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More Power to Him? Ya Gotta Be Kidding

By Don Bauder

Trong mayor? Amid the strong odor? There are two things wrong with the administration of Mayor Jerry Sanders:

(1) It can't grasp the big picture because it is in the pockets of real estate developers, and (2) The public has become Sunroad search warrant. Ronne Froman's, Jim Waring's, and Marcela Escobar-Eck's abrupt departures. Unwarranted pen-





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accustomed to malodorous untruths and spin emanating from city hall: Sunroad. The Sunroad cover-up. The police chief's refusal to carry out a

sion optimism. The list is endless.

Despite all this, Sanders's handpicked establishment lackeys continue to push for

No Crapshooting, **Says Pension Fund**

By Don Bauder

an bites dog. San Diego appears to be headed in a sensible direction on at least one pension topic. In an informal

discussion, boardmembers of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System have indicated that if the City asks the

Development Corporation put out a request for qualifications, seeking a developer for another so-called public/pri-



pension fund to invest money in a new civic center complex, the answer will probably be no.

On July 30, the Centre City

vate partnership to redevelop the four-block area now containing the City Administration Building, Civic Theatre, Convention and Performing City charter changes that would concentrate more power in this mayor's hands. Sanders appointed 15 people to his Charter Review Committee. A majority are establishment lawyers, lobbyists, and downtown string-pullers who are maneuvering to give the mayor expanded power over financial and audit functions and land-use decisions. What's needed is just the opposite: independent auditors and financial officials and community input into land use.

Groups such as the League of Women Voters are pushing for a charter review committee whose representatives are elected. Norma Damashek, league activist, points out that Proposition F gave the public five years to evaluate the strong-mayor concept and the mayor is trying to seize autocratic power after only a year and a half.

By stacking his Charter Review Committee with developers' well-paid servants, Sanders is pushing the City continued on page 10

Arts Center, Evan Jones Parkade, and City Operations Building.

The Sanders administration claims it can get a developer to build a new civic center at no cost to taxpayers. (Yeah, like the ballpark project, now costing \$12 million or more a year. What the City got was a bunch of heavily subsidized condos owned by speculators and out-of-towners who spend little time and money in the city.)

It would be stupid for the pension system to loan money to a broke City that already owes it about \$3 billion in pension and health-care funding.

San Diegan Patricia Karnes takes copious notes at pension-system meetings, including committee sessions. On May 17, the investment committee met. One topic that came up was the possibility of loaning the City money for a new city hall complex, although that discussion was not recorded in the official meetcontinued on page 10

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BREAKING NEWS

Dumping Full Focus When KPBS TV shuttered its Full Focus public affairs show earlier this month, the move was



from loyal viewers of the sevenyear-old steady stream of talking heads hosted by the venerable Gloria Penner, a fixture at the station. At the same time, KPBS also cut A Way with Words, a radio call-

in show about vocabulary, and fired 12 staffers. Though Full Focus rarely made any news, it was virtually the only place where friendly journalists, local pols, and other insiders could kibitz about politics and log television exposure at the same time. Many of the pundits who for years basked in the show's spotlight protested its demise, blasting KPBS general manager Doug Myrland for yanking the program.

The heat apparently became too much for the usually laid-back Myrland, who lashed out against his critics on the station's blog. "I don't know where people get the odd idea that we should survey members on every management

decision we make. KPBS has been in existence for 46 years, and NEVER has it been a collective, or even a participatory democracy. I make decisions in the same way every General Manager before me did," wrote Myrland. "And I am tired of being accused of being 'arrogant' when I

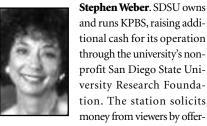


Doug Myrland

do my job and refuse to apologize for it. And it would be nuts to announce a show's cancellation in advance and create some agonized, prolonged discussion."

Myrland's post went on to assert that "We aren't elected officials - every budget line item and every personnel decision and every bit of information we collect is not everybody else's business. Just because vou give a contribution or pay taxes doesn't give you the right to decide - or even influence - what goes on the air and what doesn't."

While all that may be true, it's also the case that Myrland is a handsomely paid employee of the state of California, working directly under San Diego State University president Stephen Weber. SDSU owns



tional cash for its operation through the university's nonprofit San Diego State University Research Foundation. The station solicits money from viewers by offer-

ing them "memberships," but that's just a ruse; the so-

called members have little if any say in how the operation is run.

Documents obtained last week from SDSU under the California Public Records Act show that Myrland gets an annual salary of \$192,744. The station's second-highest-paid employee, associate general manager Tom Karlo, gets

\$155,148. Two staffers under them, associate general manager for development Stephanie Ann Bergsma and general manager for marketing, education, and new media Deanna Mackey, each get \$153,816. All are paid by the taxpayer-funded state university.

Those numbers represent sizable increases from two years ago, based on a February 2005 account by Preston Turegano in the Union-Tribune. Back then Turegano reported that Myrland made \$162,024; Karlo got \$112,968; and Bergsma and Mackey each got \$112,000.

Myrland told the Union-Tribune this month that Full Focus and A Way with Words and the people behind them had to go because "trends indicate their future potential for audience and revenue growth is minimal." He denied the station was in "financial trouble," as the U-T put it.

Reached by phone this week, Myrland said KPBS's executive salaries were set based on a national survey that the station had conducted of similar management positions. He added that there had been "ups and downs" in management pay from year to year and that, over time, the increases had "pretty well" matched the cost of living.

He acknowledged that KPBS's finances had "been tight" of late. "Net revenues over expenses for the year ended June 30, 2007 were \$30,550, or \$361,180 below the prior year," according to a memo from KPBS accounting manager Carlos Penera to the station's management council dated August 6. "KPBS total revenues of \$17,345,775 were \$200,254 below last year (-1%)."

The report added that income from Community Service Grants awarded by the federally subsidized Corporation for Public Broadcasting had also taken a hit. "Although Membership Revenues of \$5,901,868 were flat compared to last year, CSG Revenues of \$2,741,134 were -\$739,806 or 21% below last year's amount due to the anticipated decrease in CSG funding."

Myrland explained that the grant money is awarded using a complicated formula based on how much private money the station raised and that several windfalls of prior years, including a multi-million dollar behest by late McDonald's heiress Joan Kroc, had caused the amount of the grants to go up. Now they have come back down, he said.

In a harbinger of the Full Focus cutbacks in August, Penera's report went on to say that "Total expenses for June 2007 of \$2,210,714 were...21% below the prior year," in part due to "the cost containment program instituted by KPBS in late FY 07."

"That was basically us telling directors 'don't spend more money," Myrland explained. As for using the station's blogs to convey his opinions to viewers, he said, "I will likely make less use of them in the future."

– Matt Potter

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Stephanie Ann Bergsma

Down on the Fish Farm

By Ernie Grimm

here's been a lot of talk, and legislation, surrounding saltwater fish farming lately. A bill working its way through

Congress would create a permit process for farming fish from 3 to 250 miles off the coast of the United States. And last year, the State of California adopted the Sustainable Oceans Act, which mandates that a permit process be established for anyone wishing to have a fish-farming (or aquaculture) operation within California's coastal zone ---defined as the shore lands and the ocean out to 3 miles.

Not that aquaculture was illegal before. It's just that nobody was quite sure whom to ask for permission to do it."Imagine trying to get something like your driver's license, and you know the state gives it out, but you don't know where to go to get it or what the process is," says Donald Kent, president of the Hubbs-

SeaWorld Research Institute. Kent, who is also a researcher at the institute, quips, "It's hard enough getting the damn driving license, but at least there's a process that is written out."

The Sustainable Oceans Act, Kent says, "will lay down the process by which somebody who wanted to do aquaculture in the coastal zone, whether it's on land or offshore, would apply for permits. And it also requires the completion of what's called a programmatic environmental impact report. That is basically a template saying, 'Here's the impact our project might have, here's what we'll do to mitigate that impact, here's how we'll prevent environmental problems from arising.'"

Why farm fish in California? Because we Californians

eat a lot of fish. And much of that is farmed-raised, or at least farm-fattened, fish. "We're importing 80 percent of our seafood," Kent says, "and half of that is coming from aquaculture in other countries."



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Pacific bluefin tuna. "This is a new way to produce food in the world," says Dr. Jerónimo Ramos Sáinz, director of Maricultura del Norte, one of ten companies operating tuna farms near Ensenada. "This is a way in which we are doing maricultura," Spanish for aquaculture.

Ramos, a soft-spoken man in his mid-50s with salt-andpepper hair and mustache, stands by a map of the Northern Baja California coastline that hangs on the wall of a modest boardroom at Maricultura del Norte's Ensenada office. The practice of catching bluefin tuna and hauling them inshore to be fattened in a pen "was developed during the '90s," he explains. "It started in Japan, and then it moved to Australia and then into the Mediterranean countries. In the Mediterranean cultures, they farm the Atlantic bluefin tuna."

Ramos continues, "The bluefin tuna has been fished here for many, many years. Before, instead of taking the fish and bringing it to the farm and feeding it, we used to catch it, load it on the boat, and take it to the cannery. But since 1997, we tow the live fish in the net in a very smooth way, bring them close to the

shoreline, and then keep them

there for a month, or up to four

or five months. During that

time, we feed the fish sardines.

We don't use any artificial

feed. We feed them sardines

that are caught in local waters

close by the shoreline. In the

case of our company, we use

fresh sardines. We catch the sar-

dines today, give them to the

tuna today, or tomorrow, or

the day after."

Every day, Ramos says, divers swim among the tuna in the pens, checking the nets and the condition of the fish and making sure not too much of the food is falling out the bottom of the net. These fish

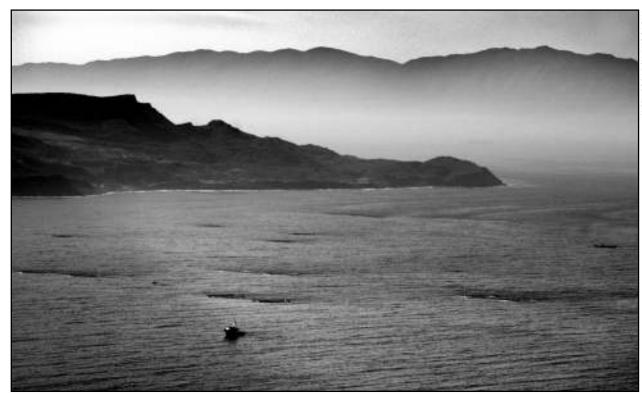
Ensenada tuna farm



Jerónimo Ramos Sáinz

aren't destined for the can. Most are headed to Japan, where they will become sushi. When an order comes from Japan, Ramos explains, "The divers take the fish from the continued on page 10

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is importing millions and millions of dollars' worth of seafood, why wouldn't we want those millions of dollars and jobs and taxes to stay here in California, instead of letting all the

Kent adds, "If California

money we're paying for Pacific bluefin tuna the fish go out of the

state?"

What would fish farms in our offshore waters look like? One need only drive about 60 miles south to find out. At Punta Salsipuedes, the toll road from Playas de Tijuana ing left turn. To the right, some 600 feet below, lies the north end of Ensenada Bay. There you'll see a few dozen floating rings, each 130 feet in diameter. The nearest is maybe 500 yards offshore. Though you can't see them from the road, hanging 60 feet underwater below each ring is a net. And each net, at this time of vear, houses a school of North

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further in the wrong direction. New housing and commercial structures shoot up while the underlying infrastructure decays and civic services deteriorate. Sanders disingenuously claims the pension crisis is under control, but by giving a raise to the police, he increased the pension system's long-term problems.

Political scandals come and go — mostly go. The media uncover them, the public yawns, and they die. But Sunroad quickly took hold for two reasons: (1) It symbolized San Diego's corruption, and (2) Sanders and his minions kept bungling the cover-up, as each whopper heightened the public's thirst for the next juicy installment.

Sunroad Enterprises, owned by a Sanders friend and donor, defied federal and state aviation safety laws by building a too-tall high-rise near Montgomery Field. The City knew about the defiance in spring of 2006 but gave its okay. The city attorney demanded the issuance of a stop-work order, but Sanders and his real estate czar, Jim Waring, after huddling with Sunroad's owner, arranged a "winterizing" order that permitted the company to finish the building — illegally, as the state pointed out. Along the line, the police chief refused to carry out a search warrant of Sunroad. The warrant's contents were leaked to the mayor's office, the Union-Tribune, and Sunroad — more illegalities. Sanders got City bureaucrats to see if federal aviation officials would agree to reroute traffic so the building could stay at its illegal height. When the news got out, Sanders lied.

Sanders appointed his key aide, retired admiral Ronne



Froman, to investigate the matter - a dubious arrangement. When Sanders ran for mayor, Froman was so popular that she was effectively his running mate. When she resigned abruptly, the explanation was that she never intended to stay long. Did voters know that?

The investigation was turned over to another aide, Io Anne SawyerKnoll, who is in charge of ethics. She turned out a report that cleared the Sanders crew of illegalities, unethical acts, conspiracies, corruption, influence peddling — everything except incompetence. The so-called investigation was a joke. This month, I asked for a copy of a draft of the report. I wanted to learn what had been edited out for the final version. The deletions are eye-opening. They reveal that as the city attorney's office pushed to get construction of the Sunroad building stopped, Waring and Marcela Escobar-Eck, director of the Development Services Department, tried to get Sunroad off the hook by finding a solution that did not involve a stop-work order. In October, the city attorney's office insisted on such an order; it took days of "prodding" from that office to get the Sanders crew to issue one, and then it promptly evaded the order by permitting Sunroad to complete the building under the guise of "winterizing." Waring is supposed to be a skilled lawyer. The deletions raise doubt about that. He kept insisting that the City might have liability to Sunroad but never quantified such liability. And late in the game, he kept saying that the Federal Aviation Administration and California Department of Transportation should halt the construction, when there was no question that it was the City's responsibility. Deleted, too, was this advice

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to the Sanders crew when it was arguing that air traffic could be rerouted over neighborhoods that would certainly scream: "If you find you are riding a dead horse, the first thing you do is get off."

Waring and Escobar-Eck recently departed with the mayor's footprint on their backsides. But both had only been doing Sanders's dirty work. Waring said the mayor had asked him to resign. The vacationing Sanders said, "I'm laying here on a beach in Hawaii and this is coming as a big surprise to me." Grammatically, he was lying, or reclining, not laying. But he may have been lying in another sense — telling still another fib.

His administration is laying an egg. It hardly deserves more power.

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ing summary.

According to Karnes's notes, board president Thomas Hebrank said he had heard about the pension system being asked to invest in a new city hall. He wanted clarification on possible barriers. According to Karnes, Chris Waddell, general counsel, said the system could participate if the terms were the same as other commercial investments. He said the loan would be limited to 25 percent of the total project. Legally, the pension system can put money directly in an investment, but the board prefers to work only through hired investment managers. (Waddell remembers the discussion but doesn't recall what he said.)

Doug McCalla, chief investment officer, was vociferously opposed to the idea. He noted that the pension system was already a creditor to the City. Since system investments are tax-free, it would make no sense to buy lower-yielding tax-free bonds. (McCalla did not return a call for comment.)

At the May 17 meeting, "It was a hypothetical question; we have not been approached by the City," says Rebecca Wilson, communications director of the pension system. "If this occurred, would it be something we would want to invest in? They didn't take a vote. But there were more reasons not to get involved than in your average investment."

William Sheffler, a member of the investment committee, takes the correct view of the idea: "It is not an appropriate risk for a retirement program. You hitch your wagon to the financial success of a plan sponsor when you are depending on the plan sponsor to fund your plan. You can lose twice in situations like that."

Richard Kipperman, whose term on the board recently ended, says that such a plan smacks of a conflict of interest."In today's political environment, I doubt if you would be able to get the support of the board to do something like that," he says. Years earlier, there was talk

of the pension system investing in the ballpark and downtown library. The ideas died. Retirees laugh, saying that when it's salary-negotiation time, the City always asks the unions' okay to borrow from the pension fund, says Karnes.

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pen one by one, then we sacrifice them on the boat one by one using a Japanese technique...that guarantees that the flesh is not damaged. We bring them from the farm to the port here in Ensenada, from the port to the plant. At the plant, we clean it, pack it, and put it in a box. From the plant, it is trucked to Los Angeles, and from Los Angeles to Japan by air. In Japan, it is auctioned on the Japanese market. And from the time you kill the fish until the time it is in the auction market and to the consumer, it takes about 72 hours."

Is it frozen?

"Never, our fish is always fresh. But it's kept at 2 degrees Celsius [35.6 degrees Fahrenheit]."

In Japan, almost no price is too high for sushi-grade tuna. A record \$160,000 was paid in 2003 for a 410-pound bluefin at a fish auction in Japan. That fish was not from a tuna farm. But Ramos says catch-and-feed operations do produce high-grade tuna because we can monitor how much and how many times a day we feed them, and we can watch carefully how the fish are growing, whether they're getting round. The roundness indicates the fat content of the fish, which is important for the Japanese market. They want high fat content, especially in the belly part of the fish that they call the toro, which is the most expensive part of the tuna."

With so many tuna held in pens close together and close to shore, one would think waste would concentrate and pollute the water. But Ramos says this is not the case "because of the currents and upwellings we have here."

He says the locations of the pens are chosen for their cleansing currents, both to protect the local environment and because the tuna need clean water to thrive. "And," he says, "we analyze the fish, we analyze water quality at different levels of the column of water, we analyze phytoplankton, we analyze the seafloor, nitrogen levels, phosphorous levels, oxygen levels. Also we analyze sediment and organic material and metals - copper, lead, and iron. And all the farms participate."

Kent says that a properly placed fish farm shouldn't adversely affect its surrounding environment. "It's like the restaurant trade...location, location, location. If you're in a back part of a bay where the water doesn't really mix ---there's no current — then whatever comes out of the cage is going to sit on the bottom. But if you site it in a location that has good current and tidal flushing, and you're deep enough, what will happen is the nutrients that come off will leave the cage area and get distributed and absorbed by the environment as if a school of fish were swimming by. People say that it's like having a sewage outfall, but that's not true. In sewage there are viruses and bacteria from humans that could come back and contaminate humans. But fish don't put out human viruses and bacteria. When nitrogen and phosphorous come out in the form of detrital material, they get absorbed by algae five miles away."

Ramos thinks that the ten tuna-farming companies operating near Ensenada have created "about 4000 jobs both directly and indirectly. And we estimate that now this industry represents around \$80 million to \$90 million per season."

Is that money staying in Ensenada?

"In our case, we pay salaries

to 250 to 300 local people, and we buy nets, motors, spare parts, and a lot of things like that locally. Most of the guys who own the company are Mexican, and they live here in Baja or in San Diego. The rest of the companies are owned by people in Australia or Japan."

Kent believes similar farms could be operated off California's coast. And, with a good deal of entrepreneurial investment, he believes someone could go one better and not only catch and feed bluefin tuna but breed the fish from a captive brood stock, something that hasn't been done commercially anywhere in the world yet, though it has been done with species such as salmon and yellowtail. The Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute has successful though noncommercial ---captive breeding programs for white sea bass and yellowtail. "Everybody who's doing aquaculture wants control over the culture protocol," Kent says. "The aquaculture in Baja is an example of making an industry out of something that still depends on the wild population. But all the other people who are doing commercial aquaculture in other species are doing it using brood fish that they keep and breed from. But the problem is...our white-seabass tanks are 20 feet across. Imagine a tuna tank with brood stock in it that's 100 feet across and 30 feet deep. You're talking about some fairly big infrastructure commitments."

Why couldn't it be done offshore?

"Because how would you harvest the eggs?" Kent answers. "See, with our shore-based operation, the water flows through the tank, the eggs come out, and we catch them in a fine net. You couldn't do that in a big net offshore."

Kent doesn't expect to see aquaculture operations popping up in California anytime soon. Just getting the permits, he believes, would take "18 months to two years." Still, he thinks aquaculture, whether it's offshore catch-and-feed or onshore captive breeding, makes sense for California. "So do I see it happening here? Yes, if someone has the will to do it off of California. And one of the great things about doing it off of California is that I know we'll do it right."



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A Natural Fall

I was appalled when I read Bill Manson's article ("Is Everybody Too Tired...To Include Children?" Cover Story, August 23). If I were to follow the intent of that article, I should be going out and impregnating as many women as I can find. And of course these can only be young, pretty, and white women because we need to preserve and increase the quality of our Aryan race. I am sure these young women will be very cooperative, considering the fact that I am an overweight, grayhaired, and out-of-shape baby boomer.

From what I have read, falling birthrates are a natural situation in a progressing society. We no longer need to produce a litter to work on the farm or to ensure that at least one child will survive to adulthood to pass on the family photographs. As a nation, we disproportionately use the Earth's natural resources. A falling birthrate is a good thing and something that should be encouraged in all of our cultures.

If the increasing Latino population disturbs anyone, these people can be comforted by the fact that there will be a larger number of Latinos who will be paying into Social Security to support them in their old age.

Norm Olson via e-mail

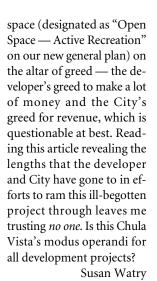
300 Million Is A Crowd

In reading Bill Manson's article on having babies ("Is Everybody Too Tired?" Cover Story, August 23), I don't think the U.S. is headed in a good direction. We have 300 million people here now. Any more than that and we will be overpopulated. More people means more traffic congestion, more air pollution, more trash for landfill, and more sewage being pumped into the ocean. Most of our population expansion is from immigration, and a good deal of that is illegal immigration. Twelve million illegals — that's the size of four San Diegos. Remember, we do have to share the land also with the animal population that also requires some space of their own. Of course you won't hear Greenpeace or the Sierra Club address this issue. The open-borders crowd just has to say "racism" and the liberals go running for cover. So of course they use this to their advantage to try to shut down any debate whatsoever. I think we need a four-year moratorium on immigration except for spouses or spouses-to-be. Then there should be a limited number admitted to this country. They should be chosen from a wide variety of countries that would be real diversity. Of course we have to shut down the illegal flow, period.

Todd Gilbert via e-mail

Keep It Open

Re "Chula Vista's Yellow Brick Road" ("City Lights," August 23). It is a total outrage that anyone at city hall would even consider sacrificing this precious open



via e-mail **Reason With The**

Thug Regarding the letter from Kathleen Beope "Nobody Needs a Gun" (August 23). What BS! I am that person whose life was saved because I kept a gun under my bed. In 1987 a drug-crazed intruder with a crowbar broke into our house looking for God knows what. If I hadn't used the gun to stop him, my son, my wife, and I might not still be around. Say what you will, until you're in that position you really don't know what the hell you're talking about. I hope you're never in the position I was placed in; however, if you are, perhaps you can rationalize with the intruder and convince him of the error of his ways. Good luck with that one.

> Bob via e-mail

Guns, Cars, The Constitution

In response to Ms. Beope, letters to the editor, "Nobody Needs a Gun" (August 23), I read her comments regarding the use of guns in today's society. I agree with Ms. Beope that there are some very stupid people in this world. Even stupid people with guns. However, I wonder if Ms. Beope understands her rights under the Constitution. Especially the Second Amendment.

Rights and laws run hand in hand. They are both about control. The speed limit attempts to control reckless operation of a motor vehicle. A yield sign attempts to control an intersection, and the Second Amendment attempts to control our government. I wonder if Ms. Beope understands any of these concepts. Does she function in traffic at the posted rate of speed, allowing other drivers the use of the road? Does she vield to all traffic at an intersection when her way is restricted by a yield sign? And does she enjoy the freedoms of this great country by the rights instilled under the first five amendments?

Ms. Beope, the Second Amendment isn't about the right to hunt or do a driveby shooting; those are just by-products of a free society. The right to keep and bear arms is about controlling our own government. A government afraid of its own people is a government willing to act in a manner to respect and support the People. Therefore, we are and remain the government. Remember, more people are killed by cars than by guns. T. Neal via e-mail

Writing, Writing, Writing

It was very moving to read all those writerly tributes to Judith Moore in this week's Reader ("She Hated Adverbs," Cover Story, August 16). I only regret that I wasn't asked to contribute one of my own. Judith was one of a kind — a distinctive, brilliant, and eccentric woman, with a passion for writing like no one else I've ever met. Like most of the contributors to the issue, I also knew her for many continued on page 60





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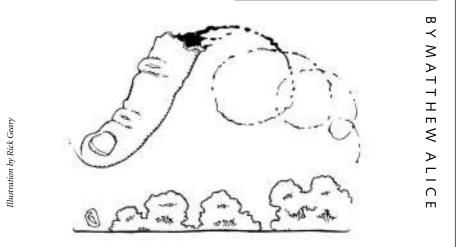




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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



Dear Matthew Alice,

I received this info from a friend in an e-mail. Is this true or real?? Or is it a joke?

The History of the Middle Finger. I feel compelled to send [this] to my more intelligent friends in the hope that they, too, will feel edified. Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as "plucking the yew" (or "pluck yew").... The English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at them, saying, "See, we can still pluck yew!" Since "pluck yew" is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodental fricative /F/, and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger salute! It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as "giving the bird."

— John, via e-mail

John, that is the longest road to Idiot City we've ever been on. An absolute epic. European armies! Ancient weapons! Revenge fantasies! Invectives! Amputations! Anatomy! Botany! Ornithology! Etymology! Phonics! Semiotics! Labiodental fricatives! For me, the story finally jumped the shark when it reached the critical junction of "pluck" and the F-word. How hard is it to say "pluck"? *How hard is it to say "pluck"*?! Killing the English army would also prevent them from fighting in the future. Why line them up for amputation?

The middle finger, the longest finger on the hand, figured in expressive hand signs for centuries before Agincourt. According to anthropologist and gesture expert Desmond Morris, the earliest documented references are from ancient Rome, where the bird was flipped often and with great satisfaction. From the Roman context, it's clear that the gesture has always had a sexual connotation, specifically sodomy, and was even then considered "indecent." It was used by men toward other men and was done with the finger straight out, up, or down. There are variations, like the British backhand V, with middle and index fingers. But the international classic has been around for millennia. So the big bird goes to the joker who took the time to compose and circulate that Agincourt fable.

Hey, Matt:

What is the red stuff the planes drop on the brush fires? How does it work?

– EED, via e-mail

Works very well, thanks. The red stuff is mostly water. It's mixed with ammonium phosphate or sulfate (fertilizers), with guar gum or clay (thickeners) and iron oxide (color). The Forest Service has used planes for water drops since the 1930s, but it wasn't until the mid-'50s that it began using a heavier slurry of water and additives to keep the water from evaporating in the heat or being blown away from the drop zone before it hit the ground. Thickeners also help avoid runoff. Color marks the area hit by the drop, and the fertilizer encourages regrowth of plants in the burn area. The red stuff is a fire retardant rather than a fire extinguisher, slowing progress to give firefighters time to reach the area. The retardant will stain your house if it lands on it, though it washes off. The fertilizer component is toxic to fish and is harmful to pets and people if they ingest some. So don't stand by a wildfire and look up at the plane with your mouth open in amazement. Besides, the water is moving pretty fast and could knock you on your butt.

Dear Matty:

In the movie Party Girl, with Parker Posey, there is a reference that the Dewey decimal system is so easy to learn that it was once taught to monkeys. True?

— Daniel the Manual, via e-mail

The head librarian sneers at employee Posey, who's just misfiled a book, "A trained monkey learned the [Dewey decimal] system on PBS in a matter of hours." No, no one's ever tried to teach a monkey the Dewey decimal system. But if they did, of course, the documentary would air on PBS. Jokes aren't funny when you have to s'plain them. Instead, I'll tell you some real monkey stuff — from a Yale economist. He taught a bunch of capuchin monkeys to "buy" chips of apple and cucumber with metal disks, one treat per disk. When the researcher put the apples on sale, two for one, the monkeys immediately learned to spot a good deal and stocked up on apples. The monkeys even tried counterfeiting — trying to use cuke chips in place of metal disks. They hid their disks from their fellow primates. And when one group of monkeys was given more disks for performing the same task as the others, the underpaid monkeys started big screeching fights. They even learned to gamble for the chance to get extra treats. Sound familiar?

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Michael Vick Is A Monster

n Monday, Michael Vick pleaded guilty to one count of "conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture." This is what a good lawyer can do for you.

Vick came to Jesus only after three codefendants and four confidential informants ratted him out. Facing certain conviction on multiple felony counts with the promise of having more charges tacked on, Vick cut a deal. Afterward, he spoke to the corporate press: "I totally ask for forgiveness and understanding," he said. Vick apologized to NFL commissioner

Roger Goodell, Falcons owner Arthur Blank, his coach, teammates, children, and sentient beings wherever they reside. Vick announced he found Jesus and said, with a straight face, "Dogfighting is a terrible thing."

Putting two dogs in a closed ring and having them fight while betting which cur will die first is revolting, barbaric, and not something you or I would do. Other people, *bad* people, do such things.

Or, to put it another way, the fun of watching two dogs fight each other until one is maimed or dies is not reserved for Michael Vick alone. The sport began in Japan in the 1300s. Dogfighting is still legal in that happy land today. Indeed, the annual Japanese dogfighting national championship is held in Kochi (fly to Tokyo and turn left). Check the Internet for hotel specials and transport details.

About this time — make that a couple hundred years later, on the other side of the world, in London, we come upon the sport of bear baiting. Bear gardens were built with a pit, fence, and circular seating for fans. A bear was chained to a post and hunting dogs were set loose. Dogs were swapped out when they tired. Follows is written by Robert Laneham, a court flunky attached to Queen Elizabeth I, describing a bear-baiting viewed by the queen.

"...it was a sport very pleasant to see, to see the bear, with his pink eyes, tearing after his enemies approach; the nimbleness and wait of the dog to take his advantage and the force and experience of the bear again to avoid his assaults..."

Actually, bull-baiting was more popular at the time due to the low cost of bulls as compared to bears. You don't care? Okay, how about cockfighting? According to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, cockfighting is the "...sport of pitting gamecocks to fight and the breeding and training of them for that purpose." Yes, indeed, training and breeding, not to mention cutting off the comb and wattle, perhaps affixing a sharp silver cockspur to one leg. Then, gather around and bet on who dies first.

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Let's bring in St. Augustine to sum up. He writes about a cockfight in *De Ordine* (On Providence), penned in 386 A.D. "Why do all cocks behave this way?... Why did the very beauty of the fight draw us aside from this higher study for a whole, and onto the pleasures of the spectacle?"

Indeed. Why do we like to watch?

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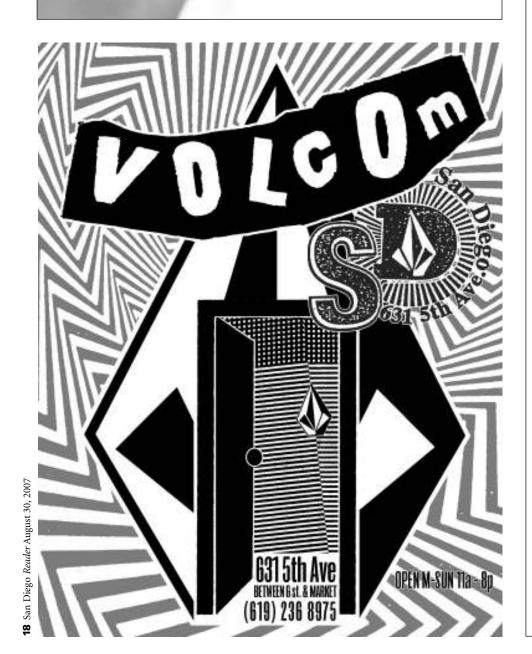
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A cascading wave of honeyed wood and gray-white marble poured its way across the front wall of St. John's the wood matched

that used for the highly stylized crucifix suspended just in front of the wall - Christ hanging from nothing more than a bowed crossbeam. (The granite served for his loincloth.) The freeform wave and unstructured cross caught the spirit of the entire building-the altar was something of a focal point, but the space around it was so capacious as to diffuse that focus, sending the eye toward a tabernacle here, a Marian shrine there, each backed by trimmed slabs of the same gray marble. Father Corcoran's

entrance was similarly unstructured — while the cross- and bookbearers waited to ascend to the altar, he turned and made his way back up and down the center aisle, exchanging handshakes and gentle high-fives with the congregation. Meanwhile the choir sang the opening hymn, accompanied by flute and piano:

"Come to the feast of heaven and earth/ Come to the table of plenty...O come and sit at my table/ Where saints and sinners are friends..."

"A very good morning to all coming to this table of plenty," said Corcoran during the welcome, "this sacrament of life, this whole new way of living " The gathered-at-table theme continued during the Kyrie: "Lord Jesus, you came to gather all people into the peace of your kingdom; Lord have mercy. Christ Jesus, you nourish...us...in word and sacrament; Christ have mercy. Lord Jesus, you invite us to enter by the open gate, but the narrow gate of love, compassion, goodness, forgiveness, generosity, and care; Lord have mercy." The impromptu character of the prayers fit with the generally unstructured feeling - Corcoran had a message he wanted to communicate, and that seemed the important thing. The liturgy omitted the Gloria and the Creed, but certain images and ideas were interwoven throughout.

The references to the feast and the gate pointed toward the Gospel, taken from Luke, in which Jesus said, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate," and spoke of people from all over the world (including the Old Testament prophets and patriarchs) who would "recline at table in the kingdom of God." (The procession of the Lectionary from altar to pulpit served as a dramatic counterpoint to Corcoran's roaming the Sanctuary. During the Alleluia, he stood stock still, facing the people and bearing the book aloft, then processed, then faced the people again, his movements timed and precise.) In the story, Christ also warned of those who would knock and ask, "Lord open the door for us," only to be told, "I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!"

Corcoran's homily was told in dramatic fashion — he roamed, he gestured, he paused, he boomed and purred, raced and plodded, slipped from summation to story to exhortation. "Every day, strive to make those choices that keep you on the path.... It's not about, 'After we die, we go to heaven.' Christ didn't come to get us into heaven; Christ really came to get heaven

into us, that we would know the glory of God in our midst today and walk amid that glory and goodness and love ... and enter through that gate, even though it's narrow. There's no stuff you can bring with you ... nothing but how you are as a person. What consumes you today? Where are you coming from? Where is your heart and your life? Make yourself known to Jesus! Go and change...put on the habit of charitable deeds...those garments of goodness and compassion.... It's not about the future ... it's about welcoming Christ and his love: 'Take and eat...this is me, given for you.' It's about being one with that commitment and generosity toward each other: 'This is me, given for you.... We must strive!'

The banquet imagery kept up during the Intercessory Prayers: "That our church may realize and celebrate its catholic nature, welcoming and honoring the

people of every nation and culture who come to this table, we pray to the Lord." Unity with Christ's sacrifice showed up in the hymn at the Presentation: "We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts/ Living, now we remain with Jesus the Christ.... For to live with the Lord/ We must die with the Lord." Striving was offered along with the bread and wine during the Eucharistic Liturgy: "Let us pray...that our efforts, that our striving to enter through the narrow gate, may be truly acceptable and pleasing to our almighty Father." And in the meditation hymn after Communion, we heard: "Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth/ To seek and to find the narrow way."

What happens when we die?

"Our life here is precious, but not forever," said Corcoran. "When we die, it's ended, and we go and live with the Lord forever. Hopefully, we've left a whole legacy of generosity and goodness."

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My sister Meg has a growing brood and an overflowing laundry room. "I can never seem to get on top of the laundry scene," she complained, "even after doing ten loads on Monday." She was considering buying a new machine and was curious about the differences between front-loader washers and toploader washers. So I saved

my weary sis some steps and did the research. My info hunt

started with sales associate Harold Knotts of Appliance Alley (619-291-8452). "Water savings on the frontloader compared to an average top-loader

are about 50 percent,"

explained Knotts. "And if you have a gas drver, it saves on electricity as well. Since the washer uses 50 percent less water, when it goes through the RPMs [revolutions per minute] - the wringing out of the water from the clothes — it spins so quickly, 1000 to 1100 RPMs, that when it is finished the clothes are [less] damp, so in the dryer, they dry

more quickly." Knotts noted more differences between the types of washers. "A front-loader is more gentle on your clothes because the clothes agitate themselves instead of with an agitator in the middle of the machine. The top-loaders with agitators kind of beat the clothes, so it wears the clothes out quicker."

It all sounds great, but frontloaders cost so much more than toploaders. For example, at Best Buy, the toploading Whirlpool 3.2-cubic-foot five-cycle Super Capacity Washer runs \$349.99. The front-loading Whirlpool Duet Sport 3.4cubic-foot seven-cycle Ultra Capacity Washer on sale costs \$629.99. Seems like it would take a long time for the energy and water savings to make up that difference. But Knotts says that's not the case. "They will pay for themselves in a year's time. And most frontloaders are larger capacity, so they can handle a comforter, a blanket, or even a rug that you usually would have to take to the Laundromat."

Back at Appliance Alley, Knotts did offer a large-capacity toploader for customers wanting to stick with a toploader. "For those people not comfortable with the front-load washer, Whirlpool has made the Cabrio, which is a

top-loader and energy efficient [Cabrio 4.5-cubic-foot ten-cycle Super

Capacity Washer, \$899.99 at Best Buy]. You can put four loads of clothing in the tub. It's a top loader, but it doesn't have the agitator in the middle, and it is also energy efficient."

Knotts also likes the LG Steam Wash Washing Machine (LG 4.0-cubic-foot capacity front-load washer with steam wash. \$1424.99 at Sears). "LG is the only one on the market that has a steam wash and a steam clean," he said. "If you do a lot of dry cleaning, you can put the clothes in the machine

"Water savings on the front loader compared to an average top loader is about 50 percent."

instead. Put the clothing in for 20 minutes on a steam clean, and it gets it clean and fresh and ready to go. Anything that needs to be dry-cleaned can go through that steam clean, and it takes out stains much easier than beating it up in an agitation cleaner."

Keith, manager of Santee Appliance (619-449-2910), was hesitant to recommend the Cabrio. "I can't speak to the new models," he answered, "because the ones that came out this year are still under their one-year warranty with the factory. It really takes more than a year to see if machines work well and hold up without need of repair. That is the problem with buying an appliance that is new on the market; you can't see how well they work yet."

Keith offered another warning with machine buying. "I personally tend to stay away from machines with electronic boards. If one thing breaks on it, you have to replace the whole board, and that repair can run you a couple of hun-

dred dollars. With a machine that has knobs, it is a much cheaper repair. And some brands, like Kenmore and Whirlpool, have interchangeable parts."

What brands do you recommend? 'I always recommend the Kenmore brand and the Whirlpool brand." On the flip side, "I see

a lot of problems with the Maytag and the GE models."

The sales lady at Pacific Sales (858-207-5000) offered more info. "Front-load washers use what is called a self-leveling system. The machine senses the amount of water that needs to be filled in the machine according to how much fabric is inside the washing machine. And the front-loaders tumble the clothes without any agitator."

Why do front-loaders cost so much more?

"It's a different design and a different way of washing," she replied, and it is still pretty new to the market. And front-loaders typically have more features, more cycles, more speeds. You get more high-end features when you go with a front-load machine."

What about the different detergent? 'The front-loaders [and the Cabrio top-loader] use a high-efficiency detergent. The machine uses less water, so you need to use a high-efficiency detergent that is a less sudsing formula, so that you don't have soap left in the clothes."

Are most people turning to the frontloader machines?

"Most people are going with front-loader machines," she answered. "And the front-loaders come in smaller capacity size for smaller families. "The front-loaders typically range between 3.3 and 3.8 cubic feet. The 3.3 is the size of the typical old top-loaders."

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Characters

When I'm good I'm very, very good, but when I'm bad I'm better.

— Mae West

sensed the conversation was drawing to a close, so I stopped pacing back and forth on the rug. We'd caught up as much as we were going to, and plans were made for us to hang out later in the week. "I'm sorry, Jess," I said, as an afterthought. "I didn't even think to ask if this was a good time for you to talk. Did

I discovered that she had made her own breasts by filling nylon sacks with birdseed, and that she sometimes padded her bum with toilet tissue. I interrupt your work? What do you have going on today?"

"It's okay," she said. "Nothing much, really. Todd's getting home late, so we'll probably order pizza and watch a movie. Right now, I'm going to finish this salad and then I've got to go electrocute a guy." "Hey, that's some-

thing," I said. "My big event of the day is a trip to Ralphs so I can restock my fridge with precooked chicken and frozen broccoli. Anyway, I'll let you finish your lunch. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Saturday. Have fun shocking."

"I always do," Jess answered. Her laughter was throaty and playful. I could hear the impish smile on her lips when she said, "Okay, cool, see you Saturday."

"So how's this work?" I asked Jess over a cocktail a few years ago. "Like, who pays for this kind of thing? What are these guys after?" "Just a little freedom,"

she replied. "A lot of them are looking to relinquish control, even if only for a short while. It's like a mini- vacation for them." Jess explained that most of her clients were men in positions of power, men who were accustomed to shouldering responsibility. "These guys want to be told what to do for a change." With a smirk, she added, "And some of them are just kinky." At a birthday party for one of Jess's friends, a chain-smoking young woman wearing nothing but knotted ropes told me, "Jess is not a hooker." As a professional dominatrix, what Jess provides for her clients does not include sex; but for many men, her services can be much more satisfying. As my friend, what Jess provides is continual expansion of my knowledge of an alternative universe.

I have always been drawn to freaks, the purple Dr. Martens in a world of brown penny loafers. In this respect, I take after Grandmère, my father's mother, who kept a menagerie of eccentrics, whom she referred to as "characters." Any person who didn't fit the "mold" was a character — the mold being an Irish or Italian Catholic living a "mundane" life. Artists, agnostics, foreigners, intellectuals, and freethinkers, anyone who was different intrigued my grandmother. She wanted to know all about their peculiarities, why they dressed that way, why they talked that way, why they believed what they did. While most of her neighbors in the large Brooklyn apartment complex avoided the unconventional, Grandmère actively sought them out.

In the '30s and '40s (and in most red

states today), people often looked with disdain upon those with whom they could not relate, especially by way of similarly colored skin, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs. "We're pretty comfortable with people who are different," my Aunt Carol told me in a recent phone conversation. Aunt Carol, my father's sister and Grandmère's eldest child, lives in Staten Island. "It's not because we're wonderfully Zen. It's a selfish curiosity. We're open-minded, but we're filling our need to know." Aunt Carol says of a typical family day while she was growing up, "We would go shopping and get home and all be, like, 'We were going to eat dinner, but Mommy met someone on the subway and she was talking." I see this gregarious trait in my father, who strikes up conversations with any person he passes on the street. I also see it in myself.

The word "weird" stems from the Middle-English *werde*, used to describe one who has the power to control fate. Those who forge their own paths — rather than following the heavily trodden roads constructed by their ancestors and endorsed by their parents and teachers during their indoctrination years — are weirdos. They do what they want to, not what others think they should, though the two may sometimes overlap. When I lived in Hollywood — a breeding ground for misfits — I became enchanted by the notion that life did not have to be lived any one



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way. I grew hopeful thinking that if these people, these weirdos, could control their fate by virtue of their choices, maybe I could control mine.

The characters I met tended to be more accepting of others, which only made them more attractive to me. Like Grandmère, I wanted to learn everything I could about them. I befriended a drag queen named Sassy and insisted she come get ready at my place before we went clubbing one night. I wanted to know how she applied her makeup, how she got her blonde wig to stay on. I

discovered that she had made her own breasts by filling nylon sacks with birdseed, and that she sometimes padded her bum with toilet tissue. Knowing Sassy taught me a few other lessons, such as how hard it can be for a person caught between genders to fit into the world and that, despite her bitchy bravado, what my friend really wanted, like any other person in the world, was to be loved.

Jess has a daughter and lives in the suburbs. When questioned about her job at her husband's work functions, she says she's in real estate, to

which people smile and nod approvingly. This is a profession and lifestyle they are familiar with. This *woman is just like us*, they think, so we will accept her. She's normal. The word "normal" is from the Latin normalis, which means "made according to the square." There's nothing wrong with being square - every line is predictably the same length, and in that there is symmetry, stability, and geometric perfection. But squares bore me.

I'm not interested in learning anything from a real-estate agent and mother who lives in the

'burbs. A real-life dominatrix, however, has much to offer in the realm of fascination. Half of the women I know can describe what it's like to have a kid. But only one can explain to me how a Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation unit (or TENS unit, for short) can be used safely on a man - and why. I can dial almost any number in my cell phone to hear someone speak of office politics. But only one number will lead me to the person who can tell me how to get the CEO to crawl on his hands and knees and beg forgiveness for being a Very. Bad. Boy.

Diversity is stimulating, and it promotes tolerance. The weirder a person is, the more likely he or she is willing to accept quirks or differences in others. Dominatrixes and drag

queens have guided me to the most important realization of my life - I would rather be weird and control my fate than be normal and have it dictated to me.



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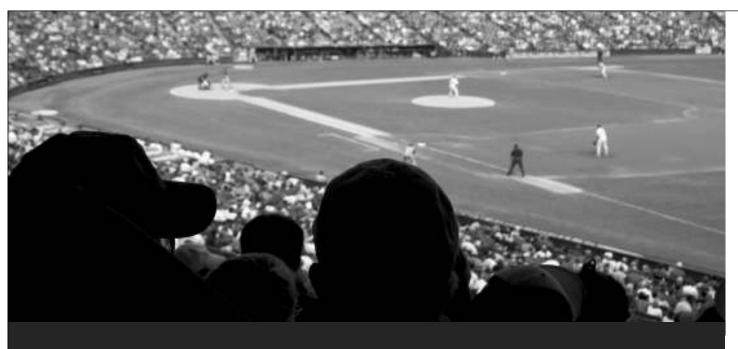
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Do You Feel Safe



I asked 20 undergrads from five local colleges

and universities whether the shooting had affected them or their campuses in any profound way. Did they identify with the shooter or the victims? Did they blame gun policies for what happened? And finally, what did they think they would have done if they had been in one of those classrooms at Virginia Tech?

David Stone, 20, UCSD, Senior, Applied Math Major Lakeside

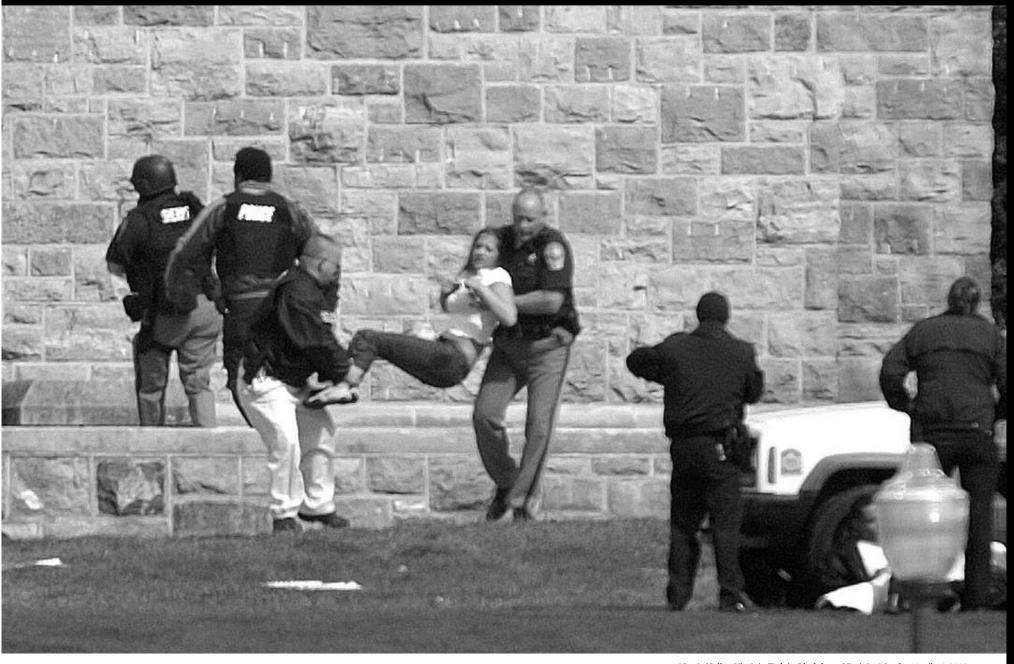
"I feel safe on this campus. We do have campus police. Admittedly, I don't see them that often, but I guess my sense of security comes more from the fact that I've taken martial arts for eight or nine years now. So I guess it's just a sense of personal security instead of campus security.

"The thing about that shooting — that guy had to reload. He had to pull out the clip, pull another clip out of his backpack, and put it in. And during that time, someone could have taken him out. That's easy enough. Especially if he was distracted with loading a gun.

"If I'd have been at Virginia Tech, then I would have been listening for the click, when the gun was

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out. And if I heard him reloading, then I definitely would have gone after him. And I'm sure about that, because in martial arts, your training becomes your instinct. I wouldn't even think about it. I'd just do it. So it's not necessarily that I would have been so freaked out because my classmate sitting next to me was dead; it would have been that basic survival instinct kicking in and going, 'I need to stop this.'

"Shootings are so rare. And I think of them happening more in high school than in college. In high school, your life is the center of the world, and any problem is the biggest thing you've ever encountered, so you tend to be a little more exaggerated in your reaction. But in college, if your life gets sucky, most people just off themselves. Like, in fall quarter, we had a guy jump off the Gilman Parking Structure. So, you know, I think it's more likely that someone who's having problems will just commit suicide.

"That said, something like the shootings at Virginia Tech could happen anywhere. It could happen here, sure.

"The problem wasn't the gun laws. The only thing that gun laws do is hamper people who aren't determined enough.

"We definitely have a right to bear arms, but I'm not thinking that's the safest thing, for everyone to carry a gun. What would be safe is if everyone had a gun and everyone was trained how to use it. But you can't enforce that. It's unrealistic.

"And I wouldn't want my teachers to carry guns, because what if I'm a few minutes late Norris Hall at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, Monday, April 16, 2007

for history class? Then my teacher might just off me right there."

Cathy Kim, 22, UCSD, Senior,

Sociology Major,

San Ramon, California.

"People on this campus are just in our own little bubble. So people didn't seem to necessarily register anything about the shooting. The mood here didn't change at all.

"But after the shootings, there were the threats in East County and stuff that were a lot scarier, I think, because they were a lot closer to home.

"The vibe here at UCSD is really antisocial. And there are people here who are overstressed. Every year there are people here who commit suicide. And we don't hear about that very much. So I guess a shooting like that could happen here pretty easily.

"I do feel safe here, though, even when I'm walking alone at night. It's just a very quiet campus, in general. We have resident security officers and community service officers who can walk you to your destination at night, and the security here seems pretty good.

"As far as Virginia Tech, I think we'd all like to tell ourselves that we'd be the hero, but in reality, I think you're just innately programmed for instinctual self-survival. I'd like to say that I would have stopped him, but I know I wouldn't have.

"After 9/11, I didn't look at Muslims any differently, and after this, I don't look at quiet kids or Asians any differently. I don't typecast people. And speaking as a



David Stone

Korean, the thing that I think is unfortunate is that there's just such a lack of Asian influence in the media and in popular culture, and something like this can really hinder the few Asian Americans who want to be part of the media and pop culture. But on the other hand, I haven't gotten any backlash for it, personally, just because I'm Korean and he was Korean."

Su-Young Hong, 22, UCSD, Senior, Literature Major, Orange, California.



Cathy Kim

"I heard about the shooting later that day, and it kind of just blew me away. I expected a much bigger reaction on campus. But it almost seemed ignored, or put on the back shelf. There was a prayer vigil, but it wasn't that big, which is understandable, because this campus isn't very active as a group.

"This doesn't seem like the kind of campus where something like that could happen. I mean, it could happen anywhere, but it doesn't seem especially threatening here. There's a whole

Su-Young Hong

illusion of security, you know, living in La Jolla. "I think if everyone

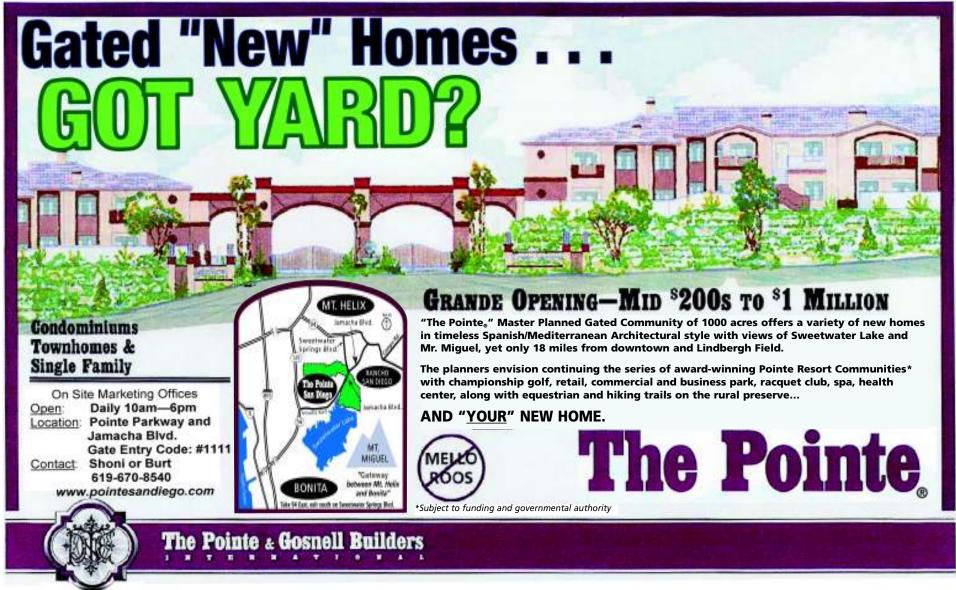
had guns, that would make things really uncomfortable. Because then, if you cross the wrong guy, you'd just get smoked. I mean, people piss off a lot of random people more than they piss off one psycho, you know?

"You've heard the saying, 'Everyone has a plan until they get punched.' People just aren't trained for that kind of thing. You could say you have a great fight-or-flight reaction, but no one trains to have a gun pointed at them. Especially at a college. So you might think you're brave or tough, but I think the first thought in that situation has to be 'Run. Save yourself.'

"More than anything, the biggest reaction I've seen since the shooting is a lot of jokes, especially jokes at my expense, about me being the one who could go crazy. Which is kind of fucked up, but it's also kind of funny at the same time. I mean, I'm the same age, the same nationality, the same major, and I came to this country around the same time as the guy who did the shootings. So I can see the humor in those similarities. But it could happen to anyone. It could be you or anyone who has so much in common with someone who goes crazy. It doesn't mean you're crazy. But it did help me identify with what he

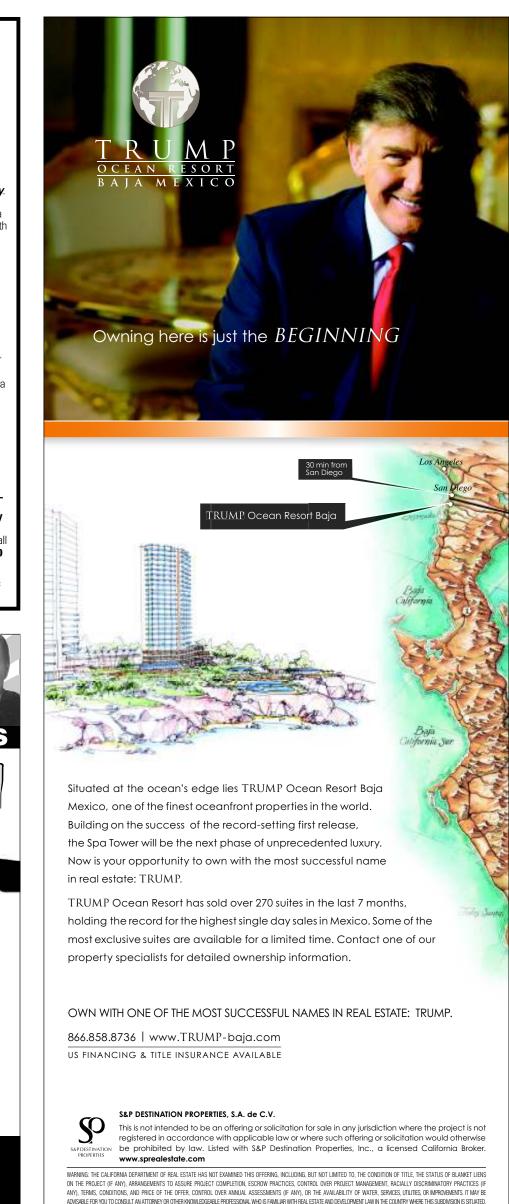
must have felt like.

"There've been times in my life when I've felt crazy, when I've felt like there's no logic for the world to run by. But there's no excuse for what he did. He just lost it. He fucked up. He did something terrible. But at the same time, I can understand what it's like to feel totally alone and isolated. Because moving to the United States at a young age is a very alienating experience. You try to tell yourself it's not an issue and that you're the same as everyone else, but really you are different, and you have to deal with it every day. You see it in people's faces every day. Even if people treat you as nice as they can, you see their face, and it's different from yours. And you feel it come across on some level in the smallest things. You always feel that you're an outsider. And there's no way to change that."









Kyle Dunne, 20, Junior, UCSD, Literature Major, La Jolla

"The shooting came up in most of the classes I was in, but other than that, on campus I didn't notice anything between classes at all.

"I can imagine that kind of thing happening here, or anywhere, really. I mean, it did happen at my school once. I went to Granite Hills, and when I was a freshman, there was another student, who was actually in one of my classes, and during lunch period one day, he came by and just basically went up to the office and started shooting into the windows there. And there were a few injuries, but nothing too serious. Luckily, our campus resource officer was right there, and he

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Kyle Dunne

was able to react on the spot and prevent him from really doing any damage. So I've been in a lockdown situation.

"The kid who did it kind of kept to himself. And he definitely had anger-management issues. Like, in class, he would throw things down and get visibly angry at teachers. But the hindsight thing... You know, it doesn't surprise



Terra Miller

you, like, with his personality — it made sense, after the fact. But you could never predict something like that. There are a lot of people I've known who've had similar personalities, and they've never done anything like that and probably won't ever do something like that.

"But since the shooting at my school — and it's reinforced even more



Arturo Lopez

now — I've definitely changed the way I act towards people. I'm a lot more outgoing now. I try to be really friendly, especially to people who seem to need friends. I mean, they say the guy at Virginia Tech didn't really know anyone in class, and maybe he just felt isolated and alone. So I think maybe if I'm outgoing and I talk to people, then maybe there's

less chance of that happening somewhere, or something. Maybe I'm doing some good, hopefully."

Terra Miller, 20, City College, Sophomore, Psychology Major, North Park by way of Houston, Texas.

"There wasn't much reaction around here after the shooting. But I just assume most people don't really pay attention to the news a lot and to how significant an event like that really was. But for myself, because I do pay attention to the news, there was that fear after the shooting. I was a little paranoid. Looking around more, checking people out.

"Oh, it could absolutely happen here. No doubt about it. A college campus is such a free place. People are coming and going. There's so many different people. So many different ethnicities and people of different origins interacting. I think anything like that could happen.

"But that's what a college campus is meant to be. It's meant to be free, because it's a place of learning. I think having a lot of security in a place like this would change the whole purpose of college. And, honestly, you're not going to be able to catch people who really want to do something like that.

"Anybody's capable of doing something like that. I wouldn't put it past anybody. Anybody has that ability in them.

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"I'm all for guns. I'm pro-gun. If you're a lawabiding citizen, then you should be allowed to have one. But I do also think that they need to make the rules and regulations more effective. I think the laws should be strict, and the policies should make it difficult to get a gun — thorough background checks and mental history and whatnot — but then you should be allowed to have a gun. The rules are actually already there, but so many places don't carry them out.

"You can't ever judge someone in a situation like that unless you were there yourself. But honestly, for how many bullets he fired — and I think it was almost 200 bullets, with as short a clip as he had in those types of guns - when you see somebody reloading, then the thought must go through your mind, 'Am I going to sit here in fear, or am I going to take action and stop this?' And I don't understand how no one took action in that situation at Virginia Tech. Honestly, I think I would have gone out fighting. You know, picked up a desk or something and thrown it at him. Something. It's better than just sitting there and wondering if you'll be next. When your adrenaline's pumping, you've got to act on it.

"If somebody in that classroom, some other student, some lawabiding student — if somebody else had a gun — and he or she knew what to do with it — if they knew how to use it — then the whole thing wouldn't have happened."

Arturo Lopez, 19, City College, Sophomore, Psychology Major, Sherman Heights "It became more quiet on campus after the shooting. Before it was noisier. It's either because of the shooting or because we're after the add/drop deadline. "I feel safe. The

security's been good ever since I've been here. But like in Virginia, it could happen anytime. I hope not, but it could.

"I haven't seen anybody who I thought could do something like that. But I wouldn't want to become biased against everybody who I thought could be a threat. "People want to protect themselves. Basically, at Virginia Tech, I think it was everyone for himself or herself. I probably would have been the same way, but I think I would have tried to warn some people and help them escape."

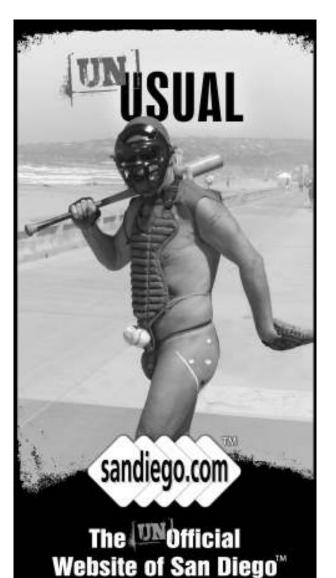


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"It did affect me. This kind of thing is happening, it seems, more and more often.

"I know we have great instruction here, and if anybody had a problem, I would hope that they know that they could talk to somebody. The problem seems to be



Stephen Swanson

that these kids are never really given the attention that they need. They're just left to the wayside. That's bad for anybody. And that could happen



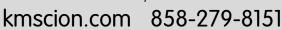


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boundaries. If I have a problem with somebody, I know that there are people I could talk to. I've never felt like I need to protect myself.

"I don't see the security much on campus, but I've heard of them being called before. But I've never heard of a big problem on campus here.

"I can only imagine what it would be like to be sitting back in my chair and somebody walks in holding a gun. I can't say I would have jumped up and done something. I would have had a fear of being shot before I ever got to him. It must have been a very tough situation.

"I don't profile. I can't say that I've seen anyone who might do something like that, because I don't have the basis to profile anyone."

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"For a while, it did seem somber around here after the shooting. Like the mood just changed.

"We received e-mails from the college that outlined new emergency procedures if any situations like the one at Virginia Tech should arise. And they changed a few things on campus. For example, in the cafeteria, there used to be doors that you needed a key to lock, but now they have deadbolts where you can just lock them and unlock them by hand.

"That kind of thing could happen anywhere, although you have this feeling like it couldn't happen to me, it couldn't happen here. But it definitely could.

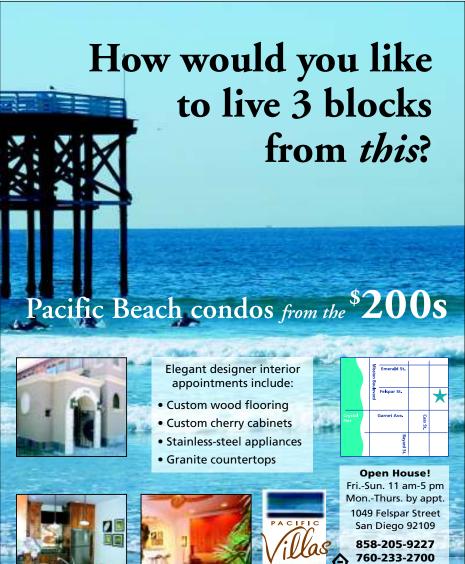
"I don't usually notice other people very much, so I haven't seen anyone who I thought could do something like that.

"You know, if someone has a gun, you'd think it would be nice to be the hero. But most people would rather hide and try to live instead of risking everything. I'd probably be the same way

"I don't think it would be better if everyone had guns, because then there would be even more bullets flying around. And I don't know how much it would help to have tighter security. I mean, you can only be so safe. It really comes down to freedom versus safety. You know, how much freedom are you willing to give up to be safe?"

Brendon Quon, 21, USD. Junior. Communications Major,

Los Angeles "I have a safe feeling on campus here, especially in the dormitories. You need an access key to get into our building, and you need one to get into the elevator, and you need one to get into your room. What else can you do? I mean, yeah, you



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could have doors installed in every classroom that automatically lock and whatnot, but the cost-efficiency isn't great.

"Civilians carrying guns, even for protection, is a really bad idea. Then you'd get people showing off... No, no, no. That's just not smart.

"The shooting at Virginia Tech was kind of a conversation starter. A lot of us talked about it and got other people's opinions. But other than that, I didn't see much on campus that had anything to do with the shooting.

"The morning of, we were watching the whole thing unfold in class. And at first they didn't tell what ethnicity he was. But as soon as they said that he was Asian American, it just felt like a burden on me. I'm not Korean, I'm Chinese. But I just knew it would give

Raymond Murdock

people an excuse to make things difficult for Asian Americans.

"If I think about the students in the classrooms that day, and I put myself in their shoes, and if a guy pops into my classroom and starts shooting, there's not much you can do. My first reaction would probably be to duck and cover. But by then, he may already have moved on to another room."

Raymond Murdock, 20, USD, Sophomore,



Teddy Fulham

Sociology Major, Phoenix, Arizona

"I don't think the kids around here in general really pay attention as much as you think they would. The shooting did affect me, though. It made me think. It made me think about this society and about what's going on and about what made this young man do what he did.

"I think in any school, or anywhere, where there's people who feel secluded and left out of things, I think it's



Tiffany Leng

unfortunately somewhat natural for certain people to be on lower social tiers, I guess you could say. But then you need a perfect combination of extreme emotional and mental problems and violence and knowing how to use a gun, and all of that ties in. I mean, it's not that common for all that to come together. Because there's probably a lot of kids out there who are depressed or who have problems, but we don't have shootings all the time.

"One of my teammates — I'm on the basketball team, and one of my teammates is doing a paper on how easy it was for him to get a gun. I think he got a gun the same day. I wouldn't carry a gun myself, although I think it should be within my rights to carry one if I wanted to. But I don't, and I don't know anyone who carries one.

"The security on campus here is extremely tight. There's public safety officers everywhere. For how small this school is, there's really a lot of officers carrying guns here. And it's a pretty secluded campus.

"I don't think what happened at Virginia Tech was really a security issue, or even a gun issue so much, but I think that kid was obviously troubled, and that should have been addressed. He

should have been taken out of school, and someone should have talked to him. There were plenty of warning signs — those plays that he wrote and the way he acted and stuff. He should have been redflagged.

"But I'm used to being around sketchy people. Back home in Phoenix, especially, there's plenty of weird people around. But I don't come from the same background as a lot of the kids at this school. I'm not trying to make a generalization, but I think a lot of these kids here are pretty aloof. Things like the Virginia Tech shooting don't really affect them. They just seem to think stuff that doesn't affect them directly really isn't that big of a deal."

Teddy Fulham, 19, USD, Freshman,

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"Initially, after the shooting, you had the posters put up, and there was a reflection, like a kind of memorial service around the fountain at one of the dorms, but other than that, it didn't seem like people around here were affected very much by the shooting.

"Honestly, I've become a little apathetic about this stuff. Because you hear about bad stuff happening so much. It's just like constant sensory overload. Like everything going on in Iraq, and shootings, and you just hear about it all the time. And I notice myself feeling like that, and I try to put myself in their shoes, but it's hard, because there's just so much of it going on.

"If that could happen at V.T., then it could happen here. I mean, I feel like there's enough security here, but they probably thought the same thing there, you know? It's the hindsight bias. But I feel safe here.

"I'd like to think if I was put in that situation, then I would have acted. I think I would have tried to stop the guy. I mean, it was just one guy with guns. He had to stop to reload. One hundred and seventy shots? You've got to stop to reload. So if there was a window of opportunity where someone could've done something, then I'd like to think I would have been the one to try to stop him.

"We have a kind of a sheltered community here. You've got this small, private-school feel. There's not a whole lot of kids coming from distressed backgrounds. But I guess you never know. There could be someone here who could go off like that.

"You know, a lot of schools, you see on the news, they had candlelight vigils and services, but it seems like here,

they asked people to come out and bow their heads around the fountain, but I didn't see anyone do it. I saw maybe two or three bouquets of flowers, and that was it. I don't think it really hit home here. We're just so far removed from it."

Tiffany Leng, 20, USD, Sophomore, **Biochemistry Major,** Hawaii

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"I felt like there was more of a community on campus after the shooting. You know, we folded paper cranes, which is an origami tradition — they say you fold a thousand cranes and you get a wish - so what we did was we tried folding a thousand. One of the organizations held it, I don't remember which one. But I did it. I folded, like, 20 of them. And we

sent them to the school. We sent them to Virginia Tech. And then there was a lot of card-making and posters, and we sent a lot of these things to Virginia Tech. It was kind of a small turnout, maybe ten people at a time, but we did it. Actually, they got people to show up by offering free pizza. "My friend Julie's

cousin goes to Virginia Tech, and she knew one of the girls who was killed. She was pretty sad.

"It could happen here. It just takes one wrong person.

"We got an e-mail from the school after it happened, and they told us they were on it, and it could never happen here, and we have 24-hour security, and they reassured us. And I do feel safe here. I always see security cameras and

security officers walking and driving around.

"I actually do have a friend who carries a gun. He says he has one in his room so that if anything happens, he'll be safe. I was, like, 'Okay.' He said it wasn't hard to get one. And he lives right by me, but I don't know. If something happened, I don't know if I'd feel safer because he has a gun or if I'd feel less safe.



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"If I was at Virginia Tech, I think I would have played dead and kept really quiet. I don't know what I'd do.

"Since it happened, I think about it a lot. And I look at people differently when they walk by. Because I know it could happen anywhere. Like, this one girl I see a lot, and she looks really paranoid, so instead of walking by her now I'll walk around.

"I'm Asian, but I haven't had any backlash against me personally. Although I do have a



Justin Welfeld

friend in Boston who's Asian who told me that right after it happened she was in a store and she was trying to buy something, and the person

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Lucas Arnold

said, 'Sorry, we're closed.' And they wouldn't let her purchase an item. And when she left, they reopened."

Justin Welfeld, 21, Mesa College, Sophomore, Business Major, **Mission Beach** "I feel relatively safe. Most campuses are pretty well equipped to handle that kind of situation. I guess it all comes down to people trusting each other. I guess any



Brittney Cacan

campus is fair game for that kind of thing, and it all comes down to the types of people. Also, no matter how secure you try to make things, there's always someone who can find a way around it.

"I don't blame guns. I blame the pressure of college. The whole pressure of everything. The way people can act toward each other, which has a lot to do with people losing it.

"I was jaded after

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Columbine, so when I first heard about Virginia Tech, I was just, like, 'Oh, that happened again.' But then when I heard the full story, I realized it was a lot worse.

"It kind of stunned me that someone could get off that many shots without anyone subduing them or stopping them. Everyone was just kind of trying to save themselves. And I might say now that I'd be the hero, but who knows what it's like when someone's firing shots at you. But you'd think in a crowd of people, there'd at least be somebody...

"Since it happened, I've looked at some people and thought, 'Well, they're kind of questionable.' Like just the way they might talk. Not anything about appearance. It was just certain things they might say, where I'd think it was a little off.

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Like, there was this one kid who said, 'I'm just tempted to make things go my own way.' And he seemed like he was in his own little universe. And it was weird to hear him say that in light of what happened at Virginia Tech. I listened to him differently because of that."

Lucas Arnold, 26, Mesa College Sophomore, Public Administration Major, Santee

"I feel safe here. It's got a good vibe, good people, and I've never seen anyone I worry about here. Plus, I'm a big, strong guy, so I don't really worry about my safety too much. I'm six foot six, 240 pounds. And I was also in the military. I was in the Marine Corps for five years.

"I've thought about the lack of heroism at Virginia Tech. I'd like to think I would have done the right thing and tried to confront the guy. Because, honestly, if my back's against the wall, and I'm going to die, then I'd like to think I would go down fighting instead of on my knees.





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But I can't say I've ever been confronted with a situation like that.

"I own a gun. But I

don't carry it in public. It's something I do for fun, for recreation. I don't feel I need it. I think carrying a gun is stupid. Nobody needs to carry a gun in this day and age. Guns are just for recreation. I think if people were carrying guns at Virginia Tech it would have helped about as much as if everybody carried a gun on an airplane. I mean, what are you going to do, hand everybody guns at the airport gate and say, 'Just in case somebody takes over the airplane, you've all got it covered'? It doesn't work like that. I mean, 90 percent of the people who shoot guns can't shoot for nothing. I'm actually amazed that that guy killed as many people as he did. When you look at shootings, like the Kehoe brothers... Did you ever see that video? The guy gets out of the van, the cop gets out of the squad car, and they come at each other, and they both pull out guns and start shooting. They both blow off a whole clip of rounds, and nobody hits nothing. Nothing. It's really hard to hit something. You ever shot a pistol before? It's challenging. I mean, just to sit there and relax and hit a target is tough enough. But to hit somebody who's moving, and you've got your adrenaline going, and you're moving too? That's hard. So when I saw how many people he killed, I thought, he must have known what he was doing, and he must have been point blank. But my point is, if you armed everybody, then nobody would be hitting what they want to hit. They'd all just be blam, blam, blam, blam and hitting innocent people and hitting everything by accident.

"I see weird people

all the time. I mean, it's college, man. I mean, look at that guy. [Laughs.] And then you look at the guy who did the shooting. He was, what, about five foot seven, maybe 140 pounds soaking wet. Just this tiny little Asian kid. Who would have ever thought? Like, you see the kid with all-black hair and black makeup and he walks around with an angry look on his face, and you worry about that kid. But then it's this little, tiny, quiet English major who goes around killing every-

body. Who knows, man?

"It could happen here, and it could happen anywhere. But you can't walk around afraid. You know, I ride a motorcycle in Southern California. I could get greased every single day. My chance of dying is, like, ten times higher than your chance of dying. See what I mean? Why worry about it?"

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"I definitely feel safe here. It's just as safe as anyplace. Like my apartment — I've got a deadbolt, but, you know, anyone could break into my apartment if they really wanted to badly enough. You can't go around just watching your back. And I think you can step up security as much as you want, but it wouldn't really change anything.

"When it comes down to it, and you have to think, 'Right now, I can save myself or somebody else,' most people will go for themselves. Because if you're going to risk yourself, it would have to be for someone close to you. For instance, out of 20 people I see right here, I don't know any of them. I mean, it's a selfish thing, but I think most people would try to save themselves.

"I don't see any reason to carry a gun. Because something like what happened at Virginia Tech is so rare.

"I hate to say it, but it's natural for things like that to happen. It's a stressful world we live in. And, honestly, if something like that only happens once every couple of years, I'd say we're doing pretty good. Because you see poor people in Iraq, they deal with this kind of stuff every single day.

"I have two cousins who go to Virginia Tech. And they were in lockdown all day, and they stayed inside. They didn't say freely, 'Something like that's going to happen every couple of years,' but no one at Virginia Tech can say that or they'll be a complete out-

"I heard that a professor blocked a door and took round after round so his students could jump out the windows. That's the only act of heroism I heard of.

really know anyone who was involved. But of course, they were jittered. They say it's kind of like a cloud over the school, and no one can say anything about it. Like, I can

cast. They're too close to it.

"I don't mean to sound heartless, because I'm one of the most compassionate people you'll ever meet. I'm a vegetarian. I don't even eat animals. I mean, I'm a vegan! But I'm also realistic. I know that people will freak out sometimes. No one knows what was going on in that poor boy's life."

Brendon Choi, 18, Mesa College, Freshman, Management Major, Rancho Bernardo "It could probably be safer on campus. I don't know. I mean, we have a lot of security officers, but they're always together in groups, and I never really see them anywhere except for the cafeteria. But maybe I'm just seeing them at the wrong times.

"But maybe too much security would invade people's privacy.

"I'd say, 'Ban all the guns,' but you know that's not going to happen. And even if we did ban all the guns, people would still get them somehow.

"I've noticed a couple of looks here and there, since the incident. Because I'm Asian. They might not know if I'm Korean or not, but I've sensed some looks, I think because I'm Asian. And everyone was like, 'Be careful. Be careful at school.' My family warned me that my life's going to be different because this kind of thing's never happened to a Korean person, and it's happened to a Korean person now. But aside from some looks, I

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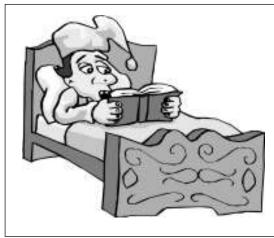
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haven't really had any trouble.

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"In the news, they said the shooter was a very lonely kid. So when I see kids here that look lonely, then I think about them in light of that."

Courtney Orebaugh, 19, SDSU, Sophomore, Mathematics Major, Ocean City, Maryland "The thing I noticed on campus — you know, after 9/11 happened, it was kind of different but kind of the same, it was a terrorist act - and I noticed that people kind of united. So, around here, a lot of people put together memorial things to send over there. I wasn't a part of any of that, but I wish I was.

"My parents called after the shooting, because they were worried. But I feel safe on this campus, and I told them that I thought

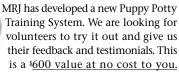
everything would be all right. But then San Diego State had a threat a couple days later. Some guy on myspace.com or facebook.com said he was going to come to State and shoot more people than the guy at Virginia Tech. And he was trying to get publicity for his website or something. And my stepfather just told me not to go on campus if I could help it. But I live a block away. And I didn't think anything was really going to happen here. I mean, that kind of thing could happen anywhere. It just takes one individual who isn't in their right mind. But I feel pretty safe here, in general.

"I don't know if I look at people differently now, but I do think of the past, and I try to think of who that could have been, you know, from my past. Like, if there was anyone I knew in high school who could end up doing something like that.

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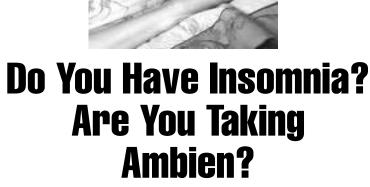
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Courtney Orebaugh

Laurel Smith, 21, SDSU, Junior, International Security and Conflict Resolution Major,

Los Altos, California "I didn't really notice any change on campus here at all after the shooting. I

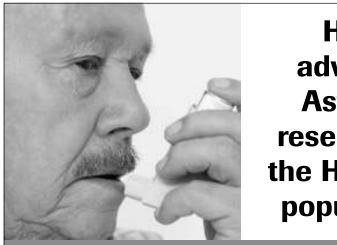


Laurel Smith

think one of my professors discussed it. And I think there was a candlelight vigil one night after class. And we had a threat right after it, apparently, although it wasn't real. We also got emails from the school after the shooting, telling us they had everything under control, but I don't really remember what it said.

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"The guns were definitely an issue. Maybe we should make some amendments to our Constitution. I'm very anti-guns.

"I heard about the one professor who tried blocking the door and got shot. But I don't know. I probably would have hidden if I was there.

"I like to think the best of people. I don't know anyone who could do something like that."

Alicia Georguson, 22, SDSU, Junior, Business Management Major,

Lodi, California "There's a lot of campus

security here, and there's a lot of police on campus, so I feel really safe here. It probably could be safer. I guess anything could be safer. But I don't know if you should take it to the extent where you feel like you're in jail. One thing I think they could do here is lock the classrooms after classes are done. A lot of times I'll see classrooms open late at night when I have to go do something on campus, and there's doors open that probably shouldn't be. I've also heard about a lot of rapes and fights on campus, but it seems like they're mostly in sororities and fraternities. And I don't worry about that kind of stuff too much because I'm pretty careful when I'm on campus and I'm usually with people who I trust and know.

"If I was in that situation at Virginia Tech, I definitely would have tried to do something. I mean, there's so many people at risk. And one person is a lot less important than 30 or 40 people. I don't know, but I'd definitely try to do something. Like maybe try to talk to him rationally. Like, 'What's wrong? What are you feeling?' Or maybe I'd just freak out. Feeling on top of the World ?

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For more information, please call: 866-550-UCSD UCSD Department of Psychiatry



Actually, I'd probably just freak out. I don't know.

"I definitely looked at people differently after the shooting. Like, 'Could that person be scary?' It made me feel like I didn't really know anyone. But I tried not to stereotype anyone and to keep my mind open. Just because people are different I still have to get a chance to know them instead of just trying to judge them right away."

Corey Kaufman, 21, SDSU, Senior, **Business Management** and Political Science

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Alicia Georguson

Major, Redlands, California "I noticed a change in myself after the shooting, but I'm not so sure I noticed a change in other people. I felt myself kind



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of looking over my shoulder and looking at people from a little bit different perspective. But other than that, I didn't really notice a day-to-day change. Like, me walking

"If more people had guns at Virginia Tech, I think it would have been even worse. It probably would have meant more stray bullets could have killed even more people. Students, especially, carrying guns and getting out of hand once they see another student carrying a gun, I think that could lead down a very dangerous road.

"I feel like people like that are going to come across weapons no matter what the restrictions are. If he's got it in his mind to get a gun, and he's got the dedication to carry it out, then it's going to happen one way or another.

"I heard that a professor blocked a door and took round after round so his students could jump out the windows. That's the only act of heroism I heard of. It really depends on the situation, but I probably would have done what everyone else did. You can't expect a student to go running at him and try to save the day.

"It has happened here before. In 1996. They said a grad student went in for his thesis evaluation and he had a handgun and he ended up killing the three evaluators. And yes, I think it could happen here again. It could happen anywhere."

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to class was the same as the day before the shooting. And being in class was the same. I only had one professor who even talked about the shooting. So I don't know if I was trying to notice things that were different or if things were actually different, but I didn't like the feeling of having to look over my shoulder. "I see officers here

on campus every day, and I think they have things pretty much under control. I feel pretty safe here. I don't think they should do anything any differently to protect us.

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Advice

LAUGH AS MUCH AS YOU BREATHE

THESE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE, AND I PLAN ON MAKING THEM EXACTLY THAT. he females in my family are bastions of advice. Regardless of the subject, they assert their superior knowledge and follow up with at least three contradictory suggestions. Ironically, they ignore others' advice almost as much as they give out their own. I am no exception. This quality proved to be unfortunate when I decided to host several parties at my house.

My house has a revolving door when it comes to friends and family, so we are all used to having guests over. I decided to take our hospitality a step further by throwing a nice gettogether, conveniently ignoring the fact that in high school this frequently blossoms into what is known as a rager. I picked the Sunday of a three-day weekend because I could have the following Monday to rest. Immediately, the stream of advice began. My parents and more practical friends posited that since it was the Sunday of a holiday weekend, most people would not have any plans, so I would see many more people than were invited. The more the merrier, I replied, happily inviting everyone I knew and even some I didn't.

Needless to say, the party got out of control very quickly. My parents had suggested I close the front gate, but people figured out how to open it. They warned me to quiet everyone down because of our neighbors, but trying to control a crowd of 50-plus high school kids is like building a dam out of fishing nets: not very effective. Finally, around one in the morning, I followed my parents' angry commands and kindly ousted everyone from the house.

Despite the catastrophe that was my party, a couple of

months later I disregarded more ominous predictions from my parents and decided to host another soirée. They suggested I make it inviteonly to avoid a repeat, so I spread the word that it was to be exclusive. Unfortunately, I again chose a night on which everyone was looking for something to do - the night of my school's formal dance. Everything was going well until an unexpected and uninvited limo of roughly 40 kids spilled into the house. They released their limo driver, thinking they were going to stay the night. My parents,

once again, were seething when they discovered more than 60 out-of-control people stumbling in and out of our house. Their rage was still palpable the next morning.

Following advice is not my strong suit, clearly. But my prom is coming up, and I'm thinking, perhaps I'll invite just a small group of close friends afterward....

> — Jennie Matusova, La Jolla High School

become a hassle. The world was growing dim. My parents were gone, and I found myself sitting in a stranger's house, my new place to live, crying for the loss of my home and family. I cried for so long it felt like I was in a tunnel that seemed to have no end.

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Religion has never played a large role in my life, but I will always pray because of this man. I will always pray because I believe that someone is listening.

— Kat, San Pasqual Academy

augh as much as you breathe. Love as long as you live." — Elizabeth "Liz" Tran (2/26/90–1/19/07). This is the best piece of advice I have ever gotten. And sadly, I didn't realize it until I had lost one of my best friends. That was the motto she always lived by, and I had never put any thought into it until it was too late to tell her how genius she was.

This girl lived life to the fullest and made everyone's day a little bit brighter, whether she attempted to or not. She and I had become really close friends, but junior year we began to drift apart, and I take the blame for it. I began to focus on what I thought were the most important things. I got a job, took on a handful of AP and college classes, and never made time to just sit and smile at life like she did. I was too focused on trying to build my future

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rather than enjoying the life I am living now and the people in it. And because of this, I never got to mend our friendship before she died, and it is something I regret every day.

To make up for this, I changed how I lived my life. All of a sudden, everything became a little more clear. I still work, and give school my all, but I don't stress over it nearly as much as I used to. I tell my friends every day that I love them. Every day I make it a goal to find at least one thing to smile about and to have at least one interesting thing happen. And every time my friends and I have a good laugh, I cherish it, because you never know what tomorrow holds and whether or not a moment like that will ever happen again.

I finally realize that life is just way too short to try and rush through, especially as a teenager. These are supposed to be the best years of my life, and I plan on making them exactly that. Little things that I used to get mad about I just disregard now because it is a waste of time to dwell on negativity. Everyone who knew this wonderful girl approaches life a little differently as well.

> — Chelsea Kennedy, Madison High School

dvice is a funny thing. Some people give advice with the best of intentions, but somehow their suggestion happens to be the worst thing you've ever done. While that's a bit of an exaggeration, I can think of many occasions on which movies, music, and all sorts of other things have been suggested to me. I was just stupid enough, and more importantly bored enough, to listen to some of those people.

One of my dear friends absolutely loves to go to the movies; it is without a doubt his number-one source of entertainment. Sometimes, he goes to movies he doesn't even want to see. What usually happens, though, is that I go to movies with him that I really don't want to see.

Horror movies really aren't my deal, but boy have I been dragged to my fair share. I know how to say no, but sometimes.... The last truly horrendous example would probably have to be *The Hitcher*, a movie about a killer hunting down a couple and eventually slaughtering the boyfriend. I like gratuitous violence sometimes, but at some point, enough is enough. A little gore goes a long way. By the end I was just glad I wasn't the one who paid for the tickets.

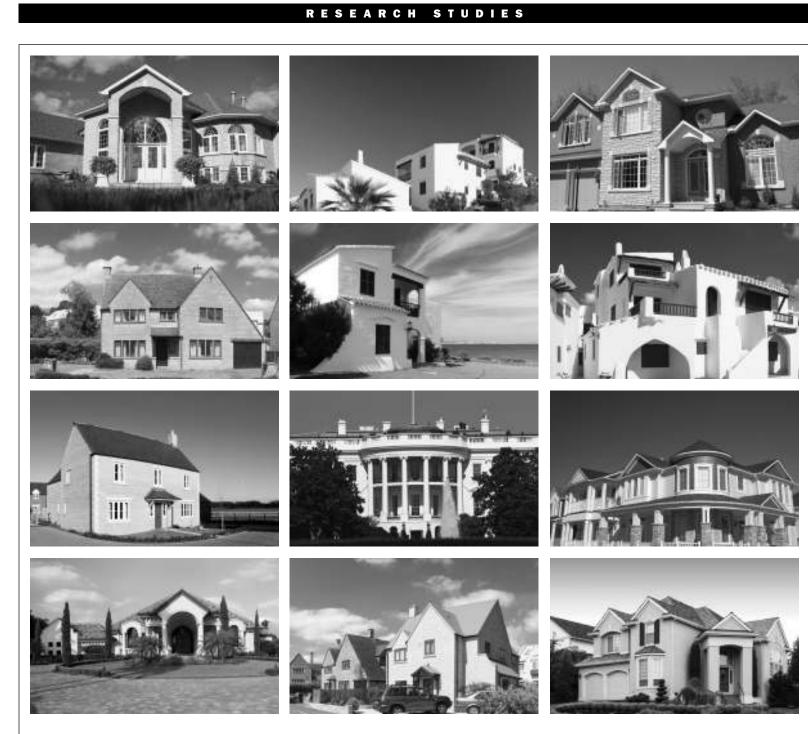
It's not the end of the

world, but I sure have wasted a fair number of hours in retarded movies. Spending two hours with *The Brothers Grimm* was another painful experience.

A lot of my favorite music has been recommended to

me by friends, but some people, when they start talking about music, I know to just tune out. I am rather picky, so the red flag goes up quickly. I'm sure a lot of people wouldn't take my advice about music either; not everyone will love the band Tool. A former girlfriend and I had drastically different tastes in music. It was an ongoing game to try and get the other one to listen to our music. It was funny, though, and always gave us something to argue about. — Grant Barba, La Jolla High School

rowing up, I never really had a "significant plan" to guide me. I was always more of a dreamer. I just assumed that



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everything would work itself out the way I wanted, eventually, and that life would be served to me on a gold platter. Unfortunately, I discovered that this method works only if you're someone like Paris Hilton.

I got my first dose of reality from my counselor in my freshman year. He preached to our class how important it was to get good grades and how slim the acceptance rate is for most colleges these days. As the days progressed into my sophomore year, I started applying myself more and more, making a real effort to try to raise my GPA, and swallow as many extracurricular activities as possible without going completely insane. Unfortunately, I noticed that many of my peers were on a path to selfdestruction. I learned it is very difficult to keep your head high when everyone around you wants you to cave in.

One evening I talked with my dad about all of this, and he gave me the best advice that I have received so far: "You can't blame your failures and wrong-doings on anybody but yourself." He told me that everything in life is not going to be easy; I should not expect everything to happen perfectly every time. He said, "Angela, if you don't want to be a deadbeat for the rest of your life, you need to take responsibility for yourself. No one likes a 70-year-old woman complaining about her life, blam-

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ing her failures on everybody else." You can't control how or why you were brought into this world, but you're in control of where you go from there.

Since then, with everything I do, I always use his advice to keep me motivated and focused. I overcame many mental, emotional, and physical hardships during my life. Everybody will make mistakes and mess up. Sometimes the mistakes are huge. But I learned that confronting the fact that you were the one to mess up is the first step to fixing it. Obviously, it's never good to beat yourself up about anything; it's only bad when you don't learn from mistakes and repeat the past, which was what my dad was trying to get into my stubborn mind at the time.

I'm sure my father's advice will always be in the back of my mind and will make me more secure about the decisions I make. It is true, just like George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and if they can't find them, make them."

– Angela Perna, El Capitan High School

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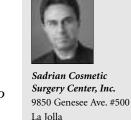
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waves with Errol Flynn at the helm. But San Diego's pirate ships were sloops and schooners: small, agile, built for navigating rugged coastlines, not the bounding main. The 205-foot *Star of India* has a gross tonnage of 1318; the *Lou* was 38 feet, 12 tons.

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In 1867, Alpheus Packard bought the Newhope and sailed it to San Diego. Armed with a swivel gun on the bow, the sloop chased whales until the industry declined. In the 1880s, along with shipping supplies and hunting seals on the Lower Coast, the Newhope poached guano (used as fertilizer in citrus orchards) from coastal islands. Rumors attached to the Newhope like remora to a shark: narrow, foulweather escapes from Mexican authorities; the ship stolen; run aground twice. A legend grew on the San Diego waterfront that vigilantes had hung a man from its yardarm in San Francisco. There's no record of the event, but you'd have had a hard time convincing the dead-eyed, whiskey-bloated denizens of the Silver Dollar or the Tub O'Blood that it never happened.

In 1883, Captain Amum Sevort altered the deckhouse and renamed the sloop after his wife, Louise. Captain Samuel C. Smith bought the *Lou* in 1891 and converted it to a doublemasted schooner.

Down on his luck — as cursed as the *Lou*, said some — Smith poached guano off Baja. In December, 1892, fearing for his life (he swore at his trial), Smith hacked 16-year-old George Neale, Jr., numerous times with an axe, threw him overboard, and then — as the boy dog-paddled in a ring of blood and pleaded for mercy – shot him.

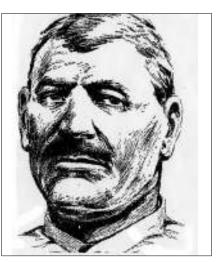
"The schooner now lies near Jorres Wharf," wrote the *Union* three days after the murder. Although the *Lou*'s "as sound as a nut, it is doubtful whether one person in a hundred living in San Diego would accept the boat as a gift."

Thar it blows. Between 1893 and 1897, the *Lou* changed hands many times, selling for as much as \$750 and as little as \$150. Except for being caught sneaking into San Diego Bay at night with its running lights off, the *Lou* concealed its doings from the eye of history.

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Captain John Iverson

the largest. When in certain range, he ran forward, aimed, and yanked the lanyard: a raucous blast, a sudden flash, black smoke. The gun had exploded in his hands. He fell backward under a chaos of wooden splinters and twisted metal.

The *Lou* returned to San Diego, Goddard convinced they'd have to amputate his blackened left arm. Not so. He lost a finger and two weeks later, wrote the *Los Angeles Times*, "sailed again in search of blubber."

Human contraband. Two Senate bills — in 1882 and 1892 — forbade Chinese laborers from immigrating to America. Lured by the promise of working for a dollar a day, however, they sailed to Canada and Mexico,

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often in unthinkable conditions. Henry Weddle, a customs inspector, wrote in 1900: "If a storm came up they would put the Chinese down in the hold, and the poor devils would have to live down there if they could. We heard they threw some overboard to get rid of them."

Sometimes the immigrants, all males, would hide on the Channel Islands, where schooners like the Lou would swoop in, pick them up at an isolated cove — often with a shipment of opium and drop them on the mainland far from the harbor lights.

Smugglers caught bringing in Chinese immigrants received a \$1000 fine and a year in jail. That didn't stop the notorious channel pirate William Gerald (aka William Gerull) — for a while, anyway.

On January 16, 1898, Captain Jones of the British ship Roby spotted the stern of a submerged sloop 120 miles southwest of Point Loma. The stern stuck far enough out of the water so Jones could read the name: Minna.

the sloop. Along with E.S. Goddard — he of the bomb-lanced finger -Gerald had fitted the 35foot Minna for whaling and, he joked to a reporter, for "the humble job of pursuing the fleet but toothsome abalone." He sailed instead for human cargo.

On December 18, a sudden squall came up off San Clemente Island, where 13 Chinese immigrants hid among the rocks.

Canvas sails crackled in the howling wind. Gerald, a sailor named E. Yvay, and the cook jumped into the skiff, a rowboat tied to the stern, as the Minna began to list. They cut the line just in time. As they powerrowed to the island, pounded by the wind and whitecapped waves, they watched the swamped Minna's keel belly to the

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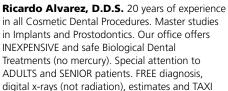
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They found Yvay, half-starved on one side of the island, and three Chinese men on the other, fishing for abalone. The trio had proper credentials and asked when the Minna would collect their latest catch. The agents returned to San Pedro convinced Gerald's operation was legit.

During this time, while searching for the Minna, Gerald found an abandoned sloop, the Ranger, off St. Nicholas Island. But apparently it wasn't seaworthy enough. Gerald went back to San Clemente Island in the Lou. He picked up the three Chinese "fishermen" - and ten others hiding in the

rocks — and smuggled them to San Diego.

Gerald's luck soon ran out, however. He was sentenced to four years in Folsom for grand larceny. "Like many others who have chosen to sail outside the law," writes

Workers lowered the schooner onto its side, the beam ends almost vertical. Everyone assumed they could do the repairs and recaulk the hull during low tide. But the work took longer. The tide crept closer and, writes

On September 28, 1909, the government purchased the ancient, worm-eaten schooner. The military would refit the wooden hulk, anchor it off Point Loma, and use it as a target for the cannons of Fort Rosecrans.

Michael Buxton, Gerald "died having spent much of his life between the walls of prison cells."

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Last legs? In March, 1900, the Lou was hauled out of San Diego Bay. Several upper seams had cracked.

the Union, "before the water came in enough to right her, she filled and sank."

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Joe Brennan: The smuggler unbeknownst to himself. In September, 1900, 17-year-old Joe Brennan landed a job working for Captain Goddard on the Lou. The Captain said they were headed to a fishing camp on Catalina Island. They would pick up a load of dried abalone meat ---and six Chinese fishermen.

The abalone and the fishermen went down into the hold, which Goddard battened down tight.

"We started home with a pretty fair wind," Brennan (who became port director of San Diego) recalled in an interview. "When we got off Point Loma, I wondered why we didn't go into port, but we just kept sailing back and forth until it got dark."

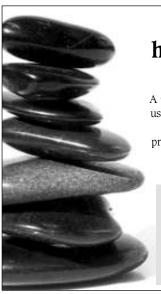
They entered the bay under cloak of night and dropped anchor near the Santa Fe Wharf.

"Joe," Brennan recalls Goddard saying, "these old fellows've been up at that island for a long time and want to get home. Do you want to row the Chinamen into the dock tonight?" "If you say so."

Brennan loaded the men into the skiff and ferried them, in pitch dark, to the "foot of Second Street or Third Street, where Chinatown was in those days."

Brennan dropped them off, wished them well. Days later it dawned on him that they weren't

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San Diegans, and weren't at San Clemente for abalone. The Lou had "picked them up while at the island. So, therefore, we were really smuggling them in."

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They couldn't get his goat[s]. John Osterhouse, a gruff, blue-eyed Dutchman, and his hardof-hearing brother Rolf, came "from a long line of near-buccaneer seatraders," writes Don M. Stewart. John's attitude "was habitually one of greatly injured innocence."

Before he smuggled human contraband, got caught, and spent a term at McNeil Island Federal Prison, Osterhouse made many a shady venture to the Lower Coast. But he became known, even got his name in the papers, for the time he almost complied with the law.

In Mexico, goatskins earned around two cents to the pound. They were

SPECIAL

worth more in the States, but when the Mexican government designated American ships for transport, the Lou not among them.

Last legs - again? On

January 9, 1903, the Lou

tacked into San Diego Bay

with a load of guano from

Elida Island on the Lower

Coast. "No craft has sailed

the Pacific longer," wrote

schooner was due for a

the Union, adding that the

major overhaul. The days

of sailing ships were com-

ing to an end, and repairs

But in 1903, when

new California laws regu-

lated the quality of fertil-

izer, poaching runs to the

Michael Buxton: "Neely and Gadlock" - the own-

ers — "must have had no

use for the Lou. They

mud, inactive."

Incident off San

allowed her to sit in the

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Clemente Island, July 23,

1908: Nelson's version.

From his cot at Angelus

Hospital, sleepless and

fighting a fever, Andrew B.

Nelson explained how he

Lower Coast ceased.

may have included an

engine.

In September, 1901, Osterhouse made a deal with the schooner Freia, which had a concession with Mexico, for 1400 goatskins. Late one night the Freia made a rendezvous with the Lou near Guadalupe Island, 220 miles south of San Diego, and transferred the skins. Osterhouse was supposed to stop at Ensenada for a consular invoice. Instead, he sailed north, to the Coronados and buried about half his haul on an island.

With an invoice and a cargo worth more than \$100, Osterhouse would have had to pay an additional tariff. On September 28, he off-loaded around 700 goatskins valued at \$98.00 — at San Diego.

On September 29, he went back for the rest.



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He and Julius Erickson met Captain John Iverson in San Diego. The captain - sometimes known as Elison — was a famous diver who had saved 150 people from a wrecked steamship off Australia and won a medal from Oueen Victoria. When Iverson said he wanted to take the thickrigged Lou fishing off San Clemente Island, Nelson and Erickson gladly signed on.

"He was sober then," said Nelson, "but after a few drinks he told me he'd been running [Chinese] into this part of the state."

"Uncle Sam's keen on that game," Nelson replied. "You wouldn't stand a chance of getting [them] through."

"I've been in the business and know how easy it is," Iverson shot back. Just "bring the Chinamen to San Clemente,



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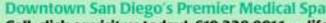


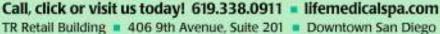
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Nelson refused to help. When Iverson sobered up, he spoke no more about it. The Lou cleared Point Loma and sailed northwest.

When they reached San Clemente Island, they dropped anchor in Mosquito Harbor but fished only for food. Every day, Nelson skulled ashore for water. After three weeks, he realized that Iverson "must be waiting for Chinamen." Nelson still refused the work, "much as I needed the wages." (Nelson learned

afterwards that the Lou

awaited the Helen, coming from Ensenada with a shipment of Chinese immigrants the Lou intended to land near San Pedro.)

On July 23, Nelson complained about the undrinkable water he rowed for every day to Iverson, a surly bull who had stayed drunk for three weeks.

"Get water yourself," Nelson shouted. Iverson yelled something back and dove at Nelson. They clinched, slammed punches into each other's ribs. They slid across the deck slick with fish gurry. They snarled and pounded and tumbled

down the companionway onto the hardwood cabin floor. Afraid Iverson would go for a gun concealed near his bunk, Nelson grabbed a piece of wood and "prodded" the drunken captain several times.

"Finally I left him alone, thinking he would drink some more booze and fall off to sleep."

Nelson climbed back up the companionway, stopping at the top to catch his breath. The stairs rumbled. Iverson, clutching a straight razor, slashed Nelson across both legs, just above the knees. "I'll cut your heart out!" Nelson

heard him say.

Nelson hobbled to the mast, pulled himself up the ratlines. Iverson charged after him. Almost faint from loss of blood, Nelson trundled down the other side and dove into the skiff. "Cast off," he yelled to Erickson, who was "frightened half to death and fumbled with the line until I thought the Captain would get me sure."

As the skiff broke free, Nelson blacked out. Erickson rowed to the Juanita, a Catalina fishing launch. Passengers pulled Nelson on board and applied bandages. They thought he was near death. So did Nelson when he came to in Avalon just long enough to write on an envelope: "I hereby accuse Capt. Iverson of the schooner Lou of San Diego of having cut me with a razor."

The next day at Angelus Hospital, Nelson vowed to sue Iverson for assault — and have him arrested for smuggling.

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Incident off San Clemente Island, July 23, 1908: Iverson's version. On July 28, Deputy Sheriff Charles Smith locked Captain John Iverson in San Diego County Jail. The "raw-boned, sullen, big-fisted sailor" (L.A. *Times*) was beaten to a pulp.

He told his tale to the jailer, "Sea Dog" Murphy, and later to a judge. Nelson had lied: Iverson wasn't smuggling anything; Nelson and Erickson mutinied and tried to kill their law-abiding captain.

As soon as they left San Diego, says Iverson, Nelson became morose. He'd follow orders "with

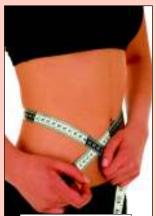
insolence." When the Lou reached San Clemente Island, Nelson refused to fish. "All he would do was cook" and get water. Then he cooked only for himself and refused to row ashore. The men began to "snarl" at each other.

Then Iverson — like Samuel C. Smith 16 years earlier - began to fear for his life on the cramped schooner. Three times, he swore, Nelson tried to kill him "once with a knife, once with a gun," once with both. Iverson stayed awake nights.

On the 23rd, wanting to sleep during the heat of the day ("when the fishing was poor," he told the judge), Iverson went below. Something cracked his bunk and woke him up. It was a long bludgeon, a sharp point at one end. Nelson, wild-eyed

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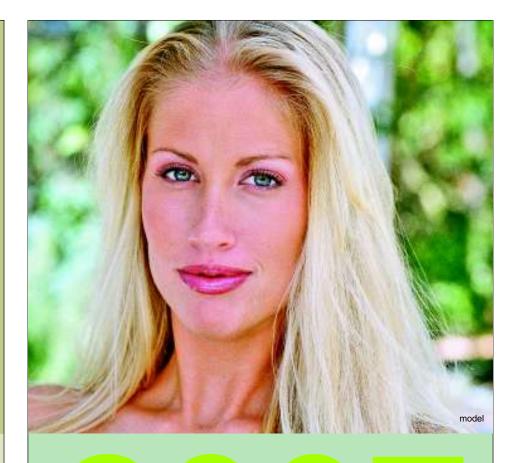
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and fuming, jabbed the weapon from the companionway. He couldn't reach his target, so he climbed back up and tried to stab Iverson through the deckhouse windows. Couldn't.

Nelson tossed the bludgeon away, climbed down the stairs, and dove at Iverson. Other than slamming into bunks and boxes and "rough woodwork" and "boot heels," the captain doesn't remember much of the fight, just a "red confusion."

Somehow he slashed Nelson with a razor, and somehow Nelson, a slender man with a pencilthin moustache, broke Iverson's hand — "as if some machine had caught and gnawed it" - almost poked out an eye, and beat him black and blue "in a dozen places."

Pummeled silly -Iverson could have sailed to Avalon. Instead, wrote the L.A. Times, "either through fear of arrest, or through dull, stolid heroism," Iverson sailed the Lou south, to San Diego, with one hand and one eye.

When the sails needed tending, Iverson lashed the helm and ran to haul them in or let them out. The wind died at dusk. Thick fog engulfed the Channel Islands, then rolled toward the mainland. The schooner inched forward on the glassy water, "lying right in the path of numerous big ships."

Fighting fatigue, Iverson kept watch for invading behemoths and often checked the lights. All night long, with his good hand, he panic-rang the Lou's little bell.

In the morning the wind picked up. Iverson kept going. "For 72 hours after that fight he never closed his eyes" (L.A. Times).

Customs officials and Deputy Sheriff Smith spotted the Lou off La Jolla, where Iverson anchored for a spell, and

followed the schooner's slow progress into San Diego Bay. He surrendered to authorities without incident. At the moment of his arrest, one newspaper claimed, Iverson either passed out from fatigue or just fell asleep

On August 5, 1908, Iverson went to trial in Los Angeles. He brought the sharp-pointed bludgeon as evidence. The razor attack, he swore, was selfdefense, since Nelson · now fully recovered from his wounds — had mutinied and tried to kill him. Justice Summerfield not only dismissed Nelson's accusation, he dropped the smuggling charges.

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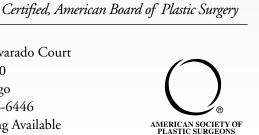
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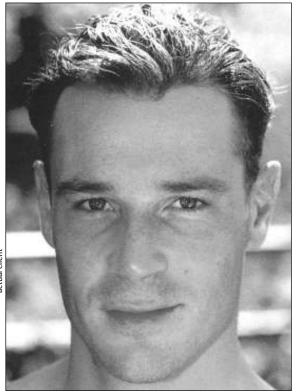
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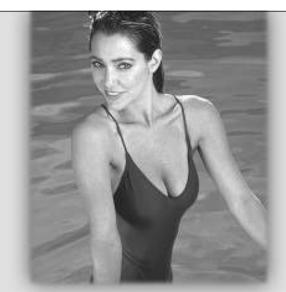
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years as only a voice on the telephone, but that changed when I was visiting Berkeley sometime in the '90s and she invited me over to her place for dinner. I was astonished to find a roomlength, floor-to-ceiling display case in her living room filled with taxidermy stuffed animals — a fox, several small wildcats, and various other creatures displayed as if this were the Museum of Natural History. I had never seen anything like it in anyone's home, and all I could say was "wow." "Don't you just love them?" she asked, and invited me to sit as if this kind of thing in a living room was as common as a TV set. After a while she showed me the rest of her place, and I was again taken aback to see a pile of dozens

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(if not hundreds — my memory is unreliable) of stuffed animals of another kind — teddy bears and the like — in another room! She also gave me a tour of her roof garden, which included various exotic plants, and talked to me about her silver collection.

I don't remember much about the dinner she served. except it was takeout food and we consumed it quickly. Then we sat on pillows on the living room floor and talked writing, writing, writing. Judith loved poetry and particularly lesserknown contemporary poets like James Schuyler (another subject of one of her Reader pieces). She sought out writing that was close to the bone and that faced life unblinkingly. I admired her writing, especially the chapter in Never Eat Your Heart Out that describes an adulterous affair she had as the

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happiest time in her life. I loved the sheer uncompromising honesty of that, and that's the quality she always encouraged in the several pieces I wrote for her. I was very hesitant to write about a DUI I got a few years later, but Judith encouraged me to do so, and it became an essay people still talk to me

> about. The Reader is just not the same without Judith. I'm so glad the paper decided to pay her the tribute she so richly (whoops, that's an adverb) deserves. Fred Moramarco

> > via e-mail

An Indulgent Nod

As a writer want-to-be, I read with rapt interest your writers' panegyrics to Judith Moore in your August 16 issue ("She Hated Adverbs," Cover Story). They painted a portrait of an insightful, nurturing, and brilliant editor.

Elsewhere, I read an excerpt of Ms. Moore's mordant autobiographical book, Fat Girl: A True Story. It

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painted a portrait of a woman who dealt with the inequities in her life with up-frontness and grit.

The portraits make it evident that Ms. Moore was a very special and much-esteemed human being. Her death last year made this whole place that much sadder and poorer.

P.S. In passing, and fancying to myself that Ms. Moore would give me an indulgent nod of approval, I'd like to use her paper to heap some praise on a guy who knows something about writing, Carl Hiaasen.

Hiaasen, a columnist for the Miami Herald, is also an author who writes satire, wickedly funny satire. Besides the sidesplitting humor, the hallmark of Hiaasen's writing is his use of simple, utilitarian, unambiguous words. The result is that his novels are "technical" masterpieces. Gems of concision and clarity. English unfrocked of all but the essentials.

Some would argue that Hiaasen's books are light, immaterial fare. They'd be wrong. His books possess the literary brawn to seize our attention and compel us to muse about life. About human nature. About the human condition. And great books are supposed to do that.

But as I just said, Hiaasen's humorous books convey their serious, instructive messages with the sort of direct, jaunty, unadorned language straight out of Strunk and White's The Elements of Style.

To use a food simile, a Hiaasen novel is like your plain, quick-serve, sapid cheeseburger. More often than not, the cheeseburger will out-taste the most fastidiously grilled tenderloin cut, if the cook knows just what to put between the buns. And the cheeseburger will leave you more sated and contented, to boot.

My unsolicited advice to all who fiddle with words: reporters, journalists, novelists, writers, want-to-bes, poets, et al. If you want to see how it's done, check out Hiaasen. Couldn't hurt.

Finally, if lavishing praise so unabashed on Hiaasen seems excessive and unwarranted, time will most certainly change that. No doubt. Meantime, thanks, Ms. Moore, for letting me say my piece.

René Alberto Dávalos

Interesting Drivel

I don't usually call writers of the Reader because there's nothing to talk with them about. Most of the Reader is unadulterated trash. But I read it for the announcements and other things of that nature. I just picked up the rag — I mean, the *Reader*. I was intrigued by your excursion into a nudist camp ("Crasher," August 16). Having a Puritan imagination like the rest of the human race, I suppose, I read the article. I knew it would end up in the same uninteresting drivel that most of the Reader's articles end up as.

The only question that occurred to me after I reached the end of the ar-





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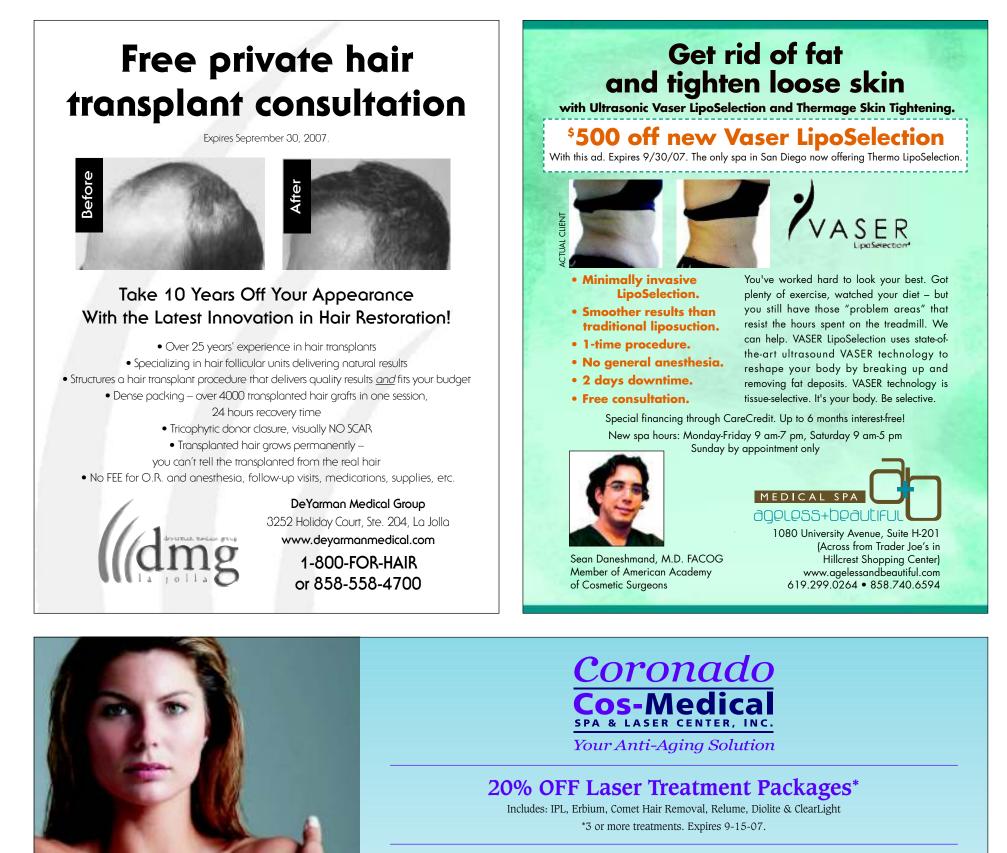
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ticle was, if I were invited to a nudist camp, despite the fact that I'm rather not the kind of person who frequents such places, and I accepted the invitation, I would, of course, do as the Romans do. I would get naked. I mean, this is standard form. I mean, I wouldn't go there dressed up and embarrass the rest of the people; although you said there were children there and persons that were clothed. One thing that occurred to me as I got to the end of the article. It may sound tasteless of me to call and say this, but since you are tasteless in general, it doesn't trouble my conscience to say it. The only reason that you didn't uncover is that you have nothing to show. Name Withheld

readers have always backed your relationship and admired the devotion to your commitment as we understand it from your writings. It is a shame that a piece of paper is needed for the administration of life and society, but then there are so many things we as a society must withstand to be a society. Still, it makes great copy and gives hope that you and David are happy. And that your family, mostly Mom, is so happy. As for the blog from Jenna in this issue's letters (August 16), well, to hell with bitter people. In closing, I hope that things don't change with you and David and that you and David don't change things. You have a great relationship! And I love the new photo. Thom Hogan

Go, Diva!

As regards the "Diary of a Diva" columns, August 9 ("Lawfully Wedded") and 16 ("Mother of the Bride"), you go, Barbarella! Loyal via e-mail

A Timely Heads-Up

While some people might be a little skittish towards your August 2 and August 9 issues ("The Sarcastic Killer"

and "Man Brings Lover Roses"), as a new family to San Diego as of August 1, from a small town near Sacramento, we are very grateful that your newspaper brings such awareness of the crimes and criminals at large in San Diego. My husband introduced me to the paper, and I remember us talking about how cool it is that you publish such articles. That is life, reality, crimes that really happen every week. So please don't change anything. Keep up the good work, and if Jan from Vista and Jennifer Barry want to hear nothing but cheerful, happy, and wonderful stories about life, maybe they should be picking up the Reader's Digest instead of the Reader.

Natalie Page National City

Holy Tedium

Your column called "Sheep and Goats," the review of various churches in the San Diego area, is getting a bit my imagination or not, but it seems like you pretty much only review Christian churches. Why not some of the other churches? And here in San Diego there are an awful lot of Eastern religions represented. I'd like to give you the names of a couple of places that maybe you could consider reviewing. One is the wonderful, small organization in town called the Vedanta Society. It's a Hindu offshoot. They have swamis that give lectures every Sunday morning, and it's a very wonderful place. The address is 1440 Upas Street. Another place that is very wonderful is a Vietnamese Buddhist temple called Phat Da Temple, and that's located at 4333 30th Street. So maybe you could branch out a little bit and understand that there are many, many people in the San Diego area who are either atheist or they are interested in religions besides Christianity. I sure hope

tedious. I don't know if it's

you take me up on that suggestion. Phyllis Hordin

Comments from Reader Website

Cover Story Published August 22

Posted by Holly on 08/26/07, 10:18 a.m.

Interesting article, lots of food for thought. I've just recently moved to SD from the East Coast and am surprised how conservative many San Diegans are, no doubt many more like the SDSU prof...I think the end of the article makes a good point; although I'm not Latino I wouldn't mind if their numbers continue to increase or if whites eventually become the minority in this country, since it's not like whites or other ethnic groups are in danger of extinction in this country, and it was the native people's land in the first place.

Posted by Kiki on 08/26/07, 6:23 p.m.









This article fired me up, too. Why does there have to be something wrong or defective about a couple when they don't want kids? I don't party, my career's not all-important, I'm healthy (not tired), but I don't want kids. If you want my opinion, it's an intelligence/education thing. I'm happy to see the birth rate declining but if you're so worried, talk to some Mormons or Catholics — they're whites with lots of kids who can save us from this impending disaster. Me? I'm moving to Mexico. What a lame story.

Diary of a Diva Published August 22

Posted by Sara on 08/25/07, 10:58 a.m.

I actually laughed out loud at that description of how gym-goers generally gauge the quality of their workout on the elliptical machine. I knew it wasn't paranoia making me think the person next to me was looking over my shoulder and adjusting accordingly. Of course that's nothing I ever do. Ever.

City Lights by Susan Luzzaro

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Posted by Jose on 08/22/07, 1:15 p.m.

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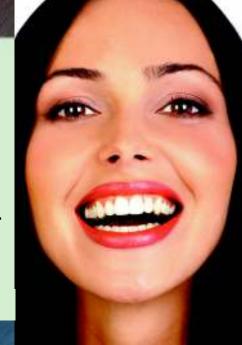
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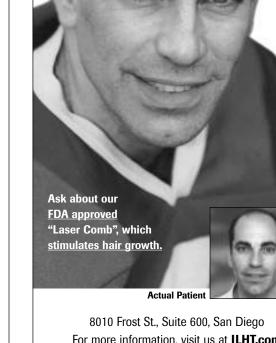
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then buy it. I don't want my tax dollars buying that swamp.

Posted by Peter Watry on 08/22/07, 6:32 p.m.

Great, GREAT article. Some of us residents still have hope that the Council will do what they said on the General Plan 2 years ago — a Community Park. We are working on a plan for the Lower Sweetwater Community Park which will be self-financing - it will not require any taxes and the land-owner will get a handsome return. It WILL require the Council to cooperate. The Council wil have the OPTION of developing a Community Park (as promised) or of handing the designated park land over to their favorite developer. ("Favorite" as reflected by his contributions to their campaigns.) You may place your bets now.

Posted by Bee Lover on 08/22/07, 6:40 p.m. What about the bees??

Please investigate whether it would be legal to displace the bee hives located on this site. Thank you!

Posted by Turtle Lover on

08/23/07, 8:38 a.m.

and the turtles. Don't harm the poor little turtles. If anything develop a relocation program and possibly some government subsidized housing. Thank you. Posted by Polly on

08/23/07, 9:13 a.m.

The city wants to "enhance the visual gateway to Chula Vista" with a bunch of cookie cutter houses that look like Otay Ranch and Eastlake. This is not what the west side or gateway to Chula Vista should look like. How about a beautiful park with families having picnics, a children's playgound and some much needed soocer fields?

Posted by Herbie on 08/23/07, 1:49 p.m.

This is an outstanding article. This is so on target. I constantly find other examples of staff in bed with developers, while Nancy Lytle and Scott Tullock ask us to believe that the city wants to collaborate with the residents and increase our involvement in government. They are well mean-

ing people but don't fully understand the degree to which the planning department and community development have been corrupted by their involvement with developers. The citizens, need, want and deserve a community park on this particular land. Thankyou for your great article.

Posted by Bee Lover on 08/23/07, 4:14 p.m.

I'm not trying to be a tree-hugging possum-lover here. Concern for existing bee hives in the Hwy 805/54 open space next to the KOA is valid. There is a national shortage of pollinating honey bees. The USDA has been trying to introduce foreign species of bees to avoid a crisis. I am an amateur gardener who lives in NW Chula Vista. I am grateful to know that the honey bees that pollinate my fruit trees live in an open space that's not very far away. Their honey is collected by a professional bee keeper. These are not the odd hives one would find and exterminate in the eaves of a home, office, or





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Posted by bee too on 08/23/07, 5:46 p.m.

I live in rural No. Co., so this might not apply everywhere, but we can usually call a bee keeper to come look at a hive on a house or barn, and he can remove it whole and save the colony in one of his bee boxes. Then they're put out by the orchards. Everybody's happy.

Posted by Lynn Beckman on 08/26/07, 3:32 p.m.

When I first heard that the KOA might be going away, I thought I'd try to speak up, but didn't really think there was much point in fighting City Hall. Articles like this one help motivate people like me to get more involved and let our elected politicians hear our voices. I'm disgusted by what's been going on and the politics being played with our quality of life, simply so Chula Vista city government can balance a budget they've been playing like a shell game. Just because you've overspent the money you garnered from Eastlake and Otay Ranch doesn't mean that we on the west side have to pay the price by giving up what precious little open space we have.

Blurt **Published August 22**

Posted by Jaime Duende on 08/22/07, 8:27 p.m.

Hmmmm? Josh Dunce thinks that the police and civic leaders are the problem? It seems to me that his patrons are the problem, does it matter to him? NO! He will just move his dog and pony show to another club till that one closes down. Like a traveling snake oil salesman he will pitch his club nite to another unsuspecting bar owner. Josh you need to give your clothes back to the mannequin at your local mall and put on a security jacket and patrol your parking lot and see what is happening at your club nites. But you don't see that...you don't see the graffitti left by your patrons, you don't see the D.U.I.s, and when bottles and fist are flying, you are nowhere to be found. So don't come crying with your sob story, I am sure that many patrons and local businesses have bigger complaints from the incidents at you club nites.

Remote Control King Published August 15

Posted by April on 08/22/07, 11:33 a.m.

This is why I don't have cable or watch television. Well, other than being pretentious. Really, being left out of the water-cooler television recap is not so bad, and sparing oneself from the wine-corkscrew-throughtemples-like sensation of even seeing previews for such shows is everything I always thought it could be. Anyway, I do enjoy reading this column — because, even though I don't watch television, it rarely really has anything to do with that, now, does it? And my abs are really starting to benefit from the laughter.

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ost people, especially in California, think barbeque is going in your back yard and throwing on a couple of steaks," says Gary Notley. "But that is not barbeque, that is grilling. Barbeque is when you take a pretty large chunk of meat, a brisket, pork shoulder or pork butt — a brisket can run between 10 and 20 pounds — and you cook those low and slow, between 200 and 250 degrees. With a brisket, you can cook that between 18 and 20 hours.

On Sunday, September 2, the Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Uni-



fied Port of San Diego will host the Beachfront BBQ Championship. Because it is a Kansas City Bar-

beque Society-sanctioned event, contestants follow the society's official rules of competition and may earn points toward the Jack Daniel's Barbeque Championship. "Jack Daniel's is the biggest event in the United States, and you can win hundreds of thousands of dollars," says David Seeberger, chairperson for the Imperial Beach competition. "Mine is small, \$2500. The only way I can rope them in is the beautiful Labor Day weekend, beachfront parking, and all the bikinis they can look at.'

"If you're anything in barbeque, you follow the [Kansas City Barbeque Society] rules," says Notley, who will compete with a small team under the name Notley Q. "When you turn your meat in, there has to be six slices presented, one for each judge, and you can't pool sauce on them. There can't be a foreign object or hair on some-

thing in your presentation, and when a judge picks up your piece of brisket, and you have two pieces of brisket stuck together, he can't go and pull it apart and hand it to the next guy. If one judge is shorted, you don't get a score from that judge.'

Contestants set up at noon the day before judging, at which point the raw meat is inspected. "Everything has to be prepared on site," says Notley. "You cook overnight. Some people have big teams and switch off, but the majority are there watching their temperatures. They don't want to take off and go to bed down the street and the barbeque spikes up to 400 degrees or runs out of fuel. I stay up all night, maybe sleep a few hours once the temperatures are all set in. Some people come with their motor homes, some have tents; I'm a sleep-in-the-back-ofmy-car type of guy."

Barbeque styles are characteristic of the region from which they originated. "I like to take the low and slow of Texas, the dry rub of Memphis, and the barbeque sauce smothering of Kansas City," says Dominique Bibbs, who will compete with the team Smokey Bibbs. "When I grew up, my momma always said, 'Son, you need to boil those ribs, get that fat off of there,' but she was wrong. Boiling ribs is one of the oldschool ways. People figured it would make the meat more tender and juicy, but when you take those ribs out of the boiling water, there's all your flavor, right in the pot."

Wood chips are burned to achieve the low, indirect heat required for authentic barbequing. "Pretty much any type of wood that's hard, either from a fruit tree or nut tree, works best," says Notley. "You



don't want to use fir or pine — that'll give your meat a sort of turpentine taste. Bibbs will be using a combination of hickory and mesquite and will be experimenting with sugar maple. "Sugar maple comes from maple trees, which make syrup. The wood will probably make [the meat] sweeter," he says.

Notley hopes his high-quality meat will give him an edge. "All the beef and pork comes out of my pocket. With the entry fee I'm looking at about 500 bucks. Some teams go to Costco or Restaurant Depot. I go to Tip Top Meats, a good butcher shop in Carlsbad." Notley keeps a detailed log every time he barbeques. "My wife is my best critic. She'll let me know, 'Hey, you oversmoked this.' I write down everything I'm doing on the hour. I'm talking: what's my outside temperature, is it windy, what are my vents at.

Notley uses a Weber Smokey Mountain, a bullet-shaped smoker grill, which cost \$200. "The first time I walked in [to a competition], I was like, 'I'm going to get

Dominiaue Bibbs

my ass kicked," says Notley of a barbeque challenge in which he competed in Victorville. "It was like I walked in to play touch football but then found out I was playing against the Chargers. One fellow had a computer-controlled digital stoker system that you plug into your barbeque, and it controls your temperature beautifully. There are some barbeques out there that are probably \$25,000. I'm jealous of these guys, but you've got to cook and sell an awful lot of meat to afford one of those. Maybe with my little bullet smoker I'm not getting the quality they have, but I can't believe that. To me, it's the cook and not the cooker.'

— Barbarella

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In Palenque, see Lorenzo de Monteclaro and Dinámicos del Norte on Friday, August 24; Marisela on Saturday, August 25: and a tribute to Valentín Elizalde by Chenchito on Sunday, August 26. Concerts begin at 11 p.m. 011-52-664-607-5829. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Fair with entertainment. music, and food continues through Sunday, September 16, at Parque Morelos.

In Palenque, Jenni Rivera takes stage on Thursday, August 30. See Vicente Fernández on Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1. Concerts begin at 11:30 p.m. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

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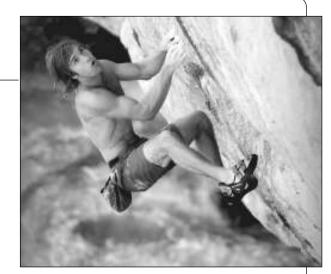
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Celebrate 50 Years of Rock and Roll when Enrique Guzman performs Saturday, September 1, 11 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$80, \$100, \$120 U.S. Reservations: 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

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Reyli Barba in Concert at Grand Hotel Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente) on Wednesday, September 5, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$30, \$50. Reservations: 011-52-664-681-7084. (TUUANA)

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The Comedy La Historia del Tigre performed by Bruno Bichir, Thursday, September 6, 7:30 p.m., at Teatro UABC Tijuana. Tickets: 011-52-664-607-5163. (TIJUANA)

Explore Baja California's Aquafarms during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, September 8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Participants take boat ride toward Punta Banda and Todos Santos Bay to visit oyster, mussel, protected blue fin tuna aquafarms. Stop at local university to learn about restoration efforts for totoaba population; visit fish market, enjoy a traditional seafood meal. \$105 fee includes transportation, meal. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ENSENADA)

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Towering Thunderheads have been seen hovering over the wall of mountains east of San Diego in recent weeks. Afternoon rainshowers have already dampened Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Mount Laguna on several occasions, with more of the same expected at times during the next two or three weeks. Usually this kind of activity ceases by sunset, and clearing skies usher in a cloud-free night. The marked contrast between the sunny but bland weather along the coast and the more lively and unpredictable mountain weather is one illustration of San Diego County's "geography of contrast."

Warm Water Temperatures, into the 70s Fahrenheit over the past several weeks, won't last much longer. As fall approaches, shorter days and increasingly oblique solar radiation will mean that less and less energy will be supplied to the ocean waters offshore. These waters will soon be shedding more thermal energy than they receive, thereby keeping the coastal area comfortably balmy for several weeks after the end of the summervacation season. Don't give up on the beach after Labor Day - the water's only a bit cooler, and the beaches are relatively uncrowded.

Whelan Lake Bird Walk, see many different species during walk hosted by Buena Vista Audubon Society to scope out avian migrants, Saturday, September 1, 8 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-941-7824. (OCEANSIDE)

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With transportation arrangements set up in advance, you can travel one-way along this trail in the relatively easy downhill direction. Potable water is not available at either trailhead, so plan for your water needs in advance.

You start from the Penny Pines Trailhead in the Laguna Mountains, at mile 27.3 along Sunrise Highway, where parking space is plentiful along the highway



ace is pientrul along the highway shoulder. Your journey ends, about two to five hours later depending on your mode of transportation, at the Noble Canyon Trailhead on Pine Creek Road, about two miles north of the town of Pine Valley. Note that both trailheads require a National Forest Adventure Pass if you intend to leave cars at the start or finish.

From the Penny Pines Trailhead, head west on the Noble

Canyon Trail. After passing some Jeffrey pines, you rise a bit along the north slope of a steep hill. From there, the view extends north to the distant summits of San Jacinto Peak and San Gorgonio Mountain. Next, you descend to cross roads three times, then climb and circle around the chaparral-clad north end of a north-south trending ridge. This seemingly out-of-the-way excursion avoids private lands lying within the national forest, and it opens up interesting vistas to the north and west.

At 2.4 miles, keep going on the Noble Canyon Trail, as the Indian Creek trail branches right. By about 3.0 miles, you're crossing Pine Creek Road and heading south into the uppermost reaches of Noble Canyon.

Past some live oaks, black oaks, and Jeffrey pines, you emerge into a steep, sunlit section of the canyon, where hardy, drought-tolerant plants cling to the exposed metamorphic rock. Back in the shade of oaks again, you'll cross a major tributary creek from the east. This drains the Laguna Lakes and Laguna Meadow. Pause for a while in this shady glen, where the water flows over somber, grayish granitic rock and gathers in languid pools bedecked by sword and bracken ferns.

You continue within a riparian area for some distance down the canyon. Mixed in with the oaks, you'll discover a number of California bay trees, the leaves of which are known for their peculiar sweet-pungent scent. The creek lies mostly hidden by willows and sycamores, and dense thickets of poison oak, wild rose, wild strawberries, and other types of water-loving vegetation.

Crossing over to the west bank of the creek, you break out of the trees and emerge in a sunny, warm area with sage scrub and chaparral vegetation. The trail contours to a point about 100 feet above the creek, and maintains this position as it bends around several small tributaries. Yucca, prickly-pear cactus, and even hedgehog cactus — normally a denizen of the desert — make appearances here.

At about seven miles, the trail switches back, crosses the Noble Canyon

ficult route is approximately four miles in length, includes 500' elevation change. Required reservations: 760-744-9000 x3508. (SAN MARCOS)

Enjoy the Open Space and nature during guided walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday,

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Creek for the last time, and

veers up a tributary canyon

to the south. The trail climbs

to reach a saddle after about

two miles from Noble Canyon,

then darts right (west) over

another saddle. You descend

sharply on the final, rocky sec-

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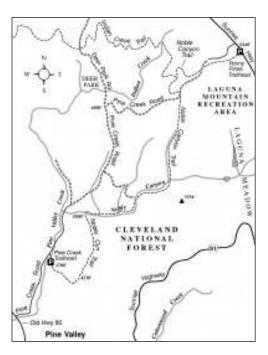
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NOBLE CANYON TRAIL

Biking, hiking, or horseback riding, it's downhill from pines to sunny chaparral on the Noble Canyon Trail.

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leads Urban Safari exploration through Gaslamp Quarter, Saturday, September 1, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

You're Invited to a Star Party! Palomar Observatory astronomer Scott Kardel speaks for star party in San Pasqual Valley, Saturday, September 1, 5:30 p.m., at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Lecture is followed by viewing of night sky. Free. 619-884-5527. (ESCONDIDO)

Sky Hunters, rehabilitated live birds of prey showcased during program, Saturday, September 1, 6 p.m., at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Free. 858-565-3600. (JULIAN)

California Native Plant Society Walk, Sunday, September 2, 9 a.m., Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including September 2, 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, September 2, 1 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Techniques on catching trout, bass, and catfish emphasized. Program is free, parking is \$3. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

The Moon, at third-quarter phase and rising in the east, lies amid the glittering stars of the Pleiades star cluster, 11 p.m. through midnight on the evening of Sunday, September 2. For a good view, scope out the scene with binoculars.

DANCE

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Thursday at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8–10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

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Ranting Banshee makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contradancing, Friday, August 31, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Belly Dance Show with awardwinning artist Rachel George of Portland, Oregon, and local top dancers presenting Middle Eastern dance to music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Saturday, September 1, 8 p.m., at Caesar's Cafe (801 C Street). \$12 for show, in addition to cost for dinner. 619-234-8141. (DOWNTOWN)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including September 1, 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)

English Country Dancing with music by Steve, calling by Janet and Karin, Sunday, September 2, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

FILM

Up for a Fetching Fairy Tale? Enjoy *The Princess Bride* (1987), with Cary Elwes, Billy Crystal, Robin Wright, when it screens for Cinema under the Stars series, Thursday–Sunday, August 30– September 2, 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 *Everest* (6 p.m.) and *Ring of Fire* (7 p.m.) on August 31. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Described as "Cyberpunk Spectacle," *Renaissance* is featured during Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m. Voices of Daniel Craig, Jonathan Pryce, Ian Holm. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Climbing Phenom Chris Sharma is featured in *King Lines*, screening for second Reel Rock Film Tour, Wednesday, September 5, 8 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Film includes "Sharma's ropeless ascent of Es Pontas," as well as spots in Venezuela, France, Mojave Desert. \$12. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

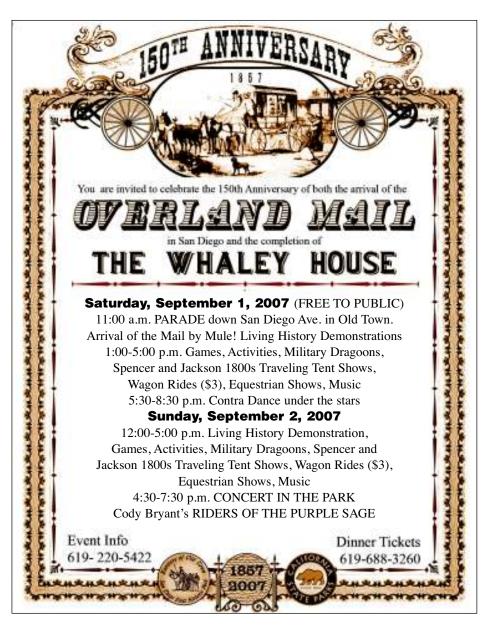
LECTURES

"Aesthetics of Confucianism" explored by Whittier College Far Eastern studies professor Paul Kjellberg for Asian Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, August 30, 1 p.m. \$10 general. 619-543-9810. (BALBOA PARK) Airline Ambassadors International Founder Nancy Rivard shares her experiences, photographs for Voices of Women on Thursday, August 30, 7 p.m., at Congregational Church of La Jolla (1216 Cave Street). "Everyone who enjoys traveling and is interested in building bridges of peace and understanding in the developing world is welcome to attend." Free. RSVP: 858-642-6770. (LA JOLLA)

Mystery Writing Workshop hosted by Sisters in Crime, Saturday, September 1, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (off University Avenue between Tenth and Vermont). Two-part seminar includes "Plotting the Murder Story" by Carlsbad mystery writer Taffy Cannon and "Write Your Book in 20 Minutes: Mind Map Made Easy" by Carlsbad writer and teacher Eva Shaw. Fee: \$50 in advance, \$75 at door. 760-505-7037. (HILLCREST)

"Are Your German Ancestors Hiding on the Shelves in the Family History Center?" Helen Boyden addresses German Research Association, Saturday, September 1, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Learn about books, periodicals, films available at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-276-4660. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Human Figure in Jewelry: From Greek-Roman Civilization to the Renaissance, to Contemporary Design" is subject when artist Daniela Biscaro speaks, Saturday, September 1, 5 p.m., at Galerie D'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Meet artists Julia San Roman and Waldo Nilo at 6:30 p.m. reception. Free. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)







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Motivational Speaker Tom Leech shares slides and his "delight in the many unique outdoor recreational opportunities available in San Diego," Sunday, September 2, 12:45 p.m., in Bard Hall at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Learn "simple, economical, family-friendly, carbon-negative, heart-healthy, spiritually uplifting activities" for your life. Free. 858-560-8327. (HILLCREST)

Considering Another Dog? "Managing a Multi-Dog Household Workshop," Tuesday, September 4, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Training secrets and tips for peaceful coexistence between your canine family members. \$35. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"Science and God," Reverend Patricia Paris examines "the most current scientific evidence and its spiritual implications," Wednesday, September 5, 7 p.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Paris will discuss recent discoveries

in field of quantum physics as well as spiritual beliefs of Sir Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein, Max Planck, Stephen Hawking, others. Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

"The Milky Way and Other Galaxies" are topic for "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Wednesday, September 5, 7 p.m. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. \$8.50 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Award-Winning Novelist Don Winslow has been an actor, director, movie theater manager, safari guide, and private investigator; soon, two of his novels will be interpreted on the big screen. Winslow speaks for Sisters in Crime on Thursday, September 6, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). \$3. 858-748-6842. (HILLCREST)

"Return to Native Landscape," Smithsonian Institution horticulturist Christine Price-Abelow discusses garden at National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers on Monday, September 10, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. She'll discuss the more than ten years of planning

the gardens, linked to collection of artifacts inside museum. Plant forum follows. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

You Can Fly! San Diego Air and Space Museum hosts private pilot ground school starting Wednesday, September 12. The 13-week course prepares attendees to take written examination for Federal Aviation Administration private pilot certificate; students can take course either prior to or in conjunction with actual flight training. Curriculum material centered on DVD courseware from King Schools.

Each class is offered twice weekly - on Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon. Fee: \$15 per lesson, or \$180 for entire course. Registration: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

Pet Expert Arden Moore discusses, signs The Cat Behavior Answer Book, Thursday, August 30, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347), Free, (LA JOLLA)

The Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical South Pacific presented by Christian Community

Theater through September 2 on flight deck of U.S.S. Midway (910 North Harbor Drive). Tickets include "limited viewing of the Midway Museum" after 6:30 p.m. Performances begin at 8 p.m., Thursdav-Sunday, Tickets: \$17-\$36. Reservations: 619-588-0206. (DOWNTOWN)

The Farmers play rock during Concert on the Green, Friday, August 31, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (2111Z2 East Main Street). Free, 619-401-8858, (EL CAJON)

Grada plans concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, August 31, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street), \$15, \$20, 619-303-8176, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Saturday Backyard Concert Series continues with Free Air, Saturday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

Sensation presents final La Jolla Concert by the Sea in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove, Sunday, September 2, 2 p.m. Free. 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Sunday Family Concert Series with Grammy- nominated jazz and classical flutist Lori Bell, joined by pianists Diane Snodgrass and Don Azarello, Sunday, September 2,

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Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show featuring Mal Hall, Mark Gonzalez, Naro, Jason Bang, Robert McDonald, and Laura Hayden is Sunday, September 2, 8 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free. 619-702-6010. For those 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

Toy Piano Festival, seventh annual installment in UCSD's Geisel Library, Wednesday, September 5, 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sue Palmer — a.k.a. the queen of boogie-woogie piano — will perform new works for toy piano. Free (bring change for parking meters). 858-534-8074. Exhibition of toy pianos continues through September on site.

Poetry Unlimited Art and Music features open readings on Wednesday, September 5, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Featured vocalist is Jessie Hubbard: musicians are Dominique and Valerie Kim. Also on tap: celebratration of founder Jean Frank's birthday. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Comedy and Magic Show with comedy ventriloquist Kevin Johnson and magician Anthony Hernandez (a.k.a. "Anthony the Magic"), every Wednesday, 7 p.m.,

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at Lawrence Welk Resort Theatre (8860 Lawrence Welk Drive). Allage show includes audience participation. Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, 888-802-7469, No shows September 12, October 11, November 14. (ESCONDIDO)

Nice and Easy Jazz -this seven-person orchestra plays for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on September 6, 7 p.m. Free, 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Surf Journalist Kimball Taylor, author of Return by Water: Surf Stories and Adventures, reads from his recent work, Thursday, September 6, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Tavlor will also discuss process of writing travel pieces for publication. Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

"Frost," the stage play will be professionally read, Thursday, September 6, 8 p.m., at Twiggs (4590 Park Boulevard). Frost tells story of "America's favorite poet," Robert Frost. Free. 619-917-4917. (NORTH PARK)

"Love In: A Musical Celebration," take an "exciting musical journey through the Summer of Love' hosted by Broadway Star Ben Vereen, September 6-9, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Guests include Jesse Colin Young, Peter and Gordon, Buddy Miles, Eric Johnson, Vince Martell, others. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$57, \$67. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Red Hot Blues Rock promised when Laurie Morvan Band performs for Blues Cabaret at Ĉalifornia Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), Thursday, September 6, 8 p.m. \$12.50. 760-216-2306. (ESCONDIDO)

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vocalist Rojan and Shams Ensemble — boasting musicians from Kurdistan, Iran, and Iraq - play Kurdish and Persian music on Friday, September 14, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$30 general, \$15 students. 858-653-0336 (LA JOLLA)

Stand-Up Comedian, Actress, Writer Sarah Silverman entertains, Saturday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets: \$45-\$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For those 21 and older. (PALA)

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The Injustices Queer Folk Face provide fodder for Los Angelesbased performance artist Tim Miller, who presents "Us:A Performance" on September 22 and 23 at Masonic Hall (2904 University Avenue). Miller was one of the "NEA 4." Shows begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$22. 760-564-3112. (NORTH PARK)

Nobel Laureate James D. Watson discusses his new book, *Avoid Boring People (Lessons from a Life in Science)* on Monday, September 24, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Among his awards: Nobel Prize in 1962, Presidential Medal of Freedom, National Medal of Science; he was director of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1968–1993). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Seaside Racing Season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 5, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (August 3, 10); 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 19; and 3:30 p.m. on August 19, 24, 31.

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)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing continues through September 25 at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Racing starts at 6:30 p.m. Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. (BALBOA PARK)

Showpark All-Seasons Summer Tournament Horse Show continues through Sunday, September 2, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free admission, parking. 858-481-9085. (DEL MAR)

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 3:30 p.m. on August 31. Closing-day party in paddock begins after final race. Dance to live music by Super Diamond. General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

Preseason Football Concludes for San Diego Chargers with game against San Francisco 49ers in Qualcomm Stadium on Thursday, August 30, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$54–\$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Padres host Arizona Diamondbacks in Petco Park, Thursday, August 30, 7:05 p.m. The Los Angeles Dodgers arrive for games on September 1 and 2, at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads head to Arizona to meet up with Diamondbacks, September 3–5, at 1:40 on Monday, 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)



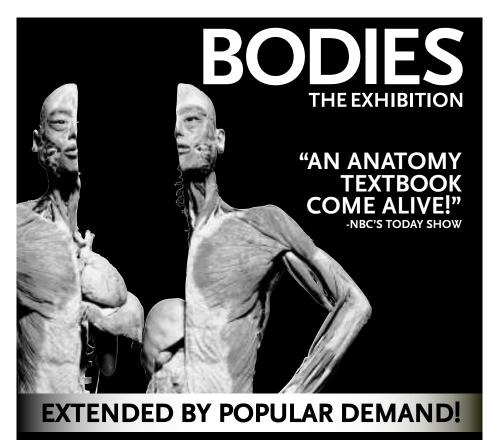
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What's That You're Reading?

NAME: KIM HUNTER | OCCUPATION: LAW STUDENT NEIGHBORHOOD: NORTH PARK | WHERE INTERVIEWED: LA JOLLA COVE



What book are you currently reading? "Planet Law School II by Atticus Falcon. I'm on page 579." Tell me about the book.

"It's basically just a book preparing you for going to law school. Important things to know before going, what it's going to be like, things to help you in your larger career."

What do you make of the argument? "I have mixed feelings. It's a very opinionated author, so it's a little controversial and a little silly at times. He

has the opinion that law school professors are all out to get you. It's a very controversial book and some people say not to read it at all, because it's too much of his opinion. I would say it's got

some very useful advice, but take it with a pinch of salt."

Tell me about the style and language? "It's very easy to read, as well as being very informative. It's guite chatty. amusing — although the subject matter is fairly dry." Any favorite passages?

"I just finished a whole section about a lawsuit surrounding Barry Bonds's 73rd home run. That ball became very valuable and there was a dispute in the stands about who caught it. It brought about this huge lawsuit." Compare this with other books you've read.

"Much better, but the last book I read [on the subject] wasn't very good. It was written by a recent graduate, maybe from one of the lower tiers of law school, so it was kind of a different approach. This one prepares you for a top law school and is more thorough."

What book was most life-changing for you?

"I'm a big Harry Potter fan, but I wouldn't call that life-changing!' Who are your favorite authors?

"I like Tolkien, a lot of the classic authors — the Brönte sisters. Jane Austen, and I like reading Shakespeare a lot too. There's an Indian author I really like, Arundhati Roy, who wrote The God of Small Things. That's a terrific book, one of my favorites." What magazines or newspapers do you <u>read?</u>

"I read Time, and mainly I read Internet news to stay current, BBC News and the New York Times online. I read the BBC online for about an hour a day." Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"Yes, the ones who are readers, I also talk to my mother-in-law, because we'll read some of the same books. We talk about themes and characters, and the larger messages."

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78th Annual Oceanside Pier Swim, Monday, September 3, 7:15 a.m.-noon, at Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. 858-435-1031. (OCEANSIDE)

Subaru Urban Assault Race, described as "largest urban adventure race series in the country," is Sunday, September 23, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Biking event combines mental challenges such as timed brain teasers and riddles with physical challenges such as steering bouncy balls through construction cone mazes and wading through foam pits. Two-person teams race bikes to checkpoints around town to complete tasks, starting point at 900 Arnele Avenue. Fees: \$100-\$120. 303-408-0747. (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)

"Beyond the Batter's Box: The Hall of Fame Life of Tony Gwynn" continues through Friday, September 7, in Special Collections Reading Room and Donor Hall of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Exhibition in honor of Gwynn's election to National Baseball Hall of Fame boasts 17 cases of items belonging to Gwynn, including personal scrapbooks dating back to his high school years, photographs, and SDSU memorabilia; his original Padres contract, baseball cards, baseballs signed by each of 18 members of the 3000 Hit Club (such as Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Rod Carew), more, Free, 619-594-6791. (SDSU)

"Bodies...the Exhibition" features more than 250 "real, whole, and partial human body specimens...dissected and preserved," providing up-close looks inside skeletal, muscular, reproductive, respiratory, circulatory, other human body systems. Many wholebody specimens "are dissected in vivid athletic poses."

Exhibit continues through Sunday, November 11, in former Robinsons-May at University Towne Centre (4425 La Jolla Village Drive). Exhibit opens at 10 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. Sunday–Thursday, 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets: \$26.50 general, \$21 seniors, \$18 for those 5-12. 877-263-4375. (LA JOLLA)

What's Right with America? Bring your ideas to P&R Discussion group, Thursday, August 30, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

"The West on the Move: 150th Anniversary of the Overland Mail" celebrated on Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1, Old Town State Historic Park. On Friday, expect barbecue, entertainment, guided tours of newly renovated exhibits in Seeley Stable.

Events on Saturday begin at noon with re-enactment of Overland Mail arriving as part of grand parade; trick ropers, equestrian demonstrations, historic wagons, games. Details: 619-952-4033. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

San Diego Woodies Club struts its stuff during Cruisin' Grand on August 31. 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)

Training Treats, learn about best treats and tricks for your pooch, Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, at Muttropolis (227 South Cedros Avenue). Free. 858-755-3647. (SOLANA BEACH)

Way Back When...living history pageant hosted by Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association, September 1 and 2, at Red Tail Roost Volunteer Headquarters (USFS Sunrise Highway, mile marker 22.5). Continuous hourly presentations begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. on Sunday. Free admission; donations accepted. 619-445-6235. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

Celebrate 150 Years of Whaley House during events on Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, at Whaley House Museum (2476 San Diego Avenue). Cooking demonstrations by Jane Beckman in newly reconstructed lean-to kitchen, views of archaeological dig site at longburied cistern, games, music, scavenger hunt. Activities begin at 10 a.m. Outdoor activities are free; admission to museum is \$6 general. 619-297-7511. (OLD TOWN)

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

San Francisco-Based Artist Pat Tseng's adornment designs incorporate Eastern and Western cultural traditions. An exhibit of work by the artist, known for "transforming antique objects and small artifacts into modern-day adornments," opens with reception on Saturday, September 1, 2 p.m., at Chinese Historical Society and Museum (404 Third Avenue, at J Street). \$2 general. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Beachfront Barbecue championships, Sunday, September 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., near Dunes Park (in 700 block of Seacoast Drive). California BBO Association hosts California state barbecue championship; barbecue sandwiches for sale; live music, Chevy classic car show, vendor booths. Admission is free. 619-424-3151. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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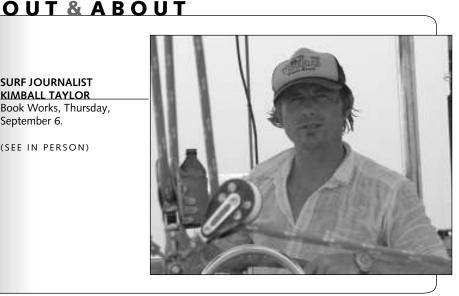
Can Anybody Be an Egoist? Ayn Rand's New Concept of Egoism is topic when Objectivist Discussion Group meets, Sunday, September 2, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge (2906 University Avenue). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Auto and Cycle Swap and show, Monday, September 3, 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)

"Your Heart's Desire: Sex and Love in Jewish Literature" explored during "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature" discussion series, commencing with Portnoy's Complaint by Philip Roth, Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m., at Poway Library (13137 Poway Road). Free. 858-513-2939. (POWAY)

FOR KIDS

"Pacific Tales," told by an old man and pelican when Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers perform through Sunday, September 2, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Bitsy's School Adventures by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, September 5-9. Showtimes: 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesdav-Sundav. Find theater near Aerospace Mu-



Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Jacobs Building (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Make a sparkling work of art. Included in regular museum admission for adults (\$6 general), free for those 25 and vounger. 858-454-3541 x151. (DOWNTOWN)

Teen Council Meeting — providing opportunity for those 12-18 to earn community service hours, gain leadership experience, "have a say in programming and material selection for teens" - convenes Wednesday, September 5, 7 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. Repeats September 19. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians

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

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

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

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

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has alwavs 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 sea-



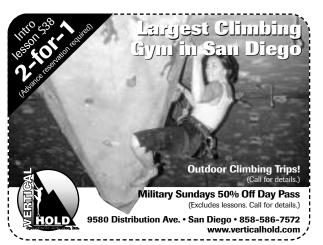
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musical equipment will be avail-MUSEUMS able, and concertgoers are encouraged to get onstage to jam with band. \$10 cover benefits Modest Needs (\$20 for adults). Reservations: 619-424-4443. (CORONADO) "Good as Gold," Richard Wright's window painting No Title is painted using gold leaf; Wright's technique provides inspiration for family day events, camped more than 1000 years ago Sunday, September 2, 2 p.m., at

sonal 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 OLIARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade



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The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features



wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RAN-CHO SAN DIEGO)

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of

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Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

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

Museum of Making Music hosts "The Ukulele and You: America's Enduring Love of the Jumping Flea" through Thursday, January 31. "Promoted as an easyto-play, portable, and fun musical instrument, the ukulele has enioved three major waves of popularity on the mainland U.S. Over the last 15 years, the instrument has been going through a third wave of interest both in Hawaii and on the mainland." Contemporary players are taking ukulele into rock, jazz, classical, punk. Collection includes over 300 instruments ranging from finely crafted rare and historic ukes made of koa, mahogany, other precious woods to inexpensive, plastic marvels produced in the '50s.

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum,

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

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a recreation of the airline's first ticket



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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an

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

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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)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, "From Model to Canvas: A Private Collection of Mexi-

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toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and months. an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa build-

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibition described as "the largest, longest, most comprehensive ever

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"Contemporary Israeli Photography," a collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery on view through December, features work by Neil Folberg, David Harris, Didier Ben Loulou, Duby Tal, others, and includes sculpture and glass.

The permanent exhibit "Fossil Mysteries" showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-sized models of Albertosaurus, Lambeosaurus, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more. Current "giant-screen films' are Ancient Oumran: A Virtual Re-

ality Tour and Ocean Oasis. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and arti-



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

Veterans Museum and Memo-

rial Center, memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel (2115 Park Boulevard), the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

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





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CLASSICAL

Music by Chopin, Szyanowski, and Palomar Col lege alumnus Roger Przytulski may be heard when artist-in-residence Peter Gach (piano) performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, August 30, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Classic British songs may be heard when tenor Kenny Miller and pianist Emily Helvey take stage, Thursday, September 6, 12:30 p.m. Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

"1812 Tchaikovsky Spectaculars" planned when San Diego Symphony Summer Pops series closes with concerts Fridav-Sunday, August 31-September 2. Matthew Garbutt leads orchestra, Navy Band Southwest, and 16-year-old violinist Eugene Ugorski in all-Tchaikovsky program. 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)

"In Memory of Princess Diana," civic organist Carol Williams who met and played for Princess Di in London — plans tribute concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, September 2, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Toy Piano Festival, seventh annual installment in UCSD's Geisel Library, Wednesday, September 5, 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sue Palmer — a.k.a. the queen of boo-- will perform gie-woogie piano new works for toy piano. Free (bring change for parking meters). 858-534-8074. Exhibition of toy pianos continues through September on site. (LA JOLLA)



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GALLERIES

"Fragments: Lost and Found," enjoy "visually poetic work" by collage artist Althea Brimm through September at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Exhibition opens with reception, Saturday, September 1, 4-8 p.m. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"El Viaje" is an exhibition celebrating Latin-born Jewish artists who made their way from native lands to become part of San Diego arts community. Mixed-media show includes work by Vivien Ressler, Becky Guttin, Claudie Oliver, Pepe Zyman, Lizet Benrey. Opening reception for artists is Thursday, September 6, 8 p.m., in Gotthelf Art Gallery at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). 858-362-1154. Closes Friday, October 26. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum. "In Character: Actors Acting: Written, Directed, and Photographed 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

"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 com-

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plexities and subtleties of strength.'

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Mingei International Museum, 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 reformulating "traditional principles of the landscape genre to address urban sprawl and suburban expansion." Closes Sunday, September 23.

New York artist Peter Simensky investigates the mechanisms by which value is assigned, accounted for, stored, and exchanged. See "Cerca Series: Peter Simensky" through Sunday, September 23, including Simensky's original "Neutral Capital" bill collages, the

Dance

"Neutral Capital Collection" (mobile gallery-in-a-box housing artworks by prominent international artists purchased using Neutral Capital), as well as new video, sculptural plaster multiples.

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

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

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

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

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

Doug Wheeler, Matt Mullican. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

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

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

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 lohans (enlightened monks), newly restored Chinese ancestor portraits, a screen of samurai warriors, an elaborate deck devoted to Tibetan art featuring bronze sculptures, furniture, 18th-Century shrine doors.

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

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Life by Candlelight

"I'm always amazed how light can totally change the character of a room."

e'd do backflips to recreate that feeling," says lighting designer Eric Lotze, as we head upstairs at the Whaley House, "but you can't have it onstage."

We'd just left the dining room at the Old Town

mansion, where a meal would have been a mini-light show: candles and kerosene lamps strobing lucent pulses onto the silverware, the gold fleur de lis-patterned wallpa-

per, the shiny grainwork on doors and molding. "Any actual flame enlivens. But if all the instruments in that room were lit, the walls would breathe light.

"But we can't in theater for several reasons, a tremendous fire hazard, for one. There are laws against an open flame onstage. We can use some candles and cigarette lighters, and that's about it. Also, you don't want actors working with fire for their safety. Things happen you can't anticipate. But oh, if we could!"

In 2005, Lotze came close. For Cygnet Theatre's Little Foxes, he devised numerous gaslight effects. At the beginning and the finale he had over 20 lights flickering at once, each set three points below and three above its average level, and all running in random sequences. The stage walls wavered and actors shimmered as if photographed by legions of paparazzi, or sunlit underwater. The San Diego Theater Critics Circle gave Lotze the 2005 Craig Noel Award for outstanding design.

I've always wanted to have local theater artists



look at examples of their craft in San Diego at large. Lotze met me at the Whaley House, at the corner of San Diego Avenue and Harney Street, to talk about 19th-Century lighting. We accepted that most furnishings and fixtures weren't original to

the house but were from the period, 1868-1871. Instead of worrying about accuracy, we made subjective speculations about the theatricality of the lighting, moods

and atmospheres, and the differences between then and now. In last week's column, we toured the downstairs of the two-story brick mansion that celebrated its 150th birthday in June.

The Master Bedroom To the right of the stairs, the largest of the four bedrooms: adjacent mirrors stand like sentinels, or inquisitors, overlooking an ominous black fireplace, marbletop dresser, walnut bed and ornate headboard (with bas relief bat wings?), and blue, hand-woven coverlet. Except for a round milk-glass lamp that softens shadows and casts no hard lines, the room has an almost oppressive stillness, as if hiding, or lying in wait for someone.

Whoa," says Lotze stopping cold. "I've seen happier morgues. The window faces east, so they'd get some midmorning light, but that's about it. Mostly gloom. They probably didn't spend much time here.

"But then again," he says, peering through a glass partition that makes the coffee-colored furnishings float like a mirage behind our reflections,



"they were used to darkness. In fact, not much would have happened after sundown, and they got up before sunrise to save on fuel.'

I wonder how the Whaleys - and Old Town's Estudillos, Carrillos, and Bandinis - would react to today's electrically lit San Diego: so much brightness, plus the 24-hour river of head- and taillights up and down I-5 and I-8, literally crisscrossing near their doorstep. They would adjust, as we'd have to 150 years from now. But for a while the difference, a day inside of night, could violate their sense of natural order, possibly make them feel spookyor its opposite: too exposed.

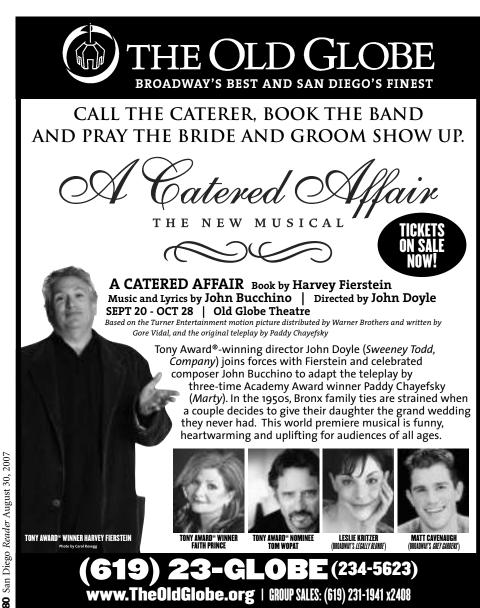
Upstairs Rear Bedroom Southeast corner,

Little Theater in the Whaley House

the sun now down. To my eye, just another dark bedroom, for children or guests. Note the white chamber pot, the Whaleys' indoor toilet (the master bedroom's has a cover on it). Primitive. I'm ready to move on.

'I don't think overhead lamps put off that much light," says Lotze. "Use only one as a source in theater and the stage'd look odd, underlit. The wallpaper, all that period detail, would feel too busy. You'd probably have to fake it with added instruments.

'But look at this," he says, pointing to a shinhigh kerosene lamp on a stand, "how it throws long shadows on the wall — and how they seem



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to grow upward."

They do, as if reaching for something, or trying to break away.

The more ornate the object," says Lotze, "like that pointed bedpost, the freakier the shadow it projects.'

Expert eyes transformed a room I was ready to dismiss. Suddenly doubles appeared: the stationary forms plus their shady second selves lurking behind. A mirror duplicated the doubling in reverse. And the glass chimney of a lamp sprayed creamy, yellow-rose streaks across the ceiling, like cirrus clouds at sunset.

"I'm always amazed how light can totally change the character of a room," Lotze says, as we move down the hall. "Ditto," I mumble (adding to myself: and how much expert eyes have to teach).

We crept past a second children's bedroom, not because we're superstitious and the broken mirror on the dresser gave us a jolt — okay, maybe a tad but because we were in a hurry to see what we'd heard so much about.

On November 1, 1868, Thomas Whaley rented his corral and the second floor of the house to Thomas W. Tanner for \$20 in gold coin. Tanner built an outside stairway, removed a second-floor wall, and converted the front bedroom into a theater.

What kind's an open question: some say two rooms combined, with a platform at one end; others, some sort of proscenium stage.

Tanner's Troupe performed its first "exhibition" December 2, 1868, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets cost 50 cents (reserved seats. with good sightlines, 75). The company had four members: Tanner, his daughter Soledad, a contortionist, and a banjo player. According to a handout, they performed "moral, chaste, and versatile entertainment," including "drama, farce, comedy, singing, and dancing." An estimated 150 people attended the opening. They sat on benches and, since the smallish space would sardine that multitude, many probably stood on the balcony outside, peering through open windows and lubricating themselves against the winter chill.

Families had done theatri-

cals in Old Town since the 1830s. The mission, its roof repaired and a second story added, hosted amateur productions in the 1850s produced (and possibly directed) by Maria Amparo Ruiz de Burton and performed by her husband Henry's soldiers. But the Tanner Troupe may have been the first professional company in San Diego. They lasted only two performances, however. Tanner died 17 days after opening night.

Victorian theaters concealed the lighting. The original Whaley stage, if just two rooms and a platform, would have lacked mystery, since there are few places to hide the illusionweavers. "Light was probably ambient," says Lotze, "just candles on stands, lamps overhead, like you'd see at a lecture, and not much magic beyond what the performers could inspire."

The theater Lotze and I walk into isn't Tanner's, but it's a gem: a 19th-century raked proscenium stage in miniature. The stagehouse, 9 feet across and 15 deep, has three sets of wings; a painted backdrop of a sylvan scene; a brownish-gold, damasklike curtain; and an organ stage right. Above two dozen crescent-armed captain's chairs, a hooded lamp has a large bowl, meant to burn a long while.

The most authentic feature: the rough-planked floor recalls the old theater expression "trod the boards" and could resemble what 19th-century actors performed on when working in the hinterlands.

If this were the Whaleys' theater, I ask Lotze, would you want to light it?

You kiddin'? It'd be a *blast!* But you'd have to ditch your whole bag of tricks.

"To evoke the period, there'd be nothing above the stage. They'd have footlights with tin reflectors, though many designers of the time rejected them because they didn't shape faces well. You got mostly bright chins.

"They hid their light sources, so you'd have ladders of candles or lamps behind the wings, plus a row across the top and gaslights going up each wall inside the proscenium."

Before gaslight, theaters were candle- and torchlit. Both required maintenance: time out to trim wicks, replace spent stubs, and empty pools of wax and tallow grease. Many believe that theaters invented intermissions to perform these tasks.

"We've got a drawback," says Lotze. "Big 19th-century stages could roll wing-ladders back and forth to make new atmospheres. But even with filtered lamps and candles they couldn't change the picture that much. And here, since backstage's so small, you could change it even less. The lighting would be the same for everything they did: readings, political debates, Shakespeare. Actually, the style resembles today's big musicals. "These things change, but

right now the trend has everything coming into focus downstage center: the star's stand-and-deliver position. Musicals have countless individual cues, but the hot spot remains front and center, at least for now. In Victorian times, if you wanted shading or darkness, you had actors go back or to the sides."

As Lotze speaks, two actors turn from the footlights and walk toward the rear of the small Whaley stage. Boots scrape the floor, full dresses rustle, and a drunk tosses an empty onto San Diego Avenue, just missing horses hitched to posts and a two-mule buckboard slogging by in the mud. A wreath of candle and cigar smoke crowns the overhead lamp. The actors stop upstage, face each other. Benches creak as people lean forward, eager not to miss a word.

....go back or to the sides," Lotze continues. "That's where the mystery was 150 years ago, and probably from the beginning. David Hays says lighting design may have started when

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cavemen first moved away from the campfire for scary effects. 'You see something? Naw. Just ghosts.

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Bell, Book, and Candle

If Superman falls for Lois Lane, will he lose his powers? Will Gillian Holroyd, witch extraordinaire, lose her magic if, while slumming among mere mortals, she falls for dashing publisher Shepherd Henderson? John Van Druten's 1950 comedy spawned the Kim Novak movie and TV show Bewitched. There seems more to Bell, Book as you watch it than after (it edges toward themes then opts for sitcom safety), but the well-crafted three-acter's consistently funny and, in the hands of director Darko Tresnjak, enjoys a stylish production at the Cassius Carter. Tresnjak and his designers, smartly, treat the light, dated comedy as a period piece (including the music: vou need mood? Eartha Kitt purrs "Santa Baby"). As Gillian, Melinda Page Hamilton steers clear of previous interpretations - Lilli Palmer in the original, Roz Russell in the road show, Novak onscreen - but is too icy, especially when she's supposed to thaw. Wearing Perry Como sweaters (Emily Pepper's costumes are textbook early '50s), Adrian LaTourelle is just right as Shepherd, the disillusioned romantic lead. The fun happens when Deborah Taylor (as Gillian's aunt) and John Lavelle (as her maybe-gay brother) come onstage. The other best part: between scenes the cast climbs out of Alexander Dodge's blazing red, sunken living room set and frolics on the surrounding platform to the sounds of Sinatra's "Witchcraft" and Rosemary Clooney's "Hey There," the lights of New York beneath their feet. Worth a try.

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Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story

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

Chicago

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Communicating Doors

Asked about his time-travelingmystery-comedy-thriller, Sir Alan Ayckbourn said "not much point in talking about it. It's impossible to explain." Which is part of the play's fun. It takes place at London's five star Regal Hotel in 2027, 2007, and 1987. A connecting door between suites is a time machine, through which tumbles Poopay (a dominatrix who learns to be assertive). She uncovers dual murder schemes 20 years apart, and - and Ayckbourn was right! Rather than describe it, I urge you see Cygnet Theatre's terrific production. Director Esther Emery and a splendid cast infuse it with heart and life and humor (instead of being comic puppets, Emery's actors play real people to whom the bizarre has sidled up for an extended stay). Jessica John's a comic delight as Poopay, the Specialist Sexual Consultant, and Sandy Campbell's terrific as the takecharge Ruella (another part of the fun: these unlikely heroes - along with Craig Huisenga's excellent Harold and Brenda Dodge's ditzy Jessica - solve not only the intricacies of time-travel but the schemes of oppressive corporate brutes, played by Tim West and Manny Fernandes). Cygent's crack design team - Nick Fouch (set), Shulamit-Nelson-Spilkin (costumes), and Eric Lotze (lighting) created a fitting locale for the farce, and time, to unravel. This show's a wall-towall, and spinning-door, hoot. Critic's Pick CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON

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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, SI-

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Julius Caesar

New Village Arts sold out its run of Shakespeare's play of power (and the rhetorical spin used to justify it) at their new Carlsbad space. But the company's moved its capable production to Vista for two performances (which are free, but phone ahead for tickets). To justify assassinating Caesar — an aging, selfimagined demigod who aspired to dictatorship of Rome - Cassius urges his cohorts to "think of the world." Of all the conspirators and counterrevolutionaries, however, only Brutus does. The rest leap into the gap and try to convince friends, Romans, and countrymen (since the country's women had no say) that theirs is the rightful claim.

Staged with togas, sandals, and short-swords by Christopher Williams, the acting is vocally uneven (some sprint through their lines and blur the sense; others drag and lose character). NVA regulars Francis Gercke (conflicted Brutus), Walter Murray (proud Caesar), and Kristianne Kurner (as Portia, Rome's Cassandra) make strong contributions. The company's new find, Chris Connor. does a splendid Marc Antony, especially the famous speech where he marbles his meanings with emerging anger. And Tom Hall does a fine turn as the meddlesome, and funny, Casca. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 310 MAIN STREET, VISTA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, SEPTEM-BER 2, AT 2:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.

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

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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. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: MEA-SURE FOR MEASURE RUNS IN REPER-TORY WITH HAMLET AND THE TWO GEN TLEMEN OF VERONA: FOR DAYS AND

National Comedy Theatre

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

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San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

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

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Susan and God

Lamb's Players' staging of Rachel Crothers's 1937 thesis-comedy made me wish I'd seen the original, in which Gertrude Lawrence gave one of her finest performances. Watching Lawrence at the top of her game would forgive the play's faults (dialogue that drags on without developing much; set piece exchanges where characters shout and make one-note "scenes"; an obvious physician-heal-thyself theme). Lawrence charmed her audiences into co-conspirators for her larger-than-life antics. As Susan Trexel, florid British socialite who finds God and must change everyone's lives, except her own, Lawrence would have taken us on a wild ride, then slammed the brakes at the end. Sarah Zimmerman, a fine actor and Lamb's mainstay. makes Susan a quirky, meddlesome dilettante. But her honest, detailed performance is just a titch beyond life-sized - only enough to make you wonder why her friends kowtow to Susan's controlling eccentricities, and not enough to mask Crother's murky dramaturgy. The Lamb's production values are top notch. Nate Parde's lighting basks Nick Fouch's sleek set with warm yellow and bold red effects, and . Jeanne Reith's costumes dazzle. Best of show: Cris O'Bryon's piano interludes exude Lawrentian charm.

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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 bovs reach Milan, they go through the looking glass into decadent Restoration England. In this luststeamed environment the young men's rude behavior makes a bit more sense (since the adults are scruple-free), if you don't look too closely. You will wonder how Stephanie Fieger's appropriately adamant Sylvia could have remained so unlike her surroundings, and how Tom Hammond's Mick Jagger-agile Duke shrinks in the final scene, giving way to young Valentine's (likable Ryan Quinn) dimly motivated emergence as the play's moral voice. And surely Joy-Farmer Clary's sparkling Julia would regard Proteus, in the end, with a more discerning eye, especially since Corey Sorenson makes Proteus's flip, from ardent innocent to sexual terrorist, so convincing. In such a fickle world, only the clowns - Celeste Ciulla, Sam Breslin-Wright, and Jonathan Mc-Murtry, accompanied by a scenestealing dog named Monty - are constant.

Worth a try.

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his band paid for the recording of Dirty Rotten Games, Taang! owns the rights to the master and can produce copies if it wants. He savs Atlanta-based indie label Street Anthem has released Open Road, Rat City Riot's new six-song disc.

The Show Goes On... Phil Spector hasn't let a murder trial slow him down. In early April, he produced "Crying for John Lennon," a song by local singer/songwriter Hargo. The song will likely be included on a documentary film for which Spector was interviewed. Hargo met the producer at the same castlelike home in Alhambra where murder victim Lana Clarkson was found in

February 2003. Hargo performed the song and was interviewed on Court TV August 16, during the network's davtime coverage of Spector's murder trial. "[Spector] is

actually really shy," said Hargo. "He doesn't always look people in the eye.... In fact, he had his back turned to me when I first played him the CD demo. When he turned around, he told me it reminded him of John [Lennon], especially the slap echo I used on my voice.' The following week,

Spector agreed to produce the track at no charge. The documentary, Strawberry Fields, is in post-production.

Spector produced the Beatles near the end of their



career. He recorded John

Lennon in a session where

HARGO TEAMS WITH SPECTOR

story," said Hargo, "although I've heard it before. — Jay Allen Sanford

No Piece of Meat "For a young girl trying to get recognition in the music industry, your morals are tested on a daily basis," says soul/jazz singer Amber Ojeda, 23. "My first experience meeting a record producer [three years ago] seemed to go very smoothly. He told me he loved my voice

the San Diego band maintains a low local profile, Rat City Riot has national distribution for their Dirty Rotten Games CD, and last week they took off for four months of touring that includes dates in the U.S. and Europe.

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"We pay for our flights over there," says Bricker about his band's first European tour, which begins in October. "Once we get there, they drive us around and handle our food... Sometimes we get \$300 for a

CDs to sell.

<u>the</u> inside track

"Curtis [Casella] left us in the lurch," says Bricker about the owner of Taang! Records, the local label that released Dirty Rotten Games. "Our last tour was six months long. They gave us a box of 120 CDs.

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don't have a guarantee."

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Bricker says his "street

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when it tours. He says that

month tour late last year, Rat

City Riot almost ran out of

while they were on a six-

Bricker sold those CDs for \$10 each. When they were gone, he called Taang! and asked for more to sell.

"In Salt Lake City, we were out of money and the next date was in Seattle. We almost came back. When

necessary for us to have CDs on the road. He finally sent us, like, a box of 30. But by the time we got them, the tour was over."

Casella says that all 185 titles from his Taang! catalog (including CDs by the Lemonheads, Jerry's Kids, Battalion of Saints, Stiff Little Fingers, and Buck-O-Nine) are now distributed by Universal Music.

"Universal doesn't want the bands to sell [CDs] on the road," says Casella. He admits he balked at sending Rat City Riot the CDs they requested. "They took a



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and liked my style. However, as soon as I left to use the bathroom, he told my manager that he couldn't wait to sleep with me...yes, there was a couch in his studio." Last year, Ojeda was hired



OLEDA NIXES GIMMICKRY

as lead singer and songwriter for a female vocal group, but she says the first recording session wasn't much of a group effort.

The other girls were pissed that I was in the booth 75 percent of the time and not them, and one of them stole my lyric book. Someone later left a comment on my website message board with the words of a poem I had written in that book, with a note bragging, 'I have something you don't have.' I couldn't believe it!'

She has since gone solo, but Ojeda says would-be impresarios still assume a single female needs some kind of gimmick to succeed. "I was recently offered a

record deal, but they didn't even want me to use my name or sing my music. They just wanted my look, and they wanted me to sing hard rock, which is so different from what I actually sing. I felt totally disrespected for my voice and musical style, like a piece of meat." Amber Ojeda appears

September 8 at the Kava Lounge on Kettner Boulevard.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Barguys In September, Chris Heaney celebrates the fifth anniversary of Club Kadan, the European-style bar in North Park that hosts bands and DJs. Heaney played in bands in Philadelphia before he moved here to do sound at Brick By Brick, Dream Street, and Blind Melons. He is one of about seven local rockers to open a

bar/café. Other local rockers turned entrepreneurs: John Reis (Rocket

From the Crypt, Hot Snakes), who is coowner of the new Pink Elephant in North Park

Sam Chammas (Live Wire, the Turf Club, Whistle Stop) was in the countryrock band the Outriders (1983-'89) and "twisted folk" bands the Sons of Disaster (1990-'94) and Carnivorous Lunar Activity (1994-'99).

Flogging Molly accordion player Matt Hensley recently opened Hensley's Flying Elephant in Carlsbad. Brick By Brick owner Max



Paul played in Shot Out

the Cats.

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MUSIC ON BACK BURNER, HASH ON THE FRONT (RIVERA)

of the Tractor Room Lounge and Hash House a Go Go in Hillcrest, used to open for major touring bands when he played drums in a new-wave group called Infantry (1983-'90).



ALY & AJ,

"I started playing in bars Hoods, Fatal, and Felix and when I was 14," says Rivera. "We opened for Devo, Flock Singer/songwriter Steve of Seagulls, and TSOL." Poltz is one of the co-owners Rivera also played in King Mother (1993–'94) and of the newly opened Starlight Mercury Tea Company (1995–'98). His new band,

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: SAM GOODY

BUT MY

Girl Friday, debuted last weekend at a fundraiser. "In '99, I decided to put music on the back burner," says Rivera. "If you have your own business, you do things on your own terms. In music,

you're always just on the cusp of success.' — Ken Leighton

Backstage Passion

When "Nigel" works at Coors Amphitheatre as a security guard, he's usually backstage. "The guards up front have

to deal with [fans] trying to jump up onstage and getting crushed and escorting people out. People will threaten you by saying, 'I will sue you.'

Nigel, in his 30s, guesses he's worked 100 shows, including Tony Bennett, the Cure, Coldplay, and Radiohead.

"At Brad Paisley, a lot of people said, 'What's the price, man?' They wanted to pay to get backstage. I don't have a price....

"Once when I worked out

front, there was this girl who was trying to sneak down from the 200 to the 100 section. She just started hugging me. People are looking at you. You have to say, 'Please get off me.'...

"I saw the drummer for the Shiny Toy Guns switch his [all-access] pass. After he gave his up, he tries to walk in and he says, 'Hey, don't you remember me?' He told me he lost his pass, but I saw him switch it." Nigel recalls Fergie's bodyguard

doubling as a censor. "She had this big bouncer who looked like the Russian guy from Rocky III. He was 6'5" and all muscle. When she went backstage to put on makeup, people came over and took pictures. He told people to show him their cell phones. He wanted to see what the pictures looked like before he'd let them leave.'

Nigel says John Mayer was the biggest backstage stud.

"He straight out asks specific ladies to come

backstage. One security guard

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went out and invited a bunch of ladies back who asked to be invited back. We had girls



CENSOR! (FERGIE)

jumping over fences trying to get to him He got more [female] attention than Fall Out Boy.'

— Ken Leighton

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My Little Moog

"It seemed everybody was a drummer, and there was always someone better than me."

ntiQuark is a San Diego electronic music duo with an international feel and flair. Ant Dakini is originally from Torino, Italy, and when she is not composing music she works as a marine biologist special-

izing in sharks. She has written two books: *Mako Sharks* from Krieger Publishing and *Sharks of the Pacific Northwest* from Harbour Publishing. Vocalist Sergio is from Panama and also sings in the band Divine Right of Kings.

The two recently returned from a tour of Europe. Their new CD is *SkyDancer* from Hungry Eye Records. Their music is first composed on the computer, "a tool and jumping-off point," says Ant.

FAVORITE INSTRUMENT?

Ant: "My little Moog Rogue, especially since when I got it I was 11 years old, and back then I didn't understand that it was monophonic can only voice one note at a time. So I kept trying to play chords and got so pissed that it kept playing only single notes."

Sergio: "Definitely the drums for me, though I haven't been the drummer in a band in ten years. I played drums all through high school, but it seemed everybody was a drummer, and there was always someone better than me. Hardly anybody had the balls to get behind the microphone and take that kind of abuse, but once you get used to it, you're a lot more in demand."

WORST GIG?

Ant: "So far it's been when Sergio did something stupid — like a Soundgarden scream in Germany. It cleared the house almost immediately." Sergio: "Ant beat the crap out of me that night. I also remember we got so lost on our way to Germany from Italy. We ended with a bunch of cows in the Austrian Alps, and I didn't think we would ever make it to Leipzig."

BEST GIG?

Ant: "Forte Prenestino in Rome, Italy. It's this

old, huge — huge! — military fort from the 1800s with a moat around it and everything. We played to maybe 2000 people! This place was some old army barracks in the World Wars and had been taken over and converted by a

> group of people. Inside was a dance club, a live music club, a movie theater, a stage-theater, a museum, an art/painting room, a computer center, a recording

studio, all inside it — I mean, these weren't just regular-size rooms, every space was the size of a Broadway theater!"

Sergio: "Yeah, that was definitely such a fresh experience for me. The only place I've ever been that I could compare it to was maybe the Metropolitan in New York, but it was like a Met where you could live if you wanted to - an entire community of young people all working for the promotion of art and music. They seem so self-sufficient. They were serving food, showing movies, had a live-acoustic performance room, the central stage where we performed, another live room somewhere else. The movies are their own productions, the CDs they sell are from their own record label, the books and literature they sell are printed right there in their own production house. Sadly, it's something I've never seen in the U.S., but Ant grew up with this. It seems like such a faraway Eden from AntiQuark playing some dive-bar in San Diego to ten people and having to worry about being run out by some sharp guy who's the boyfriend of the bartender who doesn't like the way we sound."

FAVORITE QUOTE?

Ant: "You were not made to live like brutes but to pursue virtue and knowledge." — Dante Alighieri, *Divina Commedia*, Inferno canto XXVI, 116–120 **Sergic:** "You must unlearn what you have

Sergio: "You must unlearn what you have learned." — Yoda, *Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back*

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Ant: Paul Oakenfold, A Lively Mind. Because

they are well-produced dance tracks. **Sergio:** Quiet Riot, *Metal Health.* I took it to the gym yesterday.

EARLIEST CHILD-HOOD MEMORY?

Ant: "My little red piano and playing 'Frère Jacques' by ear but mistakenly matching mid-C on the piano to F on the written music page, which messed me up for a little while. They say I was four or five

years old." Sergio: "My earliest glimpse is looking up to watch my mother chase little birds around the apartment."

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

> **Ant:** "I don't really attend bars since I don't drink, and I don't like the beer-mentality people. I do love dancing, so I do go once in a while to clubs like Sabbat, Ascension, or some downtown clubs when there are some trance/

techno/guest DJs that I like. As far as outdoors, I love biking by the ocean, especially in PB."

Sergio: "My room and the computer. There's so much music to finish before I die, but when Ant is not giving guilt trips about what's not finished, she does drag me out to dance."

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.?

Sergio: "I don't even care right now. I'm groveling and berating myself more and more on how Americans, myself included, have just let these current criminals do so much damage to this country in the face of the world. Remember when everybody was laughing at this



AntiQuark

monkey when he was first 'elected'? Does anybody remember that sitcom that started that February clearly poking fun at him? Nothing had ever been done like that concerning our commander-in-chief, the most powerful man in the world. Didn't 9/11 happen on his watch? He had been on the job for nine months. If you allow things to get so messed up in any other job, you get fired, right? I grew up in Texas. I voted against the monkey when he was first running for governor. I've voted against him three times. I don't know what else I could have really done...and here we are. I feel such shame and embarrassment as an American right now that I don't even want to look ahead."





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FRIDAY

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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

Friday, August 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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



TUESDAY B.B. King and Etta James:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

WEDNESDAY

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, ember 5, 345 B Street, San Diego. September 5, 3-619-231-4343.

The Goo Goo Dolls: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 5, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

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

Iris DeMent: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. Rise Against: Soma, Friday, September 7, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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

Soulive: 'Canes, Friday, September 7, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780

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

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

The Mother Hips: Belly Up Tavern Saturday, September 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

P.O.D.: 'Canes, Sunday, September 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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.

Todd Rundgren: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Rodrigo y Gabriela: 'Canes Wednesday, September 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-

Particle: 'Canes, Thursday, September 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Helmet: The Casbah, Thursday, September 13, 2501 Kettner Boulevard San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre Friday, September 14, 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, September 14, 4650 Mansfield Street Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Wolf Parade: 'Canes, Friday, September 14, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.





SUNDAY

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts



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Monday, September 17, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500. Pink Martini: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 17, and

Tuesday, September 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. The White Stripes: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, September 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista

619-671-3600. The New Pornographers: House of

Blues, Tuesday, September 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. America: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Smashing Pumpkins: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, September 19 SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-

Clay Walker: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Mindy Smith: House of Blues, Thursday, September 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. "92.5 Old Skool Jam": Coors

Amphitheatre, Friday, September 21, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista 619-671-3600.

"Street Scene" featuring the Killers, Muse, Social Distortion, Panic! at the Disco, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Blues Traveler: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 22, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481**Eddie Money:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Pepe Aguilar: Cox Arena, Sunday, September 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Toots & the Maytals: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, September 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140

Kenny G: Humphrey's Concerts by the dnesday, September 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

Diana Krall: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive Shelter Island.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Richard Thompson: House of Blues, Thursday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Kenny G: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

Rick Springfield: Palomar Starlight Theater, Saturday, September 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580

"Adams Avenue Street Fair": Adams Avenue, Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, between Bancroft Street and 35th Street, Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

Yung Berg: 'Canes, Sunday, September 30, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission

OCTOBER

Bryan Adams: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, October 2, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Hootie & the Blowfish: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Daughtry: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, October 3, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

They Might Be Giants: House of Blues, Thursday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Steve Miller Band: Paloma Starlight Theater, Friday, October 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Steve Tyrell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

The Black Crowes: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 9, 345 B Street, San Diego 619-231-4343.

The Cure: Cox Arena, Saturday, October 13, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

The Tragically Hip: 4th & B, Saturday, October 13, 345 B Street, San Diego, 619-231-4343.

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

Alan Jackson and Brooks & Dunn: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Dashboard Confessional: Soma, Sunday, October 14, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October, 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Laurence Juber: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street. Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.





Beach, 858-488-1780. Tom Jones: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.





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Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony: Cox Arena, Wednesday, October 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Boys Like Girls: House of Blues Wednesday, October 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Pogues: 4th & B, Friday, October 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Bobby Caldwell: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 27, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Tegan and Sara: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, October 30, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Tuesday, October 30, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429

NOVEMBER

Terri Hendrix: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday,

November 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Sugarland: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 2, 3500 Sports Arena vard, 619-224-4171.

Ween: House of Blues, Monday, November 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583

Hanna Montana and Miley Cyrus: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday November 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171

She Wants Revenge: House of Blues, Thursday, November 8, 10 Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. nber 8, 1055 Fifth

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The Hold Steady: 'Canes, Thursday, November 8, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Maroon 5: Cox Arena, Friday November 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Dave Mason and John Mavall & the Bluesbreakers: House of Blues, Sunday, November 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Peter, Paul, and Mary: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Silverchair: House of Blues, Friday, November 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Suzanne Vega: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Clint Black: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday,

November 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Puddle of Mudd: House of Blues, Sunday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

DECEMBER

Lucy Kaplansky: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 1, 4650 Mansfield Street. Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Tori Amos: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 12, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

FEBRUARY

Al Stewart: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 2, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Someone at the New York Times once wrote that Okkervil River's Will Sheff "writes like a novelist." That sounds like a great compliment until you think about it. I mean. Graham Greene was a great novelist, but The Quiet American would take some serious rewriting before it made a decent pop song. But I can see why the Times writer said that: When typed out. Sheff's lyrics look like a novelist's writing. They don't have the usual distinction between verse and chorus (if, indeed, there is a verse and chorus), and they rhyme only intermittently. They are just long, sprawling sentences with paragraph breaks.

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In other words, Sheff doesn't write like a novelist so much as he writes like Death Cab for Cutie or most of the emo kids out there. But what's really impressive about Okkervil River is that, whether he writes like a novelist or a prose poet or Ben Gibbard, Sheff comes out sounding like a songwriter. The Austin, Texas, band's

new album The Stage Names starts off with the words "It's iust a bad movie where there's no crying - handing the keys to me in this Red Lion, where the lock that

you locked in the suite says there's no prying." Seemingly effortlessly. Sheff finds the rhythm in that last part of the sentence, weds it to a simple melody, and it becomes the song's hook. The words never repeat exactly, but that melodic, rhythmic idea repeats itself so that you can almost sing along by the time

> Clearwater Revival may be entombed in the Cleveland releasing a live double disc, L.A. singer/songwriter Peter debut due out September 11 on Dangerbird Records. The trio plays spare indie rock, while Lake Havasu tourmates Blackmarket sprawl. Catch 'em both live at

and Ikah Love.

Geffen recording artists Angels & Airwaves land Del Mar race track's "Four O'Clock Fridays" post-race show this week. A&A features former blink-182 frontman Tom Delonge, indulging the punker's pop sensibilities. Friday night's date completes the band's We Don't Need to Whisper world tour, but expect a healthy dose from I-Empire, due out in October.... Jamaican dancehall fave Barrington Levy slides into House of Blues downtown to throw down a

CLUB CRAWLER

THURSDAY 30



More Careful on Green Box stage. Buckfast Superbee has Records. Spell Toronto resists re-emerged from San Diego's '90s heyday playing barroom rock. comparison, but I don't - I hear Archers of Loaf Rock-and-roll Their '07 self-titled release on



OKKERVIL RIVER

the song's over. Come to think of it, I bet Sheff could make a pretty good song out of The Quiet American.

OKKERVIL RIVER. The Casbah. Monday. September 3, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$14.

Beauty Bar tonight along with dance DJs Dimitri Dickinson

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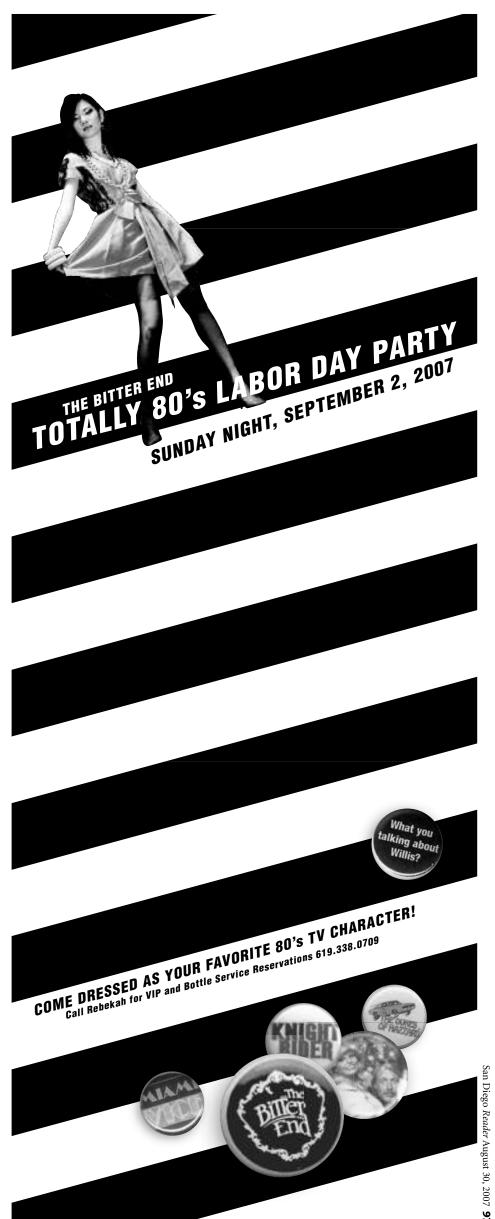
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spectrum shambles Spell Tonight's bill at **Belly Up** reads Toronto, who're anticipating the like "night of the late-bloomers, fall release of their full-length Be as local bar-band vets take the

Walking Records is featured in paintball film Heroes for a Day and has garnered radio play in SoCal. Reeve Oliver trades in pop hooks that earned the band SDMAs for their '05 debut and a "best rock band" in '06. RO was dropped by Capitol Music Group after the Capitol/EMI merger but walked with their latest releaseready disc. No word on when the record will drop, but RO will be a featured artist at this year's SDMAs. From the indie end of the

hall-of-famers Creedence museum, but the rhythm players from the swamp-rock hitmakers ("Born on the Bayou," "Who'll Stop the Rain," "Fortunate Son") emerged in 1995 as Creedence **Clearwater Revisited**, rolling through over 100 dates a year and Recollection, in 2003. CCRevisited revisits Humphrey's tonight ... Walker and his band Eulogies are touring material from their







reggae house party. The 43-yearold vocalist leans on best-of recordings these days, but continues to be a draw on world stages.... Last year, the Yellowjackets released Twenty-Five, a live collection celebrating 25 years of the jazz-fusion quartet's material. The record is a primer for the group's heady sets. The Yellowjackets will play two this weekend, Friday and Saturday night, at jazz supper club Anthology.... South Park's funk and soul collective **The** Bankhead Press will hold forth at their favorite watering hole, the Whistlestop, Friday night.

SATURDAY 1

Belly Up will host an album release for Dynamite Walls' debut disc Saturday night. The Walls play garage rock as if they're in an arena — loud and theatrical music for the masses. Their material and rehearsed sets ground the quintet's energy, attested by the band's swelling fanbase and success at SXSW this vear. Sixties throwbacks Jack the Original and Chris Torres warm the crowd.... It's 4/4 on the floor at **Casbah** Saturday night when mainstay rockers **fLUF** and Buckfast Superbee, Southerninflected rock-rollers Armchair Martian, and hardcore punks Mexico City Rollers take the Middletown stage Portlandbased lounge rockers the Chromatics will deliver their brand of ambient plunk and strum (think Neco) to Bar Pink Elephant in North Park

SUNDAY 2

L.A.'s princess of piano pop, Sara Bareilles, tours through town touting her latest Epic label release, Little Voice, which is misleading, as the girl's got pipes. Her HOB-sponsored show is booked at **Épicentre** in Mira Mesa and Bareilles will share the bill with another piano-driven performer, Indiana native Jon McLaughlin. McLaughlin's latest release, Indiana, is out on Island Records.... English reggae singer Pato Banton will visit the **Belly Up** Sunday night. Banton has been recording and performing for 25 years and has lent his reggae vibe to pop luminaries Ranking Roger, UB40, and the Police. His 2000 disc, Life Is a Miracle, was nominated for a best reggae album Grammy. He now fronts Chico, California band Mystic Roots, who'll be joined by Zking of Hearts and DJ Carlos Culture at the Solana Beach showroom.... 94/9 and Tim Pyles will broadcast from a free show and dance party at Casbah this holiday eve. El Zarape's dealing the free eats while Bedford Grove and Long Duc Dongs entertain ya. Following the show Jivewire/One Nation under a Groove DJs will prompt you to

the dance floor. **MONDAY 3**

Only notable show to prop Monday night could be the set of the week - Damien Jurado and Okkervil River at Casbah Secretly Canadian artist Jurado's a folk-rocker with indie song styling and country roots - a songsmith in the acoustic tradition. Austinite tourmates Okkervil River released Billboard hit The Stage Names this



BY DAVE GOOD

month on the Jagjaguwar label.

This one clobbers the promise of

that has hit its stride. Ignore the

Bright Eyes comparisons - the

preciousness of Conor Oberst.

Admittedly, the voices have a

similar timbre.... Otherwise, you got **Metal Mondays** at the

Zombie Lounge and Lady

Dottie at Tower Bar. In case

be performing at this year's

SDMAs.

you haven't heard, The Lady will

Sheff harbors none of the

musicianship is superior and Will

Black Sheep Boy, describing a band

My present YouTube favorite is a video made by a fan earlier this year of a performance at the Playboy Jazz Festival in Los Angeles. It is of Etta James. Two hundred pounds lighter. the result of gastric bypass surgery, angular features now liberated from a once-puffy face, James appears onstage at the Hollywood Bowl as if enshrined by her new elegance. She is svelte, moody, and introspective as she confronts the emotional storm of "At Last," her venerable Porgy and Bess-flavored hit song from another generation. In this video, James, in her fifth decade as a performing artist, is fragile, almost spectral, and if not for the familiar glide of her voice I can't say for certain that I would have

TUESDAY 4

A guitar named Lucille and an 82-

year-old bluesman they call B.B.

will take the **Humphrey's** stage

Thrill Is Gone," "Rock Me Baby")

Tuesday night. B.B King ("The

showcase by the bay. King'll be

ioined by Etta James and her

Roots Band. The 70-year-old

jazz-n-soul singer was inducted

into the Rock and Roll Hall of

Fame in 1993, while King (and

Lucille) were honored in 1987.

Whistlestop hosts "Friends

Chill" on Tuesday nights, setting

out candles and setting up board

games - Uno, Connect Four,

is a perennial at the summer

mark during the 1960s. Sometimes known as Miss Peaches, she wore a stacked blond wig with fantastic eve makeup and looked like a being from another galaxy. She could pack more meaning into a simple gospel-informed phrase than most. She dominated the R&B charts with a string of pop and bluesy hits that took her peer vocalists to school, Sensual even during her years of drug addiction and ampleness (James was chronically overweight and is said to have exceeded 400

Etta James made her

recognized her.

pounds at one point), her instincts as a singer are irreproachable. She can turn up the heat and immolate a verse, but her melodic innuendo and change-ups are as smooth as a pocketful of worn paper money. Born in L.A. in 1938, the Grammy

Award-winning Rock and Roll Hall of Famer has, over the years, enlivened performances by everyone from Johnny Otis, Chuck Berry,

> Battleship, Candyland, you name it... Play nice.

WEDNESDAY 5

Remember the Plimsouls ("A Million Miles Away")? Peter Case probably doesn't care. The former Plimsoul has had a postnew-wave career, recording with T-Bone Burnett, John Hiatt, and one of his idols, Roger McGuinn of Byrds fame. Case has been nominated for a Grammy, published a book, and this year saw the release of his tenth solo studio effort, Let Us Now Praise Sleepy John. "A Million Miles Away" was a great song, though,

even if it did end up in Valley Girl. Case'll settle onto the Casbah stage for a night of acoustic rock. L.A. pop musician Ari Shine opens.... Jamaican DJ/singer Yellowman sets up his ragga dancehall at Canes in Mission Beach. The albino performer released his 20th studio disc this year, *Most Wanted....* Alt-rock trio **Goo Goo Dolls**, touring behind last year's Warner Bros. release Let Love In, which went gold this year, play North County's Pala Casino. The Dolls formed in Buffalo, NY, in 1986, and since then boast a string of top-ten hits and multi-platinum albums. How many can you name?... Speaking

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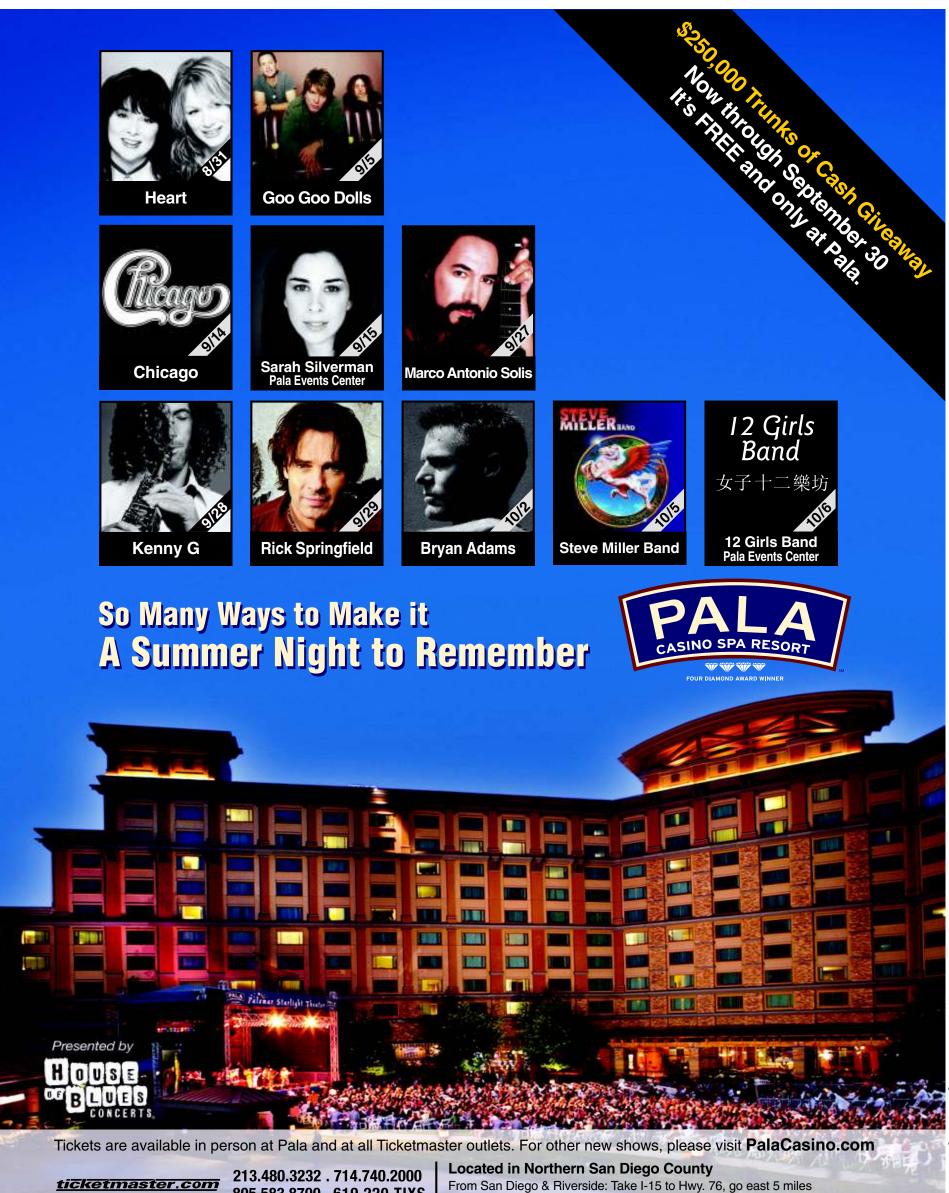
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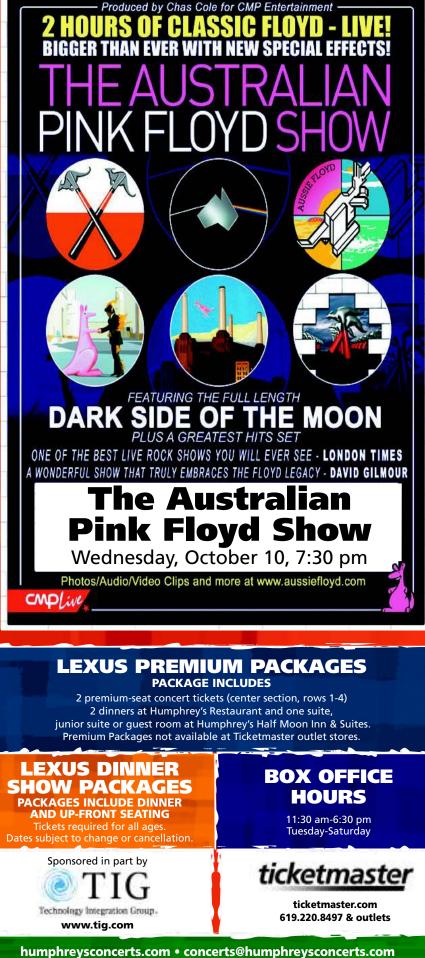
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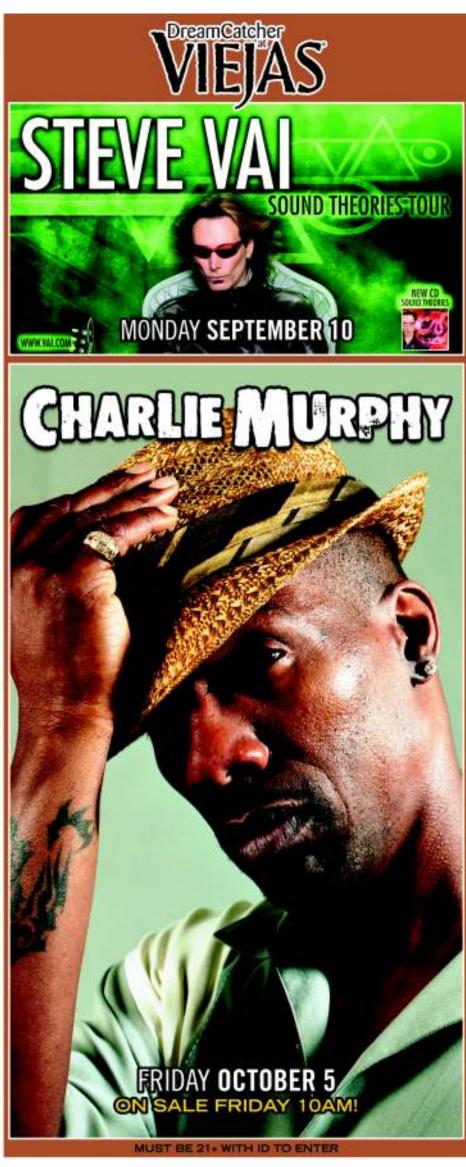
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Songs: 1) Historian 2) Convent Station 3) Bad News 4) 3-5-3 5) Cipher

Band: Rob Trout (guitar, vocals), Andy Kondrat (bass), Greg Gerardi (drums)

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A not-very-pleasing chord progression through fuzzy amps, garbled shouting, screeching electric-guitar solos, and a sloppy rhythm section that barely keeps time...this is punk by the

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

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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.

Blarnev Stone Pub. 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish/folk. Thursday, *Harold and Gabe*. Friday, call club for information. 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., Brenda Panneto folk.

On the second track, "Con-

vent Station," Rob Trout's

voice and even his guitar

compositions resemble the At

the Drive-In song "One-Armed

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music. Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/indie/metal/punk. Saturday, the Falling Game, Nevea Tears, the New Addiction, and the Material, Sunday, Sara Bareilles and Jon McLaughlin

metaphoric, surreal, and cryptic as the At the Drive-In song, I don't know, because Rob's vocals are underneath the raucous music. The song stands out as their best, including Trout's vocals and the crispness of the music; it's well played.

I'm a fan of punk and what it's supposed to be about – making a big damn satisfying noise that relates to the fury inspired by urban settings. Challenger Deep comes through with that, especially on track four, "3-5-3." The first three minutes of the song are a frantic portrait painted with desperate guitar leads and a foundation of pace-change rhythm. It isn't until the final minute that the vocals come in and then it's for a few quick bars that seem

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, DJ, rock.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., the Karl Marx Band, beach rock. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Novamenco, flameno 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown/dance. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., blues fest. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., jazz fest, smooth jazz. Monday, 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Ruby and the Red Hots*, blues. Wednesday, 5 p.m.

The Challenger Deep

written in as an afterthought. The instrumental portion shines

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In Cahoots. 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live rock/indie/alternative/metal/punk.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwis noted. Thursday, Tracy Johnson. Friday, Aaron Bowen, Kristen Marie Holley, and Tim Mudd. Saturday, Trevor Davis.



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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.

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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative bands.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

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Artist: Victoria Song: "Top" (from the CD Say New You) Heard By: Mark Matamoros, Mission Hills



She's got a good, soulful voice — it cuts through nice. One of my buddies was spinning Natalie Imbruglia last night, and the production and some of the arrangement reminds me of her. [There's] a lot of electronic elements going on - little subtle things. It progresses nicely. I wasn't really listening to the lyrics. It's a clean mix of course, the bass line is guite prominent. The drums seem kind of kick back; they're carrying it along but [are] pushed back in the mix. Some of the backing vocals are maybe too choppy, but I think it's a matter of personal taste. It's radio-friendly. It's definitely "loungin' around" music...something to take whatever aggressive side you have off of you.

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Artist: Destructo Bunny

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Song: "Spirit of 76" (from the CD

The beat definitely sounded like a

Cypress Hill/DJ Muggs beat — it had

kind of like that ghostly sound, but yet

it had that funk drum to it. The rhymes

were really original, so I think I'd have

to compare them to someone like the

Grouch from Living Legends. It's not

something you're going to play at the

club.... [It's] kind of relaxed, chill...a

very mellow type of song. I could see

his record spinning at a place like Bar

Dynamite - they play a lot of chill hip-

hop. His sound, I think, would attract a

lot more indie-rock people.

Heard By: Jose Mendoza, Clairemont

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Artist: Revenge Club Song: "Bolts" (from the CD Your Underground) Heard By: Max Fields, North Park



It was really fast. I was surprised that I liked the girl singer - that was my first thought. I couldn't understand the lyrics, but it didn't matter because it was just rockin'. I don't know who I would compare them to. [I would consider it] punk, I guess. It sounded really clean for that style of music — I think it was well produced. It's simple music, but they're all really tight. There were back-up vocals that didn't really fit; they were a little too gentle. I would put that song on and I would drive to Balboa Park and I would watch a puppet show...that's what I would do to that music. If [Revenge Club] were playing a free show, I'd definitely consider going.

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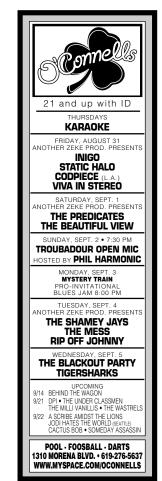
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Talk About a Star



Heart plays Pala Casino tomorrow

Heart isn't one of my top ten bands, even though I've listened to them forever. I remember in South Dakota growing up, being tiny and hearing "Barracuda." My aunt had the albums and broke them all up when she went Christian because it was "the devil's music." I would look at the Dreamboat Annie album, and I thought it looked so cool. I

remember being at my dad's house in Colorado. They'd party and have the classic rock stations playing all their songs. I always thought [Ann Wilson's] voice was bitchin', and I was impressed.

In the early '90s - when they went through that "girl in the gold" video and MTV that was when I was in my early teens. Songs like "What About Love" [and] "Who Will You Run To?" [were] diluted versions of what they had been. But I was going through the awkward time at 12 or 13: "Where do I fit in in this world?" and "why don't boys like me?"

I read the liner notes and saw they were going through an awkward stage too. They weren't accustomed to having pressure put on them about their weight or putting their image above the music.... That stage of their career paralleled my life as an early teenager. I put them down for a long time, got into Zeppelin, and took a turn for harder rock. I came back to

them later, in my late teens, early 20s.

I started listening to Heart [again] when John Elway went to the Super Bowl [in 1986]. I was a Bronco fan forever, and the Colorado stations played "Magic Man." That's what they called Elway.

When I went through a divorce, the songs "Heartless" and "Even It Up" seemed relevant. I was getting angry again.... During rough times, they gave me hope. You realize you're not alone. I just recently got remarried, and one of the songs I burned for the DJ to play at the wedding was Heart's "Love Alive."

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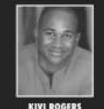
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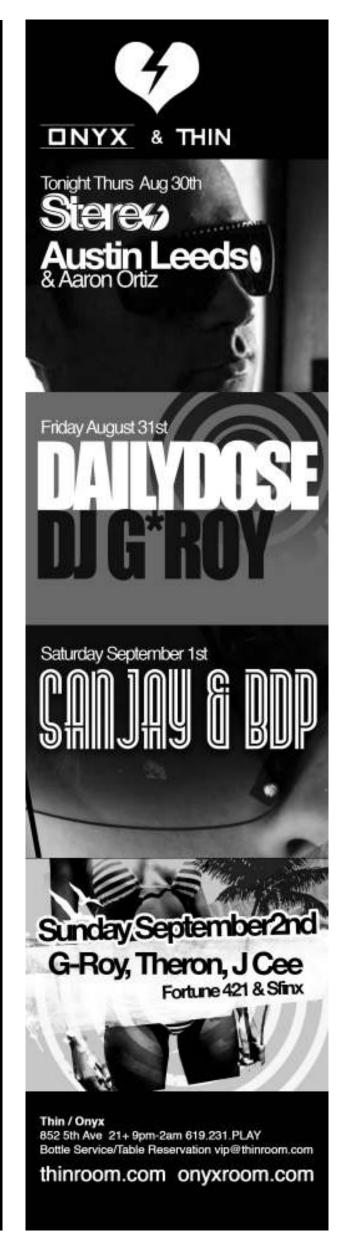
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Crasher

PARTY HOPPERS

by Josh Board

kristina had a pool party at her apartment complex in Pacific Beach. When I got there, I told her finding parking was a bitch. "Yeah, so is our landlord," she said. "That's why we don't have any bottles here. When people want a beer, they're leaving. Some people have coolers in their apartments. It's a big pain."

I told Kristina that if her landlord shut the party down, I saw a house a few blocks away with balloons outside. I'd just go crash their party.

Kristina pointed out people in the pool and told me who they were. I heard someone kick over a bottle as they were getting out of a chair. That's why bottles aren't allowed by the pool.

Several guys at the party had pierced nipples, and a few had tattoos — the norm for a crowd in their early 20s. I asked one of the guys with piercings if it hurt. "Yeah, it hurt so much. I was 18 and in college. After one of them was put in, I yelled at him not to touch me anymore."



There was a woman floating on a raft that held beer cans. I told her she was making good use out of it. She said, "It also comes in handy when we have drinking games."

I met a woman named Theresa who had one of the Grateful Dead dancing bears tat-

She skated around the pool for the two hours I was there, and she stayed dry.

tooed on her arm. I wondered why she didn't have the entire row of them, the way Laker Luke Walton does. Theresa's brother Graham had a Guam tattoo, and I asked him to tell me that handle the mongoose problem. I think they ate all the birds."

something about Guam.

there," he told me, "and no

birds. We have brown snakes

"There are lots of snakes

The food was kept under shade near the pool. I saw people looking at it, but nobody went over for anything to eat, at least not until Theresa made hotdogs and called her friends over. Then the snack table was crowded for an hour. One woman said to another, "I thought you were leaving because you had to work." Her friend replied, "I am, but I'm hung over from yesterday.... I need to grab some food before I go."

Top: Theresa, in the middle, wearing black;

Bottom right: flotation device used as a beer-holder

Three people said goodbye to Theresa, and I overheard them tell her that they were going to another party.

I said, "Only in P.B. do I see people leave one party to go to another."

"Yeah, we're doing a little party hopping," one of them said. "We played pool pong here, and now it's time for beer pong."

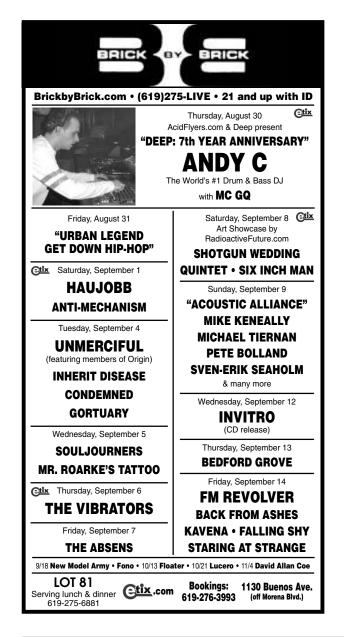
Someone showed up with roller skates. A guy named Graham threw people in the pool earlier, and I wondered if he would throw roller-skater girl in...and if the water would ruin her skates. She skated around the pool for the two hours I was there, and she stayed dry.

I talked to one woman who told me that she drank a liter of Malibu. It surprised me that she could hold a conversation.

One girl freaked over someone who showed up at the party. I looked over and heard her say, "You're wearing the same flip-flops as me! I don't believe it!" I said, "I could understand women being upset if they showed up at a dinner party wearing the same expensive dress, but who cares about flip-flops?"

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"My boyfriend got these for me in Brazil," she explained. "I assumed I wouldn't see anyone else around here wearing the same ones."

The other girl said, "I bought these right here in P.B. I think maybe your boyfriend lied."

A red-haired girl ran up to her apartment to get a CD. She said, "A few people have asked me for some reggae tunes. They know I have a big selection." I told her that every

apartment in P.B. probably does. She replied, "Yeah, but I have the good stuff."

I asked her if she had any Sly and Robbie. She looked at me confused. There was one young

kid at the party — Theresa's son. Graham kept calling him "chicken" because he wouldn't dive into the pool. Graham eventually got out of the water, chased him around the pool, and threw him in. It seems you can't have a pool party without someone getting thrown in.

One guy told me he works for a construction company and that he goes to a lot of college parties. He said, "I'll give you the heads up before I go to any."

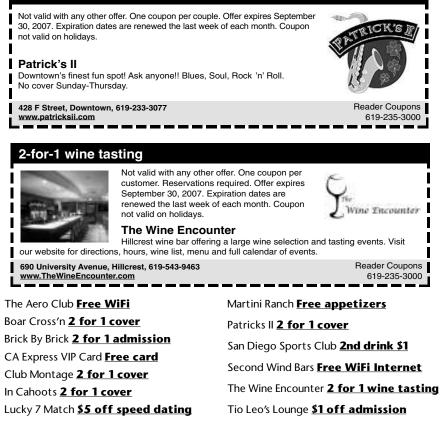
I asked him if he liked his job. "Oh, hell yeah! The guy I work for can be



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tough, but he totally buffs me out. And I'm paid well."

The reggae had been playing for about an hour before the girl who brought the boom box had to leave. Kristina started singing and said, "We have to keep the music going somehow."

When a gal named Mary said she had to leave for a date, someone sang, "Mary and someone going on a date. F-*-*-*-I-N-G."

A woman made me a drink and said, "I call it the 'Panty Dropper.' Anyone who has a few of these...their pants come off. Be careful."

I asked as I took a sip how much of it was alcohol. "Only the ice isn't."

Kristina was playing hostess and handing everyone drinks as they were in the pool or lounging in the sun. Until she got thrown into the pool.

She got out and grabbed a towel and started to tell me about her dad from Czechoslovakia, but then someone else brought a boom box down and cranked it up. It was difficult to hear what Kristina was saying.

After a few minutes, the boom box died. Nobody could figure out what was wrong with it, so someone ran to their apartment and brought another one out.

A few people ran out of the party when they heard a cop was ticketing cars that were doubleparked.

The boom box cut in and out. It'd play a minute of a song and then die for 30 seconds. A guy said to me, "This is the third one! The gods just don't want us to have music at this party."

"You're a pessimist," I said to him. "At least we're getting music half the time."

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Peru in PB

Way, way back, my significant other and I got a dream assignment from a friend who was an editor at a slick new Playboy spin-off called Oui. Our mission: to drive down the Pan-American Highway from San Francisco to Tierra del Fuego, the tip of South America, and report on the trip. Our chariot was a severely dented 1957 Chevy Apache pickup with a rebuilt engine and a set of knobbly dirt tires - the perfect vehicle because it looked like everyone else's, south of the border. By the time we reached Lima, the truck needed serious work ---- the narrow, teeth-jarring, edge-of-the-mountain mudand-rock "highway" winding through the Colombian and Ecuadorian Andes had killed the shocks. We were bottoming out on every bounce and looking at plenty more dirt roads ahead of us. We turned the truck over to a Lima garage and flew up to Cuzco for ten days' unscheduled R&R.

The food in Lima was really good - the best and spiciest we'd tasted since crossing the border from Chiapas to Guatemala. (Longing for a taste of the familiar at 6000 light-years from home, we even found a terrific Cantonese restaurant downtown, El Gran Wony, where they made their "sweet and sour" with tamarind.) But the food in Cuzco was even better — gr-r-r-eat! A dish called *aií de* gallina (chicken with peppers) blew our socks offone of the spiciest concoctions we'd ever tasted. Under the heat were rich, currylike layers of flavors from ground walnuts, cheese, and breadcrumbs. (Ají, by the way, is the South American Spanish word for all types of chilies, mild to torrid; it stems from Quechua, the language of the Inca Empire that stretched its fingers all the way up to Panama. Chile derives from the pre-Columbian Native-American languages of Mexico, and you rarely hear it south of Costa Rica, except to refer to the country of that name.)

Ever since that trip, whenever I hear about a local Peruvian restaurant, I'm there. And Latin Chef, almost from opening day, has been garnering happy words on all the finest food blogs. The day this review comes out, August 30, is the saint's day of Santa Rosa de Lima, one of Peru's most beloved icons (especially popular with the Peruvian police), so it's especially fitting to focus on that country's cuisine.

The restaurant is a tiny, colorful storefront (about eight tables) midblock on the north side of Garnet. With no carpets or tablecloths, the sound



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bounces around loudly. At a second dinner, my mini-posse was happier eating on the tiny patio outside, even though it meant we couldn't hear the lovely Andean music on the sound system. A meal starts with a bowlful of *canchitos*, large

toasted, salted corn kernels to nibble. Bet you can't eat just ten. The owner, Freddy Palma, is a former journalist from Cuzco, and as you

look over the menu, he'll be happy to answer your questions and explain anything, like a charming, articulate ambassador for his cuisine and culture. Whether or not you bring a bottle of wine, try the *chicha morada* ("purple cider"), a refreshing, fruity-tasting drink made of purple corn, brown sugar, and cinnamon. It goes with all the food.

The two *ceviches* sampled at two dinners proved I hadn't gone wrong in coming here. You can get a *ceviche de pescado* (all fish) or a *mixto* (a mixture of seafood — fish, shrimp, calamari, and octopus, plus slices of potatoes and beets), both in a strong Persian lime marinade, with enough hot pepper to sharpen it up without bringing it to the threshold of pain. I liked the *pescado* version better, for

the velvety texture of the fish fillet pieces and the slightly higher spice level. The fish is white bass, standing in for its close cousin, Peruvian corvina (which isn't the same as the smaller, fattier Mexican corvina from Baja). The *ceviches* are salty, but

that's typical of coastal Peru: Consider that a typical brisk autumn day in Lima is 90 degrees Fahrenheit and 90 percent humidity, with an odd aroma of rotting clams in

the atmosphere. In that climate, you need salt. Both versions of the dish come with *cancha* — huge boiled kernels of Andean hominy (a starchy variety of white corn that's been slaked with lime, a process that releases more nutrients). Freddy has gone to great lengths to obtain real Peruvian hominy instead of serving the standard gringo compromise of local corn on the cob.

Papas a la huancaina ("potatoes in the style of Huancayo," a small city in the Andes, south of Cuzco) and *yuca a la huancaina* (cassava-root "fries") are both offered. They're quite different from each other. The *yuca* version consists of cassava-root fries with a tart, slightly spicy white dipping sauce that may be yogurt-based. I didn't find it esLatin Chef ★★★ (Very Good)

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Peruvian cuisine carefully cooked with authentic ingredients. No alcohol yet, OK to BYO wine or beer. Try *chicha morada*, an uncarbonated soft drink made from purple corn, brown sugar, and cinnamon. **PICK HITS:** Ceviches, *anticuchos, papas huancaina, lomo saltado, ají de gallina* (with spicy salsa added).

NEED TO KNOW: Tiny place, so RESERVE! Minuscule, noisy dining room, small street patio. Rather difficult street parking. Three vegetarian entrées, several lacto-vegetarian starters. Food less spicy than is typical in Peru; ask for *ají salsas* for authentic flavors. Weekend menu with specials is a little more elaborate than weeknights.

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pecially special. The potato version, on the other hand, is the most convincing rendition I've tasted in the U.S. Starchy red boiling potatoes in thick slices are swathed in a cheese sauce garnished with hard-cooked eggs - very similar to what I ate in Cuzco. Given the local scarcity of llama cheese, most restaurants in the States substitute feta, which is all wrong (way too tart and grainy). Here, you get a proper creamy golden sauce (based on unsweetened evaporated milk, the way it is in the Andes) with melted Mexican panela cheese. It's rico suave (tasty and smooth), as it should be, and the right color, too. Peruvians love golden-yellow food, a tradition going back to the sun-worshiping Incas, well before the Spaniards arrived and introduced saffron. The cuisine incorporates mild





golden peppers (ají amarillo), a gold-colored tropical leaf (palillo), and a mild light-orange paprika (ají colór) to turn everything that's white to gold. I doubt that turmeric is a native root, but by now it too has been adopted into the cuisine as a powerful colorant.

Anticuchos (marinated kebabs of beef heart) were even more fabuloso. The last really great ones I tasted were in the open-air mercado (central market) of Camaná, a rather funky coastal village in the deep South, where they were cooked on a charcoal brazier by a sweet-faced abuelita (little old granny) and served with an incendiary green sauce. I've never been able to duplicate them at home. But Latin Chef's version is very close to the taste-blast I remember, because Freddy grows his own huacatáy, a Peruvian herb indispensable in this dish. The meat is tender partly because it's sliced, rather than cubed, and carefully trimmed. The marinade is richly flavored, garlic-laden with a touch of cumin. The kebabs come with warm cancha (hominy) and chunks of roasted potatoes. Make sure you ask for the spicy green salsa verde for dipping (or spooning on), to get the full, authentic flavor that replicates the taste of my little granny's heart kebabs.

Latin Chef offers two housemade versions of Peruvian hot table sauce (ají salsa): The green one is spicy but not seriously scorching (the heat equivalent of jalapeños). The hotter red one is made with Peru's fiery but fullflavored rocoto chiles, which taste something like Mexican-grown habaneros even though they come from a different genetic line.

All entrées are served with white rice dotted with green peas, and several include chunks of yellow Peruvian yam (camote) and bites of divine sweet Hawaiian purple yams (*ubi*), similar to a Peruvian species. If you follow my path and freely add the salsas, you'll need these tasty starches to quench the fires.

A favorite dish of Peruvian expats is lomo saltado, sautéed beef strips with tomatoes and onions, plus french fries plunked on top (or smooshed right into the sauce). Lima has a huge Chinese population; odds are, this dish is a local adaptation of a stir-fry. (Latin Chef has a whole menu section devoted to chaufas - Chinese-Peruvian fried rice dishes.) You can't get the beef cooked rare, it's out of the question. But this is a sincere and flavorful version made with well-trimmed, hormone- and antibiotic-free top sirloin (not shoe leather), and best of all, delicious fresh tomatoes in season. For the first time, I could appreciate its appeal.

Pescado a la macho is a coastal dish, a bass filet topped with shrimp, calamari, red onions, and tomatoes. It only gets truly macho if you add some hot sauce — the red rocoto salsa is the one to bring it to Limeño standards.

Seco de cordero means "dry" stew, but it's in no way dry, so don't ask me why it's called that.

It's a ragout laden with cookedin cilantro and tastes almost Moroccan. It's often made with goat or duck (or, I'd guess, young llama), but here it features lamb. Oddly enough, the best restaurant version I've tasted in the U.S. was at South Park's Vagabond, in a recipe from the French former chef's Peruvian wife, loaded with cilantro. Second best was at funky El Dorado in southern Chula Vista. Sorry to say, the version at Latin Chef's doesn't have enough cilantro for my tastes.

And yes, the restaurant does serve ají de gallina, another dish celebrating the color yellow, mainly from ají amarillo. Freddy buys the peppers frozen via an L.A. produce firm, along with rocotos, rather than use the denatured powdered versions more available locally. When I came home from South America, I tested out eight different recipes for ají de gallina (including a handwritten one in Spanish from a friend's Cuzqueña *abuela*) and fiddled with them until I came up with something like the flavor I remembered. This one has fewer ground walnuts, so less crunch, and more important, the dish I tasted in Cuzco was spicier than this rendition — not just ají but ah-heee! Freddy told me that in his family, his grandmother couldn't handle hot pepper, while his grandfather wanted it scorching, so his mother made it mild and put hot sauce on the table to add at will. Latin Chef's rendition is mild and smooth (just a bit heartier than the rather aristocratic "ladies' luncheon" version served at Amici in Encinitas). It's garnished with cured black olives

and hard-cooked eggs, just as it is in the Andes. With a liberal dollop of the salsas (most recipes in English-language cookbooks include rocotos as well as amarillos), the dish turned into something like the version of memory.

There are only two desserts, both interesting. Lucuma ice cream, made with an orangegold tropical fruit, has a grainy texture resembling Japanese green-tea ice cream. It's odd but likable. Then there are alfajores, little cookies filled with fruity custard, charming puffs of sweetness to finish the meal.

Even if I can't rave quite as wildly as the bloggers (who'd probably give Latin Chef fourplus stars if they were rating it), I'm still very happy that this restaurant has come to San Diego. If you want to taste the fascinating, delicious food of Peru — and it is thoroughly worth tasting - this is a fine bet, with by far the most authentic, painstaking, and consistent Peruvian cooking in this area. But to repeat "Need to Know," please make reservations before you go.

ABOUT LATIN CHEF

Freddy Palma hails from Cuzco and was educated as a journalist. This isn't his first restaurant. We opened a Peruvian restaurant in Tokyo in 1994," he says. "It was the first Peruvian restaurant there. It was very good. I sold it, but it's still there. It looks as if it's doing fine with the new owner.

"My wife is from San Diego and wanted to come here, so we moved in 1998. Before I opened the restaurant, I worked for a Japanese company in sales, and I also did some freelance work for a Spanish-language paper. But I always wanted to open my own restaurant. It took some time to find the right location at the right price.

"The chef that worked for my restaurant in Japan went to work for a restaurant in Los Angeles. He's from Ayacucho [the second city" of the Peruvian Andes]. He'd say, 'Freddy, when are you going to open a restaurant again,' and finally I could say, 'Now, come down.' He's had a lot of experience; he was chef of one of the top restaurants in Lima when I hired him to work for me in Tokyo. So we combine his cooking and what I know of managing a restaurant to try to put good, authentic food on the table. We know that the Peruvians who live here are starving for real Peruvian food. It's hard

work, but I knew that. "The hardest thing is to find the right products to make our food really Peruvian. We had to find a source of beef that was hormone-free and antibioticfree, because Peruvians don't want meat with those substances. I finally found *camote*, our sweet potatoes. Soon we're going to expand our menu, as I find more ingredients. I shop at five or six places every day so that our food is fresh, and I try to use the best that the market supplies, but we need to get the Peruvian ingredients — the cancha, the frozen ajís, the sweet potatoes — delivered from a company in Los Angeles. We don't use the ají that comes in a bottle; it has lost all its flavor. But fortunately, the weather is very good in California, so maybe we can grow some I'm growing huacatáay — it's a magic herb that we use at the end, when we're making our anticuchos.

"You know, you can live very well in Peru on very little money compared to here, but the problem is getting any sort of work there. The more genuine Peruvian products I can use, the more it helps people in Peru, where unemployment is so high. If they are able to sell these products to America, more people will be employed there growing them and sending them, and it will be better for everybody. We want to offer the people here the authentic flavors of Peru, and it is even better if it helps Peruvians as well."

Note: Just as this review was completed, the magnitude-8 earthquake struck central Peru, leaving countless thousands homeless and, far worse, destroying the delivery of potable water to the area, opening the way to a potential cholera epidemic. Peru is a poor but civilized and energetic democracy, so your donations will reach the people (not dive into the pockets of plutocrats). You can donate to House of Peru Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund at any branch of Washington Mutual Bank, or call Latin American Travel Services, 619-296-9579, or go to www.houseofperu.org, www.rescuetaskforce.org, or www.irteams.org. (Think of it like a foodie: A fine meal at Latin Chef will cost you mere pocket change. Pretend you ate in the Gaslamp or La Jolla instead, and donate the price difference to where it'll make a life-or-death difference.) ■





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en at night. I'm walking up the Paseo de los Héroes, Tijuana's Rio district. Man, this is an avenue. Quadruple rows of trees, giant statues of the héroes of Mexico, like Zaragoza on his horse (beat the pants off the French, on ----

what else? — Cinco de Mayo, 1862), Cuauhtémoc, Moctezuma's nephew, just a kid, who put up awesome resistance to the conquistadors, and, wow, Abraham Lincoln, a guy Mexico just admires, I guess. Kinda nice.

Which is all in contrast to this little ol' brown timber shack. It

sits alone on the edge of spare land they're using as a parking lot. 'Course you think straightaway of the shack in Lonesome Dove, the one that the guys occupied in Larry McMurtry's novel, before Jake Spoon started sweet-talkin' them into a cattle drive to Montana.

It's chocolate-brown timber, with a nice clunky plank floor veranda and a couple of young cactuses in front of it. And wrapped around the timber posts that hold up the veranda, where you'd hitch your hoss, is nice fresh rope. Nothing like the smell of fresh rope in the evening.

Also, the smell of meat grilling. The smoke from the carne asada on the grill spit behind the counter on the veranda goes straight up my greedy nostrils. So now I'm at the counter with maybe a dozen other folks. Some sit on stools, some are munching away at the wide wooden ledge on the veranda, facing the street. Another group leans over the railing, chatting. Behind the counter, a guy peels off thin, raw-pink steaks and lays them hissing over the black bars of the asador grill. He looks up.

"¿Señor?"

"Uh," I say, "menu?"

He nods toward a hand-painted plaque on the corner post. Five items. Carne asada taco (17

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pesos, say \$1.50, or, with cheese, 23 pesos, \$2); Carne Classiqueada, same prices; a Pechuguita ("little chicken breast") al Mezquite (same prices); a burrito con machaca, 25 pesos (about \$2.30); and the quesadilla this gal Nory Paránco is eating,

from her high stool at the counter. It's a cheese-only Quesadilla Sonorense (quesadilla, Sonorastyle), 21 pesos (\$2).

That's it, apart from sodas (\$1.25) and a *postre* (dessert), a sweet cookie called a Coyotita del Pueblo ("Little Town Covote," 9 pesos, say 80 cents).

Interesting that they don't have pork, like "Tacos al Pastor." Just beef, chicken, or cheese. And I have to ask what that Classiqueada is. "It's beef in our own marinade," says the guy behind the counter. Moisés. "Most people go for it."

Well, why not? I order one. "¿Con queso?" he says.

I nod.

Should know this, but does that make it a quesadilla? It's meat, and now cheese, on a tortilla, flapped over. I guess it does.

The railing is one nice broad plank. You can sit, splay your elbows out, and watch the world go by. Seems this place was started just three or four months ago by the people who own El Rodeo, a rancho steak place on Agua Caliente that, come to think of it, looks like a bigger version of this.

Three people come up, gather around the counter, and start ordering. The first guy, George, orders a quesadilla Sonorense. Sergio orders a carne asada taco, and Paola his wife orders the chicken breast taco. "We're here two, three times a week," says Sergio. They all come and sit along

the railing. "Lalo?" calls Moisés. Oh yeah. That's me. "Lalo" is the Spanish nickname for Eduardo. I go get my Classiqueada. The beef has had a rich marinade, all right. And it's stuffed with onions and chunks of avocado and this delicious wall of grilled cheese.

"I'm having the same thing but without meat," says George. "I'm vegetarian, so I always find it hard to have interesting quesadillas or tacos. I'm disappointed they don't have beans - frijoles with it here. But the thing I do like is they are cooking Sonora style. So we get nice flour tortillas, and their salsas are Sonora style, with carrots and peppers and onions and mustard. Or potatoes and peas and carrots and mustard. You can taste the difference. That's great fillings for a vegetarian like me.'

Huh. The challenges of being vegetarian in Mexico. Those Sonoran salsas are big slices of carrots and peppers and onions, and potatoes, as opposed to a bowl of salsa mexicana, which is chopped up small. I take a couple of tastes. Oh yes. I could eat that mustardy potato salsa all night. Both salsas have heat, but the flavor's generous, not sharp. Just gimme a plate of chips, baby. These are veggies I can handle.

George turns out to be an architect. Sergio turns out to be his brother, and a real-estate developer. They design those developments you see carpeting the hills as you head to Rosarito. Paola is a quality-systems engineer at Toyota's Tijuana maauila.

María, another employee here, comes around and gives us each a little cupful of au jus. Wow. Free. I think they're the drippings from the grilling. Makes for one dee-lish beefy gunk-filled drink. I knock it back.

'So how much for a new house?" I ask Sergio.

"That depends," he says. "The smallest, say 30 square meters [around 300 square feet], might cost about \$17,000. Bigger houses would go from \$30,000-\$100,000."

My giddy aunt. This is ridiculous. We're a



mile from the border. People here are paying a tenth of what we pay for houses, because of a line drawn in the sand in 1848?

I chew down the last of my Classiqueada and sit thinking about getting another, as I watch the traffic. We're a little lit-up island of chattering humanity here at the troncos -- "the Logs," it means. Feels good. Really, can't think why those boys at Lonesome Dove ever wanted to leave the borderlands and head for Montana.

The Place: Los Troncos, 10356 Paseo de los Héroes (at Diego Rivera), Rio District, Tijuana Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Carne asada taco (17 pesos, say \$1.50, or, with cheese, 23 pesos, \$2); Carne Classiqueada, same prices, and Pechuguita ("little chicken breast") al Mezquite (same prices); a burrito con machaca, 25 (about \$2.30) and a cheese-only Quesadilla Sonorense (quesadilla, Sonora style) for 21 pesos (\$2) Hours: 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sundays

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NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Cafe 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Lo-mas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and "Beach Benedict" with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Moroccan crabcakes" and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are

tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. -N.W.

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-bythe-Sea, 760-753-6707. This is a North County restaurant that continues to be popular. Their thin-crust East Coaststyle pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

El Q'ero 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050, You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numer ous types of empanadas, tapas-like plates, and full-size entrées most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like tres leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommo dated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. -N.W.

Firefly 251 North El Camino Real (at Mountain Vista), Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list em-phasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. - N.W.

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico Citystyle chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Pacifica Del Mar Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ Californiafusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's qual-

ity all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seat-ing or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oys-ters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. "Pacifica Dine-In" offers callin take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. -N.W.

Paradise Grille Flower Hill Promenade, 2690 Via de la Valle (at I-5 off-ramp), Del Mar, 858-350-0808. There's new blossom unfolding at the Flower Hill mall, as chef Justin Hoehn hones his mixture of Caribbean, Polynesian, and California coastal cuisines. Creative house-made flatbread serves as a canvas for a wide range of imaginative toppings. Appetizers are witty — grilled skewered shrimp are coated in Rice Krispies and calamari tempura misto includes batterfried lemon slices, a surprise substitute for the standard lemon wedges. The pistachio-coated salmon entrée arrives precisely cooked to order. Other entrées include clude guava-glazed pork ribs, horseradish-seared ahi tuna, and short ribs braised in plum wine. The wine list is long and eclectic. Most desserts come from Opera Bakery, and they're quite good for outsourced sweets. Weekend brunch menu is painfully tempting: Brioche French toast, flatbread with gravlax, crabcakes Benedict, even jerk chicken sandwiches. Open for lunch and dinner weekdays, brunch and dinner on weekends. Expensive. - N.W.

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Savory 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556, Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediter ranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager's approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firmtender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Tuesday through Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive. —

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. - E.B.

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big castiron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbe-cue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and un-adorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily: continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate.

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. In this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway, Chef Gavin Kaysen features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. Desserts run fancy and very sweet.



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The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road, to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise, there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambiance. Dinner nightly; Sunday brunch. Very expensive.

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through din ner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). - N.W.

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent twofor-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast pho is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. -E.B.

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. - S.M.

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835 French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie - save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. -N.W.



LA JOLLA

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC) 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. - E.B.

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meat-balls and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. -N.W.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded ciabatta and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken. wood-fired pizzas, veal piccata, and bis*tecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch also available Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. - S.M. Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of

complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cher-ries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Non-specials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B.

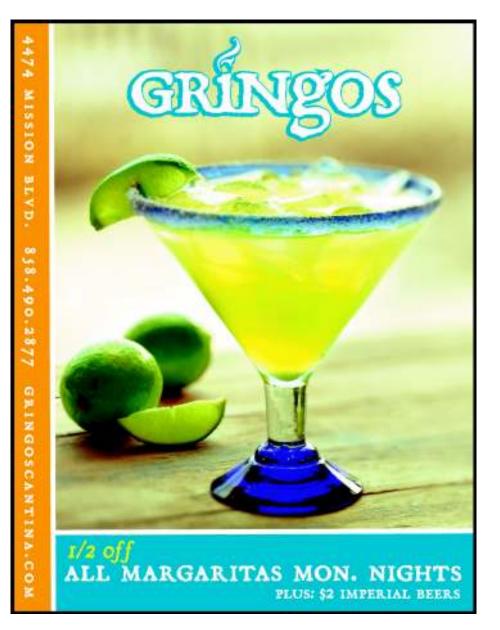
Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas come with freshtasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fitsall veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner week-days, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. - N.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-todefine Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is ropa vieia ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in — this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B.

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old







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potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news ma be that if you feel like breakfast at mid night, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits -- their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street. Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are guaraná, the Amazonian energy drink, and açaï, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popu lar feijoada stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two

kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days. In-expensive. — *E.B.*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet tout de suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinne Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M.

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambi-tious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely picante. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on week ends. Three meals daily, brunch avail-able Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.* The Mission Cafe and Coffee

House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast,

blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. -E.W.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the toro, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, per fect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the ama ebi with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for chawan mushi (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play - amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits un-less you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W.

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

La Fachada 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything any time. This restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great Caldo Siete Mares and Vuelva a la Vida, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. (Friday and Saturday open 24 hours). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's Caldo 7 Mares (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called Vuelva a la vida: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation

Vietnamese families gather for lunch Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimen-

tal. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodi ans come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of 'Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for *"djak kvai coffay dok ko"* — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao - and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive

E.B.

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-es tablished" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tend-ing their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or por tobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad - not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eve. If vou're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inex pensive to barely moderate. - N.W.

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or vou could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -E.B.

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all - forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full



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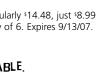


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The Omelette Factory 7941 Mis sion Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of standalone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Sav Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties plus gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inex-pensive. — *E.B.*

FAR EAST

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytimebreakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. ("With syrup" breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ramon's Smokehouse BBO 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morn ing, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. - E.B.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams University Heights. Avenue. 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice - try the Rieslings. Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: vellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M.

Asian Bistro 414 University Avenue (just east of Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese "dive." Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors - the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef "Miss Songsri" (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein

here. Don't miss "Atomic Hog's Wings" (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named "Jumping Jarvis." The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate — N.W.

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot - inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W.

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Plac-erville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry - luscious marinated sautéed ovsters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). - E.B.

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open to 9:30 p.m., Sunday un-til 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074 After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation man-ages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tan-dooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small side walk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. - N.W. Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and rea-

sonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here look ing for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic stan-dards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before ven-turing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner Moderate -NW

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy – white table cloths, linen napkins -, but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakee*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this



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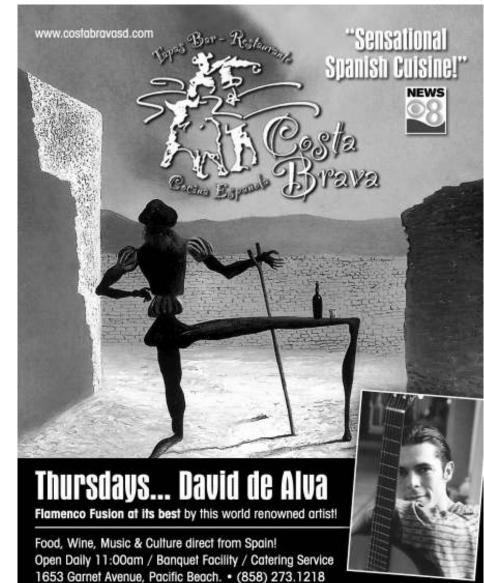
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plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate — E.B.

Bud's Louisiana Food Shoppe 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white choco-late bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedan (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restau rant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with gua-camole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans. Mexican rice, cheeses guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco.

Daily specials. Open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Edgewater Grill 861 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads. seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free park ing lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W.

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood **Restaurant** 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that



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rice, the noodles (especially "house spe-cial rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu - these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner Monday through Friday. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving oldfashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs--that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash), 619-515-2233 downtown, 619-325-1900 Don't come early You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a sheesha - water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Avenue (north of Market), Gaslamp, 619-501-6550. Sometimes you don't want a temple of haute cuisine, merely an easygoing place for folks to meet — especially if there are oysters involved. Ocean Room fills that bill handily, one of the few Gaslamp joints where you can enjoy a conversation without straining over the noise. The fare is mainly Mediterranean-style seafood, with a few nods at Cajun cuisine. Pleasant dishes include mussels mariniere, "Cajun" seafood pasta (with sub-Cajun spice levels), seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the halfshell. Or try the oyster shooters. Valet parking, bar for single diners, casual feel. Dinner nightly. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood). — *N.W.* Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches,

steak sandwiches, and especially spitini

- veal rolled around two cheeses,

parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive -EB

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the ounger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authen-tic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork - a fat-fest made with unsmoked acon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. - N.W.

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian rodizio: skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot en trées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount). -N.W.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarianfriendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach borani, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweetsour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent. e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry ke babs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W.

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cos-mopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for some-thing that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. -N.W.

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying main-stream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The jujcy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days, moderate to expensive. - N.W.

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for vour Pacific Island fix - hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nec-tar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including adobo pork, pancit, and lumpia. Diniguan, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk, slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the ube halea (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the sapin sapin (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet saba banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — E.B.

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Viet-namese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the

middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like or-ange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or yeal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned Moonstruck Italian. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropicalstyle setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. - N.W.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically bal-anced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana: when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cien Años Calle José Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cui-





sine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, pozole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baia wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. -N.W.

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass - the baked "Catalina" with mush room cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Saran deado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of ... countryside Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros.* Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexicancut filete cabreria, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — E.B.

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, localgrown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are fea-tured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent

English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featur ing tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — N.W.

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and antoiitos, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features re-putedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. -N.W.

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665 Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or cala-mari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — *E.B.*

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. (Newest opening at 3807 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-325-1949. Also at 7822 Broadway Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-433-0678; and 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carls bad, 760-585-0136.) Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burn-ers. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the en zymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Lunch and dinner daily at Hillcrest branch. Inexpensive. — É.B.



Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major na-tional chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive.

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a \$1 shuttle tram, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. Goodsized servings, too — try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deepdish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — E.B.



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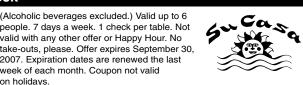
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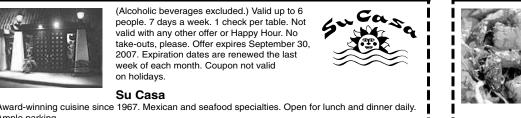
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Dear Diary

Linney adds dimension to this thin satire.

No actress does brittle quite like Laura Linney, who specializes in playing composed, professional women who are just a hammer's tap away from shattering into a million pieces. At her best, in films like You Can

Count on Me and The Squid and the Whale, Linney has proven equally adept at spinning her piano-wire

intensity into sharp comedy and heartbreaking pathos, sometimes in the space of a single scene. Without her presence as a snooty Upper East Side mother in *The Nanny Diaries* — a crisp, though conventional, adaptation of Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus's popular novel — the film might have been little more than a collection of broad comic stereotypes and family-values sentiment. But with her, the film receives some badly needed dimension to its thin satire, not to mention the lion's share of the laughs.

In spite of Woody Allen's seal of approval, Scarlett Johansson isn't nearly so adept a comedienne, but she's appealing enough as a college graduate who takes a nanny job as a desperate sort of stalling tactic. Oblivious to Johansson's inexperience as a caregiver — the not-so-hidden subtext is that she's prized for being white and speaking English — Linney cajoles her into taking up residence in Linney's palatial Upper East Side apartment and looking after her bratty son (Nicholas Art). Johansson soon discovers that she's in way over her head: The boy is needy and obstinate, Linney's forbid-



ding list of rules and dietary requirements is impossible to follow, and Johansson's services are required 24

hours a day, no matter what the schedule dictates. And once she finally breaks through and bonds with the kid, quitting becomes less of an option.

Taking the form of an anthropological study, The Nanny Diaries works best when it picks apart the absentee parenting of New York's elite, with fathers committed to mistresses and the links while their jobless wives shuffle off the day-to-day child-rearing duties onto other women. Though it has little in common with their previous film, American Splendor, writer-directors Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini summon enough Harvey Pekar-like misanthropy to flambé an admittedly easy target. They're less certain when trying to push across a bland romantic subplot involving grown-up rich boy Chris Evans, which could have been excised completely without anyone being the wiser. But the film belongs to Linney, whose

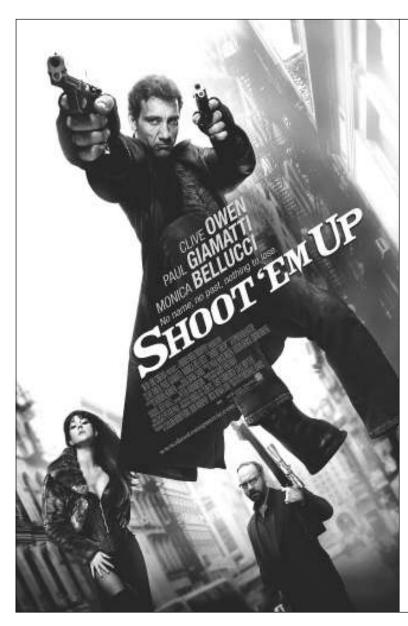


caustic putdowns and status-seeking veneer barely hides her genuine hurt over her husband's philandering and her distant relationship to her own child. No doubt her diaries would be more compelling than the nanny's. — Scott Tobias

A.V. Club Rating: B

he press notes for *Resurrecting the Champ* emphasize at length how well suited director Rod Lurie was for the job. It's a film about boxing; he boxed at West Point. It's a film about journalism; he's a former entertainment writer. It's a film; he's a former film critic. But Lurie might understand the material better than The Nanny Diaries

most for another reason: Like his protagonist, he seems ambitious beyond his means. Lurie's string of strident, struggling-for-relevance political films and TV shows (including the flop *Commander in Chief*, which he created and was fired from) display an aggressive self-importance that somehow never propelled Lurie to household-



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namedom. *Resurrecting the Champ* is a very different project, but it feels like more of the same: a story that works well, except when it's loudly proclaiming its own emotional depth and significance.

Josh Hartnett plays a Denver Times sportswriter who, like Lurie, comes across as a competent workhorse craving the glory of a more talented man; buried on the back pages, and stuck covering the boxing beat, he chafes at editor Alan Alda, who thanks him for "filling pages" but delivers a withering assessment of his skills: "A lot of typing, not much writing." So when Hartnett encounters a battered, mildly unsavory homeless man (Samuel L. Jackson) who claims to be beloved exheavyweight contender "Battling" Bob Satterfield, he sneaks behind Alda's back to David Paymer at the Sunday magazine section and pitches him on a touching, expansive personal profile of the fallen champ. From there the story squiggles off in many directions, as Hartnett cozies up to the genial but opaque Jackson, clings to his relationship with his young son and ex-wife, finesses his treachery at work, and permits himself some smug pride at finally working on a story as good as he thinks he is. Then the story hits print, and evidence begins to suggest that Jackson might not be Satterfield after all.

Some of Resurrecting the Champ's best moments come from the is-he-orisn't-he plotline and the way Hartnett bristles and sweats over the question, seemingly more protective of his journalistic-hero self-image than his actual reporter's ethic. The cast is generally excellent, but Hartnett in particular comes across as convincingly complicated, alternately reprehensible and sympathetic. But the film pushes much too hard for that sympathy, wallowing in preachy monologues and weepy confessionals. And all the pointed, loudly emphasized parallels about fathers and sons feel awkward and overdetermined on top of an already complex story. Champ is a solid effort with a lot going for it, but it suggests that Lurie still isn't willing to relax and let viewers interpret his films instead of telling them what they're thinking and seeing. Apparently, there's a reason he isn't better known.

— Tasha Robinson A.V. Club Rating: B-



Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Andrea Gronvall, Albert Williams, and Joshua Katzman, reprinted by permission from the Chicago Reader.

Balls of Fury — A table tennis champ (Dan Fogler) is recruited by the FBI to capture a Chinese arch villain (Christopher Walken). *Reno* 911! veterans Ben Garant and Thomas Lennon wrote the script and Garant directed.

Becoming Jane — Miramax has never scored at the Oscars the way it did with *Shakespeare in Love* (seven awards, including best picture, actress, and screenplay), and this drama closely follows the golden formula, fictionalizing the life of Jane Austen so as to mimic her literature. Reborn as a stunning Anne Hathaway, Austen must choose between true love with a sexy young lawyer (James McAvoy of *The Last King of Scotland*) and a marriage proposal from a wealthy bore (Laurence Fox). This never rises above a date movie, but it's functionally literate (the lovers have some pleasant banter about the realistic merits of *Tom Jones*) and features a fine supporting turn from Ian Richardson (BBC's *House of Cards*) as McAvoy's lordly uncle. Julian Jarrold directed; with Julie Walters, James Cromwell, and Maggie Smith. — *J.R.J.*

The Bourne Ultimatum — *The* Bourne Identity (2002) turned on the novel premise of an amnesiac man gradually figuring out that he's a \$30 million CIA killing machine, now operating off the grid and hunted by company assassins; The Bourne Supremacy (2004) wrung some additional drama from the guilt-ridden Jason Bourne trying to make peace with his victims' survivors. This adaptation of Robert Ludlum's third and last Bourne thriller doesn't have much story left, so director Paul Greengrass has to keep it moving all the time, putting Matt Damon through endless car and foot chases and taking to a dizzying extreme his signature style of handheld camera, lurching zooms, whiplash pans, and secondto-second editing. Joan Allen and Julia Stiles return as CIA operatives sympathetic to Bourne; David Strathairn and Albert Finney are the latest set of sinister black-ops guys who want the Bourne situation "tied off," as the euphemism goes. — I.R.I.

Bratz: The Movie — You've bought the dolls; now see if you can sit through the movie. Cloe, Jade, Sasha, and Yasmin like to shop and sneer but are mainly dubbed when they sing; they attend Carry Nation High School, but whether this refers to the temperance leader or the rocking multicultural babes in Beyond the Valley of the Dolls is anybody's guess. This atrocious comedy doesn't have an idea in its head but still screams at the top of its lungs, taking pains to distinguish between its rich heroines and their even richer enemies (including Jon Voight). Sean McNamara directed, but the auteur must be coproducer Steven Paul, who made his debut with Slapstick (Of Another Kind). — J.R.

El Cantante — Jennifer Lopez doesn't sing, but as the feisty wife, caretaker, and enabler of Puerto Rican salsa star Hector Lavoe, she throws herself so wholeheartedly into this cliché-ridden biopic it can't help but recall the Judy Garland version of A Star Is Born. Marc Anthony plays the smack-addicted singer, who has some dynamite numbers but not much to say for himself. Writer-director Leon Ichaso presents the whole chronology of Lavoe's professional life in numbing proportion, with such intriguing episodes as the star's Santeria cure for addiction given the same weight as his showbiz accomplishments. - J.R.J.

Death at a Funeral — In & Out (1997) showed how adroit director Frank Oz can be with a well-written farce; Bowfinger (1999) showed how easily he can coast along with routine material, which is much closer to what happens here. A standard but serviceable vulgar farce, it chronicles all the embarrassing disasters that overtake mourners at a genteel English country funeral, with gags involving bathroom humor, a hallucinogenic drug, the wrong body in the coffin, a sexual scandal, and Peter Dinklage. If your taste runs in this direction, you're bound to be amused. With Matthew Macfadyen, Keeley Hawes, Andy Nyman, Ewen Bremner, Daisy Donovan, and Jane Asher. — J.R.

Death Sentence — Kevin Bacon stars as a vigilante out for revenge against a street gang. With Kelly Preston, Garrett Hedlund, and Aisha Tyler; directed by James Wan.

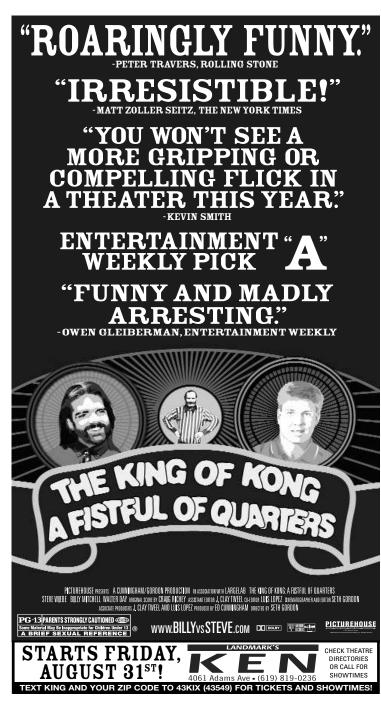
The Eleventh Hour — The box office success of An Inconvenient Truth (2006) is gratifying but hardly means that the problem of global warming is even close to being addressed, much less solved. This documentary by Leonardo DiCaprio (producer, writer, on-screen narrator) and Nadia Conners and Leila Conners Petersen (writer-directors) continues the earlier movie's campaign, and though the filmmaking isn't everything it might have been (the opening montage is especially clumsy), their argument is compelling, absorbing, and urgent. Stephen Hawking and Mikhail Gorbachev are among the commentators, and despite the alarming facts presented, the filmmakers take pains not to foster fatalistic gloom, concentrating on some of the progressive solutions still available to us. — I.R.

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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 bestselling 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 date, and under David Yates's choppy direction, Maggie Smith, Emma Thompson, Brendan Gleeson, and David Thewlis have little more than walkons. -A.G.

Illegal Tender — Or, the Latino family that preys together stays together. Twenty-one years after a drug dealer gets gunned down in the Bronx, his widow (Blood Work's Wanda De Jesus) and teenage son (Rick Gonzalez) are menaced by his killers, who've belatedly tracked them down in their suburban home. and they decide to fight back. John Singleton produced and Franc. Reyes (Empire) wrote and directed this lopsided effort, where more care seems to have been taken with the cut of Gonzalez's sideburns than with the shape of the story, and the hyperbolic soundtrack does most of the work of the mise en scène. Pistolpacking De Jesus evokes Pam Grier in spots but certainly holds her own. — Ī.R.

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.J.

The Invasion — The third remake of Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956) may not be a patch on the original, but it does have a few things the other versions lack: a nonstop lurching pace propelled by jump cuts and flash-forwards, Nicole Kidman as the hero (taking over the part first played by Kevin McCarthy), a D.C. setting, and a bitter kind of satiric irony leaking around the edges that suggests maybe the body snatchers have a

point. With Daniel Craig (in the Dana Wynter role) and Jeffrey Wright; directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel (Downfall) from a script by Dave Kajganich. — J.R.

The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters — Two arcade-game fanatics vie for the Donkey Kong world record in this documentary by Seth Gordon.

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The Last Legion — Young Romulus Augustus, the last emperor of Rome, escapes from the island fortress of Capri and heads for Britannia in search of the lone surviving Roman legion. Doug Lefler di-Kingsley, Aishwarya Rai, and Peter

Live Free or Die Hard — Twelve years after the third entry in the action franchise about unstoppable New York maverick cop John Mc-Clane (Bruce Willis), a steely computer genius (Timothy Olyphant, the series's weakest villain so far) has crippled Washington, D.C., by breaching the nation's vital data banks. McClane enlists a Jersey hacker (Justin Long, the Mac guy from the Apple ads) to reverse the damage, but the bad guys' omnipotence at nearly every turn dilutes the film's suspense. The physical stunts by Maggie Q as a lethal martial arts expert and Cyril Raffaelli as a Eurotrash sniper who rappels down buildings are more thrilling than the over-the-top chase sequences, so contrived as to verge on self-parody. Len Wiseman (Underworld) directed. — A.G.

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Mr. Bean's Holiday — Ten years after Bean, Rowan Atkinson returns as the dithering homunculus who turns disaster into triumph. This time around he wins a raffle for a vacation on the French Riviera, but he can't even board the train without accidentally separating a Russian juror for the Cannes film festival from his young son (Max Baldry). Trying to reunite them, Bean runs afoul of a pretentious American indie director (Willem Dafoe), which leads to the movie's biggest laughs during a climactic sequence at the Palais des Festivals. Director Steve Bendelack and writer-producer Simon McBurney aim for the comedy of Chaplin, Keaton, and Tati, relying heavily on sight gags and their star's pratfalls and facial contortions, but they vititate the comic payoffs by allowing scenes to run too long. With Jean

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The Nanny Diaries — Reviewed this issue. Starring Scarlett Johansson, Laura Linney, and Paul Giamatti; directed by Robert Pulcini.

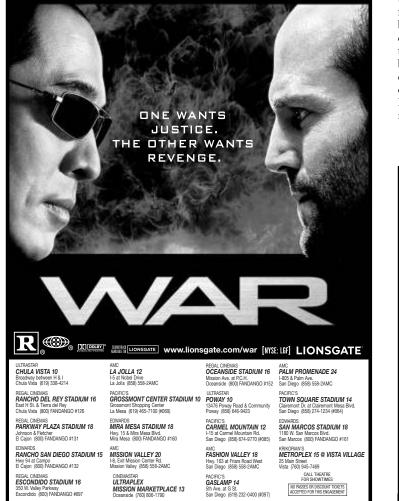
No End in Sight — Charles Ferguson, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, makes his documentary filmmaking debut with a damning history of the Iraq war's mismanagement. The movie is oddly framed, opening with a primer on U.S.-Iraq relations that its art-house audience probably won't need and its right-wing critics will easily dismiss (it revisits the 1991 Persian Gulf war in some detail, then leapfrogs over President Clinton's bombing of Baghdad). But Ferguson is admirably tenacious in assigning blame for the boneheaded mistakes that have doomed Iraqi reconstruction. Paul Bremer, former head of the Coalition Provisional Authority, is hung out to dry, and ping-ponging interviews show the CPA's Paul Hughes and Walt Slocombe shamefully passing the buck back and forth over who disbanded the Iraqi army. In English and subtitled Arabic. — 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 (Abi-gail 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.

Once — In the opening scene of John Carney's engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the wastrel who's snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep the money. That sort of humanity infuses the movie, a low-budget and leisurely plotted DV project in which the singer, a poor vacuumcleaner repairman, falls in love with a young Czech immigrant (Markéta Irglová) who plays the piano and helps him put together a band for a demo session. The songs don't advance the narrative lyrically so much as follow the two characters' uncertain relationship through the slow realization of their themes; in particular a scene in which they first jam together in the back room of a music store is a gem. — J.R.

Paris, Je T'Aime — Most features composed of sketches by different filmmakers are wildly uneven. This

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one is consistently mediocre, albeit pleasant and watchable. It helps that none of the episodes runs longer than five or six minutes. Many of the most famous areas of Paris the Latin Quarter, the Champs-Elysées — are omitted, but Olivier Assayas, Gurinder Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuaron, Gérard Depardieu, Christopher Doyle, Vincenzo Natali, Alexander Pavne, Bruno Podalydes, Walter Salles and Daniela Thomas, Nobuhiro Suwa, Tom Tykwer, and Gus Van Sant, among others, do pretty well with their chosen parts of the city. In English and subtitled French. — J.R.

Primo Levi's Journey — Documentary of *If This Is a Man*, the 1959 memoir of survival in Auschwitz. Directed by Davide Ferrario.

Ratatouille — Brad Bird's second collaboration with Pixar is more ambitious and meditative than his Oscar-winning The Incredibles. "Anyone can cook" is just one of the lessons of this superbly rendered CGI animation about a young rat (voiced by Patton Oswalt) who longs to work in the Paris restaurant made famous by his late idol (Brad Garrett). The novice rodent chef transcends his clan's prejudices by teaming surreptitiously with a human, an inept scullery boy (Lou Romano) the rat coaches to gastronomic acclaim. Cooking tips abound, and the Proustian moment a snooty food writer (Peter O'-Toole) enjoys is a corker. With the voices of Ian Holm, Brian Dennehy, and Janeane Garofalo.

Rescue Dawn — Released by MGM, starring two busy Hollywood actors, and easily slotted as a Vietnam POW adventure, this could be Werner Herzog's most commercial movie ever. But it's also elemental

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD

Herzog, a story of superhuman willpower that he first told in his moving 1997 documentary Little Dieter Needs to Fly. Christian Bale gives a committed performance as Dieter Dengler, the U.S. fighter pilot shot down over Laos in 1966 and held in a jungle camp; Steve Zahn and Jeremy Davies are compelling as Dengler's suffering prison mates, respectively drawn to and repelled by his irrepressible optimism as he plots their escape. With its clumsy treatment of the Laotian guards and its macho denouement back in the States, Rescue Dawn sometimes stumbles into Rambo territory (it was screened for U.S. troops in Iraq on Independence Day). But like much of Herzog's work, it's essentially apolitical, focusing on a man at war with his environment - and no one plunges into the foliage the way he does. — J.R.J.

Resurrecting the Champ — Reviewed this issue. Starring Josh Hartnett and Samuel L. Jackson; directed by Rod Lurie.

Rush Hour 3 — Brett Ratner's action-comedy franchise has always been aimed at the international box office, and in this entry mismatched cops Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker are lured to Paris by a Japanese assassin (Hiroyuki Sanada of Sunshine) who's kidnapped a Chinese consul's daughter (Zhang Jingchu). Noemie Lenoir is the evecandy love interest, and Max von Sydow, Youki Kudoh, Yvan Attal, and Roman Polanski help legitimize the silly plot. Chan shows he still has the chops during a showdown at the Eiffel Tower, but you'd think the movie's reported budget of \$140 million might have bought Tucker at least one side-splitting gag. In English and subtitled Cantonese, Japanese, and French. — A.G.

Self-Medicated — A 17-year-old

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Extras, extras, I'm all about them. DVD extras, like the custom comic books IDW's created to accompany the deluxe DVDs of Underworld, Saw II, and The Devil's Rejects as well as commentary tracks, deleted scenes, and outtakes, are what I look for in a DVD. Snatch has a good assortment of these. Snatch is Ocean's Eleven meets Fight Club with a sense of Tarantino storytelling, and, yes, Brad Pitt too. The extras in the deluxe edition - a deck of cards, a poker dealer button, a character-bio booklet, and a full second disc of bonus material make it a top pick.

Scarface is on my top five all-time classics list. IDW's word-for-word Scarface Scriptbook is a great companion to follow along with as Tony Montana takes over the world in full Miami bloody-gangster style.

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Working in a creative field like comic books, I deal with a diverse array of creators, many of whom have, shall we say, extreme personality quirks. Which is one more reason that watching Garry Shandling's brilliant *Not Just the Best of the Larry Sanders Show* set is such a thrill. The outre personalities that made up the show are relatable and almost comforting in their peculiarity.

The latest comic-to-film adaptation that works effectively while also showcasing the best of both mediums is Zach Snyder's 300, a violent yet beautiful piece of graphic storytelling. Snyder's competence with difficult material here bodes well for his upcoming take on *Watchmen*, long considered one of comics' best-yetmost-unfilmable properties.

Finally, comics' soon-to-be *Iron Man* Robert Downey Jr. is one of many reasons to embrace David Fincher's *Zodiac*, a police procedural that's so much more than that in Fincher's capable hands.

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A couple of years ago, we published the modern noir thriller, *Easy Way*, which I've always thought would make an amazing Quentin Tarantino movie. *True Romance* (which happens to feature a character who works in a comic shop) is written by Tarantino and is among my favorite DVDs.

IDW's best known horror title, *30 Days of Night*, has been turned into a movie that comes out next month, but John Carpenter's *The Thing* is among the available horror DVDs that I play the most.

My wife and I enjoy watching TV shows on DVD, and *CSI* remains one of my favorites. I liked the show so much that IDW's first licensed comic was based on the series and it continues to be one of our longest running titles.

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drug addict is forcibly sent to a locked-down psychiatric center by his mother.

September Dawn — This drama revisits the Mountain Meadows Massacre of 1857, when 120 wagontrain passengers in Utah Territory were killed by Mormon militiamen. Christopher Cain directed; with Jon Voight and Terence Stamp.

The Simpsons Movie — Matt Groening's cartoon series *The Simpsons* has never made me laugh quite as hard as his *Life in Hell* anthologies, which seem to spring from a deep well of personal bitterness that the show's writers can't fake. But of course that's a relative judgment the show has been the gold standard for satirical TV ever since it debuted in 1989. This long-awaited movie adaptation has plenty of laughs, plus an assortment of milestones for fans (Bart shows his privates, Martin gets to thrash his enemies). The writers also take advantage of the PG-13 rating to violate a few small-screen taboos, as Otto the bus driver is caught sucking on a bong and Homer tells his pet pig, "Maybe we should kiss just to break the tension." — J.R.J.

Stardust — I'm a sucker for fantasies, but this one is so undistinguished and arbitrary that it left few traces in my consciousness, apart from the impression that the filmmakers resort to cruelty whenever they run out of ideas, which is often.

Derived from a Neil Gaiman novel, the story involves a wall separating a mundane English village from a supernatural "parallel universe" on the other side. This might have been interesting if the production were unified by a particular style or vision, but it's nearly all filigree, including the decorative overload of stars (Claire Danes, Sienna Miller, Peter O'Toole, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robert De Niro, Rupert Everett, Ricky Gervais). At least Pfeiffer and De Niro seem to be enjoying themselves. Matthew Vaughn (Laver Cake) directed and contributed to the script. — J.R.J.

Superbad — Three high school losers (dweeby Michael Cera, chubby Jonah Hill, and myopic



Christopher Mintz-Plasse) try to score beer and get laid at a cool-kids party, a mission treated with the approximate importance of D-Day in this comedy produced by Judd Apatow (Knocked Up) and coscripted by Apatow regular Seth Rogen. Apatow has always stressed the importance of open auditions to turn up genuinely odd kids from the hinterlands; he found Rogen in one such audition for his cult NBC series Freaks and Geeks, which this project often recalls, and Rogen in turn recruited Mintz-Plasse from an open call. The movie loses credibility with the arrival of Rogen and Bill Hader as two uniformed patrolmen who are drunker and crazier than any high schooler could ever get, but the variety of complications thrown at the three pubescent heroes raises this a cut above most raunchy comedies. Greg Mottola directed. - J.R.J.

This Is England — In Meantime (1983), Mike Leigh explored what might produce a skinhead in London's East End. Harking back to the same year on the north coast of England, where he grew up, writerdirector Shane Meadows (Once Upon a Time in the Midlands) builds on his own memories of what turned him into a skinhead, making his hero (Thomas Turgoose) a lonely outcast who's recently lost his father in the Falklands War. The way this 12-year-old on summer



holiday falls under the protective influence of first one relatively gentle gang leader (Joe Gilgun), then an ex-con more prone to rapid mood swings and racial hatred (Stephen Graham), is masterfully charted and acted, as are the boy's early forays into sex. The film falters only when it drifts too predictably into a coming-of-age moral fable. — J.R.

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Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 2:45) 4:20, 5:20, 7:20, 7:55,

(12.45)

10:00, 10:30; Transformers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

(2:45) 7:40; Ratatouille (G) Fri.-Sun.

(12:10p.m.); Rescue Dawn (PG-13) Fri.

9:50 Sat.-Sun. (4:25) 9:50; Rush Hour 3

un. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 7:00, 9:15:

4:30, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

7:45, 10:00; **War** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:55, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:05, 9:30, 10:35 Sun. (1:55, 3:00)

gal Tender (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25,

just one gigantic commercial for Hasbro, this collaboration between director Michael Bay and executive producer Steven Spielberg is a textbook case of cynical Hollywood extravagance. State-of-the-art CGI might please the now-grown fans of the popular line of Autobot and Decepticon toys introduced in the '80s, but the embarrassingly weak screenplay by Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci (The Island, Mission: Impossible III) will disappoint those hoping for entertainment value beyond the spectacle of robotic aliens morphing into cars, trucks, tanks, and jet fighters. As if aware of their insignificance, Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Anthony Anderson, and John Turturro ham their way through the boring high-tech drivel about a war over earth's future, while Josh Duhamel and Jon Voight play it straight. Hugo Weaving voices the

evil Megatron. — A.G.

2 Days in Paris — Among the many offhand virtues of Julie Delpy's first feature as solo writerdirector is the fact that she's as attentive to French foibles as American ones. She and Adam Goldberg play a New York couple, returning from a holiday in Venice, whose cultural and temperamental differences begin to drive them apart during a stay in Paris with her mother and father (played by Delpy's actual parents). This lacks the sweetness and terseness of Richard Linklater's Before Sunset, which Delpy cowrote, but it's more satirical and casual in its approach, and Delpy's grasp of the material is assured. — J.R.

Underdog — Based on the '60s cartoon series, this live-action feature takes certain liberties, adding a silly back story to explain the title canine's superpowers. The TV show was mildly subversive, with humor that children and adults could enjoy on different levels, but the movie strives for a blander, family-oriented middle ground. As the voice of Underdog, Jason Lee pales in comparison to Wally Cox; Peter Dinklage is properly menacing as the evil Simon Barsinister; and Patrick Warburton, while forced to perform some lowbrow physical comedy, is the funniest thing in the movie as Barsinister's thuggish henchman, Cad. Frederik Du Chau (Racing Stripes) directed; with James Belushi and Alex Neuberger. — J.K.

War — Jet Li stars in this revenge thriller directed by Philip G. Atwell.

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

nont Drive (858-274-1234) 4665 Clai Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri. (2:05) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:35, 10:10; Hairspray (PG) Fri. (1:45) 7:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 7:15; Halloween (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:05, (12:43) 7:15 halloween (R) 11: (1:53) 4:05, 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:05, 7:50, 10:25; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:50; The Invasion (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:00, 10:20; Mr. **Bean's Holiday** (G) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:05, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 4:55, 7:05, 9:30; **The** Nanny Diaries (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 4:25, 6:55, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:25, 6:55, 9:35; **Resur**recting the Champ (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 10:00; Rush Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri. (2:20) 5:05, 7:10, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:30) 5:05, 7:10, 9:25; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (2:25) 5:10, 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:35) 5:10, 7:20, 9:45; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:45, 7:55, 10:30; **Underdog** (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:10, 7:25, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. $\Re^{(12)}(12:10, 2:15)$ 4:10, 7:25, 9:40; War (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:35, 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:10) ts (2:10) 4:35, 7:45, 60 4:35, 7:45, 10:05

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Sun. 7:30; Arctic Tale (G) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:15, 7:15, 9:35; **Balls of Fury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; San **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (1:50, 2:40) 4:50, 5:50, 7:35, 8:35, 10:15; **Death**

Sentence (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:05, LA JOLLA La Jolla 12 9:45; Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 8:20: Hot Rod (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 5:15, 8:15; I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Balls of Fury (PG-13); The Bourne Ultima-tum (PG-13); Death Sentence (R); Hairspray (PG); Halloween (R); Mr. Bean's Holiday (G); The Nanny Diaries (PG-13); No Reservations (PG); Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13); Rush Hour 3 (PG-13); The Simp-sons Movie (PG-13); Stardust (PG-13); Superbad (R); War (R)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Becoming Jane** (PG) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Death at** a Funeral (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55 Sat. Sun. 11:35, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; The 11th Hour (PG) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; No End in Sight (Not Rated) Fri. 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 Sa Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18 10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) The Princess Bride (PG)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Balls of Fury (PG-13); Becoming Jane (PG); The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13); Death Senter (R); Hairspray (PG); Halloween (R); I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13); Illegal Tender (R); The Invasion (R); Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón (PG-13); The Last Legion (PG-13); Mr. Bean's Holiday (G); The Nanny Diaries (PG-13); No End in Sight (Not Rated); No Reservations (PG); Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13); Rush Hour 3 (PG-13); The Simpsons Movie

(PG-13); Stardust (PG-13); Superbad (R); War (R)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Becoming Jane (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; The Nanny Diaries (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Resurrecting the Champ** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 2:00) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 7:15, 10:00; Rush Hour **3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 4:15; September Dawn (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:45; Stardust (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 7:00, 10:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Balls of Fury (PG-13); Becoming Jane (PG); The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13); Death Sen-tence (R); Halloween (R); Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13); I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13); Illegal Tender (R); The Invasion (R); Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón (PG-13); Mr. Bean's Holiday (G); The Nanny Diaries (PG-13); Ratatouille (G); Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13); Rush Hour 3 (PG-13); The Simpsons Movie (PG-13); Stardust (PG-13); Superbad (R); Transformers (PG-13); Un-derdog (PG); War (R)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6 5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Call theater for program information

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters** (PG-13) Fri. 5:05, 7:15, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

th Avenue (619-819-0236) **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri. 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **Once** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 10:50, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **This Is England** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; 2 Days in Paris (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; **Dinosaurs Alive!** (NR) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00; Everest (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Ring of Fire (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; The Alps: Giants of Nature (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 4:00

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821 Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10 am

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center *Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)*

Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:25; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10 Sat. 11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10 Sun. 11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri. 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15 Sat. 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:50, 10:15; **Halloween** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; **Mr. Bean's Holiday** (G) Fri. 1:30, 3:40, 5:55, 8:20, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:55, 8:20, 10:30; **The Nanny Di**aries (PG-13) Fri. 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; Rush

Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; Stardust (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Superbad (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:55, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; War (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45 Sat. 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 10:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road

3:10 to Yuma (R) Sun. 7:30; Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 4:20) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:10) 4:20, 7:30, 10:20; Death Sentence (R) Fri. (12:30, 4:15) 7:15 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Halloween (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:45, 2:45, 4:00, 5:25) 7:00, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 12:45, 2:45) 4:00, 5:25, 7:00, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45; **Illegal** Tender (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:35; The Invasion (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30; Ladron que Roba a Ladron (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:55, 5:25) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10; **Mr**. Bean's Holiday (G) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:00) 7:25, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25 9:40; The Nanny Diaries (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; **Resurrecting the Champ** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:05, 9:55; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 4:20) 6:55, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:20, 6:55, 9:40; **September Dawn** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:50; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:05) 6:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:05, 6:50; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 7:35; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:40; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 4:00) 7:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 4:00, 7:10; **Underdog** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 4:10) Sat.-Sun. (12:25) 4:10; War (R) Fri. (12:40, 4:30) 7:55, 10:25 Sat (12:40) 4:30, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (12:40) 4:30, 10:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Halloween (R) Fri.-Sun.; Rush Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Superbad (R) Fri.-Sun.



CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Death Sentence (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Halloween (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; The Invasion (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:45, 9:30; The Nanny Diaries (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Rush Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; The Simpsons Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 7:00; Strawberry Shortcake: The Sweet Dreams Movie (NR) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); Superbad (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Underdog (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 3:30); War (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Balls of Fury (PG-13); The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13); Bratz: The Movie (PG); El Cantante (R); Death Sentence (R); Hairspray (PG); Halloween (R); Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13); I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (PG-13); Illegal Tender (R); The Invasion (R); Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón (PG-13); Mr. Bean's Holiday (G); The Nany Diaries (PG-13); No Reservations (PG); Ratatouille (G); Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13); Rush Hour 3 (PG-13); September Dawn (R); The Simpsons Movie (PG-13); Stardust (PG-13); Superbad (R); Transformers (PG-13); Underdog (PG); War (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive-In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:25, 7:40, 10:00; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; Death Sentence (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Hairspray (PG) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 10:10; Halloween (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; The Invasion (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 9:35; Mr. Bean's Holiday (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; The Nanny Diaries (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; Rush Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 10:05; The Simpsons Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35, 9:40; Superbad (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Transformers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 7:05; Underdog (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:50) 4:55; War (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:50, 7:15, 9:50

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 1:00, 2:05, 3:25, 4:50) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20 Sat-Sun. (11:40, 1:00, 2:05, 3:25) 4:50, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; Becoming Jane (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 7:10; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:45) 7:00, 10:05; Death Sentence (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:30 Sat-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:30; Hairspray (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 6:55 Sat-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 6:55; Halloween (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40; The Invasion (R) Fri. Sun. (1:20, 2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:45 Sat-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:45; The Nanny Diaries (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:50) 7:30, 10:10; Ratatouille (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:40); Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15; Rush Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; September Dawn (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55; The Simpsons Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:30) 6:50, 9:50; Stardust (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:15) 7:20, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:20, 10:25; Superbad (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20; Transformers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:45, 10:00; Underdog (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:2:40, 3:15); War (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:30, 5:00) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:00, 7:50, 10:35

FALLBROOK

River Village 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45 Sun, (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 7:00; Halloween (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13) Fri. Sat. (12:15) 5:30, 10:30 Sun. (12:15) 5:30; Rush Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15); September Dawn (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 8:00; Stardust (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 4:30, 7:30; Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); Su-perbad (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:15

POWAY

Poway 10 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Death Sentence (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Halloween (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; The Invasion (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:15, 10:00; The Nanny Diaries (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 7:15 Sun. (11:00, 2:00); Rush Hour 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; September Dawn (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 7:00; Stardust (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 7:00; Superbad (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; War (R) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Jun (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18 1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

Call theater for program information

VISTA

Vista Village Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

(760-945-7469) **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Sun. 7:30; **Balls of Fury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45; **Becoming Jane** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10p.m.); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; **Hailsyeau** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 4:20) 9:35; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 2:50, 4:40, 5:30) 7:20, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45; **Illegal Tender** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 4:25) 9:30; **The**

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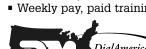


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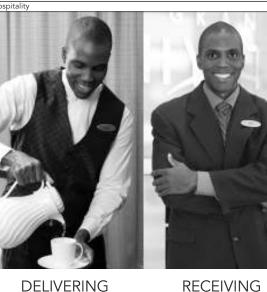
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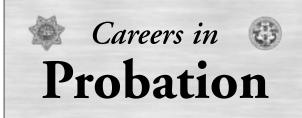
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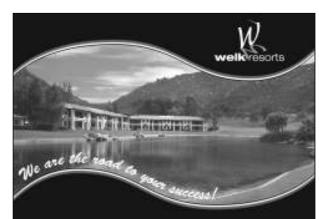
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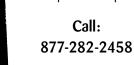
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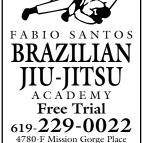


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would be either meeting Sid Gillman at an airport or Tony Gwynn. If you mean an actual game I'd say the Chargers against the Bills in the championships, before there was a Super Bowl and the leagues merged. That was the last time they won a big championship game — Kemp at quarterback and Lance Alworth. That's when I became a big fan of his. It was a great game to



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Mark McGwire hitting that home run to win the World Series. He had a pulled hamstring and ran around the bases pumping his fist. Oh, wait, that was Kirk Gibson. It would either be that moment or watching John Elway's last homeseason game when I was in Denver. It was a great game. Elway played well, and Terrell Davis broke the season rushing yardage record.



Dave Schucker I.T.

North Park The '94 NFC championship game — Dallas against the 49ers. I love the Cowboys and flew up for it. That was the year the Chargers made it into the Super Bowl. My brother liked the 49ers. In the first seven minutes, it was 21 to 0. The Cowboys were down. There were lots of turnovers. But they ended up playing the game of their life, coming back. On the flight home, I felt like jumping out of the plane I was so pissed they lost. But it was an amazing game to see



Pete Yellak

I.T. Pacific Beach I would say the game last year, when the Cowboys lost in the playoffs because of Tony Romo. I hate Dal-las. It was fourth down, and they were going for a field goal to tie it. The kick was fumbled, and Romo picked it up and tried to run. He got tackled on the one-yard line. It seems like they messed something up on third down, but I can't remember. Watching that game and rooting against Dallas was the best.



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Mira Mesa I tinvolved my daughter Chelsea's all-star softball team a few years ago in Lancaster. They had to play five games in a day, in over 107-degree heat. It was a double elimination. It was the semifinal game, and they mercy ruled the team they were playing, which hadn't lost a game yet, so they had to play the same team one more time. We ended up losing, but the girls had played through some pretty incredible conditions. People from other teams were staying just to watch our games. My daughter was playing with a broken finger from ear-lier, and her knees were pretty cut up from sliding. This team never gave up, and the teamwork they possessed was incredible.



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've heard about great ones. Joe Louis winning that fight against the German. Or, on the subject of Germans, Jesse Owens winning gold medals while Hitler watched from the stands. But of the events I witnessed. I'd have to say the Miracle on Ice, when the U.S. hockey team won it all. I was living in the Philippines but still found it so exciting and inspiring. I can't believe they finally made a movie out of that, when it happened over 25 years ago.

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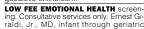
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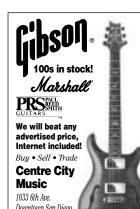
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- 60. It might be struck
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There were 105 entrants.

The winners are:

1. Jon Sanger, El Cajon

2. Clay Travers, Chula Vista

3. Maggie Brown, San Diego

4. Tim Cummings, Encinitas

5. Darryl Bonifay, San Diego

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- 58. Lake that totally froze over in 1977
- 59. One of the "Star Trek" series, to
- fans 62. Some milk cartons: Abbr.

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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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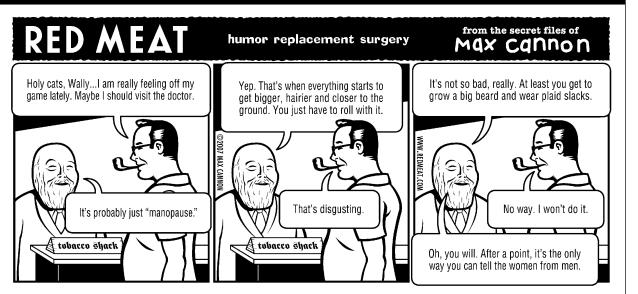
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- East Dublin, Ga. (in July), and Athens, Texas (in August), sponsored their own versions of Redneck Games, with events such as mud-pit belly-flopping, seed-spitting, and making armpit music (Georgia) as well as (in Texas) "redneck horseshoes" (played with toilet seats), a Spamand-jalapeño-eating contest, a mattress chuck, men bobbing for raw animal parts in tomato paste, and the coed butt-crack contest. Wrote the San Antonio Express-News: "There was something strangely arresting about watching ten serious-faced guys grind away at pink bricks of Spam while Steppenwolf's 'Born to Be Wild' boomed from the loudspeakers."

Not My Fault

— (1) Amy Mueller filed a lawsuit recently against Samy's Bar and Grill in Joliet, Ill., after she tried to climb onto the bar to dance in May 2006 but fell and broke her ankle. Samy's should have had a "ladder" or other climbing aid, said Mueller's lawyer. (2) Jeromy Jackson and his family filed a \$10 million lawsuit in Morgantown, W.Va., in August against McDonald's because there was cheese on his Quarter Pounder, which triggered an allergic reaction that required hospital treatment. Jackson's lawyer said the family's order was clear that the burger should be cheeseless, but after being served, Jackson didn't lift the bun to check.

Compelling Explanations

— (1) Cheveon Ford, 21, was arrested in Pensacola, Fla., in July and charged with making false 911 calls; according to authorities, Ford's explanation was that he had no more minutes on his phone and knew that 911 calls were free. (2) In Rochester, N.Y., in June, Eric Kennedy, 38, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for molesting an underage girl over a three-year period, which he partly attributed to his poor eyesight, in that at times he might have mistaken the girl for her mother, with whom he was living.

Grrlzz with Attitude

- (1) A 12-year-old girl was sentenced in Perth, Australia, in July to two months' detention for stealing a car and leading police on a high-speed chase. According to court records, she has already been convicted of more than 60 crimes. (2) A seven-year-old named Alisha told reporters in Reidsville, N.C., in August that she was just being a good daughter when she challenged the man who tried to rob her mom (a convenience store clerk). "I was pushing on him and telling him to 'back away, back away, man.'" Her aggressiveness foiled the robbery, but the man got away. Said Alisha, "He should be locked up by his gills and towed to the police."

People Different From Us

— The Orient Industry Co. of Tokyo each month turns out 80 life-size, anatomically correct and finely detailed "love dolls" that retail for the equivalent of \$850 to \$5500 each, according to a July Reuters dispatch. The more-expensive models are lifelike, made of silicone and with 35 moveable joints. Reuters found one customer, Mr. "Ta-Bo," who owns at least two dozen of them (each with a name), even though he claims to be seeing five real women. "Sex with human girls was better," he said, "but I hate the process of dating."

— In July, a tractor-trailer overturned on Walker Road in Norridgewock, Maine, and its contents of nitrogen-concentrated chicken manure spilled onto rusted cars and the rest of the property of junk dealer Richard White. Days later, "There's stuff still 20 feet up the tree," he said. "It was like a tsunami wave of hot chicken [manure]," he told the *Waterville Morning Sentinel*. White grumbled that the truck company was slow on the cleanup, probably, he said, because his property is largely junk. "They think I'm a hick and don't matter. But my life didn't smell like this before." And, "I hate flies."

Recent Alarming Headlines

— (1) "[British National Health Service] Dentists Turn Away Patients with Bad Teeth" (a May report in London's *Daily Telegraph*) Compensation is sufficient only for routine treatments. (2) "Indian Lawyers Tie Man to Tree, Beat Him" (a May Reuters report from Lucknow, India) The man had declined to marry one lawyer's niece. (3) "Principal Admits Throwing Excrement [at a kid]" (an April story in the *Toronto Star*) Suspended principal Maria Pantalone said, "I couldn't take it anymore."

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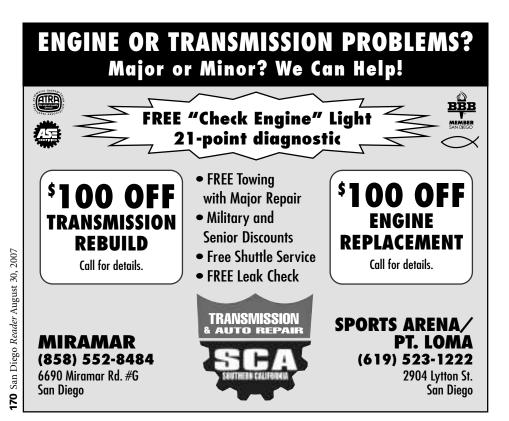
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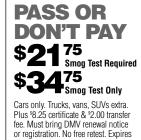
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Thirty Years Ago

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Jeannette De Wyze, September 1, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Several weekends ago, Los Angeles rockabilly band Jimmy and the Mustangs performed in concert at the Kings Road Cafe, San Diego's newest punk-rock nightspot, in North Park. After the show, a melee erupted between the band and about a dozen local punks; the windows to the band's van were smashed, and three musicians — including Charlie of vocal trio Johnny Diamond and the Flat Tops, also on the bill — were beaten with boards (Charlie suffered a bloody nose and a head wound that required stitches).

Tim Mays, a San Diego concert promoter who produces more new-wave shows here than anyone else, admits that the reputation San Diego has achieved is not making his job any easier. "The audiences down here do have more of a reputation for violence, but I don't really know why that is," Mays says.

-CITY LIGHTS: "ALL RIGHT FOR FIGHTING,"

Thomas K. Arnold, September 2, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Dirty Dancing is a little nothing — or the next thing to it: a fig or its leaf — which, if you stop to listen to the critics before attendance thereat, will be magically transformed into the latest summer fashion in Emperor's New Clothes.

— **"THE WAY WE WEREN'T,"** Duncan Shepherd, September 3, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Maureen's favorite ex-mayor, Roger Hedgecock, also caught at Del Mar. When the above candid was snapped on July 29, Roger had no way of knowing that his scheme to build a poker palace in Mission Valley was about to be thwarted by the *very same* Las Vegas interests who have kept San Diego a *gambling backwater* for decades!

Roger's been targeted by the mob before. Way back in the 1950s, when he was a rising young radio announcer, Roger was offered his own three-hour morning radio show if he'd just agree to play some Pat Boone covers of Chuck Berry songs.

— **"SAN DIEGO CONFIDENTIAL,"** Margot Sheehan, September 3, 1992

Ten Years Ago

To white people, we are the default. When we describe other people, if they don't look like us, we say, "The black woman," "The Korean boy." We don't say, "He was a scruffy white guy." We think whitely. People like to eat Mexican food, I always say, but they don't want to see any Mexicans.

— "PEOPLE RELATED TO YOU BY JERRY-RIGGED

MEANS," Jennifer Ball, September 4, 1997

Five Years Ago

While your surfside sun worshipper feels "caressed" by the sun, I am more apt to feel a relentless and hellish fireball invading my being. A comment, like "It's another beautiful day in paradise, eh?" sounds in my ear as "Day 61 in this killing heat wave. No escape. I curse the day I set foot in this infernal colony." Meaning California. Though I have lived in this sunshine state for more than 20 <section-header><section-header><section-header><text><text><text><text>

San Diego Reader, September 1, 1977

years, it took me 10 of those years to sit on the beach for more than a few minutes. To me it was an ordeal of windblown sand, flies, and evil-looking insects. And don't forget the dehydrating pounding of carcinogenic ultraviolet rays. Within a short time I would experience a full-blown panic attack with the obsessive thought that I should be doing something else — as if I had left the stove on or forgotten to vote.

—T.G.I.F., John Brizzolara, August 29, 2002

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3. Seabiscuit

3. Body Heat

3. Bob Roberts

3. Footloose

1. Urban Cowboy

1. The Untouchables

2. Dead Man Walking

1. Fast Times at Ridgemont High

2. The Shawshank Redemption

1. Point of No Return (1993)

2. Roger Dodger

3. Rumble Fish

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MEAN PEOPLE'S RICE PILAF IS A TERRIBLE DISGRACE. At Kaiser Vanduzer's Brathaus and World War One Memorial, get the wiener sandwich and wheat beer, but tell the bright-eyed frau in lederhosen to keep that damn rice. You're going to want to do that before it's scooped onto your metal tray. After that it's too late. That vulture of a woman will see to that.

The part of the Memorial Museum I ate in was also the all-terrain vehicle motor pool and grease pit. My waitress was head mechanic. Uninspired cook staff don't wash their hands, and white rice shows transmission-oil fingerprints all too well.

It's that bad.

"Yavol! Zee r-r-r-rice iz on your plate. You vill eat it!" the dye-job and blue-eye-makeup harpy barked at me.

"Look," I said. "I'm sure you're all very nice people and everything. It wasn't you. I know that. You didn't start those wars. Sure, it was your great grandparents and all; you're all sorted out. But, this rice can't be eaten, and that's how that goes.'

"Za wars? Vat do za wars have to do wit zhis rice?" the blonde behemoth spat. She was furious and her face flushed from pale to hot pink in seconds. "Victory vill still be ours someday!" she shouted and then slammed her spatula and socket-wrench set on the table.

"I've had about enough of your-" I was interrupted by two quick raps to the mouth from the hag. The dirty-penny taste of blood mingled with the schnitzel grease on my lips.

I am not a big man; chubby, sure, but not long-limbed or wide, more of a squishy shrimp. This terrible beast of a waitress had hands that were easily twice the size of mine, and her shoulders stood out from her leather suspenders like wooden beams under fluffy sleeves. My fight was ended before it began. I tried reason.

"I know you've gotten a lot of bad press," I said. "The TV reporters cast a harsh light on your treatment of the Serbs. What's a little border skirmish between neighbors? And Archduke Ferdinand—'

She answered me with another belt across the bratwurst hole.

"Someday vee vill be shown as the noble and sturdy people vee truly are on your American television," she said. "But until zhen you vill eat vat I serve you and you vill like it!" What could I do? I picked at my rice with a set of slip-joint pliers and smiled.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 NASA CONNECT

ITVS 9:00 A.M.

I've figured out what's kept me from joining the space program: clunky magnetic boots. Now that I've lined my ceiling in steel and affixed a pair of Chuck Taylor All-Stars with refrigerator poetry, I'm all set for my training. Zero-gravity, shmeer-o gravity.

LOBSTER WARS

DISCOVERY 9:00 P.M.

Lobster WARS! Time to pick sides, and I'm

with the lobsters! Come feel my pink pincher of doom as it snips your windpipe like wire cutters through a drinking straw. Finally, our day has come, my crustacean comrades. Our day has come.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

SPEED

There's a bomb located in Ted Theodore Logan's facial expression, and if he shows emotion or a sign of acting ability, it goes off. Two hours of Keanu's blank stare later and we're all left

with the vague feeling that our buttcracks have been steel-wooled. Way to go, FX. Thanks for replaying this winner.

SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 1 BABAR

NBC 9:00 A.M.

What kind of horrid child would watch the very polite world of effete schoolchildren elephants instead of Transformers? The kind of kid who grows up to wear a beret, that's who. Put away your

art pencils and kiss Optimus Prime's chrome trailer hitch, Frenchie. Time to toughen up.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE NBC 7:00 P.M.

Pat Sajak's knee sweat and Vanna White's discarded mustache wax form a team of superheroes with special powers and crime-fighting abilities. When whomping an arch nemesis they shout inspirational phrases from the show, such as, "I'd like to buy a vowel!" Bang! Zoom!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY ... THEY GET EVEN (1992)

MyTV 8:00 p.m.

My friend, Althea, has elephantisis of the extremities. Her feet are the size of tennis rackets. She's embarrassed by it, but I'm going to see if the added surface area will let her walk on water like a ninja. Watch out, feudal Japanese warlords, my friend Althea will cross your moat like death in the night.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 THE MASK OF ZORRO TELEMUNDO 8:00 P.M.

My Lone Ranger mask is twice as cool as Zorro's. Because I'm a cowboy with bright blue fringe that flaps in the prairie breeze instead of a wine-swilling, rose-chomping Nancy boy. No, I don't need to learn to tango, thankyouverymuch. I've got a silver pistol and a horse, and



The Biggest Loser

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 THE BIGGEST LOSER NBC 9:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL

CW 8:00 P.M.

Sarajevo's Next Top Chicken Plucker is by far the more entertaining show. Armpit hair distracts from the bikini contest, but that can be overlooked. Challenges include burlap-sack dressmaking and a barefoot snow hike to the International Relief Station - sponsored by Khrushchev Lard and Ball Bearings.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 LUCY MUST BE TRADED, CHARLIE BROWN ABC 8:00 P.M.

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