice Luchini, and Laura Morante; written and directed by Laurent Tirard.

My Best Friend — Daniel Auteuil stars as a cold-blooded antique dealer whose associates, gathered to celebrate his birthday, all admit they don't like him and wager him that he

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thony Anderson, and John Turturro ham their way through the boring high-tech drivél about a war over earth's future, while Josh Duhamel and Jon Voight play it straight. Hugo Weaving voices the evil Megatron. — A.G.

Underdog — A live-action take on the classic cartoon about a crime-fighting dog. Voices by Jason Lee and Amy Adams; directed by Frederick Du Chau.

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.*

Who’s Your Caddy? — An Atlanta rap mogul invades a restricted country club in this comedy by Don Michael Paul.

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11:10, 11:40, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20) 7:10, 7:40, 8:20, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 11:10, 11:40, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30) 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 7:10, 7:40, 8:20, 10:00, 10:40; **Bratz: The Movie** (PG) Fri. (10:55, 1:45, 4:30) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:30, 7:50, 10:35; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 1:25, 4:25) 7:15, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 1:25) 4:25, 7:15, 10:15; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 2:20) 6:45, 10:05; **Hot Rod** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; **I Know Who Killed Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 10:05; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:50, 4:45) 7:35, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:35, 10:30; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:55; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:05, 3:55) 6:50, 9:45; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri. (10:35, 1:20, 4:10) 7:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:20) 4:10, 7:05; **Rescue Dawn** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 1:15, 4:15) 7:25, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 1:15) 4:15, 7:25, 10:25; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 11:25, 12:45, 2:10, 2:40, 3:10, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35) 7:00, 7:30, 8:10, 9:50, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 11:25, 12:45, 2:10, 2:40, 3:10) 4:35, 5:05, 5:35, 7:00, 7:30, 8:10, 9:50, 10:45; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:40) 6:55, 10:10; **Underdog** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

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Poway 10

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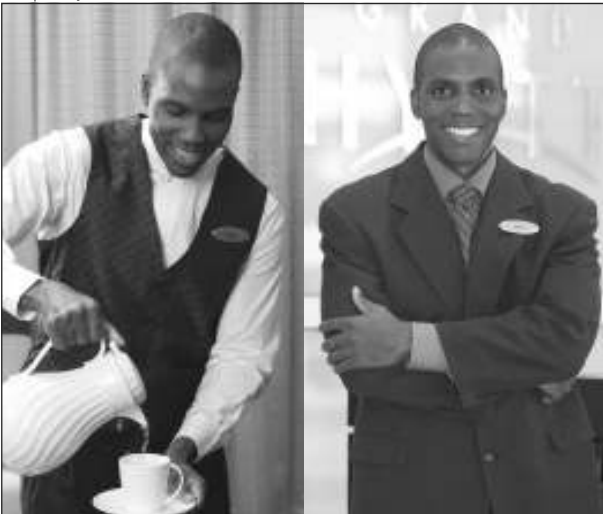
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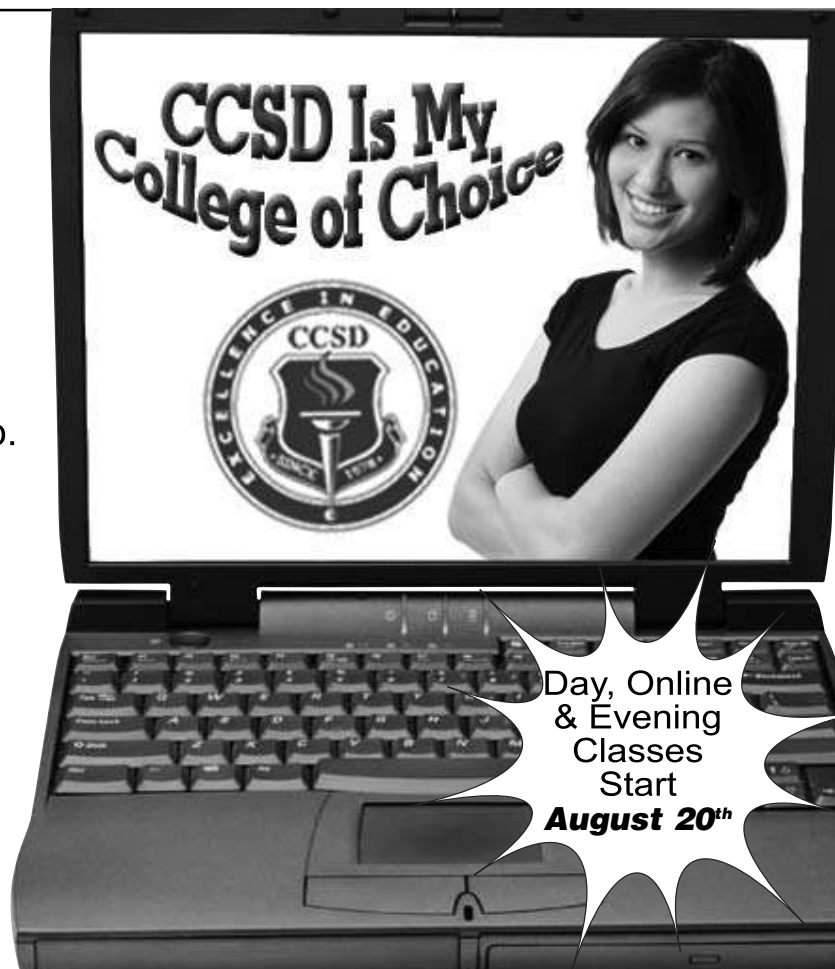
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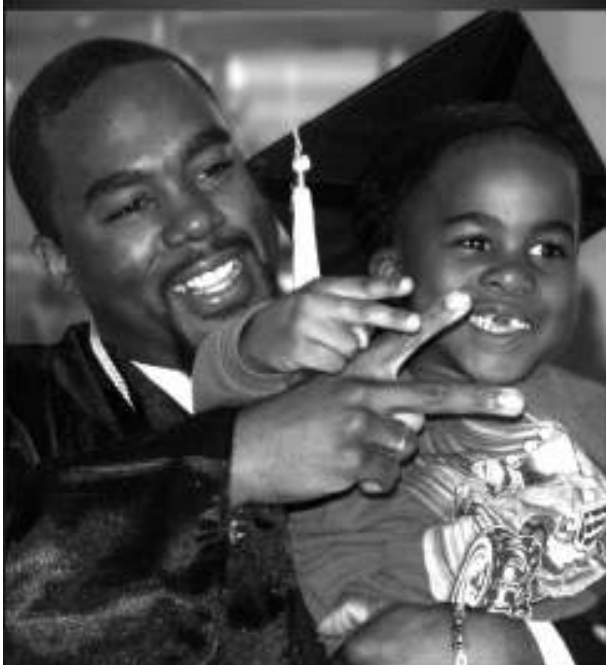
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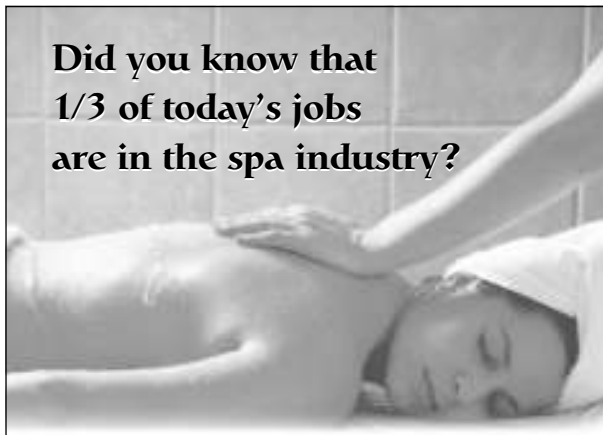
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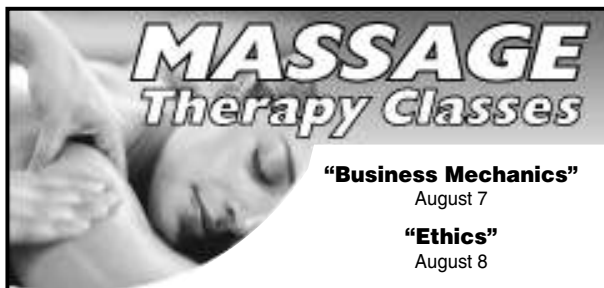
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Zack Sullivan
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Rick Smith
IT Manager
Ocean Beach

My ex, I lent \$2200 so he could buy a car. He was cheating on me, we broke up, and I never got the money back. I had him sign a contract, too. I could've sued and got the money back. I e-mailed him. We went back and forth. I finally just decided to get him out of my life altogether. We were in Texas, and I was moving to California. It was an expensive lesson.



Jon Ellis
Respiratory Therapist
Pacific Beach

Well, there was a time I lent my mom \$200. I was in junior high school, and I got a full-time job in the summer as a custodian's assistant. I was working 40 hours a week. She never paid me the money back. I bugged her about it for the next two years, at least. I finally stopped bringing it up when I was a junior in high school.



Mark Peak
Hotel Employee
North Park

I was going to tell you one story, but that friend just paid me back after ten years. Oh, I had a good friend that was going through a divorce. She got locked out of her hotel in L.A. for not paying the bill. Since she had my car and the keys were in there, she told me to pay the bill. I gave them my credit card, to cover the \$1200 she owed. She moved, and I never heard from her again. It was an expensive lesson. Especially since it would've been a lot cheaper to just have new keys made.



Albert Ruiz
DJ
South Bay

I had a friend that wanted to borrow \$150. I lent him the money and didn't realize it was to support his drug habit. I was a freshman in college at State. It took him years to finally get clean. He was in the hospital for two weeks. I was surprised when he got out, that he paid me back.



Mary Hodgson
Waitress
Rancho Bernardo

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Across

- 1. Law of "Alfie"
- 5. U.S. senator who was president of the Harvard Law Review
- 10. Grp. of relatives
- 13. Lie next to
- 14. They may be non-speaking
- 15. Jason's vessel of myth
- 16. Tiny people are excellent at conflict resolution?
- 19. Sophs., in two years
- 20. Verb for Tweety
- 21. Big Apple NLER
- 22. "Sock ____ me!"
- 23. Titicaca, por ejemplo
- 25. Time of day Nintendo enthusiasts play video games?
- 30. Vapid
- 31. You may tear it up
- 32. Prefix with dermis
- 34. Voice above tenor
- 35. War of 1812 treaty site
- 37. Company that might ring a bell?
- 38. Bub
- 39. It may be proper
- 40. Work for a Supreme Court justice
- 41. Exclamation heard from the party host when he or she sees the guests arriving?
- 45. Model T contemporaries
- 46. Oscar-winning composer Zimmer
- 47. Turned white
- 50. U.S. president who let his daughter use the White House for her senior prom
- 51. TV character who attended Melmac High School for 122 years
- 54. French person's response to a nursery character who asks "Are the children all in bed?"
- 58. Choice word
- 59. ____ Linda, CA
- 60. Exude
- 61. Summer hrs. in Denver
- 62. Historic English county
- 63. Swarm member

Down

- 1. Movie in which Richard Dreyfuss plays an ichthyologist
- 2. Above, in Berlin
- 3. Membership fees
- 4. And so on: Abbr.
- 5. Flowery
- 6. Husky cry
- 7. Immensely
- 8. Riviera vista
- 9. "Try me!"
- 10. Gift tag word
- 11. Flu symptom
- 12. Feminist Lucretia
- 15. "Here's looking ____!"
- 17. "Casey ____ Bat"

- 18. Start of a coin inscription
- 22. "Pay ____ mind"
- 23. Pride member
- 24. At the drop of ____
- 25. Archie or Edith, to Mike
- 26. "Of course," slangily
- 27. Goodnight girl of song
- 28. Party hearty
- 29. Future fungus
- 30. Leonard Nimoy's " ____ Not Spock"
- 33. Fluid in wells
- 35. Attend
- 36. Bewildered utterances
- 37. Swiss range
- 39. " ____ say more?"
- 40. Rice, to friends
- 42. "Maid of Athens, ____ part": Byron
- 43. Singer of "Smelly Cat" on "Friends"
- 44. Its medical name is cerumen
- 47. Frost lines
- 48. " ____ Lang Syne"
- 49. It's just one thing after another
- 50. Cone bearers
- 51. His "I Wanna Love You" was a #1 hit in 2006
- 52. Minnelli of Broadway
- 53. They may be bare or square
- 55. Heavy-duty cleanser
- 56. ____ Alamos
- 57. Eggy beverage

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 8/2/07.

There were 110 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Susan Roberts, San Diego
- 2. Pat Taylor, Hillcrest
- 3. Barbara Kok, North Park
- 4. Judy Furtabo, San Diego
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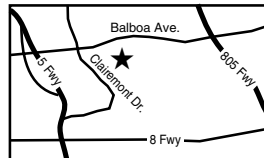


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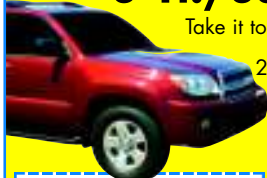
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Tony was in love, my mother was in love (she thought Tony was the cat's meow), and I was in love. But my heart did not beat for Tony, it beat for Brian. Brian Cooley was the object of everyone's desire. Hot, sexy, cocky, edgy, and quarterback for the football team, Brian sauntered through the halls wearing his masculine aura like a knight. Brian was the exact opposite of my darling Tony, and I couldn't shake the desire I felt for this hot rod. There are girls who like bad boys, and some nice guys finish last — especially in high school. Some members of the female race latch on to guys who simply don't give a hoot about them. We like attitude, and it seems the meaner and more aloof a guy is, the deeper our hearts invest.

Perhaps it's because we're afraid of love. Guys who treat us well and shower us with kindness frighten, send us running for the door. We don't know what to do with hand-holding and serenades, so we get off on neglect and mind games. It's sad and true.

It must be the reason I did the awful deed

my mother will never let me live down. It was the most romantic night of our freshman year — our ninth-grade cotillion. We were dressed in formal wear, and Tony proudly pinned me with a beautiful blue corsage to match his own blue tie. We waltzed off into the night, enjoying our rented Lincoln Town Car. When we arrived at the ball, we were smitten by hanging hearts and '80s love songs. After cake and punch came dancing. "Tender Love" played, and as Tony rocked me in his gentle arms, my eyes began to wander. I found myself scanning the dance floor for Brian.

Tony kissed my cheek and whispered words of romance into my ear, and my body tightened. I tried to pull back, and Tony tightened his grip. I thought I'd pass out. I told Tony that I needed a break; he assumed I meant from dancing. The song finally ended, and I looked deeply into Tony's big brown puppy-dog eyes. Without a smile I declared, "It's over."

Now he knew I wasn't talking about dancing. He looked serious and distraught. I threw him a

"Sorry!" and took off. Like all mean girls, I ran away. Adding fuel to the fire, I went in search of my crush. I was a free woman now, and I figured I had nothing to lose.

I spotted Brian by the bleachers, looking dapper and smug with all the other bad boys. Nervous and full of adrenaline, I approached the scene. I muttered, "Do you want to dance?" Brian shot me one of his dazzling smiles. His blue eyes sparkled and caught the glimmer of the disco ball.

This is what real love feels like, I thought. My insecurities about breaking up with Tony floated up and away. I was ready for Brian to take my hand and lead me into the land of fairy princesses. I thought he would feel honored and pleased by my request, bashful even. My body lunged toward him, and I heard, "No thanks."

Brian turned away and dismissed me. And I knew exactly how Tony felt.

Why couldn't it be simple? Why couldn't I submit? I had a perfectly great guy. And I ran.

I dragged my pathetic self

home. I had broken the heart of a lover, had my own heart broken, and still had one more heart to break...my mom's. I hung my dress in the closet, tucked myself into bed, and cried. The sadness I felt wasn't for me, though. It was for Tony.

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Thirty Years Ago

The Abominable Leitmotif Man

He sits behind you at Wagner operas, with his girlfriend, who cannot tell Wagner from Pink Floyd but thinks her escort is as groovily wise as — as — as Robert Redford! He is a self-appointed expert on Wagner's leit-motifs — those repeated themes that serve to identify characters, places, events, ideas — and he provides the lady with a running commentary on their appearances in the music. "Blood of the Waelsungs," he tells her (and all her neighbors within a dozen square yards). "Siegfried the Hero." "Alberich's Curse." "The Rising Horde — no, that's *horde*, honey." — **"THE SMELL OF THE CROWD,"** Jonathan Saville, August 4, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The next afternoon Jody Wright was questioned by El Cajon police investigators, who wanted to know about Linda's background. The officers told Wright that her daughter and son-in-law had been driving a car stolen in Los Angeles and that the car had been linked to a man who had been murdered three weeks earlier in an El Cajon motel room. Linda had admitted taking part in the murder and later

disposing of the corpse in a culvert off Interstate 8 between College Avenue and Waring Road. "I just couldn't believe what I was hearing," Wright says today.

— **"AMERICAN GOTHIC HORROR,"** Bruce Gibney, August 5, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Once again, the *Reader* steps forth to glorify the ritualized slaughter of animals called bullfighting, this time with a story of a doctor compelled to patch up the matadors on that rarest of occasions — when the bull wins ("Bullfight Surgeon," July 30). The ridiculousness of the situation is palpable. The doctor, José Rodriguez, admits that a dozen of Tijuana's best doctors, in a city sadly bereft of medical personnel, crowd to the bullring every fight day. He admits that, during a goring, the entire blood supply in Tijuana of a particular type may be used up.

— LETTERS: **"HOW MACHO,"** Cris Waller, University Heights, August 6, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Hazard was one of those people who, you couldn't tell his age, he always looked the same for as long as I knew him. He was very hard of

hearing. He'd get in a heated argument with somebody, say something very blunt, and then turn his hearing aid off and look at you. When he wanted to break in, he'd turn his hearing aid back on and talk again. He won every argument. I used to marvel at him that he wasn't knocked on his fanny.

— **"NONE OF THEM PLAYED GOLF,"** C. Arnholt Smith, August 6, 1992

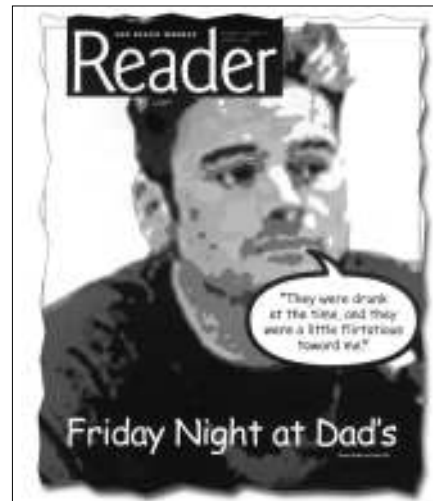
Ten Years Ago

At Flicks, Cunanan's old hangout just down the street, no one has a bad word to say about the homicidal homosexual — only about the media. The bartender won't talk to anybody from the press; his boss, he said, is pissed. According to the *Union-Tribune*, Flicks owner Joe Letzkus claimed to have been "stalked" by Cunanan. Another bartender says he's new and doesn't know anything. Some guys at the bar make it clear everyone is sick of the media. "They're the real prostitutes," says one guy. "Not Andrew."

— CITY LIGHTS: **"ANYONE BUT CUNANAN,"** John Brizzolara, July 31, 1997

Five Years Ago

"I didn't know anything about [swinging] in



San Diego Reader, August 1, 2002

my bar. I've been a bartender for ten years, and I'm rarely shocked or surprised. But when it happened I was, like, whoa, what a different lifestyle. Personally, I would never participate in it, but that's just me. As a bartender, your whole purpose is to make money. If Brenda van Dam came in here as a swinger, I'm gonna treat her right and not judge her. But really, I only saw her in here a few times."

— **"FRIDAY NIGHT AT DAD'S,"** John Brizzolara, Sue Greenberg, Ken Leighton, and Jill Underwood, August 1, 2002

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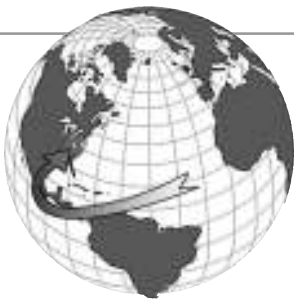
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After sitting in the taxi lot at LaGuardia Airport for an hour, I got a fare back to the very slow city. Business was thin all night, but I did manage to have a few weird passengers. The first was with a man who took my cab for five blocks. After settling into the backseat, he said, "Let me guess — you're an artist."

Me: "An artist? No. Why do you say that?"

Him: "Well, *I'm* an artist, and you just strike me as one. You have very meditational eyes."

Me: "Meditational eyes? What does that mean?"

Him: "I can only see your eyes in the mirror, I haven't seen the rest of your face yet, but your eyes say that something needs to come out, like off your skin. Like sweat."

Me: (Confused, I turned on the air conditioner.)

Him: "I just feel it from you. You know, I'm married to a priest."

Me: "A priest?" (At this point I decided I needed to stop repeating everything he said.)

Him: "Yes. We got married in San Francisco."

Me: "That's nice. That'll be \$4.20 please."

Him: He counted out the bills, "One, two, three...five. Bye!"

He shoved the money at me and was gone. I figured something was in the air that night because a half hour later I picked up a feng shui instructor who was visiting from San Francisco. Feng shui is the Chinese art of placement, which means that where you put stuff in your house is important and helps with your "flow" or something like that.

I said, "I read somewhere that if you put money in the northeast corner of every room in your house, it's supposed to increase your income."

He replied, "Actually, it's the *southeast* corner, since the sun rises from there and has the most energy and pull in the

morning. And you should really only do it in a room where you pay the bills or take care of business. You can also use stuff other than money, basically anything that signifies abundance in your life."

"Well, in my apartment, that would be cat hair," I joked.

He answered with something that I didn't really catch but sounded like, "Yeah, that would [something inaudible] your pussy."

I thought I heard him wrong, so I said, "Excuse me?"

I guess he didn't feel like clarifying because he said, "I have a dog."

The shift inched on and a little further into the night I picked up a 20-something woman coming out of Flash-dancers, the strip club on 52nd and Broadway. She was going to Brooklyn, and her speech was slurred in a really weird way. She didn't seem drunk, just out of it, or maybe a little nuts. Or on pills, perhaps.

When she got in, she immediately made a call to someone named Elizabeth. After a brief chat, she said, "I'm tired. I'm not going out. I did my deal, and I totally need liposuction. But I'm off work tomorrow." And after a brief pause, she said, "You

really need to move out of your dad's house. You're 17. I practically raised you."

When she hung up with Elizabeth, we rode into Brooklyn in silence until she got another call. After her initial hello, she slurred, "Anyway, I hate you, I hate you, I hate you... Do you know how much I love you?"

She was still on the phone when we pulled up to



her destination. As she paid the fare, she looked at me and said, "You're hot," and then, turning away, "Oh, my phone! My boyfriend is gonna think I'm crazy."

She had somehow dropped the phone into her giant purse and wouldn't get out until she found it.

We sat there for several odd minutes as she bent over and yelled into her bag, "Hello? Jason? Scream loud so I can find my phone!" After a few tries, she found it.

She held it up like a prize, grinned like a chimpanzee, and shoved it through the partition at me. She told me to say hi to poor Jason.

I said "Hi," but I just wanted her out of my cab, so I added, "Okay, well, have a good night!" Apparently she wasn't ready to go. She got back on the phone with her boyfriend and continued

casually chatting with him while not making any motion to leave. She was laughing and still slurring as she explained to him exactly how she lost her phone in her bag but that now she found it and everything was okay. I'm sure he was fascinated.

I repeated myself two more times, louder and louder so she could hear me over her own conversation: "Okay, have a good night!"

No response.

A deep breath and then another: "OOO-KAYYYY, HAVE A GOOD NIGHT!"

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ABOUT THE SAME TIME I WAS STUDYING TO TAKE THE SATS, my mother was renewing her sense of purpose with the lost art of sewing clothes for her family. I was sitting on my bed in a pair of denim shorts that puffed out from the crotch as though I was a smuggler of a half-inflated balloon. My shirt was passable to the naked eye as an off-the-shelf, and out-of-a-plastic-bag, plain, red T-shirt; except that she measured incorrectly for the armholes, so that from my armpit to my elbow I was encased like a sausage and I couldn't fully rest my arms against my sides.

"I am to fashion as a scarecrow is to: automobile racing," I wrote in my notebook.

"Come here and try this on," my mother yelled from the front room, through lips gripped around pins. Which sounded like "Cuh fear net fry fish uh."

I shoved my SAT Practice Questions book off my lap and went into the living room.

"Oh, no," I said. "There's no way I'm wearing that. Why don't we buy clothes like everyone else?"

I knew the answer. She spit the pins onto her foldout card table. "Because money's tight. You want to get a job to help out around here?"

"No," I said. "How about *you* get a job to help out around here." I was far past the age and size for my mother to slap me in the face so I got a stern glaring and a lecture on how hard it is to be a housewife. Having just escaped childhood for my teen years I was still susceptible to guilt so I tried on the pink Polo shirt she had just finished. *Miami Vice* was very popular that year.

"It stops at my bellybutton." I said.

"Well, stop slouching and pull your shorts up. Look, there's plenty of material down here."

She had a point.

In a rare burst of overconfidence I donned the pink shirt and puffy shorts for school the next morning. Along with a pair of white canvas deck shoes my mother had cobbled together using a hot-glue gun and some old flip-flops. Testosterone had just made its entrance into my chemical makeup and, sometimes in the least practical situations, the hormone had made me brazen and bold.

"This could work," I said to the mirror. I adjusted my sunglasses so it would be hard to tell that they were made mostly of baling wire.

"I am to Don Johnson as a caterpillar is to...a butterfly."

proximity to Katherine Heigl and one of you was nearly naked. That's a "win" in my book.

FRIDAY AUGUST 3

TIGER SHARK ATTACK: BEYOND FEAR
DISCOVERY 8:00 P.M.

Shark Week scared the ovaries right out of me. I went to a doctor, told him I had been frightened terribly, and asked him if I had any ovaries left and he replied, "Well, no." I said, "See? Shark Week."

SATURDAY AUGUST 4

VIVA PINATA

FOX 9:00 A.M.

Elvis would make the best piñata ever. You could squirrel away dozens of airline bottles of booze, prescription meds, and peanut butter sandwiches in his empty papier-mâché cavity. Just cut a hole in his little white, ticker tape jumpsuit and stuff it all in. Elvis would once again rain down happiness and joy. You could stand under him and catch prescription pills on your tongue like snowflakes.

CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE DRAMA QUEEN

ABC 8:00 P.M.

I have a better movie. It's a tragic tale at first, but shapes up nicely in the end. The leading man goes on to be the TV writer for a local weekly alternative newspaper in San Diego (ahem). It's called *Confessions of an Orally Fixated, Teenage Introvert with Hair in Odd Places and Astonishing B.O.*

SUNDAY AUGUST 5

THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

ABC 8:00 A.M.

If swarthy George Stephanopoulos and Corky from *Life Goes On* had a lovechild he could be named "Retardo Montalban."

MONDAY AUGUST 6

MAN VS. WILD

DISCOVERY 7:00 P.M.

This guy's oddly fascinated by pee. In one episode, I think it has to do with desert survival and how to keep cool, he whizzes on his



The Fantasia Barrino Story

own shirt and wraps it around his head. This show inspired me to name my next theoretical band "Squirt Turban."

TUESDAY AUGUST 7

THE FANTASIA BARRINO STORY: LIFE IS NOT A FAIRY TALE

LIFETIME 9:00 P.M.

Fantasia is a pretty good name for a stripper. I'm thinking of becoming a cross-dressing stripper. All I need is clear plastic high-heel shoes, a water bra, and Nair. Lots and lots of Nair. My stage name will be "Anita Dickens."

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE

FOX 8:00 P.M.

I'd like to get that cat that can predict deaths to hang around outside the studio of Fox's *So You Think You Can Dance*. You know, to sniff around. See how much more of this garbage we have to endure. C'mon Linus, or Stripes, or Captain Fuzzytail or whatever the hell your name is. Start to meow. START TO MEOW!

THURSDAY AUGUST 9

SCRUBS

NBC 9:30 P.M.

If anyone ever combines *Scrubs* with *America's Next Top Model* I'd like to put in my application to audition. I even have my own sponge, tub, and sensible nursing shoes. Ooh, you've been a naughty patient, haven't you, *America's Next Top Model*? Yes, naughty indeed.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY AUGUST 2

NFL YEARBOOK

ESPN 10:00 A.M.

Football coaches need to get out of this rut of thinking that offense and defense have to conform to normal standards. I'm talking about something so revolutionary and distracting that a charging line of millionaire felons would be awed by the sight of it. Yes, that's right. Put me in the backfield and let me do my "Baton Twirl and Sparkler Extravaganza" dance in my

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GRAY'S ANATOMY

ABC 9:00 P.M.

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T.G.I.F.

I began counting white picket fences. Eleven all told, in a few blocks.

By John Brizzolara

Having pretty much exhausted the possibilities in writing about the examining of and disappearance into my own navel (put less delicately by one reader and with an alternate but equally unaccommodating orifice suggested), I have agreed once again to poke my head out of my own little cage this Friday and report back to you. Recently released from "observation," and having been stripped of sharp objects and armed with little more than a tape recorder, Rolling Writer, and pad, I begin with baby steps.

6:39 p.m.: Adams Avenue is quiet, hushed as if awaiting big doin's this summer evening. The bus stop at Arizona Street is held down, as usual at this time of day, by the-lady-with-the nice-figure-from-behind-with-the orange-wig-who,-face-on,-looks-like-the-Crypt-Keeper. It is my pet name for her — having never asked her name — since, irrationally, she frightens me. From here I can (A) catch the #11 bus east down Adams Avenue, always a promising idea since a good two-mile stretch of that street is bookstores, coffee houses, interesting musical establishments, and movie-buff heaven; (B) catch the bus the other way to, say, Hillcrest and Thai food, more bookstores and coffee. B is tempting because I might get in a conversation in that neighborhood with some interesting kids. Lately I've had some luck in conversation with people in their 20s, usually wild looking and usually in Hillcrest. It has made me feel less like blowing my brains out after watching the news and contemplating the next 10 to 20 years in this culture. (C) I can walk aimlessly in any direction except north, which would lead me down a few residential streets to overlook Mission Valley. I do this.

The view at sunset from what is roughly the end of Arizona or Hamil-

ton Street out onto route 8, the fevered development of this urban bottom land, the stripped quarry directly across the valley in a vast purple scar, is remarkable. Starlight to the east and slow-moving aircraft, themselves looking like sluggishly animate stellar lights, remind me of an image I had of myself as a boy wondering what the 21st Century would be. The image was of a middle-thick, graying man standing on some promontory not unlike this in the year 2001 watching starships return from Altair or Proxima, their air-space intersecting that of the thousands of flying cars I had seen promised in the children's school magazine, *Our Weekly Messenger*, in 1957. I was close; maybe there was some kind of clairvoyance at work after all.

Walking back south, I examine the shadowed aloe plants, Spanish Sword, bird-of-paradise, and remember my first arrival in Southern California (a Coronado night much like this one) and wondered, as I smelled night-blooming jasmine, if there were any correlation between the organic proliferation here and the seeming inordinate numbers of science fiction writers who live in this part of the world. Later I would realize it probably had more to do with the proximity of Jet Propulsion Laboratories employing engineers and technical writers during the last balloon and gasp of the space program in the 1970s.

Walking west to Park Boulevard, I ruminate bitterly about my truncated, no, aborted career as a science fiction writer. There are so many of us here in Southern Cal too, most of us talking to ourselves much as I am doing this Friday night, reciting a list of enemies in the publishing business who thwarted our genius — sometimes from the corners of a recreation room at some locked facility or other.

On Park I pause in front of Cheers and then Lancer's, both bars, by the way, listening to the too-loud, hail-fellow-well-met cacophony of conversation, and I experience a moment of — rather than outsidersness, nostalgia, or even regret — gratitude that a too-long period of wasted time in my life has been at an end for a good stretch now.

Within a few yards along Park, I acknowledge the ostriches atop the University Heights arch over the street, the number of food smells and choices coming from Middle East, Mexican, and Italian restaurants.

I make a mental note to get a possibly free or certainly cheap massage at what is a kind of a physical therapy college. I haven't had a real massage in years, although I don't know if you can even count that last one. It was about ten years ago, and I was in the home of a woman I was interviewing because of her unusual occupation. She was a dominatrix who dealt in neither whips nor chains but subtle psychological humiliation of wealthy clients. She administered to me a hearty "rock salt rubdown" that left my body red and raw, singularly unaroused, and just as stiff and achy as when I had walked in. Still, I thanked her. Some time not long after that, she committed suicide by shotgun, a terrible thing that had nothing to do with my massage or interview; it just happened and for some reason I feel I should include it here.

Here is Twigg's where we won't be hearing any more live music, apparently for, I believe, cabaret license reasons, though I could be wrong about that. I once saw Rick Gazlay soundlessly perform onstage with his guitar and a Kabuki mask with only prerecorded tapes along a bizarre line and a grand piano he did not play but instead hid beneath while sucking his thumb.

The coffee shop Cream, like the rock group, formerly Korova (as in



Deepak Chopra (upper right corner)

Korova milk bar from *A Clockwork Orange*), is just down the block. Local art decorates the walls overseeing the caffeinated and laptop-absorbed SDSU students who reside along the #11 bus line. Last Christmas I had a conversation with my schizophrenic son here about a "blind spot between the retina and cornea of the human eye which, if properly accessed, reveals a layer of reality normally available to only poets and mathematicians." It was a beautiful idea with some real elegance to it, I thought.

Ah, and the Buddhist and Deepak Chopra Center along here. I've never entered but I always get a sense of reassurance knowing it is nearby. I am put in mind of a recent television interview I saw with Chopra in which he was asked, clearly for the umpteenth time, "What happens when we die?" and his answer was with a smile, a kind of good-natured exasperation and surrender after a kind of stuttering pause, "Nothing!"

A block west is a seafood restaurant where I probably had my last martini with a good friend who remains close. Across the street is the library, the first library where I ever saw my first book, that is, one I had written, shelved. In front of me is the restaurant where a long friendship recently came to a seemingly irreparable end. Lord, that is a shame, and, I suppose, my fault. I don't know.

On the walk back, I began counting white picket fences. Eleven all told, in a few blocks. Each fence represents some version of what has been loosely called the American Dream and each a reminder of Tolstoy's observation about families each being unhappy in their own inventive ways.

On returning home, putting my key in the door, I remembered not that I had left the stove on or the air conditioner going or forgotten to return a call or that I should have sought out something more interesting and dynamic to write about for this Friday night, and why I might want to thank God about something as absurd as the day of the week. I remembered, oh yeah, that I am rich.

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