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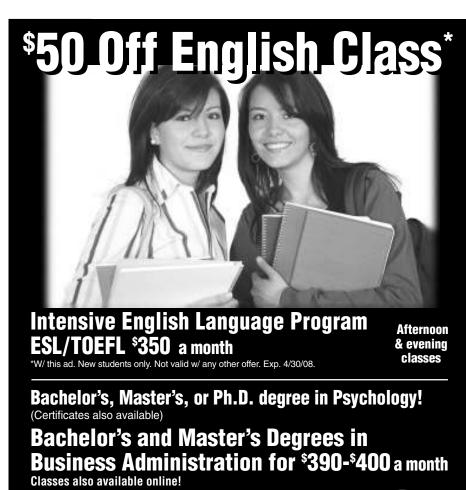
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#### **BREAKING NEWS**

**Sweet deal** It's politics with an inside twist at the County Administration Building, where



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Jim Duffy, a sheriff's lieutenant, took over earlier this year as Republican county supervisor Ron Roberts's chief of staff. Son of the late sheriff John Duffy and former president of the San Diego Deputy Sheriffs Association, Jim Duffy is said by some to be burning to run for sheriff when Bill

**Kolender**'s fourth term in office ends in January 2011. But there are other possible successors for the 73-year-old Kolender, including his second in command, undersheriff **Bill Gore**, who used to run the FBI office here. So Duffy's relatively unheralded move to Roberts's office has been seen by many as the supervisor helping his establishment friends give Duffy a head start over Gore.

And the way the arrangement was set up has only raised more eyebrows. According to salary records furnished by the County in response to a Public Records Act request, in 2007 Duffy made

\$108,491 a year. That was up from the \$93,392 he made in 2003. His salary under Roberts has risen to \$135,220. But even more interesting to some is the fact that Duffy did not have to retire as a sworn officer from the sheriff's department in order to get the Roberts gig. Instead, he took advantage of



Bill Go

a little-known loophole in county law that permits employees to take an indefinite leave of absence without pay from their regular positions in order to "accept an unclassified position as staff to an elected official." No matter how long the leave, employees always have a guarantee of return to their old position, which in Duffy's case comes with a better pension deal than civilian workers receive. Duffy did not respond to a request for comment message left at his office.

#### Sacramento to San Diego Big

labor is throwing in big money to oppose San Diego fifth district Republican city council candidate Carl DeMaio, a self-styled government reformer opposed by city employee unions. A state campaign disclosure filing made earlier this week by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council-COPE (Committee on Political Education) reveals that since January the group has spent \$12,500 on what it calls "Anti Carl DeMaio IE [Independent Expenditures]." \$1750 of the funds were paid to Ross Communications & Management of Sacramento, run by Richie Ross, a longtime Democratic political consultant and intimate to ex-Assembly speaker **Willie Brown**; Ross was most recently in the news in February for sending out emails to his political network boasting about his decade-long ties to new state Senate leader Darrell Steinberg. San Francisco-based Storefront Political Media received \$5000 from the union group, and Duffy Media, also of San Francisco, got \$7500. Besides targeting DeMaio, the group is backing the candidacy of TV reporter

Marti Emerald, spending \$1750 on her behalf

in the race against **April Boling**. United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 135 contributed \$10,000 to the effort on March 10; another union organization, the Southern California Painters and Allied Trades, gave \$1000 on March 13.

**Dollar flows** Employees of a small defense contractor headquartered in Mission Valley have created a stir in local political circles with their flurry of contributions this past fall to Third District San Diego city council candidate **Todd Gloria**.

Korean-American **Bryan Min**, an ex-Navy nuclear engineer and currently president and

CEO of Epsilon Systems Solutions, used federal minority business preferences to build his firm, which he founded in 1998. In June of last year, Min hired **Dan Dufresne** away from the staff of GOP congressman **Brian Bilbray** to be Epsilon's in-house lobbyist and director of government



Todd Glor

relations. According to lobbyist registration statements filed last year with the House, Dufresne's job was to "contact various Congressional offices" regarding "military procurement issues." The registration was terminated last month.

So far this election cycle, Min and company have given a total of \$4300 to Bilbray and backed two Democrats, Senator **Carl Levin** of Michigan and Congressman **Norm Dicks** of Washington. Levin chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Dicks is on the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

Todd Gloria is district director for Demo-



cratic congresswoman **Susan Davis**, who is a member of the House Armed Services Committee. That leads some to speculate that the Min money is a way to curry favor with a key Congressional staffer.

Bryan Mir

But Min may harbor other reasons to have a friendly would-be city councilman on

his side. He and his Epsilon employees have also given to April Boling, the Republican running in the council's seventh district. He's on the board of the San Diego Convention Center Corporation and has unsuccessfully sought appointment to the Board of Port Commissioners. In addition, Epsilon chief operating officer Dwayne **Junker** has expressed repeated support for the controversial Navy Broadway Complex being developed by downtown hotel mogul Doug Manchester on Navy land at the foot of Broadway, telling the Daily Transcript, "If this doesn't work...it's going to be a step backward in essence." Other speculation has it that Epsilon wants to snag contracting work paid for by Homeland Security grants funneled through the city. Min and Dufresne could not be reached for comment.

— Matt Potter

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## Award-Winner Milks Big Bear

By Don Bauder

onzi schemes — in which early investors are paid off with funds from later investors — are most often tied to stocks,

commodities, and currencies. But just a few years ago, when Southern California real estate was sizzling hot, Ponzi schemes made the scene, at least according to two San Diego—related lawsuits filed recently, one by the federal government.

Richard La China (pronounced La-KEEN-a and also spelled LaChina and Lachina) once made a big splash in San Diego as proof that a young entrepreneur doesn't need a college degree to succeed. He set up a tech company, AXXIS, in 1996, claiming to have great inventions, including a computerized grocery cart. The big accounting firm Ernst & Young awarded him the San Diego Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 1999, when he was only 25. (Those Ernst & Young annual awards have spotty records.)

But according to a civil

suit filed by irate investors in superior court late last year, AXXIS was facing lawsuits from vendors, the landlord, and unpaid former employees in



Richard La China

the late 1990s. So La China, boasting of his great inventions, sold as much as \$20 million of AXXIS stock to investors. But the technologies were "a bust, nothing more than vague ideas," according to the recent suit, filed by attorneys Scott Dreher and Bryan Snyder. AXXIS and related companies moved from Ridgehaven Court to Convoy Street to El Cajon and finally to La China's Montgomery Field airplane hangar. He secretly sold AXXIS's assets in 2000, leaving the investors with "an empty shell," according to the suit.

Those investors, who had been promised 10 percent per year until the company went public, wanted their money back. So, facing a cash shortfall, La China began selling investments in a Big Bear condo operation called Last Resort, according to the suit. It was to run a fractional condominium ownership project called the Club at Big Bear Village. Ironically, its previous owners had run afoul of the Securities and Exchange Commission for running a Ponzi scheme. According to the suit, La China used the investors' money to buy an airplane and shares of another computer company. He used investors' money to buy a Scripps Ranch home, then parlayed that into a fancier house there, and finally rose

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#### Bye-Bye, Meter Reader

By Don Bauder

The Iceman Cometh, predicted playwright Eugene O'Neill, but eventually, the iceman went, and so did the milkman and the

doctor willing to make house calls. Next to disappear: San Diego Gas & Electric meter readers. Like the icemen many decades before, the meter readers are being eliminated by technology. But not without complaints that the company was falsely boosting its revenue by overestimating some bills instead of relying on the meter readers.

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Beginning in November of this year, the San Diego Gas & Electric unit of Sempra Energy will be installing meters that can be read by two-way wireless communication technology. The installation of the new meters will be complete in 2011, at which time the meter readers will be gone. There are currently 202 of them, down from a high of 230. They belong to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and will be absorbed into other areas of the company or eliminated by attrition.

Some customers will be happy to see them go. "In the summertime, I got gas bills double what they should have

been," says Jack Glattery of El Cajon (not his real name). "I had representatives of the company come out. They agreed something was wrong, but the meter readers blamed the billing department, and the billing department blamed the meter readers. Then I learned how to read the meter. I call in the numbers each month. The bill has gone from \$75 a month to \$39. They wrote me a letter of apology."

However, Glattery believes he was being fleeced for years: "They owe me tons of money," he says. "I don't believe they were reading the meter." He found out from a friend that the meter readings are often estimated — and overestimated.

In mid-2000, San Diego's Utility Consumers' Action Network, which rides herd on local utilities, filed a complaint with the California Public Utilities Commission against San Diego Gas & Electric. The local watchdog asked for a

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#### Panic at the **Micropub**

By Alastair Bland

useff Cherney says his revered and superbitter Dorado Double India Pale Ale has become too expensive, if not impossible, to

make. Cherney is head brewer at Ballast Point Brewing Company, which has breweries in Linda Vista and Scripps Miramar Ranch. Dorado's recipe uses six Northwest hops varieties, two of which — Simcoe and Crystal — are growing increasingly rare, with prices climbing in the past year from \$6 per pound to \$30.

"The amount of hops in a batch of that beer could five other mainstay products."

The hop industry has been floundering for years. Worldwide, hop acreage has plummeted from 236,067 acres in 1992 to 113,417 in 2006, and in the United States from 42,266 acres to 29,435. In 1856, the United Kingdom grew 56,000 acres of this bitter blossom. Today, it grows 2400.

Kirk McHale, a brewer formerly of Pizza Port in



Yuseff Cherney

make several other beers throughout the year," Cherney says. "You're talking hundreds of pounds of hops that could be spread over four or

Carlsbad, is in the process of opening a new brewpub, Breakwater Brewing Company, in Oceanside. "We're just trying to find hops any-

where so that we can start making beer," he says. "I'm known for very hoppy beers, and with this shortage, I

just can't do the beers that I want to do. I can still make good beer but not the bitter IPAs that are a part of my repertoire."

IPA, or India Pale Ale, was created in England in the late 1700s for export to troops in India. High levels of alcohol and hops preserved India Pale Ale during the long sea voyage, during which other beers spoiled in the tropical heat. Today, Imperial India Pale Ales (or Double IPAs) represent the same class of beer but with even more hops and more alcohol. Other "Imperial" beers — Imperial porters, Imperial stouts, Imperial pilsners, Imperial red ales — are all buffed-up versions of classic styles.

As a general rule, massproduced, lightly flavored, cheaper beers require just one or two "high-alpha" hops varieties, and in relatively small amounts. (High-alpha hops are high in alpha acids, used primarily for making beer bitter.) Most microbrews, though, consist of at least several hops varieties, and these in sometimes huge amounts. Ballast Point's Dorado, for example, whose international bittering units (IBUs) hover at the higher end of the scale — over 80 — requires 264 pounds of dried hops for a 45-barrel batch. By contrast, Ballast Point's Yellowtail Pale Ale requires just 18 pounds in a 40-barrel batch. Lighter beers may use even less.

Jeff Bagby, head brewer at Pizza Port in Carlsbad, brews a monster called Hop Suey Double IPA, which is over 10 percent alcohol by volume and over 90 international bittering units. Such heavy, bitter brews are popular in San Diego, says Bagby.

"If a brewery's IPA or Double IPA isn't their best-seller, then it's damn near, especially in this city. We have people who get irate when we don't have the IPA on tap, and they can't understand why."

Bagby says he plans to brew a batch of Hop Suey this year, but the following season, he predicts "things will get hairy."

High demand and escalating prices are now driving

some farmers to replant their land with hops, but this may not benefit small breweries. According to local beer makers, farmers in Washington and Oregon are replanting with the highly acidic highalpha hops, which large breweries gobble up just as fast as they'll grow. But craft brewers rely on aromatic varieties, which provide their brews with kaleidoscopes of flavor. Without these varieties, microbrewers may be forced to reduce their beer production,

top-sellers, says brewer Chuck Silva, and so the company planned ahead last year to assure that these mainstays would not have to be compromised in flavor or curtailed in volume in 2008. Moreover, Green Flash was protected by a contract with a supplier for a share of the 2007 autumn hop harvest. But this year, says Silva, growers have been reluctant to make any promises. And what good is a contract, anyway, when farmers don't deliver?



Pizza Port brewery

dilute the flavors of their signature brews, or even apply for vintner's permits.

Many larger brewers have agreements with suppliers that guarantee long-term availability of the hops they need. Microbreweries and brewpubs, however, may not be protected by legal negotiations, and for those just entering the business, times may be especially tough.

Green Flash Brewing Company in Vista makes a hopheavy India Pale Ale and an even hoppier Imperial IPA. These beers are the brewery's That's just what happened with Green Flash's supply of Styrian Golding hops.

"Our grower defaulted on our supplier," says Silva. "They must have seen a variety that was more profitable."

According to Marc Worona, national sales director at Brewers Supply Group West, a go major supplier of hops to continued on page 8

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#### **Micropub** panic

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American breweries, there are not enough hops in the world to feed the beer industry. Many hops, he explains, are reduced post-harvest to a liquid extract of the alpha acids. At present, the world's stockpile of acid extract is short by about 1000 metric tons. This amount, says Worona, corresponds to approximately 60 billion 12ounce pints of beer.

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As a gesture of goodwill to the struggling craft-brewing industry in America, the Boston Beer Company, maker of Samuel Adams, put up 20,000 pounds of its own hops supply for sale to United States microbrewers, according to brewer and founder Jim Koch. The hops, two varieties of European rarities — East Kent Goldings (from the United Kingdom) and Tettnang Tettnanger (from Bavaria) — were to be sold

back at cost and were available in 88-pound blocks, though the company limited each microbrewery to a maximum of six blocks, or 528 pounds. Almost 400 microbreweries asked to buy some, and requests were accepted until last Saturday, after which a random draw-

ing was held.

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Ballast Point, which uses about 20,000 pounds of hops per year, placed a 528-pound order with Samuel Adams. So did Green Flash. Neither brewery was selected in the drawing, although other locals, including Oceanside Ale Works and Pacific Beach Ale House, were winners.

Aromatic varieties of hops have unique aroma profiles. Amarillo provides beers with a strong citrus note; Simcoe, a zesty bitter-grapefruit character. Centennial hops are floral and piney. But other types are more highly sought by the big beer companies, and thus they're a safer bet and an easier sell for growers. Even some relatively common varieties, though, are currently unavailable for microbrewers. For example, Coronado Brewing Company recently placed an order with a U.S. grower for Willamette hops, a moderately acidic aromatic type, and was told that the 2008 crop had already been sold.

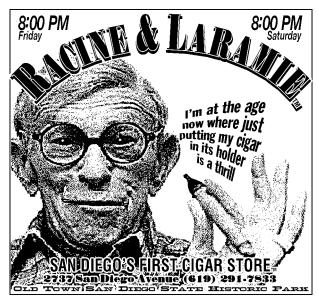
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"Apparently Budweiser uses Willamette, and they jumped in early and bought every last bit of it," said Coronado head brewer Shawn DeWitt. "There's none left. Nothing. Budweiser even offered to buy the entire stock of hops from Hopunion, and thank goodness [owner] Ralph Olsen told Budweiser, 'No. We won't screw the craft brewers like that."

Even with allies on the supply end, Kirk McHale may have no hops on hand when Breakwater Brewing opens in May, but as he renovates his location and installs fermenting equipment, he's got a backup plan.

"We're thinking of going into a lot of herbs and honey, things like dandelion, hibiscus, and yarrow to bitter the beer. We want to make mead too. That would require a vintner license, and we're applying for that right now."

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to a lavish home with an oceanview bathroom in the Santa Fe Valley area of Rancho Bernardo, charges the suit.

Not surprisingly, "when he needed money to actually operate the Last Resort project, he raised it by selling another fraudulent Big Bear real estate investment called Wildwood," according to the suit. "Then he used the Wildwood investors' money to pay his own real estate loan obligations and to quietly repay some family members who had invested in Last Resort. He got further and further behind, and when he needed more money, he secretly sold Wildwood and kept the proceeds. He bought himself a condo in Costa Rica and began selling investments in a project there called Tranquilo.

"La China is a serial Ponzi schemer and career impostor," says the suit.

Investors tell Dreher that La China hasn't been seen at the Club for many months. His lawyer, Steve Wilhelm, says in a statement that La China "vehemently denies the allegations" by investors, will "vigorously defend" the suit, and may pursue a crosscomplaint against those who filed it.

Ponzi has found its way to other corners of Southern California. In February, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a complaint against James Duncan, Hendrix Montecastro, and Maurice McLeod and their firms for a fraud based largely in Murrieta but with fingers reaching throughout Southern California, including San Diego. At piety-dripping seminars, the promoters recruited investors to get in on the housing boom by speculating on homes. They would be paid annual returns of 13 to 19

But, says the commission, "they operated a Ponzi-like scheme by using money from new investors to make mortgage payments on previously purchased investment homes." To do so, says the commission, they falsified loan applications. The scheme unraveled, leaving 75 investors short of \$10 million. Some were forced into foreclosures and bankruptcy.

This one was also an affinity-group scam. The three fast-buck artists would prey on Filipinos and members of the military, according to the commission. In selling the program, McLeod would talk about "God's will" but never mention that he had been convicted of fraud and burglary in 1998. Nor did Duncan disclose that he had been

punished for violating securities laws in three states.

Carlsbad attorney Paul Runes, who represents one of the firms, won't comment.

#### Meter reader

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cease and desist order against the utility for alleged overestimation of customers' bills, requesting restitution to customers who overpaid their bills without just cause. The company fought the charge, but eventually the two sides

The utility had been estimating bills for more than 6 customers per 1000. It agreed to reduce the estimates to 5 per 1000 over a three-year period. The company never confessed it was overestimating bills but admitted that it was "overrelying on estimates," according to com-

pany spokesperson Rachel Laing.

"Sometimes in areas that are inaccessible, the meter readers will skip reading the meter," says Michael Shames, head of the Utility Consumers' Action Network. "In 2000 and 2001, we had evidence of people's bills being estimated — meter readers not doing their job. They were giving meter readers too many meters to read," handing the company the opportunity to make excessive estimations. Now that the matter has been settled, "the complaints about meter estimations or misreads have gone down quite a bit."

Now, with the advent of high-tech meters that can be read remotely and can also communicate with so-called smart appliances and thermostats, "Everybody's happy," says Laing. Yeah, until complaints start coming in. ■

#### **Micropub** panic

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Beer makers and hop suppliers say that in two to three years the young vines now being planted will bear their first sizeable crops, bringing an end to the shortage. Wholesale prices should then drop, and brewing an Imperial India Pale Ale will no longer require months of planning and logistical considerations. But Yuseff Cherney of Ballast Point, like many of his craft-brewing peers, worries that uncommon hop varieties could vanish.

"If we wind up with just a few varieties of hops, then a lot of beers are going to taste remarkably similar. Craft beer in the beginning was all about different guys making different things. That diversity was what made this business so interesting, and we're looking at losing all that." ■





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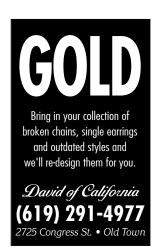
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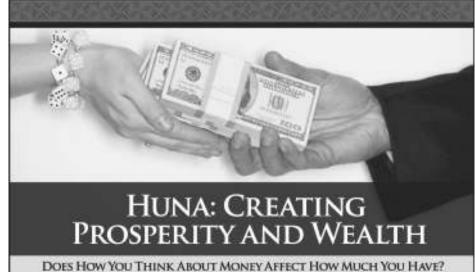
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#### **Welcome Mat**

This is regarding the article "Great for Everybody" ("City Lights," March 20).

When we elected Cheryl Cox as mayor, we unfortunately invited in outsiders whose goal is to control Chula Vista. The Lincoln Club, Jim Pieri, Tom Shepard, and now David Malcolm. Can Steve Peace be far behind? How do we get our city back?

Susan Watry Chula Vista

#### **Bring In The Goons**

Thank Susan for connecting the dots for the general public on bayfront development ("Great for Everybody," "City Lights," March 20)! Please let me know when you folks will drop the hammer on Imperial Beach political machinery loyal to the Coxes!

I recently did a story on *SaveIB.com* about conflicts on council votes within 500 feet of a financial interest. Love to see IB get roasted for that or for the new eminent domain ordinance

passed last night. It probably should have been a referendum item on the ballot, since the council voted to give power to themselves, acting as the redevelopment agency. The chamber of commerce did not stand up against the new ordinance, which will go after prime business properties and any residence they can vacate with code-enforcement goons!

The people of IB are at fault for not caring enough to forgo *South Park* episodes on Wednesday night to go to city council meetings. People who own property in IB are more screwed than ever!

Ed Kravitz Via email

#### Where's Dubya's Thinking Cap?

Thanks for publishing Don Bauder's analysis of our disintegrating dollar ("Why Plummeting Dollar Hurts You," "City Lights," March 20). It reminds us that the Federal Reserve is the source of inflation as well as economic depressions. But it also may help to remind readers that outof-control federal spending by Dubya and his enablers in Congress is the root cause of Federal Reserve chairman Bernanke's decision to debase our currency by lowering the prime interest rate.

When our president, who vaporized his brain many moons ago with cocaine and alcohol, decided to invade Afghanistan and Iraq, he forgot that Daddy wasn't go-

used to. Furthermore, since he knew that Americans typically wish to avoid facing reality whenever possible, he chose not to tax us to pay for his murderous military adventures. So what's a frat boy to do? Someone has to pick up the tab. So he borrows the money, billions and billions. That's why the Chinese government is one of our biggest creditors. But because Dubya never put on his thinking cap, he forgot what happens when you suck billions of dollars out of capital markets. There is far less money to lend to people looking for loans or a chance to refinance those bloated mortgages taken out when greed got the best of them during the real estate bubble. In other words, because Dubya and his supporters embarked on an immoral rampage, many borrowers are now paying a high price. But the people who purchased overpriced real estate are not the only ones who will ultimately pay the price for our government's wrongdoing. All of us will. And I'm not talking about the inevitable blowbackterrorism that our foreign policy will trigger. I'm talking about prices rising every time we shop for food and gasoline. It's called inflation, and this is how it works.

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Once Dubya had dried up credit markets with his spending binge on soldiers and rich contracts to Halliburton, Blackwater, and

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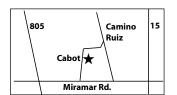
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spends five hours a day in front of his computer playing Thrill Kill. Those people are nothing like your V-8 outboard motor comrades. Those people are crazy.

Which brings us to mountain unicycling.

Some people love to climb on a unicycle, find it especially gratifying since unicycles have no brakes or gears, and then unicycle down mountain trails, dropping off embankments, cruising forest lowlands, crossing wide streams on

fallen trees, bouncing boulder to boulder on top of mountain bluffs. Those people are crazy.

To see if you agree, one of the nation's oldest unicycle meets is happening this weekend, March 28 through March 30, in the not-toodistant city of Moab, Utah. Introducing, dear reader, the 2008 Moab Mountain Unicycling Festival (moabmunifest.com).

I have the festival's organizer, Rolf Thompson, on the phone. "I see this is the ninth year of your festival. How did it start?'

"Well, I started it," Thompson says. "I figured out that riding on unicycles with big fat tires was fun. Mountain biking got big as soon as they put big tires on bikes and went off-trail. It took a lot longer for unicycles. Ten, twelve years ago there wasn't equipment that could hold big fat tires on unicycles, so we made it ourselves.'

Thompson, 51, is an electrical engineer, lives with wife and six kids in the Salt Lake City metroplex bog.

"I was going down to Moab anyway, riding my bike. One time I took the unicycle and had a lot of fun. I got on the Internet and started telling people about it and invited them to come. That's how [the Moab festival] started."

I say, "You were a pioneer."

"Yeah, that was right in the beginning. I came across a group of guys centered in the Silicon Valley — San Francisco, Santa Cruz area. They were pushing it. They were getting into ruggedized, mountain-type unicycles. They were welding frames that had forks fat enough to accommodate big tires. They were researching which companies might be able to make stronger hubs, stronger cranks. We break cranks like crazy coming off high drops."

"What year was this?"

"Nineteen ninety-nine. A lot of the features that are in unicycles now were developed by those core guys and a lot of those people come to Moab fest. One year, I counted ten of those guys. This guy had done work on the hubs, that guy had done work on handles, this guy had done work on the seat.

> Sounds like a good time. "When I was watching unicycle videos I was struck by a couple things. First, this must be hard on the testicles. Is it as

> Thompson laughs loud. "It's not a problem. People have been nailed, but that can happen on a bike, that can happen on anything

> "And I was surprised how slow the ride is.'

> "We're not going all that fast, and it's not as

dangerous because of that. It's not like you're going to be splayed out going down a hill at 23

I say, "There's a unicycle meet in San Diego in October. And there's a 100-mile race in Northern California. Is there a circuit to mountain unicycling?"

'Not so much a circuit, but different people in different cities are trying to organize things. You can pretty much count on California having a MUni [mountain unicycling] weekend every year. San Diego is talking about having road-type rides. On 36-inch wheels. You can go fast on those.'

Make it so. "Have you ever gotten to a spot, other riders are making a jump, and you say to yourself, 'That's too crazy for me.'?"

"Oh, yeah. I watched Kris Holm, he's probably the most famous unicyclist, go down through two major sets of buttes," Thompson laughs. "Huge drops. The whole thing was 40 feet downhill."

"Is there an urban equivalent?"

"The younger generation would rather go to a skate park, go to the university, or ride around

Time to go. "Any advice for San Diegans thinking about making the trip?"

Thompson says, "Be prepared to be

#### "I figured out that riding on unicycles with big fat tires was fun.'

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Founded locally: 1996 Senior pastor: İrma Forward Congregation size: 75–100 Staff size: 2

Sunday school enrollment: about 8

Annual budget: n/a Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: no

Dress: semicasual to semiformal Diversity: mostly Caucasian Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes Website: lightoflifechurch.org

"Allow yourself to simply be one with the service," read one of the suggestions in the program for the Good Friday Taizé Service at Light of Life Church. But there's nothing like

a nagging cough to remove a person from being "at one" with anything aspiring to meditative silence. So I was indebted to the kind woman in front of me who, with perfect sweetness and not a trace of irritation, gave me first a cup of water and then a throat lozenge.

Just under 20 of us gathered in the cool blue room, rows of chairs radiating out in a quarter circle from the corner with the platform and the pulpit. The quasi-abstract "angel art" paintings hung on the wall behind us; stands of indoor greenery and a banner reading "Love Light Life" provided up-front decor.

The text for the evening's meditations came from the March issue of Science of Mind: A Guide for Spiritual Living - an article on "The Seven Last Words of Jesus," by Mark Anthony Lord. From the article: "It's recorded in the Bible that while

'dying' on the cross, Jesus said 'seven last words'" that "offer a brilliant blueprint for personal transformation." Four congregants took turns reading at the pulpit.

'Forgiveness: 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' Forgiveness sets us free so that we may ascend, baggage-free, into a higher, lighter, and more fulfilling way of

being..."
"One: Woman, behold your son; behold your mother.' We can only awaken our spiritual power and evolution when we release ourselves from the roles of biological family, husband, wife.... This statement invites us to 'behold' all people as our family....'

Truth: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' Denying feelings of being forsaken will create conflicting energy, which separates you from the possibility of feeling God in the midst of your transformation....

"Surrender: 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' To be used by God, with no attachment to the form that it takes - this is the ultimate freedom....'

Some readings gave way immediately to others. Some were followed by silent reflection. Several were followed by songs, simple and repetitive in the Taizé fashion. "The heart of the world beats in my own/ The light of world shines through me.... I am the heart of the world."

Pastor Irma Forward solicited prayers from the congregation. After each, she led everyone in singing, "Your prayer is my prayer, too." People prayed for abundance, for world peace, for the safety and happiness of children. "I'd just like to say a prayer for the upcoming presidential election — that everyone does this in their highest consciousness. And whoever wins, that it brings happiness and prosperity and joy for our country." For cheaper gas — that one got a sympathetic laugh. Last, an old-timer from the back prayed for the church's choir, "that it make a joyous sound for all!"

Forward invited us "to be in the silence and to be in touch with the very deepest level of your soul and know that

prayer is answered. And it is answered according to the highest and the best good for all concerned, the highest good...."

Congregants then stepped forward to a table set up in front, which bore an aluminum roasting tray filled with pebbly sand. They took slender white candles, lighted them from a larger candle, and placed them in the sand, announcing which of the aforementioned attributes most connected with them. "I'll start off," said Forward. "The word for me is 'Surrender.' Total surrender to spirit." Others followed as the cantor sang, "You are a bless-

ing to the world." "Yes, yes, yes," affirmed Forward at song's end. "Let's just kind of revel in that awareness right now... just be still in the knowledge that we are, each one of us individually, a blessing to the world.

And that, ultimately, connects us to the whole."

"You should come on a Sunday," said one woman as we left the service. "Our music minister is Daniel Hendrick — he used to sing at Lincoln Center. And you need to hear Irma preach; you need to hear her get us going."

What happens when we die?

"We feel that the soul is released from the body," said Forward, "because the body, as our founder Ernest Holmes says, is no longer a useful vehicle with which the soul is able to manifest and express itself. So the soul moves on to some of those other mansions Jesus talks about — 'In my Father's house, there are many mansions....' We are not tied to a 'heaven and hell' state; we believe that heaven and hell exist right now, depending on the choices that you make. After this life, we just move on to a greater expression; we don't know what it's like because we're not there."

— Matthew Lickona

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#### **Light of Life Church** Rancho Bernardo

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-EVE KELLY

Spring is here and pal Bernice has soccer on the brain. A layer of dust has descended on her cleats in the closet. Her shoe size is a higher number, as is her jersey size; it's been a long time since she patrolled a goal box. "I'm getting back in the game," she announced to me last week, "and I need all new equipment," she

added. Well, the gal's birthday is a week away. Need I say more?

Amy Arrizon
was just the person I needed. She's
a sales clerk at Soccer Nation (760758-1179) in Vista
and a goalie. "I can tell
you my favorites," Arri-

zon continued. "I wear a Reusch jersey, a German brand. I love the way it fits, especially for a woman. It's not too tight and it has air holes so you can breathe in it."

As for padding, "there is some on the elbows, but the padding is really thin, so it doesn't really protect that much. The long-sleeved jersey style itself will give you some protection when you are sliding or slipping. I buy the extra padding for \$15 more, so that I get the full-padded elbow pad. It's kind of like what skateboarders wear; you just slip on the extra padding on the inside or outside of the jersey. That has prevented a lot of bruises and pain."

For shorts, Arrizon prefers
Reusch as well. "They're comfortable
and none of the other brands have that
same breathing style. So when it gets hot,
you are not sweating like a dog. There is some
padding on the sides. A lot of girls don't
like the side padding because it makes them
look bigger. I buy the kneepads and I try
to cover my knees because that's mainly
where I fall. The pants have a thin layer of
padding on the side; they can have it on the
top by the thigh and then mainly on the knee.

"For the goalie gloves, which is the important thing, I wear the Diadora brand gloves made in Italy. Diadora still takes the time to actually know what the player needs: they have an excellent grip

and are very well stitched. They have that European quality to them. Some gloves have what is called 'finger-save,' which prevents your fingers from twisting and breaking. There are some gloves that come with the fingersave and you can barely move you.

you can barely move your hands. But Diadoras have really good flexing. The palm will have the grip, so when you grab the ball, it is going to stick to the ball. The gloves run anywhere from \$35 up to \$109, but I wear the \$75 pair. They will last two to three seasons."

What about the fit of the glove?

"The gloves should be snug," Arrizon said. "Some people think the bigger the glove, the bigger hand you have. But that is a completely bogus idea because every time you try to save a ball, if you don't have

"There are some gloves that come with the fingersave and you can barely move your hands."

your finger in that space, the ball will just fly through it. The gloves need to be snug so you can feel the ball."

Are back-up gloves recommended?
"I know a lot of guys that want a backup pair to practice with, but it is not necessary."

For shin guards, "it just depends how much a person wants to spend. I wear \$5 to \$10 shin guards. You can buy the expensive Nike shin guards and you're going to get the same outcome as wearing the cheaper Joma shin guards. During the game, if someone hits you on the side, they are going to hit you on the side. There is no shin guard that goes around your whole leg." For the fit, "they should fit about three inches below the knee because you want to

be able to flex your knee. If the shin guard is too long, then you're not going to be able to move."

And for cleats, "I tell goalies they need to buy a comfortable pair of cleats because they are going to be squatting a lot. People want to go for the nice looking high cleats, but when you are a goalie, you are going to notice you need something comfortable. So I go not too high on

my cleats. I got some more soccer tidbits from Adam Jacobs, retail manager at Soccer Fanatic in Serra Mesa (858-715-6800). Gloves are supposed to have just a little bit of space so that the fingers don't pop out of the tips, he explained. "You just want to leave a little bit of room. The purpose of the gloves is for protection but more so for grip. As you go up the line with price, they give a little bit higher quality material as far as the grip goes. The glove grips the ball a little better; it is a little softer. It's suggested to have a game pair and a practice pair because goalie gloves will wear through pretty fast, depending on the

kind of player and how often they play."

The fingersave gloves "have a spine in the fingers to prevent them from bending backwards. A lot of people like the extra protection, but some people think it is a little cumbersome. Goalies who have dislocated or broken fingers usually swear by them, but other goalies won't use them because they want

more mobility with their fingers."

As for cleats, "I have heard from some keepers that they wear a bladed cleat, which allows a little more lateral movement. But mainly it is personal preference."

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#### **Shore Stop**

Fishing is boring, unless you catch an actual fish, and then it is disgusting.

— Dave Barry

he way my friend Jen tells it, her boyfriend Rob arrived home from work an hour before sunset on Friday evening, fishing pole in hand, and said, "I'm going to catch us some dinner, wanna come along?" I got the call from Jen as she was loading the car in front of her Clairemont home. Jen told me that she, Rob, and their neighbor Mike were heading to La Jolla Shores, and then she casually tossed in a polite, "You can join us if you like."

"Wait, let me get this straight," I said. "You're driv-

Exactly what was
being protected, I
don't know, but
the popular guess
was some rare
species of fly.

ing to La Jolla? To try to catch a fish? Because you want to *eat* it? Rob just came home from work and was, like, 'Let's go catch dinner?' That's the weirdest freakin' thing I've heard all week. Hell, yeah, I want to come." Worried the sun would set before I could witness Rob's demonstration of the food chain in action, I yelled to David,

"Put on your shoes, beh beh, we're going out!" as I rushed upstairs for a jacket. Ever amenable to my continuous whims, David was at the door and ready for adventure by the time I bounded back down the stairs.

The sun was low on the horizon when David and I pulled up at Kellogg Park. It wasn't until we reached a small set of cement steps leading away from the sidewalk that it occurred to me that I would have to walk on the sand. It was too cold to remove my shoes and socks, so I grabbed my pants at the knee, hiked them up, and tiptoed gingerly across the soft earth.

The beach is not my scene. The thought of swimming in unchlorinated

water gives me the willies. I'm convinced parasitic microorganisms will find a way to enter my body, and who knows what kind of creatures might brush against me in those cold, dark, wild waters. I don't sunbathe, a pointless pastime that not only increases my risk of skin cancer, but also gives me a raging headache. And then there's the sand. A night at Guantanamo would be like lunching at Nordstrom's compared to the excruciating torment of the sand granules that glue themselves to my skin to chafe, abrade, and irritate.

As I inched my way closer to my friends, I made the mistake of checking out my toes. At first glance, I thought the sand was black, but when it began to undulate, I realized I was looking at flies — billions of them. I had been breathing through my mouth to avoid inhaling the putrid, salty smell of rotting kelp; but the moment I noticed the flies, I clamped it shut and suffered the stench, which was preferable to tempting pests with an open mouth. Still holding my pants as high as I could and taking slow, I-hope-sand-doesn't-get-into-myshoes steps, I finally came to where Jen and Mike stood. Rob was several feet away in the wet sand, a silhouette against the sunset.

"Has he caught anything?" I asked.
"Only kelp," Jen answered. Mike
extended his arm and offered me a clear
plastic container filled with some kind of
white-wine-and-ice-cube concoction. I

declined, and Jen continued, "We have MasterCard as a back-up." David walked closer to the water to chat with Rob, who joked about being a vegetarian and fishing for salad.

"What's with all these flies? Something die over here?" I said.

Jen gestured toward a woman and young girl playing in the sand closer to the sidewalk. "That lady and her daughter are visiting from Texas," she explained. "When we got here, she walked up to me and asked, 'Are all the beaches in San Diego this filthy? This is La Jolla, the resort town, right? Where I'm from, people clean up the kelp every morning on the beaches.' I hadn't noticed before, but when she mentioned it, I looked down and saw all the trash and the kelp and the flies."

"Yeah? I wouldn't know," I said. Jen and I joined David and Rob by the water, our feet making sucking noises. The only thing worse than sand is wet sand. Rob drew the long fishing pole back like a golfer

and swung toward the water.
"You should try this," Jen said to me.
"Yeah, no, I think I'll pass."

"It's fun, come on, I'll show you."

"I'm just not into it," I said. "What if I throw that thing and accidentally hook a bird? Or a person? Not cool."

"I'm not letting you leave until you try." Jen seemed as stubborn as her red hair implied.



"Fine," I relented. "But I'm not going as close to the water as Rob is. I don't think I could deal if my feet got wet."

Jen and Rob shared a look, the look of two outdoorsy people who don't mind getting dirty; when confronted by someone like me — a person who prefers things more "sterile," one for whom grime is the stuff of nightmares — all they can do is shrug their shoulders.

"Didn't you tell me you had fun that time you went fishing with your dad?" Jen asked as she handed me the pole.

"Yeah, but that was on one of those half-day boats, so I didn't have to stand in wet sand."

Jen rolled her eyes and gave me a brief lesson in surfcasting. I raised the pole over my shoulder and gave it a good throw, letting my thumb off the line as I did so. The uni-pasteslathered lure landed in the shallowest part of the surf a few feet in front of me. I reeled it in, a laborious task, and found that I had caught a giant cluster of kelp. "I'm sorry, I can't touch it," I said. "When I caught a fish while out





with my dad, other people took it off the hook for

"That wasn't fishing, Barb," David cut in. "Fishing without touching water or fish is more like some video game."

The honk of a horn sounded behind us and our heads flipped around to find a lifeguard getting out of his truck. Rob, wearing his fishing license around his neck, ran over

to greet the man. "Is it okay to fish here?" I asked

"I didn't see a No Fishing sign among all the other 'No' signs," she replied. Mike pulled the kelp from the hook while the rest of us watched Rob laugh with the lifeguard and then raise a pair of binoculars to look in the direction the guard's finger was pointing. I turned my eyes to the shore,

where sandpipers were hopping along and probing the wet sand with their long pointy beaks. I followed after them for a few minutes, pretending I was reporting live for Animal Planet. Golden peach- and rose-colored light glinted off the waves as the sun dipped into the ocean. I watched the colors shifting in the sky and the iridescent twinkling of the water, and for a moment,

forgot about the smell, the flies, and the sand, and inhaled deeply.

Rob returned and explained that apparently we were standing in a protected area (exactly what was being protected, I don't know, but the popular guess was some rare species of fly). The lifeguard had admitted the signage was poor with regard to the No Fishing rule. Under all the red

"No" signs was fine print on a small black-andwhite posting that, half-atiny paragraph down, said something like, "The taking or possession of sea life or artifacts is prohibited." Nothing about fishing specifically, which was how everyone had missed it in the first place.

"So," I said, trying to suppress my smirk. "Where do you want to eat?" ■

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## Chivalry is not dead. Neither are knot tying, handwriting, and blacksmithing

eemingly everything has been called a "lost art."

Spelling, conversation, keeping a secret, note taking,
listening, and even (why not?) hollering. One string of
online text even refers to the lost art of blogging.

What constitutes a lost art?

Is it a talent that was once universal but has now grown outmoded and become the practice of specialists? Such as knot tying?

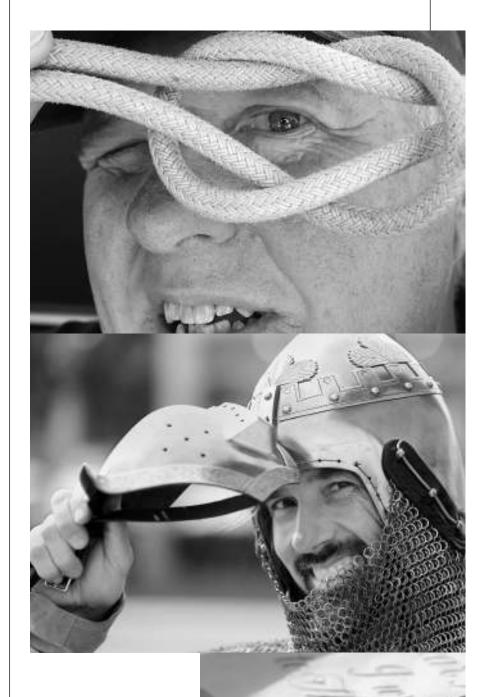
Or is a lost art an activity that Dad used to teach his son or Mom passed down to her daughter but now no moms or dads have time to teach anymore? Such as etiquette?

Is a lost art a capability that has been marginalized by technology, such as wilderness navigation (by GPS and MapQuest) or calligraphy (by the printing press)?

And think about this.

How many millers, tanners, smiths, or coopers do you know? Not people named Miller, Tanner, Smith, or Cooper. Instead, the lowercased practitioners of bygone trades: millers of wheat, tanners of leather, smiths of iron, and makers of barrels. Have you ever met anyone who knows how to mill or tan or smith or coop?

And what ever happened to the art of chivalry? Did it really die?



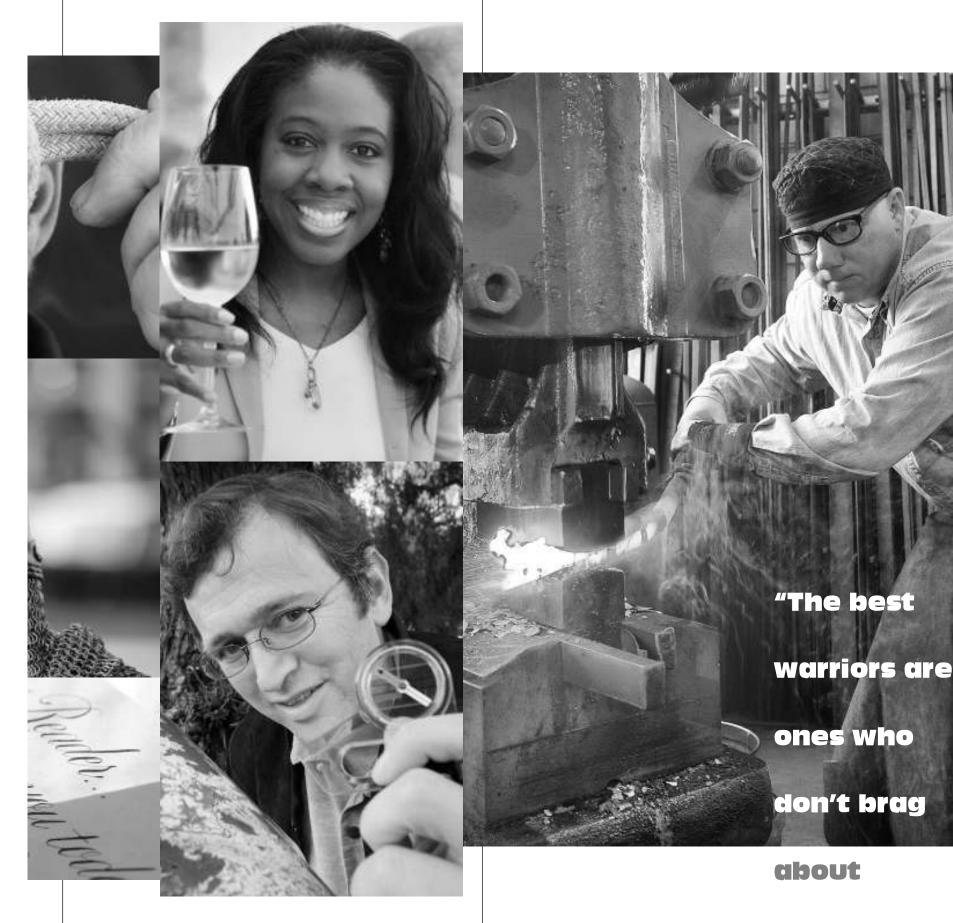
#### **Chivalry Isn't Dead**

A girl on a red bicycle comes to the intersection of Gresham and Garnet in Pacific Beach. Midday traffic clogs the streets. A man in a white car slows down

and stops and extends his hand. He smiles and motions for the girl on the red bicycle to go first.

"People have this perception that chivalry was lost in the past," Scott Farrell says, speeding back up in his Honda Accord after the girl has ridden across. "Or that it doesn't have anything to do with us today. Or it's kind of absurd. So I came up with this notion of putting together an educational program that looked at the ideals of chivalry, both in their authentic sense, as a warrior's code, and to look at how that warrior's code still kind of affects us today. It still really shapes our image of what a hero is and how someone acts who has a sense of duty and responsibility."





Farrell works as a writer, educator, and actor. He's been involved in historical reenactment groups, Renaissance fairs, Shakespeare festivals, and medieval tournaments for nearly 30 years. For one of his main educational jobs, he puts on a full suit of medieval armor and visits schools to demonstrate a bygone time and talk about history.

Chivalry, according to Farrell, is the understanding that somebody with a greater sense of power, authority, and strength has a greater responsibility. And what that means is, you don't

use your power to impress people or to enrich yourself, but you use it to make the world a better place.

"At the core of chivalry," Farrell explains, "is the need to get away from the sense that one is the center of the world and, in everyday interactions, to look at ways to find a place to help somebody out. Even if it's just to open a door or carry a package or stand when somebody enters the room. Those little acts of courtesy are a way to break out of that mentality of thinking that

themselves."

you're the center of the universe. And so there is a sense of 'I am the strongest kid on the block,' but chivalry teaches that it puts a greater responsibility on the strong person to be careful, to be fair, to be honest, to be just. And in today's world - and this is why chivalry seems dead, as they say - we kind of almost have developed the reverse of chivalry: the stronger you are, the less the rules, the less you should have to worry about the rules, the more you can bluster through the world and do what you want. But that's really a recipe for anarchy, on some level."

Farrell has distilled the code of chivalry into seven knightly virtues: courage, justice, generosity, mercy, nobility, faith, and hope.

"Whereas many of us think of chivalry in the sense of opening the door for a lady or putting your coat down over a puddle," he goes on, "I find it much more appropriate to consider chivalry in terms of how you treat other people in traffic, for instance. Do you go through traffic and cut people off and think you have a right to be rude and create dangerous situations? Or do you realize that you're not the most important person on the road and other people have to get places too? That's a much more contemporary way of seeing chivalry being applied today, rather than looking for the manners of 50 years ago in today's world."

Where will we find examples of chivalry in today's world?

"I think the environmental movement these days is bounded on our sense of chivalry, our sense of protecting those that cannot protect themselves," Farrell says. "Well, the planet cannot

protect itself. And so, our sense of sacrifice is kind of born in that sense of chivalry."

He thinks a moment. "A lawyer that does pro bono work is chivalrous," he says. "A teacher that stays after school to help the

medieval knight to shame. And we think nothing about blazing down a little residential street at 50 miles per hour."

As Farrell talks, it's clear that he's focused on his road courtesy. He drives about five miles

"But when it came to rope, sailors really knew their business."

students."

And then Farrell taps the steering wheel of his Honda.

"Behind the wheel of a car, someone's real character really comes out," he says. "And we don't think about it, but we get behind the wheel of a car, and we're driving a weapon that puts most of the weapons of a

per hour under the speed limit, doesn't change lanes without a blinker, and doesn't get mad when he gets cut off.

It may be a fanciful connection, but the car is the modern horse, and the word "chivalry" comes from the word for "horse."

"Chivalry isn't dead," Farrell asserts. "I don't recognize anymore what chivalry is. And I think that people who say that chivalry is dead are looking for a chivalry that would have been appropriate in our grandparents' day, but they don't recognize how essential these ideals of chivalry still are in our world. I think we still expect chivalry out of our heroes and our role models, and we're pretty disappointed when we find that they don't have it. You know, we could talk about everything from Enron to Michael Vick and how disillusioned those situations make us."

think that people just

Farrell thinks a great place to see chivalry in action (or in inaction, as it were) is at an informal sporting event.

So he drives toward the Pacific Beach Recreation Center, where athletes gather for pickup basketball.

Inside the Rec Center, 10 to 15 men black, white, tall, short, youthful, aging — are dribbling and shooting and going through the process of picking teams for the first game of the afternoon.

"One aspect of chivalry, certainly, in the Middle Ages, knights in armor were a pretty competitive lot," Farrell says, motioning with his slender hands as he talks. "And they loved competing with each other. But they respected what they would have called prowess. A sense of excellence and skill at arms. And for them, somebody could be a respected warrior and worthy of praise, even if they were on the other army, the other team, even if they were an enemy. And so in today's world, when we see a competitive situation, an attitude of chivalry is when somebody compliments a

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player on the other team. They recognize that the best competition brings out the best in you."

Farrell elaborates on this idea. "The medieval knights made games out of warfare in order to inculcate these ideals of chivalry in an aggressive, fast-moving, combative arena where it was difficult. I mean, sure, it's easy to be chivalrous when you're sitting at court with the ladies, sipping a cool drink and having a conversation."

Eventually, one of the basketball players drives to the hoop and scores and lets out a yawp of self-satisfaction, smiling and sticking out his tongue as he runs back down the court.

"The best warriors are ones who don't brag about themselves," Farrell says, chidingly. "As Geoffroi de Charny, a 14th-century French knight, says, 'If you live your life right, other people will talk about you. It's not your job to talk about yourself."

Farrell has read dozens of old chivalry books, and he has a dream of writing and publishing a book about modern chivalry someday, but he's finding that publishers aren't interested in the subject.

"We can say that chivalry is dead and bemoan the fact that not everyone is an honorable competitor, but that's just human nature," Farrell says. "The fact that they had to write books about chivalry back in the Middle Ages indicates that not everybody was chivalrous back then either."

#### **Tied Up in Knots**

"For the real history of knot tying," Darrell

McNurlan says, "you have to look at sailing."

McNurlan's sitting on the Blue Note, a 48foot sailboat in the Harbor Island marina. Waves lap, and sun glints off the harbor water. The only sound besides wind in your ears is the intermittent clank of rigging as boats loll in the water.

McNurlan, 53, is ex-Navy. He used to work on submarines. He teaches classes in traditional sailing and knot tying through Harbor Sailboats on Harbor Island. He also markets a

DVD called *Basic Knot* Tying that runs on PC or Mac. It comes with a two-foot length of rope and teaches the "eight knots that every sailor needs to know." McNurlan's been sailing since 1979.

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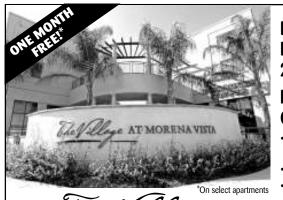








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days," he says, with his gruff and friendly voice, "you'd go out to sea for a whole year, or two years, and you had your basic knots that you actually used for work. And then, in your idle time, you kind of created fancy stuff to decorate your needle cases and your seabags. But almost every knot the sailor ties is useful. Even when it's decorative, it's got to have some kind of use. For instance, on sailing boats, they have a binnacle. That's where the compass is, and the wheel's attached to it, and they have a stainlesssteel grab rail that kind of goes over. That's a handhold, so if the boat starts to rock or shift, you grab ahold of that. Well, stainless steel gets wet and slippery. So I do decorative rope work on top of that, so when

somebody grabs it, they

get a firm grip. So even

though it's decorative, it's got to be useful."

He gives another example.

"Most able-bodied seamen would have a ditty bag," McNurlan says, "and the ditty bag was pretty much like their résumé. Because, they'd take an old piece of canvas, and they'd stitch it. So the flat seams and round seams that they'd put this thing together with are the same skills they need to repair sail. And they'd stitch and seam these grommets in there and tie these fancy knots with the ropes at the top, and it was like a way of showing what they could do when they'd go on a new ship, like a résumé."

McNurlan wears jeans and an International Guild of Knot Tyers T-shirt and looks right at home in a baseball cap and sunglasses and sandals. In fact, he

lives on a boat: a 33-foot Cheoy Lee clipper in a Chula Vista marina. Today, onboard the Blue *Note*, his graying hair blows out from under his hat in the bay breeze.

"There are so many knots," McNurlan says, emphasizing the "so." He mentions a book that lists over 2000 of them. "A lot of knots are just variations on a theme," he says. "But then a lot of them are just very unique knots."

What are the basic knots that any knot tyer should know?

"For today's sailing," McNurlan begins, "there's about five or six basic knots that they use on a sailboat or even on a power boat. For example, one of the things sailors do for a temporary eye is tie a bowline." And as he speaks, he demonstrates. "So you take the bitter end and you tie it over the top. This is the bitter

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end down here. This is the working end. And you put a little loop in here. And you can use an old sailor analogy. The rabbit comes out of the hole, around the tree, and back into the hole." He makes three motions with the rope as he says this, and in about three seconds, he's made a bowline (pronounced BO-lin). "It doesn't slip, and you can change its size."

McNurlan has taken a length of rope and made it into something else. It looks like sleight of hand. Like an illusion. It looks like magic.

"They say, on a sailing ship, you have to be able to do it in the dark upside down."

And then, just as quickly as he tied the bowline, he unties it.

"That's the thing about knots is you have to be able to untie them," he says. "So you see this little piece going over the top here, you just roll that over, and it opens the whole thing up and loosens it. So no matter how tight it gets, you can keep working it loose and untie the knot.

"This is an overhand knot," he says, starting to tie again. "This is the one that people usually throw into a line when they want to put a knot in the end of it." He ties the knot in a flash. "Then you just take an extra twist in it, and come out, and it becomes a figure-eight knot." Another

flash, another knot. "And then, even when this one gets real tight, you've still got that little loop that you can roll back and be able to untie it." Another flash, and the knot's untied.

"There's also the cleat hitch," McNurlan says, tying another knot.

"Besides your other knots, you've got hitches and bends," he says. "So if you're tying the rope to some other object, then it's called a hitch. Like you're hitching up your horse. And bends are tying two ropes together."

It's impossible not to notice McNurlan's hands. Thick, short fingers, abundant calluses, a map of wrinkles, big knuckles — so much character in those hands.

"This is a reef knot, which laymen call a square knot," McNurlan begins another demonstration, holding his strand of rope between his hands. "A reef knot is,













when the winds get too strong, you reef your sail. You reduce your sail area by lowering the sail down and tying off a certain lower section of it, and you reset it so you can handle a higher wind without overpowering the boat. So they have lines that come out of the sail that you tie around the gathered material. And that's called reefing. You tie reef knots in the reef lines. And it's right over left, left over right, and you have the reef knot."

Although the rest of us might think of knot tying as a lost art, McNurlan says that the real lost art is decorative knot tying. "Sailors still use all these practical knots every day," McNurlan says. "But very few people remember how to tie the decorative knots anymore."

McNurlan shows off an elaborate piece of weaving that he's done. "One of the more difficult knots to tie is a star knot," he says, holding his own star knot in his hand. "It's just the way it's weaved. It comes back and turns and goes about maybe ten different directions at once. So once you get it all tied, then you have to work all the way through. A lot of the time, with knots, especially the decorative ones, you tie it loose, and then once you get it to where the knot's tied, then you have to go back through and tighten it up and cinch it down."

A finished Turk's head looks like a bunch of Princess Leia hairdos clustered in a ball.

"Knots are being developed all the time," McNurlan says, although he's never developed a the end, and this guy figured out a way to tie a rope around a tapered object that will not slide to the point. Which is a very tricky thing to do. And I had someone show it to me, but I

Kung fu weapons, belt buckles, railings, fire screens, and decorative sculptures.

knot of his own. "People are still looking for ways to deal with rope. And the one fascinating one that's just come about recently is called an icicle knot. Now, an icicle tapers to a point down at

haven't learned how to do it."

McNurlan estimates that he can tie 15 or 20 different knots off the top of his head. Otherwise, he says he could use diagrams and be able to tie just about any knot there is.

"So, like I say, sailors couldn't read and they couldn't write,"
McNurlan says, smiling.
"But when it came to rope, they really knew their business."

#### **Does Anyone Write** by Hand Anymore?

"When you're in there trying to make that perfect *e*, you can't be worrying about Iraq or whether the bills are going to get paid," Susan Hull says. She speaks quietly and slowly and has a slow quietness about her. "If you want that *e* to be correct, you've got to be sure that that stroke is correct. And you've got to be sure that when you get that

gathering together — when you get those strokes meeting — if they don't meet perfectly, then it's not pretty. It's not calligraphy, by definition. And even if your strokes always meet, if the lines wiggle and waggle along the way, then it's not good. It's not calligraphy."

Hull, who is the proprietor of Ladybug Art Calligraphy Studio in Kensington, defines calligraphy as the art of beautiful handwriting.

"If your handwriting is beautiful," she says, simply, "then you're a calligraphist." (She prefers the word "calligraphist" instead of "calligrapher." Both words are correct.)

But as they say, isn't



















beauty in the eye of the beholder?

"Quite so," she agrees.

So one person's calligraphy could be another person's scrawl?

"Exactly so," Hull says, and her eves twinkle from behind her rectangular glasses.

"But," she says, qualifying herself, "this really is an art form. It's about the consistency and the feel. And the eye reads the white space: you don't read the black letter, you read the white space around it. So the

less you muddy up that white space, the cleaner you keep that alphabet, the more beautiful and elegant it's going to be."

Why not use a computer to get perfectly beautiful writing?

"That's what makes calligraphy so appealing, in my opinion," Hull says. "It reflects the warmth of the human hand because it's imperfect."

Actually, isn't the modern computer the mortal enemy of good, old-fashioned calligraphy?

"Yes," Hull agrees. "The computer has set calligraphy back tremendously. We lost, I'd say, 80 percent of our business when the computer really became commonplace. We have lost most of the certificate business. Only people who really care about what message they're giving to the recipient will do the calligraphy."

Her face is relaxed. Her body is relaxed. There is nothing about Susan Hull that isn't perfectly relaxed as she leans forward in her secretary's chair and focuses on the white piece of paper in front of her. An unusuallooking pen is poised in her right hand.

Classical music soars in the background. Hull concentrates. Her arm flows in little circles, hovering over the page in front of her. She's writing showy letters and using her entire arm to enact most of the strokes. At this moment, she looks a lot like a transcribing monk or some kind of specialist in a kung fu movie scripting Chinese characters. The only



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sound besides the woodwinds and strings is the lush dragging of that strange pen across the white paper on the desk in front of her.

After writing a few more lines of beautiful text, Hull sits back and lifts her pen.

> That pen. It looks like an alien

machine or little spaceship. It looks as though it's supposed to do something other than just write. There's an oblique hinge or jog or joint, where the shaft turns up before the tip comes down.

And what are these crazy-shaped calligraphy pens called?

"This is a pen," Hull says. And it becomes apparent that's all she's going to say.

A pen? That's all? She laughs. "I don't mean to disappoint you, but, yes, it's just a pen. This is your staff, or your penholder; this is your nib, or tip. The nib is made of two pieces. The

the bottom part is steel. The space in between the two pieces of the nib is what creates your reservoir, and that's what holds the ink." She presses the nib

to the paper and begins to write again.

top part is copper, and

A few minutes later, Hull has scripted five words.

Hull estimates that she can address between 6 and 20 envelopes in an hour, depending on the letter style. "Usually 12 envelopes in an hour and I'm happy," she says. That's five minutes to write out the average address.

Hull is entirely selftaught. "When I started, there were no classes," she says. "So I learned out of books."

Since then, she's gotten a degree in fine art and has taken calligraphy classes in college and through the local calligraphy guild, San Diego Fellow Calligraphists.

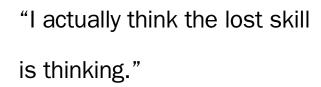
Hull also teaches calligraphy now and then.

"I teach very slowly and one step at a time," she says. "I teach you how to hold and use the pen, understand how to read an instruction manual, break the alphabet down into elements, how to move your hand, don't turn your hand, keep your shoulders down, and keep your breath good. You know, it's almost a Zen experience.

squishy and leaning over to the side, then the alphabet is pointed and squishy and needs this much space. So that's your basis."

She writes some more.

"And you notice,"



You keep your work in front of your body, where your energy is. And then I show you the basic strokes."

Hull demonstrates. "You have the leadin stroke," she begins, drawing her pen gradually along the white page. "You have the vertical stroke, you have the crescent stroke, you have the diagonal stroke. So any alphabet can be broken down into elements. And o is the mother of the alphabet. So if you want to know what an alphabet looks like, you go to the letter *o*. If it's round and fat, then the alphabet is round and fat and gets a certain amount of space. If it's pointed and

she says, "when I come down to the end of the stroke, I don't just stop. I finish the stroke. That's very important. That's where you can tell if somebody knows what they're doing. Finishing means you pay attention to how you end the stroke. Because once you lift the pen, you can go back, but you're always going to see it."

Hull looks up from her page for emphasis as she says, "The most important thing is for every letter to have the same rhythm to it. Because to create a mechanically perfect alphabet by hand is virtually impossible. But the

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If you are one of the 15 million adults affected by depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research trial of a new depression medication now being studied.

You may be eligible for the study if:

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- 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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## Schizophrenia

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#### **Depression**

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

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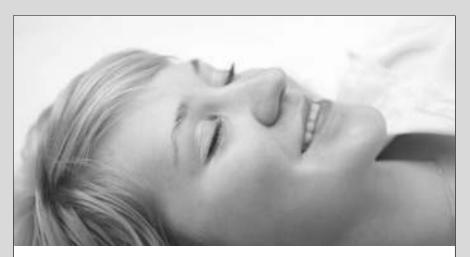
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## Are you a Good Sleeper between 21 and 50 years of age?

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## Do you have moderate or severe atopic dermatitis?

If you have atopic dermatitis on at least 10% of your body and you are at least 18 years of age, you may be eligible for a clinical research study.

You may qualify if you have: moderate or severe atopic dermatitis on at least 10% of body surface area.

## Please call University Clinical Trials at (619) 202-0173 to see if you qualify for this study.

Qualified participants will receive study-related medical exams and investigational medications at no cost. Compensation for time and travel may be provided.

Medical insurance is not required for study participation.

#### **Chivalry**

feel of the style can be achieved. When I teach, that's one of the things that I really hammer into people, is that if the elements are consistent, it doesn't matter if you're not doing it right, especially when the definition of 'right' is the way the other guy does it. It doesn't matter if you're being a purist to the

alphabet, as long as you're making the same mistake over and over and over again. Then, you've developed your own style. You've developed your own flourish."

#### Where Have All the Blacksmiths Gone?

You come to the door of David Browne's workshop on Mission Gorge Road in Grantville, and a dog barks at you from behind a screen door. Over the barks, you can hear the hiss of flame and the periodic pounding of metal on metal.

Browne yells for his yellow lab, Hank
Williams, to quiet down.
Then Browne greets you with goggles and gloves and protective ear covering on. "I've got heat going," he says, motioning over his shoulder, and you follow him

#### RESEARCH STUDIES

#### Are you currently diagnosed with

### **Bipolar Disorder**

#### and receiving treatment with Lithium or Depakote?

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ARE YOU A NIGHT OWL?

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- . Gn to bed later than you would like

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- . Compensation for time and traver

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## Do You Suffer From Pain After Shingles? (Postherpetic Neuralgia)

If you are suffering from Postherpetic Neuralgia (pain after shingles), you may be eligible to participate in a research study. Study medication and study related exams are provided at no cost. Qualified participants will be compensated for time and travel. inside.

To the untrained eye, Browne's workshop is full of unfamiliar machines, unusual tools, and strangely shaped objects. Objects hang on the walls, objects litter worktables, other objects lean, and still other objects sit in piles on the floor. But the space isn't messy at all. It's a wealth of weird and wonderful visual information.

Browne strides over to his forge — a small, barrel-like cylinder that's humming and spewing orange flame — and pulls out a long, thin steel rod. The last three feet of the rod glow orange.

His face is red and intense as he holds the glowing metal under an eight-foot-high piece of machinery called a power hammer. Browne works the machine's foot treadle, and the power hammer thunders down

on the glowing steel. Flecks of metal fly off and cool into silvery dust on the workshop floor. He's honing the rod into an arrowlike point, spinning it and hammering.

Next, Browne uses a small, handheld hammer and an anvil to bend a second heated rod into a curve. He's working the two rods at onceflame, mechanical power hammer, handheld hammer, flame, repeat. One rod goes into the forge, and the other comes out. The heated air above each orange rod shimmers.

It's remarkable how flexible the hot steel becomes, almost like butter.

Next, a swift wire brushing, and then he plunges the shaped rod into a vat of cooling water. It hisses. A puff of steam, and the piece is solid steel again. But now it's a long metal leaf for

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#### **Not Sleeping?**

- Having trouble falling asleep?
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- · Between 18 and 64 years of age?
- · In overall good health?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you may receive study medication and you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.

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#### **Alzheimer's Disease**

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Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study on Alzheimer's Disease. Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

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#### Do you constantly worry? Every day?

- Feel nervous, tense or "on edge" most of the time?
- Have trouble sitting still or find it impossible to simply relax?
- · Between 18 and 65 years of age? · In overall good health?

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#### Is your current Schizophrenia medication not working?

- **Are you:** Currently taking one of the following: Seroquel, Zyprexa or Risperdal for the
- · Currently smoking at least 10 cigarettes per day? · Between 18 and 55 years of age?

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#### Sadness? Low energy? Trouble sleeping? Can't concentrate? These are symptoms of Depression!

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- Between the ages of 18 and 70?
- In overall good health?
- Currently experiencing these symptoms?

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#### Low Back Pain

#### Do You Wake Up to Pain?

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All participants will receive medication for their low back pain,

To qualify, you must:

- ☐ Be at least 18 years of age
- ☐ Have had moderate to severe low back pain for three months or more
- ☐ Take medication for low back pain at least four days a week



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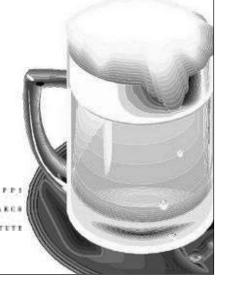
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#### Are you taking one of these medications?



Seroquel (Quetiapine)
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Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting an outpatient research study investigating an experimental drug (AZD3480) for cognitive deficits (problems thinking). We are looking for people aged 18-55 with schizophrenia who smoke cigarettes.

AZD3480 is an experimental drug not approved by the FDA. This drug is under investigation and being compared to a placebo (an inactive tablet like a sugar pill).

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Medical evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive financial compensation for time and travel.

the top of a gate. And it's beautiful.

Browne's eyes are bluer than his denim shirt. He has a calm intensity about him that might remind you of a poker player.

"You take one of the strongest materials available, and you heat it up, and now it's soft as clay," he says, shutting off his forge for the morning. "And you can shape it in any way you want. And for me, that's the sculptural part of it. That's the attraction."

Browne's forge operates at a working temperature of around 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. "Yellow heat," he calls it. "That's where steel becomes the most malleable. And I keep two or three bars in the forge at a time, because when one starts to cool down. you have to heat it up again. You have only a certain amount of time, a couple of minutes, maybe, to work this stuff. So you have to be focused. You can't think of anything else."

The forge uses propane and takes about 15 minutes to attain a working temperature. "I was surprised about how much information there was on the Internet about forge building and forge design," Browne says. "Mine's called a pipe forge. It's basically a 12-inch-diameter steel pipe lined with ceramic fiber and coated with high-tech refractory coating, which reflects most of the heat back inside. Then I got offthe-shelf plumbing parts

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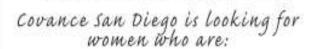
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# Are You Self-Conscious?

Does anxiety make it hard for you to be close with other people?



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- Being the center of attention?
- Going to social events and meeting new people?

If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study comparing several study drug options for social anxiety. Medical assessment and clinical care are provided.



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from Home Depot and built some burners. I'm actually in the process now of building a much bigger forge, because I'm starting to work bigger pieces of metal now."

Browne's other main

piece of machinery is the power hammer. "It's an industrial forging hammer," he says. "It's probably from the '30s or '40s. I got it for a song. It was sitting in a field, not being used." This 3400pound machine is driven by a belt and has a motor in the back. When you tap the foot treadle lightly, the hammer hits lightly, and if you step down heavily, then it pounds steel harder than any human could, a 100-pound ram coming down with thousands of pounds of force.

Says Browne, "Back in the '20s, '30s, and '40s, everything was made with a power hammer like that one, by people doing just what I'm doing. Back before we cast everything in big hydraulic machines that can cast stuff out in the thousands."

Browne sounds

than bitter as he talks about machines replacing people in the blacksmith industry. "What I do in here, you know, there are actually companies now that have machines that just press these things out. Press, it's done. And then guys will take those components that are made by machines and that have no remnant of a guy's hand making it, and they just use an additive method, and they weld it in. So they take all these components, and they arrange them ten different ways, and they say, 'Well, would you like the gate with the scrolls this way, or that way, the leaves this way or that way?' and they weld it together. But anything you can draw, I can make, because I make everything by hand. So I'm not limited to the components available off the shelf. What I do is unique. And there's a segment of the marketplace that still wants that. They want something handmade."

more straightforward

Browne doesn't fit the movie-fueled cliché of the blacksmith: long beard, loincloth, dirt all around him, forging a sword next to a fire pit in a thatched shack.

He laughs. "Back then, they had one guy who was sort of directing the show with his small forging hammer. And where he would hit, and as hard as he would hit, there'd be two other guys with sledgehammers following him. This was called striking. And so, he would hit, and these guys with big hammers would hit, and he'd hold it and direct the show. And that was called hammering with a striker. Well, then they realized quickly that if you're working by yourself, then you need something more, like the mechanical power hammer I have. I mean, that's a four-pound hammer that I'm working with

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#### Participate in Our Research Studies

# If you are one of the 15 million adults affected by depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research trial of a new investigational medication now being studied.

You may be eligible for the study if:

- You are between the ages of 18 and 65
- You are currently experiencing symptoms of depression, and have been previously diagnosed with depression

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# Do you suffer from schizophrenia?

Do you hear voices or see things that other people don't?

Do you feel that people are following you, talking about you, or are out to get you?

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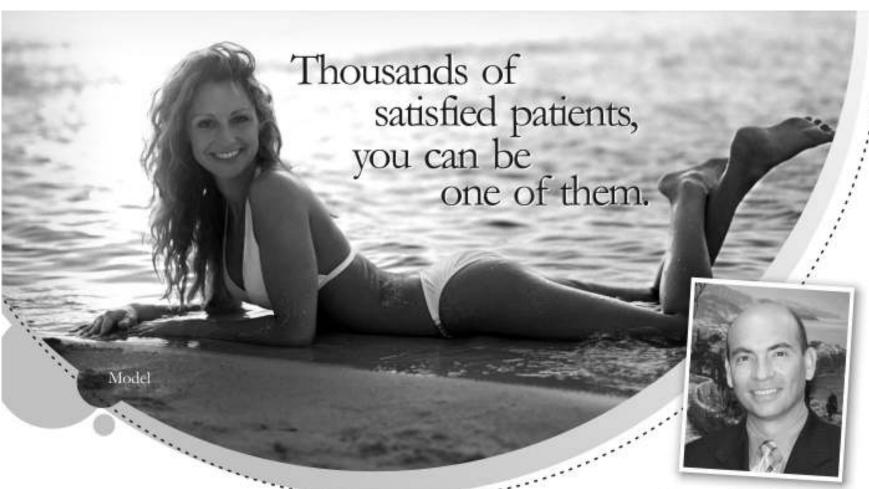
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blacksmith is," he says, "and I'm not even sure that that's what I am, to be honest. I embrace a lot of the techniques, hot-working metal, and I rivet things together, and I do a lot of things that blacksmiths do, but I also employ modern welders and grinders, and I'm not opposed to making money and making my life easier in some ways too."

Browne says it was a struggle to build a clientele, but now he's booked six months ahead with various metal-crafting

And he makes all sorts of cool things besides gates. "I think I'm an artist first and a blacksmith second," Browne says, and he has the work all around him to prove it: kung fu weapons, belt buckles, railings, fire screens, and decorative sculptural pieces as well. "The blacksmithing is just the medium for me. You know, it could be clay, it could be painting, but for me, I express my artistic views through steel."

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Elaine Swann shows up for lunch at Tapenade restaurant in La Jolla with her husband Chris. She's almost exactly on time for the appointment. She smiles her way into the room, makes eye contact, speaks clearly, and extends her hand in greeting.

Swann is San Diego's

etiquette lady. She's a regular guest on *News in the Morning* on NBC. She also has a radio show, *The Elaine Show*, every Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 on 1000 AM, KCEO.

How does one become an etiquette expert?

"Well, you can be forced into it, like I was," Swann says laughing.
"No. I'm joking. It was because my mom sent me to charm school.
Maybe it was just something that my mom saw in me, I don't know."

Swann grew up in Oceanside, the middle child of five. She was the only one who went to charm school. "I was kind of like Susie Homemaker growing up." She laughs again. "Charm school was a natural fit.

So I enjoyed it. I was that child, for example, who was coveting my mom's china."

Now Swann makes a comfortable living thanks to etiquette. Besides the radio and television gigs, she also writes books and columns.

"Really the business part of it for me," she says, "just has to do with sharing. I actually started out volunteering, which is what catapulted me to actually sharing it with other people outside of just myself and my family."

Swann, who is quite pretty — angular cheekbones, nice white teeth, dark black skin, and exotic eyes — almost became a model. She even moved to New York City to pursue it. "But I

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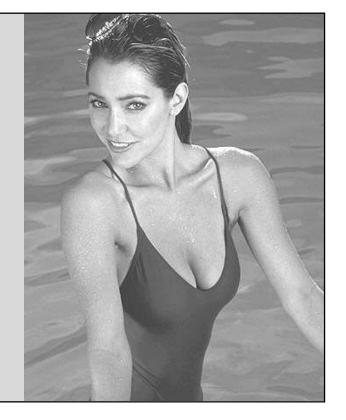
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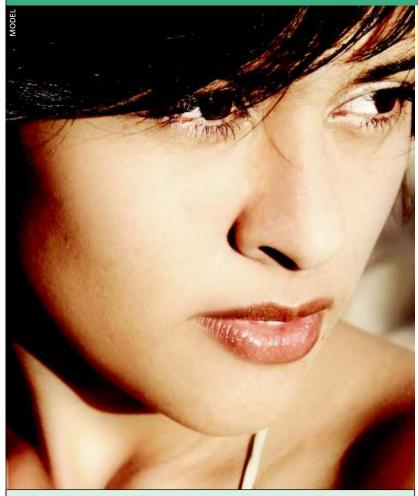
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was too short," she says. She stands about five feet tall.

What did she do instead? She started a business.

"I started an agency," she says, "for petite models. Thus began my entrepreneurial career."

In fact, Swann has never held a "real job." She's always been an entrepreneur.

"After I was in New York for four years, I came back home," she says. "And because I grew up in Oceanside, and people in the community knew me, I was invited to help with a debutante ball. But I wanted to do a really good job with it, so I started to do some research. And they invited me back every year. So for five years, I volunteered for this sorority that did a debutante ball every year for the community."

As an aside, Swann

adds that she opened a hair salon and operated it for ten years. It's the kind of detail that could consume some people, but Swann mentions it in passing as if it's something she did for ten minutes, not ten years.

From the debutante ball, Swann went on to creating etiquette programs for a middle school in Oceanside. "They asked me to do it," she says, "and they said, 'Just tell me what your budget is.' And I was, like, 'Budget? Nobody gets paid for this."

And she laughs.

Swann has a rich and authentic laugh, a soulful laugh. It comes deep out of her belly, far back in her throat. But the thing is, her laugh isn't too loud for mixed company. She seems to juggle such contradictions gracefully: being genuine while still taking others into account. Swann sits

up straight, but not too straight, and she eats with refinement, but not with prissy daintiness.

She laughs again. "Now I've got, like, a little mini-empire I'm running here."

The waiter arrives. That's right. We're supposed to be having lunch. Swann's been talking away, but we haven't ordered lunch vet. Is that proper etiquette?

"When you sit down for a business lunch, do you just sit down and start doing business?" Swann asks, rhetorically. "Well, it's cool to do that, but you should look over the menu, and don't make your waiter wait too long. And then order. And you can talk business all the way through lunch or not start until after lunch. Because I always tell people that business is kind of like a covert operation. You know, your purpose is

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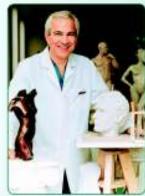
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In French, the word "etiquette" means "prescribed behavior." It comes from the Old French word for "ticket," since instructions for how to behave properly at court were printed on little tickets.

"Table manners go way beyond the table itself," Swann says. "It's more about thinking about the other person and being considerate. If we could just do that

more, people would be A-OK. But it's going to be a while before we get to that again. I see so much stuff."

Confucius once said, "If everyone learned manners and music, there would be no more wars."

"Okay!" Swann says. "I like that. My husband's a musician."

Swann's husband Chris has been sitting quietly all this while.

Is it a challenge for Chris to live with the etiquette lady?

> "I love it," he says. And then the eti

quette lady answers for

"Chris is the perfect gentleman," she says. "Because his dad taught him well. So when I got him," and she laughs heartily, "he was already very good."

It must be difficult to be the etiquette lady. Does Swann realize that she is socially intimidating?

She laughs again. "People ask me, 'Are you going to correct my manners?' And no, I'm not, but I know the whole time people are watching me and watching my manners. So it works both ways. People are apprehensive about their own manners around me, and I know they're also watching what I do like hawks.'

Swann is usually loath to tell people what she does for a living. "I know it'll just start a whole thing," she says. But she doesn't lie. She'll say, "I'm an etiquette coach" and then politely field the inevitable questions.

"It's okay, though," Swann says, half under her breath. "I'm always gathering material for

my next book."

Swann's first book, *Girls Have Style at School*, is directed toward teenage girls.

No one would debate that etiquette has become a lost art. How did that happen?

"A couple things are happening, in my opinion," Swann begins. "Number one, technology. Technology is really taking away the personalization that we had in communicating with each other. So we're kind of disconnected from the face-to-face thing, and we're forgetting how to

interact with each other. Also, etiquette isn't being passed on. Either we have two-parent homes where both parents are working, and so they're not able to take that extra time out, or we have one-parent homes where the one parent has to do enough work for two, and so they're not able to take the extra time with their children."

Swann does etiquette coaching for businesses and schools. In the schools, she asks the kids how many times a week they sit down for dinner with the family. "Most

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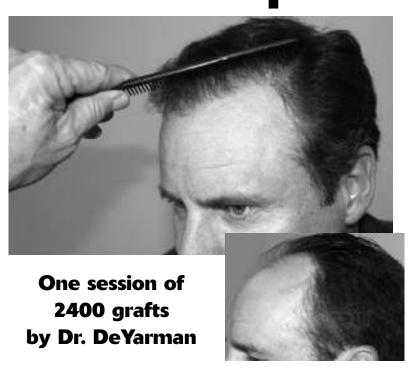
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"This is a sport which I would say is really big in Europe."
Urban raises his eyebrows. "Pretty much everybody knows of that, and a lot of people do it. This summer I went to O-Ringen in Sweden, and that's probably the biggest race in the world. Something between 15,000 and 25,000 people race there every year."

Urban stands well over six feet tall. He wears gray sweats and Adidas sneakers. His hair is short, and he has on small, round, Europeanlooking sunglasses. It's morning, but his chin shows a light-colored five o'clock shadow.

"When I navigate, basically, let's say, if I want to go here..."
Urban points to a tiny dot on the map in his right hand. "I can decide I can go on top of the

hill, and then run over the ridge, and at the other side it should be there. Or I can go around on the road and then go up from the other side. Or sometimes, if I look for something major, like a lake or a road, then I can just run straight and use it as a 'catching feature,' and I know it will catch me right there, and then I can turn, and from there, it will be easy to find. So that's one navi-

gation technique. You look for what they call 'attack points.' You look for big features which are close to the small features you are actually looking for, and then you can go on bearing and

pace count from there.

"Once you learn the linear features," he continues, "like roads and hills and creeks, and you learn how they relate to the map, then the next step is to learn to judge distance."

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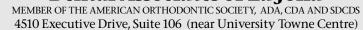
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the letter *r*. Despite this accent, Urban's easy enough to understand.

"In orienteering, the main thing is to show the skill of navigation and problem solving at high speed," he says. "You should be able to read a map, relate it to terrain, know where you are, and find the features you're supposed to find."

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"No, no, no," Urban says. "They have different courses. They start people a minute or two apart. They have age groups and different levels. So even if you meet somebody, you don't know what course he's

Urban says in orienteering it's also not a good idea to try to pace yourself with anyone else, because you need to pay attention to your own navigation. It's easier to lose time because of poor navigation than it is to gain time from fast running.

"In this sport you

must think about what you're doing while you're running as fast as you can," he says.

With GPS systems and MapQuest, surely wilderness navigation has become a lost art. One insurance company study showed that over 25 percent of adults can't read a basic road map.

"Sometimes," Urban says, and he isn't joking, "I actually think the lost skill is thinking. That people don't want to think. You know? It's deeper than that. It's not

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Urban uses his orienteering techniques in everyday life for navigation purposes, yes, but he maintains that the quick problem solving he's learned is even more useful in general planning and decision making. "It's taught me that I

have only so much time to make a decision or else the opportunity may be gone," he says. "It also teaches independence. If you get lost, there is no one to blame, no one to sue, and no one to help you. While you're out there, trying to find your way, it's your responsibility. It's your business. And you have to live with the consequences."

Does Urban get lost while driving? And if he

does get lost, will he stop to ask directions?

"Actually, I don't get lost that much," he says. "But if you do orienteering, it's not so much that you don't get lost, but you recognize that you're lost, and you know how to recover from that. A lot of time, with beginners in orienteering, they think, 'I'm not lost, it must be just around the corner.' You know that attitude? But that's part of being good at navigation, is realizing the moment when something's not right and then recovering from that and getting back on course."

— Geoff Bouvier

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# How Sam became the cooking guy

am Zien is a regular guy. He's a husband, he's the father of three teenage boys, and he has two dogs, an orange Labrador and a Chinese Crested.

He also happens to have both a local and national televised cooking show.

Zien's show, Sam the Cooking Guy, emphasizes food made easy. It helps that it's shot, with few exceptions, right in Zien's own kitchen. His family, including the dogs, Haley (the Lab) and Lucky (the Crested), are often featured as extras, assistants, and/or tasters.



Sam Zien

On the day of filming, Zien's crew — Jorge Corrales, the cameraman, and Michelle Witek, the production manager — assembles midmorning. They're dressed stylishly but casually in jeans and T-shirts, and they confer around Zien's dining table, discussing the particulars of the day's shoot.

The theme, they collec-

tively decide, is "stuff you can make when you get home from a fancy dinner and the food was really terrible and you come home really hungry." Zien, it seems, has been to many of these and is well equipped with solutions; an omelet, "red beer" (a mixture of beer, Clamato, Worcestershire sauce, and pepper), Frito chili (mixed right in

the Fritos bag), and Fabulous Jane's Sweet and Sour Motor Home Meatballs. Witek records the selections in a binder emblazoned with the *Sam the Cooking Guy* logo, executed in a jaunty, handwrittenstyle font.

She and Corrales set up the lights, two big boxes lined with white reflective material and lit with a single bulb, as Zien, who is going to enter in a suit as though just returning from a party, rushes upstairs to change. Karla Gascoigne, Zien's assistant, spruces up the kitchen, getting it ready for the shoot.

The kitchen is the main set, unless the show is taken on the road, and it is not what Zien refers to as the "traditional cooking-show

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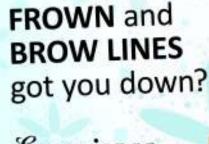
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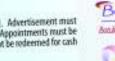
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kitchen" usually found in a TV studio equipped with all the bells and whistles. Zien's, while large enough for a family of five, is smaller than one might expect for a professional cook, with marble-top counters and hand-brushed red walls. It's elegant but user-friendly, a style that lends itself to the laid-back format of the show. A thick, round butcher block sits center stage, next to a half-moonshaped knife-holder that houses the various-sized knives that Zien uses during the shoot. At the back of the kitchen, ornamental jars filled with pickled items and condiments and bottles of vinegars line a small shelf above the stove.

"When I decided to do this cooking show, around the end of 2001, I went looking for another kitchen to shoot in," Zien says. "[I] never dreamt I could use my own. And it was a week before [the first shoot] and I was sitting here and I hadn't found a kitchen yet and I looked up one day and said, "The show is about cooking for regular peo-

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ple. I'm a regular guy, I have a regular kitchen, I'm going to use my kitchen.'

This, it turns out, suits Zien just fine — "Look how far I have to go for work!" he jokes — and if someone happens to come to the door, they become a part of the episode, giving

has to do his own scut work. Zien unplugs the phone on the counter, and Carla gives the butcher block one more once-over with a dishrag, and they're ready to go.

It's clear from the first take that Zien has this down to a science. His banter is

"I quit my biotech job to try this travel idea...and we were a month away from going and shooting some demo footage when 9/11 happened."

the show an improvisational air.

The kitchen set is a hub of activity. Witek and Corrales fiddle with the lights as Gascoigne scrubs down the white porcelain sink. Zien, in his suit and trademark chunky black glasses, changes a light bulb in the bank of tracks over his head. He mumbles in mock annoyance that Emeril Lagasse, the celebu-chef of the Food Network, never

well timed, quick but never rushed. He makes his entrance in suit and flipflops and does a few takes of flipping on the kitchen lights, miming that he has just come home from a wretched formal affair. Once this is done, he changes into a plain green T-shirt and fires up the stove. He begins the show with his goat cheese and frozen spinach omelet.

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to make a proper omelet," he says, addressing the camera; Corrales steadies his shot while Witek watches the monitor, taking notes as the shoot progresses.

With only one chance to capture the actual cooking process, Corrales follows Zien to the stove to peer over his shoulder, then returns to the butcher block as Zien tilts his pan toward the camera to show off the finished product.

After the camera stops rolling, Zien fries up another omelet and dishes it out to the hungry crew. It's delicious egg flavored by the spinach and goat cheese but not too gooey. And, as Zien promised, it took under six minutes to make.

Though no one would ever know it, there was a time when Zien did not consider himself much of a cook.

We are sitting on his back patio after the shoot. Zien says, "I cooked a little bit here around the house, but my wife Kelly did most of it." He was "less than thrilled" with his biotech job and a few years ago began to seek a way out. Turning his sights toward television, his first idea was to do a show about travel. Everything was set to go with Zien and his crew, a group that had done corporate video work for his previous employer, and they were planning to film the first episode in Hong

"I quit my biotech job to try this travel idea," he explains, "shooting complicated places and making them not look complicated, and we were a month away from going and shooting some demo footage when 9/11 happened. Nobody was traveling anywhere. I had no job, because I'd just quit, I had no goto job, and I decided I had to come up with something else I could do, and in a hurry."

Zien was back to square one. Instead of travel, he decided to try a cooking

"There seemed to be an opening there," he says. "Like I thought there was

an opening with travel. Travel always looks like Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous kind of stuff, expensive, complicated, something that regular people can't do, and I felt that cooking was sort of the same."

Zien called up his crew, and they got to work shooting a demo. Once it was completed, he began to send it around to TV stations.

"I just asked everyone I knew, 'Do vou know anvbody in the TV business?" he says. "I never got anybody that anybody knew really, really well, but I got a few names [of people] that I sent my tapes to."

The response was disappointing.

"This guy at Tribune Media, he said on the phone, 'You don't have a fucking chance,' which was very hard to hear."

Zien sent the demo out to a few more stations in San Diego, and his show was accepted by the local Fox affiliate. In 2002, they began to air two-minute segments

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"The county is government," Zien says, explaining the switch in venue. "It's not a commercial venture. The opportunities, unfortunately, with a commercial station, are greater. This is a career, so I was trying to grow myself, and that meant all kinds of things. [Cox was] going to put the show on before the Padre games and build the audience and..." He pauses. "It was tough, because the

people that worked on the show, mostly one person at the county, was great," he continues. "I loved her work, we did great shows together, and you know, it's not like I left there mad at anybody, it was just time to grow. That's all it is."

Zien's success has snowballed. Last year, he was approached by the Discovery Health Channel, which broadcasts nationally on cable networks. They were interested in doing a version of his original, more health-oriented show. The result is Just Cook This with Sam the Cooking Guy, still shot in Zien's kitchen, only with a different crew.

"It's not that the recipes

are ridiculously nuts-andgrains health oriented," Zien says, "but the attitude of the show is, if you cook for yourself instead of eating out and [using] premade [packaged foods from ironically, the first destination for Zien's thwarted travel show.

The audience for both versions of the show, Zien says, is quite varied.

"A couple stopped me

"I don't know if more guys watch other cooking shows, I just know that my style is just sort of normal."

the supermarket], you'd be better off."

Just Cook This shoots several shows at a time, occasionally in exotic locales. Two months ago, they shot in Hong Kong, which was,

at the supermarket [and] said they're big fans," he recalls."[They were] at least [in their] mid-60s, potentially 70s. And then there's the mom who will stop with an eight-year-old and say, 'One of your biggest fans.' And everything in between."

Zien also has a large male fan base.

"In the beginning I used to think [the audience was] a lot of guys, and it is a lot of guys," he says. "I don't know if more guys watch other cooking shows, I just know that my style is just sort of normal."

Normal is something Zien seeks to champion. His recipes have minimal ingredients, usually take less than 20 minutes to make, and are often — as with Fabulous Jane's Treat, meatballs in a special grapejelly-and-chili-sauce marinade, served on this day

later on set — creative and tasty.

Zien's favorite thing to make is something he calls Crispy Salmon.

"I take a piece of salmon, like a little salmon fillet, no bones, and I put it in a really hot nonstick pan, fleshy side down," he says. "It's been seasoned well with kosher salt and pepper, and I cook it for about five minutes, until the top gets really crispy, and then I flip it over and give it another couple of minutes on the other side."

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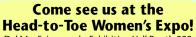
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Sriracha (rooster sauce), and you've got a meal. "It's great," Zien says. "I really like salmon. It's good for you, there's not a lot of fat in it, and the fat that is there is the right kind of fat. I could eat salmon almost all day long.

"I just want people cooking," he continues. "I eat something and I say, 'That's really simple, I think there's a simple way to make that.' I just want people cooking. And a lot of the emails I get are from people saying, 'Never used to cook, and I've been watching you a while now and I can't believe the stuff that I can do.' And that's the greatest thing somebody could say."

In addition to the two versions of his show, Zien has also been named the spokesman for Newcastle Brown Ale — both last year and this year — and is featured in a promotional booklet that includes cooking suggestions as well as photo-advertisements for the beer. He has authored a book, *Just a Bunch of* 

Recipes, that comes out in March and has a grilling device featured at Target stores, the Aroma FlipGrill. There is also a full line of Cooking Guy merchandise—T-shirts, sweatshirts, even knives emblazoned with his logo—available on his website.

The collective empha-

The shoot wraps and Fabulous Jane's Motor Home Meatballs are scarfed up by the crew — save for Witek, who is skeptical of the grape jelly content — and Sam's 16-year-old son, Jordan. Zien sprinkles

sesame seeds on top of the

remaining meatballs and

kick my ass."

"It's not that people can't [cook], they just don't. They don't think they can."

sis is to just get out and cook.

"It's not that people can't [cook], they just don't. They don't think they can," he says. "They watch too many fancy cooking shows, where people use perfect everything, ingredients that come from bizarre little specialty stores. I'm not trying to say I'm a chef, 'cause I'm so not. I'd say most chefs in San Diego, or anywhere, could totally

offers around a set of bamboo skewers.

"I don't try to make things complicated," he says. "I try to make it easy, big in taste, small in effort. Four, five ingredients, and I make it look pretty and I make it taste great, and I make something you would want to make yourself."

He pauses.

"And that," he concludes, "is what it is." ■

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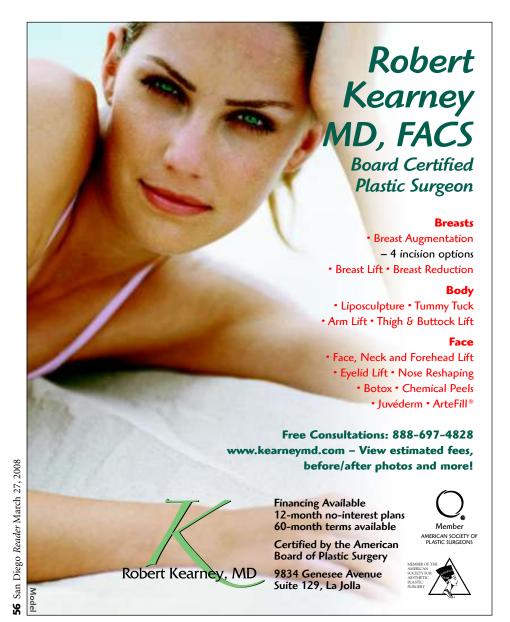
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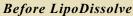
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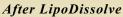
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the rest of the spying-andmilitary-industrial complex, there was only one way to keep a lid on the economy without admitting guilt or insanity: increase the money supply. But this causes the value of the dollar to plunge. So why do it? Because it lets the government repay its debts with dollars that are worth less than those originally borrowed. And that's where the Federal Reserve and Ben Bernanke come in. They help the government pull off this nasty trick on the public. How? The Federal Reserve purchases treasury securities (called U.S. Treasuries, which are government bonds). As a result of this purchase, the money supply increases. This makes more of it available for loans at lower rates of interest. That's what it means when the Fed announces a cut in the prime interest rate. But it also does something else, and it's not pretty. Since

there has been no overnight increase in the productivity of American workers, there are no additional goods and services available compared to before the interest-rate cut. So now there is more money chasing after the same amount of goods, and prices rise. Inflation.

Inflation is basically a shell game in which the government cheats us of the value of our money to cover up its spending sprees. It's an easy way out for politicians who don't want to be blamed for economic disasters. They know that public schools churn out turnips by the truckload, so the populace won't catch on. You can see the result in the pitiful candidates that remain floating on top of the toilet bowl in the presidential race. The Democratic candidates have either surrendered their Constitutional war-making authority to Dubya (Hillary) or have voted the funds to keep the mass-murder in full swing (Obama), and Republican John McCain of S&L bailout fame can't wait to

start slaughtering innocent Iranians while keeping the evil war in Iraq going for 100 years more. Only Ron Paul spoke out consistently against our murderous foreign policy and on behalf of monetary solvency. But too many of us were busy slapping stupid Orwellian yellow ribbons on our cars or cheering the president as he led the choir of pseudo-Christians in their vile oneminute hate. As H.L. Mencken once said, Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want and deserve to get it good and hard.

> Lawrence M. Ludlow via email

#### **Keep It To Yourself**

In response to Edna Foss's letter of March 20.

Way off!! I am not sure if I am more surprised at her ignorance or that of the Reader for printing such crap, but everyone is entitled to an opinion — right or ignorant.

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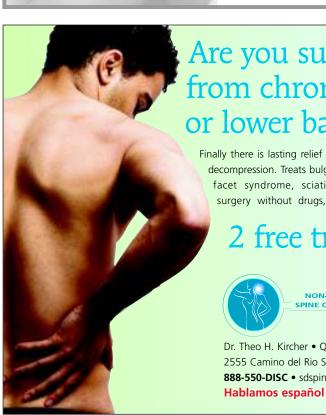
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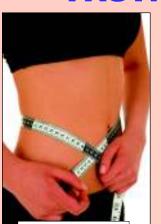
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the United States is not afraid of Israel, but the USA is afraid of Saudi Arabia.

Second, some states in the USA have the death penalty, but not all of them. Why blame the entire nation?

Third, capital punishment was abolished in Israel in 1954 with the exceptions of conviction for treason during a time of war and genocide. We know how Jewphobes love to twist the term "genocide." They play that one often. Israel has not carried out an execution since June 1, 1962,

when Adolf Eichmann was justifiably executed. Jewphobes are about as ignorant as they are hate-filled.

As most Jewphobes do, Foss focused on Israel and left out the following countries in the region and North Africa that have the

death penalty: Algeria, Chad, Egypt (rape, murder, treason, and organized drug trafficking), Ethiopia, Libya (high treason, attempting to forcibly change the government, and murder), Morocco, Bahrain, Brunei, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait,

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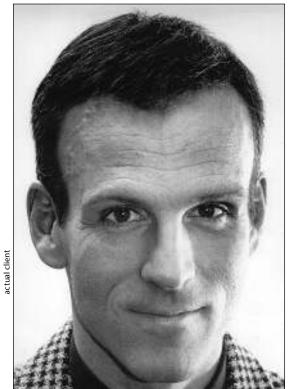
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Besides, polls are worth-

less. Ask someone something they know nothing about and you will get an opinion. Most Americans polled don't know how many U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq. Also, Israel does divulge information, and any moron knows that they have nukes (a good thing).

> Michael Fuentes via email

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Of course Europe will point the finger at the U.S. for threatening world peace. They're brainwashed by socialism (as the U.S. is by consumerism), and if you look around in Europe (especially France) you'll notice quite a bit of Islamics. Offending them has proven to cause riots and fatalities.

If Europe offends the U.S. it brings insults from George Bush, and that's

As for the U.S. being afraid of Israel, it's more like we're in bed with Israel. If you haven't noticed, Judaism has a lot of influence and power in this nation. That's just a simple fact. We will rub their back just the way a newspaper will rub the back of the people that it's in bed with.

Anyway, you could replace the state of Israel with the People's Republic of Ocean Beach and they'd probably still blow it up. The Middle East has always been on fire no matter who's stomping around.

As far as the death penalty, what's the matter with it? If we can have abortion we can have the death

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penalty. I think the U.S., Israel, and the rest of the world outside of Europe practice the death penalty, Ms. Foss. Interesting the people your type always feels sorry for don't practice the virtues you believe in.

Tell me, have you ever seen smiles in communist nations, and would you like to be a woman in the Middle East?

Socialists always think they occupy the higher moral ground, but all they are is brainwashed, weak, and in possession of a strange logic process. On a special note, this letter is anonymous because my name is irrelevant.

Name Withheld via email

#### Little Battle

Regarding your story on the Copley Press ("The Rise and Fall of the Copley Press," Cover Story, February 28), I have my own little battle going with the *Union-Tribune* concerning the missing sections in their daily paper plus getting ripped off by their vending machines. I have repeatedly

called them and sent emails regarding this problem and have been promised vouchers for free papers, but none ever arrived. All I've gotten is a runaround. This morning is an example: I bought a copy of the U-T and discovered two sections were missing. Speaking to the folks at the nearby Starbucks, they said that all of their copies were missing two sections as well. A pretty poor example of how to keep your customers.

Name Withheld by Request via email

#### Watchdog Watch

I just wanted to congratu-

late you on the article that was published about two weeks ago; it was titled "The Rise and Fall of the Copley Press" (Cover Story, February 28). I was very impressed with it. It was more of an exposé than everything else. Almost everything that I read in it confirmed my suspicions as to what the newspaper has been about and what a disservice it really does to the community. I often have wondered when I hear the newspaper call itself the watchdog. I wish that you would do an article maybe called "Who's Watching the Watchdog," about the Union-Tribune and who proclaimed them to be such a thing.

I think you do a great service to the community by taking on fellow journalists or fellow publishers and exposing them for what they are. I think San Diego would be a much better city if we had a newspaper that had the courage to do the right thing, unlike the Union-Tribune and the Copley Press.

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#### **Time Is Short**

"The Rise and Fall of the Copley Press," the cover story in the February 28 edition, was very interesting. I'm curious as to why Neil Morgan's name was missing. Morgan introduced Helen Hunt to James Copley, which is a significant fact. Morgan, a prominent columnist, was also the edi-



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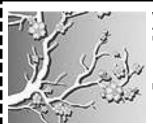
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tor of the San Diego Evening Tribune. He was later fired, for unknown reasons.

With the June election approaching, and the U-Tbeing what it is, I look forward to the *Reader* telling us what we need to know regarding the two hot contests, mayoral and city attorney. Time is short.

Name Withheld by Request

#### **Antisocial Column**

I just wanted to say I really enjoy the "Crasher" column. It's really funny. I like all the different stories on the parties like the Super Bowl or the Oscars or just

whatever's particularly going on...Halloween. I like how Josh Board puts in his own personal experiences and relates them to what's going on at the party. I call it the antisocial column.

> Diane Mission Valley

#### **Comments from Reader**

#### City Lights, by Susan Luzzaro **Published March 19**

Posted by iantrowbridge1 on March 19, 2008, 6:20 p.m.

Excellent story and hope-

fully the Cox quid pro quo tag team will eventually be exposed for who they are before they bankrupt Chula

#### Blurt **Published March 19**

Posted by adamthegimbel on March 20, 2008, 8:42

[re Too Cool for Karaoke: | American Pie isn't just on the badd list. It's on the DREADED TEN, which means it costs \$10 and is in danger of being banned forever. Most karaoke gets boring after 30 seconds. American Pie is over eight



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#### City Lights, by Don Bauder **Published March 19**

Posted by electric fish on March 20, 2008, 8:58 a.m.

It amazes me that our government will bail out inept companies that don't know how to do business but in the same turn will layoff teachers and neglect basic needs of the society (roads, schools etc.).

Posted by dbauder on March 20, 2008, 12:19 p.m.

Exactly. It shows where the priorities are. This is one of several reasons why, adjusted for inflation, average incomes have been flat

since the year 2000, while the incomes of those in the top 1 percent and 1/10th of 1 percent have zoomed. I cannot tell you why the public does not get aroused. People should be storming the Bastille. But they don't seem to care. The distribution of wealth and income is back where it was in the Robber Baron days. Back then, Populists and Progressives protested vehemently. Not now.

#### **Cover Story Published March 19**

Posted Joaquin\_de\_la\_Mesa on March 19, 2008, 2:39 p.m.

I love this: "Bronzed food - have you ever seen bronzed food? It looks exactly like rotten food, only grosser than the real thing."

Hurrah for the RPSA!

#### Diary of a Diva **Published March 19**

Posted by Mare92104 on March 21, 2008, 7:39 p.m.

'I guess that would depend on how you define the word kill'.

Love the video diaries. I can't stop laughing, you kill

#### HEALTH AND BEAUTY





#### **Watch the Birdie**

#### Riches in Buena Vista Lagoon

here is a kind of goofy stereotype of birdwatchers, that birders always have that funny hat and something like a fishing vest with all those pockets," says biologist Tom Troy. "I don't have one, but a lot of birdwatchers have fishing vests because you might have a little notebook of some kind with a pen or pencil, your guidebook, binoculars, lens-cleaning tissue — all these things loaded into your vest with all the pockets."

Troy says most birders are of retirement age, "But there is a competitive group of younger birdwatchers who take

LOCAL EVENTS this very seriously — they're serious listers who travel long distances and spend a lot of money." A

"lister" is a birder who keeps track of every species observed.

Troy has seen an increase in women joining the ranks in the past few years. "Believe it or not, for women, birdwatching is the number-two favorite pastime, after walking," says Troy. "Baby boomers are all becoming older and looking for things to do, but the main reason [the pastime is on the rise] is because it's inexpensive — you can become a birdwatcher for \$50 or less." That would buy a pair of binoculars and a bird identification book. "You can't learn to play golf or ski for \$50."

On Saturday, March 29, Troy will teach "Basic Birding" at the Buena Vista Lagoon Landing in Carlsbad. The lagoon — a 223-acre wetland located between Carlsbad and Oceanside — was made an official reserve in 1969, the "first

ecological reserve in all of California," says Troy.

Of the 19 lagoons between Los Angeles and the Mexican border, Buena Vista is the only freshwater lagoon. "The reason the Buena Vista Lagoon is freshwater is that in the 1970s they built a damn at the mouth where it would normally open into the ocean. They built that huge mall, the Plaza Camino Real. The wetlands are a natural sponge, a cushion that slows down water movement. So, when they built that plaza and the El Niño rains came, it was a mess. There was a lot of flooding and lots of erosion, so they built a dam." The lagoon is popular among anglers, who can be seen standing on the "fishing bridge" to catch bass, catfish, and bluegills.

Among the bird species that rely on the wetland habitat is the light-footed clapper rail, which is on the endangered list. The clapper rail, Troy says, "is a little bird that is very secretive and hides around the cattail reeds probing for food. It has kind of a long beak and a little fat body. For the average person, it's a little chicken-like bird. It's one of the symbols of the lagoon because they're found here and not anywhere else."

The mascot of the Buena Vista Audubon Society is the ruddy duck. During this bird's mating season (May to August), the male ruddy duck's black bill turns an opaque sky blue. Breeding plumage can sometimes be confusing for beginning birders. "One time a bunch of volunteers for the Audubon Society were in the Nature Center folding newsletters, and in comes this lady in a jogging suit, and she is livid," remembers Troy. "She



Nesting Anna hummingbird

said, 'I can't believe what they've done! Someone has captured a bunch of little ducks and painted their bills a bright blue color! I don't get it! Who can I call about this?' We were laughing and said, 'It's okay! This is breeding season — those are just male ruddy ducks trying to attract the female, and that's just how they get.' She laughed and said, 'That's really it? Well, you learn something every day."

One duck has recently begun surprising even longtime birders. Western grebes — diving ducks with sharp bills for spearing fish — are known to feed each other during breeding season. "But lately," explains Troy, "we've had small flocks of western grebes going through elaborate mating behaviors — strengthening that pair bond — every month." Perhaps the most exciting mating ritual to witness, says Troy, is that of the male hummingbird, which flies straight up, "way high in the sky," quickly turns, and then "dive bombs — comes all the way down, almost

to the ground — then back up again."

Most beginning birders are attracted to vibrantly colored feathers. "There are few true colors," Troy says of plumage. "Most colors are reflected light. If you have a cloudy day, everything looks drab. But we [once saw] a hummingbird a little ways away, and when he would turn his head in the sun, it would send off this flash of red like neon that was captivating, almost like a beam of light out in a dark ocean. These are what I call a crowd-stopper — a thing that interrupts binocular pep talk. You never know what nature's going to throw your way."

— Barbarella

Basic Birding class Saturday, March 29 8:30 a.m. Buena Vista Lagoon Landing (see website for directions) Cost: Free

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"First View" California Ballet Company presents "dance inspired by abstract art and innovative creations." German dance company Opus M shares the bill. 858-560-6741. Saturday, March 29, 2:30 p.m.; Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; \$25-\$80. Balboa Theatre, 854 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

#### **Argentine Tango Dance Party** DJ plays Argentine tangos, waltzes,

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619-275-3533. Saturday, March 29, 8 p.m.; \$4-\$7. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (LINDA VISTA)

Argentine Tango Festival Three days of daytime classes and three night milongas (tango parties), with dinner and shows. Festival packages available. 858-689-2422. Friday, March 28, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m.; Sunday, March 30, noon; \$25-\$85. El Mundo del Tango, 6904 Miramar Road. Suite 110.

Balkan Dancing Balkan dancing and more (following instruction in traditional Balkan dance songs by Mary Ann Downs, 7:30-8:30 p.m.). 619-281-5656. Saturday, March 29, 8:30 p.m.; \$4-\$6. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Contra Dancing** Chris Page calls, Ranting Banshee makes music for San Diego Folk Heritage dance. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m., dancing 8-11 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**English Country Dancing** Chris and Ellie call for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 30, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

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#### **OUT & ABOUT**

#### THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre through Sunday, March 30, YMCA Firehouse YMCA Community Center.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



Studio Showings Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater showcases works-in-progress by Jean Isaacs, Victor Alonso, Anthony Diaz, John Diaz, Amber Hamer, Gabe Masson, and Minaqua McPherson. 619-225-1803. Friday, March 28, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; \$10. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Road, suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

#### FILM

"Children of Heaven" "Heartwarming tale" from Iran follows an impoverished brother and sister whose circumstances suffer after loss of a pair of sneakers. Screens — in Farsi with English subtitles — for Sunday Matinee Series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street.

"The Lives of Others" Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck's film is set before fall of Berlin Wall in East Germany, where the Stasi eavesdropped on people's secrets. Take in the 2006 film during International Film Series in room 201 at Mira-Costa's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue); film repeats at 7 p.m. on Oceanside campus. 760-795-6612. In German with English subtitles. Friday, March 28, 1 p.m.; MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"The Lives of Others" Again! Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck's film is set before fall of Berlin Wall in East Germany, where the Stasi eavesdropped on people's secrets. Take in the 2006 film during International Film Series in room 3601. 760-795-6612. In German with English subtitles. Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Man Who Fell to Earth" David Bowie is extraterrestrial Thomas Jerome Newton in Nicolas Roeg's 1976 science-fiction thriller. 858-454-3541. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

**"Young, Jewish and Left"** Film by Irit Reinheimer and Konnie Chameides screens, weaving "queer

culture, Jewish Arab history, secular Yiddishkiet, anti-racist analysis, and religious/spiritual traditions into multi-layered tapestry of leftist politics." Chameides on hand. RSVP required for reception: 619-515-1370. No advance registration required for film and discussion, open to all. Thursday, March 27, 6 p.m.; California Western School of Law, 350 Cedar Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Lunafest!** Lunafest film festival featuring diverse lineup of short films by, for, and about women. Bill includes Make a Wish, My Other Mother, Doña Ana/Mrs. Ana, Daikon Ashi, Breaking the Boundaries, Happiness, The Guarantee. 760-436-7469. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.; \$10. La Paloma Theatre, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

**SD Indie Music Fest IV** Independent music, film, art, featured along University Avenue (between Ray Street and 28th Street). Among films: *Reversing the Ripples of War, The Devil Came on Horseback, Freeheld, Made in L.A.* Over 70 acts including Beth Hart, James Marsters, Hu Huh Her, Paul Abbott, Semi-

Precious Weapons. 619-239-8836 x3. Saturday, March 29, noon; Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Ave. (NORTH PARK)

Up for a "Fizzy New Wave Homage"? Christophe Honoré's "giddy Valentine" screens for Film Forum. In French with English subtitles. 619-236-5821. Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library. 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

#### FOR KIDS

"Hansel and Gretel" Classic Brothers Grimm tale, adapted for stage by Joe and Cody Powers, presented by students of Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre. 858-481-1055. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.; Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.; \$9-\$12. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Diary of Anne Frank"
From 1942 to 1944, Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl, lived in hiding in an attic with her family and four friends in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam.
The drama is next production for La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre, March 21-30. 619-239-8355. Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.; and 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.;

\$10-\$15. Ages 12 and up. Firehouse

YMCA Community Center, 7877

Herschel Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

"The Tortoise and the Hare" Gaston Morineau presents his comical new show through Sunday, March 30. Next: The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m.; Friday, March 28, 10 a.m.; Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m.; Sunday, March 30, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, April 2, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie

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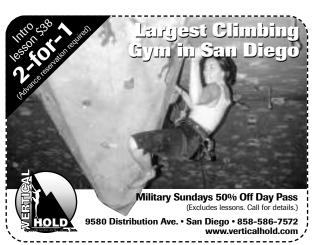
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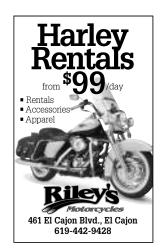
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**"Tots and Tales"** Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Thursday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.; \$3. Ages 2 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

#### IN PERSON

"Curse of the Spellmans" Lisa Lutz signs her new book, in which Izzy Spellman and family are back for another comedic caper. 858-268-4747. Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

"Hello, Dolly!" This musical, with lyrics and music by Jerry Herman, book by Michael Stewart, is next production for Mt. Carmel High School's Theater at the Mount program, March 20-29. 858-484-1180 x3341. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.; Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$12. Mt. Carmel High School, 9550 Carmel Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASOUITOS)

"Henry Miller Is Under My Bed" Local author Mary Duncan discusses, signs her new book. 858-454-0347. Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Luncheon of the Boating Party" Author Susan Vreeland discusses, signs her most recent book. 858-552-1657. Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m.; La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Open Air: Poems Inspired by Nature" Enjoy poetry by Emily Dickinson, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Robert Frost, Walt Whitman, Edgar Allan Poe, and others while "surrounded by some of the most beautiful and famous American landscape paintings of the 19th Century." Included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. Saturday, March 29, 3 p.m.; \$4-\$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Swallow the Ocean" Author Laura Flynn discusses, signs her memoir set in 1970s San Francisco. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"The Code" Tony Burroughs discusses and signs his book. 619-295-2201. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.; Borders Books and Music Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North.

**Author Signing** Bridget Kirchhoff signs *Blessings and Hardships.* 760-479-0242. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.; Borders Books and Music Carlsbad, 1905 Calle Barcelona.

**Fantasy Author** Raymond E. Feist visits with fans, signs his new epic fantasy, *Wrath of a Mad God.* 858-268-4747. Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302 (CLAIREMONT)

**Good Bye, Big Read!** Big Read "grand finale" with Dixieland jazz, Southern-style refreshments, readings from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, presentations of Found Poetry. 760-753-7376. Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive.

Intimate Ibsen Ion Theatre continues year-long Ibsen cycle of readings. Third reading is Ibsen's *Ghosts*. Donation. Postshow discussion led by Ibsen scholar/translator Anne-Charlotte Hanes Harvey. Reservations suggested: 619-374-6894. Monday, March 31, 7 p.m.; \$10. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

More "Hollywood Crows" Former Los Angeles Police Department officer and bestselling author Joseph Wambaugh discusses his new book during interview by Arthur Salm of San Diego Union-Tribune. 858-268-4747. Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**Ocean Beach Comedy** Local comedians plan show benefiting Lupe Haley and her Ocean Beach Ministries program. Open mike: 6-7 p.m. Donation. 619-222-6822. Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Poetry Unlimited** Art and Music Featured poet is Sylvia Levinson, whose "poems address a spectrum of life experiences." Music by Do-

minique and Valerie Kim. Hosted by Jean Frank. Open readings follow. 858-552-1657. Wednesday, April 2, 5 p.m.; La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (IA JOLLA)

Renowned in Legal Circles DNA expert George "Woody" Clarke discusses his new book, *Justice and Science: Trials and Triumphs of DNA Evidence.* 858-456-1800. Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

#### **LECTURES**

"Art Hits the Streets: Public Art in San Diego, Past and Present" Public artist and sculptor Nina Karavasiles and Dana Springs, public art program manager of City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, speak for "Professional Artist" lecture series. 619-236-0011. Wednesday, April 2, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bye Bye Grass, Part Two" Gardening expert Nan Sterman teaches how to evaluate irrigation, prepare soil, select plants. Reservations: 619-660-0614. Saturday, March 29, 1:30 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Embodying Peaceful Power: Harvesting Anger" Jitendra Darling of Institute for Dynamic Intelligence Core Mastery leads seminar. "Anger can neither be repressed nor given in to." 753-5786 x848. Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.; \$40. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Everything Must Change Tour 2008" Author Brian McLaren speaks for conference based on his new book, Everything Must Change. Focus on how people of faith "can engage the world's most pressing crises — environmental, economic,







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"Excessive Screaming" Parrot Education and Adoption Center seminar at 1 p.m., followed by look at "Biting" (2:45 p.m.) in room D-6. Reservations: 619-287-8200. Sunday, March 30, 1 p.m.; \$15. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Finding Ancestors with GPS: Genealogical Problem Solving" Spring seminar with lecture by professional genealogist and author Christine Rose hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Reservations: 760-599-9958. Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.; \$25-\$30. Carlsbad Senior Center, 499 Pine Street, (CARLSBAD)

"Finding Your Voice" Creativity workshop planned for final installment of "Voices: A Women's Human Rights Film Series" hosted by Eveoke Dance Theatre and the Cultural Worker, Reservations: 619-238-1153. Friday, March 28, 6 p.m.; \$10-\$12. Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Avenue, suite A. (NORTH PARK)

**"Found Poetry"** Poet and Diegueño Middle School English teacher Linda Huston leads workshop. Participants "learn to recognize and compose poetry from the prose" in pages of novel. 760-753-7376. Thursday, March 27, 4 p.m.; Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library, 2081 Newcastle Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"Greco-Roman Sites in Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya" Andrew Jameson, former lecturer at Harvard University and Vice-Chancellor, UC Berkeley, speaks for Asian Arts Council. 619-696-1935. Thursday, March 27, 1 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Inside the Wave" panel discussion Impact of technology on physical and social situations examined during discussion moderated by curator Betti-Sue Hertz, with members of art collectives bulbo and particle group, artists Zlatan Vukosavljevic, Brian Dick, and Allison Wiese, who "will reflect on their artwork and influences, while artist Adriene Jenik will participate via video conferencing from

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

ROAM-()-RAMA

ometimes the intimacy of a small, hidden waterfall is more aesthetically Frewarding than the thunder of a famous one. Such is the case with Holy Jim Falls. Tucked into a short, steep canyon draining the southeast flank of Santiago Peak (the high point of the Santa Ana Mountains in Orange County), the falls are seemingly remote but relatively easily reached on foot. The last stretch of trail lead-

ing to the falls may be a little overgrown with poison oak, so wear long pants and a long-sleeved

The last few miles of driving up along the bottom of Trabuco Canvon to the trailhead is an adventure in itself, not one to be undertaken by low-slung automobiles. Rocks and potholes are the norm. From Trabuco Canvon Road, at the easternmost end of O'Neill Regional Park in Rancho Santa Margarita, turn east on the rough, unpaved Trabuco Creek Road. Proceed 4.7 miles to the Holy Jim Trailhead, on the left. Along the way you'll pass various cabins on leased Cleveland National Forest land many tucked away in beautiful groves of oaks and sycamores.

Holy Jim Falls After 4.7 miles you arrive at the Holy Jim

Trailhead on the left. Park there, and don't forget to post your National Forest Adventure Pass on your car. On foot, proceed up the road heading north into Holy Jim

Canyon, passing more cabins beneath the sheltering trees. A century ago this canyon was home to settlers who eked out a living by raising bees. One beekeeper, James T. Smith, became so famous for his cursing habit that he was popularly named "Cussin' lim." Other nicknames bestowed on him. included "Lyin' Smith," "Greasy Jim," and "Salvation Smith." Dignified government cartographers later invented a new one, "Holy Jim."

After 0.5 mile of hiking you come to a sturdy steel gate. Beyond, a narrow trail continues upstream, crossing the creek seven times in 0.7 mile. Typical moisture-loving native trees, ferns, and chaparral shrubs line the canyon, but you'll also see naturalized fig trees and a purple-flowered ground cover called vinca (or periwinkle), the latter two introduced by the early settlers. Just after the last stream crossing, the trail switches back sharply to the left and begins ascending the west slope of the canyon. Leave the main trail at this point and continue straight up the bottom of the canyon on an even narrower trail. After about 400 yards you'll come to the shallow pool and grotto at the base of the

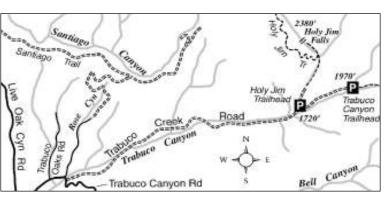
falls. Above it the water cascades about 18 feet over a broken cliff.

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#### **HOLY JIM FALLS**

Holy cow! Check out mini-majestic Holy Jim Falls in the Santa Ana Mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 83 miles Hiking length: 2.8 miles round-trip Difficulty: Moderate



China." 619-220-8497. Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

"Introduction to World Wide Web" Class for beginners focuses on web browsers, search engines, web directories, 619-660-5370, Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.; Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Know Your Neotropical Birds" Why do thousands of brightly colored birds arrive in Southern California each spring? Find out during class hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Class begins at Old Mission Dam, finishes at museum. Bring binoculars. Registration: 619-255-0203. Saturday, March 29, 8 a.m.; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Living under the Trees" Activist/artist David Bacon plans gallery talk in conjunction with his current exhibit of large color photographs documenting daily experiences of Mexican farm workers in California. 619-388-2829. Monday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.; Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"Measuring the Cost of Migration for Mexico" Lecture by Agustín Escobar Latapí. He is currently a visiting fellow at Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies and researcher at Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social en Occidente (CIESAS). He is coauthor of eight books and over 90 articles and chapters. 858-534-4503. Wednesday, April 2, 3:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD

"Osteoporosis: Cracking the Code" Diana E. Hoppe, M.D., teaches ways to prevent osteoporosis; approximately one in nine women in America is affected by the disease. Talk hosted by Circle of Life

100 and Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas. Required reservations: 760-633-7722. Thursday, March 27, 4 p.m.; Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club, 17025 Avenida de Acacias. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Plant Propagation Made Easy" Learn techniques for preparing, storing, planting seeds. Bring samples of plants and seeds you wish to propagate. \$30. Reservations: 619-660-4350. Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.; \$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Revolutions" Discussion led by Hugh M. Davies (director of Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego) with Isabelle and Jean-Conrad Lemaitre about their collection, collecting video, and their involvement in the promotion of film and video (in Mandeville Recital Hall). Talk followed by opening reception for exhibition of 18 video works from Lemaitre's collection in University Art Gallery, 858-534-2107. Thursday, March 27, 4:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

"Talking to the Dying"  $\mathrm{Dr}.$ Charles von Gunten of San Diego Hospice presents talk for you "if your familv is faced with this or it is part of your job." RSVP: 858-722-5446. Thursday, March 27, 6 p.m.; Pomerado Hospital, 15615 Pomerado Road. (POWAY)

"The Gospel of César Chávez" Mario T. Garcia, professor of history and Chicano studies at UCSD, plans talk in Salomon Hall, Maher Hall. 619-260-4022. Tuesday, April 1, 6 p.m.; University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (USD)

"Welcome Spring with Good Feng Shui" Robin Mayfield shares feng shui principles to "inspire you to make positive changes in your own homes." Requested reservations: 858-538-8159. Thursday, March 27, 1 p.m.; Rancho

Focus on Argentina Barry and

Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Corinne Smedley present illustrated lecture for Sierra Club. 619-585-3773, 619-299-1743. Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Gallery Talk Artist Ernest Silva leads plans talk in conjunction with "Innocence Is Questionable." Included in museum admission. 760-839-4120. Wednesday, April 2, 2 p.m.; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

#### **OUTDOORS**

India Hawthorn, one of the most common flowering shrubs used in landscaping as hedges and dividers in San Diego, is blooming best right about now. The plant, which has several varieties, covers itself with blossoms ranging in hue from pinkish white to vivid pink.

Yuccas of two varieties are in bloom in San Diego County from now through May. Year after year, the Mojave yucca (Yucca schidigera) sends up a blunt flower stalk of white, waxy blossoms from the same base — a rosette of dagger-like leaves. The shimmering white exclamation point that unfolds above "Our Lord's Candle" (Yucca whipplei), on the other hand, is a prelude to the plant's imminent death. Mojave vucca is widely distributed along San Diego County's coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert, Our Lord's Candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna mountains. The two yuccas coexist with each other in a few areas like Torrey Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego's high-desert areas.

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchidlike flowers in shades of pink, purple, and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, southern California, and Arizona.

The Sticky-Sweet Odor of citrus blossoms is wafting on the spring breezes this year, as it has in every year since the 1870s, when the county's first commercially planted orange and lemon groves began to produce fruit. From early plantings in areas like National City and Lemon Grove, citrus groves spread east and north as urbanization



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encroached. Today, a car or bicycle trip through Rancho Santa Fe, Pauma Valley, and the outskirts of Escondido, Vista, and Fallbrook induces a pleasant reminiscence of San Diego County's agricultural past.

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, March 29, 8:30 a.m.: Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway, (CARLSBAD)

Ever Walked in a "Disturbed Finger Canyon"? Join Canyoneers for outing at Lake Murray (on Baltimore Drive) to see cholla, prickly pear, brass buttons, mosquito fish, laurel sumac, mixed in with castor beans, pepper trees, fennel. Directions: 619-255-0203. Sunday, March 30, 8 a.m.; Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

Get Outside! Trail repair work continues. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 619-669-1697. Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.; Ages 16 and up. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 40 miles east of San Diego. (JULIAN)

Get to Know the Natives California Native Plant Society sponsors easy walk through Juniper Canyon led by Dave Flietner and Paul Hormick. Identify, discover, discuss native flora's names, uses, ecological roles. 619-501-3789. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.; Juniper Canyon trail head, Juniper Canyon at 33rd Street. (SOUTH PARK)

#### Harlequins on Bladderpod!

Why are colorful bugs on this plant? Learn this and more during guided nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, March 30, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Tour del Día Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park. 619-235-1122. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors Center, 1549 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

What Are Fairy Shrimp? Find out during hike in search of tiny freshwater shrimp living on mesa tops in puddles of early spring. 858-484-3219. Sunday, March 30, 3 p.m.; Carmel Mountain trail head. Fairport Way and Shorepointe Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

#### **SOUTH OF THE** BORDER

"Exploring Limits" Lecture by Karla Wheelock, the first Mexican woman on Everest. 011-52-664-681-7000. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.;

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\$20. Grand Hotel Tijuana, Blvd. Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

"La Mujer en el Cine Actual" Lecture by Ezzo Avendaño. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

"Los Monologos de la Vagina" Actors from Tijuana perform. 011-52-664-687-9636. Monday, March 31, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; \$15-\$30. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street.

"Tribute to Ines Arredondo: 80 Years" Readings in honor of Arredondo. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, March 27, 4 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Claude Bolling's Anthology Orchestra of Baja California plays chamber music. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, March 27, 8 p.m.; \$15. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Lobster Lunch Tour Baia California Tour's outing includes lobster feast at Patio de la Langosta in Puerto Nuevo, shopping at artisan's market in Rosarito Beach, bakery stop in Tijuana. Tour departs from Kings Inn. Reservations: 858-454-7166. Thursday, March 27, 9 a.m.; \$79. Kings Inn San Diego, 1333 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ricardo Montaner in Concert Proceeds benefit General Hospital Mexicali, 011-52-686-564-1100. Friday, March 28, 8 p.m.; Plaza Calafia.

Wrestling Show See El Hijo del Santo, Solitario Jr. versus Super Parka and Villiano III. 011-52-664-608-4692. Friday, March 28, 8:30 p.m.; Auditorio Municipal, Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

#### SPECIAL

"Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature" Series continues with Michael Chabon's wonderful Yiddish Policemen's Union in West Commons room 201 (next to parking structure #4). Ellen Zyroff leads discussion, 858-694-2484, Sunday, March 30, 1 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive.

"Myths of the 1960s" What truly came out of that decade? P&R Discussion Group gathers to discuss. 619-370-1027. Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.: The Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street, (NORTH PARK)

"Releve" Gala Meet cast and crew of Releve, a "new independent film to be shot" in San Diego during the coming summer. Enjoy appetizers and "a good show" while supporting the film, 707-364-7255, Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m.; \$25-\$30. St.

Columba Catholic Church, 3327 Glencolum Drive. (SERRA MESA)

"The Sun and the Solar System" Illuminated during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233 Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Womensexhibit" San Diego Mesa College Museum Studies presents this exhibition on display through March in Learning Resource Center, L2 Art corridor, and L1 foyer. Featured paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, book art, and mixed-media pieces "explore female-oriented issues" in honor of Women's History Month. 619-388-2829. Thursdays, 7 a.m.; Fridays, 7 a.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.; Mondays, 7 a.m.; through Monday, March 31, 2008, Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Balkan Song Workshop Mary Ann Downs reviews/teaches an hour of traditional Balkan dance songs. Allrequest dance program follows at 8:30 p.m. Fees: 619-281-5656. Saturday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.; Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Belgian Beer Party More than 75 Belgian and Belgian-style ales including golden ales, strong ales, trappist ales, lambics, fruit and wheat beers, and others available for sampling during two sessions. Tickets include a Belgian beer glass and tasting tickets (for ten four-ounce samples); additional tickets: \$1.760-720-7007. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; \$45. Pizza Port Carlsbad, 571 Carlsbad Village Drive.

**Book Talk and Treats** Librarians "tantalize literary taste buds with recommendations and reviews of new books." 858-755-1666. Friday, March 28, 3 p.m.; Del Mar Library, 1309 Camino del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Books to Good Homes Book sale with half-off prices. 619-466-5270. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.; Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

**Neo-Slave Narratives** Series of book discussions on novels written by contemporary African-American writers revisiting and revising the "slave narrative" genre and addressing authors with history, race, and identity in contemporary America. Focus on Charles Johnson's Soulcatcher with author and UCSD literature professor Camille F. Forbes. 619-236-5821. Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Earth Day Celebration Learn how to save the environment during festival with interactive and educational events for adults and children. Plant sale, spring garden planting tips dispensed by horticulturist Friar







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# What's That You're Reading?

NAME: VERONIQUE KAPLINSKY | OCCUPATION: STAY-AT-HOME MOM NEIGHBORHOOD: RANCHO PENASQUITOS | WHERE INTERVIEWED: STARBUCKS, POWAY



What book are you currently reading?

"Presumption of Death, by Perri O'Shaughnessy."

#### Tell me about the book.

"It is a legal thriller. It is about an arson in Carmel Valley. Two boys went into the hills. I think they meant to catch the arsonist in order to get the reward money [but] it went badly and one was found dead and burned. The other is alive and is accused of being the arsonist [but] they were just after the arsonist, actually."

#### Were you prompted to read the book because of the fires

"No, not at all. A friend just gave me the book a few weeks ago and I really liked it."

#### Is this the sort of book you usually read?

"I read a lot of different things. I like a lot of thrillers, but I

do read literature as well."

#### Do you have any favorite characters?

"I like the protagonist, the lawyer. She is a woman on her own with a teenage son who's had a kind of rocky life: a single mom, then remarried, and then her husband died. She's very strong, very smart, a little bit of a risk taker. I like her." How would you describe the

#### author's writing style?

"It's good. I think it is well-written, easy to read, fast,"

#### How does this book compare to other thrillers that you've read?

"One writer I really like is Elizabeth George [BBC's "Inspector Lynley" author]. She's from England. Her books are of the same genre, but are a little bit deeper in the analysis of character. Nevada Barr is one writer that I've read because she is a park ranger and so each of her stories takes place in a different national park, which is kind of nice. I like reading about the parks."

#### Who is your favorite author?

"As far as thrillers are concerned, Elizabeth George, because she is more in-depth compared to a lot of others in terms of developing the characters."

#### What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"Okay. Very unusual. Get ready: The Economist, National Geographic Adventure, Backpacker. We get other magazines like U.S. News, but I just glance at them. Fortune I don't like. Business Week we also get: I just glance at it. I get most daily news from the

radio, from NPR."

Are you the kind of person who reads articles to the end, or just the first couple paragraphs?

"To the end. Yes."

#### Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"Yes, quite a lot. I have a lot of friends who are good readers and we share, we trade books.

#### What are your conversations like?

#### Do you focus on the plot or on character?

"No, I think we mostly focus on whether it's an interesting subject, whether you would like it, whether it's well-written. For example, with me, I like the outdoors. It's not so much about the characters, more about the genre, or 'this is very good, you would like it.""

James Lockman, recycling vendors and exhibitors, crafts for children, horticultural tours, more. 760-757-3651 x146. Sunday, March 30, 11 a.m.; Mission San Luis Rev, 4070 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Fred Hall's Fishing Tackle, Boat, and Travel Show Show promises boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, and seminars. Free for those under 15. 805-389-3339. Thursday, March 27, 1 p.m.; Friday, March 28, 1 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.; Sunday,

March 30, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$12. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante

Gaslamp Art Showcase Event promises artistic works in unique settings throughout Gaslamp Quarter (on Fifth Avenue, between J and K Street and between K and L Avenues). Themed activities include Reflection Art Show on Fifth Avenue under Gaslamp Archway, Spyglass Art Exhibit within Gaslamp Quarter venues, and Kaleidoscope Art Tour in fine art galleries, rooftop lounges,

more. All activities free except for Kaleidoscope Art Tour (\$10 fee includes wine and spirits for those 21 and older). 619-233-5227. Saturday, March 29, noon; Gaslamp Quarter.

Herb Festival and tomato-mania! Festival and spring plant sale with lectures, demonstrations, herb walks, herbal products on offer. Lucinda Huston, author of The Herb Garden Cookbook and Tequila! Cooking with the Spirit of Mexico, lectures and signs books; Andy Lopez, a.k.a. the "Invisible Gardener," presents "Don't Panic, It's Organic: We Can Make a Difference" lecture on Saturday. 760-436-3036. Saturday, March 29, 9

a.m.; Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail

House of Lebanon Lawn program with ethnic dancing, costume, music at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, March 30, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Open-Case Days Ever wanted to open a museum exhibit case and play instruments on display? Museum opens its violin exhibit cases to allow professional and amateur musicians the chance to play on selection of acoustic and electric violins from today's top makers. Offered last Monday of each month, by appointment only: 760-438-5996 x212. Monday, March 31; Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive, (CARLSBAD)

Puppy Fun Class Have a new puppy? Have questions? Workshop helps prevent and manage unwanted puppy behaviors before they become problems. Topics: digging, chewing, housetraining, nipping, barking, calmness in house, puppy nutrition. Pups must be current on vaccines, under 16 weeks of age. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2273. Saturday, March 29, 1 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street, (LINDA VISTA)

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Samples and Advice! Paw Country celebrates one-year anniversary with samples and training advice from Whole Dog Training. "Pet and people psychic reader" Sindi Somers of Wild and Tame Communications will answer questions about guest's pets (pets do not have to be present to receive reading). 619-463-1134. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.: Paw Country, 5652 Lake Murray Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Spring Fling Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation. Spring photographs of your dog available (\$5). Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, March 28, 6 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street.

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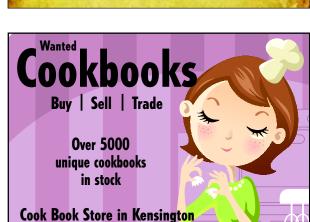
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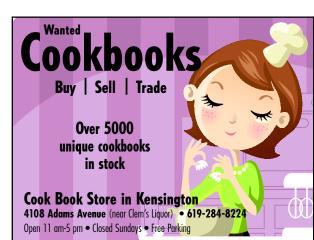
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**Tower After Hours** Celebrate Peru with "live Andean music and dancing." Authentic food and drink served. Reservations: 619-239-2001. Friday, March 28, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$20. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Whale-Watching Cruises Made possible by Birch Aquarium at Scripps and San Diego Harbor Excursion, now through March 31 at 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily. \$15 kids 4-12; \$30-\$35 for those 13 and older. Reservations: 619-234-4111. Thursdays, 9:45 a.m.; Fridays, 9:45 a.m.; Saturdays, 9:45 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.; through Sunday, April 13, 2008, \$15-\$35. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

What's Bio-Diesel Made From? How is ethanol created? Find out during open house, along with "more about hybrids and what you and your family can do to help the environment." Segway demonstrations, lessons. All ages. Donations suggested. Requested reservations: 619-243-0410. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.; San Diego Ecocenter for Alternative Fuel Education, 4001 El Cajon Boulevard. (CITY HEIGHTS)

#### **SPORTS**

**Big Lagoon Ride** Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50mile "fun ride." 619-562-2882. Saturday, March 29, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY) Inland Rail Trail Ride Park in short-term lot and join Knickerbikers for 30-mile adventure. Expect ride on part of new trail system to Palomar College, North County streets, more. Bring money for lunch at Cocina del Charro. 760-747-8622. Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m.; North County Transit Center, West Valley Parkway and West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Kayak El Capitan Reservoir**Reservoir is nesting site for spotted sandniners willow flycatchers great

sandpipers, willow flycatchers, great egrets; excursion sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum. Fees include equipment, paddling instruction. Reservations, directions: 619-255-0203. Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

More Horses! Diamond Jubilee Morgan Horse Show hosted by Morgan Horse Club of San Diego County. 951-737-1294. Thursday, March 27, 9 a.m.; Friday, March 28, 9 a.m.; Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.; Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Opening Day!** San Diego Padres open season with games against Houston Astros, March 31-April 3. Game broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, March 31, 7:05 p.m.; Tuesday, April 1, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, April 2, 7:05 p.m.; %8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Paws in the Park Walk benefiting Escondido Humane Society. Bring your canine pal to walk either 1.5mile or 2.5-mile routes, enjoy festival/expo. Registration at 8 a.m.; walk at 9 a.m. Donation. 760-888-2235. Sunday, March 30, 8 a.m.; Kit Car-

#### **OUT & ABOUT**

OPEN AND SHUT? Violin exhibit cases open for playing,

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son Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Race for Kids Thomas Jefferson School of Law hosts 5k walk/run to benefit Voices 4 Children. 323-493-0827. Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m.; \$10-\$20. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Roller Derby Double Header!

Prison City Derby Dames take on San Diego Hard Corps for bout one (6 p.m.), with San Diego All Stars taking on Team Awesome for bout two (7 p.m.). Tickets: 858-560-9278. Saturday, March 29, 6 p.m.; \$15-\$18. Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Road. (LINDA VISTA)

San Diego Race for Autism Event with 5k run/walk (8:30 a.m.), 1-mile family run/walk (9 a.m.), starts and finishes at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Registration opens: 7 a.m. 858-679-8800. Saturday, March 29, 7 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Balboa

Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Classic Quarter Horse Show Competition runs March 27-30. 714-444-2918. Thursday, March 27, 8 a.m.; Friday, March 28, 8 a.m.; Saturday, March 29, 8 a.m.; Sunday, March 30, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real.

**Stride with Panther Pride 5K** "Fun walk for education" to raise money for academic programs. Registration: 9 a.m.; walk: 10 a.m. 760-726-5611. Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.; Vista High School, One Panther Way. (VISTA)

**Swim 4 Life** SurfAid International hosts fundraising event in Coggan Pool. Participants asked to gain sponsors for their 30-minute swim. 760-753-1103. Saturday, March 29, noon; La Jolla High School, 800 Nautilus Street. (LA JOLLA)

#### MUSEUMS

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "Juried Fine Art Exhibit 2008" continues through Saturday, April 19, along with display of children's art.

The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News.* 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum

Campo Railroad Museum, show-casing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (CAMPO-POTRERO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Avenue, 619-338-

#### 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. 360 Third Avenue. 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

**Creation Museum** A museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900.

**Gemological Institute of America Museum** Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Drive, 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

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. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park.

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321 North Broadway, 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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. 2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-

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." 4233 Park Boulevard, 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park 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.). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo 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. Witherby Street and Hancock Street, 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. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon **Grove** "The Kumeyaay: At Home in the World" features murals depicting the world of Kumeyaay in Lemon Grove in 12,000 B.C., when vast sweeps of oak savannah and a river dominated the area. The coming of the Spanish conquistadors and the Catholic hierarchy in the mid-18th century is portrayed. Century-old artifacts, along with photographs of leading contemporary Kumeyaay family flank the life size figures.

"The Art of The Treganzas" boasts hammered copper and brass artifacts, paintings, drawings, and Arts and Crafts furniture created between 1906-1935 by this pioneer Lemon Grove family.

In "Lemon Grove: 1892-1935," homes and families of pioneer fruit growers are shown in rare photographs, along with artifacts, in this display detailing agricultural roots of the town. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353, (LEMON GROVE)

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

"Strange Matter" introduces visitors to world of materials science. Materials scientists investigate structure of materials to discover what gives them their remarkable properties. Closes Sunday, May 18.

"Listen Here! Making Sense of Sound," allows visitors to experience the nature of sound, how human beings perceive sound, and

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the act of listening through exhibits, activities, demonstrations. Exhibit from the Exploratorium in San Francisco continues through Sunday, June 1.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "TryScience!" "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

#### San Diego Air and Space Museum

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

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

ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

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

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

#### San Diego Automotive Museum

"High Art: Concept Cars and Automobile Design," continuing through Wednesday, March 26, includes vehicles from General Motors, Nissan, Chrysler, Mazda, Honda, Volvo, and Art Center College of Design.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

#### San Diego Hall of Champions

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

#### San Diego Maritime Museum

"The War through Steichen's Eyes — Combat Photography in the Pacific 1943-45" features 50 photographs produced by Edward Steichen and photographers under his supervision; many famous images of World War II featured. Additional photographs, documents, artifacts chronicle the life of this accomplished photographer. Through July.

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

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark Star of India, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat Berkeley, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht Medea. The HMS Surprise, used in film Master and Commander, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits. ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers. complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man

"People, Prints, and Politics: China 1920-1980," opening Saturday, March 29, features work by Chinese artist and scholar Xian Rang Yong from Shandong Province. Yong utilizes Chinese art of woodblock printing to create compelling portraits, landscapes, depictions of cultural activities, political

"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, iewelry, 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)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum A 100-foot retired Korean Warera tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is

docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

#### Valley Center History Museum The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view

in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. 29200 Cole Grade Road, 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER) William Heath Davis House

Museum is said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego. The house is a wellpreserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home, shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. 410 Island Avenue, 619-233-4692.

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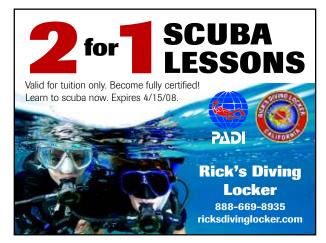
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**Szymanowski Quartet** Ensemble, founded in Warsaw in 1995, performs for Barbara and William Karatz Chamber Concert Series. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 27. (LA JOLLA)

**"Symphony Exposed"** San Diego Symphony, conductor Edward Cumming, perform "Also Sprach Zarathustra" by Strauss. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 27. (DOWNTOWN)

Love and Betrayal! San Diego Opera continues season with double-bill boasting Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci by Leoncavallo. Casts include Argentinean tenor José Cura, American tenor Richard Leech, American sopranos Elizabeth Futral and Carter Scott, Irish baritone Bruno Caproni, New Zealand mezzo-soprano Sarah Castle, American baritone Scott Hendricks, American tenor Simeon Esper. Conductor is Edoardo Müller, director is Lotfi Mansouri. Sung in Italian with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 8 p.m., Friday, March 28; 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30; 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 2. (DOWNTOWN)

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Sunday, March 30, Bob Burton Center.

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"Irregular Pearls" Rebel plays selections by Rossi, Biber, Schmelzer, Purcell, Telemann, Leclair, Mancini, and Vivaldi for San Diego Early Music Society. "A previously undiscovered recorder concerto by Vivaldi is one of the gems featured in this eclectic mix of music." \$10 student rush tickets available one hour before concert. 619-291-8246. St. James by the Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Friday, March 28.

"SWAN Day Marathon" Athenaeum celebrates SWAN Day (Support Women Artists Now Day), described as "a new international holiday created by the Fund for Women Artists," with San Diego's women musicians. Donations go directly to the artists, who include the Sue Palmer Quintet, the Golliards, Coral MacFarland Thuet, the Annarocelle Piano Quartet, musicians from San Diego Symphony, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, others. Donation. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 10 a.m., Saturday, March 29. (LA JOLLA)

"Rising Stars" Concert by "young and talented students" in CIM's Tchaikovsky Auditorium. 858-259-5508. California Institute of Music (3346 Industrial Court), 6 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Jacobs' Masterworks Concert San Diego Symphony, conductor Edward Cumming, and pianist Bill Wolfram perform "Also Sprach Zarathustra" by Strauss, the "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich, and Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor)." Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (DOWNTOWN)

Faculty Recital Pianist Tatiana Roitman Mann plays pieces by Brahms, Liszt, Mozart, and Bartók, in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (USD)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (BALBOA PARK)

Music from Renaissance Era The 16-member a cappella ensemble Pacific Camerata performs for Old Masters of Music and Art series. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (BALBOA PARK)

"Crowning Achievements" MiraCosta College's North Coast Symphony Orchestra and North Coast Concert Chorale join with more than 100 musicians to perform Mozart's "Coronation Mass in C Major" and "Pastoral Symphony No. 6" by Beethoven. 769-56815. MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 29; 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (OCEANSIDE)

Keyboard Conversations Why did Beethoven write a love poem to Elise? How was Robert Schumann's music affected by his love life? Pianist, raconteur Jeffrey Siegel combines musicianship with commentary on composers and their compositions, concludes with question and answer session. 800-988-4253. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (ESCONDIDO)

"Operetta...The Lighter Side"

The Solana Intimate Ensemble featuring Dawn Marshall (soprano), Kathleen O'Brien (mezzosoprano), Chad Frisque (tenor), William Nolan (baritone), Janie Prim (piano) — performs pieces by Gilbert and Sullivan, Herbert, . Lehár, Offenbach, Loesser, many others. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. California Foundation for International Global Arts (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500), 4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (SOLANA BEACH)

Camerata Ireland The "vibrant chamber ensemble" performs for Fallbrook Music Society. Program includes "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and "Piano Concerto No. 13 in E-flat Major" by Mozart, Prokofiev's "Andante for Strings," "Romance for Strings" by Sibelius,

and Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings." Reservations: 760-451-8644. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (FALLBROOK)

Classical Lunchtime Classical pianist Alexander Wasserman presents a mini-concert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, March 31. (DOWNTOWN)

**Chamber Strings Concert** San Diego Symphony String Quartet is joined by cellist Charles Curtis of UCSD performance faculty, violist Rebecca Gitter of Boston Symphony, and harpist Julie Smith of San Diego Symphony in program of music for strings and harp. Program boasts "Fantasy for Violin and Harp" by Saint-Saëns, Beethoven's "String Trio No. 2 in G Major," "Quintet for Harp and String Quartet" by Debussy, and 'String Quintet" by Boccherini. 858-534-TIXS. Qualcomm Hall (5775 Morehouse Drive), 8 p.m., Monday, March 31. (MIRA MESA)

"Danses: Sacre et Profane"
San Diego Symphony String Quartet performs selections by Debussy and Beethoven. 619-696-1969. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 1. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Romantic Piano Concerto" Pianist Ofra Yitzhaki joins when Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra to play pieces by Tchaikovsky, Cohen, Chopin. 619-697-6001. Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Blvd.), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1. (SAN CARLOS)

Classical with Jazz and Latin Flavor Verbunkos perform for Free First Wednesday Series. 800-988-4253. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 4 and 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 2. (ESCONDIDO)

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#### GALLERIES

events section.

"Revolutions" Opening reception for exhibition of 18 video works from collection of Isabelle and Jean-Conrad Lemaitre in University Art Gallery. These Londonbased French collectors have been collecting almost exclusively video work; current collection includes artists from all over the world, numbers 80 works. "Revolutions" occu-

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pies six especially created rooms, housing both projected works and pieces shown on monitor. Reception follows discussion led by Hugh M. Davies (director of Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego) with the Lemaitres about their collection, collecting video, and their involvement in the promotion of film and video (in Mandeville Recital Hall). Exhibition closes Saturday, May 17. 858-534-2107. University of California San Diego (9500 Gilman Drive). 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 27. (UCSD)

"Celtic Traditions: A Celebration of Irish Culture" History of Ireland explored in mixed-media exhibition of paintings, photography, wood-carvings, bronze sculptures and jewelry, closing with reception for artists Denise Bonaimo, David Ghilarducci, Danielle Susalla (curator and artist). RSVP: 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite F-109). 6 p.m., Friday, March 28. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Convergence" Opening reception for artists including Adam Belt, whose installations incorporate salt to demonstrate physical forces of the natural world. "Jean Hamerslag: From the Ordinary to the Extraordinary" showcases "playful, fun, innovative, and powerful" glass mosaic sculptures. Also on view: artist books by conceptual artist Christina Boltanski. All continue through Saturday, May 3. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 28. (LA JOLLA)

"Senses" Opening reception for art show featuring new works by artists who reside in Brokers Building Gallery. Show will also be open for viewing on Saturday, March 29, noon-7 p.m., during Gaslamp AT Walk. 619-504-1954. Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). 7 p.m., Friday, March 28. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Mermaid Show" Mixed-media exhibition "celebrating the iconic imagery of mermaids in many forms" opens with reception. Enjoy art by 20 San Diego artists through Sunday, May 25. 619-233-6679. The Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Southern California Regional Awards Exhibition" Opening reception for exhibit continuing through Sunday, May 11. Jurors include Ruth Hoffman, Matthew Strauss, Eloisa Haudenschild. During reception, fourth annual "Palette Award" presented by Nina Karavasiles. 619-594-3119. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 6 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (BALBOA PARK)

"Hello, I Love You..." Opening reception for gallery and exhibit. Show, curated by Jasmine Worth and featuring art by female art collective Grrrrrl Power, continues through April. 619-283-2611. Junc Boutique and Gallery (2205 Fern Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (NORTH PARK)

FusionGlass Spring Show FusionGlass Spring Show and hat contest. See dichroic glass creations by Paul Fernandes and Debbie Solan. To participate in hat contest, decorate any hat, in any style; you need to wear the hat on your head. 619-461-4440. FusionGlass Company (8872 La Mesa Boulevard). 6 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (LA MESA)

"Warren Bakley: Ceramic Forms and Paintings" Opening reception for exhibition by San Diego ceramic artist. 760-765-1676. Closes Sunday, May 4. 760-765-1676. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78c). 4 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (JULIAN)

#### "Off the Streets, Onto Canvas"

Second graffiti art contest opens. Judge is Jack Quick of Rhino Arts. All entered artwork will be auctioned. 760-505-0063. Gallery Savarese (1034 North Coast Highway 101). 2 p.m., Saturday, March 29. (LEUCADIA)

"Ancient Stargazers and Modern Mountains" Opening reception for exhibition by Del Mar photographer, mathematician, scientist Michael Vander Vorst, Exhibit promises "dramatic landscapes of the mountains and ancient ruins of the American West; as well as images of the night sky capturing heavenly shapes in colors and details not evident to our unaided eyes." Closes Saturday, May 3. 760-722-3348. Oceanside Photo and Telescope Underground Photographic Gallery (918 Mission Avenue). 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (OCEANSIDE)

"On Flowers" Exhibition highlighting contemporary artists' floral imagery opens Sunday, March 30, and continues through Sunday, May 25. Exhibition boasts more than 40 paintings, drawings, mixed-media works by 11 contemporary California artists. 760-602-2021. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library (1775 Dove Lane). 1 p.m., Sunday, March 30. (CARLS-BAD)

#### ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum "Innocence is Questionable" is comprised of



work by six renowned San Diegobased artists: Jean Lowe, Ernest Silva, Raul Guerrero, Iana Quesnell, May-ling Martinez, and Yvonne Venegas. Each artist is recipien to 2006/2007 San Diego Art Prize. Through May. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

#### Mingei International Museum

"Hungarian Folk Magic —The Art of Joseph Domjan" includes several of this master woodblock printer's pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 5.

"American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition." Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 220); "Scholar's Rocks" is English name most commonly used for these items. American viewing stone collecting began with first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and suiseki.

The "Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio" are likely from a 19th-Century edition of Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits are ongoing.

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. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County. "Art of Play: Kinetic Toys of the World" — closing Sunday, June 29 — features objects that move when manipulated. See kites from many countries, pulland push-toys, antique mechanical banks, puppets, wooden toys. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown. "Maya

Lin: Systematic Landscapes," opening March 30, features recent sculptures, drawings, large-scale installations exploring "landscape as both form and content, as well as the role technology plays in visualizing and transforming our world." Exhibition centers on three large-scale installations; each puts viewer into "a distinctive relationship to the scale and shape of the land." Also featured are a series of sculptures based on water volumes of inland seas, large drawings of landforms and river sheds, and images of Lin's recent earthworks and architectural projects. Through June.

"Robert Irwin: Primaries and Secondaries" is "the largest exhibition of renowned artist...Irwin's work since 1993." Exhibit features five new major installation works created specifically for MCASD's galleries, is drawn almost exclusively of works from museum's collection. Closes Sunday, April 13. Find the museum directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla In the roomsized "Erwin Redl: Matrix II," the space seems to recede in all directions, as if the walls were mirrored. Floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall, the room is filled with grids of phosphor-green LEDs, creating an immersive web of light. Closes Sunday, May 4. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

#### **Museum of Photographic Arts**

"The Photographer's Eye: A Way of Seeing" is drawn from the museum's permanent collection. Exhibit illustrates the book The Photographer's Eye (1966) by John Szarkowski; he led 160 exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York.

Also closing Sunday, April 20, is "Measured Time: MoPA at 25." Museum's atrium wall holds a timeline exhibition reflecting museum's achievements since 1983. Images from permanent collection illustrate significant artists whose first solo exhibitions were held at MoPA, more.

"Picturing the Process" focuses on "an evolution of the early history of photography." Exhibition including photographic works ranging in date from mid-19th to early 20th Century closes Sunday, July 6. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BAL-BOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art "Masterpieces of San Diego Painting: Fifty Works from Fifty Years, 1900–1950" focuses on "museum's mission to promote and foster an appreciation for the art and artists of the San Diego region." Guest curator Bram Dijkstra assembled selection of paintings from private collections and museums including celebrated "plein air" painters such as Maurice Braun, Charles Fries, and Charles Reiffel, as well as neo-surrealist Ethel Greene and accomplished group of early modernists including Belle Baranceanu. Closes Thursday, June 26. 704 Pier View Way, 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art "Kindred Spirits: Asher B. Durand and the American Landscape" closing on Sunday, April 27 - surveys over 50 paintings, drawings, engravings by Durand, a of foremost artist of his era "who created the most memorable American landscape paintings of the mid-19th century." Exhibit gives extra emphasis given to large-scale landscape paintings for which he is best remembered. "Plein Air Past and Present: A Collaboration Between SDMA and the Lux Art Institute" runs concurrently, featuring more than 20 California plein-air paint-

"Rhythms of India: The Art of Nandalal Bose (1882–1966)" is described as the "first comprehensive traveling exhibition outside of Asia to survey the expansive repertoire of Bose...the father of modern art in India." Exhibit boasts close to 100 of Bose's finest paintings, executed in variety of styles and media, revealing how Bose contributed to success of India's nonviolent struggle for independence from colonial rule through his association with Mahatma Gandhi. Closes Sunday, May 18.

"Inside the Wave: Six San Diego/Tijuana Artists Construct Social Art," closing on Sunday, June 22, features six artists from San Diego/Tijuana region working within alternative cultures to produce thought-provoking works engaging issues of everyday life and materialism. Artists bulbo, Brian Dick, Adriene Jenik, particle group, Zlatan Vukosavljevic, and Allison Weise produce works including sculptures made of found industrial objects, photographs, documentary videos, and interactive digital media. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th-and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. Saint Bartholomew, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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#### The American Plan

Richard Greenberg's written a fas-cinating character; Lili's an Ophelia who didn't commit suicide. Possibly influenced by her German-Jewish family's experiences during WWII, she projects the Holocaust onto the world (she's convinced her mother murdered her father, for example). Lili's cried "wolf" so many times she could utter the truth unvarnished and you'd only hear a howl. In an irony so broad it becomes predictable, Lili's right. Things aren't what they seem. Her domineering mother's two-, and possibly even three-faced; her beau, Nick, could be just a gold digger after her inheritance. Like most illusion-versus-reality dramas, the play works best when the positives and negatives balance. But it also suffers from a domino effect: once you realize that what you see's an illusion you can anticipate that those to come will bring disillusionment as well, and Act Two unfolds as expected, its fatalistic payoff lacking the punch of the first act's strong setup. As Lili, Kate Arrington handles the role's emotional non sequiturs and leaps of language (she even references Ophelia, at one point, when drawn to the lakeshore of Wilson Chin's appealing, albeit Astroturfed set). Patrick Zeller, Michael Kirby, and Sharon Hope do capable work, but Lili's overbearing, elitist mother Eva gets lost in Sandra Shipley's thick German-Jewish accent and programmed affectations. She's a Tyrant, capital *T*, and too strident, even in her calmer scenes. We watch the reality of imitative acting rather than the illusion of performance. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH

#### **Black Coffee**

The Coronado Playhouse stages Agatha Christie's mystery about the theft of a physicist's valuable formula. Christie's famous detective, Hercule Poirot, appeared for the first time in this 1930 play. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, 619-435-4856. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 13.

#### **Bleacher Bums**

OnStage Playhouse presents the popular "comedy in nine innings" about Chicago Cubs' bleacher fans as they root against the St. Louis Cardinals. Bruce Wilde directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, 619-422-7787. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 5.



Dancing at Lughnasa

#### **Bluebonnet Court**

Diversionary and Moxie theaters co-present Zsa Zsa Gershick's award-winning, multiracial "dramedy" about Helen Burke. Waylaid on her way to L.A., "It's more than her car that gets an overhaul." Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097, THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 13.

#### The Cemetery Club

The Broadway Theatre in Vista stages Ivan Menchell's comedy about three widows who make monthly visits to their late husbands' graves. Jerry Pilato directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROAD WAY, VISTA, 760-806-7905, THURS-DAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 27

#### Dancing at Lughnasa

Early in Brian Friel's memory drama, Maggie holds what might be a butterfly in her hands. Then she releases it so fast that young Michael doesn't see it fly. "Just one quick glimpse," she says, "that's all you ever get. And if you miss that..." When Michael asks what it was, Maggie changes tone. Nothing, she says; "It was all in your mind." Dancing at Lughnasa is Michael's attempt, years later, to remember the late summer of 1936, when the five Mundy sisters of poor Ballybeg village, county Donegal, were still together: when they got their first "wireless" radio, and when their Uncle Jack returned from Africa after 25 years of having gone native. Michael knows what followed (circumstances tore the sisters apart, and they went their sad, separate ways). In Michael's memories of a "time when things changed too quickly" for his eyes, "atmosphere" will be more real than "incident." In effect, the play is Michael's attempt to do the impossible: to hold a bygone butterfly in his hands. Though openingnight performances were a bit uneven, under Esther Emery's sensitive direction New Village Arts captured the play's atmosphere — the intrusion of pagan energy into traditional stolidity: a combination of longing and partial release (Friel has been labeled the Irish Chekhov, and Lughnasa's his "five sisters"). Joshua Everett Johnson and Kristianne Kurner head the cast as Michael, the softspoken narrator, and as stern Kate, a schoolmarm at work and at home. Amanda Sitton gives Maggie, a love-smitten realist, all the emotional weather of a latesummer day. Many of the cast's most arresting moments, on Nick Fouch's rustic, half-indoor/halfoutdoor set, and wearing Mary Larson's beige, humble costumes, come in ensemble scenes, when each becomes a note in a complex score, now harmonic, now cacophonous.

#### Worth a try.

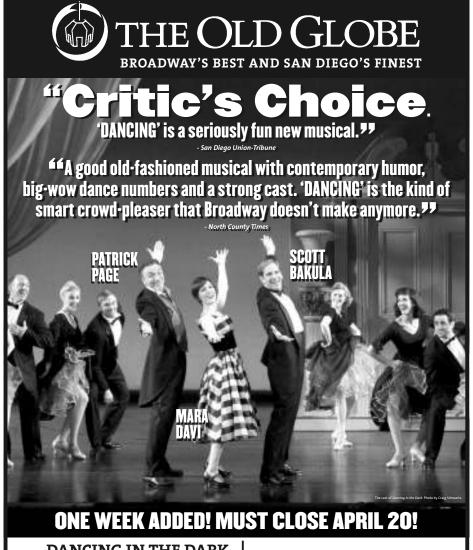
NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245, THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS 3 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 30

#### Ion's Intimate Ibsen: Ghosts

Ion Theatre presents a staged reading series of Henrik Ibsen's works, one for each month of 2008. This month's: Ghosts, directed by Glenn Paris. A discussion, led by Ibsen scholar/translator Anne-Charlotte Hanes Harvey, follows the reading. 619-374-6894. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. MONDAY, 7 P.M.

#### Let the Eagle Fly

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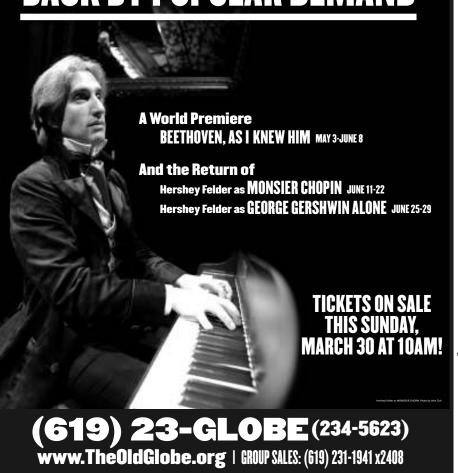


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#### A Little Night Music

Cygnet Theatre inaugurates its new space, at the Theatre in Old Town, with Stephen Sondheim's waltz-filled musical, based on Ingmar Bergman's film *Smiles of a Summer Night*. Sean Murray directed.

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#### **Love Crazy**

In this sequel to Michael Wulffhart's *Crazy Love* it's visitor's day at the clinic. Patients tell Dr. Anderson about problematic relationships, and the comedy takes "a laughing look at the difference between men and women." Openended run.

CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE, 2808 STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-434-5944. FRIDAYS. 8 P.M. SATURDAYS. 8 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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New Vision Theatre stages a fictional version of the last days of Samuel Clemens's life (a.k.a. Mark Twain). He was born when Halley's Comet crossed the sky and said he'd go out when it returned. The comet's coming back.

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THROUGH APRIL 19.

#### Miss Julie

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TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 27.

#### Momsey's Gad Boy, or The Saga of the Falsely Reformed Degenerate

GB Productions stages this traditional melodrama, by Summer Golden, about money missing from the collection plate — and what's Victor Villain's mom doing wearing diamonds all of a sudden? Mark Anthony directed.

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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

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compete on ActroTurf. Using sug-

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#### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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#### One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

The Theatre, Inc., presents Dale Wasserman's adaptation of the Ken Kesey novel about power tactics in an asylum. Douglas Lay directed. CALIFORNIA BALLET THEATRE, 4819 RONSON ROAD, KEARNY MESA. 619-216-3016. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 30

#### **Orange Flower Water**

6th@Penn stages Craig Wright's "brutally honest drama about marriage," where "the best one can hope for is some velvet handcuffs." Jerry Pilato directed.
6TH AT PENN THEATER, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210.
THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 6.

#### Rabbit Hole

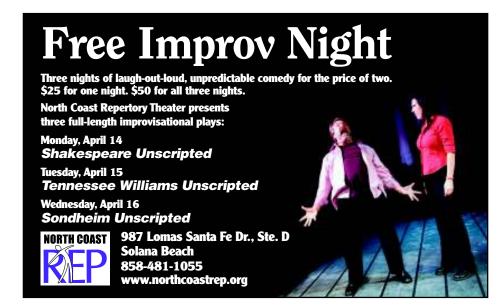
Poway Performing Arts Company stages David Lindsay-Abaire's drama about Becca and Howie Corbett. They have everything, until a life-shattering accident changes all.

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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 (improv is tough: I did it in my,

about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not

#### Worth a trv.

FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD, COLLEGE AREA. 619-846-6978. FRIDAYS, 7:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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funny, it's art."

as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing show — and Jonathan's reached a twists and turns. The group has "pre-midlife crisis": he's about to more hits than misses, and their turn 30 (in 1990). Are his dreams guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've read of a groundbreaking career in Star Filled Rights Every Thursday San Diego'/ premiere party place rerrer up great meals. original drinks. and your favorite celebrities. Call now for Reservations 619 295 7.900 in North Park 3036 El Cajon Blvd puhow.biz

minimalist show. "Jonathan" is the late Ionathan Larson, creator of Rent, and the musical details his struggles prior to the breakthrough. As the show's 14, rockbased songs attest, Larson paid his dues in full (and died, of an aortic aneurysm, at age 35). Intense doubts wage war with the courage needed to trust his talent. Young Jim Chatham stars as Ionathan. giving vent to anxieties with a flexible voice and focused energy that never flags during the 90minute show. Briona Daugherty and Eric Vest play multiple characters, from Larson's exiting girlfriend (loved their rational discussion/phone fight in "Therapy") to his financially successful roommate with three Gucci belts, Michael (Vest also scores as Larson's soft-spoken father). It feels strange, at first, to sit 15 feet away from performers wearing headmikes (especially a talented trio that obviously doesn't need them), but the garage band concept works. Stone Soup's designers combine a work-inprogress look with surprisingly professional polish. Worth a try.

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#### Where There's a Will... There's a Wake

Mystery Café Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Will Roberson's interactive comedy, set in a 1920s speakeasy where suspicion shrouds every "gangster, game, and dame." Pascarella directed.

MYSTERY CAFE, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, 619-544-1664, FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.



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**Baby Band Blues Louis** XIV is on tour supporting Slick Dogs and Ponies, the band's second Atlantic album. Released January 29,

and I hate to say it but Louis XIV may not be as high a priority as those other artists.

Another factor that may be working against Ponies: alternative radio has become overrun by stations that avoid songs by more adventurous artists.

"Unless you're a band

the inside track

Ponies has yet to break into the Billboard Top 200 album chart. One insider says that being on a major label can sometimes work against a so-called "baby band."

"Atlantic has some big priorities to break other new releases by Death

Cab for Cutie and Gnarls Barkley," says the insider. "Every label has its priorities,



THE ADVENTUROUS LOUIS XIV

that has a formulaic rock sound, it is nearly impossible to get your song in the top

ten on the alternative airplay chart," says the insider. "Unless you sound like Seether, Puddle of Mudd, or Linkin Park, it's hard to get airplay on alternative radio anymore. We called it corporate rock in the '70s; Seether is today's Foreigner." The Louis XIV single "Air

Traffic Control" has yet to reach the Radio & Records alternative airplay chart; rankings are based on playlist data from among the 80 alternative stations across the country

Ted Volk, who writes for Hits magazine, says FM94/9 and L.A.'s Indie 103.1 are 2 of the "12 or 13 pure alternative stations left in the country" and that it is hard for left-ofcenter artists to get a hit on alternative radio. "Silversun Pickups was one band that sneaked through."

Volk says the 1991 arrival of Nirvana launched the golden age of alternative

"The number of alternative stations went from 20 to 90." He says alternative radio's salad days lasted until the arrival of "Nookie" by Limp Bizkit. "That's when Korn and other maledominated artists took over. Male-dominated bands tend

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to do better in Middle America. It's very hard for bands like Louis XIV to cut through now.'

Glenn Fukushima handles publicity for Atlantic. He would not comment on whether Atlantic had priorities to break certain artists.

The last date of Louis XIV's U.S. tour is April 10 at the House of Blues.

— Ken Leighton

**Bad Big C** Brassy blues diva Candve Kane has been diagnosed with a rare neuroendocrine tumor, a form of pancreatic cancer. On February 22, Kane was admitted to the Scripps Encinitas emergency room with abdominal pain. The symptoms had been recurring a few times a year and had sidelined Kane several times. Over the past few years, hospital visits were added to tour dates in Belgium, Holland, Nebraska, Indiana, and New Jersey. A tour of Germany was canceled in 2004.

"The good news is that [these] tumors are not as aggressive or deadly as [standard] pancreatic cancer," Kane said in an email to friends and family.

"Usually [doctors] have diagnosed the pain as acid reflux," Kane stated. "I personally thought the pain was gallstones.

On this ER trip, they gave me a CAT scan and found a 3.4 cm tumor on my pancreatic head." Complications from a biopsy landed Kane back in the hospital on March 10, but she is now recovering at home.

Surgery is scheduled at UCSD's Cancer Center in early May. In the meantime, Kane is going ahead with plans for a March 26-May 3 European

"I am going because [my doctor] says they can't operate on me now anyway because I still have pancreatitis, which was caused by my biopsy." Tour dates are booked through November, but an East Coast tour set to start May 7 has been canceled.

A series of benefit

concerts is planned, with a show set for May 5 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, headlined by Sue



KANE AND HER NETHERLANDS FRIENDS

Palmer, a former pianist in Kane's band. Additional fund-raisers will be held in Huntington Beach, Tacoma, Pittsburgh, and Austin.

– Bart Mendoza

**Party Poopage** An anonymous letter sent to a handful of city departments and the state bureau of Alcohol Beverage Control has put a stop to Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club concerts organized by Cathryn Beeks. She alleges the letters were





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sent by a member of the club.

"Someone has been complaining about some internal stuff, basically unhappy that the club has turned into more of a bar than a member club, so he sent a letter to the city and complained about some stuff," Beeks says. "The night of my show [February 22], ABC undercover showed up.



BEEKS IS NOT THE PROBLEM

I think, basically, the bar was cited for not charging nonmembers more for drinks."

Officers arrived after performances by the Blonde Brothers and Mother Grundy and shut the show down before Sam Bybee, Justice Fingers, and the Bostonbased Grass Gypsys had a chance to play. Beeks says there was an audience of more than 150 people.

"[The club is] supposed to charge guests a little bit more for drinks," Beeks says. "That was the infraction, from what I understand. But [the club] couldn't produce a cabaret license, and that's

why the music was shut down. I've got shows booked there throughout the year. The Boat & Ski Club is trying to work with the city to get the music back.'

The club retained an attorney to help the club meet city requirements, which might include getting an entertainment permit (formerly known as a cabaret license).

SDPD Sgt. Howard Labore with the vice department, which issues entertainment permits, says the permits are issued on a case-by-case basis and no new licenses are being considered in the beach area at this time.

The unsigned letter, which was sent to Councilwoman Donna Frye, Mayor Jerry Sanders, and Gary Jones at the city's Real Estate Assets Department (which controls the club's lease), characterized the shows as wild, out-of-control parties.

"This club is not a nice place to be around," the letter states. "The frequent barroom brawls with property damage and obscenity yelling has forced many decent members to

Nobody at the ABC would comment on this matter.

— Larry Harmon

#### **No Drug-Dealing**

Nonsense In February, Lil Niqo played an international rugby tournament at Petco Park that included teams from 16 countries. The rapper — a third-grader at Pepper Drive elementary in Santee — has had a few good breaks in his career. His mom, Nique Heard, worked in artist development at La Face/BMG Records in Atlanta from 1993 until 1997.

"I help him make sense," says Nique, admitting she

# **OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO:** FASHION VALLEY





JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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helps her eight-year-old son Nicholas write his positive "no cussin' and no fussin'

"I like Bow Wow," says



LIL NIQO

Lil Niqo. "He raps that you don't have to do no drugdealing nonsense to be successful. People who say they are killing people and doing drugs [in rap] are just showin' off. It isn't true.

Nique and Niqo and his two younger brothers moved back to San Diego because of the availability of specialized surgeons.

"[Niqo] has CIP, or chronic intestinal pseudoobstruction," says Nique. "He's had six surgeries to date. It isn't something you can just go in and fix.

She says kids Niqo's age usually weigh 80 pounds but that Nigo weighs in at 53.

Lil Niqo says he won't rap about the mean kids at school.

"I do get mad, but I don't want to show it on them. Then they are gonna think they are the role model and that they can be more mean."

Lil Nigo has recorded ten songs for Kids Rap Radio, Vol. 3, a CD series of popular hits remade by preteen artists. The album, due out by August, is distributed by Music World/Sony Records. To see a Lil Niqo video, go to myspace.com/lilniqo.

— Řen Leighton

Woof! "I wasn't mentally stable on that first record,' said Tom DeLonge recently to the Ventura County Reporter; DeLonge referred to the 2006 Angels and Airwaves disc We Don't Need to Whisper. "I was spun out on painkillers and wasn't focused on health and the real me."

Prior to the album's release, according to DeLonge, painkillers prompted statements



DELONGE FINDS "THE REAL ME"

concerning his "best band on the planet," "best album in the history of the universe,' and how A&A are "better than the Beatles, Jesus, and

"I wasn't sober, that's why. I was fucking with people to a degree, but what I

couldn't understand was, for ten years, I said I fucked dogs. Now I say this, and people really want to believe me. I did feel and believe those things, but I had no clue how to communicate, because I was spun out on painkillers. It caused a lot of controversy, which I knew would happen. It was rad but also a time bomb ready to explode.'

Internet wags are still buzzing over World Trade Center conspiracy statements made by DeLonge while playing DJ in a mock takeover of 91X.

"It's so weird how our own government did it to us; 9/11 was not perpetrated by a bunch of people that just learned how to fly planes,' DeLonge claimed on the air in 2006. "The buildings came down in a fashion extremely similar to a controlled demolition of a building.... [Vice President Dick] Cheney knew that the planes are coming in, and he capped the order to leave it alone, so it could hit [the towers].'

– Jay Allen Sanford

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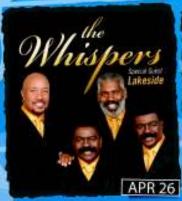


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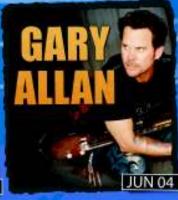
































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#### This Week In Music

Thursday

There's gonna be a pop-rock sock-hop at all-age Epicentre tonight as local up-and-comers the **Prayers** and the **Sess** meet at the Mira Mesa music hall to throw down throw-back rhythm-nrock. Single Screen Records reports Sess debut imminent. Call it a night — San Clamente power-pop act the **Shys** (née Gun Shys) are headlining, and you have school in the morning.... Soul-jazz quartet Pocket (ex-Price of Dope) will cook Pink Elephant. The SDMA nominees have yet to follow up '03 e.p. The Tone Conservancy, though the combo has been in studio and were expected to drop something last year. In the mean, catch 'em live, as it looks like they're house-sittin' Thursdays through April at Croce's.... Angelino strum-n-drum moaners the Archways prop Shite debut Lest We Forget at Casbah. Check their Space for hits. Tasty licks, no Tootsie Roll center. **Blackout Party**,

Apes of Wrath, and Starline Theory in sup ort.... Belly Up's booked goth-pop duo Qu'est-ce Que C'est and experimental folk fella Scott Mercado's Manuok. Fine acts to follow for plucky indie headliners Years Around the Sun, who just dropped debut full-length *Inva de Siva*. More than a little Pinback in YAtS' sound.... The **Chores** get done when the Portland quartet tours E.P. Life Is Hard through Beauty Bar.... Local blues-rock trio Modern Day Moonshine's secret ingredient is reggae. They'll premiere old-school jams collection Same Old Fight at House of Blooze fo' free on the Voodoo stage. That one's a happy-hour set doors at 4p.

Friday

Canadian quartet Tokyo Police Club are getting set to drop their anticipated Saddle Creek debut Elephant Shell, featuring hit single "Your English Is Good." Give a listen at their Space page and

check out how much of this tour has already sold out. Police Club'll bust Soma with Eagle Seagull and We Barbarians. Wu Tang's Gary

"the Genius" Grice, aka GZA,

will hip-hop to 'Canes Friday night. Club bill says GZA's gonna cover hit disc Liquid Swords. Blue Scholars, Anti Citizen, and DJ Demon open... Two-time Grammy winner Diane Schuur will get



BLACK KEYS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Nots pluck pedals at Bar Pink Elephant. The farfisa rocks right through debut In Black and White... Every Red Heart Shines toward the Red Sun, so sayeth L.A.'s post-rock dream team **Red Sparowes**. That new release circles over God Speed, if ya like. Proggy Chi-town duo Russian Circles and L.A. trance jammers the Holloys set the Casbah stage.... Locals only. "Look Out Young Son," Grand Ole Party, the Muslims, and Red Feathers fill a trick triple bill at Ché Café. If you go to Amazon to check up on G.O.P.'s debut Humanimals — "Customers who bought this also bought...Mouldy Peaches...Mountain Goats." Huh.

Saturday

House of Blues books bill o' the week with post-punk puritan **Jay Reatard**, who's touring musthave Blood Visions as well as celebrating his recent Matador signing. The Memphis maniac promised the NYC label six seven-inchers this year. Msr. Reatard sets the stage for blues-stomp duo Black Keys, who next week release Attack & Release via Nonesuch. '04's Rubber Factory remains the Akron act's high-water mark and a tough one to top... Classic cat Kim Simmonds and his revamped British blues band Savoy Brown (b. 1965) will rock socks at Humphreys Backstage. Last year the guitarist released his 30th original disc under the Savoy Brown moniker, Steel .... Belly Up's serving "grungegrass," as North Carolina trio the Avett Brothers tout their latest roots-rock-meets-punk collection Emotionalism. Ohio's funky folkie Jessica Lea Mayfield opens.... Alsos: Hostile Combover, Hialeah, Modern Rifles, and Sus Hijos roll through Casbah.... It's **Life or Death** at the Ché.... and B-Side's at 'Canes.

Sunday

Casbah's hosting 94/9 CD-release show for locals comp Staring at the Sun VI, featuring — pencils at the ready — the Modlins, Anna Troy Band, Echo Revolution, Secret Apollo, and Action Andy & The Haunted Honky **Tonkers**. Doors at 7p and the whole shebang's free. You'll even get a free copy of the disc.... You never thought it would last, but Gene still Loves Jezebel. Lost '80s at House of Blues finds Gene, Jezebel, Flock of Seagulls, Dramarama, When in Rome, and Real Life. And I ra-a-an, ran so far awa-a-a-y.... Classic-country throwback **Sara Petite** plays a CD release for new one *Lead the Parade* at Belly Up.

With lizard kickers the Slidewinders and Irish

chanteuse Siobhan O'Brien Monday Former Basehead DJ Clarence Greenwood is Citizen Cope, writing and recording stoner folk that threads G Love and **Johnson** Get a whiff from '06's

Everv Waking Moment. Citizen hits House of Blues Monday night.... Portland music-box folkies Musee Mecanique host the

Anti-Monday meet-up at Casbah with **Diana Death** and **Wrong Trousers**. Wrong Trousers is that teen-aged folkpop trio (harp, mandolin, upright bass) from Coronado that had a Web hit cover of "Video Killed the Radio Star," which it looks like they shot in Balboa Park. This is the Trousers' debut on the Casbah stage.

Tuesday

Buster Bloodvessel and his English ska revivalists Bad Manners invade House of Blues Tuesday night. Since the '70s, the Manners have kept the beats and bleats alive, pre and post radio hitparaders Madness and the Specials. Catch 'em with Oceanside ska-beats band the **Fabulous Rudies**.... April Fool's at Belly Up when the music hall props this big comedy thing. Here're the names brought to you by Laughing at the Moon Productions: **Dante** ("from Last Comic Standing"), Bob Murphy, Chris Clobber, and Karen

<u>Wednesday</u>

Primus' slap-n-pop bassman Les Claypool visits House of Blues Wednesday night with a quartet that's been "dipping into his archives..." National Lampoon will release Claypool's first feature film to DVD in May, Electric Apricot: The Quest for Festeroo, a mockumentary about "a band that knows no limits." Apparently you can get an advanced copy CD/DVD at the merch table.

Check out lead single "Are You Going to Burning Man?" Brooklyn trip-hopper Tim Fite opens.... NY, NY gypsy punks Mad Juana have got a CD release gig at Casbah. The Azra disc is called Bruja on the Corner. If you miss the door on this one, though, it looks like Sami, Karmen, and crew are hauling the Gypsy Hotel over to Pink Elephant Thursday

night.... The Warriors come out to play-ee-ay at Soma. The Oxnard hardcores have A Genuin Sense of Outrage...in stores now. Elysia, Ghost Inside, and Stray from the Path also on the bill.

- Barnaby Monk





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# **Strength in Numbers**

"Our society is not set up so that everyone eats or housing is affordable for all."

iki Vale hails from Oxnard, California, making her musical debut on The Awakening, a 2004 compilation album from SGM (Sleeping Giant Music). In 2006 she collaborated with fellow Oxnard hip-hop artist Kankick for a 7" single from

Ramp Recordings called "Yes Yes (Suite 3).'

Last year Vale cofounded San Diego's Upliftment Project, which

stages music and art events to raise money for charities. "The project grew from a desire of myself, my partner Niomie, and several of our peers to help with some of the social imbalance we see going on all over the world," says Vale. "Though we're all struggling to get by as individuals, we recognize that there is strength in numbers and that we can be more effective by, first, bringing attention to the needs of those who are less fortunate and second, raising funds to help," says Vale.

'I think it's important that, as humans, we should do what we can to help other humans...it's unfortunate that our society is not set up so that everyone eats or housing is affordable for all, so I believe it's left up to us as individuals to ensure that we help uplift each other if we are in any position to do so."

Miki Vale appears April 3 at the Static Lounge.

#### **Guilty Pleasures?**

- 1. "Hell Date. More addiction than pleasure."
- 2. "Happy hour at Ichiban on University. More pleasure than guilt."
- 3. "Rum and Coke. More rum than Coke."

#### Desert-Island DVDs?

1. "The Color Purple. I've probably watched it over a hundred times, and I still cry each time Shug and her dad hug in the church."

2. "Misery. I have a thing for crazy women."

3. "Mommy Dearest. See above."

4. "Casino. Sharon Stone is gangsta. In the beginning, anyway.

#### Favorite Websites?

1. "accesshiphop.com. Lots of underground hiphop and info on local shows.

2. "allhiphop.com. Pretty much all things hip-

3. "myspace.com. I can spend hours listening to all the independent music on there. I prefer it over the radio.'

#### What's In Your CD Player?

1. "Talib Kweli, Eardrum. One of the hottest albums Talib has put out in a long time.'

2. "Kankick, untitled mix tape. I love it 'cause it's very mellow, and his beats are nice background music to relax to.'

3. "DJ Niques, Spoonful of Soul. His song selection is divine, bass-heavy, soulful hip-hop.'

4. "Blu & Exile, Below the Heavens. This stays in constant rotation; Blu is one of my favorite em-

5. "Jill Scott, *The Real Thing*. This album is sexy not a single track worthy of the fast-forward button."

#### **Dream Lunch Date?**

"I'd like to sit down to sushi and sake with Oprah.



I think if she heard some of my ideas, she'd be down to be a sponsor.'

#### Favorite Book?

"The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah. It's a story about how glamorous life can take a bad turn, told in eloquent and descriptive prose. It's one of those books you can't put down.'

#### Best Magazine?

"I like *The Fader*. Interesting articles, and the photography is dope.'

#### "I Live In San Diego Because..."

"...I always thought it was a good place to make a mark on the music scene.

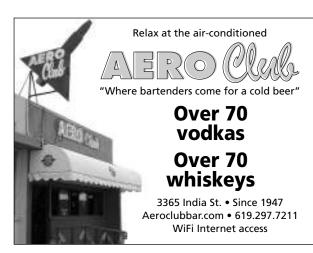
#### Worst Job?

"Babysitting my high school English teacher's

four children, all under five. Their parents would leave, and those kids would turn into little Tasmanian devils.

#### **Biggest Political Concern?**

"My main concern with the presidential race is the emphasis on external factors, like making history by voting for the first woman president or for the first black president. I think the emphasis should be on voting for the first president with integrity or the first president with enough love and compassion for the people that they are truly able to be a voice for the people. We need a president who is more concerned with tackling and rectifying issues in this country such as homelessness, health care, and education. Why should there be any cutbacks in our schools if billions are being spent on Bush's war?" ■













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4th & B: 345 B Street. Downtown, 619-231-4343. Friday, 7 p.m. — Above the Law. Rap. \$30-\$45. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Beto Cuevas.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844

Thursday — Mindstate and Arek. Hip-hop/soul.

Friday — Audible Mainframe and Burkey. With Frame of Mind. Punk/hip-hop.

Saturday — Stranger and 56 Hope.

#### AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal

Heights, 619-303-8176. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Janis Ian. Singer-songwriter.

The Alley: 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-1173. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays -The Love Rangers. Dance music.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Friday — Diane Schuur. Jazz piano/vocals. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Ignacio

Berroa. Jazz percussion. \$12-\$33. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Bill Shreeve. CD release party. Jazz. \$8. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Simon

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Petty, Greg Johnson, Seth Rothschild, The British Empire Tour. \$10.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Iolla, 858-454-5872.

Saturday, 10 a.m. — SWAN Day Marathon. Celebrate SWAN Day (Support Women Artists Now Day). Donations go directly to artists, who include Sue Palmer Quintet, the Golliards, Coral MacFarland Thuet, Annarocelle Piano Quartet, musicians from San Diego Symphony, San Diego Chamber Orchestra, others Donation. 858-454-5872. \$5.

Beach House: 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-

Saturday, 7 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. With Jim Lair. Contemporary jazz/global music

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-0474. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Greg Feldman. Covers/standards. Friday, 8:30 p.m. — The Luke

Daniels Band. Covers/standards. Saturday, 9 p.m. — December's Children, Rock,

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746. Thursday — The Chores and the

Prids. Indie/pop rock/punk. \$5. Friday - Pattern is Movement and Swim Party, With Joanie Mendenhall.

Indie/experimental/acoustic music.

Monday, 9 p.m. — Devon Sproule and Natalie D-Napoleon. A blend of folk, jazz, and country. Wednesday - The Trade and Eclipse 79.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Years Around the Sun. With Qu'est-ce Que C'est and Manuok. Local indie/experimental/folk bands. Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Avett Brothers and Jessica Lea Mayfield. Folk rock/country.

Sunday, 4 p.m. — Sara Petite. CD-

release party. Features live sets from Sara Petite, Slidewinders, and Siobhan O'Brien.

Americana/country/rock. \$8-\$10.

Monday, 7 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Paul Thorn. Rock/blues/country.

**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Ave, North Park,

619-239-8836. Saturday, noon — SD Indie Music Fest IV. Independent music, film, art, featured along University Avenue (between Ray Street and 28th Street). Over 70 acts including Beth Hart, James Marsters, Hu Huh Her, Paul Abbott, Semi-Precious Weapons. Among films: Reversing the Ripples of War, The Devil Came on Horseback, Freeheld, Made in L.A. 619-239-8836 x3.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. Thursday, 9 p.m. — Soundbone, the Dapper Dans, One Lonely Robot. Alternative rock/ska

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Clairemont, 619-275-LIVE.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — E.X.P.. Jimi Hendrix tribute band. Friday, 8:30 p.m. — Silent Lune, Sandollar, Four Kings. Plus guests. Alternative/reggae/rock. Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Idasas, Dayzero, Unstable. \$5. Monday, 8 p.m. — New Model Army with Vale. Punk rock. \$12-\$15

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Hemme. Alternative/metal band from Los

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Saturday, 8 p.m. — "The Belle of Broadway." Susan Egan is known for her work in theater, film, television, music. Her Broadway credits include Thoroughly Modern Millie, Cabaret, Triumph of Love,







and *State Fair*, and she debuted as the original Belle in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. 800-988-4253. \$35.

**The Calypso Café:** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.

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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Captain Kirk & the Beam Me Up Scotties.

Friday, 8 p.m. — Jeff Moore, Dean Smith, Billy Thompson.

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*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Triple Shot. Blues/rock.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — The Rick Ross Trio.

*Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Contemporary jazz/global music

'Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Thursday — Iron Works, One Thread. Top Dog and Fuzz-Huzzi perform. Alternative rock/metal.

Friday — GZA/Genius. Hiphop/rap.

Saturday — B-Side Players. Latin, reggae, soul.

**Carvers:** 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.

Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 8 p.m. — Night Shift. A five-piece band that covers classic and modern rock, blues, and funk.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-HELL

Thursday — Archways. CD-release show. With the Blackout Party, Apes of Wrath, and Starline Theory.

Friday — Red Sparowes and Russian Circles.

Experimental/rock/metal. \$10. Saturday — Hostile Combover, Hialeah, Modern Rifles, Sus Hijos. Local

hardcore/progressive/experimental bands. \$5.

Monday, 9 p.m. — Musee Mecanique. Features Sean Ogilvie of Tristeza.

Acoustic/electronic/pop. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Mad Juana. CD-release show. \$10.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.

Saturday — Life or Death,
Retaliate, Built to Last. SBV and
Cold Stare perform.

Hardcore/punk. \$6.

**Colosseum Fine Arts :** 2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite F-109, Little Italy.

Friday, 6 p.m. — Patric Petrie and Gary Piro.

Comstock Bar and Grill: 316 West Mission Avenue, Suite #115, Escondido, 760-746-6188. Friday, 9 p.m., Saturday, 9 p.m. — West of 5. A varied selection of '70s to modern rock.

**Del Mar Plaza:** 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. *Sunday*, 5 p.m., *Tuesday*, 5 p.m. — Keith Jacobson. Oceanview Patio. Smooth jazz saxophone.

**Dick's Last Resort:** 345 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-9100. *Tuesdays*, 7:30 p.m. — The Dregs of Sada. Classic rock/alternative/R&B. *Wednesdays*, 7:30 p.m. — Private Domain. Unplugged. Rock/alternative/reggae.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet. Fusion of jazz and Latin. \$12-\$15. *Sunday*, 4 p.m. — The Jazz Ensemble. \$10.

**Dream Street Live:** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Jim Halfpenny. Performs an acoustic set. Rock/roots/Americana. \$6.

**Dublin Square:** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. *Monday*, 8:45 p.m. — Colin Clyne. Acoustic showcase. Ages 21 and up. **El Cajon Library:** 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon, 619-588-3718.

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Film, and John Cooper perform.
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Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204. Thursdays, 8:30 p.m., Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. — Cory Wilkins. Alternative/rock/blues. Friday — Stem. Rock. Saturday — LSD Productions Presents. Local punk and metal bands.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego: 4190 Front Street, Hillcrest, 619-298-9978 Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Emma's Revolution. Concert by songwriters Pat Humphries and Sandy Opataw, whose "anthems...shed light on environmental and social issues around the world." Donation. 619-298-9978. \$9-\$18.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300. Friday, 9 p.m. — Modern Day

Moonshine. Blues/soul/rock.

Greene Music Recital Hall:

Sunday, 1:15 p.m. — "Swinging on a Steinway" Concert. Jazz Association of Greater San Diego concert with Sue Palmer (1:15), Richard James (2:15 p.m.), and Joe Azarello (3:15). 619-216-6233. \$5-\$12.

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Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Matt Hensley and Friends. Friday, 4:30 p.m. — Taryn Donath.

P. Hall opens. Blues/soul. Saturday, 7 p.m. — Jaimie Muehlhausen. and the Small Pox Mountain Boys.

Bluegrass/Americana Sunday, 8 p.m. — Skelpin. Irish folk iam band.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Adrian Domain. Acoustic.

Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Raiz Muzik. Reggae/ska/roots. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Joe Wood.

Blues/rock/soul

**Hot Monkey Love Cafe: 6875** El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-469-4113.

Friday, 7 p.m. — Noly, Marlon Dane, Kim Llarenas. Alex & Sam perform. Pop/R&B/soul. \$8-\$10.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/soul/reggae. Friday, 7 p.m. — Noches Rockeras.

Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Black Keys and Jay Reatard. \$21.

Sunday, 6 p.m. — A Flock of Seagulls and Dramarama. '80s new wave, pop rock, and alternative music.

Monday, 7 p.m. — Citizen Cope. A mix of folk rock, soul, and hip-hop. Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Bad Manners. Two-tone ska.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Les Claypool. Tim Fite also performs a blend of folk rock and hip-hop.

**Humphrey's Backstage** Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Buick Wilson Band. Blues/soul. \$5.

Friday — NovaMenco. A hybrid of flamenco, jazz, and pop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Savoy Brown & Kim Simmonds. Blues rock. \$20.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Jose Molina. Smooth jazz. \$12. Monday, 7 p.m. — Nathan James &

Ben Hernandez. Roots/acoustic/blues duo.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. -Masterpiece, Jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m. — The Pop

Saturday, 9:45 p.m. — Diva Soul. Dance/show-band that performs

classic to modern hits. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. — Masterpiece. Jazz/R&B.

Monday, 6:30 p.m. - Insight. A mixture of Latin, jazz, and soul music.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. — Mystique. Jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.

Thursday — Almost Is Nothing, Obsequy, Paragon Concept. Metal/hardcore. Friday — Cali, Cat & Mouse, Blue

Sky Blonde. With Havenborn. Alternative rock. Saturday — Wither, Dying Regret, Red Octopus, With Sight Unscene, Metal/hardcore/psychedelic. Sunday - Bonded by Blood, Nihilist, Tormenter. With Havok and Keaper. Metal/hardcore. Mondays — Reggae Infusion Irie

perform. Wednesday — Action Bastard and Black Seven.

Time. Various reggae bands

The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-543-

Monday, 9 p.m. — Burns 1. Hosts a night of hip-hop and live art. Features Mary Jayne, Sherehe Rose, and Monia Hui. \$5.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. Thursday — Kennedy's Curse. Alternative.

Friday — Vitro, Paperplanes, Roxy Jones. Indie pop/folk rock.

Saturday — Red Feathers and the Growlers. Pop rock/psychedelic.

**Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center:** 4126

Executive Drive, La Jolla Sunday, 6 p.m. — "Celebrating Israel at 60." Afula Conservatory Symphonic Band and Choir, consisting of 55 instrumentalists and 15 singers aged 14 to 18, performs Israeli music as well as standard classics. 858-362-1348.

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-2848.

Thursday — Brenda Xu and Delancey. Acoustic/alternative. Friday - Eleanor England and the Shep Meyers Trio. Jazz. Saturday — Carlos Olmeda and Cotton Fever. Acoustic/folk. Sunday - The Robin Henkel Band. Blues, acoustic rock.

#### MiraCosta College Theatre:

One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, 760-795-6815 Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Faculty Guitar Recital. Favorite pieces — old and new musical gems — performed by instructors and guests. 760-795-

6815. \$8-\$10.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — VIP. Rock.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel:

8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550 Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Joey and the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5.

Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-

Sundays, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of traditional blues, swing, and rock. Ages 21 and up.

Neurosciences Institute:

10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Iolla.

Friday, 8 p.m. — "Zither Traditions of the World." Koto, kantele, qanun, and hammered dulcimer in spotlight, with music from Finland, Japan, America, Middle East. 619-688-0688. \$10-\$18.

Saturday, 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 p.m. — Athenaeum Jazz. Charles Lloyd Quartet plans two concerts celebrating Lloyd's 70th birthday and marking his first local appearance since 2000. 858-454-5872. \$24-\$29.

O'Connell's Pub and

Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-276-

Friday, 9 p.m. — KPRI Homegrown Hour Presents, A night of rock/funk/folk music. Features performances by Astra Kelly & the 47s, Anna Troy, Saba, Guava Belly, and the Big Time Mega Show.

Saturday, 9 p.m. - Someday Assassin, A Scribe Amidst the Lions and Ded Pigeons perform. Alternative/indie/funk.

Mondays, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam on Monday nights. Ages 21 and up. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Chip Conrad & the Concrete Feat. Rock/indie/country. Every first

Wednesday of the month. Ages 21

O'Connor's Pub: 8758 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-7675. Friday, 9 p.m. — DJ Bud Silver. \$5. Friday, 9 p.m. — The Gold Dust Band, Covers/standards, \$5.

Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Boogie Nights. Dance party. \$10.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Journey Unauthorized. A tribute to Journey in the Grand Cabaret room.

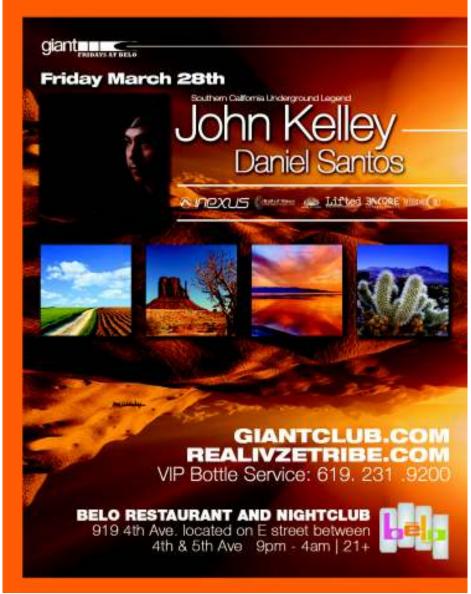
Pasquale on Prospect: 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-Sundays, 6 p.m. — Stage 4.

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Friday — The Bill Magee Band. Bill Magee was a part of Jimmy James (Hendrix) and the Flames before he started touring with his own band in 1967. After a brief hiatus, he is back and performing on the local blues scene.

Saturday - Len Rainey and the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz/soul. Sunday — Shelle Blue. Rhythm and blues.

Monday — The Bayou Brothers. Zvdeco/blues/R&B.

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Rancho Santa Fe Community Center: 5970 La Sendita, Rancho Santa Fe.

Tuesday, 7 p.m. — World Music Concert. Afula Conservatory Symphonic Band and Choir, with instrumentalists and singers aged 14 to 18, performs "Israeli classic themes and songs." 858-694-2415.

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Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. Saturdays — Rock Forever

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Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-

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The Round Table Cocktail Lounge: 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue.

Round Table Pizza: 1161 East Washington Street, Escondido. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Highway 76. Music night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club. Events begin with parking lot jam sessions; featured band takes stage around 8 p.m. 760-745-7231.

San Diego Museum of Art: 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931.

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. — Jazz in the Park. Series continues with concert by Peter Sprague String Consort. Reservations: 619-696-1966. \$10-

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle

Magdalena, Encinitas. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Small Potatoes in concert. Members Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso both sing, play guitars and an array of other instruments, and even yodel. 858-566-4040. \$15-\$18.

San Marcos Lutheran Church: 3419 Grand Avenue, San

Sunday, 4 p.m. — "America



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Jay Reatard is the questionable stage name of prolific Memphis resident Jay Lindsey, who has been recording and releasing music for about ten years as a solo artist and with the Reatards, the Lost Sounds, Destruction Unit, and many other bands. When he was just 15, Lindsey's home recordings caught the attention of Memphis garage-rock heroes the Oblivians (whom he had first seen as openers for San Diego's own Rocket from the Crypt), and the band helped Lindsey, now christened Jay Reatard, to release his first singles. At first, Reatard's music took second place to his onstage antics, but after a keyboard-playing bandmate told him to cool it, he developed some chops. It turns out he has a real talent for writing hooks and a flair for singing them in a sort of fake British accent

In a New York Times blog about the South by Southwest festival, Ben Sisario wrote off Reatard with a review that read, in its entirety: "Pretty standard garage-punk." It's easy to see where Sisario got that idea: Reatard's songs are fast, short loose, and clearly rooted in old-school punk and '60s garage rock. (Not to mention recorded on the cheap.) But his catchy choruses and unexpected rhythmic touches make Reatard's garage-punk pretty great, actually.

After the triumph of last year's Blood Visions (which featured 15 songs in under 30 minutes), Reatard signed to New York's Matador Records for an unusual deal whereby he will release six singles over the course of a year. The first is scheduled to come out next month, and

collectors are wetting their pants in anticipation.



JAY REATARD. House of Blues. Saturday. March 29, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$21.

Singing: Shape Notes, Folk Hymns, and White Spirituals." Palomar Chorale plans concert of American

choral music, including arrangements from "Sacred Harp" tradition of the early 19th century, "Kentucky Psalms" by Alice Parker. Offering. 760-727-1509.

#### Second Wind (Magnolia):

8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350.

Thursday — Kavena. A mix of punk

Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Road, Santee, 619-465-1730.

Thursday — Eve White Eve Black, the Mojave. With Death on Mars

and Heathen Culture. Garage/experimental/rock.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.

Friday, 7 p.m. — Tokyo Police Club. Canadian indie rock band. \$14.

Saturday - The Loved Ones and the Flatliners. With Cobraskulls and 12 Cent. Punk/ska/hardcore. Wednesday — The Warriors, Elysia. With the Ghost Inside and Stray from the Path. Metal/hardcore.

South Park Bar & Grill: 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-

Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam. Ages 21 and up.

Fridays, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz. Ages 21 and up. Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. — Open blues jam. With Will Jackson. Ages 21 and up.

Sundays, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series, Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard. *Tuesdays*, 8 p.m. — The Friend, Sibley, Hilton Trio. Jazz. Ages 21 and up.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862. Thursdays — Live Reggae. Fridays — Trainwreck. Saturdays — The Disco Pimps. Disco/funk. Tuesdays — No Bozo Jam.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: 1221 Broadway, El Cajon,

619-447-5665 Friday, 8 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies Blues/soul/rockabilly.

Thrusters Lounge: 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Modern Day

Moonshine. Blues/soul/reggae

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Friday — Meld. Garage rock/blues/soul. Saturday — Costa Nova and Agave. Latin/Tejano/rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Clairemont, 619-542-1462.

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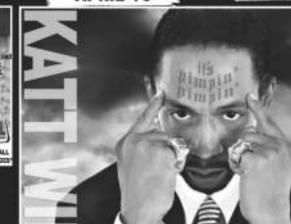












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Thursday — Oh! Ridge Saturday — Just Been Funked, Old school R&B from the '70s, '80's,

**USD: University of San** Diego: 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600.

Saturday, 9 p.m. Night at Aromas." Melissa Vaughan performs acoustic set for series at Aromas Coffee House, celebrating Women's History Month. 619-260-4600 x2401.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. Thursday, 9 p.m., Thursday, 9 p.m. — Drunkin Punkin Idiots. Punk rock.

Friday, 9 p.m. — The Devastators. Reggae.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — On the One. Funk and jazz.

Mondays, 9 p.m. — The Electric Waste Band. "Celebrating the music of the Grateful Dead for over 17 years!" \$7.

**WorldBeat Cultural Center:** 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-263-7911

Saturday, 10:30 p.m. — Luciano and Mikey General. Reggae/roots.

#### UPCOMING SHOWS

4th & B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. April 5 — Loose Ends with A'ngela Winbush.

April 12 — Morcheeba. April 16 — Cat Power.

April 19 — Jazze Pha, 8ball & MJG,

April 25 — Spiritualized.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-

April 7 — The Dirty Dozen Brass Band.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal

Heights, 619-303-8176.

April 3 — Susan Werner. April 12 — David Wilcox.

April 17 — Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

April 19 — We Five.

April 25 — Hot Club of Cowtown.

May 17 — Prince Diabate.

June 13 — John Gorka. June 20 - Roy Book Binder.

Iulv 11 — Chad & Jeremy.

July 15 — John Keawe.

August 2 — Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave.

Anthology: 1337 India Street,

Little Italy, 619-595-0300.

April 4 — Big Brother & the Holding Company.

April 5 — Benny Golson and

Jimmy Mulidore. *April 6* — Jon Anderson.

April 8 — Freddie Hubbard.

April 9 — Amber Ojeda.

April 9 — Barbara Jamerson. April 11 — Candy Dulfer.

April 12, April 13 — Melissa Manchester.

April 15 — Skelpin.

April 16 — The Grams.

April 17 — Lee Ritenour, Patrice Rushen, Alex Acuna, Brian

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BY DAVE GOOD

I tell Justin Sullivan that without rock, I might not have survived adolescence. I tell him that my 1960s teenage alienation was overwhelming, that rock lyrics put better words to my black anger than I could. Sullivan understands what I am telling him.

"I go onstage every night," he says via cell phone from Manchester in the U.K., where he is en route to a Neil Young concert, "with the thought to save people's lives, to save people's souls." He talks about the passion that punk brought back to '70s rock by returning to a crude three-chord bashing about. "The point of it all is to make something happen in the music that people will never forget.

While I have Sullivan on the phone, I

want to ask him about all of the hype and the comparison that the music press is making between his band New Model Army and the Clash ("not even Joe Strummer has much on Sullivan, crows one rock writer), but I haven't the nerve. It's not an accurate comparison. and that sort of publicity leads one down a doomed path: If you go to New Model Army expecting a Clash rehash, you'll leave disappointed. The Clash and New Model Army are both U.K. punk bands and both heavily political, but the similarity ends there. In

their day the Clash might have rocked harder and helped introduce rock-reggae to Brit punks, but the Army are a guitar-based grind of punk stained blue with hints of soul, jazz, and '60s-era psychedelia. I think fame separated the Clash from their message eventually, they became iconic. But if the Clash's fire burned hotter, eventually it



burned out, and New Model Army soldiers on to this day. "Not an overnight phenomenon," reminds Sullivan. "I've been at this going on 28 years.

NEW MODEL ARMY, Brick by Brick, Monday, March 31, 8 p.m. 619-275-5483. \$12 to \$15.

Bromberg.

April 18 — Tift Merritt.

April 22 — Patty Larkin.

April 23 — Jeff Moore and Friends. April 24 — Richard Marx.

April 26, April 27 — Leon Redbone. April 30 — The Pat Senatore Trio.

May 3 — Smokin' Joe Kubek &

Benois King.

May 4 — Bradley Leighton.

May 6 — Jason Reeves, Molly

Jenson, Trevor Davis.

May 7, May 8 — Marcus Miller.

May 9 — Janis Siegel.

May 10, May 11 — Kevin Eubanks. May 13, May 14 — Les Nubians.

May 16, May 17 - Patti Austin. May 21 — Rosie Ledet & the

Zydeco Playboys.

May 23 — Poco.

May 24 — Karla Bonoff. May 30, May 31 — Sonny Landreth.

Iune 5 - Metro.

June 13, June 14 — Ivan Lins.

June 18 — Hiromi.
June 20 — James Cotton.

July 3, July 4, July 5 — Ottmar

Liebert and Luna Negra. July 12, July 13 — Howard Jones.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La

Iolla, 858-454-5872. May 7 — Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute

Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. April 12 — "DreamGuys." May 3 — Mariachi los Camperos

de Nati Cano. May 10 - Betty Buckley in

Concert.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

April 3 - DJ Frances, FishFonics, B

Carr. April 4 — Metal Snake.

April 5 — The Pine Mountain Logs.

April 9 — X April 10 — Del tha Funky

Homosapien. April 11 — The Mother Hips and

New Monsoon.

April 12 — The Mother Hips and Jackie Greene.

April 13 — Charlie Musselwhite. April 14 — John Cruz.

April 15 — Asleep at the Wheel.

April 16 — Joanie Mendenhall. April 18 — Elijah Emanuel & the

Revelations.

April 19 — Cash'd Out.

April 20 — The Gin Blossoms.

April 22 — The Twinkle Brothers. April 23 — Led Kaapana & Mike

April 24 — Dark Star Orchestra. April 25 - B-Side Players and

Cava.

April 26 — The Yonder Mountain

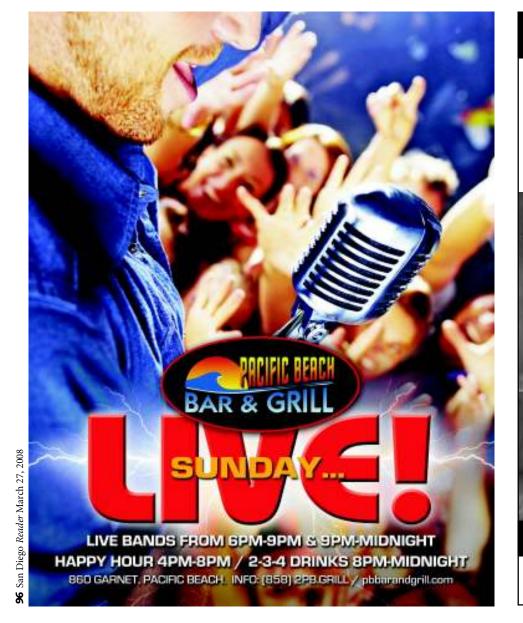
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April 16 - John Compton and Aepnia.

April 17 — Starving for Gravity. April 23 — Justin Hopkins & the Guilt, Bassboosa, Skybombers. April 24 — Rise of Revolution.

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– Burning Brides. April 3 -April 4 — The Sess, the Muslims,

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# >hometown CDs

Album: Same Old Fight (2007) Artist: Modern Day Moonshine

Label: self-released

Where available/price: At live shows for \$8, or order it online from myspace.com/moderndaymoonshine for \$8. Songs: 1) Intro 2) Such a Shame 3) Unite 4) Reminiscin' 5) Can't Keep Pretending 6) The Next Station 7) Spirits 8) Interlude 9) Stranded 10) Rescue Me 11) Addicted 12) Some People 13) Prisoner

Band: Todd Goodnough (vocals, guitar), Brendan McCaskey (bass), David Burrows (drums)

Website: moderndaymoonshine com

Extra info: Modern Day Moonshine is scheduled to play Gallagher's Pub in Ocean Beach on March 28.

Content to express themselves through lyrics alone, Modern Day Moonshine plinks along with the same old beach rhythm and

plucky chords that washed up in the Kingston dancehalls after the rock-steady era. The same beachy tones play every beer stage on every

Wednesday and Saturday night from Garnet to Newport. To say the band is "similar" to other local reggae bands would be misleading; they are identical.

Except for the oblique storyline in track six ("The Next Station"), the lyrics mostly rely on time-honored island motifs of "problems with the world." It's the Jamaican "fix the world" complex we all recognize. (Speaking of Jamaican, don't tell Goodnough he's from Buffalo, New York. Apparently, some sort of accident has left him with the belief he must sing in a Caribbean accent.)

The band's dedication to the bland, surface, and unoriginal belies their talents. Moonshine moves through each song with facile grace, a sign they are too skilled for what they produce.



Modern Day Moonshine

I've written it in this column before, and I still believe it: there's beer to be drunk and women who need live dancing music in P.B. There's nothing wrong with being that band. It's fun. Until they realize how good they are, Modern Day Moonshine fulfills that need.

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Procession.

April 25 — The Teenagers. April 26 — The Night Marchers. April 27 — Paul Curreri. April 29 — Mac Lethal. April 30 — Yo Majesty. May 1 — The Woggles and the May 2 — Manic Hispanic. May 3 — Roses on Her Grave and Desert Diamonds. May 4 — Unknown Hinson and

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May 7 — Tapes 'n Tapes.

May 8 — Vetiver, Astra, Johnathan Wilson. May 9 — Cash'd Out.

May 15 — Efterklang and Slaraffenland.

May 16, May 17 — Lucy's Fur

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April 11 — Trash Talk, Trapped Under Ice.

April 18 — Have Heart, Violation, More Than Words.

May 7 — Fern Knight, Ex Reverie, Joshua Emery Blatchley.

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April 26 — Def Leppard, REO Speedwagon, and Styx.

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Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. April 30 — Avril Lavigne and Boys Like Girls.

May 2 — Michael Bublé. May 20 — Megadeth. June 3 — The Cure.

David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre: 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla, 858-362-1348.

April 12, April 13 — "Heart and

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. April 10 — The Spectrum Trio.

April 11 — Steve Steinberg. April 13 — Loretta Lynn and

Conway Twitty Tribute.

April 17 — Dusty Brough & Eva

April 18 - The Cross Border Trio. April 19 — Peter Sprague. April 24 — Winard Harper.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131. April 24 — The Eben Brooks Band.

**Dublin Square:** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. April 9 — Orange Velvets, Ricksha.

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April 4 — Bedlam, Roman Burial, Youth Envy.

April 5 — Candy Asylum, One Hot Minute, Roots Run Deep. April 9 — Karmella's Game, Love Campaign, the Fascination. April 10 — Mae, Honorary Title. April 11 — A Shattered Hope, the

Subtle Way.

April 12 — With Hope Last Breath, Murder on the Dance Floor. April 18 — The Duree, a Sweet

Little Bullet From a Pretty Blue Gun. April 25 — Jason David.

May 1 — Averman, Fight Fair, the Truth Is Go. May 2 — No Lifeguard on Duty. May 15 — Five Victims Four

Graves. May 16 — Children of Nova, the Material, Misc. Ailments

Foundation.

May 23 — Five More Days, Out of My League, Hello Marquee.







# Calendar

May 18 — The Kooks.

May 20 — The Adicts.

May 23 — Nightwish. May 28 — The National. May 30 — The Kottonmouth

June 12 — Augustana

June 7 — The Dead Kennedys.

August 2 - Richard Cheese.

Humphrey's Backstage

April 11 — Mark Hummell.

Java Jones: 631 9th Ave,

April 4 — Courtney Chambers.

The Kensington Club: 4079

April 3 — Grin's Edge, Anna Troy,

August 4 — "The Prince of Kosher

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April 12 — Fleetwood Max. June 28 — Live Wire.

MiraCosta College: One Barnard Drive, Oceanside.

April 5 — The Carl Janelli

April 6 — "Potpourri Concert."

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April 5 — Big Head Todd & the Monsters.

April 7 — Ministry.

April 9 — Moenia.

April 10 — Louis XIV.

April 11 — Yellowcard.

*April 12* — Apocalyptica.

April 13 — Say Anything.

April 14 — Tech N9ne.

April 15 — Nekromantix.

April 16 — Thrice

April 16 — David Ford.

April 17 — Thrice.

April 18 — La Quinta Estacion.

April 20 — Symphony X, Epica, Into Eternity.

April 21 — Super Diamond.

April 23 — Timbiriche. April 30 — Belanova.

May 1 — The Slackers, Stiff Little Fingers.

May 2 — Led Zepagain.

May 15 — Ghostland Observatory.

May 16 — Eisley.

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# as i hear it

Artist: Mother Mae I

Song: "Toys" (from the CD Remember

Me Dead)

Heard By: Kezia Chuaqui, Sherman Heights



I thought it was really generic. I used to work at Hot Topic, and I feel that's like all I listened to all the time when I worked there. It's definitely marketable because 16-year-old kids would just go crazy [for them]. I wouldn't say it was metal...I would say more like "scene metal" or "metalcore." It's kind of "numetal." The singing was kind of corny. It was definitely like a really bad Eighteen Visions rip-off, I think. [The lyrics] are probably about the same thing — like, about a girl or being bummed out on being straight-edge. That's what they all sing about, pretty much. I picture kids in

high school hanging out, listening to it

on their iTunes, and moshing in their

Artist: The Devastators

Song: "Land of Woe" (from the CD Better

Davs)

Heard By: Nicholas Kistler, Golden Hill



I was listening to it and sure. I heard a beat that was synonymous with reggae, but I heard a lack of real passion that you generally hear in reggae music. I wasn't entirely convinced; I wasn't drawn in. The lyrical content had a message [about] oppression and to be aware in this world today.... I feel that every band has different stages. If they spent more time working on really developing their passion for the message that they have, that might be able to shine through, and that's when people are going to be completely receptive to it.

Artist: Don Strandberg

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Song: "The Arrival" (from the CD In the Land of Cotton)

Heard By: Alex Graham, University City



It's delightful, first of all. The song gave me a distinctive Irish or Scotch impression. I could see it as music accompanying a Medieval ballad. At the same time, there was something that was distinctly American about it...almost folksy. I guess I'd describe it as something that focused primarily on the guitar. It was completely instrumental. At times it gave me the impression that there were two guitars, but I couldn't say; I don't have much musical intelligence at all. He seems to be of high quality. For anyone to hold your attention with solely the guitar for any period of time is probably a difficult thing to do. If it appeals to me, I feel like it would appeal to a fairly wide range of people.

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Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

April 3 Stranger.

April 5 — The Black Bone

Collective.

April 18 — Live Wire.

May 2 — TrunkMonkey.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-

7252. April 4 — Superfreaks.

April 5 — Led Zepagain.

April 11 — Metro.

April 12 — Chicago Tribute

April 17 — Alejandra Guzmán. April 19 — Fantastic Diamond.

April 25 — MVPs. April 26 — Draw the Line.

May 2 — Sin Bandera.

May 3 — Original Kiss Army.

May 9 — Montgomery Gentry.

May 9 — Metro.

May 10 - Hotel California. May 17 — Dave Matthews Tribute

Band.

May 17 — The Greatest Hitmakers. May 23 — Tyght Ship.

May 24 — Smokin.

May 30 — Makai.

May 31 — Anthem.

June 13 — Superfunk.

June 14 — Skynnyn Lynnyrd.

June 20 — Boogie Knights.

June 21 — David Brighton.

June 27 — Superfunk.

June 28 — Belladonna. July 12 — Arrival.

July 18 — The Spazmatics.

July 25 — Platinum Groove.

July 29 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band

Patrick's II: 428 F Street.

Downtown, 619-233-3077. *April 3* — The Black Bone Collective.

**Poway Center for the** Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.

April 19 - John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Drive, La Iolla. May 8 — The Used.

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University: 5500 Campanile Drive, SDSU, 619-594-5200. *April 10* — "Common Chords."

May 5, May 5 — Gamelan.

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April 20 - Kanye West.

May 3 — Juanes. May 7 — Alicia Keys

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Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee,

619-596-8350. April 3 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA. April 3 — The Unseen.

April 4 — Streetlight Manifesto.

April 6 — Alesana, the Chariot, Sky

Eats Airplane.

April 10 — Jeffree Star.

April 11 — Family Force 5.

April 12 — Panic at the Disco.

April 13 — Animosity, First Blood,

For the Fallen Dreams.

April 16 — The Subhumans.

April 17 — A Skylit Drive, Dance

Gavin Dance. April 18 — The Haven, the

Material, Man Without Wax,

April 19 — Bedford Grove.

May 3 — The Voodoo Glow Skulls and Mustard Plug.

May 17 — Emmure. May 23 — Metal for the Masses.

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The Tower: 4757 University Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-0158. April 6 — Minmae

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

April 11 — Creedence Clearwater Revisited.

May 8 — Duran Duran.

May 15 — Trace Adkins. May 17 — Bonnie Raitt.

July 15 — Chris Isaak.

July 15 — Styx.

August 3 — The Temptations and the Four Tops.

August 14 — The Gipsy Kings.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road,

Alpine, 619-445-5400. April 19 — Flyleaf and Seether. May 3 — Unwritten Law.

May 15 — Rilo Kilev.

June 4 — Gary Allan.

June 27 — Cyndi Lauper, B-52s, Joan Jett & the Blackhearts.

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April 20 — Ratt.

May 18 — The Robert Cray Band.

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- 5/19 Murder By Death
- 5/20 The Proclaimers
- 5/22 Hal Ketchum w/Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash
- 5/25 Don Carlos

- 5/30 Boogie Nights Final Warning
- 5/31 Ladytron w/Data Rock
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- 6/13 Young Dubliners
- 6/27 Pato Banton and The Mystic **Roots Band**

**SALSA SUNDAY** 

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# Crasher

#### MYSTERY MEAT

by Josh Board

re were a couple of videorelease parties I hit downtown.

The first was for a band called Crash Encore. It was a video-premiere party for their song "Stormy Weather" at the **Buzz Clothing Warehouse on** Tenth Avenue.

Since it was starting at 7:00 p.m., I figured I could hit this before going to my next event.

They were asking for \$20 at the door, with the proceeds benefiting a company called Boobs on the Move, which was raising money for a three-day breastcancer walk. One of the flyers I saw said they were shooting for

There were paintings on the walls from local artists named Spencer Tiscareno and Mikaelanne Collins.

There was a table set up with salad and some appetizers. And the bar was serving up free drinks. As I put a tip in the jar on the bar, I thought it was odd that they didn't say the tips were going to the charity. That's usually the norm at charity events.

The place was dimly lit, with candles everywhere, and a









Top left: Filmmakers that produced "Havoc" video; Top right: One of the hand-painted surfboards overhead; Bottom right: Mystery meat

who said "I have these American Spirits." The woman got upset and said, "One guy was smoking menthols, which I hate. And now

It was a small crowd, since it was only an hour into the party. And, I hadn't even seen the band perform yet. But I decided to head out to my other party at Modus Supper Club on

A guy named Matt told me it was for the release of a surf

Fourth and Ivy in Banker's Hill.

Security was at the door, and I was wearing shorts and a Tshirt because I had just come from a racquetball game. I wasn't sure if there was a dress code,

and I was apologizing for the way I looked. A surfer walked by and said, "Dude...we're so going to ask you to leave then." He laughed as he walked in. I followed closely behind.

Like the previous party, they had art on the walls. A guy standing by a painted surfboard told me he was the director of the film. As the TVs had the video playing, I asked how many hours of footage they got to make the video. He told me around 135 hours, all with San Diego surfers.

There was a guy with his arm in a sling. I figured it was a surfer with some gnarly injury. I asked him if he crashed on a monstrous wave. He said, "No. I crashed on my bike doing something I've done a bunch of times. But this time, it didn't go right."

Since we didn't eat at the previous party, my girlfriend and I went to the table that had all the food. We were piling it on our small plates and I heard someone say, "What is that?" I looked over and saw that it was a kind of meat. His friend said. "It's probably salami." In the

## "I hate to be one of those girls, but can I get a cigarette?"

a cigarette from someone. She asked one guy, "I hate to be one of those girls, but can I get a cigarette?" He said he was smoking his last one. She asked me. And then she asked another guy,

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a cigar, my girlfriend went and

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Bowl. A woman came out to bum

those Spirits, which I don't like either." I wanted to say, "Then why didn't you come with your own smokes?" Instead, I just walked back inside before it rained harder.

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course of the evening, I heard about ten people ask what it was. A few were grossed out, but most still put it on their plates. I guess free food outweighs someone wondering what it

A few times they brought out sliders, which would always go quick. One of the surfer's moms said. "Some of these boys' moms would be disappointed to

know the guys grabbed the burgers without ever grabbing tomatoes, onions, or lettuce to put on them."

I don't know anything about surfing, and overhearing some of the conversations was interesting. One guy talked about trying to stay on a wave. His friend kept responding to another person about it being "the sickest barrel." I wanted to poke my head into their circle and say, "You should've seen the job I did parallel parking outside." I mean, it

was a tiny spot right in front of the club that I fit right into on one shot.

Another group of surfers was talking about various injuries. One said he broke his leg when his board hit him after crashing on a wave. Another guy needed 28 stitches when he was thrown into some rocks up in Northern California. He said. "That's not as bad as my friend's cousin, who lost his eye. His board smacked him right in the face." He looked at me and said sarcastically, "Have you ever had an injury like that?" I responded, "I got hit with a racquetball in the eye once. I didn't lose it. It just turned the same color blue as the ball. My friend had his two front teeth knocked out by a racquet during a game. I was born and raised in San Diego, but I spent more time on boogie boards than surfboards; when they hit you, there's no injury."

When a few people were talking about the painted surfboards, I asked if they get used. Someone

said, "Oh, yeah. They were taken out today." I had heard there were big waves, and asked about it.

"A few of the surfers here were hitting that. They were big. And reports were that there was going to be some 50-footers."

I heard a guy walk up to the table of food. He said to his friend, "What the hell kind of meat is this? It's like that Letterman bit where vou have to guess the meat." He took a big piece of it, shoved it in his mouth, and between bites said, "It's good, though."

His friend complained that every time the wait staff brought out new food, it disappeared too quickly. An older couple sitting near the table said, "It works better if you sit by the food. You get first dibs at stuff." ■

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# **Chain of Gold**

No, to answer everybody's first question, the flashy new Gaslamp Nobu is no relation to our sweet and humble Solana Beach Nobu, owned by Nobu Tsushita. For better or worse, our Nobu-sur mer merely shares its owner's name and was established long before chef Nobu Matsuhisa's first Japanese-Peruvian-American nuevo-sushi restaurant exploded onto the American food scene, strewing seed pods that would eventually bloom into locations wherever on the globe there is money to spare for dinner.

Debuting just before Christmas, the Gaslamp giant at the new Hard Rock Hotel is part of the huge worldwide Nobu chain, encompassing at least 18 restaurants in 14 cities, with more opening all the time. Robert De Niro was among the stars attending the opening party — he was one of the first fans of a serious little L.A. sushi joint called Matsuhisa and became a major force behind its transformation into a worldwide operation.

As an adventurous young sushi chef, finally breathing free and longing to travel after a standard rigorous apprenticeship, Nobu-san accepted a job in Lima, Peru, where a large, well-established Japanese community welcomed his way with seafood. Unable to obtain the Japanese condiments he had relied on at home, Nobu improvised his own versions, developing the Peruvian-accented Japanese cuisine that caused such a sensation when he later brought it to North America. He worked in Buenos Aires for a time but discovered that Argentines loved beef too much and fish too little, so he then moved to the other end of the world to open his own restaurant in Alaska — only to see it burn to the ground. After a stint as a hired chef in Los Angeles, he eventually opened his own celebrated restaurant there, Matsuhisa, Bobby De Niro, craving Nobu's creations on his New York home turf, offered to serve as backer and co-owner if Nobu would open in Manhattan. The 1994 debut of the New York Nobu created the splash now felt round the world.

Early reports indicated that the San Diego Nobu was an instant celebrity scene, a site of designer jeans and of Japengo Janes showing up on Fridays with their new weekend sweeties. You had to reserve weeks ahead — so they said.

Sic transit gloria — sorry, Gloria, your 15 minutes are over NEXT! Barely three months in business, and the high-glam days are already over.



**NAOMI WISE** 

You can eat at Nobu. I can eat there. All it takes is money — and even then, there are moderate options, like a sushi or sashimi prix-fixe dinner. (Of course, the vino and the valet are still gonna getcha.) On a Wednesday, Samurai Jim was easily able to

snag a same-day reservation for 6:30, although by 8:00 p.m. every table was occupied. As for the crowd: bald guy, mid-70s, bony knees peeking out between khaki

Bermudas and Nike high-tops, sitting with three of his own ilk wearing longer pants; 40ish female foursome in jeans, one in a sweatshirt — looking more Macy's than Melrose Avenue. Most men were in shirtsleeves and (at best) Dockers. Here and there, I saw an eye-candy couple, but the average age looked to be about 50, and these diners weren't dressed like Masters or Mistresses of the Universe. (I hear that on weekends the crowd is younger and as raucous as denizens of a P.B. pub.) Jim's eye wandered to the roomy bar. "Not much of a singles scene, is it?" he said. "What do you mean?" I said. "They're all singles — single middle-aged men!" (I have a sneaking suspicion that on Fridays the bar might turn into a dyed-blondes-with-newboobs scene. The space has that look.)

We'd originally planned to eat at the no-reservations sushi bar, but once Jim scored a table, we went with the flow. The sushi bar is great look-- nice low stools and handsome proportions radiating good feng shui. In the dining room, the

glitz is mainly on the ceiling (designer light fixtures, large copper leaves, and such) but at eye level the room could almost be a spanking-new Marie Callender's at the

mall: bright lighting, big windows onto the street, warm-brown leather(ette?) banquettes and chairs, bare blond-wood tables set with white napkins, wooden chopsticks, and white porcelain chopstick rests. Hard rock plays fairly loudly and seems to get louder as the evening progresses — the hotel lives up to its name. You can still converse, but you can't stop the music.

Wines by the glass are so pricey (those I wanted were \$15 and up) that we started with cocktails more fun for the same bucks. Jim chose the Matsuhisa Martini with cuke slices and pickled ginger (still tasted like gin to me), and remembering Nobu's Peruvian connections, I ordered a Pisco Sour, which proved tasty but a tad on the sweet side. While we read the menu, we nibbled on edamame sprinkled

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PICK HITS: Miso asari soup (with clams); toro tartare with caviar; black cod with miso (signature dish); Wagyu beef; anything with uni (sea urchin). Also consider monkfish, uni tempura, lobster dishes, tofu tobanyaki (sizzle platter).

**NEED TO KNOW:** Reservations necessary for dining room (call a few days ahead for prime time), not accepted for sushi bar. Valet parking at hotel entrance on Embarcadero side of restaurant, \$15-\$20 after validation. Over 40 ovo-vegetarian grazing dishes (most very small), at least 20 vegan bites. (Note: tempura batter con-

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with kosher salt crystals. Jim liked them because they were less soggy than his mom cooks them; I didn't, because they were still too soggy. I was sorely tempted to venture a dry nigori (fizzy unfiltered



sake) from a small Japanese craft-brewer with whom Nobu has an exclusive contract, but with a multicourse dinner ahead, \$35 for a mere half-bottle was off-putting. (I eventually chose the reliable Ferrari-Caragno Fumé Blanc, one of the "cheapies" on the wine list at, ahem! \$45. That's about 250 percent of retail — not wholesale.)

The daunting menu goes on for four pages, broken down into numerous categories, ranging from minimalist nigiri sushi and single-veg tempura through numerous versions of grazing foods, on to entrées and several variations of full dinners. See "prices" in the boilerplate for the names of all the options — don't make me retype them all. Now, are you exhausted yet, even thinking about what you might order? We were. Then we spotted a oneword rescue: "omakase." We could get the chef's special tasting dinner of many small courses, hopefully spanning several menu categories. It promised to be an ideal introduction to Nobu's cooking. We'd necessarily miss a lot of dishes we wanted to try (e.g., monkfish with caviar, uni tempura, lobster ceviche, tofu tobanyaki) but indulging ourselves in those à la carte choices would probably run higher yet, promising a sharper bite of a bill for a grazing dinner. Once we'd tasted a range of foods, we'd be able to zero in on specific dishes on a future return visit.

Omakase dinners cost \$90 or \$120 per person. Jim joked, "The cheap price is for Americans, the higher one is for Nihonjin [Japanese] — payable in yen."

When asked, the waiter explained that the more expensive dinner included dishes with finer ingredients, such as uni and Wagyu beef. We wanted the good stuff, so we chose the higher-priced spread.

Dinner began, before we ordered, with an amuse — a square of lightly charred Arctic char (a fish that tastes like idealized salmon) topped with guacamole and thin orange wisps packing a spicy punch — undoubtedly Peru's fiery rocoto chiles. "Okay, let's go home now. That was enough flavor for a whole dinner," I teased, only half joking.

The waiter misidentified our first course as salmon tartare. It was actually much more precious: a purée of raw toro (fatty tuna belly) served in a small ramekin over ice, smooth and soft but with a sharp bite of wasabi, topped with sensuous black caviar - Nobu's cookbook Nobu, The Cookbook, Kodansha International, 2001) indicates it's Ossetra. On the side: a tiny, dark-red Japanese peach to clear the palate. That dish is a wow. And had we ordered it à la carte (from the "tartar [sic] with caviar" menu section) it would have cost \$30.

Hamachi arrived next — a small piece of succulent raw yellowtail with thin, black-speckled skin, accompanied by a "sashimi salad" of raw chopped veggies (red cabbage and other crisp things) wrapped into disks bound by sliced leaves of Belgian endive. On the side was a tasty, thin, green cilantro sauce. This was likable and pretty, but not a knockout like the previous course.

Exceptionally velvety uni (sea urchin roe) was topped with a scattering of prenatal microcilantro leaves, plated over rectangular cucumber slices drenched in yuzu juice, with lit-

tle dabs of incendiary rocoto chile paste on the side. The roe was all the more suave for the contrast with the very tart juice, from a small Japanese citrus fruit that tastes like a cross between a grapefruit and a lime. But I thought the portion of roe was a little skimpy, given the sour accompaniments. There should have been more of it for balance. (And for me.)

Nobu's signature dish is black cod with miso. Black cod is not a cod at all but a wonderfully fatty Pacific fish also known as "sable." If you're old enough, you may have a faint childhood memory of Al Capp's episodes of "the Shmoo" in Li'l Abnera creature that was overjoyed to be eaten. That's black cod for you - the shmoo of the sea. In Iewish delis in New York, smoked sable is a prized delicacy, second most expensive after smoked sturgeon.

Nobu introduced black cod with miso to America, and American fusion chefs have been running with it ever since. To me, it's no longer a novelty -I've even encountered it at a neighborhood brew pub (an ambitious one) in San Francisco, where it was nearly as good as Nobu's version. Lucky Jim, younger and a newbie foodie, was awestruck. The skin is blackish (hence the species' name), and Nobu darkens it with a marinade of miso mixed with mirin (sweet cooking wine) and sugar, lending a caramel flavor once the skin is heated. The fish is quickly broiled and then briefly baked, so that the white flesh emerges barely translucent rather than opaque, separating itself into large, perfect, rectangular flakes, each about 1/4-inch thick. It's garnished with spears of tender white asparagus with an Asianstyle dressing (not butter but soy based). It's a splendid dish; I only

wish I were still a virgin for it, to taste it for the first thrill rather than the umpteenth time.

Last of the major proteins was Wagyu beef (currently going for \$24 an ounce if ordered à la carte), sautéed rare in slices, accompanied with enoki and shiitake mushrooms, asparagus, and broccoli. What made it great was not only the extreme tenderness of the beef, but its superbly rich flavor — its own natural minerality complemented by a yuzu-soy dressing. It was about as beefy as buffalo but as tender as a baby's bottom. This was a joyous mouthful or four mouthfuls (two ounces), to be exact.

While most Westerners think of sushi as a first course. Nobu insists that it come near the end of the meal. Each of us received a long rectangular dish with an array of nigiri (simple sushi, rice topped with the featured ingredients). From left to right, it included mackerel, toro (fatty tuna belly), squid, uni, cooked eel (unagi) and tamago, (egg omelet). The short-grained rice was quite different from what we're accustomed to at local sushi bars — the grains seemed smaller, softer, sweeter, and less sticky - resembling a compromise between sushi rice and pilaf. (Stemming from his days in Peru, Nobu makes his own sushi vinegar blend from red rice vinegar rather than settling for a bottled version — hence the richer, sweeter undertones.) The rice clung together but tended to divorce itself from the topping, flopping or crumbling back onto the plate if you picked up the roll with chopsticks. It was finger food for a thumb and three fingers

All the fish toppings were, of course, excellent, and we needed no wasabi since the right amount was already in play for each piece. (We did use soy sauce for light dipping with the mackerel, squid, and eel). The most arresting was the unconventional omelet, tamago, which unlike the usual scramble, was sweet and puffy, almost like a dessert soufflé quite likely the eggs had been separated and the whites beaten to a froth. But San Diego may well be America's "sushi central." Nobu's sushi didn't leave me thunderstruck, because this town is crawling with sushi masters (at Ota, Kazumi, the Solana Beach Nobu, Samurai, Tomiko, et al.) whose creations, I think, equal those we tasted.

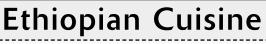
The final savory was a rich, full-flavored clam miso soup, deep and dark and mouth filling, with shoals of enoki mushroom aswim in the liquid. (Surprisingly, in the homeland and season of spiny lobster, Nobu's famous spiny lobster soup is not on the menu.) Then came a palate-cleanser of yuzu slush with pink grapefruit sections. Finally, dessert: cold honey-melon soup, surrounding a mound of brownrice ice cream topped with cinnamon-tinged flakes. (The waiter called the flakes something that sounded like "guillotine.") In the light, lovely broth floated diced bananas, kiwis, and strawberries, and under the ice cream was a little dome of sticky rice cake made with coconut milk.

Jim was totally sold and wants to take his mom here next time she's in town — it's his new favorite. Me? I'd love to go back and eat more, much more, but it's not an instant favorite. You're wondering why this is not getting 4 1/2 or 5 stars, right?

First, there's the issue of service. The servers (waiters, runners, bussers) seem decently educated about the food, but our cute, flirtatious waiter vanished for long periods once the

restaurant started filling up. It took some assertiveness to order a bottle of wine (begging a runner, and then another waiter) and then to get the chilled white regularly poured as we needed it - lots of body language required, and that creates tension rather than the chance to relax with a great dinner. There are a lot of server bodies around, but if your table's designated waiter is off somewhere, nobody seems ready to assume responsibility for keeping you happy. And then there's the knotty

question of the food. If I were tasting these dishes at a local restaurant (say, the Solana Beach Nobu) I'd go crazy praising them — especially if we could time travel back to the era when Nobu-san opened Matsuhisa in L.A. and introduced his new creations. But just like the black cod, today's chain Nobu doesn't feature the original leap of creativity but merely re-creates it for the moneyed masses. You can eat the same dishes at another Nobu on your next business trip to Melbourne or Abu Dhabi. Some soulfulness, some life force, has leaked out with the globalization. Most of the food is fabulous, and chef de cuisine David Mead (who worked at the New York Nobu) is obviously thoroughly competent. I bought the Nobu Cookbook for research, and if I could afford it, I'd love to go back and pick and choose my way through a grazing dinner of dishes with the most intriguing-sounding recipes (those mentioned in "pick hits" that I had to sacrifice for the omakase). And yet, and yet. Our new Nobu looks like a chain, and it tastes like an amazing chain, and it costs, oy!, like a top New York chef inventing his brilliant dishes in front of you — but that's not what you're getting you're getting a chain. ■



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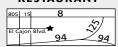
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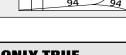
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"Somalis like things to tip to the sweet side. In America, everything is saltier."

he vapors, the vapors. Oh, man. Me thinketh I shall swoon. Unlike Bill Clinton, I inhale deeply. Rose aromas? Cardamom? Honey? It sits steaming under my schnozz here at the granite-top counter as I wait for the vittles

to turn up. The vapors rise from the curved glass cup like the genie from Aladdin's lamp.

The nearest thing to being in the Middle East? This might be it. Women customers in robes and shawls, men with worry beads, Middle-Eastern music, hubblebubble pipes, three giant vertical

spits of beef, chicken, and a lamb-beef combo rotating in front of blue flames...what more could a hungry man ask for?

I found this enclave set up in the corner of Vine Ripe, a produce and grocery market that specializes in Middle-Eastern fare. Except no hubble-bubble. They're just decoration, according to Mahmoud. This grill is his place. Has been for five years.

The building looks modern, with cream stucco, green canopies, bits of the wall painted purple, and bright red metal framing to the windows. The grill has this whole corner of the market, with its own outside chairs and tables.

A couple of women come in, one in a black ankle-length robe with elaborate purple scrolling, the other dressed in gray. Both wear head scarves. Wonder how Carla would look, dressed like that? My next thought is: What's the big deal? Can't we handle different styles in this town — women just, I guess, being modest? I scan the menu. Hmm. Bit much to take in in one. So I ask the girl for tea. Good move.

"Which kind?"

Lord, they have so many.

"Do you have a house tea?" I ask.

"Oh yes," she says. And brings me this steam-

ing curvaceous glass cup. So I sit and sip right next to a gent reading — huh — *Music*, a BBC magazine. I have my own serious reading to do and am thinking I might start with a spinach pie appetizer (\$1.95) when I notice a guy at the other

end of the L-shaped counter. He is laying sword after sword — and I mean real, three-foot swords, not wimpy kebab spits — in a cooler display case. Each is loaded with chunks of meat and onions.

Wow. That's it. I've gotta have a kabob of some kind. Not exactly cheap, of course. A shrimp

kabob is \$9.95, beef is \$8.95, chicken, \$7.95, and cubed or ground salmon kabob is \$8.95. Yes, they all come with basmati rice, hummus, a feta cheese salad, and pita bread. But then I discover at the end of the list that you can take "single skewers," the kabob on its own with no sides. And the price is right, \$4.95 for chicken or kafta (ground spiced beef balls) or \$5.95 for lamb, beef, or salmon.

So, no contest: single skewer it is, and because the Middle-Eastern thing is always lamb, we're talkin' baa-becue.

I get to chatting with my friend with the *Music* magazine, Jaime. Trained in music at UNAM, the national university in Mexico City. Classical musician. Plays the French horn. He's eating a kafta sandwich. Does all the time, he says. Oh, man. Crazy, but can't resist. I order that, too, except I go for the chunks of beef carved off the juice-dripping spit (\$4.95).

And guess what? It's the sandwich that's more delicious. It's not just the slightly crispy pita bread. There is a sweetness, an exotic thing to the meat's flavor, beyond the onions and the spiced beef.

"Cloves," says Mahmoud, "and six other spices." The sandwich does come with a little salad, and the lamb kabob has a couple of soft, half-moon pita breads.

Lord. So much food, so little time. Gotta chopchop. Make that chomp-chomp.

Trouble is, conversations start sprouting everywhere. Jaime turns out to be a classical composer, too. He uses the Finale software to score entire orchestral compositions. The guy could be the Salieri of San Diego, fueled entirely by kafta sandwiches and baklava. Then I latch on to a couple of Somali guys at an outside table. They're talking about the food. Nuur ("Light") and Abdi. "It means 'slave,' " Abdi says, laughing, "but 'slave only of God.' ") He says that back in Africa, things are a bit sweeter. "Somalis like things to tip to the sweet side. Here in America, everything is saltier."

I bite into my lamb kabob. Herby is the word I'd use. Dee-lish. Mahmoud, the Jordanian owner, says he gets customers from everywhere, including SDSU and Grossmont College. Maybe half come from Middle-Eastern backgrounds. Mahmoud says that the reason Muslim customers come is that the meat is halal.

Uh, halal?

"Halal means each animal is killed a certain way. Two neck veins are opened with a very sharp knife, so the animal bleeds to death. He doesn't die of a heart attack, shock. And the meat is free of blood. Muslims believe animals shouldn't suffer. And for each animal they kill, Muslims must ask permission from God."

The meat's also free range, with no hormones, Mahmoud says.

Armando the cook hands around a little sampler plate of the chicken kabob. Ooh, yes. Lemony, spicy. But Mahmoud says it's the fish he sells most of. "Our grilled salmon is the most popu-



lar dish." I see it's \$8.95, with sides. The sandwich goes for \$6.95.

It's kinda hard to leave. Chat's good. A Turkish coffee (\$1.45) would go down well. So would an hour or three contemplating life. I look out to Fletcher Parkway. Reality check. Crazy traffic. Guess I'd better jump aboard the Rat-Race Express.

Sigh. Maybe one more house tea. Catch those vapors rising from the curved glass cup. I wish…hey, maybe if I rub it… ■

**The Place:** Vine Ripe Market Grill, 8191 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 619-462-9900

Type of Food: Middle Eastern

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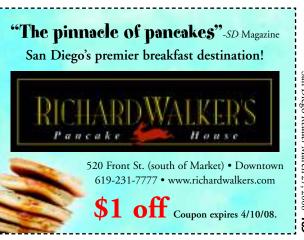
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## **Frankenyeast**

"Labeling regulations...have contributed to the disappearance of GM food ingredients."

ile Under: Fiction Is Good for You. I was reading Peter May's crime novel *The Critic*, which took as a dramatic starting point the murder of a famous wine critic, one Gil Petty. The hero, forensics expert Enzo Macleod, had

recovered Petty's laptop and had even managed to break into his files. There, he found Petty's final, unpublished editorial, "revealing for the first time the widespread use of genetically modified yeast in the production of California wines." Wait, what? Who would invent such a notion?



Of course, it was only a novel. But then it went on to discuss "using a shuttle vector containing a chromosome integration cassette with genes for malolactic enzyme...and a sequence directing homologous recombination..." Mighty technical stuff — based on something real? The (fictional) editorial concluded: "The Food and Drug Administration in the United States alone approves GM microbes such as yeasts used in food products. But international faith in the FDA is fast eroding because approvals are frequently influenced by political pressure, and the approval of wine yeast leaves fundamental questions to be answered. It is certainly premature to market GM wine yeast, and since the wines produced using GM yeast are not labeled in the marketplace, it is only prudent to avoid all U.S. wines." Petty claimed that the FDA's tests of the yeast were

"based on faith rather than science."

'This is dynamite," marveled Macleod, turning to Petty's daughter. "A man of your father's influence. If he had published this stuff, it could have caused catastrophic damage to the California wine industry." Hello, motive

for murder.

Knowing that May was a novelist who enjoyed the research end of his work, I couldn't help asking him — was that stuff about GM yeast true? "It's absolutely true," said May. "My genetics man in Canada — Joe Cummins, pro-

fessor emeritus at the University of Western Ontario — had actually written a report on it." Indeed, Petty's editorial comments are taken largely from that report and include both Cummins' comments and those he cites from the British medical journal The Lancet.

Cummins' principal concern in the report, as far as I can tell, is that "the FDA letter designating wine yeast ML01 to be Generally Regarded As Safe (GRAS) indicated that the distributor of GM yeast believed that final wines were free of yeast and yeast DNA, but there was no indication that data had been gathered to support that conclusion...The view that yeast and its autolysis products including DNA, RNA, proteins and carbohydrates were somehow lost from the wine was not supported by scientific evidence, only by the unsupported beliefs of the promoters and reviewers.

He has some case. The FDA's letter cites the promoter's account of clarification, stabilization, and filtration as evidence that the yeast cells are removed from the finished wine. Further, the "cellular material" released by autolysis while the wine is aging on the lees (i.e., dead yeast cells) "is degraded through the action of enzymes such as proteases." But Cummins cited a study claiming that "autolysis of wine yeast leads to ribonucleotides that persist in the wine for at least nine years.'

So — there may be some quantity of genetically modified material in wine produced using GM yeasts. So? The problem, says May, is that "it's not there on

the label. There's no specific problem that's been identified with it. It's a question of simply letting people know. There are a lot of people who will not touch food or drink that's been genetically modified, and there's plenty of research to show that they have a reason to be concerned about it in a general sense."

Here it's easy for a wine lover to get on his high horse. "You mean to tell me that the U.S. Government, which is so zealous in making sure that every wine label warns, 'According to the Surgeon General...consumption of alcoholic beverages...may cause health problems,' isn't bothering to make sure I know whether or not a wine was made with Frankenyeast? (Or, if it came to it, Frankengrapes?) Even when there was a report back in '95 in The International Journal of Food Science and Technology that concluded, 'In genetically engineered yeast cells, the metabolism is significantly disturbed by the introduced genes...and the disturbance brings about the accumulation of the unwanted toxic compound methylglyoxal'?" Apparently so. (Yes, the report



is old and examines only one type of GM yeast. And yes, the producers of the GM wine yeast in question assured the FDA that "there should be no concern" because the potentially produced "additional proteins" will have similar amino acid sequences to the commercial yeast strain Davis 522. I'm not pretending that I'm qualified to go ringing any alarm bells. But I'd still like to be

Oddly enough, the Wine Institute seems more concerned about the matter than the FDA. "The wine community is dedicated to only using practices that are beneficial and acceptable to consumers," reads a 2006 position statement from the Institute. "Wine Institute has reviewed its position on gene technology and affirms as follows: The position of the Wine Institute is that no genetically modified materials be used in the production of California wine." It's not a binding statement — the Wine Institute doesn't have much in the way of police powers — but it's still a statement.

Or maybe it isn't so odd. As the statement





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notes, the Institute considers not only what is beneficial to consumers, but also what is acceptable. Image counts. A study in a recent issue of AgBioForum concluded that "existing evidence from developed countries shows that...mandatory labeling regulations...have contributed to the disappearance of GM food ingredients in targeted products." Those developed countries include the entire European Union and Australia. A 2001 Greenpeace report made the case that no major wine retailer in the U.K. would sell wines made from GM grapes (they weren't asked about GM yeasts). At the time, California was sending about \$112 million worth of wine to the U.K. annually.

And even in the U.S., where there is no mandatory labeling with regard to GM foods, the times may be a-changing. A 2006 report from the Mellman Group to the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology showed that "pluralities of voters favor increased regulation of GM foods," with 41 percent of those claiming basic awareness of such regulation saying that there was too little. "It is clear," concluded the report, "that public opinion remains largely up for grabs. How the next generation of biotech products is introduced - and their perceived benefits and risks — will be critical in solidifying U.S. consumer attitudes."

#### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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#### **BEACHES**

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (halfpound 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.

California Modern 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. With a new name and renovated for an even better ocean view, the former George's at the Cove continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious, healthful California cuisine based on prime, seasonal ingredients and emphasizing sustainable wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. The cooking style is a little lighter now, good for carb-counters, with only small amounts of starch on the entrées. The award-winning wine list offers few bot-tles under \$50, but many by the halfbottle or glass, including serious dessert wines. Full bar, creative "chef cocktails' with fresh fruit. Wheelchair elevator available but hidden (ask valet parkers); disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's mens' room on same floor Vegetarians and vegans accommodated to order. Reserve well ahead. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Donovan's Steak and Chop **House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 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, bearnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef en-trées 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 housemade desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional crème

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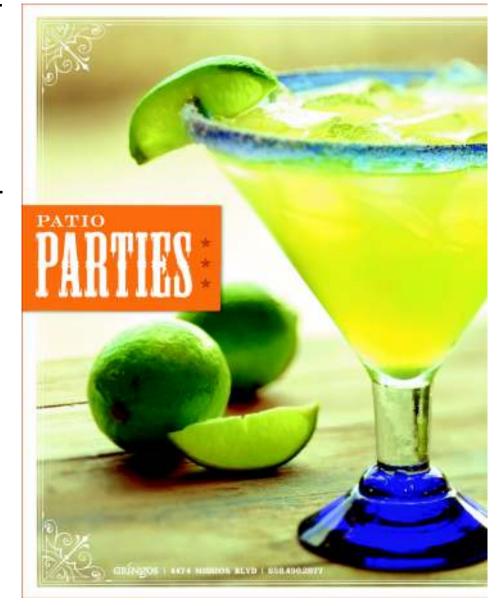


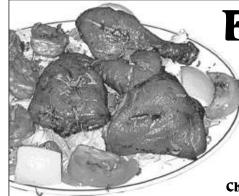
brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.* 

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the side-walk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, 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 popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jack's La Jolla 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. This sprawling, glitzy restaurant has several venues serving steaks, seafood, sushi, and pub grub. In the Dining Room, the most formal and serious choice, Chef Tony De Salvio prepares a menu of refined, seasonal California-French cuisine featuring highly creative combinations of luxury ingredients and local products, full of unexpected touches, e.g., a duck breast pairs delightfully with cocoa nibs. When you move on to sweets, dessert chef Jack Fisher is one of the town's best and boldest. An international wine list offers plenty by the glass, although bottles run high. Full bar. Vegetarians accommodated by request — ask and ye shall receive. Ask valet parkers for directions to wheelchair lift and elevators. Reservations urged. Dinners only in Dining Room, Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W.

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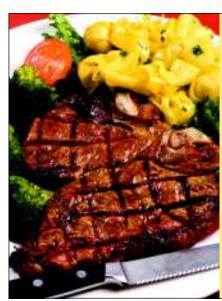
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P. F. Chang's China Bistro — La Jolla 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And - not that it's at all Chinese the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* 

Portugalia 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. This spacious, informal room decorated with strings of Christmas lights resembles an ethnic community center - and indeed, O.B. is home to a long-term Por-tuguese fishing community. The fascinating menu is split between the homeland and its former colony, Brazil, including several coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia that are rarely found locally. The array of appetizers from both countries embraces addictive bolinhos de bacalhau (salt cod fritters) and rissóis de camarão (fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp). For entrées you can choose Portuguese specialties like the earthy *gomes de sá* (codfish with chick peas) or Brazil's *bife apimentado* (spicy beef) or even an African-inspired bife de mocambicana (beef with shellfish). There's also a *rodizio* option of skewered meats and/or seafood. Save room for the owner's mom's homemade desserts, especially *pastéis de nata* (delicate custard-filled pastries). Portuguese wines, full bar. Not all dishes always available. Service quality variable. Long stairway up to second-floor restaurant. Live music most nights after 10 p.m. Easy parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, to midnight or later except Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W.* 

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açai* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark pur-ple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

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 Provencal 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 bal-ance 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 firstclass 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. —

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's ca sual, 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. Lowmoderate - N W

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive, 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 in clude 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.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue, 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.* 

#### BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

**El Arrecife** Calle Colima 2293, Baja, 664-200-2585. Think of it as a Mexican take on an American institution, the burger joint. In this settled, upper-middle-class neighborhood, Daniel Ludim Gómez Vaca set up a hip little spot ("The Reef") where he specializes in...octopus burgers. Actually, octopus, shrimp, beef, or chicken burgers. Or mixes. One of the best is octopus and shrimp with cheese and bacon. The children of Tijuana's elite come here to watch soccer, eat, and hang out, even though it's cramped and half underground. The menu has healthier alternatives, such as chicken salad or shrimp salad, but it's the octopus that has made him famous. Open noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Inexpen-

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993, 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 deli-cious, and the seasonal chiles en nogada (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain re-finement 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, crepes with cajeta (caramel sauce) make a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available, Vegetarian on request. 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 Sanchez Taboada #10813, Baja, 664-634-1488. 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 were 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. Vegetarian upon request. 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 *espadanas* (holes cut in the mission frontage) above the great arched wooden en-trance 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.

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Baja, 664-685-8579. 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, freshscooped 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. Vegetarian upon request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Baja, 664-686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho. saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You nour fortulas, chips, and not sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A parrillada — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Vegetarian upon request. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B.

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Baja, 664-686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcantar. 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, caldo 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 jalapeno. Good organic



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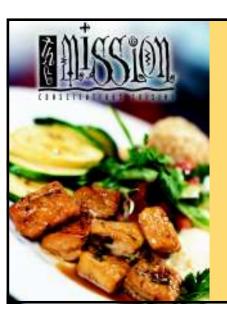
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La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210, Baja, 664-685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas*— nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la vuelta*") where Revolución hooks left, you for get all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a combinación mexicana (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or carne asada served in an olla de barro, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding filete mignon with mushroom sauce mehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m. after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent ten-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B.

#### CENTRAL

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-220-0692. 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 high-lights are the five different Oaxacan oles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos 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 foodfriendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Reservations recom-mended. 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. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W.

Aladdin's Café — Clairemont 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillicrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Anthology** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. This spiffy, multilevel nightclub offers pleasant, user-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) conceived by consulting celeb-chef Bradley Ogden. But when good musicians are cookin' onstage,

the eats are liable to become mere background music for the mouth. A great date venue for jazz lovers. No cover charge Tuesdays and some Sundays, otherwise ticket prices (bought separately) vary, plus \$15 to \$20 minimums (easy to meet). Wine list is fine and wide ranging but starts high and escalates sharply, plus full bar with fruity cocktail creations as well as classics. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water. — *N.W.* 

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue, City Heights 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed - they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voila!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape 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.

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 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. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — N. W.

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298 3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoorbaked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their sag paneer creamy, cheesy spinach - delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted pakoras (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, tikhi. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. -

Brians' American Eatery - Hillcrest 1451 Washington Street, Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on week-ends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' eight-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chiles, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their offinenu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: coffee comes by the thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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 11 poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars

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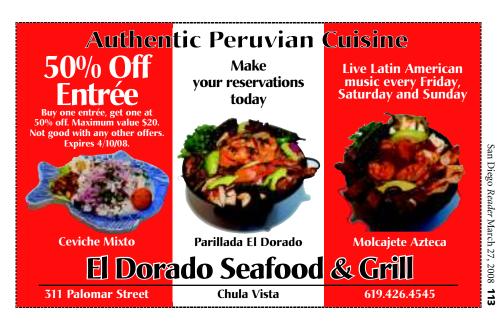
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**Bully's East** 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very '60s. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And al-ways crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) - just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. - E.W.

Café Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue Downtown, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispens able 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 ev-ery 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. Mod-

La Casita 1247 C Street, Downtown -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 chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and en-chiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo city-hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the housemade *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open six days 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed Sundays.— *E.B.* 

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego

2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. -

**Chive** 558 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 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. -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.

La Doña 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Southeast San Diego, 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 blackand-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa - it's a real jawslammer. Other dishes to sample include chicharrones, menudo, and pozole Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. In-

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar — Downtown 380 K Street, Downtown, 619-237-1155. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and

Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass, and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the key lime pie for dessert - custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M.

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7967, Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical panregional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies vou 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 coconutty fresh chutney. Peshawari naan is a spectacular tandoorcooked 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. Madrasi Fish in coconut milk is a delicious southernstyle 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 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-3121. The hotel has reopened after its \$52-million renovaon, 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 en-trées, 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 expen-

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue, Hillcrest, 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 car pet, blond wood, paintings, and a halfwall 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.

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue, College Area, 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 in clude the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. 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 suc-cessful 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 hormonefree. 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.* 

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street (at Winder), Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. Eat here and you eat with the ghosts of presidents, politicians, and three generations of San Diegans. Ralph Pesqueira, the guy who started it in 1940 as a simple tortilla factory, invented taquitos ("little tacos") as snacks for his customers. The deep-fried taquitos are still their num-ber-one selling item. But also try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. While you're waiting (and it's usually crowded), grab some of El Indio's huge, scrumptious homemade chips and a pot of their salsa ranchera. Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a sur-— great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crIpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the









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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 tan-gential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Joe's Crab Shack — Mission Valley 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Oceanside, Pacific Beach, and downtown.— *N.W.* 

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.

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little selfconscious, this barbecue has black-andwhite 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 tomato 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 flus-tered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.

**The Linkery** 3386 30th Street, 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 interna tional 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 reserva-tions. Dinner daily until 11 p.m. Moderate — N W

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Av enue, Downtown, 619-237-4900. The one-time ornate Royale Brasserie across from the convention center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steakand-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style, a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.* 

Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 I Street, Downtown, 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 disap-pointing oysters Gatesafellar 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. Reserva-tions urged, especially on weekends. Dinner daily. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive. —

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful - especially the Sicilian steak. But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. —

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main Street, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone. but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* 

**RA Sushi** 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated katsu. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your

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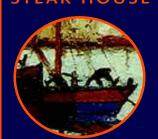
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chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 1 a.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — N.W.

Ranchos Cocina — North Park 3910 30th Street, North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings bur-geoning with plant life and craft obects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the housemade mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th Street North Park, 619-283-1618. North Park is becoming a hotbed of ethical food culture, and Ritual is one of its proponents. At this cozy, civilized, Old World-style pub where the music always plays softly enough for conversation you'll find classic pub dishes plus some more exotic forays, cooked with consistent care to emphasize the fine, natural flavors of humanely raised Niman meats, gourmet Jidori chicken, lo-cally grown organic vegetables. Want a burger? The ketchup is made in-house. The wildest dish is a tasty, mouth-filling, étouffé-thick "Saddlebrush" (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots — and no okra or filé!), served over long-grain wild rice instead of the sticky white stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.* 

Saigon on Fifth 4900 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. This is the rare local Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the urban, French-influenced cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue, rather than the ubiquitous *pho* noodle soups of the North. The list of house specialties includes many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego,

among them a smoked oyster omelet and a unique version of coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell. Many dishes here include honey, so the Boon (spicy noodle salad) deserves its name — a refreshing break from the sweetness. Well-chosen, reasonable wine list suits the food, as does the serene decor. Validated underground parking just north of the bank. Open daily, lunch and dinner until midnight. Low moderate. — N.W.

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, 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.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza — Downtown 770 Fourth Avenue, Downtown 770 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-8888. 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. — N.W.

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called larb - closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Shakespeare Pub 3701 India Street, 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.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue, 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 substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — N.W.

**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 creamycrunchy interplay of sauce and vegeta-bles. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes - an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrees are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M.

**Tropical Star** 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-488-5900. 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.* 

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the farofa salad — it's like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and

bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. —

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-682-1652. 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.

#### **NORTH INLAND**

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ — **Kearny Mesa** 9533 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-rslowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard, 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 ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W.

China Max 4698 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking—creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and

(if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — *N.W.* 

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, 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 deli-cious. 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, Carmel Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they're flexible. Want bacon, sausage, and ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 South Escondido Boulevard, 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. Senora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not borderfood 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.* 

Pho Hoa Hiep — Mira Mesa 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard #A, Mira Mesa, 858-578-1468. This pho (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an extra large bowl of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast pho is French bread with beef juicy cube soup. They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. This Europeanstyle bakery specializes in hearty, hand-crafted, 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.

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place, Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Seoul B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the Korean B.B.Q. marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like





crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — M.N.

Spices Thai Cafe — Rancho Bernardo 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

#### **NORTH COASTAL**

101 Café 631 South Coast Highway. Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken-fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Cash only. No alcohol. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, 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 bet-ter are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nutfilled 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 egglemon 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 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 stratagem — 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, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cui sine 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 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

California Pizza Kitchen — **Solana Beach** Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza seg-ment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. -

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-755-3183. This must be the last farmhouse standing in Sorrento Valley's glassy, glossy business park. Corner House Café shares the nearly century-old, vellow, two-story clap board house with Lily's Closet Café and Caliente Mexican Food. You eat outside in patios and gardens among flow-ers, fountains, farm carts. It feels like the country. Sandwiches reign. Try the Ironman sandwich (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Also terrific are the full meals. No fancy tableware, but dishes like chicken tequila fettuccini with its green pasta and sinful golden creamy sauce are sophisticated, delicious, and interesting. Open daily till 5 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q — Carmel **Valley** 4645 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. Joey Maggiore doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tenderchewy 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. Housemade hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner but extremely salty. The list of sides is long

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan — Encinitas 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. 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 Guadalaiara. 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 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. – N.W.

and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. In-

expensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Kealani's** 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-942-5642. 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" scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to

musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a nonkosher Iewish 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 — ov!, so gov! 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, in-cluding 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. — N. W.

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 oftenchanging menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* 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, 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. -

**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 

tas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps, Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, yegans, 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 wholewheat 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



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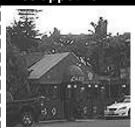
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hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

**Star of India** — **Del Mar** 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *F. R* 

When in Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, 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.

#### **SOUTH BAY**

Anthony's Fish Grotto — Chula Vista 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

Café 1134 1134 Orange Avenue. Coronado, 619-437-1134. Since the place changed hands a couple of years back, the food has definitely gotten more interesting. Breakfast omelets, for starters. The Cortez has sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, Jack cheese, avocado, sour cream, plus fruit or sautéed potatoes. Paninis like the Tuscany come stuffed with roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles. They do a fine chicken pecan salad, too. But at heart this is still a Left Bank sort of coffee place for hanging out, talking, arguing, and having deep thoughts. Grab a joe or a large bottle of their hoppy Mermaid's Red Ale, take it outside, start a conversation. Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (kitchen 7 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.) daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Comal 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. No border compromises here, just great home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, Puebla, Oaxaca, and the Yucatan) in a pair of restaurants founded by by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Stuffed tortilla dishes are back in their proper place as appetizers or lunches (don't expect numbered "combo plates"). A *botana* sampler plate that "serves two" (actually stuffs four) is a fun way to try a bunch of them, including outstand ing pork-filled sopes that taste like somebody's loving mamacita made them. Also try a mulita, a soft, substantial, house-made tortilla folded over your choice of meat with melted cheese and guacamole, perfect for lunch. For entrées, look to the casseroles, with such exciting choices as Lengua en Salsa Verde (tongue in tomatillo sauce), Barbacoa de Chivo (tender goat in a lively red "barbecue' sauce), and an excellent Mole Poblano (tender chicken breast in sweet-spicy chocolate-based mole sauce). Fish are also well treated. Grilled meat choices, which include a full parrillada assort-ment ("serves two," feeds six), are cut thin and cooked well done. Full bar at North Park location; Mexican and U.S. beers at both. Three meals, seven days (shorter hours in Chula Vista). Inexpensive. — N.W.

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-sizzlingly 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.

Crown Room 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances vou'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 lukewarm (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 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Expen-

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. Also at 2260 Otay Lakes Road. 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 vegetable 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.

L'Escale 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 rosemaryflavored 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 baysurrounded patio if you can. Breakfast,

Kai Sushi & RB Sushi Must bring coupon. Expires 4/10/08. lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.* 

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits -National City 2210 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-470-3002. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and airlight drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some lo cations, is weird - flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies sub-tly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive.

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This insideoutside Greek cafe 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 Californian), 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. —

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play gaucho 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 nu-merous 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 senoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: you might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the

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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.* 

#### EAST COUNTY

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 darkwood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly. sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting, the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender, shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* 

Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers 2754 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-1264. Up here, Fred's it and that's that. You really get a bang for your burger buck, from the cheap junior burger to quarter-pounders and half-pounders to Fred's three-quarter-pound "monster burger." Even the innocent-sounding BLT sandwich comes loaded with six slabs of bacon. Maybe the most delicious burger sandwich is a quarter-pound patty slithered between sautéed onions and oozing with cheese under grilled sourdough. Also good: the grilled chicken sandwich and the patty-melt special with fries and soft drink. Really hungry? Order Fred's Alpine Goliath, a two-pound burger that needs a ten-inch bun to support it. But, as they say, be careful what you wish for. Seven days, 10:30 a.m to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Geno's Barbecue 291 W. 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 sauteed 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. — FR

The Kopper Kettle 12108 Wood-side Avenue, Lakeside, 619-561-0628. "Early to bed, early to rise, sit at Kopper Kettle, tell big lies." The plaque says it all: the Kettle's Social Central for this part of Lakeside. But its other claim to fame is important, too: They broast. Think broiling and roasting. They pres-

sure-cook their chicken and their potatoes in oil. The result is a tastier, crisper, and less greasy chunk of chicken and wedges of potato that are crusty with light insides — great for dipping in their homemade ranch sauce. The menu features many broasted items, plus dozens of big-plate breakfast and lunch items. Expect tons of friendliness, traditional fare, less for the nuts and twigs crowd. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180. This is the neighborhood café this neighborhood lacked for years. Which explains why, since it opened in 2005, it's been busy, mostly filled with locals. People come because the waitresses know them and know what they like, but also because the plates are usually overloaded. All the omelets are foureggers, with generous sides like biscuits and gravy. Portuguese sausage scramble is a bulky way to start the day. Evening meals include fish served European-style with the head still on. Other comfort foods include liver and onions, meat loaf, and pork chops with stuffing. Open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Paipa's Oasis 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gamble through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B.

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road, Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner,

plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M.

Somewhere Else Coffeehouse & Bookstore 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, 619-441-0480. Here, 100 years ago, stagecoaches and gold miners from Julian would raise a ruckus at this very crossroads every morning. Today, what has to be the smallest counter-restaurant with the tiniest kitchen in El Cajon serves up decent, straightforward breakfasts, soups, and sandwiches, along with good conversation that can't be a lot different from stagecoach days. Breakfast scram-They have a little living room area packed with books and a cool deck out back. Coffee and a toasted bagel with tomato and avocado is delicious. But be good - Maria, the owner, is an ex-cop. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Sundays, Inexpensive. — E.B.

Valley House Restaurant 17067 Woodside Avenue, 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.

Ye Olde Bicycle Cafe 6792 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-582-4024. You're eating in a museum here. You can nibble your panini and check out ancient bikes like Rudge's penny farthing or the three-seater bike the Three Stooges used. The little blackboard menu's basically a list of toasted paninis and cold sandwiches. Each sandwich gets its name from the bike world. The Tandem is a double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The Tour de France has ham and Swiss on a croissant; the Tour d'Italia is salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and a pot of marinada. Add their rib-sticking chicken soup with wild rice and you'll have a cheap and enlightening lunch. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. EOF







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## **Stones**

The suffocating narrowness of the film will not be offset by its broader awareness of feminist issues.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

t takes a bit of cheek to call a film Flawless. Especially a Demi Moore film. In it, she carries that affixed chip on her shoulder into the role of the sole female executive at the London Diamond Corporation (Lon Di, for

short) in the year 1960, held down in her career advancement by the proverbial glass ceiling. "Don't give up," she

dashes off a note-to-self on a 3x5 index card. "Work harder. You will win." Though she is expressly identified as American to cover for the faintness of her accent, that doesn't prevent her from pronouncing "reschedule" without the "k" sound ("re-shedule"), turning herself inside out to fit in. Bravely, even a touch martyrishly, she puts on, and puts up with, a coiffure and wardrobe out of the Jackie Kennedy scrapbook — and because it's stuffy old England, exclusively in colors suitable for a funeral - not to mention putting on and putting up with a layer of old-age makeup in the present-day framing scenes, when she pulls out a manuscript of her life story under a title lifted from Kate Chopin, minus the definite article, Awakening.

Helping to sound reveille is the company's night janitor (Michael Caine, so peculiarly cast, you keep expecting him to be unmasked as a secret agent), who sees all and knows all without being seen or known, and

who pitches to her a retributive raid on the vault in the basement. He had read that aforementioned index card,

and anonymously scrawled on the bottom of it, "No you won't." Beyond a trip to the dog track (his pleasure), neither of the co-conspirators has a life, and the suffocating narrowness of the film will not be offset by its broader awareness of feminist issues or its last-minute epiphany on healthcare. Michael Radford, the serious-minded director of 1984, Il Postino, Dancing at the Blue Iguana, among others, goes through the paces of the heist with precision, but without urgency, without tension, without excitement, without, even, clarity. In a caper film, that could be thought a sizable flaw. Social consciousness is small compensation.

21 takes off from a true story, presumably far, far off, about a team of

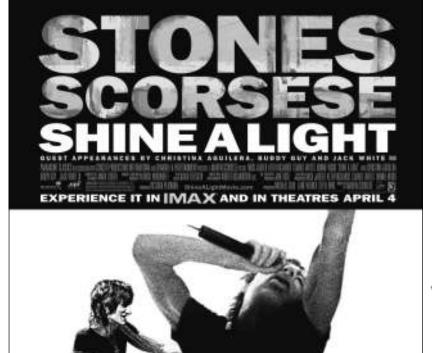


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MIT math whizzes who, drilled by a Mephistophelean mentor on the faculty, visit Vegas on weekends to beat the house at blackjack. The film is not able to make the frowned-upon practice of "card counting" comprehensible, much less cinematic (unless you consider fast-shuffle editing to be cinematic), but then it's not really interested in mental acumen and

application, only in the rewards and perks: a run-of-the-mill Sin City fantasy (dazzling montage of casino neon, top-of-the-world luxury suite, strip club, stacks and stacks of hoarded chips) in which the natural-born nerd can forget who his friends are, become somebody different, go around acting like a cross between Richard Gere in *Pretty Woman* and Michael Douglas in

Wall Street. Director Robert Luketic, whose lightweight credits consist of Legally Blonde, Win a Date with Tad Hamilton, and Monster-in-Law, permits himself to be entranced by the fantasy, serving more as press agent than reporter, greasing the wheels for a smooth ride, picking compatible pop songs for tempo. Jim Sturgess, The Other Boleyn Girl's ill-fated brother, is



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Young Paul McCartney cute as the whizziest math whiz, or in other words a fantasy figure from the get-go. (If he's so bright, why is he piling up hundreds of thousands of dollars in the ceiling of his dorm room instead of in a bank?) Kate Bosworth is a still more distorted fantasy of the Smart Girl. And Kevin Spacey, who gets all the snappiest dialogue, puts his innate repellence to good use as the manipulative mentor, the adult authority figure who, in order to complete the fantasy, must finally be overthrown. The most sympathetic figure, even when (perhaps especially when) he's slipping rings onto his fingers for a brass-knuckle work-over, is Laurence Fishburne as an old-school casino watchdog who's being phased out by computer software.

Run Fatbov Run, a loser's comedy directed by David Schwimmer (his debut behind the camera), lacks a fat boy, but has a full-grown man, "not fat... just unfit," who indeed runs and runs. First he runs from his own wedding, leaving his pregnant fiancée at the altar, and then five years later, trying to get back in the running, he decides to run against his former fiancée's new boyfriend in a London marathon. It would appear to be no contest on the course or off: the unfit runner is a klutzy uniformed security guard at a women's clothing store, chronically late with his rent and late for visitations with his toddling son, while his rival is a tall, tan, toned, handsome, well-heeled American financier. Simon Pegg, as the former, is certainly funny-looking (snowman's dome, pebble eyes, carrot nose), which gives him a head start on being funny. Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz give him, in addition, some rope. But this, which he co-wrote with Michael Ian Black, is as conventional, and as sentimental, as any Adam Sandler comedy. (What charity sponsors his run? National Erectile Dysfunction Awareness. Name of the former fiancée's bake shop? Libby's Nice Buns. That sort of thing.) Thandie Newton, as the object of desire, is flatteringly photographed, though that can't have been too hard. Hank Azaria well acts the part of the new boyfriend, yet can never be taken seriously as a rival. Dylan Moran, as the hero's deadbeat best friend, rather steals the spotlight with his low-pressure dryness.

Under the Same Moon, showcased in the San Diego Latino Film Festival, gives little indication of why the festival is such a moviegoing haven. But perhaps it stands to reason that the first film out of the festival to open commercially would be much, much worse than any of the dozen films I fitted into my schedule throughout the festival. Patricia Riggen's illegalimmigrant ordeal is a virtual heart-tugging machine, tugging on it at regular and frequent intervals, so that you learn, like an experimental rat, to cringe in anticipation. The agony begins immediately. A camerafriendly single mom (Kate del Castillo) in East L.A., making her weekly payphone call to her south-of-the-border son (Adrian Alonso) on his ninth birthday, turns on the waterworks when he reminds her he hasn't seen her in four years. At the birthday party immediately thereafter, Granny is hacking her way to an imminent grave, and a distant uncle, brother of the absent father, drops by to volunteer for guardianship, fully cognizant of the \$300 per month sent home by the mother. Granny, like clockwork, fails to wake up, and the boy, wasting only

a little time for waterworks, heads north on his own to track down his mother before the next weekly call. Hair-raising adventures and close shaves follow bumper to bumper, though the boy always appears to have time to comb his hair as neatly as if he were sitting for a studio portrait. A happy ending never feels in doubt. It's only a question of how many tugs.

#### MOVIE LISTINGS

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**The Band's Visit** — To be specific, the Alexandria Police Ceremonial Orchestra, an octet costumed in robin's-egg blue, visiting Israel for the inauguration of an Arab Culture Center, but taking a wrong turn to a sound-alike destination in the middle of nowhere, spending a night, getting to know the locals and vice versa, bridging a cultural gulf. The blend of comedy and pathos, under the direction of Eran Kolirin, might call to mind the cinematic heyday of Italian hu-



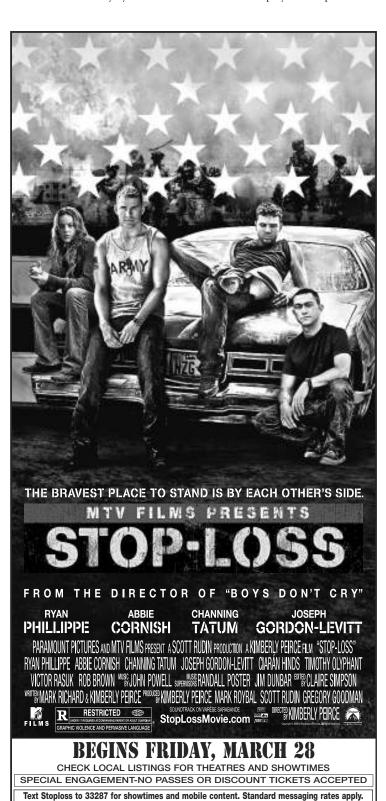
Drillbit Taylor

manism, albeit with more of an absurdist deadpan. Only three of the eight band members receive sufficient screen time to become individualized in the least — the priggish leader, his stifled assistant, an unruly rookie — and Sasson Gabai as the first of the three could stand alongside an Alberto Sordi or an Ugo Tognazzi (to place him in the company of comic-pathetic Ital-

ians), albeit with more reserve and decorum. Ronit Elkabetz, as his easygoing hostess, makes a lissomely sensuous foil. Imad Jabarin, Saleh Bakri, Khalifa Natour. 2007. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**The Bank Job** — "Based on a true story,"

or anyway on a true bank job, the knockover of Lloyds Bank, Baker Street, London, 1971. The filmmakers, headed by the veteran Australian-born director Roger Donaldson and screenwriters Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais, have taken advantage of the cloak of mystery that still surrounds the case, to concoct a salacious hypothesis that can't be disproved, other than by common sense. The British Secret Service, by this scenario, was the prime mover behind the raid, desirous of getting their hands on compromising pornographic photos of Princess Margaret - ves, Princess Margaret, cavorting with dark-skinned natives in the Caribbean — held in the safe-deposit box of a blackmailing Black Militant. But the way it goes down (as we say in the underworld), it is self-refuting. The notion that MI5, from a safe distance, and through a coerced middle-woman, would farm out the operation to an unknowing gang of petty criminals, novices at bank jobs, is ridiculous on the face of it. Ridiculous because of the high probability (assuming the novices could pull off the job in the first place) of its turning out exactly as it turns out on screen: the hot photos ending up in unpredictable hands. If a team of filmmakers can't find a true story that's any truer than this, they need to keep looking. Or better yet, start from scratch. The almost farcical complications, if taken with suffi-





cient grains of salt, are diverting enough. And the Seventies period has its pleasures, not just the usual haircuts, bellbottoms, plaids, etc., but all that forgotten Black Power stuff, and most particularly the rolled-back level of technology: a simple

jackhammer, a concrete-penetrating blowtorch, some walkie-talkies, and an amateur ham radio that chances to pick up the backand-forth between the robbers in mid-iob. A refreshing change, all that, from the computer-age hocus-pocus of Ocean's Eleven, ... Twelve, ... Thirteen, and their ilk. Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows, Stephen Campbell Moore, James Faulkner. 2008.

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SION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN SIDE 16: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROME NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14)

The Bucket List — A feel-good death trip, directed by the crowd-coddling Rob Reiner, about two terminal cancer patients, a billionaire WASP and a blue-collar black, who bond as hospital roommates and set out together to do the things and see the sights they never had time for: skydive, car race, get a tattoo, visit the Riviera, the Dark Continent, the Pyramids, the Great Wall, and along the way open themselves up to epiphanies: "The stars — it's really one of God's good ones." (Although they often have a book at hand in bed or on an airplane, you can't expect a screen character to use his final months to curl up at last with The Pickwick Papers.) The good feelings extend even beyond the grave: the action is narrated posthumously in the first-person omniscient, implicitly settling the amicable debate on the afterlife. A fair measure of your regard for Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman would be your pain at seeing them in such pap. Perhaps the closest contact with a real concern emerges in the former's probing question to the latter: "You always had those freckles?" Sean Hayes, Rob Morrow. 2007.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Children of Heaven — The opening credits sequence alone, a closeup of hands at work on mending a shoe, is more enrichlowing hour and a half are loaded with no less solid information on life today in Iran. its streets, its shops, its schools, its houses. The plot premise — a little boy loses his sister's shoes on the way home from the cobbler, and conspires with her to conceal the fact from their father - is as simple as it is hard to sustain. Majid Majidi, the director, has much the same problem here as Jafar Panahi had in The White Balloon, a similar child's-eye view of the same little corner of the world, similarly wholesome, similarly unsaccharine. Majidi has the better solutions. The foray into a posh neighborhood (protective outer walls, locked gates, disembodied voices over the intercom), in quest of a gardening job, is a fascinating and funny digression. And the climactic longdistance race, in which the pint-sized hero

tries to pace himself for the third-place prize of a pair of sneakers but instead gets swept up in a photo finish, restores any flagging interest. All throughout, the obsessive attention to shoes — dirty ones, wet ones, slippery ones, shiny ones, dressy ones, new ones — gives the movie a unique angle of vision, a sharply downcast angle, burdened as it is with envy, covetousness, selfconsciousness, shame. Footwear in the cinema can no longer be the private domain of Luis Buñuel. 1998.

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The Counterfeiters - Stefan Ruzowitsky's Holocaust survival tale, loosely based on fact, tells how "the world's best counterfeiter" (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, theoretically affecting the outcome of the war. It is a passably interesting tale to tell, a new path through old territory, but the interest is rather in the tale than in the telling. At any number of stopping points along the path, the sights are liable to seem all too familiar (the bullet in the head, etc.), never mind the refreshing route that led there.

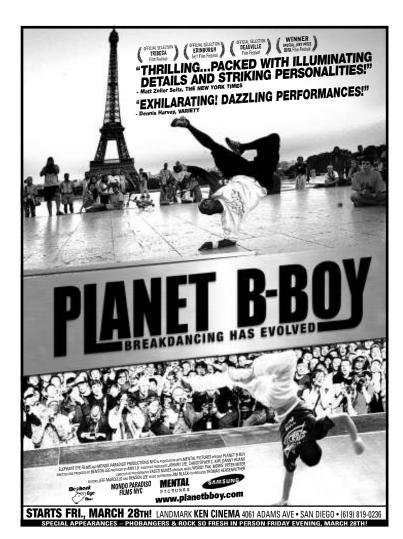
And the coarse, raw, desaturated image, whether a chosen cliché or an imposed hardship, is at no point much to look at, a harsh thing to say about a motion picture.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4: LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Definitely, Maybe — A little girl's first Sex Education class raises questions in her mind about where she came from, and raises the word "penis" repeatedly to her lips. The answers take the form of a "mystery love story" in which her father recounts in flashback his entanglement with the three leading ladies of his life. What's unusual, and not uninteresting, about this juggling act is the length of time that all three balls are kept in the air. But the juggler, the beady-eyed and metallic-voiced Ryan Reynolds, is not a man who projects honesty of feeling or elicits sympathy of response. With Elizabeth Banks, Isla Fisher, Rachel Weisz, Abigail Breslin, and Derek Luke; written and directed by Adam Brooks 2008

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Doomsday - Mutant Mad Max. "Same shit, different era," as somebody says. All but wiped out by the Reaper Virus, walled off in quarantine for twenty-five years, Scotland in 2035 retains two hostile clans,





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heavy-metal cannibals and retro-Medieval knights in armor. Enter, from the English side of the wall, a one-eyed kick-ass chick, the slender Rhona Mitra, Gleefully gory (a bunny rabbit, a grazing cow, multiple beheadings) and dismally derivative. With Bob Hoskins, Alexander Siddig, Adrian Lester, David O'Hara, and Malcolm Mc-Dowell; written and directed by Neil Marshall. 2008.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Drillbit Taylor — Homeless army deserter answers a want ad to bodyguard a fat kid, skinny kid, and shrimpy kid from the highschool bully. The jokes arrive predictably, the laughs lag badly. With Owen Wilson, Nate Hartley, Troy Gentile, David Dorfman, Alex Frost, and Leslie Mann; directed by Steven Brill. 2008.

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Fighting for Life — Documentary by Terry Sanders on the medical aspect of the war in Iraq.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/28)

Flawless — Reviewed this issue. With Demi Moore, Michael Caine, Lambert Wilson, and Joss Ackland; directed by Michael Radford.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/28)

Funny Games — Michael Haneke's English-language remake of his own Austrian film of a decade earlier is not what it sounds like. Not fun and games, not funny ha-ha, not charades and Mad Libs. It has a good deal in common with his Caché, the clean tidy uncluttered images, the spooky absence of mood-punctuating background music, and, as a basic plot premise, a civilized family unit of husband, wife, and prepubescent son, suddenly unsettled in their contentment, shaken in their stability. We encounter them (Tim Roth, Naomi Watts, and, well able to simulate terror when required, Devon Gearhart) on the road in their SUV, towing their sailboat, the parents playing a game of Name That Tune with their opera CDs, en route to their gated vacation home on the lake. The good life. While it lasted. The abrupt interruption of Handel on the car stereo with the shrieking cacophony of John Zorn, as the blazing title fills the screen, is a forecast and a fair summary of what's ahead: the Home Invasion of every property owner's nightmares. The invaders (Brady Corbet and Michael Pitt, identically coiffed with unruly over-the-eye locks of hair) do not come on strong, in Clockwork Orange-style or even Desperate Hours-style; they come on sneaky, oddly dressed in co-ordinated white gloves and white-knit tops, but wellmannered and soft-spoken, like members of the Stanford tennis team. The tension is probably most unbearable, and most "effective" in the way of a conventional thriller, before the good manners give way to violence, before the cards are laid on the table. Once they have tipped their hand, the situation becomes somewhat static and monotonous, an extended exercise in discomfort, as the twin sadists put their victims through hoops; and the tension, in consequence, moves more into areas of style and treatment: the tension between the invaders' increasing cruelty and their continuing mild manner; the tension between the victims' unreal and melodramatic predicament and their natural and lifelike reaction to it; the tension between the crude thriller plot and the refinement of the presentation, the discreetly off-screen violence, the detached and clinical viewpoint, the fastidious visuals, the intellectual challenge to the viewer's expectations and hopes. 2008.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; THROUGH 3/27)



Run Fathov Run

Horton Hears a Who! - Dr. Seuss adulterated: plumped-up graphics (faithful in bare outline); wised-up attitude (vocal impressions of Kissinger and JFK, a martialarts anime parody); dragged-out storytelling. The elephant's crossing of a rickety

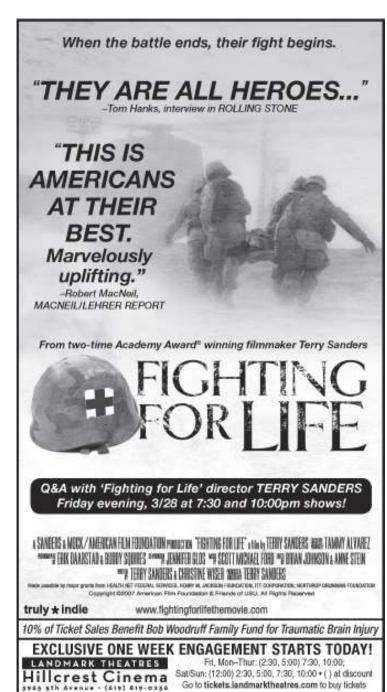
rope bridge is a good sequence (meanwhile, down in minuscule Whoville, a jostled dentist misses the mark with the novocaine needle, hits the patient in the shoulder, and turns his arm into a strand of spaghetti); and the lessons on tolerance and coexistence aren't lost in the grandiosity. With the voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, and Carol Burnett; directed by Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino. 2008.

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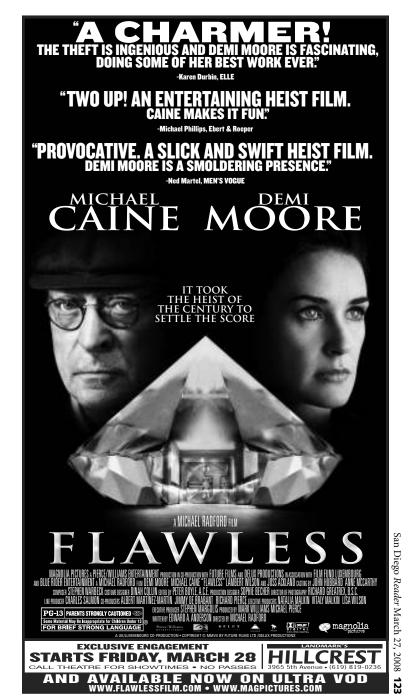
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In Bruges — Writer-director Martin Mc-Donagh, in his feature debut, dispatches two British hit men to lie low, after a job with messy collateral damage, in the "fairytale" Medieval town near the coast of Belgium, where one of them (the tousled Brendan Gleeson) is interested in seeing the sights while the other (the tight-wire Colin Farrell) sizes the place up as a "shithole," excepting only a Bosch museum piece. Together they engage in forced, overwritten, exhibitionistic comic dialogue at some variance with the guilty conscience and the thoughts of suicide. Ralph Fiennes, attempting to do (if not outdo) Ben Kingsley in Sexy Beast, comes into it late as a hottempered, high-principled crime boss. A little later, bullets fly, blood flows. The beauties of the town survive all this, and even the wan photography. 2008. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Jumper — Flashy adolescent fantasy about a bullied nerd who spontaneously acquires the supercool superpower of teleportation: the face of Big Ben one minute, surfing in Fiji the next, the head of the Sphinx the next. Hardly has this power been established, and hardly has the awkward teen morphed into Hayden Christensen, before he's on the run from a murderous partypooper known as a Paladin (the white-



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Arturo Ripstein's No One Writes the Colonel is just beautiful. The camerawork is amazing: it's filled with rich colors. It's a beautiful storvline that's dark and dreary but still really beautiful. And I have two more of Ripstein's films that I'm looking forward to watching.

I just bought the Criterion version of Akira Kurosawa's Ran, which has as one of the bonus features a documentary by Chris Marker about Kurosawa. It's one of my favorite films, beautifully shot, epic story, and Shakespearean. Long but totally

I also purchased In the Mood for Love by Wong Kar-wai. my all-time favorite film. Beautiful, romantic, thoughtful, artistic; the music is amazing. You just can't top Wong Kar-wai.

#### NO ONE WRITES THE COLONEL

(Mexico) 1999, Maverick List price: \$14.98

RAN (Japan) 1985, Criterion Collection List price: \$39.95 (two discs)

IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE (Hong Kong) 2000, Criterion Collection List price: \$39.95 (two discs)



Bitter Sugar

#### **ANDY GONZALEZ**

Director/coordinator Arte de Latino

Three films I'd recommend are ones I've seen at previous San Diego Latino Film Festivals. One is a beautiful movie called Bitter Sugar, about a couple in Cuba who meet and fall in love but the man has totally bought into the ideas of Castro while the woman just wants to leave Cuba. They have a hard time seeing eye to eye. The soundtrack is fantastic.

I really liked The City of No Limits; it holds your attention for a long time, and it has a twist at the end. I really like films that can fool me

El Juego de Arcibel is a thinking movie: there's not a lot of action. It's about a man who writes a chess column and the government thinks that the chess moves are signals he's feeding to the antigovernment guerrillas. So he gets put in jail and teaches the inmates how to play chess.

BITTER SUGAR (Cuba) 1996, **New Yorker Video** 

#### List price: \$19.95

THE CITY WITH NO LIMITS (Spain/Argentina) 2002, 20th Century Fox List price: \$14.98

#### **EL JUEGO DE ARCIBEL**

(Argentina) 2003, Venevision List price: \$14.98



Waking Ned Devine

#### **NANCY MENDEZ**

Festival attendee

Executive produced by Martin Scorsese, Lightning in a Bottle is a documentary/reunion of blues singers pairing old veterans with more contemporary singers. It's great to see singers like Macy Gray and Natalie Cole with Odetta. Very well done.

For a good laugh, there's Waking Ned Devine, filmed in Ireland, a place that I've been before and loved. Very good movie, and it's really nice to see a major cast of characters who are much older and bring out the humor of a fun story.

The Bronze Screen is a documentary that I stumbled upon when I was in a rental mood. It's about Latino actors and filmmakers and the realities of what they've had to face — like stereotypical casting. It also shows the barriers that still need to be broken.

#### LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE: A ONE **NIGHT HISTORY OF THE BLUES**

(USA) 2004, **Sony Pictures** List price: \$14.94

#### **WAKING NED DEVINE**

(England/USA) 1998, 20th Century Fox List price: \$9.98

THE BRONZE SCREEN: 100 YEARS OF THE LATINO IMAGE IN AMERICAN CINEMA (USA)

2002. Questai List price: \$24.99 ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; LA JOLLA 12; LA

**Married Life** — Tepid adaptation of a classic John Bingham thriller, Five Roundabouts to Heaven, moved to America, but kept in the post-WWII period, and instilled with a modern condescension to the past, along with a modern irony, drollery, jadedness. The casting and playing of Pierce Brosnan and Chris Cooper tip off the plot developments well ahead of time. With Rachel McAdams and Patricia Clarkson; di-

#### Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day -

Stagy farce under the shadow of approaching war in the London of the Thirties. An unemployed and all but unemployable governess stumbles, through a chance of mistaken identity, into the temp job of social secretary for a visiting American chanteuse. The underemployed Frances McDormand seems a little miscast in the title role, which is to say, for one thing, that her British accent is not up to her Minnesotan in Fargo. The cranked-up players all around her try and try to keep pace with the despotic bigband beat on the soundtrack. And fail and fail. Amy Adams, Mark Strong, Lee Pace, Shirley Henderson, Ciarán Hinds; directed by Bharat Nalluri. 2008.

• (FLOWER HILL 4: GROSSMONT CENTER: HOR-TON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MISSION VAL-LEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10)

Never Back Down — A teenage  $\operatorname{Tom}$ Cruise impersonator (Sean Faris) risks his pretty face in after-school Mixed Martial Arts, a self-labelled "quick learner" looking for retribution against the class bully. The filmmakers show their interest by continually changing the level of color saturation as if fiddling with the settings on a TV remote. With Amber Heard, Cam Gigandet, and

to get interesting. Our initial arrival at the housing development is alone sufficient to convince us of Jason Reitman's directorial bona fides: a series of static shots of antiseptic House Beautiful after House Beautiful as the car passes across the screen, left to right, in front of each. And the prospective mother, Jennifer Garner (her piano-wire tautness put to good use), turns out to be the neater of the pair, someone who will studiously ponder "custard" versus "cheesecake" as the color for baby's room, while the prospective father, Jason Bateman, proves to be the freakier, a stay-athome composer of advertising ditties and a frustrated rock-and-roller. A curious, potentially dangerous after-school relationship blossoms between him and the heroine: he may be a commercial sell-out as a composer, but he's a person who can talk music to a teenager, and he demonstrates "decent taste in slasher movies" (e.g., Herschell Gordon Lewis's The Wizard of Gore. another impediment to our warming up to the heroine). Over time, the film builds, and it does so with proficiency, patience, and foresight. If the heroine is never wholly embraceable, the surrounding characters go far to compensate, specifically J.K. Simmons as her droll laconic dad, Allison Janney as her worldly-wise, even-keeled mom, and above all, Michael Cera as her shuntedaside, unassertive, but ever-faithful boyfriend, the baby's biological father, and a cooler dude than you'd ever guess from his track-team togs. And if the dialogue is unabatingly overcolored, at least the hues are spread around democratically, 2007.

PALOMA, FROM 3/28; PALM PROMENADE 24)

rected by Ira Sachs. 2008.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/28; LA JOLLA VIL-

2008 ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;

GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; POWAY 10)

Djimon Hounsou; directed by Jeff Wadlow.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20;

The Other Boleyn Girl — Another in-

stallment in the long-running royal soap opera. Think of it as Elizabeth: The Genesis.

an hysterical-historical story of court intrigue, concentrating heavily, and heavy-

breathingly, on bedroom intrigue, the sib-

Henry VIII. The "other" Boleyn girl, as she is self-described in the dialogue, turns out

to be the one we know best, Anne, second

wife of Henry, mother of Elizabeth (too

Blanchett), and famously cleaved at the

neck. A saucy young lass, so bold as to use

the word "thighs" in direct address to the

King, she is also, in this telling (very differ-

ent from Anne of the Thousand Days, with

Genevieve Bujold), the "bad" Boleyn girl,

withholds her favors till after the wedding, a bit of leverage wielded with all the calcu-

wrecker, the bewitcher, enticing Henry (a

brawny Eric Bana) to split not just with the

sitting Queen but with the Pope in the bar-

gain, and to situate himself at the head of

Natalie Portman, looking like the snooty

girl in the front row of freshman Physics,

hardly seems at first glance to fill the bill,

and in the final reckoning falls far short.

(The "good" Boleyn girl, the lesser-known

Mary, is the one who, while still a newly-

wed, has an earlier stint as the King's mis-

makes plain that that was a position she

never sought nor desired.) The creative

screenwriter Peter Morgan (The Queen),

original novelist Philippa Gregory, whoever

Crown's smear campaign against Anne, in

effect endorsing her beheading, and stand-

ing in roughly the same relation to Henry

Kristin Scott Thomas, Mark Rylance, David

Morrissey, Jim Sturgess, and Ana Torrent.

as Fox News to George W. Bush. With

team — TV director Justin Chadwick,

else - more or less corroborate the

tress, although the pouty Scarlett Johansson

the Church of England. The cool, porcelain

despite the fact that she is the one who

lation of the classical femme fatale, the

man-trap, the gold-digger, the home-

ling rivalry over the affections of

peewee to be played here by Cate

OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24)

Paranoid Park — Gus Van Sant revisits the milieu of alienated, inarticulate youth, the milieu of his Elephant, only this time it's Portland skateboarders and a single impromptu killing, making up in gruesome ness what it lacks in multitude. You should know, from past experience, to expect it to be good-looking (the virtuoso Christopher Doyle, cinematographer, shooting in an old-fashioned 4:3 aspect ratio), and also to expect it to be boring, pretentious, and arty: a good deal of gratuitous slow-motion, some grainy lyrical interludes of ecstatic skateboarding, and a nonlinear, looping-back-around storyline. "I'm writing this out of order," explains the journal-writing protagonist in voice-over. "Sorry, I didn't do so well in Creative Writing." The unknown actors are highly credible, notwithstanding the protagonist's uncomprehending reading of his own prose. Gabe Nevins, Lauren McKinney, Jake Miller, Daniel Liu.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/27)

Planet B-Boy — Documentary update on the state of break dancing in the world today, offering a brief recap of past history, then zeroing in on the annual Battle of the Year competition in Braunschweig, Germany, providing Olympic-style Up-Closeand-Personal coverage of four contending teams from the U.S., France, Japan, and South Korea, wrapping up during the closing credits with on-location footage ranging from the Arctic Circle to Australia to "Columbia" [sic]. Nothing exceptional about the filmmaking technique (talking heads, chopped-up performances, pale digital image), but some exceptional dancing nonetheless. Directed by Benson Lee. 2008. ★ (KEN, 3/28 THROUGH 4/3)

Run Fatboy Run — Reviewed this issue. With Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton, Hank Azaria, and Dylan Moran; directed by

haired Samuel L. Jackson), though that doesn't deflect the Jumper from a detour to woo his childhood crush (Rachel Bilson). Development is stunted; questions and confusion far outrun thrills and suspense. With Jamie Bell, Michael Rooker, and Diane Lane; directed by Doug Liman. 2008. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: PALM PROMENADE 24)

 A slow starter. In the title role of a pregnant Minnesota high-schooler (named after the Roman goddess of marriage, fidelity, fertility), the dry flat sardonic linedelivery of Ellen Page, the angelic avenger of Hard Candy, is not easy to warm up to, no matter how much we might try to see it as an adolescent defense mechanism, or how much as humble emulation of Janeane Garofalo. And the garishly colorful dia-

logue, from first-time scripter and former stripper Diablo Cody, often tends to push too hard ("Being pregnant makes me pee like Seabiscuit"). The heroine, interested in simply finding a good home for the baby, not in making a profit off it, finds a possible taker in the weekly PennySaver ("next to the exotic birds"), a neat-freaky suburban couple in the gated confines of Glacial Valley Estates. It's there that things really begin





David Schwimmer

• (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 3/28)

Semi-Pro — Not half-funny. Will Ferrell joins his interest in the Seventies (Anchorman) to his interest in sports (Talladega Nights, Blades of Glory, Kicking and Screaming) in a relentlessly hard-sell comedy on the final season of the American Basketball Association before its merger with the NBA. The name of the focal franchise, the Flint Tropics, tells you how far from the plausible the filmmakers will stray in pursuit of a laugh. (No, let's not forget the Utah Jazz or the Los Angeles Lakers, but neither let's forget they were transfers.) With Woody Harrelson, André Benjamin, and Maura Tierney; directed by Kent Alterman. 2008.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12)

Sleepwalking — Family dysfunction in the white-trash neighborhood. Charlize Theron, as her Oscar for Monster goes to show, loves to play beneath herself; and in



tall white boots, skin-tight pants, and raccoon eyeliner, her love shines bright. For most of the way, however, she steps aside for the quieter Nick Stahl and AnnaSophia Robb in the roles of her brother and daughter, left to fend for themselves while the wayward mother goes a-wandering. Regardless of the amplitude, which rises again with the entrance of Dennis Hopper as an abusive father and grandfather, the tsk-tsk of filmmaker William Maher can always be faintly heard. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/27)

Snow Angels - The interweave of ordinary lives in a wintry Northeastern small town has a number of attractions in it. starting with the clear bright wide-screen image, letting in a lot of décor and town scape, albeit much of it self-satirically quaint and cornball. Kate Beckinsale shows

off, not for the first time, her impeccable American accent, and appears to have cut back on the collagen now that she's not hunting werewolves in a black leather bodysuit. And the slowly warming relationship between two tentative teens, a trombonist in the high-school marching band (Michael Angarano) and a bespectacled amateur photographer (Olivia Thirlby), gives us a rooting interest in an otherwise tawdry tapestry of broken marriages, infidelity, betrayal, jealousy, vengeance. Two off-screen gunshots at the outset, prior to a flashback to "weeks earlier," in effect echo over the entire length of the film, helping slightly to spice up the banality and leaven the boredom, as we work our way back to the starting point. Sam Rockwell, the man behind the introductory gunshots, is something of a grandstander, chewing every stick and sliver of scenery, reeking self-consciousness, while delivering his lines with roughly the sincerity of an Owen Wilson, and leaving a deafening lull whenever he's off screen. Admittedly, he's playing a failed suicide, a fitful Bible-thumper, and a sloppy drunk, unhappy over his visitation rights with his daughter, combative with his ex-wife's new married beau, who meets him more than halfway: "I'll suck you right up my tailpipe, bro." But then again, Sam Rockwell tends to act like that no matter what the role. And director David Gordon



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Green (George Washington, Undertow, All the Real Girls) gladly obliges him. Indulges him. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/28)

The Spiderwick Chronicles — An inherited Gothic monstrosity in the countryside, newly occupied by a fatherless family from the Big Apple, houses a secret chamber and a sealed book, never meant to be read, Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You. The buildup (scrabbly sounds in the walls, a plastered-over dumbwaiter, a warning written in dust) holds promise, but the promise dissipates with the materialization: a kit and caboodle of butt-ugly CG beings sprites, sylphs, fairies, a dragon-sized griffin, a honey-loving brownie, toadlike goblins vulnerable to tomato sauce, and the shape-shifting Ogre, Mulgarath, the anti-Shrek, who could somehow rule the world if he could possess the book. Saccharine family fare based on the kiddie-lit series by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. With Freddie Highmore (as twins), Mary-Louise Parker, Sarah Bolger, Joan Plowright, and David Strathairn; directed by Mark Waters. 2008.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Stop-Loss** — Director Kimberly Peirce's first feature since 1999's Boys Don't Cry, with Ryan Phillippe as an Iraq War vet. (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEAN-SIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/28)

Superhero Movie — Craig Mazin's



Under the Same Moon

spoof of the comic-book-superhero genre, with Drake Bell, Sara Paxton, and Leslie Nielsen.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/28)

**10,000 B.C.** — Prehistoric Low Camp. The archetypal Hero's Journey, at its earliest starting point: the outcast of a mountain clan, who appear to wear bird droppings on their faces, wending his way past woolly mammoths, giant man-eating gobblers, a saber-toothed tiger, across the Sea of Sand to the Head of the Snake and the Mountain of the God, in pursuit of the Four-Legged Demons, to rescue his blue-eyed betrothed and lay claim to the tribal White Spear. A mild hoot, undisguisedly schlocky for all its CG technology. With Steven Strait, Camilla

Belle, Cliff Curtis, and (narrator) Omar Sharif; directed by Roland Emmerich. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**21** — Reviewed this issue. With Jim Sturgess, Kate Bosworth, Kevin Spacey, and Laurence Fishburne; directed by Robert Luketic.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/28)

**Under the Same Moon** — Reviewed this issue. With Adrian Alonso, Kate del Castillo, Eugenio Derbez, and America Ferrera; directed by Patricia Riggen.

● (CHULA VISTA 10: ESCONDIDO 16: GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VIL-LAGE: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VAL-LEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16: SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Vantage Point — Anti-terrorist exploitation to do with an apparent assassination of the U.S. President on Spanish soil on the eve of a peace accord, but an actual assassination of his look-alike: "Sir, we've used doubles since Reagan," a page out of Saddam Hussein's playbook, and the terrorists know that playbook backwards and forwards. The narrative goes over and over the same compressed sequence of events from differing points of view, until, on the sixth pass, the full story comes to light in all its laughable absurdity. With Dennis Quaid, Forest Whitaker, Sigourney Weaver, Matthew Fox, and William Hurt; directed by Pete Travis. 2008.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14)

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#### **LA JOLLA**

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Bank Job (R) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 8:05, 10:35 Sat. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25 Mon. 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; **Hears a Who** (G) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15 Mon. 1:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:05; Drillbit Taylor (PG-13) Fri. 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 7:55, 10:40 Sat. (11:40) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10 Mon. 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Juno (PG-13) Fri. 12:25, 2:55, 5:15, 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35 Mon. 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **The Other Boleyn Girl** (PG-13) Fri. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50 Sat. (10:35) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50 Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50 Mon. 1:35, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Semi-Pro** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00 Mon. 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 10:15; Shutter () Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15 Mon. 2:45, 5:05, 7:15, 9:35; **Stop-Loss** (R) Fri. 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05 Mon. 1:20, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45; **Superhero Movie** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (10:40) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:40) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Mon. 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; **10,000 B.C.** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55 Sat. (10:50) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55 Mon 1:40, 4:20, 6:55, 9:50; **21** (Pg-13) Fri. 1:05, 4:05, 7:25, 10:30 Sat. (10:30) 1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 10:30 Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 10:20 Mon. 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; **Vantage Point** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45 Mon. 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:40

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Mon. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Run Fat Boy Run (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Mon. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; The Counterfeiters (NR) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Mon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Under the Same Moon** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Mon. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

#### **MIRA MESA**

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) **21** (Pg-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; **Zula Patrol: Animals Adventures in Space** (NR) Sat. 10:00p.m. Call theater for program information

#### **MISSION VALLEY**

#### **Fashion Valley 18** 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

The Bank Job (R); The Bucket List (PG-13); College Road Trip (G); Definitely, Maybe (PG-13); Doomsday (R); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Jumper (PG-13); Meet the Browns (PG-13); The Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13); Run Fatboy Run (PG-13); Semi-Pro (R); Shutter; Stop-Loss (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 10,000 B.C. (PG-13); **21** (Pg-13); Vantage Point (PG-13)

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) **The Bank Job** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30) 5:30, 8:00 Mon. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30; **Horton Hears a Who** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15; **Drillbit Taylor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun,-Mon. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sun,-Mon. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; **Run Fat Boy Run** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun.-Mon. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45: Samson and Delilah (San Francisco Opera)

(NR) Sat.-Sun. (12:00p.m.) Mon. 7:00p.m.; 10.000 B.C. (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (3:15) 5:45, 8:15 Mon. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15); **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

#### Mission Valley 20

The Bank Job (R); College Road Trip (G);
Doomsday (R); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Meet the Browns (PG-13); Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13); Never Back Down (PG-13); Run Fatboy Run (PG-13); Shutter; Step Up 2 the Streets (PG-13); Stop-Loss (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 10,000 B.C. (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13); Under the Same Moon; Vantage Point (PG-13)

#### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Planet B-Boy** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Mon. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

#### **UPTOWN**

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Fighting for Life (Not Rated) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Mon. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Flawless** (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Mon. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **In Bruges** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Mon. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Married Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **Snow** Angels (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Mon. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30: The Band's Visit (PG-13) Fri. 2:40p.m. Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:40 Mon. 2:40p.m.

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balhoa Park (619-238-1233) **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 5:00 Mon. 1:00, 5:00; **Grand Canyon Adventure**: River at Risk (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 Mon. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Mys-

tery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure (No Rating) Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00 Mon. 3:00p.m.; Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.

#### San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Mon. 12:00p.m.; Pompeii: The Last Day (NR) Fri.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; 21 (Pg-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50 Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; **Zula Patrol: Animals Adventures in Space** (NR) Sat. 10:00p.m.

Call theater for program information

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center 10**

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) The Bank Job (R); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13); Horton Hears a Who! (G): Meet the Browns (PG-13); Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13); Stop-Loss (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 10,000 B.C. (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13); Under the Same Moon; Vantage

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

The Bank Job (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:40, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; **College Road Trip** (G) Fri.-Mon. (12:10, 2:25, 4:55) 7:20, 10:25; **Horton Hears a Who** (G) Fri.-Mon. (11:35, 12:15, 1:50, 2:40, 4:20, 5:00) 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 9:50; Drillbit Tavlor (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:50, 10:20; **Never Back Down** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:35, 4:40) 7:55, 10:35; **Run Fat Boy Run** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:55, 2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:55; **Shutter** Fri.-Mon. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 7:40, 10:10; Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri.-

Mon. (11:45, 2:00, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **10,000** B.C. (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:25, 3:05) 6:55 9:35; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 12:00, 2:30, 3:00) 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40; Meet the **Browns** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:30, 3:10) 7:05, 9:40; Under the Same Moon (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:30, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; Vantage Point (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35,

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) Fri.-Mon.: Horton Hears a Who (G) Fri.-Mon.; Drillbit Taylor (PG-13) Fri.-Mon.; 10,000 B.C. (PG-13) Fri.-Mon.

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

vay between H and I (619-338-4214) College Road Trip (G) Fri.-Mon. (10:00, 12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Horton Hears a Who (G) Fri.-Mon. (10:00, 10:45, 12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; Drillbit Taylor (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Shutter** Fri. Mon. (11:45, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; 10.000 B.C. (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:30, 1:15) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Meet the Browns** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 2:00) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; **Under** the Same Moon (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

#### Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) The Bank Job (R); College Road Trip (G); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Meet the Browns (PG-13); Never Back Down (PG-13); Shutter (); Stop-Loss (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 10,000 B.C.  $(PG\text{-}13); \textbf{21} \; (Pg\text{-}13); \textbf{Vantage Point} \; (PG\text{-}13)$ 

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) The Bank Job (R); College Road Trip (G); Doomsday (R); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Jumper (PG-13); Juno (PG-13); Meet the Browns (PG-13); Never Back Down (PG-13); Run Fatboy Run (PG-13); Shutter; The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG); Stop-Loss (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 10,000 B.C. (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13); Under the Same Moon (); Vantage Point

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information

#### IMPERIAL BEACH

#### South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

#### NORTH INLAND **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) The Bank Job (R); College Road Trip (G); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Juno (PG-13); The Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13); Shutter; Superhero Movie (PG-13); 10,000 B.C. (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13); Vantage Point (PG-13)

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) The Bank Job (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:30) 7:25, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15 Mon. (1:00, 4:30) 7:25, 10:15; Horton Hears a Who (G) Fri. (12:00, 1:10, 2:25, 3:40, 4:50) 6:45, 7:15, 9:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:10, 2:25, 3:40) 4:50, 6:45, 7:15, 9:10, 9:40 Mon. (12:00, 1:10, 2:25, 3:40, 4:50) 6:45, 7:15, 9:10, 9:40; **Drillbit** Taylor (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:15, 2:50) 7:55, 10:45; Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:55, 3:30) 6:40, 9:35; **Never Back Down** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:25, 3:10) 7:05, 10:10; **Run Fat Boy Run** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:20) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 8:00, 10:30 Mon. (1:15, 4:20) 8:00, 10:30; **Shutter** Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 3:00) 7:10, 9:30; Stop-Loss (R) Fri.-Mon. (12:30, 3:55) 7:50 10:40; Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50 Mon. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:50; 10,000 B.C. (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:40, 3:35) 6:55, 9:45; **21** (Pg-13) Fri. (12:10, 1:40, 3:15, 4:40) 7:00, 7:40, 9:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 1:40, 3:15) 4:40, 7:00, 7:40, 9:55, 10:35 Mon. (12:10, 1:40, 3:15, 4:40) 7:00, 7:40, 9:55, 10:35; Meet the Browns (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:35, 3:20) 7:35, 10:20; Under the Same Moon (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:50, 3:50) 7:30,

10:25; Vantage Point (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 6:50, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 6:50, 10:00 Mon. (1:05, 4:10) 6:50, 10:00

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Horton Hears a Who** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun,-Mon. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **Drillbit Taylor** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun,-Mon. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; Shutter Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun,-Mon. (11:45, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; Superhero **Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun,-Mon, (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **10,000 B.C.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun,-Mon (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun,-Mon (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45

#### **POWAY**

**Poway 10** 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Horton Hears a Who (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 8·15, 9·30, 10·30 Sun.-Mon (10·15, 11·15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:15, 8:15;

Drillbit Taylor (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun,-Mon. (10:15) 2:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun,-Mon. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **The Other Boleyn Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30 Mon. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30; Run Fat Boy Run (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Shutter Fri. (10:15, 12:15, 2:30)4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:30. 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 Mon. (10:15, 12:15, 2:30) 4:30; Superhero **Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00) 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00) 4:15, 6:15, 8:30; 10,000 B.C. (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30) 5:30, 8:00 Mon. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

#### SAN MARCOS

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

**Vista Village** Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) Call theater for program information

#### NORTH COASTAL

#### **CARLSBAD**

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Horton Hears a Who (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:40 Sun,-Mon. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45; **Superhero Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:30 Sun,-Mon. (11:15, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:40, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45 Sun,-Mon. (11:00, 1:40, 4:25) 7:10

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

The Bank Job (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; Horton Hears a Who (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15,

9:30 Sun,-Mon. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Drillbit Taylor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Shutter** () Fri. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00) 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat. (10:00) 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:00) 4:15, 6:15, 8:30 Mon. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00) 4:15; **Stop-Loss** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sun,-Mon. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30; **Superhero Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:15, 2:15) 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 Sun,-Mon. (10:15, 12:15, 2:15) 4:30, 6:30, 8:30; **10,000 B.C.** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun,-Mon. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Married Life (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00; Miss Pettigrew Lives for a **Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; Run Fat Boy Run (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun,-Mon. (10·30, 1·00, 3·15) 5·45, 8·15: The Counter**feiters** (NR) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun,-Mon. (10:15, 12:45, 3:00)

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Juno (PG-13)

#### **LA COSTA**

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Horton Hears a Who (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:00 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; Drillbit Taylor (PG-13) Fri. Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun,-Mon. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **The** Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 7:30, 10:30 Sun,-Mon. 4:45, 7:30; **Superhero Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun,-Mon. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **10,000 B.C.** (PG-13) 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) 5:45, 8:15 Mon. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun,-Mon. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

(760-806-1790)

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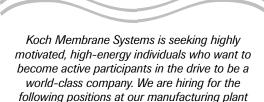
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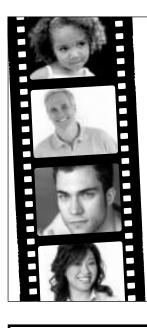
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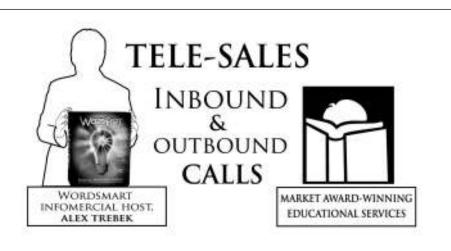
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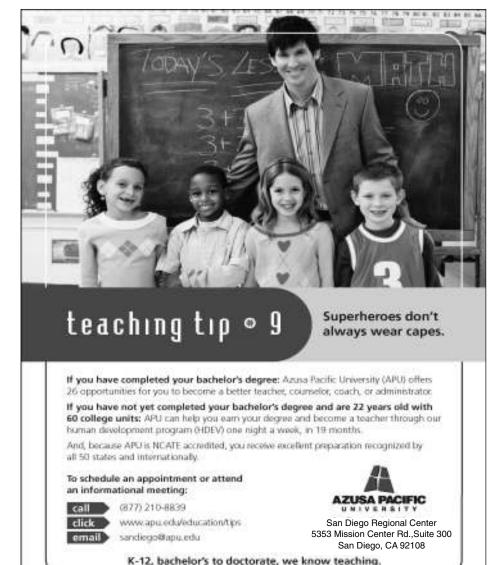
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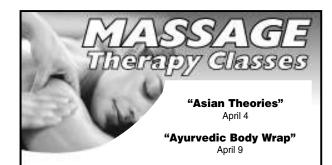
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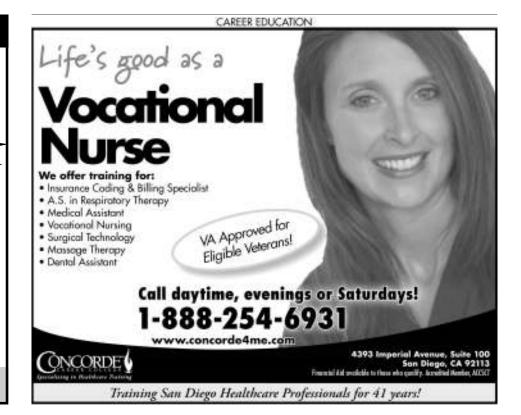
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- 1. Montezuma, e.g.
- 6. Target
- 10. It has arms, legs and a back
- 14. Michelangelo masterpiece15. Drooling dog in "Garfield" 16. "Cleans like a white tornado"
- brand 17. Run up
- 18. On its way
- 19. Days of
- 20. Weighty amounts belonging to a Trojan War hero?
- 24. Smidgens
- 28. Had a taste in the manner of a world famous soccer player?
- 34. Golfer Palmer, to pals
- 35. Greek harp
- 36. Suffix with ranch
- 37. Set of principles
- 38. Hang
- 40. Sick as
- 41. Prefix with night or light
- 42. A6 carmaker
- 43. Political columnist Molly
- 44. Reaction that is the result of the
- destruction of natural habitats? 48. 1988 Olympics site
- 49. It might go for a buck 50. Apt title for this puzzle
- 58. Place for a counter claim?
- 61. You saw it
- 62. "Deal or No Deal" host Mandel
- 63. Co. bigwig
- 64. Author Bagnold
- 65. NFL receiver Terrell
- 66. Style 67. Sharp rival
- 68. Airport screening equipment

#### Down

- 1. Capital of Samoa
- 2. Brass = copper + \_
- 3. Kind of support
- 4. Sewing case 5. Actor Robert of "The Full
- Monty" 6. Hide's partner
- Keats feats
- 8. "\_\_\_\_ it the truth!"
  9. Actor Jared
- 10. Gives the green light
- 11. Eye: Sp.
- 12. Distant
- 13. Firefighter's tool 21. Handout at a tiki bar
- 22. Naughty alternative
- 26. Burr and Copland
- 27. Urban woes

- 28. Singer Jackson
- 29. Rainbow shade
- 30. Make even
- 31. "The King 32. "Toodles!"

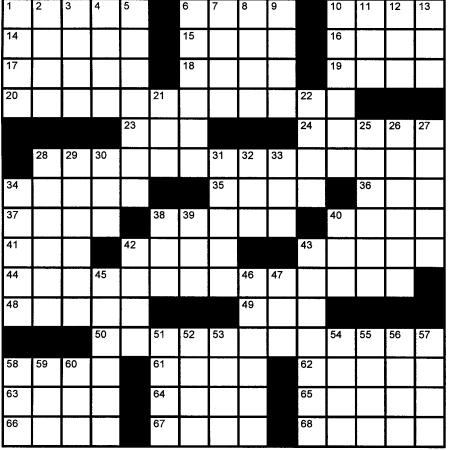
- 33. Stumble
- 34. Take the role of
- 38. Shade 39. Peculiar
- 40. Bird: Prefix
- 42. Folk singer Guthrie
- 43. Skating revue45. Sister of Jack and Bobby
- 46. J. Lo once dated him
- 47. Long, long time 51. Mas with baas
- 52. Prohibited activity
- 53. Murder54. Corn Belt state
- 55. Ifill of PBS
- 56. Posterior
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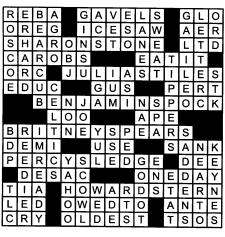
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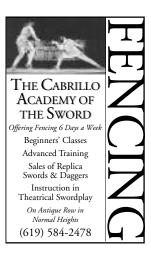
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Clue: Dead reckoning at holy

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I got Dave Barry's autograph at a book signing. Then I happened to see him at the Tower of London I said, "Thanks for signing my book." He thanked me for buying it. I also got Keith Emerson and Greg Lake's autographs. Oh, I got Wilt Chamberlain's autograph. Do you know who he is? And, when I lived in London, I got Michael Palin from Monty Python.



Paul Dimitrio Website Engineer University Towne Centre

y only autograph was Ted Allen, Mone of the Queer Eye for the Straight Guys. He was the chef. Oh, wait, I got Majel Barrett. She was in Star Trek and married to Gene Roddenberry. I got her at a Star Trek convention in Pasadena. I also got Tommy Lasorda's autograph. I didn't ask for it. It was just handed to me.



Mike Gonsalez

Retired

Encinitas

got Frank Herbert, who wrote Dune. That was in downtown San Diego. And the author who wrote Heart of the Rose and is one of the most famous living European authors. I'm getting Gene Wilder to sign this book today. I also got an autograph from Joey Ramone.



Terrell Price

Bartender

San Diego

I don't get autographs. Celebrities probably get so tired of signing them all the time, so I'll just shake their hands. I met Rick Fox at a Lakers game. I met Shaquille O'Neal at a Denny's in Palm Springs. I met Nelly, the rapper. I met Cedric the Entertainer. I also met Gary Payton, but I was only six at the time.



Karline Nazzaro Waitress

Mission Beach

've never gotten anyone's auto-Igraph. I don't get people's autographs. But, when I was a kid, I did get a lot of the Celtics. I lived in Boston, and we would stand out side after the games because my dad was really into it. We got a few different players, but I don't remember their names now. The only one I can think of that I got an autograph from was their center, Robert Parish.



Patricia Wright Contracts Administrator

San Diego

The one time I got something autographed was when my company was holding a Padre Night at the picnic area of Petco Park, right behind the bullpen. My mom is a huge fan of Trevor Hoffman, so I bought a program in hopes that he would come out and sign a few things. Right before the game, he came into the bullpen and headed straight for the fans. I rushed over, right behind a few kids. If they weren't the president of the company's kids, I might've pushed them out of the way. Trevor signed my program. At the top of the ninth, they brought Trevor out. I yelled, "We love you, Trevor!" He didn't turn around, but I know he heard me.

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Occupation: Lab technician

Age: 38

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"It's so peaceful and beautiful at night, I can literally walk out my door and be catching a wave in less than five minutes. It can be a little cold, so I just make sure to stay bundled up," says Marr.

Jeff began surfing on his eighth birthday, on a board bought by his father in Hawaii. Jeff's grandparents, parents, and sister are all longtime surfers. Originally from Maui, Jeff relocated to San Diego when he was 15.

"I don't remember a time when I couldn't surf. My dad started us off very young and taught us to be respectful of the ocean. I spend a lot of my free time volunteering with organizations committed to environmental well-being."

Jeff is organizing an outreach program for atrisk teens that involves surfing. His favorite surfing trip was with his church to Costa Rica.

"I spent a lot of time in the water getting to

know the locals. The beaches are so beautiful and their community seemed very close-knit and familial. And the surf was killer!"

How does the surfing community of San Diego

"It's lovely here. As soon as my son is old enough to teach, I can't wait to get him in the water. I am verv

blessed to live in a place like this where the natural resources are abundant and safe. I plan to continue our family tradition."

In his 30 years of surfing, Jeff has seen some wild things in the water. "I had just paddled

out at Windansea and felt something hit me in the back. I turned around thinking

maybe it was kelp and saw a huge metal chunk floating in the water. It turned out to be part of the door to a car. I never figured out where it came from, I just took it in with me and threw it

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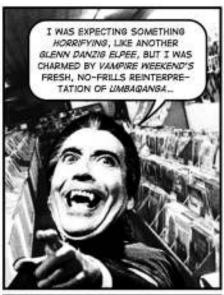
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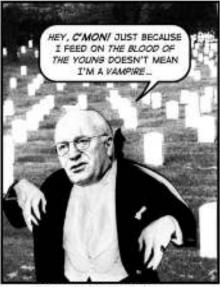
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### **News That Sounds Like a Joke**

- Toronto police announced in February that they had arrested the man who had stolen a backhoe with the intention of driving it to a car wash in order to break down a wall and get at the facility's coin machine. The call to police came from a snowplow that was hot on the backhoe's heels. Working its way through multimillion-dollar proposals for naming rights on campus buildings in exchange for donations, the University of Colorado decided in January to accept the offer of venture capitalist Brad Feld, who made a

\$25,000 donation to the school in exchange for having a second-floor men's room named for him in a campus technology building.

### **Great Art!**

- In December, Edmonton, Alberta, tattoo artist Lane Jensen augmented the inked caricature of a buxom cowgirl on his own left calf with silicone "implants" in the skin under where the woman's breasts are. However, within two weeks, the fluid went astray and had to be drained. Jensen said some bodies just reject breast implants. "I guess my girl wasn't meant to have 3-D breasts." - In a Feb. 8 program, the Hamas-controlled Gaza television channel Al-Aksa introduced a third cartoon-animal mascot for its campaign of resistance against Israelis, according to a February dispatch in London's Daily Mail. Following "Farfur" (a Mickey Mouse lookalike who, according to the storyline, was eventually assassinated by an Israeli soldier) and "Nahul" (a bee who was killed when he could not get medical treatment after an Israeli attack), the new character is "Assud,"

a Bugs Bunny lookalike who does not say, "What's

up, Doc?" but rather, "I will eat Jews."

### **Government in Action**

Generous Public Servants: (1) Two Atlantaarea schools began a pilot program in January that pays students \$8 an hour, plus a possible performance bonus, to study math and science in special study halls. (2) The Times of London reported in January that the British government, in considering programs to reduce the number of overweight children, is studying one option of handing out shopping vouchers to kids who lose weight and keep it off.

· Two ex-employees of Sioux Manufacturing Corp. revealed in a 2006 whistle-blower lawsuit that the company had been shorting the quality of the Keylar in more than 2 million combat helmets sold to the Pentagon from 1994 to 2006, and in February 2008, Sioux agreed to pay \$2 million to settle the dispute. The company did not contest that the Kevlar threading was lighter than the contract required, but the Pentagon said it knew of no troop injuries linked to the substandard threading. In August 2007, however, while the Pentagon was still investigating, the U.S. Air Force nonetheless contracted with Sioux to produce new Keylar combat helmets.

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 Petty Criminals: A 43-year-old alleged shoplifter was arrested in Newburgh, N.Y., in January with 42 items under his clothes as he left a store, but the items' total value was only \$132.07. And in December, Wesley Gregory, 52, who works on parking meters for the city of Greensboro, N.C., was arrested and charged with embezzling nickels, dimes and quarters for five years, with his "haul" averaging about \$10 a week.

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I woke up feeling like the biggest loser of all time. My friend Jack Daniel's had turned on me. Last night's memories were a jumble. I remember the drinking, the dancing, the music, the kiss. What I couldn't remember, thanks to the alcoholic haze, was what she looked like. I assumed she was pretty, but Mr. Daniel's had been successful in the past in causing me to slum it. Alas, I didn't get her number, so I resigned myself to the fact that I would never know — until she called me three days later.

time. Our chemistry from Carnaval carried over to the phone conversation, and we set a date for the following Friday. Now, from my limited experience with the fairer sex, the pretty girls don't chase. It's up to the guy to initiate, and if you don't have the number you're out of luck. Her calling me should have been a warning, but my ego was shouting, "Of course she's cute! You're good looking, you're awesome. Any hot girl would call you. She's going to be pretty — go out there and get it!"

Despite my ego, I was still skeptical, so I decided to set the date in an area that I knew I wasn't likely to run into anyone I know. I chose Chula Vista. I arrived early at an authentic Italian restaurant by the name of the Olive Garden to secure a table. The hostess told me that it would a be a 40-minute wait, which shows you that the Chulajuana residents know good

eating. I sat outside and waited for her to arrive. I suspected that she must be doing the classic hot-girl move of being late on purpose. She finally showed, wearing heels, black capris, and a white top. She smiled, I smiled back, we hugged, and I hated myself. Yes, my friends, she was ugly.

It was at that time that I wished I was an even bigger jerk than I am so that I could have made some excuse and gotten out of there. But I stayed. She didn't make it easy, though. In addition to being offensive to my eyes, she was doused in some terrible perfume, stinging my nostrils with every whiff. She was a talker, too. Everything from her work to her hobbies to her family to the time she was proposed to. Knowing that at least at some point someone liked her enough to want to marry her made me feel better about the fact that I was sitting there with her. Aside from that tidbit, I was bored.

Every time the waiter came by our table, he would smirk at me in a "Dude, are you serious?" kind of way. Plus, our order was forgotten by the cooks, which lengthened the date by 30 minutes.

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—CITY LIGHTS: "MISSION IMPROBABLE," Jeannette De Wyze, March 30, 1978

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— "CITY LIGHTS: "CHAIN OF MIRANDA," Paul Krueger, April 1, 1983

### **Twenty Years Ago**

Meltzer: Today you seem to be perceived as having become more exclusively rightwing since doing the show.

Hedgecock: Oh, a couple of things contribute to that. First of all, I can be more real with people in this sense, and let me back up to say that part of the liberal reputation also came from the environmentalism, which was viewed as an attack on private property by many Republican leaders in the early '70s. I haven't changed my views. The thing is, I feel a little freer to be tough with people, particularly the ones I like the best. I'm being very tough right now on gay people because I think they cannot continue to be as irresponsible as they're being.

Meltzer: Yeah, yeah, but c'mon, they're such an easy target.

Hedgecock: I don't look at it that way anymore, I mean I'm not looking at targets. In a sense, you can say it's easy to attack the bathhouses or be down on the Gay Pride parade and say, "Why don't you have an AIDS Awareness parade and get a little more responsible and stop flaunting a lifestyle that's causing you to fucking kill yourselves and everybody around you, let's get a little more..."

—"ROGER REVISITED." Richard Meltzer.

March 31, 1988

### **Fifteen Years Ago**

Crips and Bloods are publicly promising a better-organized riot this time around. Rather than burning down the ghetto, their aim is to invade nearby Wilshire District and Beverly Hills, spraying their semiautomatics at the classist, racist heads of well-heeled honkies. Cops that get in the way will be blown away, gang leaders boast.

—HELL.A., Adam Parfrey, April 1, 1993

### **Ten Years Ago**

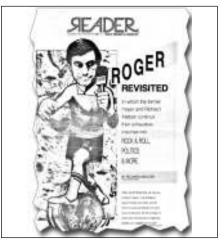
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—CITY LIGHTS: "GOLDING'S TAINTED MONEY," Matt Potter, April 2, 1998

### **Five Years Ago**

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San Diego Reader, March 31, 1988

fatigues I'd come to associate with Lebanese Forces worked the corridor with the smooth precision of a well-drilled basketball team. There were three fire teams of three men each and a squad leader. The squad leader stayed in the corridor, directing traffic. The fire teams leapfrogged from room to room. The first man tossed in a grenade and, right after the explosion, the other two went in side by side, one sweeping left, the other right, firing a long burst as they entered.

—CITY LIGHTS: "DOOR-TO-DOOR DEATH," Jim Morris, March 27, 2003

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It's partly the empty chest of a lingering hangover, but at the end of weekends like this I feel like breaking down over the fact that five years from now I won't remember anything except for vague narratives with the original feeling all but faded. I want so bad to write well when I describe these memories, not just for your benefit, but more to freeze these moments to the page as truly as I can before the color washes out. So I do the best that I can, apologize for the longwinded accounts and any pretense of writing ability, and detail everything that was able to hold on to my weary brain all the way to 12:15 on Sunday night. No small irony that the booze both amplifies



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the experience and shortens the half-life of its memory at the same

POST DATE: January 28, 2008 POST TITLE: New Orleans Road

Tony woke up on New Year's Day with the discovery that he had made a killing at the casino at the end of the night, quadrupling his \$5 at the slots. He wouldn't shut

up about it.

After a very slow transition from pathetic lifeless mounds into animate human beings, the three of us wandered into daylight and ambled towards the restaurants of the French Quarter. For some reason, probably involving Maisa, the host at one place was really nice to us and commandeered us a table immediately. Since everyone going to the Sugar Bowl had collectively

decided to eat in the French Quarter at exactly the same time, the waits were at least an hour at any place with metal silverware. The added bonus for us was that this place (forgot the name — costly) had probably the second-best Bloody Marys I've had (the Liar's Club being the best, of course. Although it may not be a fair comparison because when they put bacon-wrapped shrimp in there, it leaps above the "Bloody Mary" category, and basically transcends the idea of a "drink.") Maisa and I, feeling the pressure from wraparound lines outside, rushed our menu decisions and ruined our first meal of the year. I should have started '08 with crawfish, the way Tony and I started '07 with grilled sheep's heads. I think. It was a long time ago.

In the front of the Voodoo Museum sits the owner, a licensed voodologist and a dude that you would not want to be your randomly assigned roommate at summer camp. We walked in as he was telling a story about how, during the Katrina riots, some carjackers were scared away by the giant python he likes to keep in his backseat.

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### POST DATE: March 12, 2007 POST TITLE: The Problem with **Really Good Times**

It's partly the empty chest of a lingering hangover, but at the end of weekends like this I feel like breaking down over the fact that five years from now I won't remember anything except for vague narratives with the original feeling all but faded. I want so bad to write well when I describe these memories, not just for your benefit, but more to freeze these moments to the page as truly as I can before the color washes out. So I do the best that I can, apologize for the longwinded accounts and any pretense of writing ability, and detail everything that was able to hold on to my weary brain all the way to 12:15 on Sunday night. No small irony that the booze both amplifies **BLOG** DIEGO

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the experience and shortens the half-life of its memory at the same

POST DATE: January 28, 2008 POST TITLE: New Orleans Road

Tony woke up on New Year's Day with the discovery that he had made a killing at the casino at the end of the night, quadrupling his \$5 at the slots. He wouldn't shut

up about it.

After a very slow transition from pathetic lifeless mounds into animate human beings, the three of us wandered into daylight and ambled towards the restaurants of the French Quarter. For some reason, probably involving Maisa, the host at one place was really nice to us and commandeered us a table immediately. Since everyone going to the Sugar Bowl had collectively

decided to eat in the French Quarter at exactly the same time, the waits were at least an hour at any place with metal silverware. The added bonus for us was that this place (forgot the name — costly) had probably the second-best Bloody Marys I've had (the Liar's Club being the best, of course. Although it may not be a fair comparison because when they put bacon-wrapped shrimp in there, it leaps above the "Bloody Mary" category, and basically transcends the idea of a "drink.") Maisa and I, feeling the pressure from wraparound lines outside, rushed our menu decisions and ruined our first meal of the year. I should have started '08 with crawfish, the way Tony and I started '07 with grilled sheep's heads. I think. It was a long time ago.

In the front of the Voodoo Museum sits the owner, a licensed voodologist and a dude that you would not want to be your randomly assigned roommate at summer camp. We walked in as he was telling a story about how, during the Katrina riots, some carjackers were scared away by the giant python he likes to keep in his backseat.

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FOR A LONG TIME, THE ONLY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD belonged to a swarm of wasps building a papery hive in the corner of an abandoned storefront. They were the only things fighting entropy here. Around the little nest, the block crumbled, bloomed with smashed bottles and flourished with more painted white initials of idiot children every day. Wasn't long before a pack of kids smashed the nest and scattered the muddy paper in hunks across the sidewalk.

One day the shop was opened. The sheets on the windows had been torn down. Inside, the little store was decorated in the fashion of a Viennese coffee shop.

"Baroque!" the man said. "I love the fancy curlicues of baroque."

He operated a complicated coffee machine as if he was flying a DC-10. "This is special coffee," he said. "From Turkey, like me. Try some."

On a shelf behind the counter he had set a sleek television. We leaned on marble, sipped our mugs, and watched CNN. "News," he said, tapping the paper by his elbow. "People want news and coffee."

"People aren't going to like that you opened this place," I said.

"No?" he said, challenged.

I told him some people saw development of business in a neighborhood as bad. His place was decorated and fancy. Most people were used to the cracked orange tile and watery, gritty pigwash they called coffee at the donut shop across the street.

"Why wouldn't people want nice shops?"

I told him about gentrification, higher rent, and property taxes, which his Turkish reasoning exhaustively refused, and he told me I was crazy.

On the news station we watched relief workers deliver humanitarian aid to refugees outside of Jerusalem. We chatted about the Ottoman Empire, which stretched from the Caspian Sea to Algiers and up almost into Poland and Austria. I told him about the wasps that built a nest that got knocked down.

One day the coffee shop was closed. All the windows but one were smashed and covered with plywood. I looked into the shop through the one good window and saw the empty shelf where the TV once sat, the space where the coffee machine was, and dirt clods on the counter where the man used to lean. I crossed the street, jogging through traffic toward the orange-and-brown donut shop.

# WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

Today we're going to examine how my life measures up against Boy Scout law. And there's TV stuff. (Sometimes I don't get it either; it's weird.)

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 27**

### WALKER, TEXAS RANGER

### USA 10:00 A.M.

"Trustworthy: a Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him." Wow. Right out of the gate and I'm already suckin' hind tit. I hoped the boys and I would have *something* in common, something more than a flair for brightly colored neckwear. Let's hope and continue.

### X2: X-MEN UNITED

### FX! 8:00 P.M.

"Loyal: a Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation." I'm not so sure about the Scout-leader bit. Not that I'm incapable of loyalty toward one, but I don't think I know any. Although, I'm not positive about it because you know they wear regular clothes by day, but I'm fairly certain Scout leaders and I don't go to the same parties. I'll look around for one. There might be one in the shrubs by the mailbox.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

### MONK

### USA 9:00 P.M.

"Helpful: a Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward." Son of a bitch.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

### SESAME STREET

### PBS 10:30 A.M.

"Courteous: a Scout is polite to everyone, regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together." Aha! Score one for me. In fact, a friend and I developed the pamphlet "Drug Party Etiquette." You know, marijuana goes to the left while powders are to be passed to the right. One

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### CW 8:00 P.M.

"Friendly: a Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own." Sure, this all looks good on paper, but it couldn't possibly be interpreted as literal. "Friend to all?" There's a man who lives behind a Dumpster in the liquor-store parking lot who tries to douse me with his cup of pee if I get too close. So, let's define "all."

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

### **OPRAH'S BIG GIVE**

### ABC 9:00 P.M.

"Kind: a Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason." Does anyone else find it odd they mentioned specifically killing harmless things in the "kind" law? You'd think killing harmless things would be the tip of the pyramid. Well, this one's a wash. While I haven't butchered any penguins lately, I was curt with a barista yesterday. Maybe there's an exception for immigrants and high school dropouts, of which she was both.

### **MONDAY, MARCH 31**

### BOXING

### VS. 9:00 P.M.

"Obedient: a Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them." Right out. Obedient. I got your obedience.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

### JUST FOR LAUGHS

### ABC 8:00 P.M.

"Cheerful: a Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy." Hey! Finally, something. I really am a chipper fellow — described quite often as a "happy drunk." I'm almost a Scout. I can feel the glory of the sash and the glow of sun on my

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2**

### DEAL OR NO DEAL

### NBC 8:00 P.M.

"Thrifty: a Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property." I wonder if "poor and lazy" covers this.



Walker. Texas Ranger

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

### SURVIVOR: MICRONESIA — FANS VS. **FAVORITES**

### CBS 8:00 P.M.

"Clean: a Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean."

Wouldn't "scouting" necessarily require a relaxed shower schedule? A defining property of "one who scouts" would be (I believe) an earthy, undecorated scent. Well, then, my friend the Scout, let us stand armin-arm, brother!

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### I was astounded at the cavalcade of raunch presented on Friday-night television.

By John Brizzolara

There is no way around it, not for several more weeks; I can't get out, cruising on crutches to look into neat stuff to do on Fridays or weekends. I am reduced to poring over listings online and in newspapers. Or, I can write about my personal and current existential dilemma. A surprising number of readers seem to be okay with that and I presume the appeal is it ain't me, babe.

Let's have a look-see. Bad Religion is playing (has played) Friday night at House of Blues. On Monday night the New York Dolls will be performing at the Belly Up. God knows why. They must have fans, all of whom couldn't possibly have lived in New York City in the 1970s. For about 40 years in the '70s, the Dolls were on Manhattan public access TV (it seemed like 24 hours a day); you couldn't have missed them. Everyone in my band actually everyone in my building (a population the size of Coronado) agreed, Lipstick Punk was doomed. They sucked. I didn't know they were back together (two of them, anyway, the rest victims of spontaneous combustion and leukemia). I can only assume this is because the film career of Buster Poindexter (David Johansen) went down the plug. But this, by the time you're reading it, is history.

My other option, as mentioned, is to describe my Friday, yesterday, albeit one three weeks in the past now.

I actually had an early dinner at T.G.I. Friday's, an unremarkable experience, I'm afraid. It involved a tough, \$16 steak lathered in Jack Daniel's sauce, which is really a kind of teriyaki sauce or a candy glaze. I was there because it was in limping distance of the Gaslamp Theatres where I had just seen There

Will Be Blood. That involved Daniel Day Lewis doing a pretty good imitation of John Huston. I had with me at dinner the book I'd been reading, My Friend Leonard, by James Frey, author of A Million Little Pieces, which I wrote about and defended two weeks ago.

My Friend Leonard was a New York Times bestseller a couple of years ago, unbeknownst to me. As I began the thing, I saw that Frey had not only continued with some annoying stylistic idiosyncrasies, but really poured them on with the sequel. Things such as repeating phrases. Repeating phrases. Over and over. Over and over. For emphasis. Stream of consciousness. And particularly the stream of consciousness of an addict. Perfectly valid. And after a few pages you skate right over these repetitions. He seemed to have eased off the habit of capitalizing things, seemingly at random. For example, "I am an Alcoholic an Addict and a Criminal." In this one he's just "an alcoholic an addict and a criminal." His rendering of his friend, Leonard, was one of the best things about the first book, and he delivers the character more fully in My Friend. I did not cry, and I did not want to. At least I did not cry.

As Frey does in his books. I did not do it at T.G.I. Friday's either, but later in my hotel room. Of course, as I read the book, a pile of unpaid and unpayable hospital bills were lying next to me on the bed, but still...Leonard (whom I pictured as Gene Hackman per Frey's cue in A Million Little Pieces) is a great creation, and if he is from whole cloth, I don't care.

Friday night I read as I tried to stay awake long enough to watch a rerun of House. Eleven p.m. is officially past Old Guy Bed Time, and on pain meds it's even later. House himself would be long passed out. I didn't make it; but meanwhile I flipped the remote around cable channels — a novelty for me — and was momentarily inspired. Looking back and forth from the television to the stack of medical bills, I thought, I know, I'll pitch the idea of writing a television column to my boss. It's been a few years since we did any TV coverage and there is remarkable stuff on the box. I could write an additional column on tube watching and start paying off these bills. It wasn't long before I realized this was another of my bad ideas, wide-eved and dumb. Just because I had watched almost no television in recent years did not make this a novelty for everyone else. I had no idea who these actors, actresses, American Idol contestants, or talk-show hosts were. I had no idea what TMZ meant even after watching that same titled show slack-jawed for

I was astounded — and I think that's the word — at the cavalcade of raunch presented on Friday-night television. On the heels of that thought was a wave of depression as I realized I had taken on the most prudish aspects of my father. He once wrote to a Chicago television station protesting the gyrating thighs of dancing girls on a show called Hollywood à Go Go. Shortly after writing that letter the show was cancelled, and Dad claimed credit.

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closed up on writhing, gyrating, thrusting, and nubile athletic bodies, their taut flesh glistening with perspiration as they undulated against each other's perfect abdomens, hips, and loins, was deeply disturbing. Music videos, even on CMT (that's the country-music channel), seemed to mirror this rampant lust. A show called Soup seemed to focus only on the sexual activities of celebrities I'd never heard of, but they were all young and beautiful even if their career descriptions

I was, frankly, aghast that television executives would allow this stuff on the air for young people to happen across at a wholesome pajama party on a weekend night. Then I realized that this stuff was deliberately directed toward the same demographic that was videotaped and filmed; that is, those in their 20s or younger who wanted to be one of them...or, of course, those older and lecherous. Have they nothing better to do than watch themselves, Narcissus-like, on weekend nights on the tube?

I thought I might be sick. I will fire off an angry email immediately, but to whom? The young? The networks? I will start with everyone I know in their 20s, but that's only about four people. It occurred to me that I actually know more people in the television industry than I do people in their 20s. I will naturally give this more thought, and I trust you will do the same.

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