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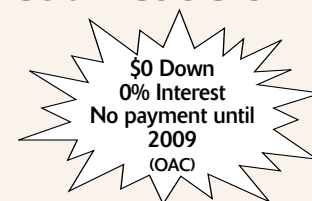
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"I always hated photos because of the glare in my glasses. But worse, I couldn't get out of bed or see the clock because my sight was 20/400 with astigmatism in both eyes."



Actual patient

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BREAKING NEWS

Party by the lobby San Diego city councilman **Jim Madaffer** has been elected president of the League of California Cities, and one of the city's biggest special interests is throwing a party to celebrate. "It's Jim Time!" says an invitation to the event, to be held this Friday night at the Sacramento condominium



Jim Madaffer

of **Ben and Nikki Clay**, two of San Diego's best-known and most successful lobbyists. "Join Mayors **Mary Sessom** and **Lori Pfeiler** who will be mixing up the Micheladas!" the invite continues. Sessom is mayor of Lemon Grove; Pfeiler holds the post in Escondido. "Let's eat, drink, and be merry—proud that Jim is from San Diego and will be fighting the good fight on our behalf."

But the Clays aren't throwing the bash all by themselves, the invitation makes clear: "Thanks to our friends at Allied Waste Services for hosting the fun!" According to lobbyist disclosure statements on file with the City, one of Nikki's clients is San Diego Landfill Systems, LLC, a subsidiary of Allied, one of the country's biggest trash haulers and landfill owners. San Diego Landfill owns Sycamore Landfill, near State Route 52 at Mast Boulevard, inside Madaffer's seventh city council district.

Over the years, the councilman has been the recipient of other favors from the giant waste hauler, which has many other operations that also fall under the City's regulatory domain. In May of last year, according to the personal financial disclosure report Madaffer filed this spring, Allied paid for a "Taxpayers Dinner" worth \$125. Last November, the firm gave him a "Holiday Poinsettia" worth \$49.49 and a \$55 ticket to the "Alonzo Awards Dinner."

At the moment, the most high-profile solid-waste issue before the City is recycling, with Mayor **Jerry Sanders** dueling with City Attorney **Mike Aguirre** over his mandatory recycling plan; depending on any final recycling legislation, trash haulers and dump owners such as Allied may be able to levy higher trash-handling fees on condo associations, office building owners, and businesses. The proposals have been aired at two "stakeholders" meetings and are set to be heard by the city council's Natural Resources Committee at the end of this month.

Madaffer has been on the League of California Cities board, most recently serving as its executive vice president. Last year the organization reimbursed him a total of \$6077 in travel expenses and meals, according to his financial disclosure statement. Madaffer, of course, is no stranger to controversy. Last summer, for instance, he came under attack for spending \$120,000 from a discretionary fund earmarked for parks and street repairs in his district in order to hire **Colleen Windsor**, an ex-TV newswoman and former press aide to ex-mayor **Dick Murphy**. Windsor, whom Madaffer recruited as a mar-

keting consultant for the Grantville redevelopment area, a pet project of his, left under the withering fire. He's also a diehard champion of a new central library downtown, the cost of which has risen to at least \$185 million during the near decade since it was first proposed. Funding a big chunk of the construction cost with contributions from corporations and wealthy individuals, another of Madaffer's favorite ideas, has fallen flat.

Indian non-giver Two weeks ago Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** used his line-item veto to slash \$30 million from the state budget earmarked for city and county governments for use in dealing with adverse impacts of Indian gambling casinos. The cuts followed a July report by the state auditor alleging that



Arnold Schwarzenegger

many counties, including San Diego, were misspending the money. "For instance, the sheriff's department in San Diego County received over \$149,000 to purchase a device to analyze chemicals from arson and other crime scenes and suggested that in the future

some of these investigations may occur in the area around the casino. Use of this device is not intended to be limited to casino-related incidents; it will be used for cases throughout the county." For their part, local officials say they deserve even more money, not less, given the county's burgeoning Indian gambling industry.

Credit road San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**'s resigned development czar recently took out a big mortgage on his mansion on La Jolla Scenic Drive. According to a trust deed recorded April 12, **Jim Waring**, who departed city hall three weeks ago in the aftermath of the Sunroad office building debacle, and his wife **Kathy** received a \$2 million revolving line of credit from US Bank. ... University of California president **Bob Dynes**, who coincidentally announced his resignation on the same mid-August day as White House political guru **Karl Rove**, was reportedly given the boot by regents dissatisfied with years of controversy he had provoked. But individual regents weren't willing to go on the record to explain their motivation. One especially closed-mouth regent was Padres owner **John Moores**, who headed the committee that picked Dynes in the first place. Moores and Dynes's ex-father-in-law **Warren**



Bob Dynes

Hellman are business partners, and Moores and Dynes served together on the board of Leap Wireless. Moores is now on the committee to select Dynes's successor.

— Matt Potter

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Paychecks or Loans?

By Don Bauder

Two luxury-loving lawyers go on trial in superior court September 24 for fraud, embezzlement, and tax evasion. They

claim that monies they allegedly stole were loans, so they owed no taxes on the loot. For prosecutor Steven Davis, deputy district attorney, history seems to be repeating itself. Three decades ago, Davis successfully prosecuted San Diego's most powerful wheeler-dealer, C. Arnholt Smith. In June, at a preliminary hearing in the upcoming case, Davis explained that Smith had paid himself bundles of money from entities he controlled. "When it came time to pay his taxes, he said

it was a loan. We charged him with income tax evasion, and that was the jury's verdict. This is really no different."

The two lawyers are Paul Roesser, who lives in a \$3.1 million home in Rancho Santa Fe, and Roland Colton, a former San Diegan who now lives on a \$4 million estate in Laguna Niguel. Colton knows trouble: next year, he will go on trial for bankruptcy fraud in federal court here. He is charged with concealing \$1.5 million in assets when he filed for bankruptcy in 2001; among

those assets is a big château in France. In 1983, Colton was convicted of assisting in the filing of a false income tax return; he was sentenced to 60 days in confinement.

In the superior court case, to be tried before Judge Charles Rogers, Colton is also charged with money laundering. According to the government, he regularly turned his ill-gotten gains into cashier's checks "so [the money] couldn't be traced," Davis told the court. The judge in the preliminary hearings threw out the money-laundering charge, but Davis has the ability to reintroduce it. One of those cashier's checks went to pay off a loan on a new \$100,000 Jaguar for his wife, according to Davis.

The lawyers had two businesses in the same location in Del Mar: their law firm, Colton & Roesser, and their insurance agency, Insurance

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Free Enterprise?

By Don Bauder

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce regularly opposes legislation favoring citizen entitlements that would, theoretically,

promote the general welfare. But the chamber and its local affiliates are all for corporate welfare.

Indeed, four years ago, two journalists were concerned that corporate welfare was draining funds from education. In particular, they worried about tax increment financing, or long-term diversion of property taxes to companies investing in an area. The journalists asked the U.S. chamber's top economist whether companies should stop seeking tax breaks from cities and states. That idea, snorted the economist, is "blatantly un-American."

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce is determined not to be blatantly un-American. Late last month, the local chamber's board said it is all in favor of the on-again, off-again, on-again \$900 million-plus hospitality center in Chula Vista. Specif-

ically, the chamber enthusiastically endorses "the public funding model as proposed."

That means the chamber applauds the \$308 million

improvements. Gaylord will pay for \$130 million in infrastructure but will get its money back from tax increment financing. "The chamber believes strongly in the Free Enterprise system," explained the board.

Free enterprise? Come now. It's socialization of the risk and privatization of the gain.

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subsidy that will go to Gaylord Entertainment, a Nashville-based company with a frail balance sheet and a history of big losses. Chula Vista, its redevelopment agency, and the San Diego Unified Port District propose to plunk \$178 million into infrastructure

on it), it will compete with the taxpayer-financed downtown convention center and the now-rising \$348 million Hilton San Diego Convention Center Hotel, which is getting a \$46.5 million subsidy.

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Trashlamp Quarter

By Joe Deegan

Imagine the food and trash that restaurants in San Diego's tony Gaslamp Quarter throw away every night. For more than

15 years, an alley on G Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues made things easier. David Lowe, 32, the alley's most recent occupant, collected trash delivered from 18 restaurants and other businesses, recycled what he could, and hauled the rest to the Miramar Landfill. But on June 1, the City's Neighborhood

pants showed up to address the city council's Natural Resources and Culture Committee. Chairwoman Donna Frye seemed taken aback. "For nonagenda public comment," she said, "we normally only allow three minutes on a particular issue." But she was flexible, perhaps because, for that day's meeting, the major agenda item



David Lowe

Code Compliance Department told him to stop or face a \$2500 fine. In issuing the order, officer Stephen Cousins cited a zoning regulation that forbids moving trash from one site to collect it at another. The City doesn't want a Gaslamp Quarter dumpsite.

On Monday morning, three days later, four Gaslamp occu-

was the city attorney's plan for a mandatory recycling law.

Jim DiMatteo spoke about the alley, whose gate he can see across the street from the side windows of his Jimmy Love's restaurant at the southwest corner of G and Fifth. Besides the need to recycle, "we must have the ability to keep our area clean," said DiMatteo.

"This weekend we were not able to do that, and the cleanliness effort of the Gaslamp Quarter was dramatically affected. There are other methods, but I think everybody realizes that if 20 restaurants start putting trash cans on the street every morning, there's going to be an additional issue. And...from an operator's standpoint, when you make recycling easy, we do it; when it's difficult, it usually doesn't get done."

Maria Argyropoulos spoke in more graphic terms. A vice president for USA Hostels, she drove to San Diego from Venice on that Monday morning to address the committee. Her company's local outlet on Fifth has rear access to the alley. "When Mr. Lowe received notice he couldn't do the recycling," stated Argyropoulos, "the back alley became Third World conditions. I'm not kidding you, there is garbage that people are dumping out there that is piling out waist high, and there are open containers.... When our people brought the waste around to the front of the building instead, the cans were leaking on the sidewalk and our guests were walking through it and bringing it inside our business. I'm sure it's creating a health issue for the restaurants. Their patrons must be bringing it inside their restaurants."

When Gaslamp Quarter Association executive director Jimmy Parker got his turn to



Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter

speak, he urged the City to make a zoning change. There are only three alleys in the Gaslamp, he said. "The weekend before, we had the Jazz Fest down there and decided to work with the alley [on G].... We diverted over 6000 pounds of glass. We diverted over a ton of cardboard. Seventy percent of all the waste produced by the event did not go into the landfill. I'd ask any other event to surpass that, including Earth Day, and we did it with a small business owner who manages a small alley for a property owner."

In 2002, David Lowe was homeless. He got enough to eat by gathering recyclables every day and taking them to reclamation centers. "I complained to a friend about how little money I was making," says Lowe. "I thought he would suggest getting a job, but instead he asked, 'Why don't you do more?'" That started Lowe on the path to creating a business he called LoweCo. He got the business accepted by the California Department of Conservation as a certified collections program. His first regular client, he tells me, became the Hillcrest Business Improvement Association. "Then I began thinking about downtown with all those restaurants," he says.

Lowe started out in the Gaslamp by helping Anthony Martinelli in the G Street alley.

Martinelli worked for plastic surgeon Kian Samimi, who owns the alley and whose practice is one door to the west of the alley's entrance. At the time, according to sources in the area, Samimi was allowing — for a price — several local restaurants to bring their

sive than putting barrels of trash on the street for pickup by the waste management companies.

The first work he did in the alley, says Lowe, was to recycle as much of the trash as he could, something Martinelli never did. He borrowed money to buy a 15-foot box truck for hauling the recyclables out of the Gaslamp Quarter. He then started helping clean the alley and performing other tasks for the older man, who was becoming ill with colon cancer. Martinelli eventually died. Sixteen months ago, Lowe took over all the alley operations. But he convinced Dr. Samimi to allow him to run it as a business. Lowe would pay rent for use of the alley, send invoices to the restaurants, and collect on the bills. And he started renting equipment: a trash compactor, a cardboard bailer, an extruder, and a trailer (after selling his box truck). In addition to trash, he began taking the restaurants' cooking oil and arranging for it to be removed.

One lesson Lowe says he learned the hard way. There is no money in recycling, espe-

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Paychecks or loans?

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Ventures. The insurance agency arranged to sell homeowners' insurance issued by Vesta Fire Insurance. The two lawyers were to deposit insurance premiums in a trust account for Vesta. Instead, those funds were commingled with other funds. Consequently, the attorneys withdrew far more than they were entitled to, according to the government.

Colton and Roeser were "just betting on the come," said Davis in the preliminary hearings. "They were taking money that they knew they were not entitled to, and they were hoping that at the end of the program, it would all balance out. That is no different than a teller in a bank saying, 'I am going to take \$100 out of the till today, and I am going to Viejas tonight, and, hopefully, I will parlay it into \$200 when I come back. Tomorrow, I will put the money back into the till.'"

All told, charges the prosecution, Colton and Roeser pocketed \$1.42 million that belonged to Vesta. The attorneys roughly split that sum between themselves, says the government. Colton converted much of his share to cashier's checks and spent it on lavish living, including Las Vegas gambling trips, charges the government. Roeser sent his money to a brokerage house and his bank account. Davis wondered in court whether some of the money may have landed in offshore tax havens, but no such charges were made. Roeser has been the registered agent for two entities in the Netherlands Antilles, but Davis hasn't brought this out.

One method by which the lawyers allegedly embezzled the funds was by taking a percentage as soon as a policy was written rather than when the money was collected, according to the prosecution. The contract with Vesta clearly says the lawyers' cut is based on money collected, not on policies written, but defense lawyers say policy addenda smoke up that issue.

Vesta originally charged that its money was missing. It took the matter to the California Department of Insurance, which passed it to the district attorney's office as a criminal matter. The California Franchise Tax Board determined that the pair had evaded taxes.

Two of San Diego's high-profile defense attorneys represent the lawyers. Colton is being defended by Michael Pancer, who represented former mayor Roger Hedgecock and former councilmember Ralph Inzunza in corruption trials. Roeser is represented by Charles Goldberg, who defended Ponzi schemer J. David (Jerry) Dominelli and former port commissioner David Malcolm.

At the preliminary hearings, the defense argued that a back-office firm hired by the lawyers had bungled the bookkeeping. Also, Vesta, now in bankruptcy, had been downgraded by an insurance-rating firm, essentially destroying Insurance Ventures' business and prompting a lawsuit by Colton and Roeser. "A very aggressive lawyer representing Vesta... was faced with a valid lawsuit," argued Pancer in the preliminary hearings. That lawyer took the case to the Department of Insurance, which did not understand the complexities. The whole thing is

a contract dispute, says the defense. Whether the lawyers were to get their share of written or collected premiums is ambiguous in the contract, the defense claims. "Experts from the insurance industry" will deflate the prosecution's claims on that point, says Goldberg in an interview.

Says Pancer of the money-laundering charge against Colton, "He has a wife and five children, has gaming patents, clients in Vegas — legitimate business reasons to go to Vegas. The family took vacations there." Colton didn't conceal what he did with the money, says Pancer.

The defense has presented promissory notes indicating that payments to Colton and Roeser were loans from Insurance Ventures, not income, and therefore were not taxable.

At the preliminary hearings, deputy district attorney Davis jumped on that claim. "These alleged notes are themselves proof of the fraud," said Davis, charging that Colton and Roeser cooked up the notes to avoid tax liability. "This is Colton and Roeser as the principals of Insurance Ventures negotiating with Colton and Roeser as the so-called attorneys for Insurance Ventures." The concocting of the promissory notes was "a thinly veiled contrivance."

But not an original one. C. Arnholt Smith used it in the 1970s. ■

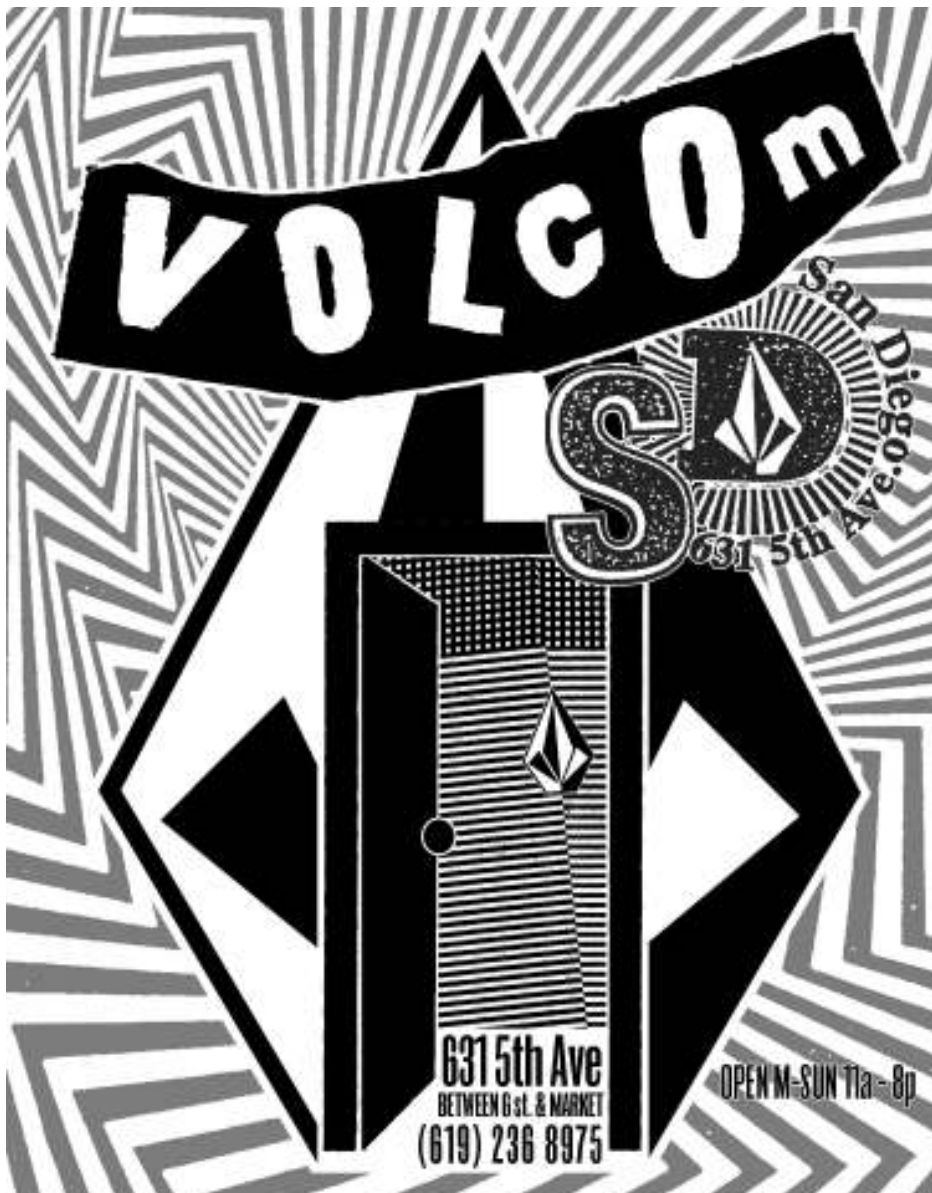
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cially if you run a certified collections program. "You lose the money in the sorting," he says. "To make recycling profitable, the Department of Conservation would have to increase [redemption values] for the licensed programs."

Lowe notes that recent

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changes in what the Department of Conservation pays demonstrate what the root of the problem is for certified collections businesses. The department lowered the rate it pays collections programs for glass from 6.9 to 4.9 cents per pound. At the same time, it raised the rate for scavengers

taking glass to reclamation centers from 8 cents to 10 cents per pound.

"By what the State pays per pound," Lowe maintains, "it's contributing to a permanent underclass and a black market. The licensed businesses have to pay taxes. The underclass is called 'scavengers' by law, though the department has changed their lingo to call them 'unlicensed collection programs.'"

"The restaurants I dealt with don't want to sort the recyclables, and I was losing money in the sorting." So gradually, in the G Street alley, Lowe did less recycling and more trash removal. Instead of preparing Dumpsters for EDCO to empty, he hauled unsorted trash away every morning. Whereas restaurants pay EDCO on average \$1000 per month for trash service, Lowe charged anywhere from

\$375 to \$600 per month. "They liked the service," he says. "Not that they all paid on time, though." Nevertheless, Lowe started to make good money. In the early days on G Street, he often only broke even. Toward the end, however, he claims his monthly gross ranged between \$7300 and \$9300. "But don't forget, I had a lot of expenses too. Rent for the automated equipment, the trailer, and a warehouse

where I still did some sorting." (Lowe declined to reveal his average profits.)

Nicholas Johnson, the local manager of USA Hostels, tells me that paying EDCO after Lowe was shut down in June doubled the company's trash-removal costs. And therein, Lowe believes, lies a clue for why LoweCo was put out of business. "The City was getting complaints about me from the franchised trash

haulers," he says. But Johnson says he suspects that one of the businesses with back access to the alley may have gotten tired of so much trash arriving there daily from restaurants blocks away.

Several weeks ago I went down to the area, expecting to see at least residues of the pollution described by Gaslamp representatives at the Natural Resources and Culture Committee's June 1 meeting. Things looked clean. Later I unsuccessfully called and visited Jimmy Love's restaurant to ask Jim DiMatteo how he thinks the situation has turned around. But he did not get back to me.

Johnson says most of the restaurants have again signed up with EDCO. But a little of the banned movement of trash from one site to another seems to be continuing. "Somebody is bringing trash across the street and putting it in Dumpsters that are still in the alley," according to Johnson. "Whoever it is has a key to the alley. But I don't know if he's coming from Jimmy Love's or from the brewery next door."

What I noticed during my late-Saturday-morning visit was five or six empty trash barrels and one full blue bin. The blue bin may have belonged to Trattoria La Strada, on the northwest corner of Fifth and G, whose bartender told me his company does recycle. But a spokesman for the Sun Cafe, a block away on Market Street, told me, "We don't recycle here; this is a commercial area."

The restaurants in the Gaslamp Quarter may want to get used to recycling again. That mandatory recycling law first proposed by the city attorney's office? The one the Natural Resources and Culture Committee heard on June 1? Well, on August 22, after earlier saying the city attorney was out of order and advocating a voluntary approach, the mayor's office published for public comment the first draft of its own mandatory recycling program. The program will require small businesses to comply with it.

On the other hand, there is an exemption in the mayor's proposal for those who don't have room to collect recyclables. And unless the City allows surrounding restaurants to use the G Street alley, that will give a justification for not recycling. ■

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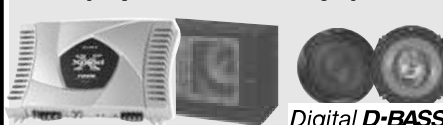
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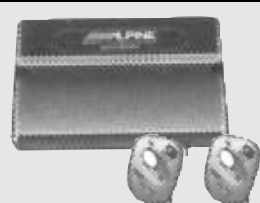


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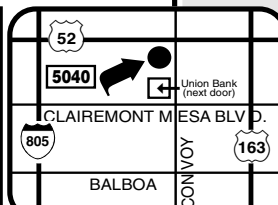


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No Civil Discourse

KPBS's canceling of *Full Focus* and the words attributed to its general manager in the Reader ("Breaking News," "City Lights," August 30 at page 7 and www.sdrreader.com/php/cityshow.php?id=1698) leave me with no confidence in the ability of KPBS to promote the public civil discourse that is needed for civic well being. I infer that the general manager believes that as a mere member of the public I should have no say in the running of KPBS, so I exercise my First Amendment rights to call upon those who do have a say to investigate and act to assure that KPBS remains faithful to its public purpose. For the full text of the general manager's comments see <http://www.kpbs.org/blogs/offmic/?p=28&cp=4#comments>.

In those comments, he speaks of attracting mass audiences in the "mass media environment." I always thought that the whole point of public broadcasting was to provide an alternative to the commercial mass media. An important purpose of viewer and charitable support is to allow for more civil discourse than is permitted in

profit-driven media.

John A. Berol
via e-mail

Hokey Crafts And Lawrence Welk

Thank you for making note of the recent programming change at KPBS ("Breaking News," "City Lights," August 30). What this town needs is a major shake-up at KPBS and/or the entry of another public broadcaster, one with some teeth. KPBS provides little other than the standard white-bread, blue-hair fare and is generally unworthy of anything but a minimum financial contribution from a public interested in true alternatives to commercial broadcasting instead of having *Lawrence Walk Show* reruns and hokey craft-making programs filling up the space between the "big" PBS shows. Having returned recently from seven months living in a cabin on a hilltop in rural upstate New York where I picked up two progressive-minded public radio stations, it's disheartening to find that the local franchise stands for Palpably Bad Service. This KPBS is a dinosaur.

Dan Redneck
via e-mail

Where Credit Is Due

Last week's Hometown CD review of the Challenger Deep's disc should have included credit to photographer Jim Ruland.

Duncan's Comeback

I'm a longtime reader of the Reader, and I really, really miss Duncan Shepherd and his movie reviews. I keep waiting to hear when he's coming back or what's happening. I personally don't like the format that you have now for reviewing

movies.

Stephanie Rake
Normal Heights

Duncan Shepherd returns next week. — Editor

Weight-Loss Losers

I wanted to thank Barbarella for detailing why I'll never join a gym ("Diary of a Diva," "Gym Rats," August 23). What a bunch of losers, including the observer. One thing, though, exactly why is it "important for a dork" to "learn how to fit in"? Every week your shallowness becomes more and more apparent. Let me know when you have your 13th birthday. I'll help you celebrate becoming a "grown-up."

John Cox
via e-mail

Hit The Road, Bill

I would like to commend Susan Luzzaro for her very informative article about the underhandedness that is going on in the City of Chula Vista in regard to the KOA and adjoining properties ("City Lights," "Chula Vista's Yellow Brick Road," August 23). A community meeting has yet to be called in regard to this property as has been in the past. Bill Ostrem did meet with a handful of residents, but instead of getting a go-ahead endorsement, he was met with a barrage of *no development*.

The property in question is designated for a park and open space. The residents on the west side of 805 would like it to remain as planned and not be turned over to a developer who is waiting to get out of Rancho Santa Fe and move up north. The majority of us feel "good-bye, Mr. Ostrem. Take the highway

north today."

If city hall does not stop this underhandedness, maybe a recall is in order, starting with the mayor and moving on down. Listen to the people that voted you into office. *We do not want a 550-unit development* in the lower Sweetwater Valley.

Muffy Pennington
via e-mail

Hey, Baby!

I'm calling about the article with the baby on the front of the Reader ("Is Everybody Too Tired?" Cover Story, August 23). I'm just fascinated with what I've read, and I think it's just a great, great article. I'm half Mexican and half white. You did an excellent, outstanding job, and I commend you.

Juanita Gutierrez

Too Crowded? Then Leave

I was reading Todd Gilbert's letter to the editor ("300 Million Is a Crowd," August 30), expressing himself about people having babies. This individual says that people need to stop having babies because we are too crowded.

Well, let me express myself now. I think that if anyone thinks that San Diego, California, is too crowded, well, why don't you guys leave? We have got enough with you negative people. Traffic is not that bad; most of the people get home no later than one hour.

And yes, Immigration can take all of the illegal people out of the state: Chinese, Mexican, Europeans, etc. But not in a rude way, as you racist people want. It seems that Immigration only is against Mexican

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Chargers Preview Edition

Before we get to the Chargers, I should note Division II dwelling Appalachian State and its convincing 34-32 victory over nationally ranked (number 5) Division I opponent Michigan. The game was played at Michigan. Follows is the weekend's best sports quote delivered by Appalachian State's chancellor, Kenneth Peacock.

Chancellor Peacock traveled with his football team to the big game in Ann Arbor. To give you a sense of the disparity between the schools, Appalachian State University is located in Boone, North Carolina, population 13,000. Michigan State Stadium holds eight times the population of Boone.

The moment the Mountaineers blocked Michigan's field goal, took possession with four seconds left in the contest, Appalachian students, watching the game from Boone, made their way to Kidd Brewer Stadium (sits 16,650, built 45 years ago). Students climbed the fence, tore down a goalpost, and dragged it onto Rivers Street, thence to Bodenheimer Drive, thence to Chancellor Kenneth Peacock's 9000-square-foot house. Specifically, to its front yard.

The news, as is its wont, travels faster than necessary, and before the Mountaineers left Ann Arbor a reporter told Chancellor Peacock that the Appalachian State goal post was resting on his lawn and wanted to know how he felt about that. Peacock said, "I can hardly wait to get home to see it."

San Diego Chargers press release.

February 19, 2007, marked a new beginning in Chargers football when President Dean Spanos introduced Norv Turner as the new head coach of the San Diego Chargers.

The Chargers do not pick competent head coaches. Line up a half dozen head coaching applicants, and the Chargers pick a loser time after time after time.

Here's an incredible statistic: Turner lost 58 percent of his games as head coach. The last guy, the fired guy, Marty Schottenheimer, was a great regular-season coach, won 61 percent of the games he coached, but crashed in the playoffs. When he had to win, he played not to lose and therefore lost. It's a personality thing with Marty; he couldn't shake it.

Turner, on the other had, doesn't win in the regular season and doesn't win in the postseason. Here's his coaching résumé: Seven years head coach for Washington. Finished with a record of 49-59-1. He made the playoffs in 1999, lost to Tampa Bay in the second round. Fired 13 games into the 2000 season.

His next head-coaching position arrived four years later with Al Davis and the Raiders. You have to be desperate to work for Al in good times; working for Al in his senility is like being John McCain running for president in '08 — you'll do *anything* to get the big job. Turner went 5-11 in 2004, 4-12 in 2005, then was fired to make room for NFL coaching legend Art Shell.

And that's it, head coach for two clubs, combined 58-82-1 record, 24 games under .500. He racked two playoff games, one win, one loss, both in the same year. Time to look around for a beer distributorship.

The party line says Norv made his bones as an offensive coordinator. He was offensive coordinator for Dallas in the early '90s. Did good. Lasted three years. The Cowboys won the Super Bowl twice while he was there, in 1992 and '93. But that was a long time ago. George Bush was president and the American army had recently invaded Iraq.

Turner was offensive coordinator for the Chargers in 2001 (they went 5 and 11) and for Miami in 2002 and 2003 (they went 9-7 and 10-6)...did not make the playoffs in either year. And, finally, last season, he was offensive coordinator for San Francisco. The team went 7-9.

So, he's not working because of his stats. His stats suck.

The Chargers say they hired Turner because he is "...Known as an offensive mastermind, Turner was the team's offensive coordinator in 2001 and installed the same offense that the team currently runs."

San Diego is running the same offense as it did five years ago? This is a good thing?

My guess is that Turner was hired because he was the safest choice on the table. There was a saying IT managers had back in the 1980s, when desktop computers were flooding into corporations: "Nobody ever got fired for buying an IBM computer." IBM boxes weren't the best, but they were the safest choice.

That's Norv.

Norv also solved the number-one problem on A.J. Smith's trouble list. The Chargers general manager meant to hire a head coach he could dominate. No more guff from the hired help. Norv did not hire, and therefore one assumes he does not possess the loyalty of new defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell and new offensive coordinator Clarence Shelmon.

Nobody cares. The Chargers have the best talent in the NFL — 11 Pro Bowlers and Turner has a four-year contract. No excuses this time.



Norv Turner

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Founded locally: 1992

Senior pastor: Dave Heitman

Congregation size: about 135

Staff size: 5

Sunday school enrollment: growing rapidly

Annual budget: n/a

Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: no

Dress: semiformal

Diversity: majority Caucasian

Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour 20 minutes

Website: www.calvarychapel.com/pointloma

The high inverted V made by the slanting
walls made it clear that this was a church, but
the overall effect was unobtrusive: abstracted

stained glass on the
high front wall shed-
ding light onto a stage
laden with sound
equipment and a pul-
pit. (The altar had been
moved to one side.) All
but one of the seven
men on stage (two pas-
tors, five with the band)
wore a short-sleeve but-
ton-down shirt; all but
one looked to be under
40 years old. The
singing followed the
tone set by the guitar:
mellow, lending an easy,
beachy vibe not only
to a contemporary
tune ("We are hungry,
we are hungry, we are
hungry for more of
you") but also to old
standbys ("My hope
is built on nothing less/
Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness").

"Oh, God, how
we hunger for you,"
proclaimed an open-
ing prayer. "Lord...as
we open up your
word...we pray that you
would just feed our
hungry souls, Lord,
with the bread of life."

We read together a
verse from Matthew: "But seek first the king-
dom of God...and all these things shall be
added unto you..."

Pastor Heitman highlighted an upcom-
ing Muslim evangelism workshop, headed by
Samy Tanagho, author of *Glad News! God
Loves You, My Muslim Friend*: "an exciting
outreach to Muslims in Orange County.... We
need to know what the Muslim believes, because
there are more and more of them
in California. We talk about missions, going
to the outer reach. Those following Islam are
probably some of the most outer-reach peo-
ple, and yet some of the most hungry, and
some of the most ready for hearing the
Gospel.... Tanagho shares that nowhere in the
Koran...is God mentioned as wanting a rela-
tionship and being loving.... So this is an excit-
ing opportunity to go and spread the good
news of God's love.... God loves the Muslims
just as much as He loves the Christians; He desires
that all should come to repentance in Jesus."

Heitman's sermon focused on John's
account of Jesus feeding the five thousand —

the multiplied loaves and fishes. He said that
the "real story" was "God being faithful to
us — 2 Timothy 2:13 says, 'Even if we are
faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot
deny himself.' The Lord said, 'I am their God
and they are my kids.'"

The sermon meandered along its path.
Eventually turning to the text, Heitman noted
that "despite all the busyness, Jesus invites
the boys to come away with him.... He's invit-
ing them to rest, and we all need to rest with
Jesus, especially when things are busy." A
comment on miracles followed: "You can't go
to Jesus and expect to manipulate this man
for your personal gain.... You can only come
to Jesus...on His terms: 'I want to know
you...and I cannot leave you unchanged...'
The true reason we come to Jesus is, we want
to be with Him."

He broke down Jesus' actions prior to
the miracle: "He takes his disciples...and puts
them in the middle of the lesson: what's the

problem, what are you
going to do about it,
and what do you want
me to do about it? He's
being really practical:
he was very here and
now. Blood, sweat, lep-
rosy, pus, food, drink;
you name it, Jesus got
dirty in it." Finally,
"when He's teaching,
it's always about more
than just tangibles....
'It's about concern for
a bunch of hungry peo-
ple.... I want you to get
involved in their life. I
want you to love them...'
God can use the small-
est thing" — say, five
loaves and two fish —
"but He can't use noth-
ing.... Give your life,
and see if the Lord
doesn't exponentially
increase."

Still, "the next day,
the people got hungry
again.... God is not
here to fix your prob-
lems." Rather, God "is
about eternal things:
'Yes, you will die; yes,
you will suffer; but I've
come to redeem you....
I am the bread...' God,
it's your faithfulness

that brings us to You through this act of com-
munion." More songs, and then together the
congregation broke the bread and drank the
cup.

What happens when we die?

"The Bible says that Jesus is the Way, the
Truth, and the Life," said Heitman, "and with-
out Him, we don't have access to the Father.
So, for those who have accepted Jesus — this
side of dying — and acknowledged the Gospel,
which is the good news that there is hope —
there is life, this side of heaven and also eter-
nally, promised to us. But just as much as
heaven is real, hell is also real. Hell was not cre-
ated for man; it was created for Satan and the
demons. But when man fell... We serve a just
and holy God; He can't be in the presence of
sin. We do believe strongly in taking people
to Scripture, to Romans, and talking about
the need for repentance. It is by faith that we
are saved."

— Matthew Lickona

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"Tricked out?" I asked Patrick, incredulous. "You want to get the minivan tricked out? Let's get serious. I'm not sure that a Toyota Sienna is the sort of car you trick out. More importantly, I'm not sure I'm the sort of gal who rides around in a tricked-out minivan."

That was two years ago, and to my amazement and chagrin, my husband is still at it. Call it an early suburban midlife crisis. "It's not as if I want to get a little red sports car," he complains. "Just silver flames on the side of the van." Now, I think I might have found a way to cool his accessory fever.

Last week, I spotted a Sienna very much like ours — except this one had a spoiler up above the back window. Nothing huge, but definitely there. When I mentioned it to Patrick, his eyes got big — success.

The next day, I placed a call to Jeff Hebbel of *getspoiled.com*, a company that specialized in just the sort of thing I was after — adding custom or factory spoilers to cars. For something like a minivan, said Hebbel, "a spoiler is basically just there for aesthetics. Usually, it's on sporty cars, things like the Ford Mustang. It's aesthetic there, too. But when you get something like a Formula One race car, there the spoiler can be moved up and down at certain angles to deal with the aerodynamics of the vehicle. The position of the spoiler will give more or less wind resistance, and thus more or less speed."

Factory spoilers, said Hebbel, were just that — spoilers designed at the factory for a particular model of car. "Not all cars have an option for a factory spoiler. A luxury sedan like the Lincoln Town Car won't have one, but the Ford Mustang will. So will the Dodge Charger, but it will be completely different from the Mustang's." So, if you want a spoiler for your Town Car, "we can put on what's called a universal spoiler. They're made by aftermarket parts companies, and they fit on multiple vehicles."

Get Spoiled is aimed primarily at car dealerships, places "that don't want to get really fancy and tricked out, because then the cars won't appeal to a wide audience. I do mainly factory-style spoilers, stuff that they know they can sell to just about anybody. There are, of course, companies that will do racecar-style spoilers and ground effects — stuff that goes along the bottom edge of the vehicle. That's geared toward the younger generation." (And possibly silver-flame-seeking suburban dads.)

At the dealership, "my company will go in and install a sampling of a couple of different spoilers on various vehicles. For example, the Dodge Charger XRT has a spoiler standard. It's a higher-end model — it'll have things like leather seats and a better engine and also a higher price tag. We might

"A Mustang without a spoiler looks weird, right?"

add a factory XRT spoiler to a base-model Charger. It gives it a higher-end look and makes it look more sporty, but it's a better price. A spoiler is the single most cost-effective way to enhance the appearance of your vehicle." (Hear that, Patrick? Not flames. Spoilers.)

Or, if a customer is bringing their car into the dealership for service, they might notice the spoilers on the cars in the lot and decide they'd like to add it on to what they're already driving. The dealership calls Hebbel, and he drives over and does the job. "I'm mobile. I can also go to someone's home or office. And color-match is no problem. I have a few different suppliers, and they paint the spoilers for me. A black metallic Charger has a color code of PXR. I'll order it, and a computer mixes the paint to the factory specs.

I stock many of the most popular spoilers, but I can get almost anything in three days to a week. The most popular one is the Ford Mustang — a Mustang without a spoiler looks weird, right? The Charger is popular, too. And every once in a while, I do a minivan. Toyota makes a factory spoiler for the Sienna."

Most spoilers, said Hebbel, attach with screws. "First, I get it in position. Some come with templates, others with measurements in the instructions. If not, I'll go and measure a factory-installed spoiler to get the exact dimensions. I'll use a couple of different drill bits during the installation. First, a small bit to mark the hole. Then, a quarter-inch bit to make the hole in the trunk. And if the trunk has a second panel underneath the metal, I have to drill through that to get access for my screwdriver and nut driver. The screws go up through the bottom of the trunk into the spoiler. In between the spoiler and the top of the trunk, I place a rubber gasket pad. It acts like a cushion, and it seals the gap so the spoiler is flush to the deck and water can't get in. Some spoilers have brake lights in them, and that requires an additional wire installation. If it's a factory spoiler, there will be a built-in hookup in the trunk. Otherwise, I'll tap into the brake-light wire in the quarter panel or underneath the trunk."

Cost for the service runs "anywhere from \$295 to \$350, depending on the installation process. That includes paint and onsite service. That's the price I charge everyone — dealers and individuals. Sometimes, a dealer will mark up the price; other times, they'll throw it in at no extra charge when they're trying to make a sale."

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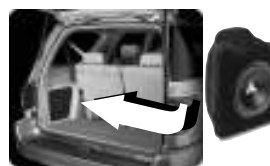
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by Barbaraella

Operation Europe

A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving.

— Lao Tzu

David was fervent. I stared at his arms, mesmerized by his exaggerated gesticulations. I'd never seen him look so animated. Even his voice was emphatic, as if every word coming out of his mouth was in italics. He

lifted a red pushpin from a small tray in his hand. Like a patient following the doctor's pen, my eyes remained glued to the spot of red between David's thumb and forefinger as he waved it back and forth in front of my face.

"Barb." I tore my gaze from the pin and met David's irritated glower. "Are you even listening to me?"

"Huh? I mean, yes, yes, of course I am." I tried to sound indignant, but failed.

"So what did I just say?" I looked at him

stupidly and blinked a few times. David sighed. "I don't know why you can't be more interested in this. It's your trip too, you know."

"I am," I argued. "Start again, please. This time I promise I'll pay attention. You were saying something about that pin. You were going to put it on that map behind you; I know it." I smiled beguilingly and lifted my chin toward the three-foot by four-foot map of Europe that David had pinned to white foam core and set up in my office, a room he had begun referring to as "mission control."

For weeks, I'd felt like I was an extra with a speaking role in an espionage film starring David as the tireless C.I.A. agent tracking

a fugitive. When he pointed to the blue pin that he'd pushed into Öland — the long narrow island off the southeast coast of Sweden on which our friends, Urs and Gudrun, live — I half expected him to say, "This is where we will connect with our assets; we can rely on them to lead us to the Eternal City."

David (code name: "Handler") and I will soon be leaving the continent to sojourn in eight cities and four countries over the span of five weeks. I've been romanticizing our European adventure since we first discussed the idea over a year ago. David has approached our impending trip as if he'd volunteered to single-handedly overhaul America's health-care system.

Prelaunch logistics for Operation Europe began six months ago, with a thorough investigation of *every* hotel within the path of our itinerary. David researched over 1000 hotels before committing to the 5 at which we will actually stay. When most people think of researching hotels, they imagine skimming travel sites and comparing prices. The scrutiny David gives to potential temporary homes makes Kenneth Starr's 445-page report on a semen-splattered blue dress seem half-assed. For each hotel he considered, David read ALL the reviews he could find online, and he examined every photo. At first, he tried to engage me in the project, but my short attention span and tendency to

zone out over such details soon left him frustrated.

Two weeks into the investigation, I began to suffer from research fatigue. David called me over to his computer, on which he had 20 windows minimized, and asked me to help narrow his selection. "That one looks great," I said, after glimpsing a handful of the websites David had been toiling over for days.

"But you didn't even read the reviews!"

"I don't need to — I can tell by looking at the top of the screen that 15 people reviewed this one, and that the average of their reviews is four out of five stars. And the pictures look nice. Sounds good. Let's move on."

David was exasperated. I have a knack for making him that way. "A family traveling with kids to Disneyworld has different requirements of a hotel than a couple of jet-setting bon vivants. You *have* to read the reviews, or else you won't know what the pluses and minuses are and if they correspond to your likes and dislikes!"

"There's no Disneyworld in Europe," I teased. The force of David's sigh blew my hair back. I was off the hook as far as hotels went. It turned out David was only trying to involve me because he thought I *wanted* a say in his choice of hotels. Once he realized I trusted him to choose the most desirable accommodations, he stopped bothering me. He did not, however, let up on his planning.

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As our departure date draws nearer, David's preparations seem amplified. In comparison, mine appear nonexistent at worst, ridiculous at best. Five days of our month-and-a-week-long trip will be spent in Paris, so David has decided to freshen up on the five years of French he took in high school and college. He purchased several French language books; I often hear him muttering French phrases around the house, especially when he breaks out the Bordeaux. To prepare myself for the City of Love, I have made it a point to sing "Lady Marmalade" every time I shower. While David is studying weather reports to figure out his pants-to-shorts ratio, I am standing before the mirror in our walk-in closet trying on hats, none of which can fit into any of our suitcases.

My desk in Mission Control has been filling up with papers. A stack of railroad tickets, printouts of flight confirmations, copies of passports and credit card numbers, a calendar of when important bills are due, maps and satellite

photographs of each of our destinations, and, of course, the color-coordinated calendar — black text for flights, green for hotels, red for trains, purple for rental cars, and the days themselves are highlighted by city in tertiary hues. Color is something I grasp — I have 17 shades of red lipstick.

Tomorrow, the packing drills begin. David and I are accustomed to a 50-pound-per-bag, two-bags-per-person allowance. For our intra-European flights, we are only allowed a single 44-pound bag. Our suitcase alone weighs 14 pounds, leaving us with a scant 30-pound limit for actual cargo. Between the density of David's camera equipment and the heavy heels on the four pairs of shoes I originally wanted to bring, the weight restrictions seem impossible. Miraculously, on an emergency run to Fashion Valley, David and I were both able to find one pair for each of us that would work for *all* foreseeable occasions. Still, he is concerned we'll get ourselves stuck at some foreign air-

port, facing the same hard decision a character named Sophie once had to make — which of our beloved items will we leave behind? Hence the packing drills.

Our new suitcases have a built-in scale so that we can continue to weigh them as we go. To make sure the scales are accurate, David set up an additional, larger spring scale, like the kind used in shipping departments, in our living room. We are to fake pack what we think we need, weigh our luggage, and then reevaluate our definition of "need."

"I'm going to need your help with this," David said over dinner last night.

"No problemo, beh beh, I gotcha covered," I said.

"No, this is serious. The airlines in Europe charge \$7 for every pound we're over. I might need to put some things in your laptop bag, like the video equipment."

"Whatever you say, Bourne," I said, giggling at David's glare. "Just be sure to wake me up when we get there." ■

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The Mortgage Meltdown

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He thinks he's been irresponsible, and he wishes he had saved more money before buying. "If you don't have the skill or the knowledge to make money to pay for a house," he says, "it's better to wait." The problem is, Mario had neither the skill nor the knowledge three years ago when New Century Financial qualified him and his wife to finance a \$410,000 home in Oak Park, with \$17,000 down.

Suddenly, he and his wife were arguing, pointing fingers. Today, they have separated and may file for divorce. "There's too many problems right now," he says. "I think I'm going to lose the house." One strategy for Mario is to try to rent the three-bedroom, one-bath home for enough to cover the monthly payment. He hopes that if he gets a tenant, Mario may be able to live in a room in the back of the house. So far he has no takers. He may also try to sell the property. But that hasn't happened either. He has neither money nor motivation to fix the place up. Getting behind on his mortgage payments has made him listless.

Where will he go if the bank forecloses? "I don't know. Maybe the mission."

Mario makes \$3000 a month as a handyman, doing plumbing and electrical. He pays \$400 a

month on a 2003 car, so mortgage and car payment were eating up his income. Even with a job, his lack of equity and lousy credit mean that he can't get anyone — he's buttonholed every broker and banker he can find — to refinance his loan. Once he believed, per the loan broker's instructions, that when his loan went "up a little" he could refinance. But such an option for someone who has, as the euphemism goes, "less than perfect" credit is unlikely. Mario knows now that he was put in a subprime loan, and he feels angry, cheated, and helpless.

And that's as far as Mario wants to go. Talking by phone, he retreats into one-word answers. His voice is disappearing; he wants off the hook. Most people like Mario who are losing their homes marshal terse responses, blame their brokers, and tes-





tify bitterly to what the San Diego housing community is undergoing this year — an epidemic of foreclosures. Foreclosure is the tragic end of predatory lending, lax regulations, and fraud on the part of some brokers and lenders, as well as ignorance, self-delusion, and misplaced trust on the part of many buyers. When borrowers in trouble see how blind they've been and how badly they've been taken, it's no wonder they don't want to talk.

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A few brave souls, however, are speaking up. One is Joaquina Abrego, who wants everyone to know her name and her story. In June, Abrego, 60, spoke to reporters at a media event staged by the local chapter of Acorn, a national advocacy group that represents low- and moderate-income families on issues

of housing, employment, and social justice. Acorn's loan counselors intervene between the borrower and the lender when the borrower is behind on payments. Before reporters and cameras, Abrego is wearing a fire-engine red coat with an Acorn button; sign-waving supporters are behind her. She stands in front of her home of five years on D Avenue in National City. She stares into the Fox 6 News lens, her expression frozen and intense, until the cameraman asks her to relax.

Abrego, who's lived in National City all her life, and her husband bought their two-story wooden house five years ago. It's an unusual, Christmassy-looking home, painted dark red and dark green. They got it after "many years, sacrificing, working two and three jobs." In 2002, the home cost \$445,000 and was financed with no down pay-

"Where are these people, turned out of their condos, going? And what about the people who haven't yet lost their homes but they are crazy as batshit trying to keep it."

ment. In 2005, once her payments had gotten onerous, a friend told her to contact Tony Balistrieri, a loan broker with First Advantage Financial, who could help her refinance her loan. "He told me he is going to lower my payments and everything is going to be fine. It was so beautiful. I believe him; I trust him. I went to sign the papers, but I thought something was wrong." Abrego recalls Balistrieri rushing her, saying that if she didn't act, she would miss a very low rate.

Balistrieri promised Abrego he'd reduce her \$2045-a-month payment. "He call me up, and he say, 'How much do you want to pay? Nine hundred [a month]?' And I say, 'Nine hundred would be fine.'" At First Advantage's office in Mission Valley, she read the loan documents (no

one explained them to her), then panicked, seeing that the loan would rise in increments to \$3700 a month. She called Balistrieri from the office.

On the phone, Abrego recalls, "He say, 'Just sign the papers. Don't tell anybody. Sign the papers.'" Their agreement was " 'just between you and me.' 'Are you positive?' 'I'm positive, 100 percent.' He was a loan officer, so maybe he could do it." In short, Abrego trusted Balistrieri, and that was the last time she spoke with him.

"I signed and came home and gave the papers to my husband. He read them and ended up having a heart attack and [later] a stroke. He was in the hospital, and he said, 'What are we going to do now? Our payments are going up. We'll lose our house,



Joaquina Abrego

everything. We'll be in the streets.' He was in the hospital for three weeks and lost his mind. He's not able to think for himself or do anything. Sometimes he doesn't remember things. My life

changed from bad to worse."

One year later, Balistrieri sent Abrego a bill for \$3700 for his services, which she's never paid. She believes this was pure intimidation: he'd

already received his commission as part of the refinance. Even though Abrego owns two restaurants — Mama's Grill in Old Town and El Cajon — she doesn't make enough to keep up with her mortgage.

This summer, Abrego's story got much worse. When I visit on a Saturday in July, she is on the couch, crying. She's depressed, she says. Clutching a California Lottery ticket, she tells me that First Advantage sold her loan to Ocwen, a mortgage lender in West Palm Beach, Florida. (Currently Ocwen faces one class-action lawsuit in federal court, based on 57 cases, and 331 individual lawsuits in Florida: all allege fraud.) Because Abrego has not made her mortgage payment for three months, Ocwen sent her a Notice of Default: her house

would be sold at public auction, July 25, on the steps of the county courthouse. Abrego owes \$44,746 on the loan. For \$2600, Ocwen will stop the sale, what's called a "foreclosure rescue." But even that sum is nearly impossible for her to raise. In an 11th-hour move, Acorn is trying to secure a Federal Housing Administration emergency loan for Abrego; a promissory note would pay what she owes to date and reinstate her loan with Ocwen.

According to Bryan Piccolomini, a broker and the personnel director with First Advantage Financial, Balistrieri left First Advantage in February 2006, a few months after Piccolomini started. The California Department of Real Estate lists Balistrieri as having no disciplinary action; there was a "conditional license

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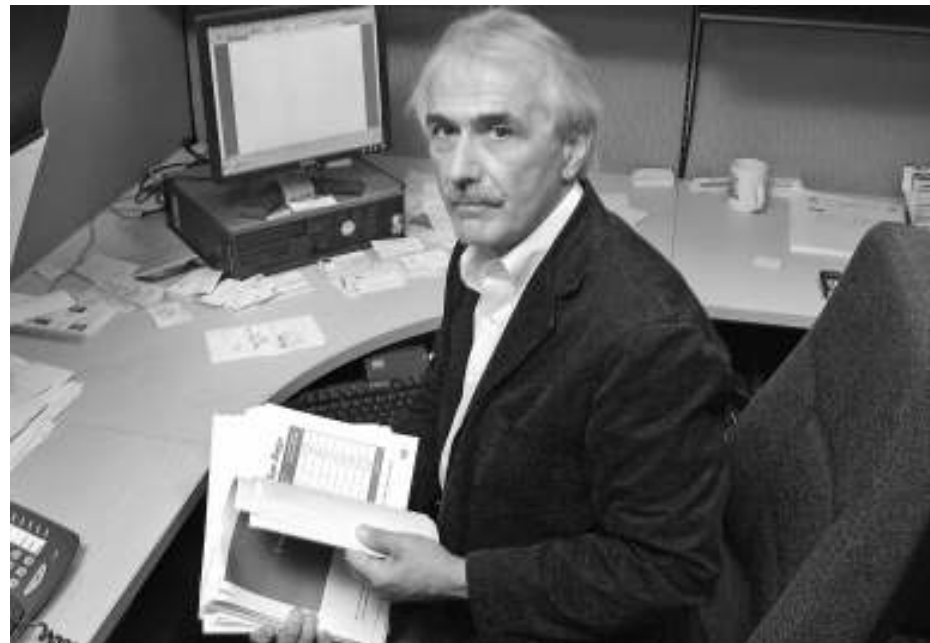


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suspension" for "unfiled education requirements" between September 2005 and January 2006; these requirements were met and the suspension was removed. Why did he leave? "I can't tell you," Piccolomini says, "but he went somewhere else. He was an independent contractor." Piccolomini does admit that complaints surfaced from clients with whom Balistreri worked. But, Piccolomini says, "He wasn't here long enough for me to see a pattern of complaint." He doesn't know anything about the Abrego case: "Maybe Tony didn't fund the loan through us." (I have tried to track down Balistreri through his current employer, Home Capital Lending, but neither he nor the company has returned my calls. I have referred Abrego's case to the city attorney's office, which is investigating.)

"I don't know if Tony fits this profile,"



Jim Bliesner

Piccolomini continues, "but there are people in our industry who make money during a refinance craze. Much like day traders, a lot of people went in and out" of mortgage brokering in the mid-2000s. "I know there were a lot of people buying advertising time on the radio and sending out mailers that had boiler-room operations

that no longer exist and had workers who were not very well trained."

At the courthouse, July 25, 169 foreclosures are offered for sale. The majority are either postponed or canceled: deals have been struck between lender and borrower, in some cases, that morning. Abrego's property is on the block, put up by Alliance Default

Services. The auctioneer announces the address, details the standard restrictions — "sale of this property is on an as-is basis" — and states that he has an "authorized bid" of \$1000. "Are there any qualifying bidders?" he asks. Two men raise their hands. "Again, I have an opening bid of \$1000. Are there any other bids?" One bidder

says, "\$351,000." The other does not counter. Going once, twice — sold. This price is nearly \$100,000 less than Abrego paid for the house in 2002. She and her husband are now out of the house, renting an apartment.

First-time home buyers like Mario and Joaquina Abrego typically get one shot at owning a home. If they make payments faithfully, they will build equity, on which so much is possible in America. But if they fall behind — whether the fault is theirs or the tactics of predatory brokers, or both — they may never get another shot.

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Jim Bliesner is the director of the San Diego City-County Reinvestment Task Force. The 15-member committee, whose cochairs are city councilmember Tony Young and county super-

visor Ron Roberts, meets monthly at city hall to monitor local banking practices and develop strategies for reinvestment in low-income neighborhoods. This year the task force has heard the sobering testimony of housing advocates and real estate analysts as well as the heartbreaking stories of people facing foreclosure. Often those who testify are in tears, often they can't finish, always they stretch beyond the allotted five minutes. In June, one woman, her voice quivering with anxiety, says, "I don't want to sound like I'm on the pity pot, but I can't pay my \$4000 mortgage." The astute Bliesner has come up with a metaphor for the foreclosure process: "It's a lot like a glue sheet. Every time you put one hand down, you get stuck. Then you put another hand down to try to push away. But every time you try to

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The stickiness is as bad as it was in the mid-1990s, during the last slowdown in the local housing market. DataQuick Information Systems has found that for the first half of 2006, the number of foreclosures was 445; for the first half of 2007, it was 2896. That’s a 551 percent increase.

What’s happened in San Diego is this: during 2005, when home prices were setting records every month (the high was reached in November 2005), it seemed that anyone buying, selling, or financing a home could make money. Brokers made commissions selling loans, realtors earned fees buying and selling houses. Wall Street made money offering “mortgage-backed securities,” or bundled loans, as



Andy Sobel

investments. Developers made money supplying new homes, whether in South Bay or Temecula, to people who’d drive two hours to work. Even people buying homes were making money by “flipping,” or selling quickly as the price went up. With a rising housing market, with a shortage of new homes, with

more buyers qualifying, any investment yielded results. No matter the size of your mortgage, if you got in over your head, you could — you were told — refinance. At a lower rate! It’s a classic predatory tactic: the broker pushes a homeowner to refinance a loan, which may or may not lower the payment. By

taking advantage of the home’s increased equity, the broker can collect a commission. For a few golden years in the mid-2000s, all this easy money was true.

For San Diegans, so much of the home-buying economy is cockeyed. Our median income is about 3 percent below the state median, while

the home prices are among the highest in the state. In San Francisco, where the home prices are also among the highest, the median income is about 15 percent above the state median. According to the housing affordability index — a measure of whether a family’s income qualifies them to buy a home — only 9 percent of San Diegans have an income high enough to afford a home.

Enter the subprime loan. Contrary to conventional wisdom, these loans are typically not sought by borrowers. Rather, people are pressured to take subprime loans by brokers who stand to earn high fees on their sale. Subprime “credit products” are marketed to consumers as “choices.” All sorts of varieties. Negative amortization. No down pay-

ment. Stated income. Self-employed, blemished or nonexistent credit, consumer debt, asset poor — none of it matters. Only this: can you qualify? Even people like Mario, who had a low FICO score, qualified — because the loan broker got him qualified. (A FICO score, the most widely used determinant of a person’s creditworthiness, is considered good when it’s 680 or over. The idea behind subprime loans is to give people with FICO scores in the 500s the “opportunity” to buy a home.)

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Another form of credit is the negative amortization loan, which some are calling the “sicko” loan of the credit industry. Most bank loans are amortized. Every month the borrower pays part of the interest and the principal. According to Piccolomini, with a negative amortized loan, the borrower pays less than the full amount of interest each month. The catch is, the difference between the amount paid and the amount owed is added to the balance of the loan. Every month, the loan amount grows larger. A negatively amortized loan is designed for an upwardly moving real estate market.

“Essentially you are borrowing against future equity,” Piccolomini says, “until your cash flow is such that you can afford to refinance the loan or pay” the full payment. “The problem is, brokers put people into homes” with a negative amortized loan “just to get the person qualified. And that was crazy.” Depending on how the loan is written, the reduced monthly payment may last 1 month or 60 months. But, Piccolomini says, it can’t last forever. He cites a contractual rule that once the balance of the loan gets to be 110 percent of the original loan amount, the loan must reset. When the loan resets, the monthly payment can rise as high as 50 percent.

Many subprime adjustable-rate loans — following the boom in broker sales, the real estate market high, and the refinance craze of the mid-2000s — are now resetting. Payments are

leaping \$300, \$500, \$1000 a month. Defaults are hitting new highs in Mira Mesa, Southeast San Diego, Spring Valley, Oceanside, Vista, Escondido, and Chula Vista, areas where minorities dominate. The number of default notices, auction notices, or foreclosures in June in San Diego County was, according to Realty Tree, 19,069. The highest concentrations are in Southeast San Diego (92114) and San Ysidro/Otay Mesa (92154).

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In 2000, Inez (not her real name) decided she wanted to buy a home. It would be the third time she had bought a house, so she knew the ins and outs of financing and making payments. Her third was, she now admits, way too much house for one person. Just as she got ready to purchase, she changed jobs, lost her sister, and

was facing sudden financial woes. She still wanted the home and found a real estate broker who, by speaking her native language, Spanish, shared a cultural identity with her. Inez trusted the broker, and the broker took her to World Savings.

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But with home prices rising steadily through the 2000s, Inez found that as her equity increased she could refinance her loan and get cash. On the advice of her broker, Inez, who needed money for bills, started a series of refi's. She calls this

"my bad." She was digging her hole even deeper. The more she refinanced, the more fees she had to pay and the more her loan amount rose. With each refinance, World Savings would, she says, "put me back to an adjustable

loan." Her monthly payments leapt, first by \$700, then by \$300 more.

Inez was astounded to discover that each time she read the new loan documents, World Savings was not accurately listing her income. (This is what's called a

stated income loan.) The documents stated her income was \$10,000 per month, "which is not true at all. This was to qualify me" for the refinance, "even though they knew I didn't make that much money. They kept pulling me back" to the

same loan, one with an adjustable rate. She tried to go to another bank. But World Savings required a \$9000 penalty for early payment of its loan. According to Inez's figures, in 2000 she financed some \$219,000. As of this summer, the

amount she owes the bank has grown to \$500,000.

Today, she is angry that World Savings will not rewrite the whole loan at a fixed rate. Her savings have been depleted; she's advertising the house, but only

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by word of mouth and on craigslist. In late June she tells me that even though she continues to pay her mortgage, “July looks grim and August is looking very grim.”

How has she handled all this?

“I’m trying to keep my balance. My daughter was offering to help me. She has a perfect credit score, and she was offering to cosign for yet again another refi. But she’s 23 years old, and I’m wondering what would be the risk for her.” She laughs an embarrassed laugh. “It’s a roller-coaster ride, and I’m hanging on by a prayer.” Inez says she just wants “fairness. I want people to get what they ask for instead of being fooled into something again and not really respecting what we really want.” Her advice for others *before* they buy a house is to use a credit

union; find out about penalty charges; ask questions; get a fixed rate, never an adjustable.

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The most recent map of San Diego defaults and foreclosures reveals that subprime loans are concentrated where ethnic groups — Vietnamese, Filipinos, Mexican Americans, African Americans — predominate. One of the major subprime lending areas is EastLake, a subdivision in Chula Vista with a large Hispanic population. Housing advocates wonder whether what has happened in EastLake is the result of brokers and lenders preying on people whose lack of English-language skills makes them susceptible to subprime abuses.

“Loan steering” — its legality remains in question — occurs when people query a developer



Cathy and Richard Whitmore

about home sales, and the developer steers them toward a particular broker or lender. The lender may, after putting the person into a subprime loan, give a kickback to

the developer. Another abuse that seems to follow only low-income people is for lenders to steer them into a subprime loan. No law exists to require lenders to tell a

borrower that he or she qualifies for a loan at a low fixed rate.

Studies by the National Training and Information Center, a resource for community organizations, finds that lenders who specialize in subprime loans show up more often in ethnic communities, while lenders who offer prime loans are in affluent or white suburbs. In 2002, in Cleveland, Ohio, 37 Citibank branches specialized in subprime loans; only 1 branch wrote prime loans. And yet Fannie Mae — with Freddie Mac, one of two publicly traded, federally chartered corporations that buys pools of loans — has found that nearly half of all subprime borrowers would qualify for a prime loan. (Foreclosures for prime loans or Alt-A loans, made to people with slightly blemished credit,

are still uncommon; the foreclosure rate on subprime loans is about 20 percent nationwide.)

Moreover, the Federal Reserve Board has shown that African-American and Latino borrowers receive higher-interest loans than their white counterparts. People assume that their neighborhood lender is their only source. Problems arise when people whose income and FICO score qualify them for a prime loan are steered into a subprime loan or when people who can’t afford a house are given a loan. A high FICO score helps a borrower get a lower rate on *any* loan — house, car, boat, home equity, credit card. (At myfico.com, you can check your credit score against the daily rate for any of these loans.)

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prime loans because of their lack of English skills. In general, they don't complain, not because they don't feel cheated but because drawing attention to themselves as recent arrivals can be scary. Ruben Arizmendi, a business litigation lawyer, tells me that in our city's Latino community, loans are sold to Spanish-speaking buyers by Spanish-speaking brokers. But when the loan documents, written in legal jargon, arrive for review and signature, they're in English.

In 2005, Vino Pajanor, a lawyer first licensed to practice in India and a green-card holder, went to buy a home in EastLake. His

FICO score of 754 was in the 90th percentile. When he visited the lender, Pajanor asked what kinds of loans were available. Without bothering to ask about his income or his FICO score, the lender offered him an adjustable-rate subprime loan at 8 percent. Pajanor was outraged. He told the lender that his 754 FICO score and his lawyer's salary qualified him for a prime loan at 5.35 percent, not 8. The lender agreed at once. Pajanor says that initially he thought, "It's just me. I've only been in the States five years. I didn't have enough credit history." But then I started thinking, if an educated person like me could have been prey to a

subprime loan," then the same thing would certainly happen to those who don't know how to challenge the supposed authority of the lenders.

Working for the law firm Higgs, Fletcher and Mack, Pajanor heard complaints from the Filipino community. Soon, as the vice president of the South Asian Bar Association in San Diego, he began investigating. He learned that certain builders and lenders were "preying on their own kind. It was prevalent in the EastLake area." Filipinos would prey on Filipinos, speaking Tagalog, discussing Filipino culture. He notes that "the psyche of the minority" is easily preyed upon by a person of the same eth-

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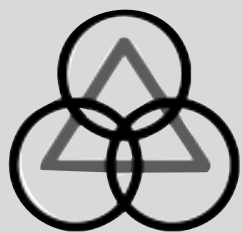
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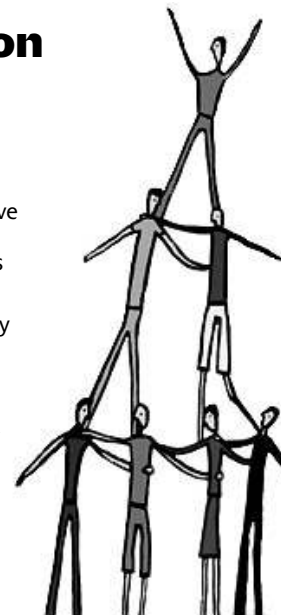
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nicity. According to Mary Scott Knoll, executive director of the Fair Housing Council of San Diego, ethnic targeting is a “clear violation of the Fair Housing Act.” She says criminal charges are hard to prove, but “there are civil remedies” available.

Under the umbrella of the Housing Opportunities Collaborative, Pajanor has held mini-summit meetings with law enforcement agencies, ethnic-based bar associations, and the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

ment. The last has collected reports on Hispanic lenders, some of whom may have used gang members to threaten people to sign up with certain Spanish-speaking brokers. San Diego housing advocates are telling people how to spot unscrupulous lenders and staffing monthly home clinics to intervene, especially with those facing foreclosure. One resource for people having difficulty with their mortgages is the hotline 888-995-HOPE.

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Eddie Price, head of the San Diego Urban Economic Corporation and a housing advocate, has seen firsthand what’s happened in his neighborhood, Valencia Park. He’s seen homes idling in foreclosure. The weeds sprout, the paint chips, the windows crack. Foreclosure brings blight. “I don’t want to see that when I come home. It’s affecting the community. You have these manicured lawns; then you see four-foot-tall grass.” What really bothers him, though, is how the subprime crisis is breaking

up neighborhoods. A family with four sons was renting a home up the street from Price. Price’s son had grown up with their sons. But when the landlord defaulted, the family was evicted. “My son lost four friends. Just like that. That’s affected him.”

Price is fed up with the newspaper analysis and number crunching he reads: “What about the people? Everybody’s concerned about a number, a product, a portion of their inventory. Where are these people, turned out of their condos, going? And what about the people who haven’t yet lost their homes but are crazy as batshit trying to keep it? Husbands and wives aren’t talking.”

Unprompted, he continues. “This is a

shame-based crisis. So many homes could have been saved if the husbands and wives could’ve talked about it. But they tore up the [overdue notice] when it came. They didn’t return the phone call from the mortgage company. Because they’re ashamed — because now they’ve got an Escalade sitting in the driveway. It’s really hard to get the story from people because of the shame. They got caught up in chasing the American dream because it finally became available to them. By hook or crook, however it became available, it became available. They took advantage of it.”

Price thinks the non-profits that are on the front line of dealing with

foreclosures need psychologists on staff. “Something is going on with these people’s psyches. This is going to affect families for generations. Some kids won’t be able to go to college.” He also thinks strict regulations — like the kind that govern medical and legal malpractice — are critical. Most people, wrongly, trust mortgage brokers the same way they do food sellers, for instance. “We think the food won’t poison us or a doctor who’s operating on us for a tumor is honest. Why do we trust brokers, especially when they promise us the sun and the moon?”

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All qualified participants will receive study-related care and study medication for up to 8 weeks at no cost.

To find out if you qualify for this study, or for more information, please call: **858-566-8222**

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Participants will:

- Attend eight study visits
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Inclusion Criteria:

- 18 years or older
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- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes for at least 3 months but no more than 15 years
- Have a stable regimen for at least 3 months
- Not using insulin

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steals more than your mood. It robs you of life's pleasures.

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I fall asleep, but once I wake up... I am up!

- Restless sleep disturbs the normal rhythms of the body.
- When sleep difficulties become a regular problem it can affect your health.
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If you have chronic problems returning to sleep after waking up in the middle of the night, you may qualify for a research study in our state-of-the-art sleep clinic and receive an investigational medication for poor sleep.

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TYPE 1 DIABETES



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- ✓ Are you between the ages of 18-70?

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- Additionally you may qualify for participation in a 1-year extension study

For more information, please call:

Robert R. Henry and his associates at the VA San Diego Healthcare System in La Jolla at: **858-552-8585 ext. 6449**



any loan is fraught with hidden charges and sudden changes, things that are not disclosed to borrowers and certainly beyond their understanding. "The biggest question is, what's my payment? And what happens if it goes up and I can't pay?"

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Often subprime loans boil down to financial institutions lending money to people they shouldn't lend to, who can't afford the payments, before or after the rate resets. One California housing analyst has shown that nearly 70 percent of subprime borrowers who end up in foreclosure begin defaulting *before* the rate resets. Foreclosures typically peak in the 15- to 20-month period. Most borrowers realize sooner than later that they are in way over their heads.

One casualty of sudden foreclosure is Andy Sobel, who's become a reluctant local celebrity. His year-long trial has been featured in several national publications, among them, *USA Today*. Such scrutiny has made him wary of rehashing his tale with another reporter. Too often, he's been bit once his story is published. People call him a "crybaby," a "bad example," "irresponsible." He "should have known [his loan] was too good to be true," and "people get what they deserve." It's hard for Sobel to open up, having received phone calls at 6:00 a.m. from strangers who castigate him for defaulting on his mortgage.

Sobel is a community organizer for the nonprofit San Diego Organizing Project, a group that works through church congregations on issues of health care, education, and, increasingly, housing. In 2004, when the condo market was expanding, he bought his condo near San Diego

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State for \$240,000. Over coffee, Sobel, who has a monologist's breathless energy, tells me that having been a "devout renter all my life," the decision to buy, at 48, was huge.

Moving here recently from Texas, with excellent credit and a full-time job, Sobel still worried that because of the high real estate prices in San Diego he wouldn't qualify. The broker told him, Sobel recalls, "We'll get you into something." It's a mystery, Sobel says, who does and doesn't qualify for a loan. Why, with his credit and his income, he was *automatically* put into a subprime loan instead of a fixed-rate he can't fathom. It was totally unfair, he says. The lender, Express Capital Lending, wrote him a 2-28 subprime loan: 2 years at 4.85 percent and 28 years at a much higher rate, one that would fluctuate with an index, such as the 12-Month Treasury Average Index. Unbeknownst to him, this was an interest-only loan. Sobel put down 5 percent, \$12,000. Of the remaining \$228,000, the lender financed three-fourths of the loan, \$171,000, with the 2-28 loan. The remaining \$57,000 was financed as an equity line of credit with Bank of America; this loan was adjustable from the get-go and went up at once. When he moved in, in 2004, his monthly payment, including a modest homeowner's association fee, was \$1350. "Doable," he says.

Sobel quotes the broker as telling him that if he got in trouble, "All you do is refinance in two years," so he's making it sound normal, common, to refinance. He didn't say, and I didn't ask," Sobel admits, "exactly what refinancing looked like. Or what the implications are. What happens in two years? How much does it jump up? What happens if interest rates go up? The

idea of a teaser rate — you don't understand that either."

In 2005, Sobel was able to get his line-of-credit loan fixed at 7.5 percent, which he was happy with. By now, his

monthly payment was \$1700, which "was pushing my envelope." Sobel's broker reminded him that before his mortgage loan was going to reset, he needed to shop around. The reset was

coming in July 2006, so in May he began wondering what his new payment would be. He figured it would shoot up to \$2100, roughly two-thirds of his income, leaving him around

\$1000 a month to live on. "I realized I couldn't live on that. I couldn't fix my car or buy groceries. I knew I was in trouble."

Sobel went to Countywide (it had bought the loan from Express

Capital) and Bank of America, three months ahead of time, and told them, "I will not be able to pay after July." He says they were "unwilling" to talk to him until he was "in nonpayment. That

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- **Have had middle-of- the-night insomnia for at least 3 months**

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was mind-boggling.” Sobel put his condo on the market immediately. But with condo conversions running wild, the market had gone flat. He listed it at \$225,000 to \$240,000, and in three months, two people came by. He took it off the market. He tried to refinance it. But nobody

would help him: he had negative equity, interest rates were high, and his salary was too low. The only refi available would mean a new monthly payment of \$2300. At Washington Mutual, Sobel found a loan called an “option ARM,” which “you adapt to fit your lifestyle.” Known as pick-

a-pay, you make one of four payments: the first is the full payment of interest and principal while the fourth is a low payment whose difference from the full payment the bank adds onto the loan, that is, negative amortization. “That’s just digging the hole deeper.”

Last December, Sobel quit making payments on his mortgage. Today, he still lives in the condo, though he expects the marshal will throw him out any day. He keeps trying to negotiate with Countrywide and Bank of America, getting advice from other banks, brokers, accountants, and pro bono lawyers. But nothing changes. He’s listed the property again, this time, \$165,000 to \$195,000. “Which is sickening,” he says, a price

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If you have Type 2 Diabetes, you may be eligible for a research study of an investigational oral medication.

You may qualify for this study if you:

- Are age 18 years or older
- Recently diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Currently not taking any oral diabetes medication or insulin
- Have been told your blood sugar is too high

If you qualify, you will receive study-related care and study medication at no charge.

**To learn more about this study, please call
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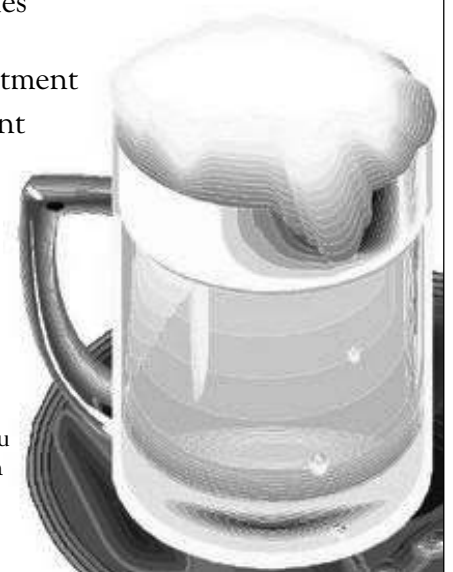
The Scripps Research Institute is conducting 3 investigational studies associated with drinking:

- Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment
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Attention Men and Women

Do you have pain in your belly?

Do you have Chronic Abdominal Pain or Discomfort with Constipation? If so, you may have a medical condition known as Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation, or IBS-C.

We are looking for men and women with IBS-C to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of the symptoms of IBS-C.

You may qualify for the study if you meet the following criteria:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have abdominal discomfort or pain and fewer than 3 bowel movements per week, with a feeling of incomplete evacuation
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- Speak English fluently
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Medical and psychological evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive reimbursement for time and travel.

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Sleepless Nights?

- Having trouble falling asleep and staying asleep?
- Between the ages of 65 and 85?

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If you or someone you know is:

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- You may be eligible to participate in this clinical research study.

Qualified study participants will receive:

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 - Supervised care by medical professionals during the study
 - Study medication at no cost
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Is waking up tonight affecting your tomorrow?

Do you or someone you know have trouble staying asleep? Is it affecting daytime activities?

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- Be at least 18 years old
- Have trouble staying asleep through the night
- Be impacted in your daily life by your sleep problems

If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you will receive an initial consultation, study-related examinations and laboratory evaluations, all follow-up visits, and you may receive study medication at no charge to you. Compensation for time and travel provided.

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Depression Study

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You may be eligible for the study if:

- You are between the ages of 18 and 70
- You are experiencing symptoms of depression

All qualified participants will receive study-related care and study medication for up to 8 weeks at no cost.

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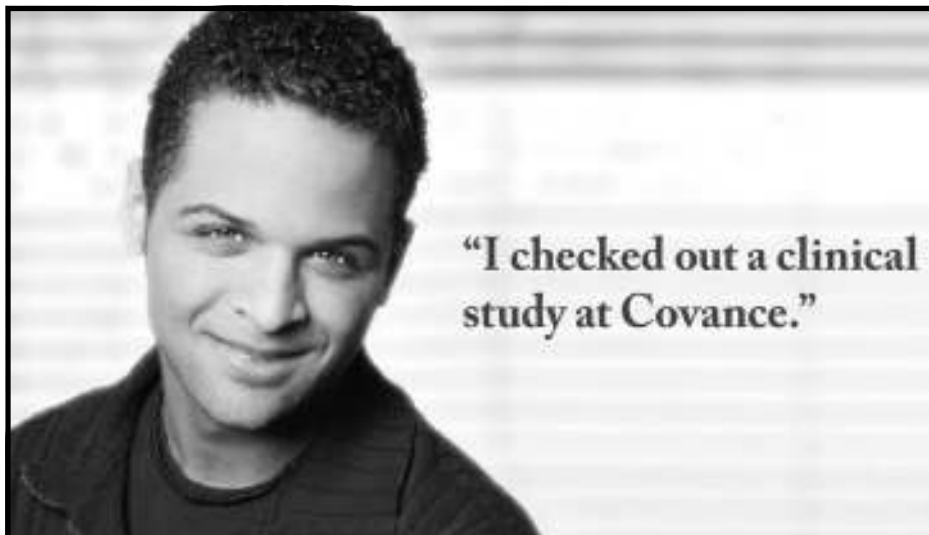
Do you feel nervous, tense, or "on edge" most of the time? Do you have trouble sitting still or is it impossible for you to simply relax? Are you having trouble sleeping? If so, you may be suffering from Generalized Anxiety Disorder. Affiliated Research Institute in Mission Valley is currently seeking adults between the ages of 18 and 64 who have been diagnosed with or are experiencing symptoms of Generalized Anxiety Disorder to participate in a research study of an investigational medication. Participants will receive all study drugs and study-related medical care at no cost. Health insurance is not needed to participate. So, if anxiety is getting in the way of a full life for you or someone you love, please visit our website or call.

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"I checked out a clinical study at Covance."

Qualified participants must be:

- Healthy Men and Women
- Age 18 to 65
- Able to participate in overnight stays

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almost one-third below what he paid. (How much has the market dropped in three years? Sobel says he's seen one condo conversion in his neighborhood selling for \$103,000!) Selling the home for less than what is owed is called a short sale. Sobel had one offer at \$175,000, which is

\$53,000 short of what he owes. But one attorney told him not to take it. Because of the line-of-credit loan, it would be better to let the banks foreclose and fight over the money.

The emotional difficulties are enormous. "When I first realized what was going on, it was

really hard to do anything. It was such a psychological..." His voice breaks off. "I've never not paid a bill in my life; I balance my checkbook to the penny. You feel like an idiot. You feel stupid, taken advantage of. It shifts your perspective. It's really an awful, awful, awful feeling." His anxiety mounted when Sobel tried to "do the right thing" by contacting the lender ahead of time. "I'd go through these periodic depressions. Every time I have to do something, all the emotions come back. It's a time suck. All this has to be done from nine to five. I was on the phone for days on end." His job allowed him to work nights and weekends. "It's a horrible thing not to pay a bill. A lot of peo-

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ple don't understand what that feels like. Also to think that the banks will be coming after me," which they may do, garnishing his wages on the line-of-credit loan for years. "It makes me wonder if I should quit the

nonprofit world and go make a boatload of money someplace." Of late, Sobel's been aided a lot by local housing advocates such as Community Housing Works and the advice of their volunteer lawyers.

"When they help, you don't feel so alone." And yet his days still revolve around making phone calls and waiting for responses. One reason it will be hard to start over is that his credit is shot because he's not been

paying his line-of-credit loan. Two months ago one of his credit card companies canceled him "out of the blue." Even if Sobel has first- and last-month's rent, plus a deposit, a credit check will likely keep him from renting all but the worst apartments.

loan documents; and counselors from nonprofit groups who offer mediation or help find solutions for homeowners headed for foreclosure. Awaiting an appointment, the couples and individuals listen to mortgage lawyers, consumer-fraud attorneys, and credit analysts talk. The group, forced to learn for themselves finally, is quite savvy about what they're facing. People ask well-informed questions throughout the day, in some cases, having spent hours on the phone with any number of nonprofit housing groups, pro bono attorneys, the "loss mitigation" departments of lenders, and, the latest, information gatherers in India. "I'm trying to get through to my lender in Irvine," says one exasperated woman, "when all of a sudden I'm sent to

India." Privacy is the watchword. Myrna Pascal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development announces that the press "may be in the room" (I am) and people will be called for consultation only by their first name. To keep the attendees in their seats for the long wait, the organizers have provided goody bags with water, snacks, information, and complaint forms.

Written complaints are key. Because the subprime meltdown is just beginning this year, there are no local investigations yet, say both Kristine Lorenz, San Diego deputy city attorney, and Dennis Dawson, fraud attorney with the state attorney general's office. Lorenz notes that borrowers can be "fraudulently induced to sign up

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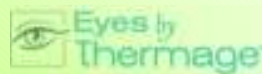
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for a loan" rather easily; they might be promised one thing orally or in an ad, then sold something else when they sign the loan documents. Her office can help bring criminal and civil cases against brokers and

lenders, but, she says, "I need you to come forward." Weeks later, Lorenz tells me that she has received only a handful of complaints, "a lot fewer than I would have thought."

Under the City's

jurisdiction, predatory lending is a misdemeanor. One unfair business practice is the misleading ad. A broker or lender tells a client, as we saw with Joaquina Abrego's case, that he can lower the interest rate

with a refi, which may be possible. But with additional fees and the adjustable rate, the monthly payment actually goes up. Victims of such false promises can seek restitution. But, Lorenz stresses, these cases are hard to prove: even if the broker or lender lies, when the city attorney's office investigates, "The paperwork appears to be in order. The issue is, it was an oral misrepresentation," among the hardest things to prove to a jury. "Well, you signed it," the defense can argue. In one case, the state attorney general successfully sued Ameriquest for predatory lending practices. "However," Lorenz says, "there were insiders, people who had worked for the company, coming

forth and saying, 'Here's what I was told to say.' We're looking for patterns" of misrepresentation in San Diego. "But it's difficult to prove without someone on the inside."

Dawson states that the thing borrowers who have defaulted on their loans must watch out for is a buyer who specializes in foreclosure "rescue." As the subprime crisis worsens, these so-called foreclosure consultants are popping up everywhere, on TV and in newspapers. "Anyone who tells you that they can help you avoid foreclosure but they need money, say a few thousand dollars, up front" is lying. Dawson wants to know who these scammers are. The only way to stop them, he says, is

for victims to file a complaint.

At one point, Councilmember Tony Young stops in to address the crowd, which has thinned as people's names are called. Young says, with a tad of religious fervor, "I believe lending practices in San Diego have not been fair." In fact, he says, predatory lending is motivated by "institutional racism — and I don't throw that term around a lot but use it only when it applies to something like this. And it applies."

One of the big problems on the enforcement front is that jurisdictions over mortgage fraud overlap: five entities — the city attorney, the district attorney, the state attorney general, the state

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their home. "Clearly," he says, "somebody's taken advantage of these two — who should have never been given such a ridiculous mortgage."

Though it's Ranger Dick's day off, he's dressed in his park outfit: Smokey the Bear hat, brown shirt, green shorts, white socks, black street shoes. Ranger Dick, who created a canoeing program at Chollas Lake, is now three days a week and in his 45th year with the City of San Diego parks department. He has a waterfall-long gray beard; his voice is husky and excitable. He and Cathy lived in the homestead, as he calls it, for three decades, paying off their original loan. The 80-year-old home is handmade and sits on a 182-by-182-foot corner lot in Lemon Grove. His wife, who worked for the district attorney's office

for 29 years, is retired and disabled.

For years, the City of Lemon Grove has been on Ranger Dick for numerous outside and inside code violations. "Now I admit it; I'm a pack rat. Inside, it was unhealthy. It was also a fire trap. I'll admit it." (Ranger Dick takes 30 minutes to detail his litany of complaints against Lemon Grove: "They made a lot of money," he says, "off of taking us to court.") Later, a tour of the homestead reveals problems, for which, Ranger Dick concedes, Lemon Grove has had a case. The interior was once stunning, with knotty pine paneling and hardwood floors. Those floors have now buckled. The ceiling is open here and there because of a recently botched roof job; the rain's come in. The back yard features a

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pile of some 20 doors; a line of rusting washers and dryers; heaps of plastic that are bleached translucent by the sun and stacked beside the outbuildings, the trailers, a dead lawn mower, and more.

In 2004, Lemon Grove forced him and his wife out. The pair found a nearby duplex and lived there for nearly a year. During that time, Ranger Dick fought his ouster and borrowed money against his equity to try and fix the homestead. Eventually he got in touch with Craig Lake, a realtor, former Lemon Grove City Council member, and board-member of the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce. Lake, with much creative financing, helped Ranger Dick and Cathy buy a triplex across the street from the homestead. The triplex cost \$866,000 and includes three rentals. Ranger Dick says that he “figured the rent” from the triplex, about \$4300, “would pay the lion’s share of the mortgage.” He and Cathy would live in one of the rentals, the studio, and help with the payments.

The financing went like this: The value of the homestead was \$300,000, so Ranger Dick got a \$100,000 loan on his equity. (His goal was to use some of this money to fix up the homestead — he wanted to keep it — but a series of building nightmares, including the botched roof, has left the place severely scarred. In no time, most of that loan money was gone.) Next, Ranger Dick got \$125,000 from his retirement fund with the City of San Diego and from cashing in Cathy’s IRA. Lake then found a sub-prime home loan for about \$720,000. That loan, “off the Internet,” was adjustable and interest-only; it began at 7.77 percent and would jump, in two years, to 9.99

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By the time escrow closed last October, Ranger Dick and Cathy were facing, for all their loans, an \$8400 monthly bill. To make matters

worse, he had to pay back the money he borrowed from his city retirement fund. That sum comes out of his paycheck and leaves him, every two weeks, with \$10. They are

surviving on Cathy’s retirement income, \$2100 a month. For a few months, they paid with savings from a separate savings account but then had to stop. They haven’t

made a payment since January. Even though the triplex is in foreclosure, Ranger Dick and a savvy new realtor have managed to delay a final sale. It’s been on the market

all summer — “I’ll take \$700,000 for it,” he says — but so far no one’s made an offer.

Ranger Dick says Lake promised that he and his wife would have

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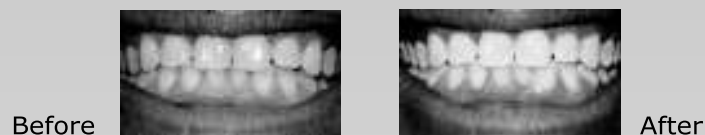


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reasonable payments, close to \$4300 rather than \$8400. Did he read the loan docs? “No, I didn’t read the loan docs. We signed the papers without reading every word.” Did Lake explain the loan to them? “No. He was managing everything, taking in the rent, paying the utilities.” Ranger Dick says that Lake told him, “After we had shown a year’s good faith” — paying their mortgage in full and on time — they “could refinance it.” But once they missed a few payments, this option was not possible. (Another problem was a “tenant from hell” who stopped paying her rent, started a lawsuit against Ranger Dick, and reported the couple to Adult Protective Services.) “It’s true,” Ranger Dick says, that “Lake made \$26,000 off the sale of the triplex. But he’s a guy like me with a big

heart who wants to help.” Ranger Dick has run for political office in Lemon Grove; he intends to run again for mayor next February. He and Lake are “strange friends,” he says. Does he hold his friend responsible? “Well, yes, for thinking that people like us in our 70s could handle this.” Still, Ranger Dick is reluctant to cast the first stone. “I knew how hard he worked to get us financing. It took more than 90 days.” Instead, Ranger Dick holds Lemon Grove’s regulations responsible for kicking him out of the homestead and beginning his slide toward debt and homelessness.

“I hesitate on saying this, but I really feel that [Lake] is staying in good with Lemon Grove. He’s helping on the destruction of the house, and I’ll lose it.” Is Lake doing this so he can get control of

the homestead and the corner lot? He may be, says Ranger Dick. “But I can’t prove it.”

When I reach Lake by phone, he’s uncomfortable divulging information about his client. Lake confirms that he earned the \$26,000 commission on the sale, which was 3 percent of the sale price. He also says that he doesn’t “do loans” and that a mortgage broker or brokers in Northern California, whose name or company he can’t remember, “put the loan together.”

When I ask if he explained the details of the loan and the payment schedule to Ranger Dick, he says, in a tired-sounding voice, “Yeah, we went through the terms of the loan. The idea was to get into this loan and then, after the rents came in, Dick could refinance and use the rent money as part of his

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income, which he couldn't do prior to purchasing it. We had another loan all set up, and Dick had some money put aside to carry him through until we got it refinanced. You know — I just can't share his personal information. I just feel that this is all private stuff for Dick; I can't really comment on it. It's proprietary in nature.

"For fear of getting myself into a lawsuit, I don't want to say anything more." Lake suggests I talk with Ranger Dick's attorney, James Albert. At Ranger Dick's

insistence, Albert took over advising him about the triplex's foreclosure. (Albert has not returned my calls.) "He can give you Dick's whole story better than anybody else, and I won't have gotten myself in any trouble. Being such a litigious nation that we live in today, that's the last thing I want to do — involve myself or any of us in print." ■

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“In the English-speaking world from 1870 to 1890,” writes Michael J. Crowe, “Richard Proctor was the most widely read writer on astronomical subjects — rarely has astronomy had a more eloquent expositor.”

Proctor also penned essays about card games, especially poker and whist, chess, handicapping horse races, sea monsters, and the pyramids. Typical of his unconstrained era — what Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner called the “Gilded Age” — his mind knew no boundaries, and his critics often charged him with writing “trash” for money, vigorous self-promotion, and dabbling in the “alluring periph-

eries of science.”

In the popular imagination, however, Proctor may have been known more for his second marriage — and the famous “double death” that inspired it.

In 1879, Proctor’s wife took ill. To escape dank Liverpool, he made a lecture tour of Australia. At the same time, Robert and Sallie Crawley, of St. Joseph, Missouri, went to Australia for Robert’s failing health. The couples met and became friends. Proctor’s wife died. Less than a week later, Sallie’s husband died. The bereaved found consolation in each other. Before they left Australia, their friendship had grown into love. They married in May, 1881.

The stuff of romance, the story also had a practical appeal. Unlike most English-American matches, wrote the *St. Joseph Gazette*, this one didn’t glitter with excess: “There is no millionaire connected with it. Mrs. Proctor has only her beauty and worth as a dowry, and Prof. Proctor, although he has been very successful as an author and a lecturer, is by no means one of the rich men of the world.”

Not everyone took the sensible romance to heart. Commenting on the arrival of “Proctor’s comet,” the *Sedalia Dispatch* opined: “it should be remembered that Richard Proctor has recently married the second time, and is, therefore, naturally

inclined to take a gloomy view of the situation.”

Proctor’s daughters from his first marriage, Mary and Agnes, joined the household. He and Sallie had two more children. Both died of diseases. To improve his health — and spirits — Proctor moved to Marion County, an expanse of lakes and mosquito-infested marshes in north-central Florida. He contracted yellow fever in 1888 and died. He was 51.

Daughter Mary — wrongly identified in newspaper accounts as his wife — took up Proctor’s crusade. She toured America, giving slide-show lectures on astronomy and advocating a proper memorial for her father. As a tribute to her efforts, a crater on the moon bears her name. And as a tribute to her father — and possibly for her attempt to build an observatory-memorial on San Miguel Mountain, the 2565-foot peak 12 miles southeast of San Diego — nearby Proctor Valley is named for him as well.

Mary didn’t plan on lecturing. Based on articles written for her father’s magazine, *Knowledge*, she was invited to give six talks about astronomy in Chicago. She wrote them out, but when she arrived, the podium had no lamp. She’d have to speak from memory. Mary had been a teacher, but had never lectured before such a large group on such a complicated subject — or without notes, or in the darkness necessary for her slide show. She took several deep breaths, gave her talk in unadorned English, and was a success. “Since then,” [*New York Times*] “her platform career



Mary Proctor

has been uninterruptedly prosperous, much of which is due to her making her talks descriptive and picturesque, rather than technical.”

Mary Proctor’s tour of 1890 included a lecture at the San Diego College of Letters in Pacific Beach. The school, which opened in 1888, stood where Pacific Plaza stands today: 16 acres on Garnet Avenue from Lamont to Jewel and up the hill to Diamond. Founders chose the site for its “unequalled climate” and because it was miles from the city, “where the students would be exposed to many temptations.” The school had major academic ambitions, some brochures touting it as the Harvard of the West.

Pacific Beach was a special stop for Mary, since the college had hired her father, before he died, as its professor of astronomy.

QUOTATIONS

1. Mark Twain: “What is the chief end of man? — to get rich. In what way? — dishonestly if we can, honestly if we must.”

2. Stephen R. Van Wormer: “Isham’s apparent success rested upon a foundation of dishonorable and negligent conduct.”

3. Herbert Hensley: “It might be remarked that, according to the prognostications of [Richard Proctor], the proposed institution probably wouldn’t have had but ten years in which to function, since in his opinion all signs pointed to a comet causing a violent end to the earth itself in 1897.”

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Mary gave several lectures around San Diego. After each, she expressed her dream of a memorial-observatory for her father — and why it should be on a West Coast mountain.

Until this time, American observatories resided in "telescope houses," in the heart of East Coast cities. But winter snows and growing numbers of streetlights made nighttime viewing difficult. Mountaintops became the solution. One of the first, James Lick Observatory, on

Mt. Hamilton above the Santa Clara Valley, opened in 1888. Astronomers wanted a site at Mt. Wilson, in the San Gabriels. Plans fell through.

Mary chose San Diego for Southern California's first, and most important, observatory. (At James Lick, she said, "radiations reflected from the valley cause a constant disturbance.") She would consider several peaks. One was San Miguel.

"What is the name of that shapely mountain we have in view?" Charles Dudley Warner asked when visiting Coronado. Told San Miguel, Warner said that the conical eminence, with low hills at its base, reminded him of Mt. Vesuvius looming over Naples. Santa Catalina and San Clemente islands added to his impres-

sion, "rising like Ischia and Capri" in the Gulf of Naples.

Many others, impressed by the lofty peak, and pristine Sweetwater Dam below, dreamed of developing the

daughter's health. He had been a traveling salesman for the Studebaker Wagon Corporation of South Bend, Indiana, selling sash-weights, nails, and other hardware.

Mary would touch off a cannon and release hot-air balloons. Fireworks would follow, along with six colored lights spinning on a wheel at the top of a 42-foot flag pole.

area. One was Alfred Huntington Isham. Like Mary's father and the Gilded Age, Isham blurred the boundaries between fact and fancy.

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Influenced by one of Mary Proctor's lectures, on March 23, 1890, Story and Isham bought 160 acres atop San Miguel Mountain from Frank Reed. On March 26, the *San Diego Union* announced that they would build a "pleasure park" and an observatory on the mountaintop, making it the "Mt. Hamilton of Southern California." Story also promised to build a hotel at the summit that would exceed his Hotel del Coronado in grandeur.

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Isham told the *San Diego Union* that the multi-phased project would include extending the Sweetwater Dam to the east and the National City & Otay Railroad past San Miguel to the Jamul cement works. A fork of the railroad would veer up to the summit — as would the world’s first gondola: “cable-baskets” designed by Andrew S. Hallidie, inventor of San Francisco’s cable car system, would soar over Sweetwater Reservoir, ascend Little Miguel, Mother Miguel, and finally Father [San] Miguel peaks. At the top, visitors would find the hotel and pavilion, devoted to “dances and musical entertainments,” and the World’s Proctor Memorial Observatory and Temple of Light.

Isham, who sprinkled his speeches with biblical awe, had an ulterior motive for “The Mountain of Great Destiny.” Not far from its north-facing slope, he found a gurgling spring, which,

two years later, he would declare had miraculous properties.

In its April issue, *The Great Southwest* magazine extolled the project in language much like Isham’s: “You are literally suspended between the heavens and the earth — and are a part of your Creator. You are moved by the sublimest

astronomical purposes than any other mountain in Southern California.” Along with the gigantic telescope on the crown of San Miguel, the *Union* urged a “powerful electric light” beamed on the U.S./Mexican border at night. The searchlight would “enable the entire line to be watched,” and would halt the “invasion” by Chi-

When his horse began
to ascend a rocky pitch,
76-year-old Horton did a
dusty tumble into a patch
of poison oak.

thoughts, like those that moved the penning of the nineteenth psalm by King David.”

The *Union* took up the cause. Unlike myriad scams of the Gilded Age, this project was not “Pickwickian.” “The atmosphere on the mountain top is clearer, freer from moisture and more desirable in every way for

nese immigrants from Lower California.

Story, Isham, and investors would build the hotel and pavilion, but the funding magnet would be the telescope and observatory, developed from donations. Mary Proctor was the key. If she found San Miguel suitable, Isham would give her the land. But word had

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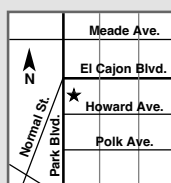
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it she favored Mission Cliffs. Since she hadn't yet been on the mountain — and possibly to sweep her off her feet — Story and Isham made Mary Proctor the centerpiece of a major San Diego event. On the Fourth of July, 1890, she and a party of local dignitaries would ride horses and burros up San Miguel. She would not only inspect the site, she would raise the American flag. Speakers would give speeches, read poems, and extol various virtues, especially hers and her father's. No stranger to self-aggrandizement, Story would commemorate the anniversary of Gettysburg, which concluded July 3, 1863, reminding everyone that he'd served as corporal in a Vermont regiment.

As darkness fell, Mary would touch off a cannon and release hot-air balloons. Fireworks would follow, along with six colored lights spinning on a wheel at the top of a 42-foot flag pole. These Vesuvius-like eruptions would be visible, Isham swore, from Santa Catalina Island to the

Yuma. "San Miguel will be illuminated in a way that will make the natives think the day of jubilee was about to arrive."

Isham and Story weren't done. They promised to pay \$25 to a couple who would get married as part of the ceremony. Plus, the American Ostrich Company of

The July issue of *The Great Southwest* lauded the event. There were "no serious accidents." All participants were "filled with ecstasy — brown and jolly, having had more real, genuine fun than one could shake a stick at in a week."

Isham was the life of the

Smoke rose from the hillside. Then flames. The gentlemen removed their hats and coats, rolled up their sleeves, and raced to put out the brushfire before it reached the tents.

Fallbrook, which had a branch yard in Coronado, would present the bride with a "fine white plume."

Judging from the way they hyped the July 4 celebration, Isham and Story may have staged the entire affair to get Mary Proctor to say "I do."

party, the article claimed, "a whole Barnum's menagerie, with the elephant thrown in."

Less-burnished accounts tell a different story.

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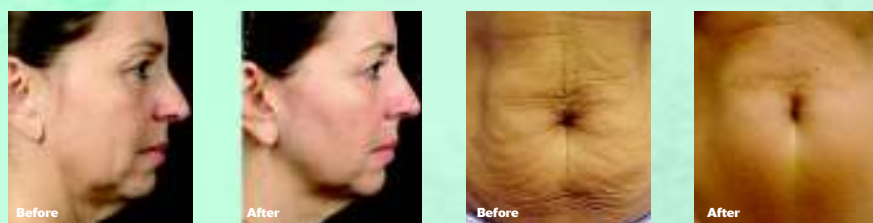
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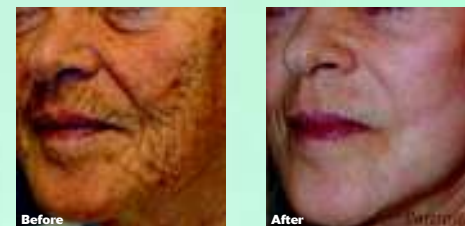
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The train clacked to the line's final stop at Sweetwater Dam, renamed "Proctor Station" for the occasion. Burros, horses, and three trailblazers called the "Annex," awaited the celebrants. The

women rode burros sidesaddle. Most of the men rode horses — including Horton, who wore a top hat while mounting his favorite white steed. Isham, who earlier had the Annex men widen the skinny path to the mountaintop — clearing it of scrub, stray boulders, and rattlesnakes — proclaimed that, "tied to their tails" the burros carried "a park, an orange grove, an observatory" to "Sam-mie Miguel."

At 10:30 a.m. the group started up the trail, Mary Proctor and Isham in the lead.

Young Annex drovers Roy Roberts and Will Graham wound their way to the top in four-and-a-half hours. The rest took an extra hour, owing to burros needing "moral suasion of a vigorous nature" and an accident.

Horton hadn't secured his saddle tightly. When his horse began to ascend a rocky pitch between Little

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Miguel and Mother Miguel peaks, the saddle came loose: 76-year-old Horton did a dusty tumble into a patch of poison oak. His bruises were minor, but he developed a rash. "From that time on" Horton "suffered from skin trouble, or an eczema, which gave his complexion a bright pink color."

Since the ascent became more acute at this point, Horton, his sister Lucy, and two others decided to head back. John Thompson loaned Horton his burro, cinched up the saddle, and rode the horse to the top. The spot where he fell became known as

"Horton's Slide."

At 2:00 p.m., after a lunch of fruit and sandwiches along the way, the party reached the top. Before them stood the flagpole, a cannon, two hot-air balloons, a picnic table, and two large canvas tents: one for men; the other, fitted out with all the latest comforts, for women.

Dressed in black, Mary Proctor raised the flag. The men, in suits, vests, and neckties, hoisted their hats.

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he waxed extempore about the splendid growth of morality in the 19th century and added that "the next century will see even more wonderful developments." All cheered.

The moment was right. The train, the mules, breathtaking views wherever one turned, Old Glory flapping in a freshening breeze: it was time for Mary Proctor to make the grand announcement.

She didn't. Asked to speak, she declined. She was only qualified to talk about astronomy, she said.

"Speech! Speech!" the party demanded. So Mary said a few pleasant words about the occasion.

Isham, who must have hoped she'd decide at this time, jumped in. He praised the Proctor Observatory and this most marvelous of locations — and the hardihood of the party for their valiant trek (Isham's words, Chas. W. Home wrote in a poem, "made us quite weak"). He also thanked the three Annex drovers, especially Captain Charles Fitzallen — who swore he owed his life, and a new head of hair, to Isham's miracle waters.

Charles L. Williams recited a poem to San Miguel, "bald old peak, rock-ribb'd and bare." Throughout, the verses assume that Mary had chosen. It concludes:

"Farewell, brave King!

Thy reign is done,

Thy storied greatness just begun,

And bowed before a brother's will,

I greet thee, brother, San Miguel."

As evening approached, people around the county set up chairs and picnic spreads on beaches, roof- and hill-tops, anticipating the fireworks display of the century.

At the summit, the party enjoyed a professionally catered dinner. As they sipped hot tea and coffee, what had been a steady breeze began to ripple the tablecloth and the womens' floor-length dresses. When the flag stiffened to a horizontal crackle, Isham decided not to release

the air balloons. He also noticed the unthinkable: contrary to the promises of "moisture-free" air on San Miguel, a giant fogbank trundled their way. Better commence the pyrotechnics before dark.

A boy named Willie launched the first rocket. It rose, caught the high wind, and nosedove down, crashing in a shambles of sparks. Smoke rose from the hillside. Then flames. The gentlemen removed their hats and coats, rolled up their sleeves, and raced to put out the brushfire before it reached the tents. According to Herbert Hensley, "They had a lively time before they got it extinguished."

During that spell, the sun dipped behind the encroaching gloom. To the north and east the party could see moonlit campfires and celebrations with colored lights. But to the west a gray cloak not only shrouded Coronado, the city, and the South Bay, it had crept around lower San Miguel. The summit became an island in a gray, cotton sea.

From San Miguel, said the *Union*: "Coronado's fireworks were only faint flashes of heat lightning.... The electric masts of the city were eight or ten bright stars near Point Loma's revolving light, which was distinct."

Instead of Mt. Vesuvius erupting like an irate Zeus,

to anyone below, the fireworks on San Miguel resembled "a faint star-like light."

Relentlessly chipper, Isham and the gentlemen serenaded the women before everyone turned in.

The next morning, after the party had breakfast and saluted the flag, one of the drovers noticed that a burro, christened "Little Miguel" for the occasion, was missing. During the night, the animal snuck back to Proctor Station, where it woke its keeper, asleep on a pile of straw, by pulling off his cap.

At 9:00 a.m. the party headed back down San Miguel in single file. Some of the animals liked descending even less than climbing

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and needed their ears rapped for inspiration. To the dismay of Isham, who'd already seen too much go wrong in his economic courtship of Mary Proctor, her burro lay down several times and wouldn't budge.

Since "Little Miguel" had fled the night before, Mrs. C.W. Home had to ride a small, unnamed pack mule that sprinted down the mountain a half-hour ahead of the rest.

Near the bottom, the burro approached a low-hanging tree limb and — with "malice aforethought," Roberts and Graham both swore — tried to "rid himself of his burden." Mrs. Home lunged for a branch

and clung to it as the animal sped by underneath, aimed hay-ward. Roberts and Graham rescued her. "As my lady came down from her perch on the limb," wrote her husband, Chas. W. Home, "She whispered 'this ends it.' She did it with vim."

When the train returned to San Diego, and eager reporters questioned her, Mary Proctor didn't choose San Miguel. "It is the most desirable site for the observatory," she said, but she wanted to return to the summit for several days, make numerous tests, and decide then.

On September 15, she made a second ascent in a burro train. For a week, she

examined the "seeing qualities" of the site with a three-inch telescope. Each day, carrier pigeons flew her findings to San Diego. On the last day, she committed. She'd raise funds, she said, through lectures and other means. She'd even live on the mountain, carrying out her father's work with a corps of astronomers, students, and — a statement that may have raised eyebrows — a board of directors, at least half of whom would be women.

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Isham took over what was left of Story and Isham and vowed to run a "new race." He never abandoned the idea of an observatory on San Miguel. But during the national depression of 1892, rather than repay loans and rebuild his shattered reputation, Isham shot for the stars: he'd discovered, he swore, the "Fountain of Youth."

Next time: Alfred Huntington Isham and the "Waters of Life."

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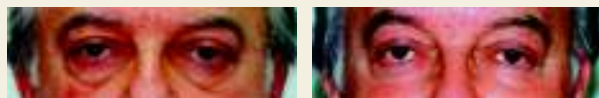
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people. And why? Because they don't have the money or the capacity to go to school, to educate themselves, and know their rights. How come the Immigration doesn't take out the Jewish or Chinese people, huh? Yeah, maybe it's because you racist people give them strength to only focus on Mexican people.

Let me tell you a story of a Mexican family that has just suffered from the rudeness of an immigrant officer. The victim's name is Juan, a father of two children, a four-year-old and a six-year-old. Juan is married to a Mexican lady as well. She doesn't work because they don't have money to pay a babysitter. One night they were waiting for their father to come home from work. Like other American fathers, Juan works hard to bring food to his family. Juan works so hard that he was going to be named the

manager of the restaurant he was working at. (Can't name the restaurant.) This night when Juan's family was waiting for him, the Immigration was waiting for him as well. The immigration officer did not just arrest him but also hit him so hard on his back, eyes, legs, all over his body. So hard that Juan couldn't resist and fainted. The officer did not just hit Juan but also threatened his wife that he was going to come back for her and the kids. Oh, and not just that, but even worse, he lied to the police officers when they arrived, which, according to the law, lying is a bad penalty. He said that he didn't hit Juan.

As we all know, bruises don't come out till the next day, right? The next day, the police took pictures of Juan's bruises and decided to take him to a judge to judge the situation, because, like I said at the beginning, Mexican people do have rights!!

So please, if you don't want anything like this to happen in your life, well,

don't do to others what you don't want to happen to you. Let's all contribute to help each other, because after all, we all want to be living safely.

Traffic is not the problem; the economy is the problem. Everything is too expensive now. We can't even afford our bills and rent. We are going to end up on the streets, and not because of population but because of the economy. So next time you think that we are too crowded, pack your things and leave. Save your life first, or else you are going to end up on the streets for being a negative person.

Rosalia Aguilar
via e-mail

Fear Of Firearms

This is a response to a letter from Kathleen Beope (Letters, August 23). I am so sorry that you have feared guns throughout your life, and you have every right to do so. I thought I could correct a couple of things that you apparently did not know.

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Dennis Rutherford
via e-mail

Take Your Best Shot

In response to the feedback on my letter "Nobody Needs a Gun" (August 23). I expected much worse. Shoot me with your best shot, Bob and T. Neal (Letters, August 30). You like guns, huh. Too gutless to use your full names. Please, fellas, don't get your undies in a bunch. Opinions are like a*****: everyone has one. Bob, hope you keep your precious gun locked. T. Neal, more people die from cancer than car accidents. Your pseudointellectual B.S. was pointless. The insanity of the far-too-numerous deaths from a gun exists. I still sit on my opinion. Nobody should own a gun. Call me stupid, crazy, whatever. Geez, do you think some fanatical gun lover will gun me down over my opinion? My friends are worried.

Kathleen Beope
Rolando

He Knew Lana

Re "Ferrell Laughed" (Pop Music, August 23).

(1) It's spelled Farrell.

(2) Glenn Hughes is not the current bassist of Deep Purple. For many years, both before and after Hughes's 1974-'75 term, Deep Purple's bassist has been Roger Glover. Hughes, a notable singer as well as an instrumentalist, is a solo artist who has also collaborated with Tony Iommi, Joe Lynn Turner, and others. Additionally, as he revealed recently on *Court TV*, he knew Lana Clarkson.

Pretty funny story by Josh Board, though.

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Comments from Reader Website

Breaking News, by Matt Potter

Published August 29

Posted by David Brown on 08/29/07, 4:12 p.m.

It's a shame that the arrogance of Myrland should get in the way of quality programming. KPBS in San Diego has a history of "fooling the public" with it's crazy begging of money when it obviously doesn't

need it since it's being paid for by SDSU. Also, the salaries of Myrland and his underlings are an embarrassment. KPBS is supposed to be a "public" station but they get paid too much for programming that is either substandard or just plain awful. The two shows cancelled just confirms my belief that KPBS doesn't deserve money from the people of San Diego. I stopped giving years ago, and I hope others will do the

same. Now, it's just being infected by a virus called Myrland and this cancer of his will spread until there's nothing left of KPBS but the begging of money two or three times a month. Such a sad statement for San Diego indeed.

Posted by R Sehlhorst on 08/30/07, 3:27 p.m.

I concur with the previous post by D Brown. I am an active SDSU alumni and long time viewer of KPBS. Over the past several years

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the quality an quantity of local programming has continued to diminish. I find it ironic that the management is replicating the same reprehensible oligarchist behavior as every other public agency of our metropolitan region. Food for thought, instead of continuing to perpetuate this apparent failing business model, KPBS should just start over. Suggestion, fire the executives, employ an internship management model, and purchase all of the programming from WGBH with the savings generated. I do so very much enjoy Frontline and Nova :)

Posted by pbkuaaina on 08/31/07, 12:27 p.m.

bring back "Full Focus"! (But find someone other than Gloria Penner to host; her smarmy, condescending manner is likely what hurt ratings in the first place — why, she'd put the answers in the interviewees' mouths!) — Locally produced (she's a good producer, I'm sure) content and context rules! At least try for a weekly show. Doug

Myrland's decision sucked. He also needs an attitude check towards his viewers.

Sporting Box
Published August 29
Posted by CJ on 08/31/07, 3:29 p.m.

I was struck by a sentence in your article that refers to those people who would fight dogs, "Other people, bad people, do such things." I wonder how many people reading this article feel the same, that only barbarians would do such a thing? And I also wonder how many of those very same people support a woman's "privilege" to kill an unborn human life? Isn't the murder of an innocent *human* life even more inhumane? Make no mistake, I loathe what Michael Vick (and people like him) do to animals, but I am (and I hope you are too) equally sickened by far worse, and unfortunately, legal acts of revolting barbarousness. CJ

Crasher
Published August 29
Posted by shizzlyfinn on 09/1/07, 1:09 p.m.

Obviously Josh is forced to resort to old parties because of the Great Party Disappearance of '07. Scientists and party enthusiasts across North America and Europe have noted that parties are disappearing by the billions — a potential alarm signal. Parties are not just disappearing in large numbers, they are vanishing. Entire weekends of fiestas and festivals have been postponed, cancelled, or — most mysterious of all — completely unattended by any guests. Because parties play a key role in the ecosystem, they are a critical indicator of general environmental health. As one of Australia's leading party experts, Doug Somerville, of the NSW Department of Good Times, told me on Friday: "Parties are the 'canaries in the coalmine' of the environment." We've been warned.

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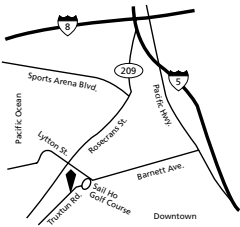
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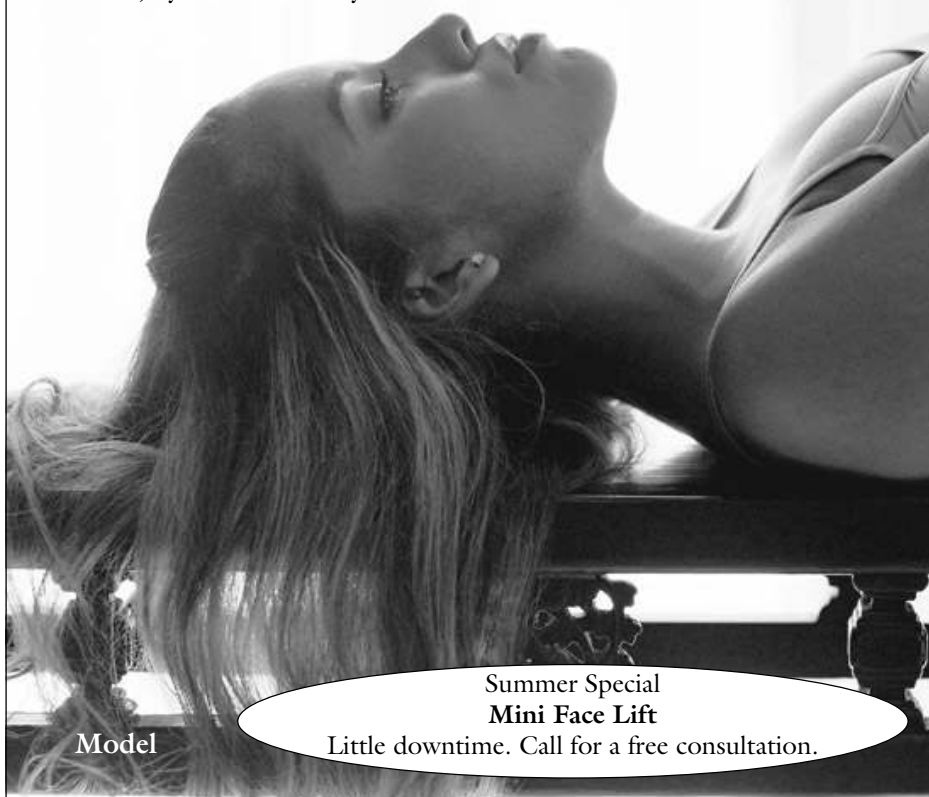
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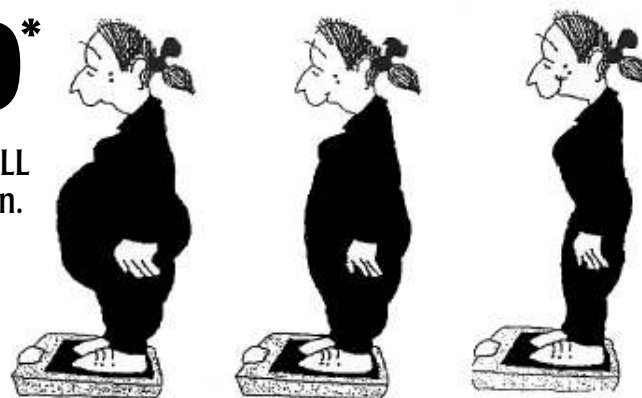
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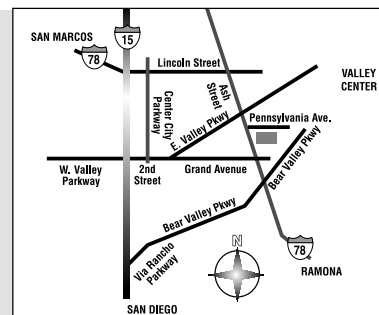
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I don't want to compare to any other group of people, but Brazilians are not pushovers," says Jaro Pribyl. "They want to do something for themselves, they want to make more money, be more successful." Brazilian-born Pribyl is the nucleus of San Diego's Brazilian community — he is the publisher and editor of the *Brazilian Pacific Times*, the director of the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce, the producer of Miss Brazil USA for this region, and he sits on the board of the Brazilian Consulate in Los Angeles. But if you ask him, he is not a

LOCAL EVENTS

Brazilian. "I am American, as a matter of fact. English would be my first language, and [Portuguese] would be my second language, though I'm absolutely fluent. I came here when I was 16 years old; this is where I went to school. But I visit my family in Brazil at least once a year."

On Saturday, September 8, the Brazilian Fellowship in El Cajon will host the first Brazil's Independence Day Fair in San Diego. Brazil gained independence from Portugal on September 7, 1822. According to Pribyl, approximately 17,000 Brazilian transplants currently live in San Diego County. "There is a good gathering [of Brazilians] in Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, and Point Loma," he says. "Lately I have been finding gatherings in Encinitas and further away, like Carlsbad."

Pierre Rosa, the pastor for Brazilian Fellowship, a Christian church in El Cajon, says his congregation of approximately 45

people is "100 percent made out of Brazilians and their American spouses." The fellowship's services are in Portuguese. Rosa came to San Diego as a student in 1997. "I wanted to learn English and go to school here. I was a business major, and then I became a Christian and switched to theology. I knew if I had an American degree, I could go back home and have better opportunities. The number-one reason Brazilians come [to San Diego] is for better opportunities. Number two might be the weather, because it's so similar to many cities in Brazil."

"Most of the Brazilians that come here are students," says Margot Pribyl, Jaro's wife and owner of Margotour, a South American-specific travel agency in Point Loma. Mrs. Pribyl says most students arrive with some money from their families and begin work as pizza deliverers while attending school. "When they get here, they have to buy a car. Because all their friends are [delivering pizza], it is easy for them to get a referral." She says the situation is different for Brazilian immigrants in New Jersey. "They would come broke, just to work, and would clean houses, work as gardeners, everything. But in San Diego, it's more students."

Aside from surfing (Pribyl says, "All Brazilians here are surfers," and at least three surf shops in San Diego are owned by Brazilians), Brazilian jujitsu is "very popular" in the community. Another popular Brazilian pastime is capoeira. At the fair, students of Paulo Batuta of Capoeira Mandinga San Diego will demonstrate their skills in the acrobatic fight-dance that was created by Africans in Brazil.



Mrs. Pribyl sells imported goods from Brazil (Maguary passion fruit juice, Caboclo and Pilao coffee, Garoto chocolate, and Guarana Antarctica soda) out of her office. "I know two people tried to open a big store in P.B.," Pribyl says of Brazilian food market Nossa Terra. "It closed down about three or four years ago because most of the Brazilians here, they are young, they don't cook. They'd rather buy a burrito. I only sell here stuff that the kids like, like chocolate, juices, cookies, and stuff."

Four restaurants offering Brazilian fare are Rei Do Gado, Brazil by the Hill, Samba Grill, and Brazil by the Bay. Pribyl's favorite food is steak, "with rice and beans, of course." She adds, "Farofa is a big thing for all of us. It's a type of powder, but a little bit thicker; you can compare it to breadcrumbs, like the seasoned Italian ones, but to eat with meat. You get your rice and beans, get a piece of meat, dip in this farofa, and eat." Farofa is ground, toasted, and flavored manioc, also known as yucca or cassava. It is often seasoned with bacon, onions, and

other herbs and spices.

The Pribyls know most of the local Brazilian-American business owners. "Carmen Tepper owns Studio Academy [an entertainment-arts school in Sorrento Valley]," says Jaro Pribyl. He recently befriended another transplant from his native land who owns two Living Room coffee shops, one near Old Town and one in Point Loma. "We do have a cop, a Brazilian cop, on San Diego's police force," says Pribyl. "His name is Marco Polo, and he's been one of San Diego's finest for ten years."

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Lobster Lunch and shopping tour hosted by Baja California Tours, Thursday, September 6. The \$79 fee includes transportation, lobster feast at Patio de la Langosta in Puerto Nuevo, shopping in Rosarito Beach. Reservations: 858-454-7166. (ROSARITO BEACH, PUERTO NUEVO)

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"Electro Files Session," planetary tour of the cosmos, with electronic music by Ford Proco and Murcof, Friday, September 7, 8:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$6 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (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)

Powerade Cup Mountain Biking competition, Sunday, September 9, 10 a.m., at Pista la Presa Abelardo L. Rodríguez. \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-685-2448. (TIJUANA)

"Posthumano," Mauricio Bares discusses, signs new book, Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Colapso Natural," contemporary dance by Lux Boreal Company, Wednesday, September 12, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

More Poems by Camelia García Arellano collected in *Quiero Cambiar de Look Interior*, which she'll read from at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street) on Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m. 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Canadian Brass Quintet in concert, Thursday, September 13,

8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Tickets: \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Jupiter, the cream-colored, steadily shining orb that has graced the evening sky for months, will be heading toward evening-sky oblivion soon. For now, you have to look in the southwestern sky at dusk to see it; by December Jupiter will be in conjunction with the sun and therefore unobservable. Jupiter's current altitude in the sky during twilight is high enough for effective observations of its cloud belts and four bright moons. Any backyard telescope of reasonable quality will show these features.

Summer Thundershowers, having blessed the eastern margin of San Diego County with welcome, if spotty precipitation of late, have triggered a minor growth spurt among certain kinds of vegetation. In the desert, for example,

the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two or three weeks later if no further rain arrives. The distribution of green-leaved ocotillos tells not only where rain has recently fallen; it also indicates where the runoff has collected and remained for enough time to be absorbed by the ocotillo's root system. Various cacti may also benefit from the downpours; barrel cacti expand in girth by soaking up water, and the pads of the beavertail cactus plump up like overstuffed pillows.

The Chaparral, the tangled assortment of low-growing, drought-resistant native shrubs covering most of San Diego County's lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain somewhat green this summer. Unlike many of the scrubby natives near the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year round. This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring's flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants. A few wildflowers may have popped up here and there in response to any recent thunderstorm activity over the foothill and mountain areas. To enjoy the austere beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hill-sides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley, Japatul, and Boulder Creek roads in East County. Or head inland from Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center.

Venus, the most brilliant planet of the sky, has assumed a dominant position in the early-morning eastern sky, rising up from the horizon about two hours before the sun does. From October through December, Venus will rise

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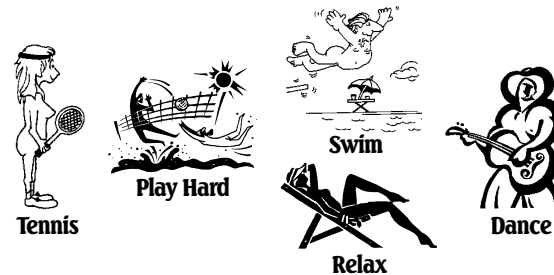
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Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho continues in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on Saturday, September 8, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-851-2285. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Walk of Ages for all generations hosted by ElderHelp of San Diego, Saturday, September 8, 8 a.m., at NTC Promenade, Liberty Station. Enjoy one- or three-mile course weaving through Liberty Station. \$35 for adults, \$25 for those 12 and younger. 619-284-9281. (POINT LOMA)

Relax in Shade of arroyo willows, sycamores, cottonwoods circling Kumeyaay Lake during guided nature hike, Saturday, September 8, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Expert Birders from San Diego Field Ornithologists lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, September 8, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

California Gold, find golden-bush, yarrow, and primrose in bloom along trails during guided walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, September 8, 9, and 12, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Point Mugu State Park, midway between Los Angeles and Ventura, sprawls across 15,000 acres of the coast-hugging Santa Monica Mountains. About 70 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails lace through the park. Campers are accommodated in two coastal campgrounds, which are packed with visitors in summer, and a lot less crowded after Labor Day.



Autumn sunset from the overlook

The Overlook Trail (a fire road), which curls up a hillside above the larger of the campgrounds — Big Sycamore Canyon Campground — offers ever wider views of the Pacific Ocean and the pillowy slopes that tumble down to the water's edge. An abbreviated looping trip (other, much longer options are possible) can take you swiftly up to the first significant “overlook” point, and is

recommended for a hike timed to catch either the sunrise or the sunset. The fall and winter seasons offer the best times for viewing sunrises and sunsets for two reasons. First, the coastline here runs more or less east-west, so sunrises in particular do not take place over water except near the winter solstice. Second, the marine layer is often either thin or absent in the fall and winter.

North of the Big Sycamore Canyon Campground, just past a gate blocking vehicles, start hiking up the scenic trail on the left. You curve up a hillside and arrive after about 20 minutes at a saddle overlooking the ocean. Walk down to a little flat below for a better view. If you're game for it, you can make your way along the narrow ridge that rises to the southeast for an even better perspective. There you get (in daylight, anyway) an almost straight-down view of white, foamy surf and turquoise-tinted shallows. When the tide and surf conditions are just right, and the water's glassy, you can watch the swells reflect off the shore and head back out to sea, producing an ever-changing interference pattern of waves on the surface of the water. Note, too, the sloping blanket of sand nestled against the cliff below. This so-called “Great Sand Dune” is kept in place by prevailing sea breezes from the west and south.

When it's time to go, pick up the fire road that curves down the high ridge to the north — the Overlook Trail. Follow its winding course downhill to Big Sycamore Canyon, turn right, and walk back to the campground. This wider, more gradually descending route is particularly helpful if you're returning in twilight after viewing the sunset. Deer frequent

the slopes overlooking Sycamore Canyon, and they're particularly active at the beginning and end of each day.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways

are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

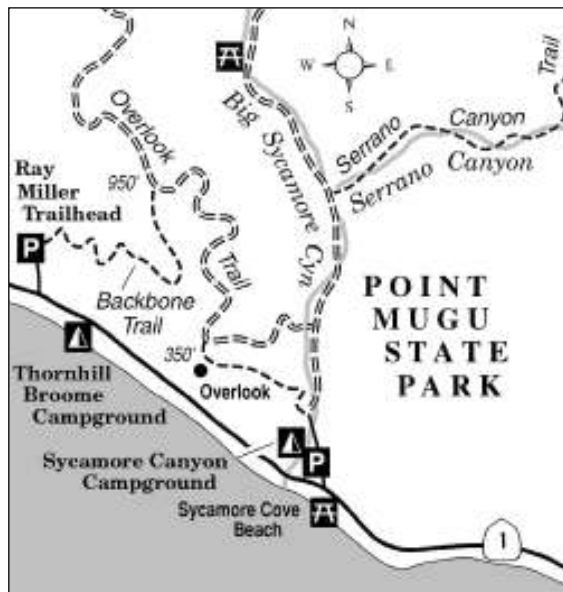
OVERLOOK LOOP

Catch the autumn sunrise or sunset from the overlook at Point Mugu State Park.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 165 miles

Hiking length: 2.6 miles

Difficulty: Moderate



walking tour, Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (OCEAN BEACH)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including September 8. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Discover Latest Changes in Gaslamp Quarter and East Village during Walkabout-led urban

walk, Saturday, September 8, starting at 11 a.m. at Fourth Avenue and E Street. Free. 619-231-7463. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires, during guided walks offered by reservation on Sundays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (619-682-7200). Sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Tijuana Estuary Protects a variety of plant communities and wildlife. Nature walks offered at Tijuana Estuary on second Sunday of each month, including September 9, beginning at Tijuana Estuary visitors'

center (301 Caspian Way) at 11 a.m. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Fledgling Birdwatchers invited to Audubon Society outing at Lake Murray, Monday, September 10, 8 a.m. Bring binoculars, small notebook, field guide. Meet in parking area of Lake Murray near small bleachers. Easy hiking. 619-692-3246. Free. (LA MESA)

DANCE

The Speakeasy Quartet plays live swing music for Meeshi and CafeSavoy Swing Productions dance at La Jolla YMCA Firehouse (7877 Herschel Avenue) on Thursday, September 6. Beginning swing lesson 8 p.m., followed by live mu-

sic, 9 p.m.–midnight. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$10 for those under 21. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

The Circulators Square Dance Club has beginners' class starting Friday, September 7, 6:30 p.m., in Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). First class free; thereafter pay \$3. 619-464-0135. Open enrollment continues through September 21. (BALBOA PARK)

Persian Garden Tango, Part I taught for beginner-friendly dance on Friday, September 7, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing 8:30–9:45 p.m. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Balance Through Dance, belly dance workshop offering chance to stretch, tone, strengthen body while using tools of belly dance, yoga, qi gong, Saturday, September 8, 1 p.m., at Ginseng Yoga (2985 Beech Street). \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-338-9642. (SOUTH PARK)

L.A.'s “Diva of Hustle” is Debra Hampton, who teaches an intermediate- and advanced-level hustle workshop for San Diego Hustle Club at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Fee for this class: \$15. Class is followed by Hustle Club dance, 8 p.m.–midnight (\$7). 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

The Bayou Brothers play for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club and Gator by the Bay Festival, Saturday, September 8, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Dance lessons at 6:20; dancing from 7–10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

American Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. Foxtrot lesson at 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

More the Merrier makes music, Graham Hempel calls for contrabandance on Saturday, September 8, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-594-6828. Free predance music jam, 6–7:30 p.m. (NORTH PARK)

Review and Learn Dances from Stockton Camp as requested by members when Kin Ho teaches at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). All-request dancing follows. \$6. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

“Emergence 4,” showcase of work by local emerging contemporary dance choreographers presented by Patricia Rincon Dance Collective, Saturday, September 8, 8 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Choreographers include Deven P. Brawley, Jennifer Curry, Rayna Stohl, Anthony Diaz, Kevin Jenkins, C. Anthony Cole, Joeli Waldron, Catherine Corral. \$15 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

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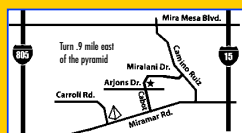
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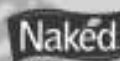
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Ruffles and Beaus Square Dance Club hosts “basic through plus level” classes every Sunday, starting September 9, 5:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. First class is free; \$4 adults, \$3 for dancers under 16. Partners not required. 858-578-7034, 858-271-7075. (BALBOA PARK)

Beginning West Coast Swing group classes led by a Passion for Dance, Sundays in September, 6 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard). Patterns and technique. Fee: \$8 per week or \$30 per month. 858-414-3877. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Courtney calls, Kathleen plays, September 9. Beginners’ instruction at 6 p.m. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Learn to Lindy Hop and swing dance when Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Dance lead classes for all levels starting Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Duo presents partner swing dance classes for all levels on Wednesdays at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100), starting September 12, 6 p.m. At either location: \$13 per class, \$56 for five-week series with preregistration. Details: 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA, ENCINITAS)

Ballet Folklorico performance of dances from “old Mexico” in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Tuesday, September 18, 6 p.m., at Santee Library (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard, suite 17). Free. 619-448-1863. (SANTEE)

FILM

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

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San Diego Premiere of *Revolution Green: A True Story of Biodiesel in America*, hosted by San Diego Environmental Foundation at Pearson Fuels-Eco Center Theater (4001 El Cajon Boulevard), Friday, September 7, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Film features Willie Nelson and Bob King, narrated by Woody Harrelson. Advance ticketholders have chance to participate in a question and answer session with

filmmakers Stephen Strout and Jessica Kelly (starting 30 minutes prior to screening). Tickets: \$10.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children. 619-243-0410. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes for German film *The Lives of Others*, Saturday, September 8, 2 p.m. Cinema chat begins at 1:30 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. In German with English subtitles. (LA COSTA)

Downtown Movies at the Park, catch *Shrek* during third annual event at Petco Park’s Park at the Park (100 Park Boulevard), Saturday, September 8, 7 p.m.

Free, but donations of canned food for San Diego Rescue Mission and St. Vincent de Paul encouraged. 619-533-7136. (EAST VILLAGE)

A Celebration of Fandom and Feminism! Jafar Panahi’s *Offside* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. What do young Iranian women have to do to get into soccer stadiums to cheer for their teams? Plenty. Free. 619-236-5800. In Farsi with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

War Films showcased during ongoing film series hosted by Carlsbad Library, with Stanley Kubrick’s *Paths of Glory* (1957) featured on Wednesday, September 12, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“Que Viva! Cine Mexicano” presented by Media Arts Center San Diego every Wednesday in September, 6:30–8:30 p.m., outdoors at food pavilion at Otay Ranch Town Center (2015 Birch Road). Enjoy short and feature family films from Mexico, Latino art, live music. Films include *Atletico San Pancho*, *Jai*, *Tiro de Gracia*, *Al Otro Lado*, *Magos y Gigantes*, *Mi Radio*, others. Free. 619-230-1938. (CHULA VISTA)

Japanese Director Takeshi Kitano’s Poetic Film *Dolls* screens for fall film series, Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Film was “partly inspired by traditional Japanese Bunraku puppet theater, which gives this multifaceted tale of lovers a visually entrancing atmosphere.” \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

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)

“Democracy of Empire” is topic when Professor Chalmers Johnson speaks Friday, September 7, 7 p.m., in Little Theatre at MiraCosta College (room 3601, One Barnard Drive). He’s author of nearly 20 books, taught for 30 years at UC Berkeley and San Diego. Booksigning follows. \$5. 760-795-6896. (OCEANSIDE)

“Hands-On Origami and Mathematics,” explore role of math in origami *masu* box and more when V’Ann Cornelius leads workshop, Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m.–noon, Mingei International Museum — North County (155 West Grand Avenue). \$15 fee includes materials. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

“Really Reliable Recall,” frustrated when Rover won’t “come when called”? Remedy problem during workshop, Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m., San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$35. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. (ENCINITAS)

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy course offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

“The Liberation of the Philippines in 1945” is subject when “heroes who were there” participate in event, Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Veterans Museum and Memorial Center (2115 Park Boulevard). Philippines were under Japanese control

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"Disaster 101: Have a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Informed" presented Saturday, September 8, 10:30 a.m., at Bonita Library (4375 Bonita Road). "Learn what it takes to prepare your home and family for natural and manmade disasters." Free. 858-565-5592. (BONITA)

"A Study in Tomatoes," chef Bernard Guillas demonstrates many recipes, Saturday, September 8, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$10. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Silent Ties" Artist Shauna Peck plans gallery talk and offers in-depth look at art of encaustic painting, Saturday, September 8, 1 p.m., at California Center for the Arts Museum, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$5. 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Solutions for Affordable Housing in San Diego area discussed by member of San Diego Centre City Development Corporation when OWL (the Voice of Midlife and Older Women) meets

Saturday, September 8, 1 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Screening of State of California DVD *Home Grow'n*. Open to public. Free. 619-645-8575. (HILLCREST)

Why Go Organic? Find out during "Gardening Nature's Way," Saturday, September 8, 1 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Learn about soil amendments, nontoxic controls, more. \$25. Reservations: 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON)

"Market Trends in Children's Books: What's Hot, What's Not, and What's Needed" is topic when Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators meets Saturday, September 8. Market trends discussed by Alida Allison, director of National Center for the Study of Children's Literature at SDSU; JoAnn M. Jonas, youth and family literacy manager for Chula Vista Public Library and 2002 Newbery Award Selection Committee member; and Virginia S. Loh, children's author and recipient of grant to study trends in Asian-American children's literature. Meeting begins at 2 p.m. in room 106 of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). \$9. 858-483-7893. (LINDA VISTA)

"Mt. Everest and Back," in March 2007, 67-year-old Bill Burke traveled to Nepal to climb the infamous Chomolungma as culmination of his quest to climb highest peak on each of seven continents. Why did he turn around just short of true summit after two months on mountain? Find out when Burke presents slide-illus-

trated lecture, Saturday, September 8, 2 p.m., in Turrentine Room at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4241. (ESCONDIDO)

"Dr. Jack Kevorkian: Everything You Wanted to Know About 'Dr. Death'" — talk by Kevorkian's biographer and friend Neal Nicol when Hemlock Society of San Diego meets Sunday, September 9, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (at Vermont Street and Vermont Way). Free. 619-233-4418. (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)

"Birds of the World" explored in class beginning Monday, September 10, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Four-part class taught by museum's curator of birds and mammals continues on September 12, 17, 19. \$55. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Disappearing Glaciers and the Rising Sea" discussed by Scripps Oceanography researcher Shad O'Neel for Perspectives on Ocean Science lecture, Monday, September 10, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Magnitude, timing of "global sea level change remains

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

"*Katherine* by Anya Seton. I'm on 12, but this is the second time I've read it."

Tell me about the book.

"It's historical fiction, and it's about John of Gaunt and his mistress, Katherine, who end up being (I think) the great-great grandparents of Henry VIII. Her sister ends up marrying Geoffrey Chaucer. There's a lot of history in the book, but she has to embellish

what really happened, and their feelings and their lives. It's really, really good."

What do you make of the plot?

"She gets everything as factual as she can. She doesn't add anybody that isn't in history; she doesn't just add characters. My degree is in history, and I studied English history for awhile, and she does a good job with stuff that we can't say

for sure."

Any favorite characters?

"Definitely Katherine. She's just innocent and trusting and loving and that whole thing that you remember being when you were 15. And sweet. My favorite!"

Tell me about the style and language?

"With some books, I can skip a lot. If there's too much detail, I just run through it, and I don't remember doing that with this book at all. Even if there was detail, I wanted every single piece of it. Usually I'm a skipper; I skim if it goes on and on, but with this book I wanted all of it."

Compare this with other books you've read.

"I just read a different historical fiction, and about 50 pages to the end,

I didn't want to read it anymore. It just sort of trailed off. The first time I read [*Katherine*], I wanted it to be another thousand pages, if possible. It's my favorite book, by far."

What book was life-changing for you?

"That's a tough question. There are so many good books. I read a lot of history books. There's one called *Founding Brothers* about George Washington and those guys that made me realize that I wanted a degree in history, that it was something I was really passionate about. I like history because I think that we can learn from our past — fiction makes it more interesting than just reading facts — but history in general repeats itself, and it shows the strength of the human race."

Who are your favorite authors?

"I don't pick authors, really. I haven't read any others by this author. It's just whatever I pick up. I read everything — a lot of management books, a lot of history books, historical fiction, regular fiction, classics — whatever I see, not particularly by author."

What periodicals do you read?

"I read *Bust* regularly."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"Most of my friends don't read. I just read *The Count of Monte Cristo* together with this one guy I'm seeing. We had different editions, so we talked about what we got from it, did we get the same ideas. Just kind of clarification, not really a book discussion."

one of the outstanding questions in global change research." \$8. Required reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

"Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls and at Qumran" explored by Sidnie White Crawford, Monday, September 10, 6:30 and

8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Artist's Way: Opening to Creativity and Connecting to Your Passion" — 12-week class led by Judy Balian begins Monday, September 10, 7 p.m., at Soul

of Yoga (681 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 305). Class uses *The Artist's Way* as basic text, "will help you open to your creativity and move toward your own creative goals." Course fee: \$275; \$10 materials fee. Registration: 760-436-8848. (ENCINITAS)

"Sift Through City Directories" and further genealogical research Carlsbad Cole Library volunteer July Michaels for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, September 11, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Learn to access large col-

lection of 1800s city directories recently acquired by library.. Free. 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

Interrobang indicates "an interdisciplinary event highlighting the exclamation and explanation of design." Speaker David Alan Kopec for ongoing Interrobang

lecture series on Tuesday, September 11, 7 p.m. (following reception at 6 p.m.) at Museum of Contemporary Art Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). \$18. 619-297-9327, 619-232-0109. (DOWNTOWN)

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Create a “Dry Jungle” after grower Greg Asbagh addresses the Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, September 12, 10 a.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Such a jungle boasts “plants that have a tropical look but which need only a modest amount of water.” Free. 619-223-3315. (POINT LOMA)

“Irish Probate Records Before and After 1857,” and the Registry of Deeds at Henrietta House, Dublin” provide topic when Mary Russell addresses Irish interest class of British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Wednesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

“A Year’s Palate of Bulbs,” learn about international selection of bulbs, evergreen bulbs, bulbous perennials when plantswoman Mary McBride presents classes on Thursdays, September 13, 20, 27, 7 p.m., and Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m.–noon, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Nonmembers: \$100. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Succulent Wreath Class led by Portia Harloff and Jane Soher, Thursday, September 13, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$65 fee includes materials. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Renowned Buddhist Monk, Peace Activist, Author Thich Nhat Hanh speaks Tuesday, October 2, in Jenny Craig Pavilion at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park) for 18th annual Social Issues Conference. Evening begins with guided meditation and chant at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7 p.m. \$10 general. 619-260-7550. (LINDA VISTA)

IN PERSON

Author Alexandra Leclere signs, discusses *Seeing the Dead, Talking With Spirits*, Thursday, September 6, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Parkway Plaza). Free. 619-593-5119. (EL CAJON)

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dido 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). Taylor 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 Sat-

urday and Sunday. Tickets: \$57, \$67. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Love, Swordplay, and Disguises Shakespeare's pastoral comedy *As You Like It* is presented for 11th annual free Shakespeare production by Coronado Playhouse (1835 Strand Way) through September 23. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. First come, first seated. 619-435-4856. (CORONADO)

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

World-Beat Music and Dance — Damaru performs with guest *kora* player Amadou Fall and dancers Kirti (world fusion) and Shalimar (belly dance) on Thursday, September 6, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Cash'd Out plays for final Concert on the Green, Friday, September 7, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (211122 East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

The Encinitas Guitar Orchestra performs Celtic music on Friday, September 7, 8 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour

Drive). Suggested donation: \$10. 760-943-0755. (ENCINITAS)

World Music Sampler Concert showcasing traditional music and dance from China, India, Zimbabwe, Iran, more, Friday September 7, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free. 619-318-1286. (LA JOLLA)

Fallbrook Author and Attorney Randall Hicks signs *Baby Crimes*, latest in the "Toby Mystery Series" on Saturday, September 8, 11 a.m., at Book Nook (129 East Hawthorne Street). Free. 760-731-2665. (FALLBROOK)

Criminally Entertaining! Crime novelists Charlie Huston (*The Shotgun Rule*), Don Winslow (*The Winter of Frankie Machine*), and Randall Hicks (*Baby Crimes*) discuss and sign their books, Saturday, September 8, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Legendary Little Joe y la Familia perform Saturday, September 8, 6:30 p.m., at Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina (1380 Harbor Island Drive). Openers: Los Fabulocos. \$45 in advance. 619-291-2900. (HARBOR ISLAND)

"Laughing Out Loud," night of laughter benefiting Stepping Stone of San Diego Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services, Saturday, September 8, 7 p.m., at Marston Point Es-

tate (1048 Myrtle Way). Leslie Jordan performs material from his one-man show *Like a Dog on Linoleum*; Alison Arngim (known as Nellie Oleson on *Little House on the Prairie*) presents *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch*; also entertaining are Judy Tenuta, music by Abigail's Attic and Kevin McCully, the Players with guest singer Ria. General admission: \$95. Reservations: 619-278-0777. (HILLCREST)

Blame Sally performs for fall World Music Series on Saturday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). \$15. Recommended reservations: 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Karen Brody's Play Birth hosted by California Association of Midwives for "global 'Birth on Labor Day' movement to make maternity care mother-friendly," Saturday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., at Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Open talkback session follows. \$25. 760-724-2110.

Share your birth story on Sunday, September 9, 4-8 p.m., at "Bold Red Tent" found at 17555 Ranchito del Rio Road. Free. 760-840-8723. (VISTA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

Saturday Backyard Concerts — the acoustic duo of Len Guerzon and Gayle Colombo are joined by guest guitarist Rob Jimenez on Saturday, September 8, 7:30 p.m., outdoors at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue).

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"Comics That Kill" — comedy by Rich Ornelas, Chris Heard, Erin Schauer, Debbie Lockhart, Jason Bang, Laura Park on Saturday, September 8, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Not for those under 14. \$7. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Ocean Beach Jazz Festival promises a variety of music styles including jazz, Latin, soul, and blues, performed by bands including Poncho Sanchez Band, Joey DeFrancesco, Duke Robillard Band, Dave Pike Quartet with Mundell Lowe, Jazz 88 All-Stars. Festival is Sunday, September 9, at end of Newport Avenue. Gates open at 11 a.m. \$35. 619-388-3037. (OCEAN BEACH)

Mystery Thriller/Dark Comedy Author Jack Getze plans author talk and signing for his recently released book *Big Numbers*, Sunday, September 9, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Swing and Jazz Music from across decades played by Tom Morrow Band, Sunday, September 9, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donations accepted for performers. Optional dinner

from Flying Bridge follows (\$6.50 general). 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

"Pops on the Promenade," soprano Nicole Werner and violinist Adrienne Pope join San Diego Chamber Orchestra in concert on Sunday, September 9, on lawn of Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Cielo). Enjoy Broadway hits, light classics, patriotic tunes. Concert at 5 p.m. (\$20 general, \$10 for those under 16), followed by dinner for table seats at 6:30 p.m. (\$100). Tickets: 858-350-0290. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Traditional Scottish Music with Modern Flair on tap when Old Blind Dogs band performs Sunday, September 9, 6:30 p.m., in courtyard at Poway Library (13137 Poway Road). 858-513-2900. (POWAY)

Actress and Math Genius Danica McKellar (from *The Wonder Years*) reads and signs *Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math without Losing Your Mind or Breaking a Nail*, Monday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347.

Busy on Monday? McKellar will also sign and discuss her book on Tuesday, September 11, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (LA JOLLA, CARMEL MOUNTAIN)



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Performance-Oriented Poets show off, “win money and adulation” during San Diego Poetry Slam on Monday, September 10, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation for spectators; \$5 for competitors. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

Comic David Alan Grier takes stage for “Laugh Out Loud” series at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76) on Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

Latin Guitar Concert by David Burgess, Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Burgess is an Andrés Segovia Fellowship Competition winner. \$15 general. 619-849-2200. (POINT LOMA)

“4x4,” Sushi Performance and Visual Art’s performance series continues Tuesday, September 11, 8 p.m., at Bluefoot Bar and Lounge (3404 30th Street). Participants present new or in-progress works in “alternative, casual social setting”; all pieces low-tech, limited to ten minutes, performed on 4’ x 4’ stage. 21 and older. Suggested donation: \$5–\$10. 619-235-8466. (NORTH PARK)

“Testimonios: Early California through the Eyes of Women 1815-1848” is topic when authors Rose Marie Beebe and Robert M. Senkewicz — considered two of California’s leading historians — present lecture based on their work, Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. Booksigning follows. \$10 general. Requested reservations: 619-232-6203 x129. (BALBOA PARK)

Vibrant, Meditative Sufi Music, 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)

Comic Lewis Black performs Sunday, September 16, 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$45–\$65.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

The Injustices Queer Folk Face provide fodder for Los Angeles-based 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;

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LOCAL EVENTS

he was director of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1968–1993). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres are in Colorado for games against Rockies, September 7–9, at 6:05 p.m. on Friday, 5:05 p.m. on Saturday, 12:05 p.m. on Sunday. Road trip continues with games against Dodgers in Los Angeles, at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday, September 11–13. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005.

Showpark County V Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-481-9085. (DEL MAR)

Biking and Kayaking Combo Tour planned on Saturday, September 8. Half-day adventure combines downhill La Jolla Plunge bike trip with two-hour kayak tour to La Jolla Sea Caves. Equipment — bicycles, helmets, kayaks, paddles — provided. \$85. For those eight and older. Meet at 9 a.m. at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). Required reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Golf Demo Day, Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Carlsbad Golf Center (2711 Haymar Drive). Instruction and clinics; new equipment from more than 30 manufacturers available to try for all ages and skills. Free. 760-720-4653. (CARLSBAD)

Express Ride! Join Sierra Club bicyclists for 50-plus-mile ride from Del Mar to Point Loma with moderate hills and brisk pace, Sunday, September 9. Ride starts at 8:30 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Del Mar Highlands shopping center. Free. 760-479-0187. (DEL MAR)

77th Annual La Jolla Rough-Water Swim, Sunday, September 9, starting at 9 a.m. at La Jolla Cove. No official day-of-event registration. 858-456-2100. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Chargers host Chicago Bears in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, September 9, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on

FOX; listen on radio station KIOZ, Rock 105.3. Tickets: \$54–\$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Rancho Valencia Cup Competition planned at San Diego Polo Club on Sunday, September 9. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Quiksilver Surf Shop Challenge, Monday, September 10, 9 a.m.–10 a.m., at north jetty in Oceanside Harbor. Five shop teams have qualified to compete in final one-hour heat. Free for spectators. 949-496-5922. (OCEANSIDE)

America Supports You Freedom Walk 2007 hosted by Operation Homefront, Tuesday, September 11, beginning at 9 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial (2125 Park Boulevard). Walk is approximately 1.5 miles through Balboa Park. Purpose of event "is simply to establish a tradition to reflect on the lives lost on September 11, renew our commitment to freedom and the values of our country, and to honor our veterans, past and present." Registration at 7:45 a.m. Free. 866-424-5210. (BALBOA PARK)

Bicycle to Coronado with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Tuesday, September 11. The 42-miler starts at 9:15 a.m. in south parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center on East Mission Bay Drive. Bring ferry money. 619-282-8611. (MISSION BAY)

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)

SPECIAL

"Urban Trees 4," public art exhibit of 30 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) continues through June 2008. View

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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)

Dare to Question the Nature of Value during TNT (Thursday Night Thing) on September 6. Artist Peter Simensky speaks about his work; guests "create their own gallery-in-a-matchbox, inspired by Simensky's *Neutral Capital Collection*, a mobile gallery-in-a-box." Music by Diablo Dimes and the Bloodhounds, plus DJ Claire spinning soul and funk. Party starts at 7 p.m. at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Donation: \$3. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Southern California T-Buckets featured on Friday, September 7, during Cruisin' Grand. 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, 5–9 p.m. Free viewing. 760-745-8877. Through September 28. (ESCONDIDO)

Experience Bahki Yog, described as "a trance-inducing mandala, where art, music, meditation, and prayer come together as one," Friday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., at Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga Studio (3301 Adams Avenue, at 33rd).

Enjoy "modern and ancient rhythms" by Monk Party and Govindaas, playing live on traditional Eastern instruments. Free. 619-640-4438. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

San Diego Poodle Club Show with toys, miniatures, and standards, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Experts on hand to answer questions. Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

The Wiener Dogs Are Off and Running! Qualifying races for 2007 Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals take place Saturday, September 8, at Qualcomm Stadium Rugby Fields (near J5). Registration at 8:30 a.m., racing at 9:30 a.m. Top eight dogs from qualifying round advance to final on October 25; winner of San Diego finals joins winning dogs from around Western U.S. at Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade on December 27. Fee: \$5 per racing dog entry fee, free for spectators and non-racing dogs. 619-283-5808. (MISSION VALLEY)

Grape Day Festival and Parade is Saturday, September 8, with grape stomping, live entertainment, crafts, art show, children's games, vendors, food, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. at Grape Day Park (321 North Broadway). Grape Day Parade on Grand Avenue from Escondido Boulevard to Juniper, 9:30 a.m. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

ArtWalk on the Bay boasts more than 150 artists, interactive art activities, musical performers, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., on waterfront at Embarcadero Marina Park North (behind Seaport Village). Free admission. 619-615-1090. (DOWNTOWN)

Brazil's Independence Day Fair hosted by Brazilian Fellowship on Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m., in parking lot at East County International Ministry and Arts Center

(389 North Magnolia Avenue). Free. 619-201-8635. (EL CAJON)

Grecian Formula for Fun, 29th annual Greek festival at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (3459 Manchester Avenue) is Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9. Church tours at 1 and 4 p.m. both days. Greek music and dancing, cuisine, children's games, bazaar, deli, import booth. Admission: \$2; children under 12 free. Festival opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 10 p.m. on Saturday, 9 p.m. on Sunday. 760-942-0920. (CARDIFF)

Public Archaeology Day is Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Enjoy "sampling of archaeology-based learning experiences." \$5 donation per person; \$10 maximum donation for families. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

Serra Mesa Street Fair, Saturday, September 8, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Sandrock Road and Greyling Drive. Rides, entertainment, food, vendors, paper bag hat craft for kids 12 and younger. Free. 858-565-2473. (SERRA MESA)

Southern California Plumeria Society Show and sale, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Advice, displays, "hundreds of plants of every size and color" for sale. Admission: free. 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

9/11 Is Commemorated on Saturday, September 8, with a memorial service at 11 a.m. on USS *Midway* (910 North Harbor Drive). Reading of victims' names, tolling of bells, tributes. Details: 858-451-2902.

Memorial candlelight remembrance hosted by SD911Truth.org on Tuesday, September 11. Letters from the families will be read aloud; participants will walk with candles from Horton Plaza to courthouse beginning at 6 p.m. Free. 858-729-8878. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate International Literacy Day on Saturday, September 8, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at El Cajon Library (201 East Douglas Avenue). Enjoy "world's largest crossword puzzle," story time in English and Spanish, appearance by Ronald McDonald, refreshments, more. Free. 619-588-3718. (EL CAJON)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, noon–6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

"The Communist Manifesto" by Marx and Engels is fodder for Great Books Reading and Discus-

sion Group, Saturday, September 8, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Put Six Candles on the Cake for Ray at Night, celebrating six-year anniversary when over 20 art venues showcase local art on Saturday, September 8, 6–10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. Ray at Night takes place on second Saturday of each month. (NORTH PARK)

The Diamond FEMA Trailer Park in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, consists of 450 FEMA trailers; resident kids have dubbed it "the 450." The "450 Photo Experience" is a photography workshop for kids to use their creative chops to capture their post-Hurricane Katrina lives. Gallery showing of student prints, Saturday, September 8, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Free admission. 858-414-5615. (BALBOA PARK)

"The 50/50 Anniversary Show" at Planet Rooth Studio/Gallery (3811 Ray Street) opens with benefit auction for artists and reception on Saturday, September 8, 7 p.m. Planet Rooth is celebrating sixth anniversary and 105th art show. Admission is free. 619-297-9663. (NORTH PARK)

Antiques on Mission, show boasting "genuine antiques," collectibles, fine art, entertainment, food, on-site appraisals of treasures, Sunday, September 9, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Market will close Mission Avenue from Coast Highway to Horne Street. Admission: free. 760-967-2005. (OCEANSIDE)

Barking Dogs and Breaking Waves, Helen Woodward Animal Center's "Surf Dog Surfathon" is Sunday, September 9, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., at dog beach Del Mar. Noncompetitive event includes one-half hour dog surfing contest, "beach bum and bikini babe canine costume contest," beach agility course for dogs, new categories for surfers. Registration: 858-756-4117. (DEL MAR)

Home Tour 2007, self-guided tour of four homes hosted by Tierrasanta Junior Women's Club, Sunday, September 9, noon–4 p.m. \$10. Start points: 858-278-5279 or 858-573-2648. (TIERRASANTA)

"Ladies of the House" tour promising "closer look at the intimate side of the Marston family, as letters, journals and personal memoirs reveal the stories behind the profoundly influential Marston women" planned Sunday, September 9. Tour begins at 1 p.m. at Marston House Museum (3525 Seventh Avenue). \$8. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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The House of Puerto Rico presents ethnic music and dance for lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, September 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Which Is the Most “Humanist” City? Members of Humanist Fellowship make the argument in favor of Manhattan during discussion on Sunday, September 9, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

“Show and Share,” members of Palomar Handweavers’ Guild meet to share what they did, or started, or planned to do but never got around to during meeting, Monday, September 10, 9:30 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church (845 Chestnut Street). Free. 760-533-5857. (ESCONDIDO)

Taste of Downtown, cuisines of world on offer during self-guided walking tour, Thursday, September 13, 5–9 p.m. Participants may use shuttles or walk to 46 participating eateries ranging from Gaslamp Quarter to Little Italy. \$25. 619-233-5008. (DOWNTOWN)

Rods and Woodies Classic Car Show, cruise night series concludes on Thursday, September 13, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Live music in front of Encinitas Smog (682 South Coast Highway 101). Ogle classic cars between D Street and Lumberyard on Highway 101. Free. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

“Saudi Arabia — Caught between Two Worlds” is subject when P&R Discussion Group gathers, Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

“Bitsy’s School Adventures” presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, September 9, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Pico’s Pail* by Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers, September 12–16. Showtimes: 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday–Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Musical Story Time led by educator Anne Fennell, Saturday, September 8, 9:30 a.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Interactive storytelling sessions inspire reading, expose participants to elements of music, musical instruments, music

making. Suggested donation: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Build a Paper Kite during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, September 8, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Clay Pinch Pots with Jane-o on Saturday, September 8, 3 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Kids 3–13 will use “skills of early Native Americans” to make pots. Free. Register at park entrance booth. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

MUSEUMS

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill,

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

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

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

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

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

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

uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, “The Sonka Centennial, 1907–2007” commemorates immigrant German-Austrian family that fostered growth of modern Lemon Grove, laid cornerstone of its postagricultural economy with a successful general store; exhibi-

tion recreates part of store. In Gallery II, see a Lemon Grove home, circa 1915, stocked with items purchased from the Sonkas, and more. Through Saturday, December 22. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include “Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight,” “Surfing in San Diego,” exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Man, “Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land” tells story of profound changes metallurgy brought to human society: birth of Mediterranean farming, creation of first temples and cemeteries, emergence of complex societies. Exhibition chronicles development of humanity in

present-day Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Highlights include photographs by *National Geographic* photographer Kenneth Garrett and collection of archaeological artifacts seen for first time on West Coast. Through January.

“Edward S. Curtis Refocused” offers Native American insight into Curtis’s photo documentation of their lives. Curtis is famous for his photographs of recreated scenes of traditional life and ceremony, for portraits of tribe members wearing historic garments. Exhibition features prints of his photogravures taken in locations throughout U.S. and Canada and examines some controversial elements of Curtis’s work, techniques he used.

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

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

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

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CLASSICAL

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, September 9, 2 p.m. 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

The Kensington Trio performs for fall concert series, Sunday, September 9, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Program includes “Six Hungarian Dances” by Brahms, Dvořák’s “Trio in E Minor (Dumky),” and “Trio in G Minor

(Elegiac)” by Rachmaninoff. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

“Pops on the Promenade,” soprano Nicole Werner and violinist Adrienne Pope join San Diego Chamber Orchestra in concert on Sunday, September 9, on lawn of Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Ciela). Enjoy Broadway hits, light classics, patriotic tunes. Concert at 5 p.m. (\$20 general, \$10 for those under 16), followed by dinner for table seats at 6:30 p.m. (\$100). Tickets: 858-350-0290. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Recital of Opera Arias and selections promised during Musical Merit Foundation of Greater San Diego concert, Sunday, September 9, 5 p.m., at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). Performers include competition winners Tom Corbeil (bass-baritone), Bryan Verhoye (piano), Matthew Moore (“Merolinis” baritone), Shouna Shoemake (soprano), Sharmay Musacchio (mezzo-soprano). Offering. 760-438-3393. (CARLSBAD)

The Debut of a New Collaborative Work by Peter Sprague Consort and California Quartet is planned during Concert Hour performance, Thursday, September 13, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

ART LISTINGS

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GALLERIES

“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)

“Makers and Creators,” display of work in various media by four women who are also collaborators in the “Art of the Book” continues through Saturday, September 29, at Art Around Books, the Brighton Press gallery space (5433-B Linda Vista Road). Reception for Claudia Cohen, Julia Ferrari, Nelle Martin, Barbara

Tetenbaum is Friday, September 7, 5 p.m. 619-542-1179. (LINDA VISTA)

Artist Lory Smith has works featured through Saturday, October 13, at Patrick Moore Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 103). Reception planned in conjunction with Kettner Nights gallery stroll, Friday, September 7, 6 p.m. 619-756-6483. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Drawn from Nature,” boasting work by Nancy Kittredge and Leslie Parke, opens with reception on Friday, September 7, 6 p.m., and continues through Saturday, October 6, at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

Enjoy “Market Paintings” by Jeanne Dunn through Saturday, September 29, at Borrelli Space Gallery (second floor, 4411 Park Boulevard). Dunn’s “process-based figurative paintings are informed by human relationship and the intensity of the moment.” Reception for Dunne is Friday, September 7, 6 p.m. 619-913-8441. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

KISS Front Man and Artist Paul Stanley will be on hand for exhibitions of his work at Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street) on Friday and Saturday, September 7 and 8, 6–9 p.m. 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

Portraits by Elizabeth Washburn may be viewed through Friday, September 21, at Gallery 680 (680 West Beech Street). Meet Washburn during opening reception, Friday, September 7, 6 p.m. 619-233-3769. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Ultra Autumn,” featuring new works by Brooks Salzwedel, opens

with reception on Friday, September 7, 6 p.m., at R3 Gallery (2421 India Street). Closes Saturday, October 13. 619-654-4332. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Wildcats,” married painters Dan Adams and Anna Zappoli Jenkins have an exhibition of work opening with reception, Friday, September 7, 6 p.m., in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Through Friday, October 26. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

“Turn, Turn, Turn: A Season of Senior Art” opens with reception on Saturday, September 8, noon, at Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). “Exhibit expands the understanding of the journey of aging through artistic expression.” Closes Sunday, November 4. 760-795-6120. (CARLSBAD)

“Weaving: The Fabric of Life” features works by members of Palomar Handweavers Guild, on view through Saturday, October 27, in Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Ask questions and meet artists during reception, Saturday, September 8, 1 p.m. 760-434-0444. (VISTA)

Painted Photographs by Kate Breakey may be viewed through Saturday, October 13, at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Opening reception with artist slated for Saturday, September 8, 5 p.m. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

“Innocent Discoveries,” works by Ahren Hertel, Kelly Haigh, Michael Brown, Sarah Jonas, Jen Lobo, and Kendra Binney showcased in exhibit continuing through Saturday, October 6, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue).

Second reception is Saturday, September 8, 6 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

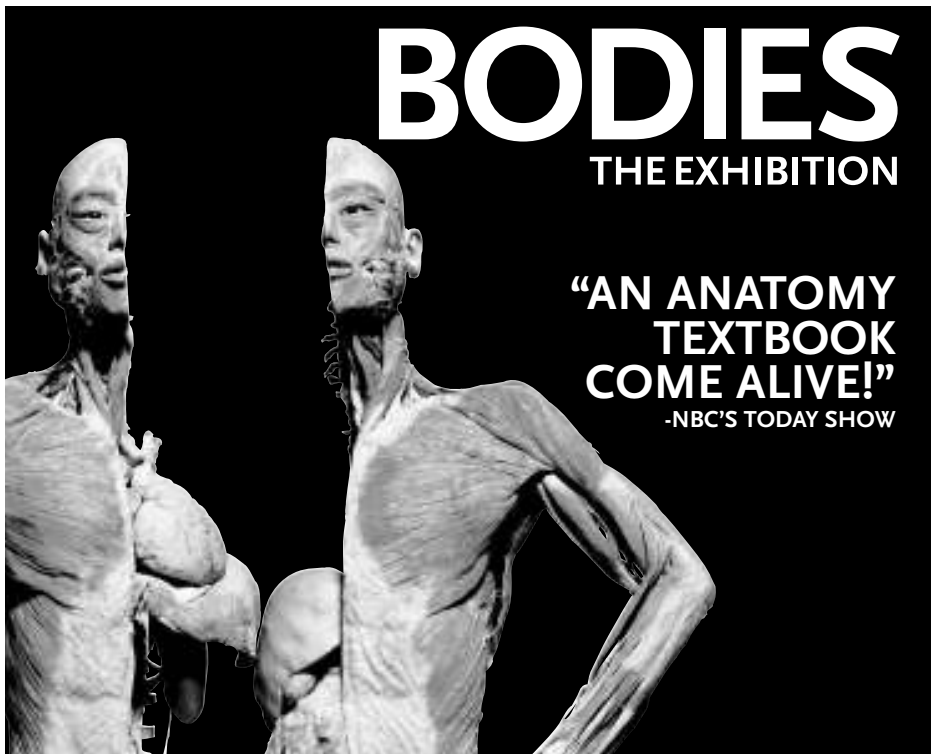
“Nature Part II,” multimedia group show opens with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, September 8, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). 619-546-9546. Closes Thursday, October 11. (NORTH PARK)

“Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Time-Based Work” showcases “videos that dislocate and recombine physical and psychological spaces to reveal ways of experiencing our place in the visual and social plane” by Les Leveque and Wendy Richmond. Exhibit opens with reception for artists, Saturday, September 8, 6 p.m., at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). Concurrently, see “Out of Line: A Group Exhibition of Drawings,” all through Wednesday, November 7. 619-501-0879. (NORTH PARK)

Put Six Candles on the Cake for Ray at Night, celebrating sixth-year anniversary when over 20 art venues showcase local art on Saturday, September 8, 6–10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. Ray at Night takes place on second Saturday of each month. (NORTH PARK)

“Bloom,” exhibition of paintings by Shawn Savage continues through Wednesday, October 3, at District 117 Gallery (above Baja Betty’s, 1425 University Avenue, suite B). Meet artist during reception, Saturday, September 8, 7 p.m. 619-269-9178. (HILLCREST)

“High Octane,” with work by Kelly Vivanco, James Ivey, N.C. Winters, Acamonchi, Celene, Josh



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Taylor, Pamela Jaeger, Bill Pierce, Yuransky, Lara K. Tamalunas, Jasmine Worth, continues through September at Zedism Gallery (3540 Adams Avenue). Reception on Saturday, September 8, 7 p.m. 619-283-1210. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The 50/50 Anniversary Show" at Planet Rooth Studio/Gallery (3811 Ray Street) opens with reception and benefit auction, Saturday, September 8, 7 p.m. Planet Rooth is celebrating sixth anniversary and 105th art show. Through Monday, October 1. 619-297-9663. (NORTH PARK)

"Robert Treat: Recent Encaustic Works" continues through Sunday, October 14, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Encaustic techniques use molten beeswax mixed with pigments and other substances. Artist's talk: Saturday, September 22, 1 p.m. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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 shoot.

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

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

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

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

Mingei International Museum, 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 "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, "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.

"Public Privacy: Wendy Richmond's Surreptitious Cellphone," opening on Saturday, September 8,

"explores how 20th-Century Americans occupy personal spaces while going about their daily lives in the public eye." Richmond allows viewers to observe people in mundane routines by shooting tiny movies on her cell phone video camera. Closes Sunday, January 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Shuns and Roses Last night, *Roses on Her Grave* debuted at the Viper Room, the same West Hollywood showcase that rewarded Dirty

[San Diego] right now," says *Roses* lead singer C.J. Gladstone. Regarding Grand Ole Party, thought by many to be the next S.D. band to break, Gladstone says, "Some people are down on them a little bit. But [lead singer Kristin Gundred] flat out belts out the vocals....

"I feel we're not even in

bassist and female guitarist. Only a handful of other bands (Veruca Salt, Elastica, Nashville Pussy) have the same two-man/two-woman lineup.

"Don't forget Abba or the Starland Vocal Band," jokes Gladstone.

Roses on Her Grave appear tomorrow at Winstons and September 21 at the Casbah.

— Ken Leighton

F#@%in' Cancer

Pinback's in-store appearance this Tuesday at Lou's Records in Encinitas coincides with the release of their fourth full-length album, *Autumn of the Seraphs*. The band's subsequent national and world tours will be the first with their newest touring lineup. Joining Rob Crow and Zach Smith are Eric Hoversten (second guitar and keyboards), Chris Prescott (drums), and Terrin Durfey (keyboards and second bass), who is battling cancer... again.

In 1998, Durfey was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, a form of skin cancer with the ability to spread to other parts of the body. This is Durfey's third recurrence.

"This time around, scans showed that it traveled to two spots in my left lung, my pelvic bone, and a spot on the back of the head," Durfey explains. "We have to schedule practices around my chemotherapy schedule. I get chemo every three weeks. The side effects last for about a week, and then I'm almost back to my normal self until the next session.

"I'm going to get one more dose of chemo before we leave for tour, and then I



THE PERFORMER IN ACTION (DURFEY)

won't get another treatment until I'm back [after two months away]. I couldn't get it while out on tour because the doctor needs to keep an eye on my blood counts.... Recent scans showed that the tumors are getting smaller."

Though Durfey says insurance covers a great deal of his treatments, the help from friends has been "overwhelming." Until he is well enough to resume full-time employment, donations can be made at www.myspace.com/terrindurfeyfoundation.

— Brett Flynn

Rasta Gap "The radio doesn't play reggae down here," says *tijuanaense* Carlos Garcia, bassist in the *Astrorumberos*. "The only time we get to play [in Tijuana] is when Pato Banton or Manu Chao comes down here and we get to open for them."

Garcia says his band is one of four or five reggae bands in Tijuana.

"The only other city in Mexico that has any kind of reggae scene is Mexicali. They have three bands there.... The only Spanish reggae most people in Mexico hear are from bands who are visiting from Argentina or Cuba."

Together for eight years, the *Astrorumberos* have yet to play in the U.S., mainly because three of the band members don't have visas. They perform Bob Marley covers in English. The lyrics found in the band's original songs, meanwhile, don't espouse much political ideology.

"We are kind of angry about racism and problems at the borders," says Garcia. "But we think the way to help is to not insult people. The politicians are always going to do what they do."

For years, San Diego reggae promoter Makeda Dread organized the annual Bob Marley Day event at the Sports Arena. Last year she was told by the Marley estate that the Bob Marley name could no longer be used by her or other promoters.

On September 22 and 23 at Rosarito Beach's Club Maya, Dread will put on a "Peter Tosh Day" festival. The *Astrorumberos* are one of 11 artists scheduled to perform. Israel Vibration and Eek-A-Mouse headline.

— Ken Leighton

Marginalized Murder?

Todd Loren launched *Rock 'N' Roll Comics* in 1989 to spin unlicensed comic-book biographies of rock stars. Some, like Frank Zappa and Kiss, were supportive, while others — such as the New Kids on the Block — sued.

In June 1992, 32-year-old Loren was found murdered

in his San Diego condo. The case remains unsolved, though recent clues researched by the FBI link his death to Hillcrest gadfly and serial killer Andrew Cunanan.

San Diego police recently reopened their investigation into Loren's murder. Evidence is being reexamined with forensic technology unavailable in 1992, and new interviews are being conducted. Details of the crime have been posted on a new cold-case website (www.sandiego.gov/police/about/coldcase.shtml).

Crimestoppers is offering a new \$1000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.



PHOTOGRAPH FROM COLD CASE WEBSITE

LOREN'S KILLER ALREADY DEAD?

A documentary film — *Unauthorized and Proud of It: Todd Loren's Rock 'N' Roll Comics* — will soon be released on DVD by Chicago-based BulletProof Film. Interviewees include Mojo Nixon, who worked with the Hillcrest comic company. Nixon explains that Loren's willingness to be "outlaw" was not only the secret but the reason for his success.

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the inside track

Sweet with a month-long residency last year.

"Dirty Sweet are now in the about-to-be-the-biggest-thing-ever mode," says Viper

the right town for what we're doing," continues Gladstone. "We're doing that nasty, dirty rock and roll. I think this town misses a lot of that. It



PHOTOGRAPH BY LAWRENCE BRAUN

DIRTY, NASTY ROSES ON HER GRAVE

Room talent buyer Joe Rinaldi, "but they have been in that mode for six to eight months." Other locals tapped by Rinaldi to play the Sunset Boulevard club include Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, the Nurses, Buckfast Superbee, and Transfer.

"Nothing is going on in

seems like this town wallows in that pop-punk crap.... In Europe, [the Bloody Hollies, a S.D. band] sell out shows and sell tons of merch. Here, it's just not the same for them."

Gladstone shares the front of the stage with a female

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The filmmakers confront San Diego police about their original investigation into Loren's murder; interspersed are clips of those closest to Loren (who was gay) who

Kitchen. Proceeds from admission (\$10 for kids, \$20 for adults) went to Modest Needs, a charity that helps needy people with emergency expenses.

The shows drew between 100 and 200 people, and three bands of teenagers played each time. Besides the top-notch sound and light systems in the resort's Commodore Ballroom, bands' images were projected onto two six-by-eight-foot video screens.

"We were lucky to play



SHEY EUPHORIA HAS CONNECTIONS

reveal that police never interviewed them.

"The cops looked at it as just another fag murder," says local cartoonist Mary Fleener, who sings with Cindy Lee Berryhill's band.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Teens Rock for Needy

"It pays to have your mom as a GM," says Shey Euphoria guitarist Ian Cochran, 17. His mother Kathleen is general manager at Loews Coronado Bay Resort and Spa, the site of three recent "Jam with the Band" shows for teens.

"We treated [Jam with the Band] as a nightclub," says Kathleen Cochran. An outside bar served virgin cocktails, and pizza was donated by California Pizza

all three [shows]," says Cameron Wilson, 17, the singer/bassist with Numskull. Wilson and his bandmates go to Grossmont High School with the members of Shey Euphoria, which played all three gigs as well.

Loews Coronado is planning a fourth Jam with the Band event around Christmas. Spokeswoman Anne Stephany says Loews will bring back the event at least three times next summer.

Regarding the fact that four other teen bands wanted to play but were not invited, she says, "I think we'll be more open for other bands next year. We'll have a more formalized process for band selection."

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— Ken Leighton

Star-Child Art Kiss front man Paul Stanley has begun a career as an artist. La Jolla's Wentworth Gallery will present an exhibition of his work beginning September 7 and 8. Consisting of a series of abstracts with broad sweeps of color, his paintings have drawn the attention of serious collectors. Prices for the star-child's canvases range from \$1550 to \$60,000.

Stanley, who will be in attendance from 6 until 9 p.m. the 8th and 9th, notes the role San Diego has played in Kiss lore.

"The inside of Kiss *Alive II* [released in 1977], which is really one of the ultimate photos of the Kiss spectacle, was shot at the Sports Arena," he recalls.

One famous tour incident occurred when Kiss performed at the Civic Theatre on June 7, 1975. On that night, their opening act, Canadian rockers Rush, were rumored to be planning a practical

joke on the headliners. When Kiss found out about it, they arranged to have the band pelted with pies at the end of their set. So, during Kiss's show, Rush found some costumes backstage and dressed as Native Americans. With headdresses on, they danced across the stage to disrupt Kiss's careful choreography.

"I remember the guys on the side of the stage in Native American war paint and clothing, and I think they

that his artwork appeals to Kiss fans, he advises restraint from the general public at his art show.

"Because of both crowds and practicality, it's the wrong time and the wrong place to have your favorite T-shirt, CD, tour book, photograph, or anything else signed. I'm not there to do that and actually won't.... And that means nobody gets preferential treatment. Except the people who are actually buying the art."

— Bart Mendoza

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— Jay Allen Sanford

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“[Peter Green] wrote ‘Black Magic Woman,’ which a lot of people think Santana wrote.”

Since forming in 2005, the CHI Club have been playing shows around San Diego wherever they can. Whether you run across the band rocking on the beach, at a house party, a farmers’ market, or a bar, you’ll notice one thing for certain — these guys love playing.

CHI (pronounced “chee”) Club singer/rhythm guitarist Roland Gabriel cites among the band’s influences the Rolling Stones, Widespread Panic, Tom Petty, Beck, and the Mother Hips. Songs such as their reggae-influenced “No Bad Day” and “Pacific Breezes” have cemented the band’s Southern California charm. If the Laurel Canyon scene in L.A. had played out 30 years later in Ocean Beach, the CHI Club would be the house band.

Most of the lyrics are written by Gabriel and long-time friend Rain Samuelson, but the musical development of the songs is a collective process. Gabriel describes it as “No song is complete until all members have seasoned the song with their own flavor.”

Since its inception, the CHI Club has had a revolving door of members, with a couple of different drummers and guitarists, a horn player, a harmonica player, and an extra percussionist traveling in and out of the fold. On the eve of the release of their first full-length disc in October, Gabriel feels that the band has finally settled into somewhat of a stable lineup.

“We now feel like we have a core or a family-team sort of feeling — which is real comforting, knowing we can now go the distance,” says Gabriel. This current team is Brenda Berry on vocals, Bill DiBiase on keyboards, Mike Cardwell on lead guitar, Serge McCoy on drums/vocals, Rain Samuelson on bass, José Maldonado on percussion, and Gabriel on rhythm guitar and

vocals.

What does the band’s name imply? What is this “CHI”? “It came from a slang term we made for a person who Can’t Handle It!” Gabriel explains. “Someone who passes, or ‘chi’s out,’ on doing anything.”

LISTS

DRYW KELTZ

Desert-island discs?

Cardwell:

1. Ryan Adams, *Heartbreaker*

(“Because I played it so much at a time when I was trying to learn to be a better singer, I learned how to play the entire album. I became obsessed. I have lost every copy of that disc I have ever had.”)

2. Outkast, *Aquemini* (“When I was on tour and in Seattle in 2000, I got a chance to get out of the van and ride to the next show with a friend. It was on that ride I heard *Aquemini* for the first time — it got me so pumped! I have lost every copy of that disc I have ever had.”)

3. Jimi Hendrix, *Axis: Bold as Love* (“This has to be the best rock record ever...next to *Are You Experienced*.”)

4. Bob Dylan, *Blood on the Tracks* (“When I was a little kid, there was an 8-track of this in my house. I loved ‘Tangled Up in Blue’ so much. I would have to listen to the entire album just to hear that song again.”)

5. Michael Franti and Spearhead, *Stay Human* (“I have been a fan of Michael Franti since 1998. I buy his albums the day they are released. *Stay Human* is a great anti-death-penalty concept album. I love this one because even though the music has an important message, it’s still fun and uplifting. ‘Power to the Peaceful!’”)

Desert-island DVD?

Berry: “I just watched this DVD of Neil Young from 1972 [*Live at Massey Hall 1971*]. He was in-



CHI Club

roducing a lot of his newer songs and had just bought a ranch up north — that’s where he was inspired to write a lot of the *Harvest Moon* album. It’s a classic watch, very moving.”

Top five bands of all time?

Berry:

1. Widespread Panic (“Because they opened my eyes to a whole different music realm, not what you hear on the radio. It comes from the soul, and I have mad respect for these guys.”)

2. Ben Harper (“Because he’s got so much down-to-earth soul.”)

3. Mr. Blotto (“They’re from Chicago, and I’ve been waiting for them to cross Colorado for years. These guys rock hard and are very versatile at going in different directions musically.”)

4. Damien Marley (“Man, I think this guy is on the same level as Bob...props for that tight-ass rhythm.”)

5. Peter Green (“Wrote ‘Black Magic Woman,’ which a lot of people think Santana wrote. He was one of the founding fathers of Fleetwood Mac back when they were a British blues band, pre-Stevie Nicks. From what I’ve read, he toured with the Dead during the heyday and kinda lost it. He went back to England and became a recluse,

literally grew his fingernails out for 20 years so he couldn’t play guitar. One day about 10 years ago he met this guy Nigel, who jump-started him back to life. I saw them at the House of Blues in L.A. about 7 years ago — little did I know at the time that that show would jump to the top of all shows.”)

Digital or analog?

McCoy: “Analog for recording and listening. It gives the warmest sound, closest to the original as possible. Except for ease and convenience of recording, I like MP3/ACC files.”

Strangest audience member?

Gabriel: “Rhythm Lounge, 2005 — a nice, strange man at the bar loved our music so much that he was humping the floor. We labeled him the ‘floor humper.’”

“If I could kick anyone out of the band it would be...”:

McCoy: “I would kick out Bill because he looks like Grizzly Adams now, with his scary beard.” Samuelson: “I would kick everyone out so I could keep all the money and buy an all-robot band. Ah, just think: ‘C-3PO and the Funky Bunch.’” ■



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

FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

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.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

Rodrigo y Gabriela: 'Canes, Wednesday, September 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Built to Spill and Camper Van Beethoven: House of Blues, Wednesday, September 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

Partice: '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.

Guster: House of Blues, Sunday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Velvet Revolver and Alice in Chains: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 16, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Lagwagon: Soma, Sunday, September 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Sinéad O'Connor: Spreckels Theatre, 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. 619-594-6947.

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

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

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

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

Dredg: Soma, Friday, September 28, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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 Beach. 858-488-1780.

Tom Jones: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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

Tom Russell: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 5, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Pat Monohan: House of Blues, Sunday, October 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Nellie McKay: The Casbah, Monday, October 8, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

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

Darol Anger's Republic of Strings: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Jimmy Eat World: House of Blues, Friday, October 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Laurence Juber: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Electric Six: The Casbah, Saturday, October 20, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

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.

Chevelle: Soma, Wednesday, October 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Harry Manx: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Melvins: The Casbah, Thursday, October 25, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Pogues: 4th & B, Friday, October 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

John Stewart: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

Ghostface Killah: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 30, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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 Boulevard, 619-224-4171.


Ellis Paul: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Circa Survive: Soma, Sunday, November 4, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

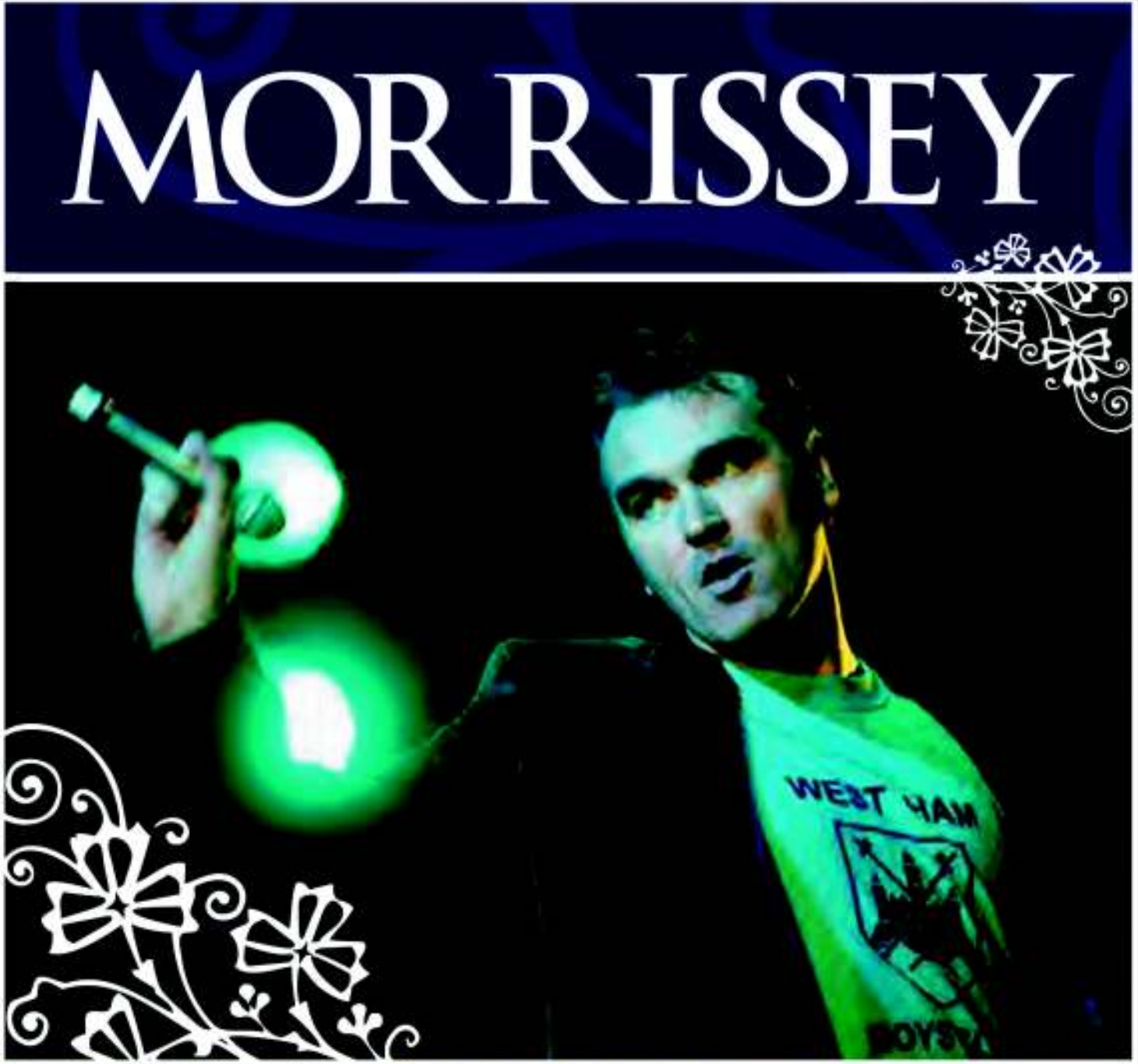
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The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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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 Mayall & 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.

Erin McKeown: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

New Found Glory and Senses Fail: House of Blues, Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

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CLUB CRAWLER

THURSDAY 6

Country musician **Iris Dement** pays a visit to North County nightspot **Belly Up** Tavern tonight. The 45-year-old Grammy-nominated artist writes and sings "folkie storytelling" songs with a twist — Dement confronts religion, sexism, and big government. Since the release of her eponymous debut in 1992, *Infamous Angel*, the singer's sat in with Steve Earl, John Prine, and Emmylou Harris, and has been a frequent guest on radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*. Dement was the youngest of 14

children born into her Arkansas home.... **The Republic of Letters'** six-song e.p. *Spirit or a Ghost* sniffs at '80s Brit pop but in a full-throated, American-band way, suggesting the San Diego group has ambitions beyond...I don't know, the Casbah. They'll be at the **Casbah** tonight! with quirky art-rockers **Swedish Models**, L.A.'s **Archways**, and Sacramento duo **Agent Ribbons** — think Ditty Bops minus the balloon folding. They're my pick of the sets and it looks as if they're opening, so skip dinner.... Kid club **Soma's** booked UK anarchists **Subhumans**. Dick Lukas and his 25-year-old punk akt are touring their disc, *Internal Riot*, due out on Bluurg Records this month. Also on the bill, **MDC** plays anarcho-punk Texas style. This Austin quartet started touring and recording in the late '70s. Couple old-school thrashers. (Insert Viagra-mohawk joke here.)

FRIDAY 7

Indie-rock everyman **John Vanderslice** is touring behind this year's disc *Emerald City*. Always a bridesmaid, never a



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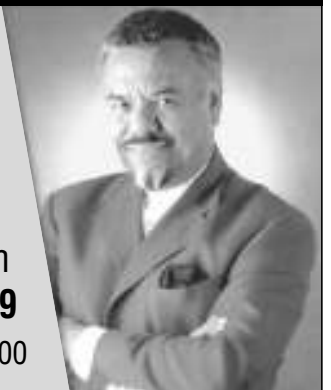
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San Fran studio Tiny Telephone using his “trademark ‘dirty hi-fi’ technology.” As an out-of-step solo artist, Vanderslice raised brows with his 2000 single “Bill Gates Must Die.” The critic’s darling will share **Casbah**’s stage with Raleigh, NC acoustic act **Bowerbirds**.... Earth’ll be quaking and minds’ll be aching round 30th and University Friday night, when San Diego nu-metal monsters **Hard Echo** assault **Scolari’s Office** along with Marshall-stacked allies **Bastard Saints** and **Iron Lung**. Dress well, order a Beaujolais.... Chicago’s hardcore pin-up boys **Rise Against** storm the Soma stage with **Silverstein** and **Comeback Kid**.... **Anthology** hosts golden-voiced Los Angelino **Bill Cantos** for an 8p set and local jazz saxman **Reggie Smith** blows at 10.... **Normal Heights** nook **Chasers Cocktails** lures garage bands out of the garage. Friday night it’ll be oil-rag rockers **Hell Yeah** and the **Johnson Account**.

SATURDAY 8

San Francisco psychedelic pop-rockers **Mother Hips** have enough So-Cal in their sound (read: Gram Parsons, Beach Boys) that we can call them “left coast,” as opposed to the stifling “bay area.” The Hips’ latest, *Kiss the Crystal Flake*, is out on Camera Records. “Customers who bought this item also bought Ryan Adams, Wilco, Neil Young, White Stripes.” The Hips’ll sway at **Belly Up** Saturday night. They’re joined by **Broken West** and **Let’s Go Sailing**.... **Kings of Leon**, my little air-guitar droogies! **SDSU’s Open Air Theatre**. The Nashville alt-rockers’ third and latest RCA disc, *Because of the Times*, might not have lived up to the hype, but the Kings shred live. Let’s call this one “biggest rawk show” of the week.... Littlest rawk show of the week is a good’n — **Golden Boots** at **Che Café**. The Boots hail from Tucson, Arizona and play rusty desert rock with the right amount of hook to hook fans of Giant Sand to Grandaddy. Local folk rockers **Vision of a Dying World** and **Blackout Party** open.... **Poco**’s one of those country-rock bands that sits in a family tree with Buffalo Springfield, the Eagles, and, well, Rick Nelson. They’ve had a rotating cast of players, but they’ll be playing four-decade-strong material at **Anthology**’s restaurant showroom.

SUNDAY 9

This week’s “Sunday Mass” at **Bar Pink Elephant** features the **Sess**, a local punk-jam band that features pop vocals and psych-rock in the vein of the Elephant Six collective. The matinee event, which includes “punk movies,” starts around 2p.... Whether you like your Americana half-baked — **Golden Boots** (see Friday at the Che) — or well-done — **Magnolia Electric Company** — check with these sets at the **Casbah** Sunday night. I file Magnolia discs 'longside Smog and Palace Bros., though Jason Molina’s more self-serious than Bill Callahan or Will Oldham. Stillandall, this is a good ticket. I

can’t go, but I’m buying one anyway. Portland psych-pop act **Minmae** are on the bill.... There’s your day. I don’t need to tell you about **P.O.D.** at **Canes** or **Heart** at **Humphrey’s**, do I?

MONDAY 10

House of Blues is propping soul-ska act the **Slackers** Monday night. The Brooklyn sextet is popular for reggae vibe and big-band croons. Check out ’06 disc *Peculiar* on HellCat Records to get a taste of the party band’s swing-time flavor.... One-man band **Bob Log III** brings country-punk to **Bar Pink Elephant**. Log broke with Thermos Malling in their ’80s DIY



BOB LOG III

duo Doo Rag. The duo may have split, but the DIY remains in Log’s homemade telephone-microphone helmet, corrugated box beats, and campy acoustic jams. Log hasn’t released anything new since ’03’s *Log Bomb*, but still checks out on the Fat Possum label. The Elephant’s intimate and Bob’s garrulous, go buy him a “boob scotch” and ask him ’bout new product. Lemme know.... *Oh, Black Water*, Bay Area’s rock-roll hits machine **The Doobie Brothers** populate **Humphrey’s** stage.... And Grammy-winning guitarist **Steve Vai** noodles round **Viejas’ Dreamcatcher Showroom**.

TUESDAY 11

Hello, it’s me, **Todd Rundgren**. The 59-year-old pop-rock guitarist celebrates 40 years in the



GOLDEN BOOTS

record biz this year as a singer/songwriter/ producer/ performer — Rundgren broke in 1967 with his band The Nazz and their hits “Open My Eyes” and “Hello, It’s Me.” Last year saw the Pennsylvania native take the wheel (in Ric Ocasek’s stead) for a Cars reunion tour and album under the name The New Cars. I don’t know if the new car broke down, but Rundgren plays **House of Blues** with his road band Tuesday night.... What else Tuesday night...? Popular ’70s band **Foreigner** carts the hits to **Humphrey’s**.... **Belly Up** books a bunch of bands for something called “The Back Yard Bash’s American Pride Day Party” — **Back Yard Band**, **Shock and Aweel**, **Sticky Situation** and **Friends**, **The Morning Riot**, and **Nukl Hedz**.... And metal mayhem at the **Tower Bar**, featuring locals **Archons** and the

Widows.

WEDNESDAY 12

Built to Spill and **Camper Van Beethoven** unpack at the **House of Blues** Wednesday. Doug Martsch and co. have had a run as indie rock’s jammiest pop auteurs with a couple must-have discs (*Perfect from Now On*, *Keep It Like a Secret*). Since his early ’80s rise with Halo Benders, Martsch has been considered one of the genres strongest songsmiths/ guitarists. BtS’s latest, last year’s *You in Reverse*, was their first disc in over five years and was an artistic and commercial question mark, which probably (hopefully) relegates the trio to best-of sets. Eighties cult-stat on-again/off-again band Camper Van Beethoven shares the bill. David Lowery fronts the Santa Cruz alt-rock group, and his hit “Take the Skinheads Bowling” remains their high-water mark.... Japanese psych-rockers **Acid Mothers Guru**, led by Acid Mothers Temple guitarist Kawabata Makoto, land their psychedelic navigator tour at **Casbah** Wednesday night. Despite shifting personnel and play at the group’s name, the Acid Mothers stamp guarantees ambient drones, tribal beats, and electric guit freak outs. Louisville experimentalists **The Phantom Family Halo** set the stage.... Mexico City duo **Rodrigo y Gabriela** will strum their fingers raw at **Canes**. They’re folk-rockers with a thrash metal background. Rod and Gab’s second studio disc, a self-titled Rubyworks affair, includes covers of Led Zeppelin and Metallica. ¡Ay!

— Barnaby Monk

DANCE

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Air Conditioned: Wednesdays, *RockBoxx*, ’70s and ’80s rock. Thursdays, *Too Cool for School*, old-skool hip-hop, ’80s, and funk. Fridays, rare groove, funk, and disco. Saturdays, *Juicy*, classic booty-shakin’ music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. Mondays, *House of Rep*, hip-hop and funk and soul. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Bar Dynamite: Mondays, *Dub Dynamite*, dub-hall, rub-a-roots, reggae bass. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Beauty Bar: Fridays, *Feel the Noise*, electronic dance rock beats. 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge. 619-516-4746.

Brass Rail: Second Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electro, indie, and Britpop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Candelas: Thursdays, *Dive*, deep soulful house music. 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue bachata, and reggaeton. 8:30 p.m.; 18 and up. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whiskey Girl: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Sundays, *10 Spot Sundays*, DJ Famous Dave mixes video requests. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s videos. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

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

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Consider the Followill brothers. The sons of an itinerant Southern evangelist of the revival tent stripe, they spent a lot of time in the back seat of the family car as children. Their formative years were steeped in the Pentecost. Being minister's sons, they were held to standards: sex and drugs were the products of evil living, and rock and roll was the devil's playground. Naturally, their parents forbade them to listen to secular music. From early on, their public roles were as models of right living.

When the brothers were teenagers they began to make music. It was country at first, and it was arresting enough to get Nashville's attention. With a cousin, the three brothers formed the **Kings of Leon** and got

signed to a major label and immediately crossed over into rock and roll. A lifestyle of Lindsay Lohan proportions soon followed. It was a regimen of pot and Led Zeppelin records, one Followill told a reporter, that helped to free them from the grips of nonsecular music. It worked. Their 2003 debut *Youth and Young Manhood* got them called the "Best American band in decades" by the British rock press.

And no wonder — the Kings of Leon are an update on the bluesy swagger that the Brit invasion brought to these shores in the '60s. With unsavory subject matter and minimalist whiskey rock made soulful by the husky voice of **Caleb Followill**, the Kings are an otherwise basic dual guitar-bass-and-drums band. Nothing new here. Guitar, bass, and drums is one of the oldest rock and roll gambits under the sun, but the Kings still make it work. With the support of fans like Eddie Vedder, U2, and the



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Strokes, the Kings in short order found immense favor in the U.S. as well as the U.K. More than most, the Kings make old rock sound new again by sidestepping cliché. Not being raised on rock and roll, as it turns out, was a blessing.

KINGS OF LEON, Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 8, 8 p.m. 619-594-6947. \$20 to \$35.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore, Dean Smith, and Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, *Semisi and Fulabula*, reggae. Sunday, *Middle Earth*, Middle Eastern music. Monday, *the Flounders*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Captain Kirk and Beam Me Up Scotty*.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday,

Mniyic, One Theory, the Cathedrals, and Staring Strange. Friday, 8 p.m., *Soulive*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Tainted Love*, '80s rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *P.O.D., Sprung Monkey, October Burning, and Get Back Loretta*, rock.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo blues guitar.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Friday, 8 p.m., *Earthless, Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects, and the Vultures*, alternative rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Golden Boots, the Vision of a Dying World, Red Feathers, and the Blackout Party*, rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Greenbelt Collective, Old Man Hands, and Dr. Bird*, rock.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Animal Corpse, Seraulath, Abomination, and Known Enemy*, hard rock/alternative. Friday, 4 p.m., *Psydecar, the Black Birds, Miggity Gigs, Fight the Fear, the Predicates, and the Cat House Thumpers*, rock/reggae/blues. Saturday, 4 p.m., *Canobliss, Foil, Fuzz Huzzi, Six Reasons, and Going Blind*, hard rock/alternative. Tuesday, *Alyssa Jacey, Feeling of Hate, Forsaken Truth, I.U., and Alexx and Alison*.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Alyssa Jacey*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Beth Preston*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Sal*

Filipelli, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Rusty Jones*. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Alex Diaz*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, *Aaron Blyth*, folk.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Final Warning*, rock. Friday, *Shady Grey*, rock. Saturday, *Plato Soul*. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam. Tuesday, *Raiz Muzik*, reggae. Wednesday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*, blues.

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

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Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the Continental Kings*, Latin jazz/funk.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *the Shotgun Wedding Quintet* and *Deep Rooted*, hip-hop. Friday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Northstar*, rock. 8:30 p.m., *Arm the Angels*, rock/punk. Wednesday, *Gasoline Chicken*, *Just Like Jenna*, *Meld*, and *Johnny Different*, rock.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Friday, 8 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/reggae/soul/blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Tim* and *the 23's*. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *the Hoodoo Blues Band*. Wednesday, *Cannon Ball*.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney* and *Jazzilla*, blues/swing/jazz. Saturday, blues/jazz/Latin. Sunday, Brazilian music. Monday, *Blue 44*, jazz. Tuesday, *Cerro Negro*, Flamenco/jazz. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Grams*, *Joey Harris* and *the Mentals*, and *Sara Petite*, rock. Friday, *Gadfly*, *Roses on Her Grave*, and *Riboflavin*, reggae/rock. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Rain Shine*, *Free Confusion*, *Demasiado*, *Vanja James*, *Broke on Friday*, and *Darzana*, alternative rock. 8:30 p.m., *Elijah Emanuel* and *the Revelations* and *Iration*, reggae. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Chuck Walker Trio*, jazz. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Mike Pinto*, reggae. Wednesday, *Everton Blender*, *Isha Blender*, and *Jas Goodie*, reggae.

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Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Peter Himmelman*. Friday, *Bill Cantos*. Saturday, *Poco*, country rock. Sunday, *James Hunter*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, live acoustic music.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Republic of Letters*, *Swedish Models*, *Archways*, and *Agent Ribbons*. Friday, *John Vanderslice*, *Bowerbirds*, and guests. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Joan as Police Woman* and *Matt Curreri* and *Ex-Friends*, 9 p.m., *the Vultures*, *Wild Weekend*, and *Endless Bummer*. Sunday, *the Magnolia Electric Co.*, *Golden Boots*, and *Minmae*. Monday, *Yo Majesty* and *DJs Kid Lightning* and *Corey Biggs*, rap. Tuesday, *the Misfiends*, *Six Reasons*, *the Mice*, and *DJ Angle*. Wednesday, *Acid Guru Temple*, *the Phantom Family*, and *Halo*.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dave Patrone*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy and the Bluesmen* or *Sue Palmer*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, contemporary piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Saturday, live rock. Friday, *Private Domain*, rock. Tuesday, *the Dreggs* of *Sada*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Sunday, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Celtic folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock of 80's*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Good Times*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie* and *the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Diamond Is Forever*, Neil Diamond tribute.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., live disco/dance/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Live music Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae/funk.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen*. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Big "Mo" Blues*, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Len Rainey* and *the Midnight Players*. Saturday, *the Nik Simon Band*. Sunday, *Blue Largo*. Monday and Tuesday, *James Armstrong*. Wednesday, *Bill Magee Blues*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sally's Seafood on the Water, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo*, calypso.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, live salsa. Tuesday, *Orquesta 8.8*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

Solamar Hotel, 435 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-819-9700. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Elliott Lawrence*, jazz quartet.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince* of Piano, piano/pop.

Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio de la Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and

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Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith*
Page, international/standards.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *DaGroove*, rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday and Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Sunday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ Thrasher*. Tuesday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*, a Dave Matthews Band tribute, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave*.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Mediations*, reggae.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Tuesday through Saturday, *David Timothy Smith*, piano bar.

American Legion Post 310, 465
47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919.
Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*,
smooth jazz/funk.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday. *B Natural*, pop/Top 40. Saturday, blues band.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish/folk. Thursday, *Sean O'Dell and Alison Gill*. 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., *Winterhawk*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, *the Vibrators*, and guests, alternative rock. Friday, *the Absens*, and guests, alternative rock. Saturday, *Brenda Xu* and *Ivan Cheong*, acoustic.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard
Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is
rock/indie/metal/punk. Saturday, *Long
Live Logos, Stereo Summer, Pensive,
Stranger Six, and City Drive*. Sunday, *a
Cursive Memory, the High Court,
Blizzard, and Spell Toronto*.

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, *Bank Head Press*
funk.

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., *Reggie Smith and Stelita*, jazz. Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Burt Brion*, smooth jazz. Monday, *Chet Cannon*, blues jam. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., *Pink Floyd*, classic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Electric Soul*, soul/R&B.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live classic rock.

The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Amber Ojeda and Her Band*, jazz/soul/hip-hop.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *Deadbolt*, rock.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise

noted. Thursday, *Dave Berry* and *Delancy*. Friday, *the Coyote Problem* and *the Shady Jays*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*. Monday, open mike.

Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Orquesta Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

Martini's Above Fourth, 3940
Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-
0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.,
Vintage Vegas, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub,
1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park.
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Pigeons, funk/pop. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the*
Empire State, rock/alternative. Monday,
8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday,
9 p.m., *the Common Loon*, *Radio Star*,
Obvious Vitamin, and *Knoboff*,
rock/punk/metal.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band*, big band/swing.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Moon Dance*, classic rock/swing.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Shawline Expression*.

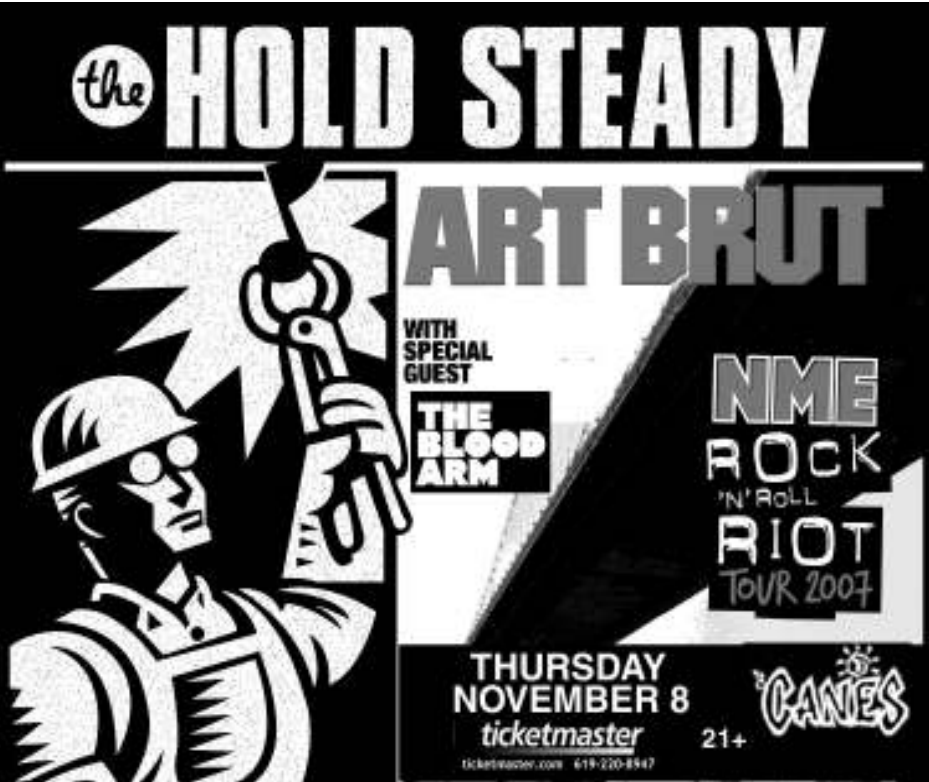
Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271
University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-
7372. Live music.

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, *6one9*, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m.



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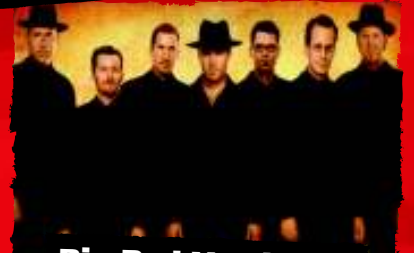
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to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m., *the Subhumans*, MDC, *Witch Hunt*, *Career Soldiers*, and *Peligro Social*. Friday, *Rise Against*, *Silverstein*, *Comeback Kid*, and *Cancer Bats*. Saturday, *Horrorpops*, *the Briggs*, and *Steve E. Nix and the Cute Lepers*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning* and *the John Kopecky Trio*. Saturday, *Mia Jones* and *the Ko Trifecta*, R&B/Top 40/jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tim Nimmink* and *Doug Walker*, modern jazz.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues/swing.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Buddy Dughi Combo* and *the Rhythm Stompers*, swing. Friday, *Paradise*. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, *the Tori Cobras*. Saturday, *Slab City*, *Cabron*, *Pen and Ink*, and *Get Your Death On*, rock.

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Iris Dement*, country folk. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Mighty Diamonds* and *Yellow Dub Squad*, reggae/roots. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Mother Hips*, *the Broken West*, and *Let's Go Sailing*, rock/alternative. Sunday, 1:45 p.m., *Tyrone Wells* and *Trevor Davis*, acoustic/folk, 8 p.m., *Michael Muldoon* and *Robert Cromeans* and *Friends*. Tuesday, 6 p.m., *Back Yard*, *Shock and Awel*, *Sticky Situation*, *the Nukl Heds*, and *the Morning Riot*, rock.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, *Donnie Finnell* and *Company East*, standards and light jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle,

Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *George Svoboda*, classical guitar.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Umberto Zambrano*, folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Johnson, Bosley and Morin*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, folk rock/indie.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the Ideas*, classic rock. Saturday, *West of Memphis*, blues.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, *Stretheart*, classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Citizen Band*, rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Big Rig Deluxe*, country. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *C.C. and David*, rock/blues/folk, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Sons of Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, classic rock, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *the Clachan Boys*, country. Friday, *Idle Train*, classic rock. Saturday, DJ.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill, 805 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-672-8305. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish folk.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/alternative/punk/metal/indie. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *the Mess*, *the Shake-Ups*, and RCF. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Kicking K8*, *Evolocity*, *Audkik*, *Scar'd Sanity*, and *Medius*. Saturday, *Civil Unrest*, *the Deadbeat Babies*, *the Antidivision*, and *Black Venom*. Sunday, *Ghost Signals*, *First Class Fiction*, and *the Material*. Wednesday, So3.

La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Spa: Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., *Rice Gone Wild*, rock and roll.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *the Band in Black*, rockabilly. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Black Bone Collective*. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing.

R. O'Sullivan's, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*, Irish folk/fiddle/mandolin.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*, Irish folk/fiddle/mandolin.

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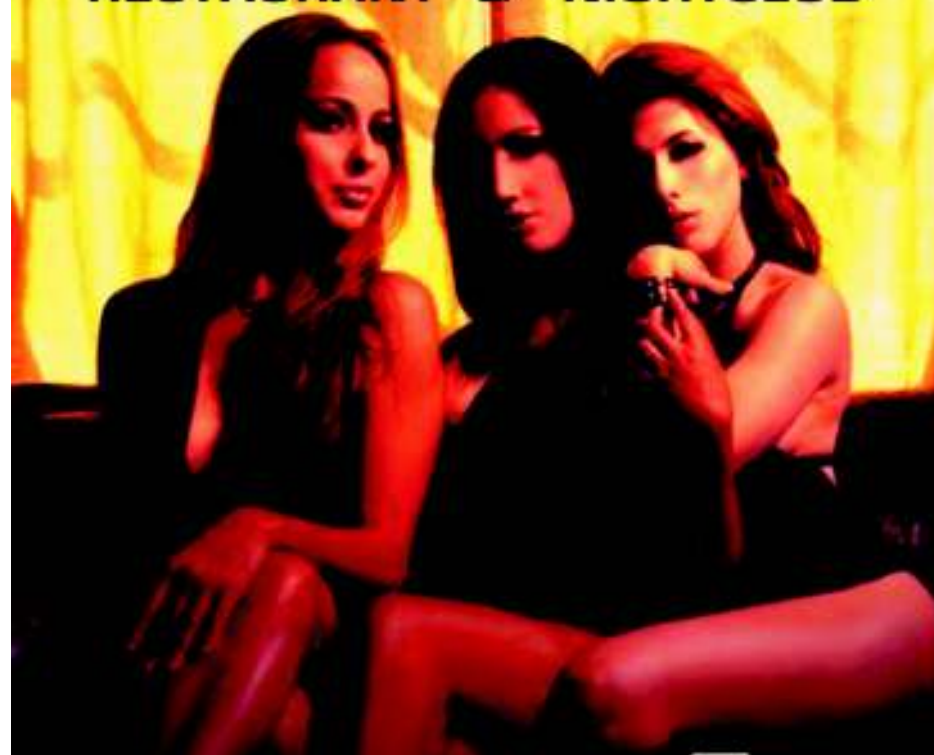
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Final Warning: The Kraken
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Terry Matsuoka hits high, soulful notes on seduction songs, and his lyrics are crunchy-beautiful. From "There Goes My Baby," Matsuoka croons the lines, "She's got my thoughts in knots/ my heart in combat gear. She's got automatic machine gun talk/ She's got a pair of angry ears."
On Totally Rad, Matsuoka's lyrics give a nod to buses from UTC and surfing at the beaches, and a gritty ballad to the city of El Cajon growls with heavy-fuzz electric guitar. Musically, there's beatbox and rapping along with surf chords and beach-rhythm bongos — every flavor of Southern California.
On this album — his second — Matsuoka seems hesitant of his talent and has no



Terry Matsuoka

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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **The Silent Comedy**

Song: **"Road Song"** (from www.myspace.com/thesilentcomedy)

Heard By: **Alex Abraham**, National City



Alex

They kind of reminded me of early Led Zeppelin — that song "Going to California" — because of the mandolin. It also reminded me of Dave Matthews Band with the violin composition. The vocals were pretty unique, I guess. They weren't bad or anything — they just weren't "there." Usually, that's what gets me about a band: the vocals pretty much show the emotion. I was looking too much into the music — I wasn't really focusing on the lyrical content. It was a very instrumental band. I liked the musical involvement — you get stuck listening to all these bands that just stick with guitar...it gets boring. [The music would go well with] a Southern setting because of the country/folk stylings.

Artist: **Leif (Kolt)**

Song: **"We Are All Terrorists"** (from the CD *Spiders and Widows*)

Heard By: **Andre Leonard**, Oceanside



Andre

It's a little bit old school and new school [hip-hop] together. A little bit of Beastie Boys mixed in with some of today's stuff. The lyrics were all what's going on, current-events-wise, but as far as everybody being a "terrorist" ...I don't think so. That's the downfall about it. They're contradictory. Everybody has their presumptions that everybody is out to get everybody. Granted, yeah, you do watch the evening news, you see people text messaging, on cell phones — but that doesn't mean the next person's a terrorist. [That would be a good song] when you're about to go to war or something...you're getting all your gear together to go fight.

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Artist: **Down with Leo**

Song: **"Glasses in Wintertime"** (from their self-titled CD)

Heard By: **Alex Ibarra**, Los Angeles



Alex

Honestly, I'm not sure who I'd compare them to. The [music] is kind of poppy and alternative, but it still has that rock feel to it. It was different — it had a little upbeat sound to it. It was pretty cool — sort of like a rock drumbeat, but the melody was poppy. There was something in there like a synth or an accordion. It sounded pretty good together. It was a good song, but I wouldn't say it's great. I couldn't really pinpoint what I disliked about it. It's just not my style. I'd bob my head and move my shoulders to it; it's kind of dance-y.

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by Josh Board

driving home from Vegas, I got into San Marcos around 10:00 p.m. I drove by a house that had festive lights glowing in the back yard and several cars parked in front.

I went home, took a leak, threw on a new shirt, grabbed my camera, and headed to the party.

I saw three teenaged girls on the driveway. I heard one say that she thought some grass she stepped in was poisonous. I asked the girls whose party it was. They looked at me without saying anything, and then one of them said, "Uh, it's my dad Bob's. He's turning 40. Why? Are we being too loud?" I said, "No. I was just wondering if he'd be cool with me crashing."

"Well, I could ask him."

A tall guy came to the door. I could smell alcohol on him. He smiled and said, "Yeah, sure. Come on in." I told him I write about parties for the *Reader*. One of the girls said, "Oh, my God! That's so cool! I hope we get to be in there."

For the first 45 minutes, the three girls followed me everywhere. I spoke with Jen-nie who told me that she ran track. She said she was Bob's best friend and that he was her soccer coach.



Top left: Bob the birthday boy, standing in the back;

Another girl played softball. I asked the third girl, Jill, if she played any sports. She told me she's a junior black belt. I said, "I didn't know they had 'junior' attached to that. I sometimes hear about six-year-old kids that have black belts.

The girls were doing things with their fingers as I snapped photos. Since someone had

"I really had it made, because it was a bar in Hillcrest. I was one of the only straight guys there."

Now that makes a bit more sense."

She said the junior label is attached if you're under 15. I said, "Have you broken any boards. Or any bones?" She had a serious look on her face as she said, "I've broken two boards. No bones."

As I took pictures of these girls, one of the older guys nearby said, "Put the signs up."

recently brought up Asian women doing a "V" with their fingers, and I was seeing it here from three white girls, I asked what it meant. The girl that did it said, "What do you mean?" I said, "Does the V represent Vista or anything like that?" She said, "No. I thought it just meant 'peace.'" Another one of the girls said, "I know how to claim west side."

There was a poker game going on. Bob came over and said, "I need to get back in that game." I asked him if they were going easy on him because it was his birthday. He said, "Hell no! I've already lost some money. But I'll probably buy back in."

I saw people leaving and asked them why so early. They said, "We've been here for a while. And, a lot of people left before us, around 9 o'clock."

Bob told me his family had been in Lake Havasu and they just got back. He said, "We didn't have much time to plan this party. My mom and I are thinking of going into business together."

Bob introduced me to a

few people. He told them that I worked for the *Reader*. They said, "Oh," and went back to what they were doing. That was understandable at the poker table, but it felt awkward when I was standing near someone and there was no follow-up conversation. They just went back to the conversation they were having.

One guy looked like George Clooney. He said, "Hey, are you that guy who writes about parties?" I told him I was, and he extended his hand. He asked me questions about the parties I'd been to. When others looked over, he said, "This guy is the crasher!" I thought, *Now, this is more like it!*

We walked out to the back yard where there was more room. It was huge with a grill built on the patio. There was a saloon-style bar stocked with booze. I grabbed a Coke and noticed that across the yard, near the Jacuzzi, one of the girls was watching my every move.

The Clooney guy introduced himself as Tosh. After we talked about my job, I asked Tosh about his. He told me that he worked at the post office, and I asked which one. It turned out to be the same one my stepfather worked at. Tosh

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knew my stepfather and told me a few stories about him. When I told him that I worked at that branch for a few years, we talked about the mutual people we knew and some of the crazy bosses we had to deal with. I then remembered him from the shift before mine.

When I mentioned my high school reunion, Tosh asked which school I went to. I told him that it was Mira Mesa, and he said his sister Brenda went there. "I think she was a grade behind me," I said. "She was really cute." I asked what she's been up to, and he told me about her job and the various DJs and newscasters in town she's dated over the years.

When he mentioned his half-brother Carl, I said, "Oh, yeah. He was on the swim team. We used to hang out at the basketball courts at lunch. The first time I ever had string

cheese was with him. He always had it packed in his lunch."

Then I remembered that Carl and I had a falling out, but I couldn't remember what it was about. I wonder how many kids in high school have fights about little things that end friendships.

As I lit my cigar, Tosh suggested that I dip it into the Amaretto.

I said, "When people find out you work at the post office, do they ask you all kinds of questions about it? Do they assume you get free stamps?"

"Yeah, I get all kinds of questions. The most common one is when stamp prices are raised. People will say 'Why are you doing this? I pay taxes.'"

I told Tosh that I'd heard of several people at the post office having affairs, but that I'd never heard about him getting into any. And the women seemed to dig him. He said, "That's because I'm married."

I asked where he met his wife. "I met her at a bar." Since Bob told me earlier that he and Tosh had met at a bar, I said, "Who haven't you met at a bar?" He said, "I really had it made, because it was a bar in Hillcrest. I was one of the only straight guys there."

He then told me about how he met his wife a previous time, when he was on a date — with her friend. I said, "You're lucky that your wife was cool with that. A lot of women wouldn't let something like that die. Instead of always hearing 'Do I look fat in these pants?' you'd hear 'Do you think Stephanie would look better in these pants? You probably do, since you dated her first.'"

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As You Like It

For its 11th annual free Shakespeare production, the Coronado Playhouse presents the Bard's comedy of amorous entanglements in the Forest of Arden. Keith A. Anderson directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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 the comedy as you watch than after (it edges toward themes then opts for sitcom safety), but the well-crafted three-actor'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 script as a period piece (including the music: need mood? Eartha Kitt purrs "Santa Baby"). As Gillian, Melinda Page Hamilton steers clear of previous interpretations — Lilli Palmer in the original, Roz Russell, the road show, Novak on screen — 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 (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.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

Birth

For one night only, Vista's Avo Playhouse hosts a production of Karen Brody's "naked truth about childbirth," part of a global movement to improve maternity care. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, AT 7:30 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Chicago

Broadway*San Diego hosts a nationally touring production of the Tony Award-winner about two murderesses and the lawyer who makes them media stars. Kander and Ebb's "razzle-dazzle" score includes "All That Jazz."
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Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean

The building used for the ranch-house in the movie *Giant* was just a façade, Ed Graczyk announces several times in his 1982 comedy-drama. So, it turns out, are all of his characters. The 20-year reunion of the James Dean Fan Club has a shocking revelation for each woman (one of them literally having a "false front"). Set at a small-town Woolworth during a three-year drought, the play's a heap of gimmicks, predictable comeuppances, and instantaneous recoveries from stark news. For 6th@Penn, director Ruff Yeager paced the show like a Texas tornado. In this production, the cast — not the play — is the thing: Jill Drexler, as put-upon Juanita, who runs the five and dime; Leigh Scarritt, a brassy (and funny) Sissy; Wendy Waddell as the ornate Stella May; Robin Christ as the self-appointed Madonna of McCarthy, Texas; and especially Susan Stratton as Joanne, the unwanted intruder in 1975 and 1955, gun the engines throughout, past the author's sexist objectifyings and pseudoreligious symbolism (in which James Dean becomes Jesus) and, backed by a talented supporting cast, make the material as credible as it could possibly be.

Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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Asked about his time-traveling-mystery-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, though 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 to see Cygnet Theatre's production. Director Esther Emery and a splendid cast infuse it with heart and life and humor (instead of comic puppets, as the play usually gets staged, the 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 take-charge Ruella (another part of the fun: these unlikely heroes, along with Craig Huisenga's excellent Harold and Brenda Dodge's ditzzy Jessica, solve not only the intricacies of time travel but defeat the schemes of oppressive corporate brutes, played by Tim West and Manny Fernandes). Cygnet'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.

Critic's pick.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

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Hamlet

Director Darko Tresnjak has set the great tragedy of dilatory revenge in Shakespeare's time 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, generally well-spoken production has questionable choices, and the performances are uneven (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 slipping 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: word-gesture-word, as if in rehearsal. About two-thirds through, it was as if he 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 the lines, Hall suddenly *meant* them. From that point on, Prince Hamlet walked the stage.

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: *HAMLET* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA* AND *MEASURE FOR MEASURE*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-234-5623.

The Honky Tonk Angels

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Ted Swindley's musical about three rural women who follow the Nashville Dream. David Ellenstein directed.

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How I Learned to Drive

OnStage Playhouse presents Paula Vogel's controversial memory play about Li'l Bit, her uncle Peck, and, says Vogel, "about the gifts we re-



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ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, THROUGH OCTOBER 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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He's tweaked every comic moment and inverted 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, who 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 comedy. The ensemble work has no weak links. The pacing is brisk, the blockings appropriate. The show, in short, is of a piece. It just isn't *Measure for Measure*.

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if gone competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while 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 improve. 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 funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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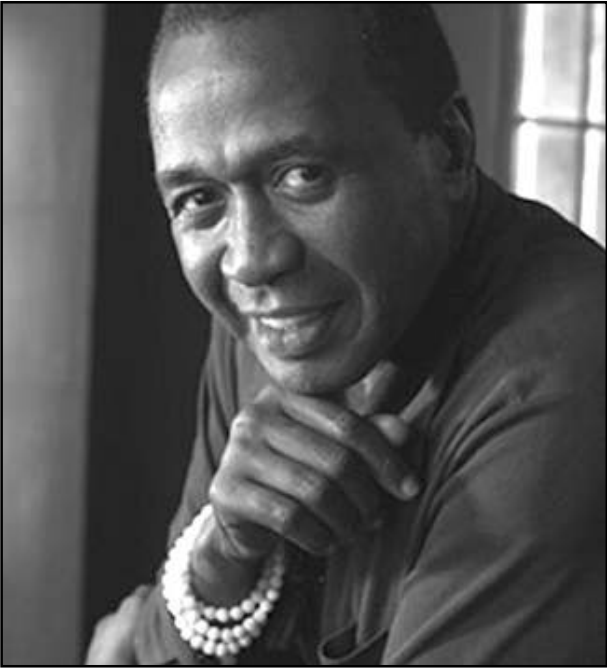
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A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*, The Funhouse combines improv with competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show,” on Fridays, is a kick. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a “forfeit.” Some attempts went nowhere (improve is tough: I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group has more hits than misses, and their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve read about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”
Worth a try.
THE FUNHOUSE 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA. FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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 becoming 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, just enough to make you wonder why her friends kowtow to Susan’s controlling eccentricities, and not enough to mask Crother’s murky dramaturgy. Lamb’s production values are top notch. Nate Parde’s lighting paints Nick Fouch’s sleek set with warm yellow and bold red effects. Jeanne Reith’s costumes dazzle. Best of show: Cris O’Bryon’s piano interludes exude Lawrentian charm.
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Ben Vereen, host of Love In: A Musical Celebration, at North Park Theatre

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“Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. The story line’s straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a cracker-jack magician. The trio’s so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show.
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The Two Gentlemen of Verona
For a director, staging one of Shakespeare’s earliest plays is a good news/bad news deal: you get to do the Bard, but it’s *Two Gents*, which has gaps you could drive a truck through. Matt August’s work on the Old Globe’s outdoor stage looks as if he’s burned for the assignment. Young Veronans, Valentine, Proteus, and Julia, are *really* innocent. And when the country boys reach Milan, they go through the looking glass into decadent Restoration England. In

this lust-steamed environment the young men’s rude behavior makes a bit more sense (since the adults are scruple-free), if you don’t look too closely. You will wonder how Stephanie Fieger’s appropriately adamant Sylvia could have remained so unlike her surroundings, and how Tom Hammond’s Mick-Jagger-agile Duke shrinks in the final scene, giving way to young Valentine’s (likable Ryan Quinn) dimly motivated emergence as the play’s moral voice. And surely Joy-Farmer Clary’s sparkling Julia would regard Proteus, in the end, with a more discerning eye, especially since Corey Sorenson makes Proteus’s flip, from ardent innocent to sexual terrorist, so convincing. In such a fickle world, only the clowns — Celeste Ciulla, Sam Breslin-Wright, and Jonathan McMurtry, accompanied by a scene-stealing dog named Monty — are constant.
Worth a try.
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Cafe One Three feels like home for a San Francisco expat — an eclectic, creative eatery that you might find in the Inner Sunset or Cole Valley, where good neighborhood restaurants are thick on the ground. Here, the restaurant's reputation is spreading far from its neighborhood: I heard about it from my friends Marty and Dave of San Carlos, who heard about it from their friends in O.B. Obviously San Diego is seriously hungry for sweet spots where you can get a fresh-tasting, interesting meal without straining your budget or searching your closet for suitable garb.

The location is on the former site of Indulgence, a low-carb bakery-restaurant on Park Boulevard, a half block north of Henry's. The decor has come a long way from dietetic utilitarian: It now sports vintage French ad posters and is partially carpeted, with an aura of chic urbanity garbed in black and white. If you value quiet, the stanchion-heated patio is the place to sit — you can hear the tasty jazz from there, but not the clatter of the open kitchen.

My companions Marty and Dave, veteran eaters at this café, recommended the tortilla soup, and they were spot-on, because it's just about perfect, with a light but rich tomato-chicken broth of perfect spiciness (emphatic, not painful) garnished with chicken chunks, avocado, pasilla chiles, gooey melting Mexican cheese, and crisp tortilla strips. "Oooh, chef has a palate," I said.

The "savory tart du jour" that evening featured a creamy crab topping with more than a modicum of hot chile — again, enough for liveliness, not pain. The pastry was flawless and buttery, the filling, a pleasure. But a hummus platter with "Moroccan chicken wings" was slightly disappointing because the wings didn't quite live up to their billing. You hear "Moroccan," you think "complex spicing." These wings were plain broiled drumettes. The hummus was muscular with dried chiles and ample cumin and came with toasted bread from the famed La Brea Bakery in L.A. The array was almost exciting — if only the bird had something more exotic to contribute.

"Tuscan bread salad tower" also suffers from a slight misnomer. It sounds like a version of *panzanella*, Tuscany's brilliant mixture of day-old bread and raw salad veggies soaked in good balsamic vinaigrette, but it's not exactly that. It's a more ambitious and (to my taste) less delicious column of toasted bread pieces layered with creamy mozzarella fresca and diced fresh tomatoes, with a distinctly sugary dressing. If you don't like sweetened vinaigrettes, a better bet might be the rather pricey classic Caesar salad (\$12 per person), assembled at the table, or the "small Caesar" with cilantro lime dressing. I've seen too



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many beet salads lately, but the rendition here sounds interesting as well, with pancetta and Pepato cheese rather than the usual chèvre.

Among the entrées, our favorite, weirdly enough, was a light, lean meat loaf made of veal, and house-ground pork sausage, and turkey (no beef), which reminded me of a lower-fat take on a country-style French *pâté*. Well-seasoned and airy in texture, it was an unexpected pleasure — nothing like Mom's — garnished with garlic mash and a clean-tasting, mayo-free coleslaw dressed in vinaigrette and sweetened with fresh carrot slivers. It's a perfect coleslaw (and a perfect meat loaf) for a warm summer evening; neither weighs you down. And I can promise that if you have to doggy-bag some of the loaf, the leftovers get better overnight.

Grilled jumbo prawns swathed in molasses and roasted garlic were a trifle overcooked (by perhaps a half minute), lightly robed in the darkly sweet sauce. They rode atop a layer of creamy grits laced with Cheddar. I later asked the chef what, after all, is the difference between grits and polenta, and he kindly explained that polenta is yellow corn meal, whereas grits are made from hominy — white corn that's been slaked with lime. (Every time I eat grits — especially "cheese grits" — I like them more and more.) An accompanying *mélange* of seasonal veggies included chunks of boiled eggplant apparently innocent of any oil, hence healthy. (I missed the oil that egg-

plant loves so much; without it, this vegetable is as virtuously boring as a Presbyterian church sermon.)

We enjoyed a roasted pork loin stuffed with a forcemeat of minced apricots, pistachios, and soy risotto (tiny rice-shaped pasta, in this case made from soy flour), with a bright-tasting chipotle glaze spread onto the plate alongside. Normally, the dish comes either with the same garnishes as the meat loaf or with the veggie *mélange* of the shrimp, but that evening, the plate was heaped with fried disks of red yams that were fun when hot, no fun once cooled.

A potentially interesting entrée we didn't try (but were curious about) is the skin-on roasted chicken breast stuffed with spinach, chèvre, and Gruyère cheese. The details indicate that the chef understands chicken breast, which is too bland and prudish to be palatable when plain but comes alive like a good girl gone deliciously bad when seduced by a rich, gooey filling.

When Cafe One Three bought its space from Indulgence (after the death of one of the latter's owners), it inherited a serious baking armada, with which dessert chef Michael Lunsford now bakes the house pastries. A glassed-in case reveals the day's selection. Stuffed to the gills, my friends and I chose a single pastry to share, a small round of pineapple upside-down cake, about the diameter of a Hostess Sno-Ball but flatter. The cake was so buttery, we smiled at every bite and by the

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Cafe One Three

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

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end felt surfeited. (The other choices that evening were sweeter, more elaborate cakes, which none of us could face right after the meal. There's also an international cheese plate listed among the appetizers, which would make a fine dessert if you still have some wine to finish off.)

Weekend brunchers will also find an interesting menu almost as extensive as the dinner offerings. The choices include an avant-garde Monte Cristo, *machaca con huevos*, oatmeal with coconut milk, biscuits with sage sausage gravy (made with house-made Yankee pork sausage!), and herbed potato pancakes with house-cured gravlax and caviar. The normal eggy brunch fare is also served. Lucky are the neighborhood folks who can waft in when they wake up on the weekend and order up their heart's desires.

I found Cafe One Three thoroughly likable — to line up the adjectives, it's enjoyable, unpre-

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Jason Dean and Carlos Legasty are the owners of Cafe One Three. Jason, the more actively involved owner, grew up in Jackson, Tennessee. "I've been in the restaurant industry over half my life now, and I wanted a place where the experience and the food ran hand in hand. It's a neighborhood bistro. I love going to places like that myself, and I really felt that this neighborhood, specifically, could use what I was trying to create.

"I started my first restaurant job when I was 15, as a busboy at a French-style epicurean restaurant in Tennessee, cum-bund and black tie, and I thought I had died and gone to heaven. That job turned into other restaurant jobs over the years, from busboy to server to bartender to trainer to manager. I moved to San Diego in 1996. I needed more sunshine, and I met someone from San Diego in a restaurant in Monterey where I was working, and he encouraged me to come down here and check it out. I worked at the Prado Restaurant in Balboa Park for five years and

was assistant manager. It was the most challenging and 'funnest' job I have ever had in my life. But it was time for me to spread my own wings and fly. The Prado's owners, David and Leslie Cohn, have been incredibly supportive.

"This being my first venture, I didn't want to bite off more than I could chew. I wanted a neighborhood restaurant. I knew the previous owners of Indulgence — Tom and Fritz were friends of mine — but Fritz was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer early last year. They had three years left on their lease, and I had already quit my job and was actively looking for a restaurant. So that's how it fell into our laps. So we opened for business December 29 of last year. We've gotten a lot of word-of-mouth. I rely on doing what I do best — feeding people and giving people a good time. The reason I built this was for the community, and not just the surrounding neighborhood but for people who love food and wine and the experience.

"The name, Cafe One Three, is synonymous with my lucky number, 13. The digits in the address add up to 13. The numbers of my home address add up to 13, too, and we started the escrow process on the 13th of May. And we have 13 tables. But I didn't want to call it '13' because some people are superstitious about that number and might be turned off."

Realizing that he had a full job handling the business side of the café, Jason hired chef John Kennedy. Born in Long Beach, California, Kennedy has weighty credentials for a bistro chef. (A hilarious malapropism in the *G&L Times* review referred to it as his professional "pedicure" rather than "pedigree" — QED, Kennedy has the prettiest toenails of any chef in town.) "I was a ranger in the U.S. Army, and I'd always enjoyed cooking, and when I got out of the Army and became a civilian, I looked at my prospects and what I enjoyed doing — and believe it or not, a kitchen is the closest to a regimented system outside of the military. They don't call it a 'kitchen brigade' for nothing.

"I got my degree in culinary arts from the California Academy of Culinary Arts in San Francisco, with my veteran's benefits paying for a great deal of it, and I've worked with some really fabulous chefs, including Thomas Keller at French Laundry, Charlie Trotter, Daniel Boulud, Gary Danko. I was with the Hyatt for about six years, first at the Grand Champion in Palm Desert, and then two years at the Manchester here." Unfortunately, his position at the Manchester was in the banquet department — a stultifying rut for any creative chef who wants to have fun exploring fresh flavor combinations. "One day, I went home and responded to a posting on craigslist, and 15

minutes later, Jason Dean called me to schedule an appointment.

"Everything I do, I like to throw my own gist into it. People throw around the word 'fusion,' but I do like to bring in different ingredients from different areas and blend them in. Like in the vegetarian paella, there's an Indian-based five-spice blend in the ratatouille that goes on top of it. I like complex flavors, explosions in the mouth." I asked him if he'd traveled. "Oh, yes, dear, when I was in the military I went to 36 countries. That's probably another reason I got into cooking — I so enjoyed traveling and the different cuisines. The cuisines that inspired me most were India, Thailand, and Korea. In India there are 120 different spices not used within the Western kitchen, and I have a number of them in my kitchen here. I like to throw those little nuances into my food. But I try to tailor to my clientele. I'm not one of those chefs that wants to train people how to eat. I'd rather give them food they can enjoy, with a little twist. I see the restaurant as an eclectic comfort-food café. It was Jason Dean's concept when I came on board, and I try to uphold that."

NOTE: Restaurant RIPs — just as bad money drives out good, ordinary food drives out exceptional food. So we bid a fond and heartbroken farewell to Asia Vous, a superb "fusion cuisine" restaurant hampered by its location in far-off Fluo-

ristan — I mean, Escondido. Riko and Kim Bartolome and family are moving to Maui. We wish them the best of luck and will miss Riko's brilliant cooking and Kim's gracious greetings. Also a slow fade for Cendio, a Latin-Caribbean restaurant that opened last winter in La Jolla with cuisine by a distinguished Irish chef. In spring, it garnered some strong positive reviews (*G&L Times*, et al). A couple of weeks ago, I went, I ate — too late. The food was too sketchy to have justified those glowing reports, so a tablemate asked if the chef was still there. No, she'd departed four months ago, and the restaurant has been sold to the Vigilucci empire of North

County Italian restaurants and steakhouses. *Adios* Cendio as well, and *buon giorno* Vigilucci's Steak and Seafood. (Nothing against Vigilucci's, but Cendio's menu offered more creative, entertaining cuisine — while it had a chef to pull it off.) And by now you probably know that Chilango's, one of the few local restaurants to offer true Mexico City cuisine (not border fare), has presto-change-o become yet another Hillcrest sushi bar. There are no plans to reopen in another location. My best guess is that Ortega's, opening across the street, ate up all that block's clientele for Mexican food. Ortega's is good and it's fun, but Chilango's was terrific and will be missed. ■



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What’s that? Think I hear someone plucking away on a guitar in the dark, right here on the street. Ah yes. He’s sitting at a table under an umbrella outside this li'l ol' house. Sign says “Vinbladh’s Swedish Fusion Cafe.”

This is on Park Boulevard, near Adams Avenue. Turns out the bungalow has been standing here since 1906. Wow. Just think, 101 years. If only these green and white walls could talk. I count eight black-mesh tables on the patio (must have been the front garden way back when), straw chairs, and square black umbrellas, plus flaming torches on poles at the corners. Crickets sing away somewhere in the bushes.

People at these outside tables seem to be waiting, not eating. Then I see a chalkboard sign on the house’s steps. “LIVE: WENDY BAILEY. DAVE BERRY.”

“You Dave?” I ask the guitar player.

“Yup.”

“You eaten here before?”

“No. This is my first gig. Just warming up. But give it a try.”

Believe I will. I like the feeling here. People flopping down, talking, dogs...this big Golden Retriever pooch comes wagging his tail among the tables. Everybody stops to give him a pat. Name’s Wahoo, or is it Oahu? Up the steps and inside, it’s plain but nice. Swedish-style, I guess, with varnished blond plank floors and cream walls. Some guys are setting up on a small stage at the back, but the brightest thing in the room is the pastry display. Ooh. Really sophisticated stuff. I mean, art you can eat. Also, sophisticated prices. A lot seem to be around the \$5 mark.

Guy in a chef’s jacket comes up.

“Can I help?” he says and gives me a menu.

Breakfast on one side, lunch on the other. Breakfast was over at 3:00 p.m., except for four “Swedish food pies,” which are like quiche. For breakfast, you can get enticing Swedish-sounding dishes like Swedish pancakes with berries (\$6, or \$8.50 with two scrambled eggs). Or smoked salmon scramble for \$8. Or scrambled egg “sandwiches” with spinach, asparagus, and Gruyère cheese (\$6), or those “Swedish food pies” (\$7). Lordy...there’s also a “Pancaker” — baked Swedish eggs and bacon — with lingonberry

preserves (\$7).

I turn the page over to “lunch” (which is also dinner). Looks like it’s all sandwiches: Swedish-style open-faced or “classic,” closed-faced, and a couple of salads.

I’m trying to think: what is Swedish food again? Muesli. Smorgasbords. Reindeer. Lingonberries. Salmon. Meatballs. IKEA. Wait...that’s furniture. ABBA. Oops, music. Björn Borg? Ball-whacker the girls always compared me to. Unfavorably. Oh yes, and mulled wine. But mostly, you think of healthy food. Guess I’ll try the most Swedish thing. I skip the salads (one’s mixed greens with mozzarella for \$6, the other’s spinach with feta, \$6.50). I skip the “classic” sandwiches — salami, ham, beef, each \$7 — and look at the four Swedish-style open-faced sandwiches. There’s a choice of roasted turkey, veggie (each \$7), Scandinavian salmon (that looks interesting — it comes with herb cream cheese, spinach, avocado, red onion, and dill), or Swedish meatballs (each \$8).

Hmm. Swedish meatballs? Can’t get much more Swedish than that. Comes with spinach, roma tomato, red onion, and butter. With a side of lingonberry preserves.

But here’s the touch I like. The bread. You choose from the usual suspects, sourdough, multi-

grain. Or — drum roll, please — how about “rosemary olive oil bread”? Sounds perfect for meatballs.

I order the sandwich, and a coffee (only \$1.25), and head outside. People are wandering up for the show. Mary — she’s the talent booker who’s managing the entertainment — has set up a table where she can nab you and get the \$4 entry fee.

I slurp the coffee. Really good. Smooth, unburned roasting. I know the Swedes think they have the best coffee in the world. They could be right. Then Shane — he’s the chef — brings my sandwich out. It comes with crinkly chips and marinated cucumber slices and a pot of lingonberry jam. They advise you to eat this thing with a knife and fork, or the meatballs’ll kinda start poppin’ out every which way. And, first bite...I mean, it looks standard light, summery fare, lettuce, tomatoes, red onions...but the savory meatball, the touch of lingonberry, and, above all, the rosemary olive oil bread click this up to a totally beautiful combo. I think they must put olive oil on the bread as well as in it. Oh, man. Can’t decide if it’s better all savory or with the lingonberry touch.

I get to talking with Shane. Yes, he was named after the movie, that classic Western. No, he hasn’t seen it. He’s a certified pastry chef from — wow — South Africa. Man, I’d love to try some of those things he’s baked, on display in the cabinet. Some are South African recipes, like the almond chocolate triangles and coconut balls.

“These may be the first South African coconut balls in America,” says Shane.

What the heck? Started off with meatballs, let’s end up with coconut balls.



Shane

Actually, just one is \$1.35. All I can afford. But boy, this is a 10. To die for! Coconut, caramel? Some wicked liqueur? I’d ask Shane, but by this time David Berry’s singing his heart out. Song he wrote called “I Don’t Mind.”

I wouldn’t mind, staying, that is — but, sigh, buses to catch. Ooh. See they do singer-songwriter wannabe nights. Hmm. Could bring Carla and sing her my upcoming hit, “Carla, Do You Care That I’m Careless?” ■

The Place: Vinbladh’s Swedish Fusion Cafe, 4651 Park Boulevard (at Spalding), University Heights, 619-269-4620

Type of Food: Swedish, American

Prices: Swedish breakfast pancakes with berries (\$6, or \$8.50 with two scrambled eggs); smoked salmon scramble, \$8; scrambled eggs on bagel or croissant, spinach, asparagus, Gruyère cheese, \$6; Swedish food pies, \$7; “Pancaker,” baked Swedish eggs and bacon, lingonberry preserves, \$7; Swedish style open-faced Scandinavian salmon sandwich, with herb cream cheese, spinach, avocado, \$8; open-faced Swedish meatball sandwich, \$8; South African coconut balls, \$1.35

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Magic in a Bottle

"We have to get back to the visceral love, pleasure, seduction, sensuality of it."

La Jolla-based wine educator Barbara Braxton counts among the highlights of her life the time Robert Mondavi kissed her on the cheek. "I didn't wash my face for a week," she says, mock-swooning at the memory. California's great wine ambassador is something of a hero to Braxton, and it's easy to see why. She carries a similar enthusiasm for the grape, and a similar desire to impart that enthusiasm to others.

But not *simply* enthusiasm. "I want people to stop and smell the bouquet," she says. "I want people to have a multifaceted appreciation of wine. When I lived in Napa, there was a bumper sticker that read, 'No Wimpy Wines.' I'm opposed to that gestalt; it's playing into Robert Parker's hands. I want to put the magic back in the bottle. It's not just about 'no wimpy wines,' it's not just about fruit-forward." And it's certainly not just about scores and trophies. "I think that for a lot of people, wine is either fashion or stamp collecting. I think it's for enjoyment. We have to get back to the visceral love, pleasure, seduction, sensuality of it."

But not *only* the sensuality. "Wine is so much more than 'I taste stony fruit,'" she laments. "If I hear another person say, 'I taste stony fruit...'" Remember, Braxton is after a multifaceted appreciation, and she suspects others are, too. "I think people really have a desire to learn. That's

what being an American is all about: we want to improve ourselves — so people can go at the appreciation and enjoyment of wine with a knowledge base." Call it an informed enthusiasm, an educated sensuality, a love affair that finds its assurances outside the 100-point scale.

Braxton's own affair began in Paris, but wine had been "bubbling in the background" since she was a little girl, drinking wine diluted with water at her parents' table. "Their idea was always 'Learn to drink at home.'" After college (and a lifetime moratorium on beer), she started buying Burgundies. Then she spent five years in (wine-happy) Italy, and *then* she met her husband Robert on a Christmas vacation in Sri Lanka. "We had this wonderful seafood banquet on the beach on New Year's Eve. He disappeared for a moment and showed back up, in the middle of the tropics, with a bottle of white Graves. I just looked at him and fluttered my eyes — that was the moment I knew I was in love."

Robert's work took him to Paris, where "we stayed in the house of the cultural attaché of the American embassy. He has a wonderful wine library, and Frederick Wildman's *Wine Tour of France* put me on the path I'm on today." The book led her to endure a highly structured French wine education in "the technical side of wine-making." From there, the two moved to Napa in

2000. After training at Sterling, Braxton got a job at Niebaum-Coppola. "I organized their tours, and it was there I got to the teaching side." A stint at Opus One rounded out the Napa years, and Braxton came home to La Jolla in 2004, ready to begin heading up her Planet Wine educational seminars.

Napa had taught her the worth of courting the corporate client. "I was doing a lot of private tours — Microsoft would do an R&R for its people." Beyond that, Braxton determined that wine could be made to join Shakespeare and cooking schools as a tool for corporate team-building. "They'll do a play or make a soufflé together. For ours, we do blending. We'll have the five Bordeaux varietals, and we'll talk about what a classic Bordeaux is — Right Bank, Left Bank. Each team will make a blend, and then we'll all taste around and see who's the winner. It's a way for people to work together to communicate using vocabulary that they don't typically use. Business vocabulary is very knee-jerk; this way, people are out of their normal element."

Other classes catered to the simply curious — those "thirst for knowledge" types she mentioned earlier — and Planet Wine spun happily along for two years or so, now at one location, now at another. Then the couple "took a small hiatus out of La Jolla," and when they came back, "Erica Torri at the La Jolla Athenaeum suggested I do a series on The Art of Wine." Braxton dug into her library and took as her model Mark Kurlansky, author of *Cod* and *Salt*. "All he's doing is tracing a segment of history by following one foodstuff." That fit nicely with her own view: "I consider wine to be a prism through which you can view whatever it is you choose to view. I've chosen history and trade. You can follow the development of commerce through wine," as well as the de-



Persian wine bowl

velopment of any number of other things — sticking only to wine, you might cover advances in farming, in enology, even label regulation. Braxton's first series took its attendees through Egypt, Greece, and Rome, and she's considering a second lineup covering the Rhone, the Church, and the Duchy of Burgundy — the next steps along her historical Ascent of Wine.

Photos of ancient art and artifacts serve as her graphics. "Here you see a classical drinking vessel from Persia — a round bowl. We have to think, 'Why did they use that?' The wine came from a very sunny region; that means that it would have been very strong and also low in acid. If you believe in the argument put forward by Riedel crystal, which uses differently shaped bowls in its wine glasses to wash the liquid over different regions of the tongue — this bowl would bring the liquid in contact with the sides of your tongue, which is where your appreciation for acids lives. So they knew what they were doing." And of course, there is wine to be sampled. Muscat, for example. Braxton says it's the oldest known wine varietal, having been mentioned by Pliny in the first century, and

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it's still being grown all over the world and rendered into varied styles of wine. "It can be an apertif, or something you can dip your biscotti in at the end of the meal."

It is Braxton's hope that such series will help bring about that informed enthusiasm she admires, something to counter the rise of mass-market branding. She points to Dana Thomas's book *Deluxe: How Luxury Lost Its Luster*, which chronicles the fashion world's shift from exclusive makers of excellent products to marketing masterminds selling an image to a starry-eyed public. "What does this tell us, class?" she asks, slipping into educator mode. "That there is a market for 'deluxe' throughout the world that is not being served, and on the flip side, that everybody wants a piece of 'deluxe.' How is this going to affect wine? Obviously, Asia is driving up the prices — there's not going to be enough Premiere Cru wine to go around for you and me at prices mere mortals can afford. What we have to do — and not only in wine, in life — is look for genuineness. How does genuineness occur? Is it vintner-driven, consumer-driven, a little bit of both? But if we have more informed consumers... People buy XYZ wine the way they buy XYZ car, bag, whatever. They feel comfortable buying a known brand; their friends will know they are not cheap. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you would just step outside the box and say, 'You might not like this, but I love it. It's different, and it's got history, it's got character, it's got culture?'" ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

Blanca Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-792-0072. The opening of sleek, sophisticated Blanca marks the arrival of our first 21st-century restaurant, highlighting perfect seasonal ingredients so radiantly and originally prepared that diners must rouse to rapt attention. Chef Wade Hageman, a protégé of renowned SF/Vegas chef Michael Mina, has imported a similarly complex, labor-intensive style of cooking that appeals as much to the mind as to the senses. He's imported a major Mina strategem — showcasing an individual ingredient by presenting it in several different incarnations within the same dish, like musical variations on a theme. Blanca's menu lists each item's pedigree and primary garnishes, but those details don't begin to describe the behind-the-scenes enhancements of marinades, brines, rubs, soaks, and infusions that play subtle roles in the multilayered flavors that come to the table. Appetizers are especially adventurous, the wine list is exceptional (if mainly very pricey), and the restaurant's decor is as modern and polished as the food. Dinner only. Reservations required. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also Torrey Hills Center, 4645 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. Joey Maggione doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the "suh-weet" sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. House-made hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner, but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until midnight. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grins." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket

with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *capuccini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in at Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes,

a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.*

Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at Oystar Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W.*

The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they're flexible. Want ba-

con, sausage, *and* ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M.*

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they

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Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

George's at the Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. At George's dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, California Modern Restaurant, chef Trey Foshee's superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasizing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don't miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon, Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or half-bottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service — make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace Bistro, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men's restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's facilities. Downstairs dinner only; upstairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. — *N.W.*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the

Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.*

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. (Also at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Encinitas, 760-436-6261.) This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — *N.W.*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good rea-

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son. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — *N.W.*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. (Also at 2015 Birch Road, Chula Vista, 619-591-1690.) To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a bar-room as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches:



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the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious “Everything” with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. “Philly fries” (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods (“Philadelphia Scrapple” to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong’s hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions’ tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong’s dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Seau’s Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream “something for everyone” choices, in-

cluding pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau’s family recipe of Samoan teriyaki “plate lunch.” Above all, there’s pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the “Korean B.B.Q.” marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You’ll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — M.N.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, “run over” be-

tween two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it’s the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you’ll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding mous-saka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There’s plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that’s made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W.

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you’re here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you’re often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he’ll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego’s most pop-

ping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Humphrey’s by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it’s a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there’s no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — N.W.

Isabel’s Cantina 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself “Food Girl,” has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed “lazy cook,” she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen’s reliance on commercial prod-

ucts (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB’s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they’ll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city’s oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kid-die menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W.

Saska’s 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-

premises aged beef. The interior’s low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook’s sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant’s serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M.

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore’s casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It’s \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you’ll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — N.W.

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a “Crazy Boy” roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids’ menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

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Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn’t just a restaurant, it’s the social center of the universe — and Judy “The Beauty” Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy’s Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans’ fave may be the “veggie option”: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you’re waiting, they always have this “out there” eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like “Will Be President For Food.” Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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Huffman’s Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman’s fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Dona 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico’s Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-age cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o’ salsa — it’s a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones*, *menudo*, and *pozole*. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal “slow food” cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there’s a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio’s Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the decor hasn’t been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it’s because there’s been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, revel-

ing in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily; Saturday and Sunday champagne brunch-buffet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.*

Geno’s Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He’d won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today, a new owner has continued the tradition. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you’re light of pocket go for the “Ripcurl” hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you’re only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that’s what you want you’ll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled “medium spicy,” is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: “chicken green.” Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don’t ask what’s in the “dynamite” sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it’s a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-honey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a bland, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, “Iowa Breakfast”: breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it’s delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can’t go wrong ordering the signature “Iowa Porker” hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the “Iowa Beefers” (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

FAR EAST

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the sea-

sons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather’s fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M.*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it’s a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don’t miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don’t look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what’s best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We’re talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south’s mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay’s a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India’s real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You’ll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It’s the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacog*os *cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it’s called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, “the god of Mexican food,” presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

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El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or pot roast Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B.*

Izakaya Masa 928 Fort Stockton Drive, Suite #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An *izakaya* is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. *Chuka kurage*, superb cold jellyfish salad, is

crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (*kaki*), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. *Kushi-age*, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. *Maguro yamakake*, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine — a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Dinner daily; lunch Tuesday through Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Avenue, Suite 110 (downstairs below street level), Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. This could be the ideal neighborhood restaurant — if you love exploring Middle Eastern cuisines. The Moroccan specialties at Kous Kous are delicious, authentic, and healthful, and the witty, entertaining staff treat you like guests at an informal dinner party. Unlike most Moroccan restaurants in the U.S., the menu is à la carte rather than prix fixe, and seating is at normal chairs and tables, not floor cushions, so you can focus on the food and not some *Arabian Nights* fantasy. Start with a lively Chutney Sampler appetizer plate of

mezze, Moroccan style, and if *b'stila* is on the menu, don't pass up this treat of minced chicken in a cinnamon-dusted filo crust. Entrée highlights include Lamb Tagine, slow-braised, greaseless fall-apart shanks with prunes, almonds, Moroccan seasonings and a touch of honey; and Chicken Mu'hammer, a tenderly braised half-chicken with quartered green olives and slivers of salty preserved lemons. All entrées come with lively, flawless couscous. Kebabs (filet mignon, shrimp, etc.) also come with a mixed green salad served with refreshing, lemony dressing. For dessert, house-made choices include refreshing fresh berries with orange liqueur and rose-water and a creamy crème brûlée, plus pastries from Bread & Cie. Dinner nightly. Reservations urged for weekends. Restaurant is below street level, elevator is left of the staircase to Martini's. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Breakfast weekends, lunch weekdays, and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio

that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 2 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cafe Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc*. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W.*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very

good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

Galileo 101 West Tower, Harbor Club, 201 J Street (at Second Avenue), downtown. Also 10 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown, 619-702-7101. When new, Galileo 101 offered "avant-garde Italian" food that has gradually evolved into adventurous Euro-Cal cuisine, its dishes influenced by modern French cooking with a few Pacific Rim touches. Chef Joe Craig is putting all his talent and imagination into the seasonal menu, with generally splendid results. Moist, tender sea bass is served with rarely seen Hawaiian ubi — huge yams with rich-flavored deep-purple flesh. Flat-iron steak and short ribs are both made with ultra-tender, flavorful Kobe beef, accompanied by zesty sides. The nightly specials are worth serious consideration — they're where the chef fully stretches out and has some fun on the job. Creative appetizers may include scallops with *osso buco* and a wild boar tamale. Solid international wine list. Dinner nightly. Reservations advised. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Avenue (south of F Street), Gaslamp, 619-702-7967. Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical pan-regional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won't find at the clones. Don't miss the distinctive appetizers, especially the crunchy *sev poori* (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh topping), the *bel poori* (India's favorite railway snack), or southern India's *uttapam*, pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, accompanied by a cononutty fresh chutney. *Peshawari naan* is a spectacular tandoor-cooked bread stuffed with cashews, raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce. Entrées include the rarely

seen *mirchi tikka*, tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright, spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madras Fish in coconut milk is a delicious Southern-style coconut milk curry, and the house specialty, Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and appropriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers. You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. Lunch and dinner daily. (Parking not validated at Horton.) Moderate. — *N.W.*

Grant Grill U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway (between Third and Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-232-3121. The hotel has reopened after its \$52 million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill, too, is changed and freshened. In days of yore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "Slow Food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce, and artisanal products include housemade *burrata* mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amuse-bouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the "needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioners, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

House of Blues 1055 Fifth Avenue (north of Broadway), downtown, 619-299-2583. HOB's dining rooms (filled with vibrant folk art) are separate from the nightclub, so you don't have to attend a performance to eat there. Highlight of the week is the prix-fixe Sunday "Gospel Brunch" in the basement (with near-hidden elevator access), a generous buffet of mainly tasty mainstream and Southern goodies, including extraordinary smoked roast beef. Upstairs, the regular menu mingles soul and Cajun dishes with pub grub. The gumbo is surprisingly successful (if not exactly personal or eccentric) and the jambalaya is real. Oddly bittersweet Voodoo Shrimp (aka "BBQ Shrimp") comes with irresistible rosemary combread. A sampler of grilled Louisiana sausages is a hit. But some dishes denature regional flavors — the amiable, Tennessee-style baby back ribs are more Nashville suburb than downtown Memphis, while the humongous Cajun meatloaf and the bronzed catfish boast all the right Cajun spices but no Cajun flavor. Entrées come with vegetables, but consider amending them with tasty, inexpensive sides like superb sweet potato fries with house-made ketchup. Wine list is pitiful; have a Hurricane. Lunch and dinner nightly until 2 a.m. (except Sunday until midnight). "Lightning Lunch" prix fixe weekdays. Call for Gospel Brunch tickets. Dinner reservations essential; dinner packages available with access to shows. Moderate. — *N.W.*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to



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Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cow-boy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, week-ends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant homyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

The Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 J Street (at Fourth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-858-2277. Oceanaire serves all manner of fresh seafood, including some rare species, from simple preparations to complex dishes with international influences (France, Italy, Asia, Louisiana, fusion). Fusion-y appetizers range from crab cakes (among the best in town) and lively El Diablo fried squid to disappointing oysters "Gate-safellar" and laughable "Cajun-rubbed" prawns. ("Eh, Soileau! C'mere, let me rub these prawns on you!") Of a menu comprising some 30 entrées, the best dishes tend to be the least ambitious choices from the Simply Grilled and Broiled section. Or you can gamble on more elaborate but risky composed entrées — e.g., fire-roasted Mano de León scallops in an Asian-style treatment are earthy and delicious, but spiny lobster is buried under an overwhelming, incoherent sauce. Let K.I.S.S. be your guideline. Vegetables and side dishes, served family size at extra charge, aren't wonderful. Housemade desserts are pretty good and sized for groups. The Oyster Bar is a pleasant separate area for snacking or seasonal special dinners; in season, the Kumamotos are superb, other varieties less thrilling. Reservations urged, especially on weekends. Dinner daily. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive. — *N.W.*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take

their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W.*

Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — *N.W.*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday). Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even a chocolate fountain for large parties, available upon request. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish,

salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucha* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. (Pizza-by-slice portions stop at 6 p.m.) Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BAJA

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.

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the

heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

La Espadaña Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadanás* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Mr. Fish Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Restaurante Don Quijote Hotel El Conquistador (ground floor), 10750 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 681-7955. This tribute to the great windmill tilter himself serves as breakfast, lunch, and dinner anchor for the town's truest colonial Mexican *posada* (inn). It's a world of glowing stained-glass windows, heavy doors, and black

wrought iron. You expect Zorro himself to come clattering out from the shadows on his horse. The food is standard middle-class Mexican fare, but between quail dishes and enchiladas, creations like cheese-stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon pop out. Nicest surprise? *Sopa Azteca*, with tortilla strips, grated cheese, chopped dark red chiles, and avocado. Inexpensive to moderate. Open three meals, seven days. — *E.B.*

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldito tlalpeno*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371; and Eastlake Village Center South, 2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900; both in Chula Vista. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — *E.B.*

La Costa Azul Mariscos 1037 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-691-9812.

Great family-run hangout for traditional seafood from Sinaloa and Nayarit, Mexico's crackling-hot desert/coastal states. Their ancient Sinaloa dish *aguachile* (shrimp in spicy brine) is simple, mouth-sizzingly effective, *langostinos* are lush, but maybe most satisfying are whole-fish dishes like *pescado Veracruzano*. Truly traditional offerings come in giant three-legged *molcajetes*. Even their less-traditional signature dish, *Camarones Costa Azul* (crab and cheese-stuffed, bacon-wrapped shrimp) arrives in a burning hot *molcajete*. Also delicious: the sizzle-plate fajitas *mixtas*, with shrimp, beef, chicken. Many customers come around sunset, just to sit with a cool drink under palm fronds on the patio. Even if you're actually on Chula Vista's Broadway, it feels strangely like Cabo. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Gene-see Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W.*

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade nicoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumbeyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 West Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824. — *N.W.*

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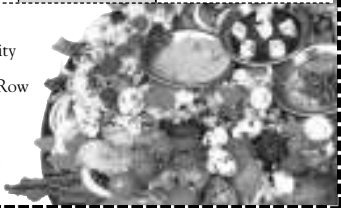
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Raw Revenge

Bacon stops at a gas station, where he sees his boy slashed with a machete.

The closely contemporaneous release of two vigilante movies with more or less the same starting point — a close family member senselessly murdered by inner-city thugs — allows for a fascinating contrast in style. *Death Sentence*, from *Saw* director James Wan, and the upcoming *Brave One*, from the more high-toned Neil Jordan (*The Crying Game*, *The End of the Affair*), both reach the conclusion that revenge, no matter how righteous its intent, coarsens the avenger's soul. And yet the differences between the two are like Chardonnay and rotgut: Jordan's is a somber, elegantly wrought mood piece, while Wan's aims straight for the stomach lining. It's tempting to call *Death Sentence* the more "honest" of the two, since it's less ashamed to paddle around in the muck, but Wan often lets his guileless enthusiasm get the better of him.

Though it has at least 20 minutes too much slack, *Death Sentence* doesn't waste much time with scene-setting. It just establishes Kevin Bacon as a happy middle-class father with a wife (Kelly Preston, dreadful as ever) and two teenage sons. After his eldest son's

hockey game, Bacon stops at a seedy gas station, where he sees his boy slashed with a machete as part of a gang-initiation ritual. Bacon gets a good look at his son's killer and picks him out of a lineup in short order, but since he's the only witness and the murder weapon can't be found, the government prosecutor can only

promise a few years' conviction for the crime. So Bacon takes the law into his own hands and stabs the young hoodlum to death. But before long, the other gang members, led by Garrett Hedlund, figure out what happened to their friend, and they strike back hard.

As much as either of the movies that made up *Grindhouse*, *Death Sentence* evokes the low-down spirit of an early-'70s exploitation flick, something that might have filled the undercard at a drive-in or a long-in-the-tooth movie palace. The film has one thing going for it — it's certainly never boring. Not long after Bacon takes up arms, his Everyman image evaporates, and he turns into an outlandish antihero, like *Taxi Driver*'s Travis Bickle recast as an angel of vengeance in a graphic novel. Wan



Death Sentence

misses some prime opportunities for fish-out-of-water comedy, as each side looks conspicuously silly on the other's turf. But Wan isn't the sort to sweat over the details; he's too busy jamming the accelerator to realize that his movie's spinning out of control.

— Scott Tobias
A.V. Club Rating: C+

It's never an encouraging sign when a comedy filled with talented pros produces only a single distinct laugh. The sloppy new farce *Balls of Fury* earns its one lonely chuckle early when sad-sack protagonist Dan Fogler explains that he had to abbreviate the dates on his parents' tombstones because numbers cost \$100, while apostrophes are free. There's another

amusing bit involving villain Christopher Walken watching over a panda whose care and feeding leave much to be desired. But mostly, the film is content to have familiar faces recycle lazy pop-culture references and random bits of silliness. A sadly representative running joke involves Fogler's love of Def Leppard; his campy band T-shirts don't get any funnier the fifth or sixth



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Hairspray

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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.

Halloween — Just as Rob Zombie’s *The Devil’s Rejects* was an exploitation flick masquerading as a horror movie, his remake of John Carpenter’s 1978 classic is a slasher movie posing as an art film. There are more canted angles and flashy audio mixes than corpses, more scenes of fastidiously rendered gore than chills in this speculation about how ten-year-old Michael Myers (Daeg Faerch) grew up to be the silent, masked serial killer (Tyler Mane) who escapes from a mental institution to terrorize his home town. (Hint: Mom was a stripper, older sis a slut, and white-trash step-daddy had fewer brains than the little psycho’s pet rat.) The set-up is tediously slow, while the later murders are packed so tightly it’s like watching a blender on high speed. William Forsythe, Malcolm McDowell, and Brad Dourif help mitigate Zombie’s shortcomings, and Micky Dolenz pops up in a cameo. — A.G.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — The fifth movie adapted from J.K. Rowling’s best-selling novels introduces the young wizard prodigy (Daniel Radcliffe) to another formidable adversary: the

new instructor at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft, played by Imelda Staunton as a cross between Elizabeth II and Nurse Ratched. A zeal-

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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 walk-ons. — A.G.

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.

Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón — The title translates as “Ocean’s Eleven,” or at least it should. Produced by Panamax Films, which makes Latino-oriented features for the North American market, this easygoing heist flick is closely pat-

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Easy Rider

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I like bikes, so *The World's Fastest Indian* was cool. Anthony Hopkins stars in this true story of New Zealander Burt Munro who has this old bike — an Indian — and he tries to break the land speed record. He's an underdog, but he succeeds.

A biker film that everyone knows is *Easy Rider*. You can watch it over and over and see different things each time. I think everyone can relate to the feeling of wanting to get on a bike and get out of town. The music's a factor, too. I read that it was the first movie to use pop music rather than a score.

More recently, *Wild Hogs* offered a lighthearted comedy with broad appeal. You don't have to be a biker to enjoy it. It gets some of the bike culture right: there are hardcore biker gangs and then guys who just like riding on the weekend.

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The Ultimate Gift is a drama about a man consumed with money. When his granddad dies, the will states that he has to do certain tasks to get his inheritance. He's a snob and the tasks teach him lessons about being a better person. He learns that life isn't all about money; it's also about love. I like the message and the cute comedic bits.

Out of the big recent titles, *300*'s the best. It's very different, not so predictable. Too many new movies just give me a headache.

TV shows are making more of an impact than movies these days. The regulars who come in are more into TV shows than movies. They seem disappointed by the movies. The TV show *Heroes* just came out. It's very different from any show I've watched before. It's very entertaining with lots of different characters so everyone can identify with someone.

THE ULTIMATE GIFT (USA) 2007, Twentieth Century Fox
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turned on the Steven Soderbergh franchise, but it's a lot more fun than Panamax's initial release, the gauzy bodice-ripper *La Mujer de Mi Hermano* (2005). Two L.A. thieves recruit a team of oddballs to rip off the safe of a silver-haired infomercial guru, and the formula works just fine on a more modest scale, without having to carry all the glittering casino sets and A-list movie stars. Joe Menendez directed. In Spanish with subtitles. — J.R.J.

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 festi-

val 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 vitiate the comic payoffs by allowing scenes to run too long. With Jean Rochefort and Emma de Caunes. — A.G.

The Nanny Diaries — Wealthy New Yorkers don't often get skewered as mercilessly as they do in this comedy by writing and directing duo Shari Springer Berman and

Robert Pulcini (*American Splendor*), but the audacity turns out to be deceptive and formulaic. Adapted from a novel by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, and framed as a pseudo-ethnographic exercise, the story follows a New Jersey girl (Scarlett Johansson) who's hired as a nanny by Upper East Side monsters (Laura Linney and Paul Giamatti). The characters are instantly reversible — the bratty kid turns out to be a sweetie pie, the mother just needs to be told off. Only Giamatti, as the clichéd businessman husband, is irredeemable, and he's offset by the heroine's dreamy beau (Chris Evans), who lives in the same building. — J.R.

No End in Sight — Charles Ferguson, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, makes his docu-

mentary 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 bone-headed 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.*

Once — In the opening scene of John Carney's engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the wastrel who's snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep the money. That sort of humanity infuses the movie, a low-budget and leisurely plotted DV project in which the singer, a poor vacuum-cleaner repairman, falls in love with a young Czech immigrant (Markéta Irglová) who plays the piano and helps him put together a band for a demo session. The songs don't advance the narrative lyrically so much as follow the two characters' uncertain relationship through the slow realization of their themes; in particular a scene in which they first jam together in the back room of a music store is a gem. — *J.R.*

Paris, Je T'Aime — Most features composed of sketches by different filmmakers are wildly uneven. This one is consistently mediocre, albeit pleasant and watchable. It helps that none of the episodes runs longer than five or six minutes. Many of the most famous areas of Paris — the Latin Quarter, the Champs-Élysées — are omitted, but Olivier Assayas, Gurinder Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Gérard Depardieu, Christopher Doyle, Vincenzo Natali, Alexander Payne, Bruno Podalydes, Walter Salles and Daniela Thomas, Nobuhiro Suwa, 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

about, 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.

Resurrecting the Champ —

most of this fact-based story by screenwriters Michael Bortman and Allison Burnett takes the inspirational sports drama into unexpected and morally complex territory. After a string of dubious projects (*Wicker Park*, *Lucky Number Slevin*, *The Black Dahlia*), Josh Hartnett really

connects with the role of a dull-witted but grandly ambitious *Denver Post* reporter who hits on a great story when he crosses paths with a foggy homeless man (Samuel L. Jackson) who claims he's fearsome heavyweight boxer Bob Satterfield. For the first time Rod Lurie directs

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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 eye-candy 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.

Shoot ‘Em Up — Action thriller starring Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti, and Monica Bellucci; directed by Michael Davis.

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.



Rush Hour 3

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 (*Layer 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, writer-director 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.

3:10 to Yuma — Christian Bale, Russell Crowe, and Peter Fonda star in this remake of the 1957 western; James Mangold (*Walk the Line*) directed.

Transformers — Not a movie, just one gigantic commercial for Hasbro, this collaboration between director Michael Bay and executive producer Steven Spielberg is a textbook case of cynical Hollywood extravagance. State-of-the-art CGI might please the now-grown fans of the popular line of Autobot and Decepticon toys introduced in the ’80s, but the embarrassingly weak screenplay by Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci (*The Island*, *Mission: Impossible III*) will disappoint those hoping for entertainment value beyond the spectacle of robotic aliens morphing into cars, trucks, tanks, and jet fighters. As if aware of their insignificance, Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Anthony Anderson, and John Turturro ham their way through the boring high-tech drivel about a war over earth’s future, while Josh

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Arctic Tale (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:30; **Balls of Fury** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **The Brothers Solomon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 5:20, 7:45, 10:00; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:55, 8:10; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 5:05, 8:15; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:50, 8:05; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:10, 9:40; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:10; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 5:10, 7:20, 9:45; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 2:05) 4:40, 5:30, 7:30, 8:25, 10:15; **War** (R) Fri. (1:20, 2:10) 4:25, 5:15, 7:05, 8:20, 9:35 Sat. (1:20, 2:10) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (1:20, 2:10) 4:25, 5:15, 7:05, 8:20, 9:35

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La Jolla Village

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Becoming Jane (PG); **Death at a Funeral** (R); **The 11th Hour** (PG); **No End in Sight** (Not Rated)

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Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **The Brothers Solomon** (R); **Death Sentence** (R); **Hairspray** (PG); **Halloween** (R); **Hatchet** (R); **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13); **The Invasion** (R); **Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón** (PG-13); **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G); **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated); **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13); **Stardust** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R); **War** (R)

Mission Valley 7

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Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Becoming Jane** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **Halloween** (R)

Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 2:10, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30, 11:50 Sun. (11:50) 2:10, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; **The Brothers Solomon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10 Fri.-Sun. (10:20) 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:55, 2:45, 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:10, 10:05, 10:55 Sun. 1:55, 2:45, 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:10, 10:05; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:05, 6:35; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 4:10, 9:35; **Ladron que Roba a Ladron** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:20; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:15p.m.; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 12:25, 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40, 11:55 Sun. (10:15) 12:25, 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:20, 7:55, 12:05 Sun. 2:20, 7:55; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 2:05, 5:05, 8:05, 11:05 Sun. (11:05) 2:05, 5:05, 8:05; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:15, 4:05, 7:00,

7:50, 9:50, 10:40, 12:00 Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 11:30) 1:25, 2:15, 4:15, 5:10, 7:10, 8:00, 10:00, 10:50 Sun. (10:40, 11:30) 1:25, 2:15, 4:15, 5:10, 7:10, 8:00, 10:00; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 4:40, 10:25 Sun. 4:40, 10:25; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:10, 3:25, 5:35; **War** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:25) 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30

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Death at a Funeral (R); **Deep Water** (PG); **Once** (R); **Paris, Je T’Aime** (R); **Primo Levi’s Journey** (Not Rated); **This Is England** (Not Rated); **2 Days in Paris** (R)

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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 writer-director 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 low-brow physical comedy, is the funni-

est thing in the movie as Barsinister’s thuggish henchman, Cad. Fredrik Du Chau (*Racing Stripes*) directed; with James Belushi and Alex Neuberger. — J.K.

War — Action stars Jet Li and Jason Statham square off in this routine crime thriller, the debut feature of hip-hop video director Philip G. Atwell. The story involves an FBI agent in San Francisco (Statham) whose partner is killed by a mysteri-

ous assassin and burned to a crisp in a house fire; three years later the assassin (Li) resurfaces, leaving a trail of dead plastic surgeons in his wake, and begins conspiring against his yakuza and triad bosses (John Lone, Ryo Ishibashi). Critics are regularly admonished not to give away surprise endings, but I’ve got three words for the screenwriters: DNA, dental records. With Devon Aoki, Luis Guzman, and Saul Rubinek. — J.R.J.

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Halloween (R); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R); **War** (R)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **Death Sentence** (R); **Halloween** (R); **Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón** (PG-13); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R); **War** (R)

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **The Brothers Solomon** (R); **Death Sentence** (R); **Hairspray** (PG); **Halloween** (R); **Hatchet** (R); **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13); **The Invasion** (R); **Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón** (PG-13); **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G); **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13); **Ratatouille** (G); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated); **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13); **Stardust** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R); **Transformers** (PG-13); **War** (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
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11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 5:25, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:25, 7:40; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:20, 7:50; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 7:00, 9:45 Sun. 7:00p.m.; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00; **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:30; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:25, 7:55; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25, 10:05 Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:15, 7:25; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:05, 7:15, 9:50 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:05, 7:15; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35, 9:40 Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25 Sun.

(12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:50) 4:55

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:00; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. (12:15,

3:00) 5:15, 7:45; **Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:45, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:45, 7:15; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00,

2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 9:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:45); **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15; **U R Pre-Approved** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 5:15, 7:00

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
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VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45; **The Bourne Ultimatum**

(PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Brothers Solomon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **Death Sentence** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45); **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50, 4:40, 5:30) 7:20, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45; **Ladron que Roba a Ladron** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:10; **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:35, 4:10) 6:50, 9:25; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:45) 7:00, 9:25; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:40; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:30; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:35, 2:30, 4:15) 7:05, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40; **War** (R) Fri.-Sun. (5:15) 9:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Balls of Fury (PG-13); **Death Sentence** (R); **Halloween** (R); **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G); **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13); **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated); **Superbad** (R); **Walking Tall: Lone Justice** (R)

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13); **Death at a Funeral** (R); **The 11th Hour** (PG); **3:10 to Yuma** (R)

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Paris, Je T’Aime (R); **Sicko** (PG-13)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **Halloween** (R); **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R)

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
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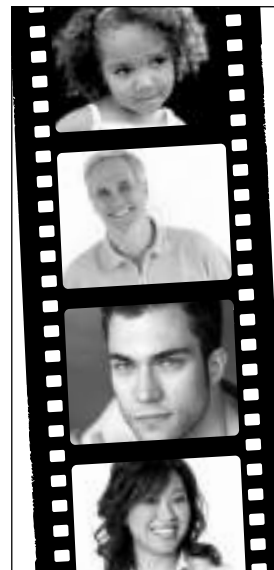
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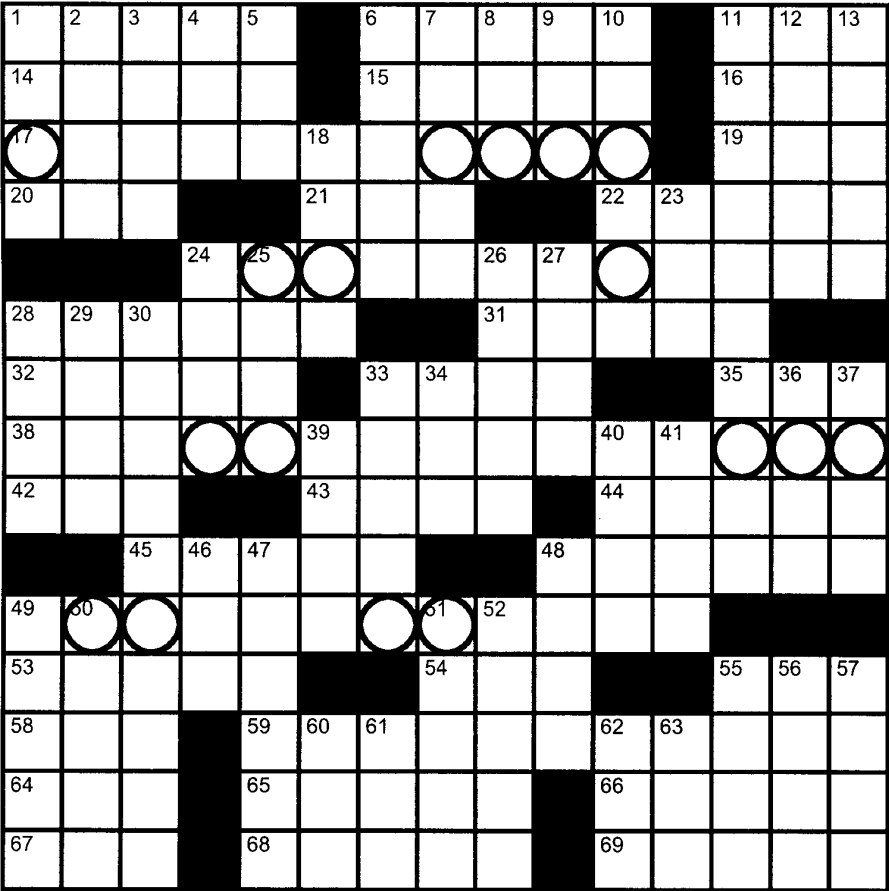
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- 25. Mumbai royal

- 26. Kind of sentence
- 27. Author Silverstein
- 28. Frozen dessert chain
- 29. Prefix with scope
- 30. He played "the Ugly" in "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"
- 33. Butter maker
- 34. Horiz.
- 36. "Holy cow!"
- 37. CNN reporter Octavia
- 39. Double ____ Oreos
- 40. 1997 Peter Fonda title role
- 41. Starts of workweeks: Abbr.
- 46. They play behind second basemen: Abbr.
- 47. "Aww"
- 48. Hidden valley
- 49. Kind of ray
- 50. Part of UHF
- 51. Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
- 52. People concerned with feet
- 55. Scott Turow book set at Harvard
- 56. Cal. page
- 57. Org. concerned with markets
- 60. Literary contemporary of HDT
- 61. Rower's tool
- 62. Auction action
- 63. "We're number ____!"

RULES OF THE GAME

- 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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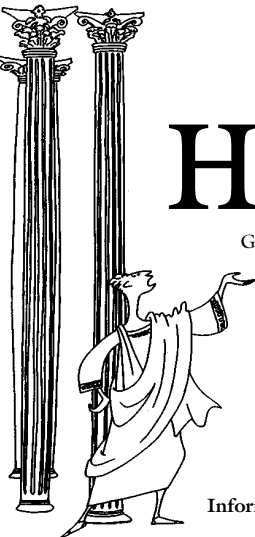
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My favorite is probably the old Budweiser one with the three frogs that say the name. I also liked that one — I think it was for Kodak, but I'm not sure — they play that Cure song "Pictures of You." That was a few years ago, too.



Oscar Roman
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I like the one during the World Cup. It had all the soccer players playing a game against demons. All the big names were in it, like David Beckham. I lived in Spain and used to be a huge soccer fan. My friends all like the Geico commercials. I don't think those are that funny.



Megan Fox
Student
La Jolla

I loved the one from the Super Bowl a few years back. It had the Clydesdales for Anheuser-Busch. A donkey wanted to be part of the hitch. I think the donkey ends up auditioning. It makes this weird little noise that I just thought was so cute.



Chris Jones
Student
Del Cerro

I liked the Bud Light one a few years okay. These guys were skydiving, but they were really nervous. The instructor asks them if they'd jump for a six-pack of Bud. He then throws it out. As the couple is thinking about it, you see the pilot run by and jump out. He was still wearing his headset and everything. I think I only saw that during the Super Bowl. It was really funny.



Erica Zoll
Between jobs
Carlsbad

I Can't Believe It's Not Butter, with Fabio. If I remember right, he's sitting with a woman and daydreaming. His hair was blowing in the breeze. I know that commercial is old. It probably came out ten years ago. But everyone probably still remembers it. I also liked the Snickers one, where a black guy is eating the candy bar and someone else is doing a folk song.

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SurfMOBILE

Name: Roger Witthoeft

Home: Santee

Vehicle: 1967 Volkswagen Bug

Surfing: Dog Beach in Ocean Beach

Roger Witthoeft's Bug trundles and rattles into the parking lot on mismatched wheels and bare tires. Its paint, multitoned and chipped, seems to be the only thing holding it together. Chrome trim strips stick out at odd angles.

"I drive it here from Santee, sometimes twice in a day," says Roger, who lays tile for a living. He's been surfing for six years and takes a bare-bones approach to surf gear: a 6'6" Native surfboard on the racks and a disc of wax in the passenger's seat.

When Roger bought the Bug off a friend for \$800, it didn't have fenders. He put some on, which is why they're a different color than the rest of the body. The backseat is torn out, its battery and gas tank exposed.

"I haven't had any problems with it," Roger



says. "It runs great, although kids stole the red lenses out of my tail lights."

Despite what it looks like, Roger is not driving the VW until it falls apart; he's fixing it up with the help of his dad.

"I put a new engine in it. The one I got in there now is a 1776 [cubic centimeter engine] for more power. The largest engine I've heard of is a 2332.... I want to put a rollcage in it so I can take my little brother, Joey,

on a surf trip to Mexico and roll over the dunes without any problems."

As ugly as it is, Roger says his Bug is a hit with Ocean Beach hippies.

"They love to get their picture with it."

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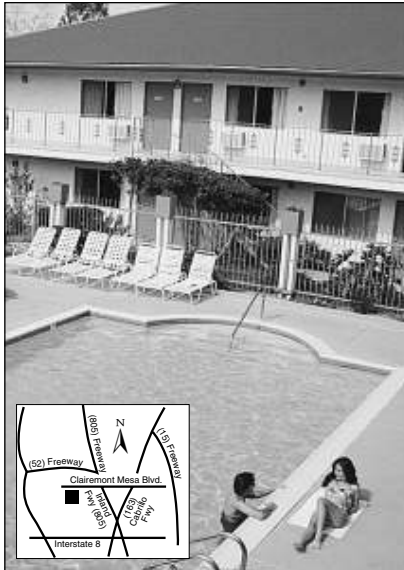
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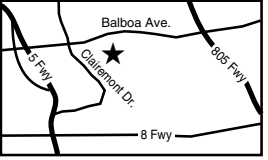
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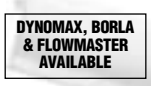
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— Ric Hoogstraet is married to Sue and works at a call center in the Phoenix area but spends 30-plus hours a week inside the online “Second Life” video game, pretending that he is the digitally drawn Dutch Hoorenbeek, a 6-foot-9, muscular babe magnet who lives on his own island. That unnerves Sue, according to an August *Wall Street Journal* profile, especially since Dutch recently “married” a digital woman and set up housekeeping with their two digital dogs. (The real-life creator of the new Mrs. Hoorenbeek has never met Ric and says she never will.) Dutch and his wife spend hours shopping and motorcycling together, leaving Ric little time for Sue. “Is this man cheating on his [real] wife?” the *Journal* asked. Lamented Sue: “You try to talk to him or bring him a drink, and he’ll be having sex with a cartoon.”

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— “World of Warcraft,” too, is an online game as popular as “Second Life,” with warrior-players amassing digital gold coins from every oppo-

nent they vanquish, and the greater the lucre, the higher they advance in the ranks. Some players take the easy route, though, and buy their gold coins from dealers who mostly get them from “Chinese gold farmers” in Nanjing and other cities — men and women hired to play the game 80 hours a week, not for advancement but to score coins that they can sell to other players, at the equivalent of about \$1.25 per 100 coins (marked up to \$20 per 100, retail), according to a June *New York Times Magazine* article.

Leading Economic Indicators

— *The New York Times* reported in July that at least eight buyers were vying to purchase one of the five parking spaces in the basement of the new condominiums at 246 W. 17th St. for \$225,000 each. ... In Chappaqua, N.Y., the owner of the Via Genova water bar told WCBS-TV in July that she offers 80 different bottled waters from around the world, with the most popular at \$30 and “Bling H2O” priced at \$55, but hopes business picks up: “There are so many people that are uneducated about water.”

— How Executives Deal With Stress: In June in Spain, about 30 executives were chosen in a contest by NH Hoteles to help demolish Madrid’s NH Alcala hotel; they were let inside with mallets and told to have at it. In London and Tokyo, another option recently became available, according to the *Daily Mail*: misery clubs (such as Loss in London). Executives can rent rooms and view weepy movies or attend group crying sessions and “tear therapy” to “indulge their inner gloom,” wrote the newspaper.

Least Competent Fraudsters

— (1) Belleville, Ill., psychiatrist Ajit Trikha pleaded guilty in June to defrauding Medicare and Medicaid of at least \$1.85 million, including invoices claiming he worked more than 24 hours a day on 76 different occasions (40 hours on one day and treating 83 patients in 2 1/2 hours on another). He also claimed to treat patients 1267 times in Belleville while he was traveling in Europe. (2) In June, the New York state comptroller charged Brooklyn dentist Mohinder Mayell with defrauding Medicaid of

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— (1) In April, a woman hanging out laundry on the sixth-floor roof of a building in Nanjing, China, fell off but was only slightly injured when she happened to land in a shallow pool of the contents of the building’s septic system, which workers were cleaning. (2) A fiery auto crash in July near Augusta, Ga., killed the driver and would have likely killed the passenger if the fire were not immediately smothered. Firefighters were still minutes away, but passing by was a pump truck from a local plumbing company whose driver extinguished the flames with 1500 gallons of raw sewage from a septic tank-cleaning job he had just finished.

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Thirty Years Ago

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—CITY LIGHTS: **"GIMME ONE JELLY, TWO GLAZED, AND THREE ALFAFA SPROUT,"** Jeannette De Wyze, September 8, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Sissy McGill is afraid to have this story told, afraid that it may anger agents of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). They've already taken the deed to McGill's house in La Mesa, and McGill now fears they may force her to close her seven-year-old business in which she sells healthful dog food and other "natural" pet products.

No one — including the FDA — has charged that her products aren't safe for pets.

At the very mention of that possibility, McGill stiffens. "My dog food is so pure that I've had two ladies stuff their turkeys with it. I taste everything I make! My dogs are my babies."

—CITY LIGHTS: **"AGENCY HOUNDS DOG WOMAN,"** Jeannette De Wyze, September 9, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

I found this woman dead on the floor of her house. She died next to a space heater and laid there for ten days. I vomited, the coroner vomited, and the guys in the meat wagon vomited. I thought those guys had seen it all, but I guess even the body snatchers feel it now and then.

—**"COP TALK,"** Steve Albrecht and Roy Huntington, September 10, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

But the Aventine is nevertheless something of a colossus that stands out even from the jumbled semiurban landscape of this crowded junction. If approached on foot from the back, that is to say, via the Roman rotunda of the Sporting Club, the mix of quasi-Mussolinian façades and small cypresses seems like a desire on the part of the architect to reflect on his own roots: Rome as the root of all Western architecture. And only in a place where those

roots seem more distant than immediate could this pedagogic indulgence be possible. In California.

—**"GRUNTING, SCREAMING NYMPHS,"** Lawrence Osborne, September 10, 1992

Ten Years Ago

Don't get me wrong. I heard some good rock and roll and R&B. I loved the beat on "Jailhouse Rock" and "Hound Dog," and also on Chuck Berry's records (though his name didn't mean anything to me at the time; I was 12), but the guitars I was hearing didn't quite measure up to whoever that guy was on "Car Hop!" I was an idiot and in love.

—**"SOULFUL MACHINE GUN,"** John Brizzolara, September 11, 1997

Five Years Ago

Pat Runsbold, 63, is a teacher from Carlsbad. "I was getting up to go to school and my husband called me in to the television and said, 'Look at what's going on!' I couldn't believe my eyes. I saw the second plane hit the tower, and it was just unbelievable. I couldn't believe this was happening in America, but at the same time, I felt the panic for those people there."



San Diego Reader, September 5, 2002

Sheila Sample, 44, is a licensed nurse who lives in Shelter Valley. "I was standing in my living room. My husband had the TV news on. It was a total horror...I cried and just watched. When the airplane hit the second building, you knew that this wasn't an accident.... No words can describe it. I was zoned out all day, glued to the news, trying to get through back East to find out if everybody was okay."

—**"I COULDN'T BELIEVE THIS WAS HAPPENING IN AMERICA,"** Robert Kumpel, September 5, 2002

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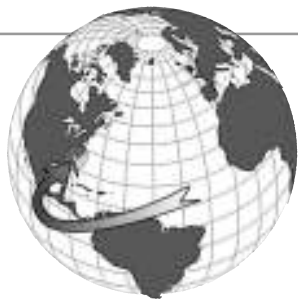
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He called and asked me to bring him a pair of shorts, his sketch pad, a soda, and something to eat. He made a big deal about how I shouldn't look in the shorts or the sketch pad because there was a wonderful secret surprise that would be spoiled if I looked.

I was skeptical. "Would I be pissed off if I knew what it was?" And he responded, "No. It's really good, and you'll be excited tonight when you see."

I told him that I wasn't sure, and that if there was something that I wouldn't like, he shouldn't ask me to bring it for him. He assured me that it was all okay, and so I agreed.

I couldn't find the shorts, and I had to dig around in his drawer to find them. They were buried underneath some T-shirts, and when I found them, I saw the top of a spoon sticking out of the pocket. I pulled it out, and it was burned on the bottom. Also, there was a plastic wrapper from a syringe and a bloody paper towel.

He was upset that I looked in the shorts. For a moment, I felt guilty, and then I realized that there's no reason why I shouldn't be able to look in his shorts. It's not as if he had bought something that he would have hidden there. He has no money. There's no great surprise...no special thing. No diamond ring.

And how dare he attack my honesty? I'm not the liar here.

And why ask me to bring it to him?

He must know that transporting class-A narcotic paraphernalia counts as a thing that I wouldn't want to do.

I want this shit out of my life. I don't want to fear his

death, fear he's going to steal from me, feel a constant need to separate myself from him because I'm afraid of the consequences of being too close.

As soon as it seems like things are going to be okay, there is always this shit. Last night was nice. I built him a website for his artwork. He cleaned the kitchen. We enjoyed each other.

And then today, this...

"Why?" I kept asking him last night. "Why would you do it? You were doing so well. Why?"

All he can say is that it's because he's weak. He had a moment of weakness. I kept asking him to explain it to me. What made him think it was okay? What was the process? How long did it take?

All he would say is that his friend asked him if he wanted to use, and he said yes, and then they got the drugs.

Also, I am furious because when I came home that night, he tried to have sex with me. We have seen from months of his opiate addiction that he cannot perform sexually when he

has been using. I have no idea why he would try, and it frustrated me so much. I started falling back into the old head games: "He's not attracted to me. Why can't I make this work?"

Blah blah blah.

It reminded me of this woman's story of her son using. She said he spent Easter with her, and he had told her that he had a flu. He



spent all his time on the couch dozing. She was worried about his flu, cooking chicken soup for him, nursing him, but she was also afraid he might be contagious because she took care of her elderly mother who had a weak immune system. She fretted and worried about whether or not she was going to get her mother

sick, and she was worried about her son and what might be wrong with him. She eventually realized, however, that he was detoxing. He wasn't sick at all, and she'd done all this worrying about her mother for no reason.

I don't understand any of his behavior. I don't understand why he would use, and I don't understand why once he did, he'd try to have sex with me. More than anything, I don't understand why he would try to get me to transport his paraphernalia for him. I don't understand his fits of rage and his continued victim mentality. I don't understand why he is doing anything.

I am so very angry. I don't really want to go home to him. I don't want to go home and not have him there, either. It drives me nuts — this up and down and back and forth with my feelings. Whenever I start to think things are okay, they always go downhill.

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No.

Howard the Duck serves as a portrait of a nation in transition. The 1950s' workaday philosophy of a suburban nuclear family shattered in the "anything goes" swinging '70s, and by 1986, when Howard T. Duck landed in every cinema in Everytown USA, the children of Flower Children were coming of age and searching for their own philosophy. With The Wall down and *glasnost* baby stepping off *Donahue* and onto our front porches, weren't we all a dwarf-sized duck pulled through an interdimensional portal and dumped on our asses in an alley in Cleveland? Metaphorically, I mean.

Along with the plotline, the visuals and dialogue exposed our vulnerability in a shifting landscape of population boom, rebellion-against-former-rebellions, and an apathetic disregard for politics and formality. You see, the cities, at the time, bred punks with pin-cushion faces, women who dressed as men, men who dressed as women, large red sun-glasses long after dark, and a bright new color palette for ties, jackets, and evening wear. The faces of the cities had changed, and rural Americans stood in shock as to what was happening to urban youth. Would it have been such an unthinkable thing to drive through a major metropolis and see a three-foot-tall duck in a college sweatshirt and cor-duroy pants?

A baby girl in a hospital was given the heart of a baboon only two years before.

In a triumph of art imitating life and vice versa, the evil scientist of the film, Dr. Walter Jennings, bent technology to his will and created himself as the Dark Overlord. The actor playing this role was Jeffrey Jones, best known as Ed Rooney from *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. In 2001, police arrested Jones with a computer filled with unmentionable photos — a dark overlord with evil gadgets. Willard Hyuck: director of *Howard the Duck* and oracle. Bravo, Hyuck.

So, thank you, Howard, for leading us through those shadowy and menacing times of 1986 with your brave feathery white heart. We will honor you by replaying your trials on free movie channels Sundays at midnight.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

TENNIS, U.S. OPEN, MEN'S QUARTERFINALS

USA 8:00 A.M.

Robotic arm and a cast-iron skillet.

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PBS 9:00 P.M.

Not even baby animals would make me want to look at Whoopi Goldberg. Sure, she's a talented actress and a self-made woman, but yeeesh. And congratulations to her for doing all that, obtaining all that success, while carrying around a mug that looks like a bad stretch of the 805 between National City and

Chula Vista. But that doesn't mean I have to look at it. Woof.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

THE O'REILLY FACTOR

FOX NEWS 8:00 P.M.

From now on I'll assume anyone loosely related to the Republican party is a terrified and perverted deviant. Own it, O'Reilly. Come out onto your show in a lime-green feather boa, silver rhinestone vest, and glittery lip-gloss, and tell the world your plans to marry a Taiwanese pack mule. Giddy up, conservatives. Yee haw!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

DISNEY 8:00 P.M.

If you like high school *and* you like musicals, I would say that you also enjoy getting up early to cause war, famine, and the spread of incurable diseases. This generation of viewers will cause disaster in my golden years. I'll move to Canada where high school and musicals are regarded for what they are and global crises aren't started for the fun of it.



High School Musical

jas and volcanoes, please.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

JUST FOR LAUGHS

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Six years. Six years, and to say the date still stings and my eyes wince a little. To carry on would be nice. To know what lies ahead, even better. Hope, for me, is that *Just for Laughs*, deck chairs on the *Titanic*, and Nero's fiddle are all unrelated.

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TLC 8:00 P.M.

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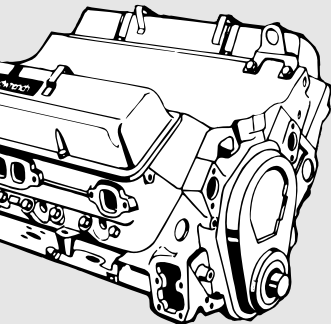
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T.G.I.F.

I'm told I have a symphony from hell in my chest.

By John Brizzolara

This great Friday night: fly-blown and beer redolent, resounding with the sub-sonic backbeat booming from the trunks and rear seats with words of racial hatred, fantasies of bullet-riddled cops echoing up Texas Street, the odor of charred American cattle wafting in blood smoke along Madison Avenue, the fresh-cracked nut-sack-grabbin' beauty of newly opened 40s or Fortays! Muth-fucks! Know I'm sane? It's an August summer Friday night and anything can happen, homeys, except the real beauty, the mojo-carazaay-makin' bootay in the night possibilitay is that you ain't got to do shit tomorrow, man. Know I'm sane? Nothin' *has* to happen tomorrow.

That happens to be what I'm hearing: painting what one sees, that sort of thing. And that is as close to an apology as you will get for any lapse of political correctness. It is also by way of celebrating an aspect of Friday that I don't recall having done to date — though who knows? And that is the theoretical lack of obligation to do much of anything on Saturday. I say theoretical because so many of us, in fact, have much to do every day of the week, and I suppose some must clean out the garage, mow lawns, etc. on Saturdays for the missus. Still, the Maytag repairman receding further and more entrenched into myth may in fact be reemerging as Everyman eventually.

I let that opening paragraph stand, having written it just before falling

asleep on my futon mattress and waking up to cartoons and the intimations of oppressive heat yet again gathering during the daylight hours. The first and most imperative directive that occurred to me was that I must vacuum, but that required that I first set out on a quest for a replacement filter for the device, the once popular Dirt Devil now gone the way of spats and breadmakers, by all evidence. The ambition involved in this shopping prospect kicked in a kind of lethargy and sense of pointlessness that I suppose only accompanies/accents a long absence from the expensive antidepressants I have become convinced are necessary. My lapse in taking them involves another issue for which I've come under fire in a recent piece about medical insurance, a subject to which I am not in the mood to return at the moment. "Why don't you just take them? Well, get insurance. Don't you have Medi-Cal?" After a year of forms, I have discovered that I am too wealthy for Medi-Cal.

I am still asleep. This is clear. The above is semiconscious dream babble. I digress, I know. All will be explained. It has to do with anaesthetic administered recently (by professionals, not me).

So, with what I will only describe as inspiration found in the inherent vacuity of Saturdays (my experience since childhood, really. Mom's fault with her mindless, demented busywork for its own sake? Jeez, probably.) I decided I had found my theme for today's text, and I will take today as it is: no theoretical Saturday but the very one in hand.

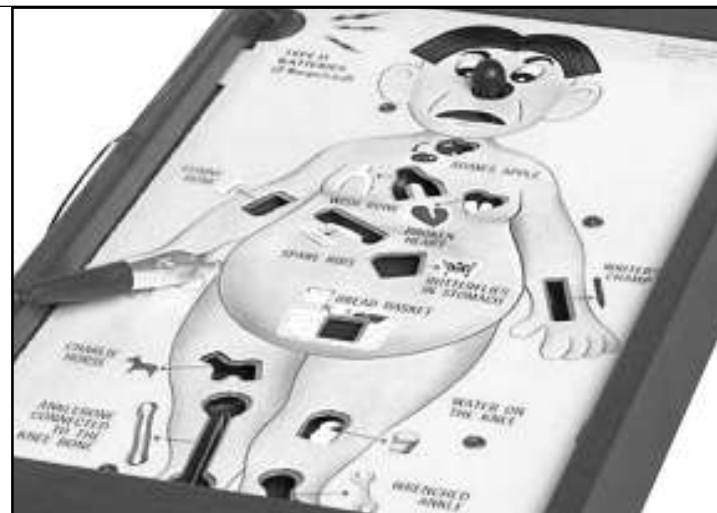
Fully awake, well, more or less, now.

I am at UCSD in Hillcrest to have my bypass device replaced. It is Saturday, and I have been here since Wednesday afternoon.

Boredom is seldom a problem for me, probably because I instinctively create chaos around me if I feel things are dull, but, Lord, I am bored. Daytime TV is one thing, Saturday television another order of torturous idiocy. After multiple tests, I have to remain in bed doing nothing for days until the electrocardiology team is available, after tennis or golf, presumably.

One break in the boredom (aside from my escapes to smoke; yes, I am a fool, but human) is the arrival of a Dr. Burns, who looks like an actor who plays paternal types. He stands at the foot of my bed and says to me, "You have serious kidney problems, you know this? Have they explained to you the dialysis schedule?"

"What? No one has mentioned anything about my kidneys. Not a word. I am, uh, urinating like a champ. I'm here for a pacemaker, defibrillator, and bronchitis. I'm told I have a symphony from hell in my chest (a direct quote



from an examining doctor) but nothing about my freaking kidneys!"

"You'll eventually have to accept the reality, Mr. — may I see your wrist band?" Gladly. "Oh, I'm sorry. Never mind." Doctor Burns leaves with a smile.

My heart is now doing a new kind of rumba. I am sweating with both fear and relief. Eventually I think of it as a humorous anecdote for the future. Meanwhile, the killing Saturday boredom renounces itself. PBS fails me. Golf. Multiple other sports involving balls pitched through various apparatuses. Television has rarely distracted me from anything anyway (although I like *House*). The fact that *Matlock* has recently become interesting panics me in a most desperate way.

My left shoulder feels as if it has been gun-shot, just missing the heart where the sterling silver (they tell me) device has been situated. No painkillers, I have to bum Excedrin from neighbors. Am I crying for sympathy? Very well then, but I am merely trying to clarify the tone of this piece.

Bastard deserves it, I can hear ordinary f—ing people chorus. I will remain on what I construe as moral high ground and say only this: *You all deserve Saturdays.*

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