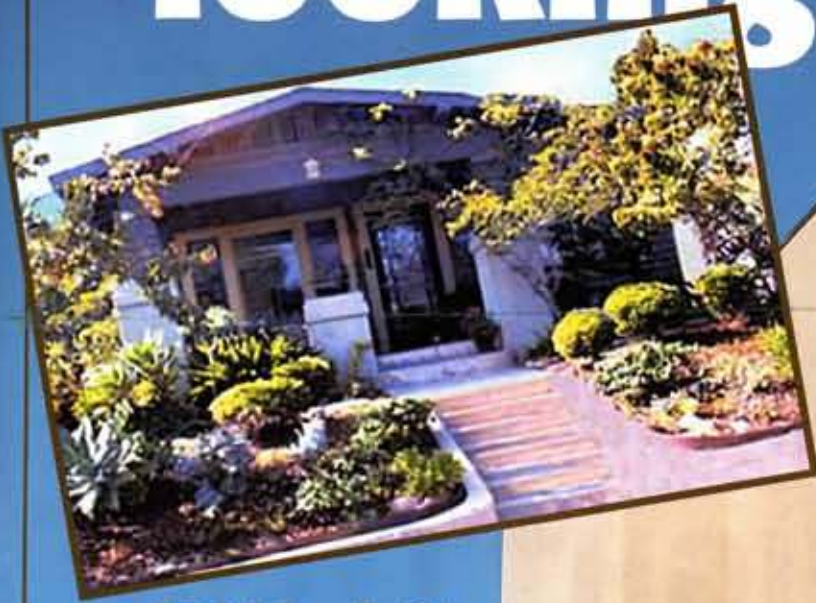


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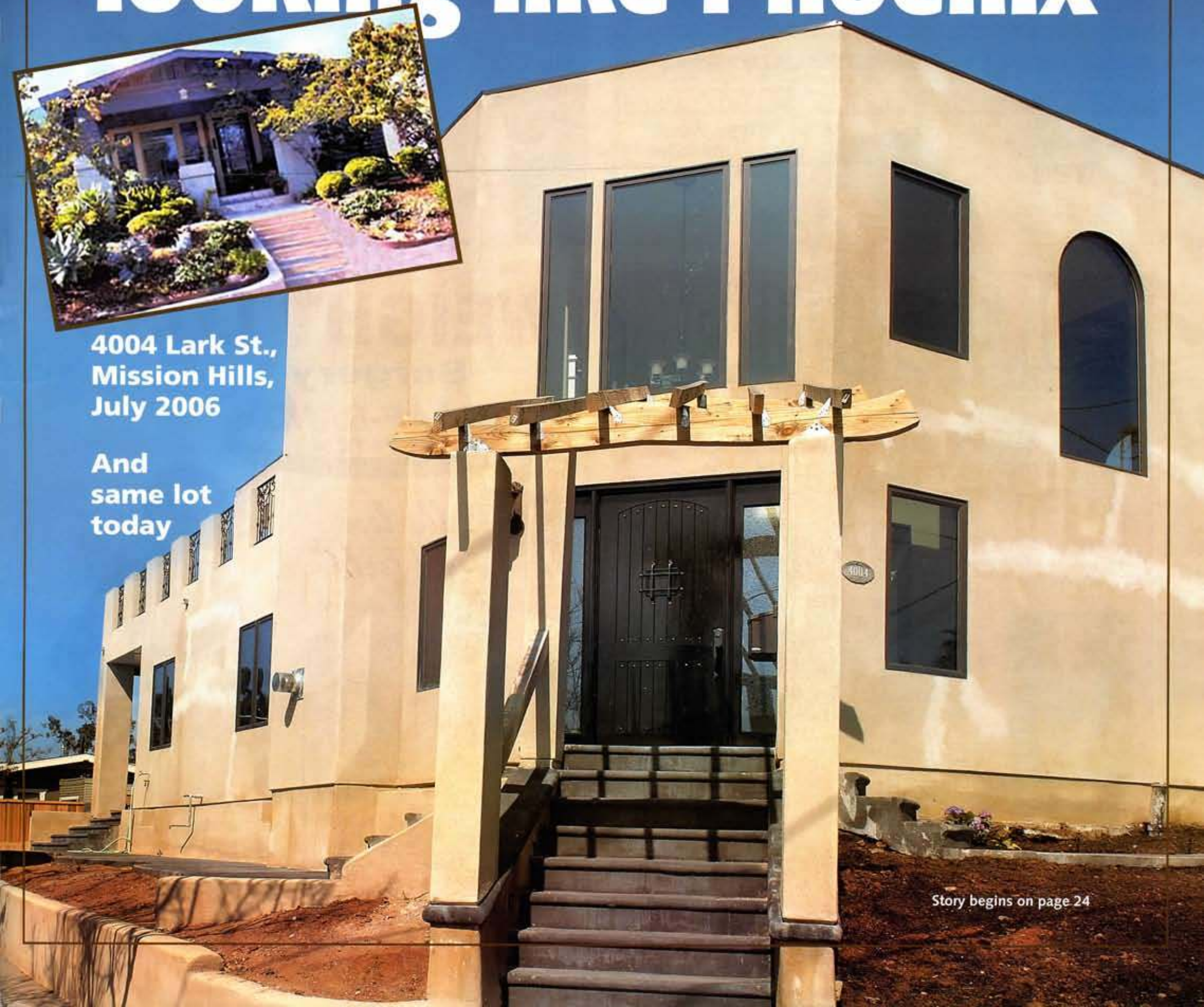
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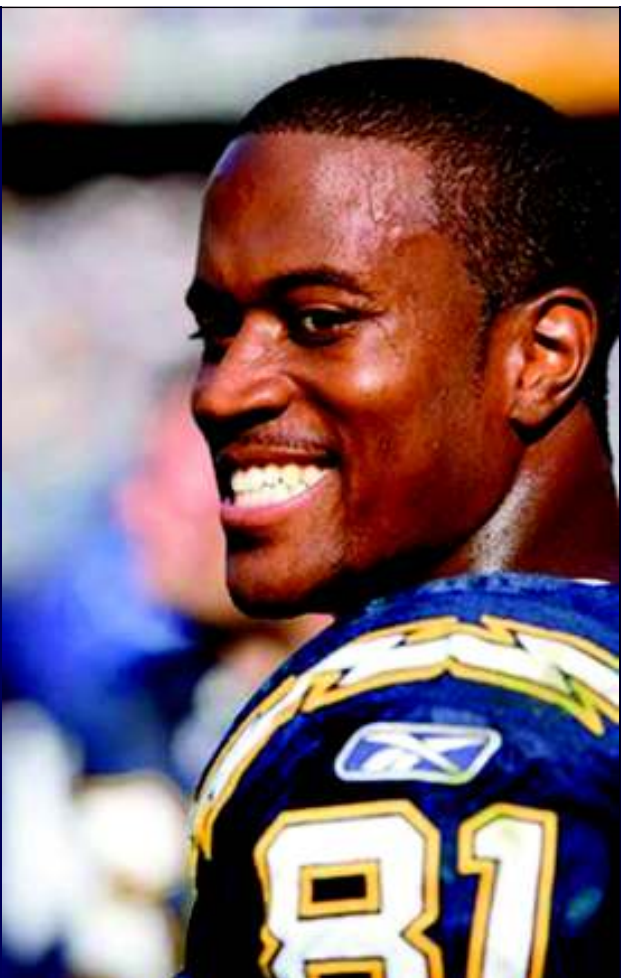
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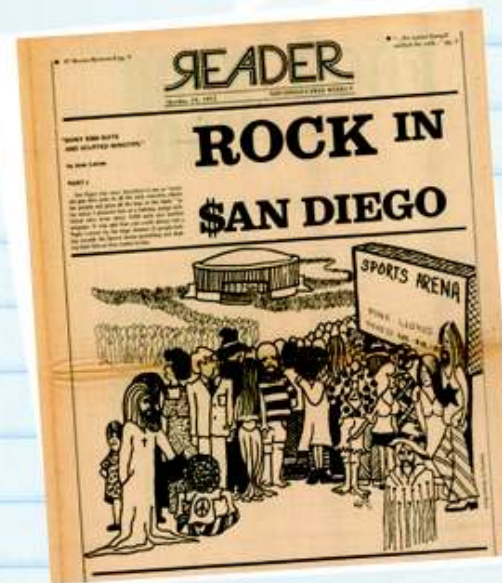
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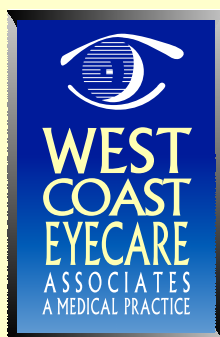
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BREAKING NEWS

Ghost of Nixon's past Maybe it's something in the water, but many of San Diego's



Herbert Klein

top Republican political players have lived to a ripe old age. Banker **C. Arnholt Smith**, the town's preeminent Daddy Warbucks — who owned a bank, tuna fleet, airline, hotels, the Padres, and, as more than one wag cynically observed, the city council — died peacefully in 1996 at age 97. A close friend to **Richard Nixon**, Smith served a brief time in state confinement after his empire collapsed in ruin. Tomorrow another Nixon intimate will celebrate his 90th birthday with a bash at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines. **Herbert G. Klein**, Nixon's onetime press aide and fixer for **Jim Copley's** newspaper empire, will bask in praise provided by a roster of history-laden GOP names, including ex-Congressman **Jack Kemp** and ex-Governor **Pete Wilson**. The event is being chaired by **Karen Hutchens**, a former political consultant to GOP San Diego mayor **Susan Golding**, who is now a lobbyist with clients including **Aaron Feldman** and his infamous Sunroad office tower. Klein was a key player in lobbying Golding and the city council for new pro sports stadiums.

"For years, Mr. Herb Klein has selflessly contributed in numerous ways to his communities, and his 'love-thy-neighbor' attitude is present in his everyday life," says an invitation to the event, modeled after the old 1950s-era **Ralph Edwards** TV show, *This Is Your Life*. As editor of the Copley-owned *San Diego Union* in the 1950s, Klein was lent by Copley to Nixon at election time to serve as a political operative. "Ostensibly a working news reporter, Klein would be remembered for his...extraprofessional contribution to the campaign," noted Nixon biographer **Roger Morris** of Klein's role in Nixon's first congressional race in 1946.

In 1956, Nixon wrote Copley, "This is just a note to tell you what an outstanding job Herb Klein did for us during the campaign. I want you to know, too, how much we appreciated the sturdy, never wavering support we received from the Copley papers in Illinois and California. My only regret is that you don't have a paper in every one of the forty-eight states!" Two years later, Nixon sent another thank-you note to Copley, saying, "I deeply appreciate your kindness in releasing Herb Klein to us during the campaign period." In a 1959 letter to Nixon, Copley said, "I feel [Klein] is doing the job he should be doing, but if there is anything our organization can do to help you, please don't hesitate to let us know."

A former sports editor of the *Daily Trojan*, the student newspaper of the University of Southern California, his alma mater, in the early 1960s *Union* editor Klein once advised Nixon to meet another USC alum. "While you are in Los Angeles," Klein wrote Nixon, "it would be a good gesture to invite up for a brief talk **Rafer John-**

son... He is a very fine colored lad who, you will recall, won fame by beating the Russians in the decathlon."

Eat, drink, and be lobbying While the State of California is threatening to slash funds for everything from school teachers to parks, higher-ups out at UCSD continue to party on. Local politicians and other favored VIPs have received a special invitation from Chancellor **Marye Anne Fox**: coveted free tickets to the U.S. Open golf championship, coming this June to the city-owned Torrey Pines Golf Course. According to the invite, the lucky public servants and other special guests will receive "complimentary" breakfast, lunch, and an "afternoon snack," as well as "full bar service" inside the UC San Diego Hospitality Tent. For state and local politicians, who are required by state law to disclose the amount of their gratuities, the invitation advises that "the one-day ticket package is valued @ \$280 for June 9-11, \$400 for June 12-15." Notes the invitation: "This is a sold-out event with limited tickets available. In order to accommodate your particular schedule, please select two (2) dates from the choices listed below." The university is currently lobbying hard for construction of a massive new stem-cell research building near the city's Torrey Pines Gliderport.



Marye Anne Fox

What recession? More UCSD spending: recently appointed UCSD health sciences counsel **Anthony Perez** is being paid an annual base salary of \$210,000 and will be eligible for a mortgage loan not to exceed \$1.33 million made by the university. University regents approved the package at their late-March meeting. Because Perez's compensation status exceeds the usual maximum for such loans, the regents granted an exemption for him "based upon essential recruitment and retention needs and goals of the institution."



Steven Relyea

Regents also approved an 18.8 percent "stipend" to augment the annual base salary of UCSD's acting vice chancellor for external relations, **Steven W. Relyea**, who is also vice chancellor for business affairs. He will now make a total of \$285,000. Relyea's salary deal lasts through the end of the year or whenever a permanent vice chancellor takes over, whichever comes first.

In yet another sharp salary hike voted by the regents, **Julianne J. Larsen**, acting associate vice chancellor for development at UCSD, was given a 15 percent "stipend" to lift her annual pay to \$200,330. And **Ronaldo G. Espiritu**, the associate dean for business and fiscal affairs, health sciences, got a 20.2 percent raise, to \$221,600.

— Matt Potter

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Spite?

By Don Bauder

The *Union-Tribune's* Christmas Masacre of December 2007 is still producing bloodshed. The Copley Press, aided

by a high-powered consulting firm, is contesting unemployment claims filed by a small group of ex-employees who took a buyout after concluding they would be fired.

There is mayhem throughout the newspaper industry,

worker-friendly industry, especially at the moment. This is a new level of cruelty. It's just mean."

Bernard Lunzer, secretary-treasurer of the national guild, says, "This is the first I have heard of this issue. I am not

sibly the company is planning more buyouts and layoffs. That would hardly be surprising. It may be another indication that ownership is trying to slash costs to sell the company. Also, since the Copley Press has been known for its hostile employee relations, some think spite may be a motivation.

To help contest the unemployment claims, Copley hired TALX UC eXpress, a major unemployment cost management firm. "In 2003, we removed over \$6 billion in unemployment claim liabil-

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but there seem to be few precedents for what the *U-T* is doing. "I have not been made aware of other employers fighting unemployment claims," says Linda Foley, president of the Newspaper Guild in Washington, D.C. What Copley is doing is "unusual, and it's unusually cruel. This is not a

aware of companies hiring outside firms to resist unemployment [claims], but it could be happening. It is certainly wrong."

Copley's motivation is most likely economic. Employers pay into unemployment pools, but a company tapping the system more frequently has to pay more, rather like the way a person responsible for an auto accident has to pay higher insurance premiums. However, the ex-employees are puzzled, because there are probably fewer than 20 who are still trying to get unemployment compensation that they feel is owed them. Pos-

ity and recovered \$240 million in erroneous charges for our clients," the firm boasts on its website. The company, which is a unit of Equifax, says that it is expert in saving companies money in insurance related to unemployment claims. Neither Copley nor UC eXpress responded to requests for comment.

The warfare began December 3, 2007, when the company suddenly announced a "Voluntary Separation Program," warning that it needed to cut costs and this was just one step in the process. The company listed the number of jobs

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Power to the People

By Dorian Hargrove

San Diego mayoral candidate Eric Bidwell rolls across the cement floor of Cream coffeehouse on his Heelys, wheeled shoes that he found used on Craigslist for \$20. Impressive dreadlocks extend to his waist. He wears a black shirt that has a graphic of two hands shaking under a table, and below that, in white letters, "San Diego, the finest city money can buy." A large patch with his logo, a wrench sus-

next to his laptop computer on one of the few available tables and rolls back to the counter for a cup of coffee. The staff knows him by name, and they talk about an upcoming art show featuring his politically inspired stencil art.

Until recently, Bidwell has used the crammed coffeehouse, located on Park Boulevard in University Heights, as a makeshift office for his struggling T-shirt and button company, as well as a place for perusing the Internet. But for the past few months the café has become campaign headquarters.

According to Bidwell, his decision to run for mayor "is pretty multifaceted. I want to inspire more of the public to participate in the political process and to bring often-overlooked issues and perspectives into the election, giving people an option that is categorically different than the others. And to gain experience organizing people and promoting a cause is a good thing. Also, just the experi-

ence of building a political campaign is enough, because I want to eventually run for president."

Bidwell looked up the requirements to run for mayor using Cream's free wireless Internet. They seemed simple: the candidate must be at least 18 years old, must be a resident of San Diego and registered to vote in the city, must gather 200 signatures from registered voters, and

must submit a \$500 filing fee.

The first requirements were easy to meet. Bidwell will turn 26 in May and is a San Diego native, spending most of his childhood sharing small apartments in Hillcrest and Golden Hill with his mother.

"We moved a lot," he says. "We were poor. I found out that my mom was using [drugs] when I was ten. She would leave me to go out, and I just thought, 'I'm a ten-year-old kid. I shouldn't be left alone!'"

The rocky relationship Bidwell had with his mom showed in his poor performance at school. He was expelled from Roosevelt Middle School in the seventh grade for bringing a pocketknife onto campus. A year later, after transferring to Pacific Beach Middle School, he and his mother were evicted from their Golden Hill apartment and became homeless. "I was really just stressed and uncomfortable and decided to drop out of eighth grade."

Despite being homeless for most of his teenage years and spending three weeks in Juvenile Hall on drug-related charges, which were eventually dismissed, Bidwell managed to earn his high school diploma through the California High School Proficiency Exam.

By the time he turned 19, he was living under the I-5 overpass on Washington Street in an RV that he'd purchased from a distant relative. He continued to live in RVs and vans until a few months ago, when he moved in with a new girlfriend.

While the age and residency requirements were easy to satisfy, the remaining two were not.

The first was to gather 200 signatures from registered voters in a month's time. The people signing had to print their names legibly and provide their addresses. Initially, Bidwell planned to collect signatures all by himself. Luckily for him, he got some help.

Adam Case, a 25-year-old political science graduate from the University of San Diego, noticed Bidwell's campaign poster propped up against his laptop at Cream and was determined to help from the moment the two began talking. "I saw his poster that said 'Revolutionary Mayor,'" says Case. "I started talking to him, you know, and the term 'revolutionary' is kind of overplayed. He's got dreadlocks and stuff, but the idea of actually applying it to a political purpose, well, that's revolutionary, especially seeing how he grew up and his perspective on things!"

The two mulled over places where they would attract reg-

istered voters willing to sign Bidwell's petition.

They collected signatures at the Ocean Beach farmers' market and on the campus of SDSU. They collected more at the Tribute to the Reggae Legends Festival, formerly the Bob Marley Festival, held at the San Diego Sports Arena on February 18.

Bidwell recalls the decision to go there. "I thought about it and was, like, 'Hey, that's probably a pretty good demographic.' I mean, most of them probably signed because I have dreadlocks."

After scratching out a hundred or so names that were illegible or missing addresses, Bidwell had nearly 300 signatures, well above the 200 needed.

He was left with the last remaining challenge, to raise \$500 for the filing fee. "I had to spend a good deal of time getting that money. Five hundred dollars is usually what I live off of every month. So I had to do double of what I usually do to get it."

While not wanting to be specific on all the ways he earned money, he says most came from working odd jobs

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Floyd Morrow

ended above two gears, covers one of the bulky pockets of his baggy cargo pants. The T-shirt and the patch are both his design.

Bidwell sets his black, musty-scented trench coat



Eric Bidwell



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it wanted to eliminate (for example, nine news reporters would be axed) and said that if enough volunteers didn't take buyouts, there would be layoffs, which there ultimately were. There was this verbiage in a "frequently asked questions" sheet: "Will I be eligible for Unemployment Insurance through the State?" Answer: "Unemployment is

between you and the state. However, in our past experience with a 'voluntary' separation, people have not received Unemployment."

Employees knew that that statement was at best only partly true. At year-end 2006, employees with 30 years of service had taken voluntary buyouts; there had been no target list, as there was in 2007. Several who were too young to take retirement packages

took their buyout packages and months of unemployment compensation without the company complaining. "A personnel official even showed them how to file for unemployment online. The blank for 'Reason for Leaving the Company' read 'Workforce Reduction,'" recalls a former employee. When the *Union* and *Tribune* merged in the early 1990s and there were buyouts, "the company

repeatedly said it would not stand in the way of unemployment benefits," says an ex-employee.

When pondering the 2007 buyout offer and whether they would qualify for unemployment compensation, employees did their homework. One found in the State's regulations that for a termination to be deemed voluntary, the unemployment claimant must be the "moving party, or the

person who places into motion the chain of events that is responsible for the termination." That was hardly true of employees who were handed the Hobson's choice December 3. Still, the Employment Development Department kept telling this employee loudly and rudely that the termination was a "voluntary quit." But "I don't believe it's a voluntary quit when the company walks you to the

edge of the gangplank and says, 'Here is your choice: jump or be pushed,'" says this former employee, who received some unemployment payments and was forced to return them and pay a 30 percent fine. (A young, low-level employee, who got a pittance for a buyout, allegedly got three checks for \$450 each, then was told to return them along with a 30 percent fine. I wasn't able to reach that person.)

Because the company specified how many heads it wanted chopped, "Clearly we were targeted; it was clearly a forced workforce reduction, but that was not satisfactory to the [Employment Development Department]," says another, who didn't fight after being turned down by the State.

Craig Rose, an excellent business reporter, had been on a 2004 list of 48 employees who might be laid off if the economy worsened. (The list was supposed to be secret, but few secrets are kept from newspaper people.) "I felt I was targeted," he says. "This was a forced layoff; when you pre-announce that you are eliminating people, how is that not a layoff?" Rose, filing a one-week claim, was told that his was a voluntary departure. He has not heard on his appeal. He has landed a good job with the City Attorney's Office and says the appeal is mainly a matter of principle. Rose refuses to discuss his severance package.

"I worked my heart out for that newspaper, and now they're persuading the State to deny us unemployment compensation," says a longtime reporter. "I'll never wear my *Union-Tribune* watch again."

Peter Zschiesche, director of San Diego's Employee Rights Center, says the State normally looks at a buyout as a voluntary quit, "but there is a precedent decision that basically lays out that this has to be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Nothing fits all. You can get unemployment under a voluntary quit if there is a compelling reason." On behalf of former employees, Zschiesche presents that compelling reason to an administrative law judge. The Employee Rights Center now represents a handful of ex-Copley employees and may take on more.

Chet Barfield, who covered Native American affairs

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and casinos extremely well for many years, is one that Zschiesche thinks has a good case. A year before the December Massacre, Barfield was reassigned to cover neighborhood stories. "They certainly didn't need somebody with my experience or expertise to do these stories," says Barfield. "I was a senior person near the top of my pay scale" and in a job for which he was overqualified. "A year earlier, when I was Indian affairs specialist and knew more about the tribes and casinos than others, I would have been less vulnerable," he says. But in the December Massacre, "The company had made it clear that it was trying to save money," so he figured he had more than a 50 percent chance of having his head lopped off. He is unemployed and has applied for

jobs with no offers. He appeared before an administrative law judge on Tuesday, April 8. There has been no decision, but he is not optimistic. UC eXpress was not at the hearing, although it was listed as a party. Barfield's impression was that he was fighting the Employment Development Department more than he was fighting the Copley representative.

The explanation for the fierce battling of unemployment claims may be that Copley and the State of California are both on the financial ropes. But so, too, are those who took the buyouts with a gun to their heads. Even those who got a year's pay did not reap a windfall. Rose notes that newspapers "were a lucrative industry for the better part of a century; they should share a piece of the proceeds." But Copley has never seen things that way. ■

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on craigslist. "I picked up some labor gigs. I did a survey for TestAmerica at the Mission Valley mall and got 25 bucks for doing a taste test on orange juice. I also did a taste-test survey for Jack in the Box. A little of this and a little of that."

Regardless of how unorthodox his methods, on March 6, Bidwell submitted the money and signatures to the City Clerk's Office. On March 19, he received confirmation that his name would appear on the ballot.

Brian Adams, assistant professor of political science at SDSU, likes the fact that anyone with the will to run for mayor can do so. "Personally, I believe there should be as few restrictions as possible: let the voters decide

who is competent to be mayor."

Adams does think it will be difficult for Bidwell to win. "I'm not aware of any person winning the mayoralty of a big city without substantial campaign funds. It's even extremely rare for council seats in big cities."

Former councilmember Floyd Morrow, who's also running for mayor, suggests that Bidwell's life experience could compensate for his lack of education or political expertise. "I do think education is crucial, but one of the things that he might have a very good education in, if he had been homeless, is common sense, and that's an education in its own right," Morrow says. "There are people who are degreed that really don't have an ounce of common sense on the street. That type of education is very valuable. I was born in a tent, dirt

poor, so I kind of identify with a young guy like that."

When asked if Bidwell's lack of knowledge regarding local politics might be a distraction for San Diego voters, Morrow responds, "I hope not. The issues of San Diego are the same for him as for me. I don't think that any one of them is credentialed in the race, other than myself. I think that experience is the best teacher."

Experience is one thing that Bidwell is gaining from this process. An issue early on was filling out campaign-finance paperwork, which requires a permanent address. "They told me that I could hire an attorney to seek ways of getting around it," Bidwell says. "I found that pretty unhelpful, considering my current situation. I did contact the ACLU, and they said they couldn't promise anything but would try, so for

now, I just won't fill out that one and not accept contributions totaling more than a thousand dollars."

Of more concern are the mayoral forums. The most recent one, on April 3 at Rancho Peñasquitos, afforded Bidwell much-needed exposure. The following day in its coverage of the event, local online publication *Voice of San Diego* featured some of Bidwell's comments and a photo of him, as well as a group shot showing Bidwell sitting between Jerry Sanders and Steve Francis. "The whole time I got a lot of laughs from the crowd," says Bidwell. "A couple of the things, people just loved it, laughing and clapping. I did have to bust out laughing during some of the comments from them [Sanders and Francis], because they were going at each other pretty hard."

As for Bidwell's take on his two best-financed opponents, he says, "You know, Sanders, as much as he is a little typical, he really has a much better head on his shoulders and answers questions with a little less rhetoric. Francis, he kind of rubs me the wrong way."

The next forum will be at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park on April 20. All candidates have agreed to participate.

Bidwell will continue to organize a "Revolutionary Potluck" in Old Town the first Saturday of every month. More information is available at revolutionarymayor.com. ■

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Include your name, address, and telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Kids With Promise

I was at work today reading in bits and pieces your cover story about "families" in San Diego ("If There Are Families," Cover Story, April 10). I believe this cover story is one of the best (at least, my favorite) so far. It was incredible. The research put into it was amazing. Michael Hemmingson created a wonderful piece. My heart is breaking, yet it is good to know the truth about the city's many subcultures and to be very aware of our surroundings. Not to mention understanding the magnitude of serious dysfunction in our

nation's traditional families. This article has made me consider doing foster care in hopes of preventing what has happened to these children from happening to other innocent, promising children. Thank you for such a grand piece of work.

Name Withheld
by Request

It's All True

My name is Kim Goodeve-Green, and I am the center director for an organization called StandUp for Kids. I have just finished reading your article ("If There Are Families," Cover Story, April 10) and know that some of these kids are ours. At least, the story is the same as that of the 30 to 40 kids that we see each night. I am the director for our Oceanside chapter. I know that our San Diego chapter cruises O.B. on their outreach nights.

If you called me, I would return your call. We don't print our address; we don't put out fliers, but most of the kids know how to find us, and they bring other kids. We are only run at

night, but from reading your article, we are a family. I guess I would be Mom.

I would like to ask that when you run into "our kids," maybe spread the word that there is a place for them, at least for a few hours. To not have to survive, to not be judged, and to get some help. We are here. They can call us at 760-433-5437 (KIDS). This is our Oceanside chapter phone number. We are open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thank you for writing this article. It was honest and true. My kids are hard to love, but there is a reason — they have been through a lot. We all have, and we each deal with it differently. These kids in particular, though, have had to grow up way too fast and have to do terrible things to survive. Thank you for bringing awareness to the "invisible kids."

It's easy for us to be disgusted and angry at these "punk teenagers," but a lot of times they have no other option than to panhandle and prostitute, use drugs

and alcohol to blur their vision of what reality really is. Most of us have to ask ourselves, "How would I handle the situation?" Take away your network of family, friends, and even your coworkers. Your home, your car, your clothes, your credit card, your IDs. How would you survive? These kids are strong and resilient. They have to be. They want to live. The saddest part is that every day over 13 of these kids are dying on our streets, right here in our own back yard.

After reading your article, people can't say they didn't know that this was happening. It is, you have now read the story. Thank you again for sharing their story.

Kim Goodeve-Green
Director of Center
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Keep On Keeping On

I am writing because I read the narrative John Brizzolara wrote about the cab driver who asked about his son and his health ("T.G.I.F.," March 20). I have been reading Brizzo-

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lara's funny tales for maybe 20 years. Has he been writing for the *Reader* that long? The first story I read was when he was living in Kensington and his girl broke up with him. He was listening to, I think, Frank Sinatra records and crying in his beer, unless that was one of the times when he was sober. I clipped the article and reread it when I needed a pickup. I actually used to have quite a scrapbook collection of his narratives that I would share with one of my sons when he visited.

I have a great idea. Why

doesn't he collect them all and put them in chapters such as "Re Relations," "Re Addictions," "Re Work," "Re Music," "Re Places Lived" (with a map like in *The Long Embrace* by Raymond Chandler). Anyway, you get the idea. If he has trouble publishing the book, I am sure that all his faithful followers would donate money to see it in print.

The other thing I would like to say is that I used to be addicted to coffee (the strong, regular kind). When I tried to stop, I had horrible headaches and symptoms like a heroin addiction, at least that is what the book *Hidden Addictions* said. It is written by a woman doctor from the Seattle area, and she gives good ideas about what to eat and drink when trying to break these gene-related, perplexing situations. Sadly, I have to say that after 15 years of caffeine sobriety, I am beginning to slip. I still grind the decaf, but I put a few sprinkles of the real stuff in so I can have that little jolt.

I hope Brizzolarà's body continues to heal and that he maintains a clear head, because there are those of us out here who read the *Reader* just because of his narratives.

Judi

Comments from Reader Website

Cover Story Published April 9

Posted by vanderwolff on April 11, 2008, 6:48 a.m.

Crushingly sad, but strangely familiar, the plight of today's street children mirrors those of decades past: a general distant interest from the uninformed, a plague catalog of familial horrors and a question mark for the expiration date on their existence.

Difficult story well-handled.


Posted by Boomerang on April 12, 2008, 10:20 a.m.

This is a beautiful and powerful representation of the reality of these teens and a reminder that (1) growing up is not always easy even for the prom king and queen and (2) one's petty life challenges pale compared to that of others.

Many kudos to The Reader for daring to take on something with social and political relevance rather than an article about taco stands (I did enjoy the missile test sites in Scripps one).

Mr. Hemmingson's article particularly hit home with a ring of truth and memory so that I found

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I figured it was a George Bush thing, his idea of public service. No matter how sordid your disgrace is, how incompetent you are, no matter what your crime may be, or how completely you betrayed your wife, kids, friends...*nobody* resigns.

But, I was wrong to attribute this phenomenon to George Bush, and if I run into Donald Rumsfeld, Alberto Gonzalez, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, General Richard Myers, Douglas Feith (now known to history, thanks to Iraq invasion commander Tommy Franks, as "the dumbest motherfucker in the world"), General Ricardo Sanchez, Michael Chertoff, John Yoo, George Tenet, or Senator Larry Craig, I'll say, "I was wrong fellas." Refusal to resign when guilty is bigger than George Bush.

How big? Say hello to Max Mosley. You must have heard about Max by now, if not, hurry over to the *Perv Classics* section on YouTube.

To recap quickly: *News of the World*, a London tabloid, reported that Max Mosley, 68, president of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the world governing body of, as FIA likes to say, motorsport, paid for a five-hour bondage orgy with, count 'em, five hookers. Everyone played dress-up, hookers in concentration camp outfits and Nazi uniforms, Mosley either in the buff or costume. Yes, I know what you're thinking, "Print is so 20th Century." And you're right, of course. Lucky for us Mosley videotaped his orgy and that tape, through the magic of human greed, was on the Internet and available to the world mucho presto.

In the old consciousness, one would think Formula 1, professional racing's most prestigious circuit, would not want its institutional face to be Max Mosley humping whores, whipping whores, or being whipped by whores dressed in Nazi gear. One would think, "Yeah, that should do it. So long, Max."

Wrong. That's 20th-century thinking, people.

Instead of resigning, Max filed a lawsuit against *News of the World*, claiming invasion of privacy (not libel), and told the press, "It goes without saying that the so-called Nazi element is pure fabrication.... I believe that 21st-century adults do not worry about private sexual matters as long as they are legal and harmless."

One of the prostitutes told *News of the World* that Mosley hired her and others to play Nazi guards. Who are you going to believe, a prostitute, the man who hired her, or the slimy

News of the World (happily holding five hours of Mosley orgy on video tape)? The tabloid broke the story, here's a quote from their first article. "[Mosley says], 'She needs more of ze punishment!' while brandishing a LEATHER STRAP over a brunette's naked bottom. Then the lashes rain down as Mosley counts them out in German: 'Eins! Zwei! Drei! Vier! Fünf! Sechs!...' Before hammering away at the girls, he plays a cowering death camp inmate himself, having his GENITALS inspected and his hair searched for LICE...."

Max has a special personal history; in fact, he has a direct connection to Adolf Hitler. You don't see that any more.

His parents, Sir Oswald Mosley and Diana Mitford Guinness, were married in Berlin, 1936. It

was a warm, dignified ceremony held in the home of Joseph Goebbels with the Führer attending as guest of honor. Sir Oswald was head of the British Union of Fascists at the time and, as sweethearts often do, he and his bride decided to be married in the place that meant the most to them.

To show how deep class solidarity in Britain was/is, although the

Mosleys were interred during WWII (until 1943), they came out of it with their property, money, and titles intact. Winston Churchill, who knew them socially, saw to it that Lady Mosley had frequent visits with her children, including adorable Max.

Young Max grew up in an atmosphere of unconditional love and racial purity. The family bought homes in Ireland and France, yachted around the Mediterranean, did some of this, some of that. Max attended German schools for a couple years, graduated from Oxford with a physics degree, studied law, made barrister. He was into racing by the mid-'60s, driving, then moved over to the building, managing, selling side of it. I'll skip the FOCA/FISA/FIA struggle for power because it's refrigerator-manual boring.

FIA will hold an extraordinary general assembly on June 3 to consider Mosley's fate. There are 222 motoring organizations in 132 countries. So far, I have found one, the Canadian Automobile Association, who has flat out called for Mosley to resign.

The orgy was March 3 and is already hazy in the hive's mind. The convocation's vote will be by secret ballot, a huge plus for Mosley. You have to like his chances.

But, before I put money down, I want to know, what would George Bush do?

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

I didn't get to church on Sunday — this is what, my third flu this year? Pathetic, or maybe just scary. ("The germs are winning," says Dad.) So I've got nothing on that front. But I did have an interesting "worship experience" a couple of weeks ago — March 30, to be exact. An up-very-close look at personal spiritual devotion.

Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, was canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church in 2000. Shortly thereafter, a request made to Kowalska during her visions of Jesus was granted: the Second Sunday after Easter received the title of Divine Mercy Sunday. A decree from the Congregation of Divine Worship made it official, and the day was termed "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the year to come." Later, the Church of the Holy Spirit in Sassia, just down a narrow street from Saint Peter's Basilica, was

dedicated to the Divine Mercy, the huge apse mural depicting Pentecost obscured in no small part by a huge rendering of the Divine Mercy Icon mounted over the tabernacle: Jesus, His sacred heart exposed, with twin rays of light — one white, one red — streaming forth. The motto at the base: "Jesus, I trust in you!" Or, in this case, "Gesù, confido in te!" (A side chapel featured an enormous oil painting of Pope John Paul II in gold vestments, seated, his hand resting on an open book in his lap.)

Posters in every church vestibule in Rome — from great basilicas to humble chapels off side streets — advertised that the upcoming Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at Santo Spirito in Sassia would be celebrated by Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, the Vatican's Secretary of State, sometimes referred to as the "Vice-Pope." I arrived 20 minutes before Mass, but that was nowhere near early enough, as I would soon learn. Twin banners hung on the church façade: one depicting Sister Kowalska, one heralding the upcoming World Apostolic Congress on Mercy. It was like a Kowalska convention, and this was to be the spiritual high point.

A band stood outside, outfitted in black berets and olive jackets with red epaulets — a very military effect. Drums, oboes, flutes, saxophones, trumpets, and cymbals played tunes for the crowd milling about on the church steps, awaiting the Cardinal's arrival. (Or so I thought.) And arrive he did, his red-cassocked form stepping out from a sleek black BMW to salutes from two blue-uniformed escorts. The church's pastor approached, smiling, shook the Cardinal's hand and bent to kiss his ring in the same motion. Someone handed the Cardinal what looked like a hand-broom, which he dipped in Holy Water and sprinkled on the assembled crowd. Then he was whisked away, and we filed into church.

Except we didn't, not really. The stone doorway of the church was massive, but mostly blocked. Only two small doors permitted

entrance. Bodies swarmed up the stairs of the church, oblivious to the sight they would behold once inside: more bodies. So many more. The church was at standing room only long before I managed to slip and twist and jostle my way inside. Once I had found a place to stand, some four feet inside the doorway, the bodies kept coming. By the time Mass began, I could feel the breathing of the person in front of me, so packed together was the crowd. The sound system crackled and blared a shrill woman's voice, singing as the Cardinal processed in from the side, surrounded by a host of acolytes and presbyters. He could not possibly have processed in from the rear.

The shrill voice sang in Italian — of course. The rest of the Mass was in Italian as well. Standing body to body at the very back of a packed and massive church for over an hour and a half listening to a language I didn't understand was not exactly conducive to a deep personal communion with the divine. I'm not

sure how good it would have been even if I did know Italian. But clearly, that wasn't the point. The point was to be there, in that place, on that day — to show one's devotion (if only to God and Saint Kowalska) by pressing into a building that was already full to bursting. Throughout the Mass, people wound their way back from parts forward, heading for the door. They had made their appearance, I suppose.

The readings, I found out later, were not entirely given over to the theme of mercy, though the first line of the Responsorial Psalm read: "Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures forever,'" and the Gospel quoted Jesus telling the Apostles, "Whose sins your forgive are forgiven them."

Bertone took up forgiveness in his Homily (and here, I'm working from a fuzzy translation.) "There is no true peace without forgiveness," he said, "which is why we must defuse the potential for war and anger that is in us." At one point, the Cardinal seemed to look up from his notes and speak extemporaneously, with more passion than before. I would like to guess that it was here: "If we do not open our heart to Christ for forgiveness, we cannot renew our existence — we are increasingly compromised. Do not despair; even the greatest sinner can obtain peace of heart... Christ asks us to always have hope for change. Only the love of God will change the world."

Communion provided a final illustration as to the sheer number of worshippers. Priests sallied forth into the solid mass of people, and people pressed in from all sides. I counted at least nine, but it wasn't nearly enough. Priests remained for over an hour after Mass had ended and the Cardinal had departed, distributing the Host to the faithful.

— Matthew Lickona



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My man Patrick will be donning his goggles, taking up his gun, and heading to the field for his first battle. A work colleague has organized a paintball day. “This might just turn into a weekly outing with the guys,” Patrick said, “I need supplies.”

Joe Adkins, manager at Velocity Paintball LLC in Bonita (velocity-paintballpark.com; 619-470-3533), is here to help. “Paintball became a full-fledged sport in 1986,” he explained. “Before that it was used by the U.S. Forest Service to mark trees from a distance and cattle ranchers to mark cattle from a distance. It made their job a lot easier and that’s how it developed.”

Where do people play?

“A lot of people go out into canyons,” he continued, “though some are off limits, and the city usually marks that. But there is a lot of public land where you can play; you just have to use good common sense. Don’t go to a place where there are a lot of people that aren’t participating in the sport. But we always suggest going to an affiliated field because you’re insured if anything does happen.” Velocity Paintball LLC has a field in Ramona.

Is it a warfare game?

“Paintball is like an adult or bigger kids’ version of hide-and-go-seek. Most fields play ‘capture the flag’ or some scenario where there is an objective.” For capture the flag, “the objective is to eliminate your opponents, grab their flag, and bring their flag to your flag station. Whoever does that wins.”

The field has some rules as well. “You have to have goggles made for paintball. We sell and rent them at our field. You also need a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. We also recommend having shoes with good ankle support. There is a speed limit at our field — 280 feet per second — which all guns have to meet. Before you go on the field, we will make sure you’re underneath that speed. Most guns are capable of shooting faster because [the manufacturer doesn’t know] what climate it is going to be in. If you are in Denver, the gun will shoot faster than it will down here at sea level, so they make the guns adjustable.”

Does getting hit hurt?

“It stings like crazy, but it does go away,” Adkins says. “It’s like getting towel whipped, it stings and it hurts but it is not going to kill you, it’s just something that you don’t want.” A lot of the stinging depends on the quality of paintball. “There are different grades of paintball just like the different grades of gas. The more expensive the paintball, the more brittle they are and the easier they break on you so they don’t hurt as bad. Good quality paint, when it breaks, absorbs all the impact instead of you absorbing the impact before it breaks. So it breaks almost instantaneously, almost doesn’t even sting. The WPN Elixer, about \$49 for a case of 2000, is roughly \$20 more [than a cheaper box], but it’s a lot better ball, and it makes the experience a lot better. You don’t

Adkins likens paintballs to scented bath beads.

have to worry about getting a welt.”

Adkins says if you buy paintballs from a big-box store, it’s been sitting on their shelves for a month or two, so the paint continues to age, getting harder and harder. “A paintball store like us only keeps paint for a week.” The shelf life for paintballs is “usually about two weeks to a month. It’ll shoot after that, but it starts becoming real inaccurate.”

Adkins likens paintballs to scented bath beads. “It’s the same type of material but a better quality. They are rounder, and the shell is a bit more brittle so that it easily breaks. They come in a variety of fluorescent colors for visibility, so when you hit someone it marks them real well.”

We moved on to guns. “Tippmann is one of the big brands recommended at the entry level because it’s just so reliable [\$69 up to \$399]. It’s the type of paintball marker that if you don’t clean it or maintain it as well as other ones, it still works. Some other lower-end guns, if you don’t take care of them, they won’t work.”

“Proto is a good middle-of-the-road gun, and they also carry some high-end stuff.

Dye and Planet Eclipse are the two companies with the top-of-the-line paintball guns.” Adkins says middle-of-the-line guns can run from \$240 to \$740, and high-end stuff starts at \$1200 and goes up to about \$2000.

For goggles, “JT and Dye have been the leaders in protective goggles, basically full-face, eye, and ear protection. They also make a helmet version, which covers the top of the head, but most people don’t like that because it doesn’t vent as well. Most people wear a loosely knitted beanie, which usually is enough to not get injured; you can get a headache if you get shot in the head. Decent goggles range from \$29 up to around \$100.”

Cost for playing at the field in Ramona is \$20 a day (does not include air or paintballs), \$35 if you need to rent equipment.

Serop Isagolian, manager at Mr. Paintball USA in Escondido, (mrpaintballusa.com; pro shop, 760-737-8870), says most people want to rent first to see if they enjoy the game.

At Mr. Paintball USA’s field, “\$45 includes 1000 paintballs, goggles, gun, entry to the field, supply of air all day, everything you need to play all day.” For those wanting to purchase supplies, Isagolian recommends a combo package. “Most companies put out a whole package. They usually include a gun, goggles, and an air tank, everything they need to begin [\$150 to \$200].”

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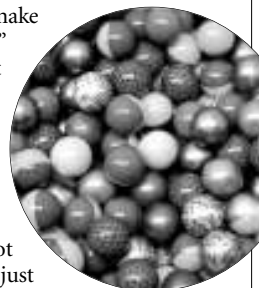
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— Lady Bird Johnson

I was about ten paces from my car door when I heard someone call my name from behind me in the parking garage. I turned to see a familiar face rushing toward me. “Hey, Barbarella, I’m glad I caught you. Can I steal a minute?” I couldn’t help but glance longingly at my car. I’d been so close. I met the man’s eager gaze and nodded. “The young men in the unit next to mine had a party last night. It was terribly loud, kept me up all night,” he said. I raised my brows in encouragement for the man to reach his point. “Well, so I wanted to let you know.” “Did you knock on the door and ask them to keep it down?” I asked.

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“No,” he answered. I stared at him, a silent request for clarification. “Isn’t there some rule against parties?” he asked. “No, people can do whatever they want in their own homes, as long as it doesn’t harm or unduly irritate others,” I said. “Well, the noise was incredible. It was ridiculous. And who knows how many people they had in there. Isn’t that against the rules?” “Excessive noise is, yes,” I said. “Thanks for letting me know. I’ll make sure this is handled in accordance with our rules and regulations.” “You’re going to send them a violation, right?” “As I said, I’ll make

sure it’s handled according to our rules and regulations.” “Well, if you send the violation notice, just don’t, you know, please don’t let them know who reported them.” “Of course,” I said. “But if it happens again, you might try going over there. I mean, they may not have realized they were disturbing you.” Then, because it only just occurred to me, I said, “Do you know their names?” “Yeah, they’re...well, I can’t seem to think of them, but it’ll come to me. But, anyway, thank you, and I’ll be sure to let you know if there are any more issues with them. I think we might have a few trouble-makers on our hands,” he said. This is my third year on the board of my homeowners’ association. When David and I purchased our unit (at the time, no more than a drawing on a napkin), the community concept had not been a deciding factor. Of course, we didn’t want sucky neighbors, but we weren’t looking for a building full of new best buddies either. I prefer a friendly hello in the hallway to a stop-in-the-foyer-and-shoot-the-shit-for-three-hours when all I wanted to do was collect my mail. Because of my voluntary involvement in our building’s affairs (control freaks have a hand in everything), I know more of the residents than most. Even so, as people move out and others move in, the number of familiar faces is

dwindling. It seems people don’t trust strangers, even if they share a wall with one. If someone encounters dog piss in the elevator, they’re inclined to point the finger at the person furthest from their invite list. “Must be that guy next to me, he has a dog. He never says hello, just the type to leave a mess.” Because we couldn’t possibly imagine that nice Amanda from down the hall and her adorable pup, Buster, as the culprits. “After all, it was only yesterday that she brought me a slice of homemade cake. How could anyone so thoughtful and generous disregard a mess like that?” Whether it’s local business owners, servers at my favorite restaurants, or other residents in my building, I like to know the people I encounter on a regular basis. I spent most of my youth living in Navy housing — from San Diego to Adak, Alaska, to Newport, Rhode Island, and back. Every door in those neighborhoods was always open, and weekend cul-de-sac barbecues were the norm. If one of the military guys had to take off on leave, everyone on the block was available should the guy’s wife and children need anything. My parents, back in their hometown of Brooklyn, New York, would never have left a door unlocked or allowed their children to walk alone in the city. But the base was like a giant playground — we were set free and not worried about; we could walk a mile to



George “King” Stahlman

The King’s Criminal of the Week:

According to WGEM in Quincy, Illinois, a teenage boy who bragged about burning down a church has been arrested. The station received a tip that the fire may have been started on purpose by a boy who bragged about it on GameFAQS.com. When some of the members of the site claimed his posting was a fake, the boy posted pictures of himself starting the fire and bragged about starting another fire at a school.

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the local market if we wanted because my parents trusted the village to look after us. When issues arose in our corner of suburbia, there was no privatized police force to report them to — neighbors discussed and resolved them face-to-face.

It's easy to cast aside good-neighborliness in favor of insensitive and bitchy vitriol when hidden behind the guise of "anonymous." How many incendiary comments on how many hundreds of websites would disappear if full legal names were required for posting? Along the same lines, I wonder how the delivery of homeowner complaints might be different should residents have to recite them in person to the alleged perpetrators. On the flip side, I'd like to think that if a dog-owner or coffee-spiller had to watch someone else clean up his mess, then he would be less inclined to leave another. And that the peo-

ple who force pizza boxes into the trash chute (despite the large signs posted on every floor begging them not to) might instead choose to take a short elevator ride down to the trash room had they seen their flushed, 60-year-old neighbor struggle for an hour to dig out their mess at the other end.

If every person in my building did one thoughtful thing for one neighbor each week, I imagine the complaints I receive would all but disappear. In my ideal urban community, people look out for one another without being all up in each other's business. I'm not talking maid service or anything, but simple things, like picking up a neighbor's package that was left in front of the mailboxes and dropping it by his front door, or cleaning up your dog's piddle so no one inadvertently steps in the puddle while walking into the elevator. True community requires common courtesy combined

with neighborly considerations. Then again, there's a good chance that in the future we'll all be sitting in our boxes, connected virtually, conducting our lives and errands in online neighborhoods. I wonder how long it will be before someone figures out how to get their avatar to cram a damn pizza box down the virtual trash chute. ■

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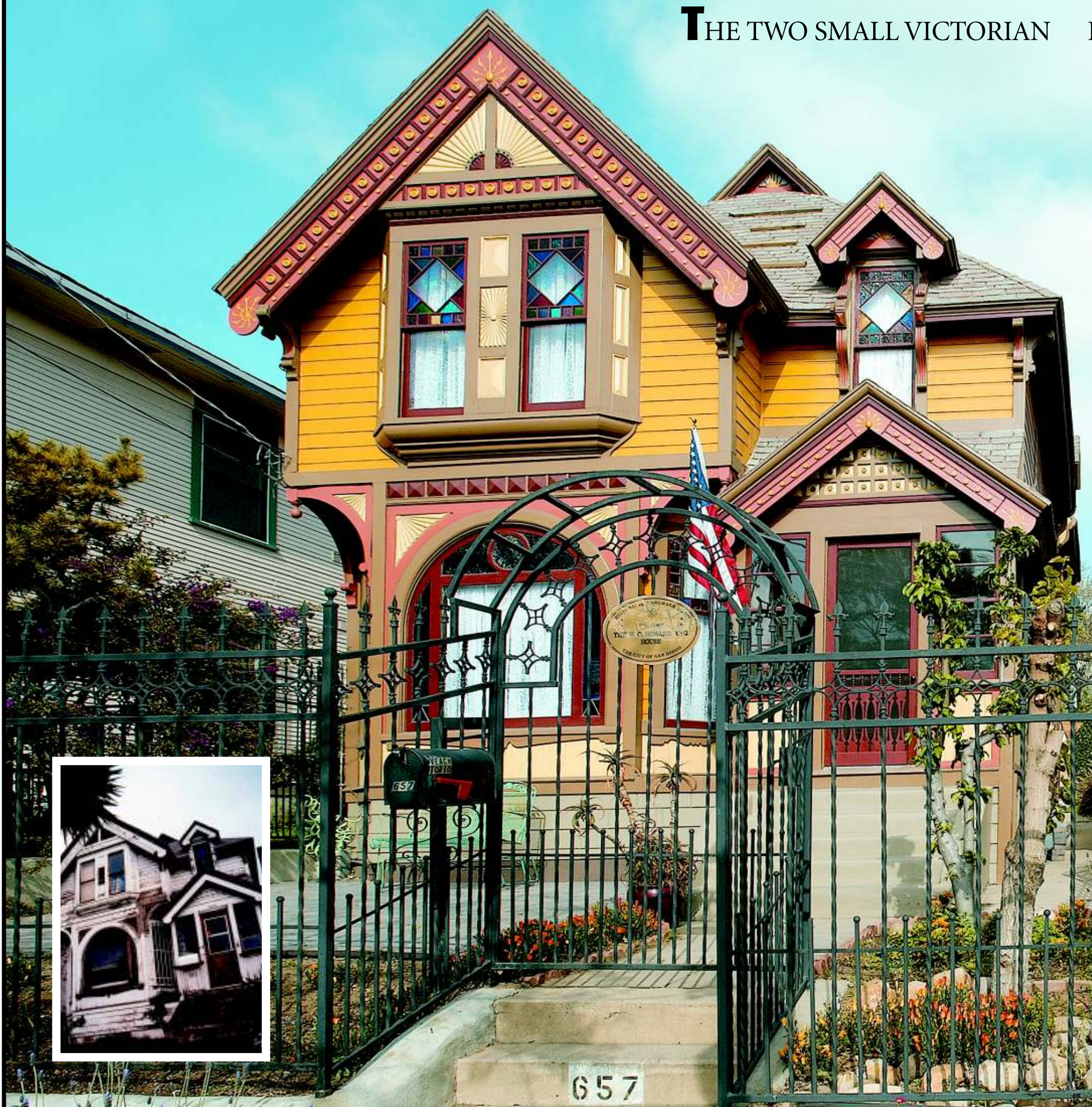


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HOMES on 20th Street in Sherman Heights that Louise Torio and her husband Steve Veach have restored are examples of how the Mills Act can benefit the owners, their neighborhood, and the city. Available only for designated historic homes, the Mills Act is a contract between the City and the property owner that requires the home's exterior be preserved in return for a property tax break. The savings can range from 20 to 70 percent.





Demolition of 4261 Trias Street home

“When Golden Hill and Sherman Heights were considered ‘bad’ areas to live,” Torio says, “it was the preservation-ists who moved in, fixed up, and revitalized the community.”

Torio and Veach’s residence is the Mary and W.C. Howard House, a 1110-square-foot Victorian Stick built

circa 1885. The house next door is the Crellin Cottage, an 850-square-foot Folk Victorian built in 1887 and originally owned by Lillie and John Crellin.

Torio says that when they were shown the Howard House, in 1994, they arrived early to meet the realtor, only to see police raid the house

and arrest a tenant, while roommates came screaming and crying out into the street. Torio and Veach still made an offer, but it was rejected. Six months later the owners reconsidered the offer.

The house was in pretty bad shape. The original wooden double-hung windows had been

painted shut and covered with security bars, their glass replaced with Plexi-glas. Plugging in appliances came with an electrical shock. The exterior was painted a storybook blue, lavender, and white. The interior, occupied for years by renters, was even worse. Upstairs, the hardwood floors were hidden under beat-up

red shag carpeting; downstairs, linoleum had been glued on top. The plaster walls were covered in layers of wallpaper. The place reeked of dog urine.

Torio and Veach began restoring the house: replacing the windows, stripping the paint, then using a historic color palette of amber

gold, green, and brown to slowly bring the exterior to resemble its original appearance. During that time, the elderly owner of the cottage next door offered to sell them her home. They jumped at the chance.

“We didn’t know what we were in for,” Torio says.

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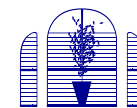


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"We opened up doors that were either nailed shut or covered over. When we actually got to see what we bought, it was really in awful shape. The house was covered with Tex-Cote, the porch had been enclosed, an illegal room and bathroom addition at the back of the house had to be demolished, and then I freaked about just how much work had to be done. We applied for the Mills Act right

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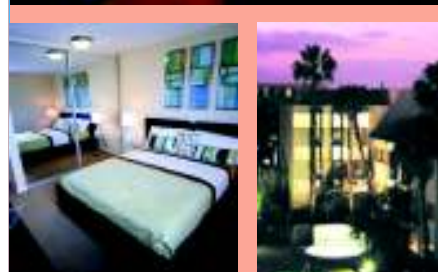
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away when we bought this house.

"We're not rich people, and we're looking at costs," Torio says. "If we didn't have the Mills Act, we wouldn't be doing this."

Torio and Veach stopped working on the Howard House and put their energy into the Crellin Cottage. Torio says it took a year to scrape the Tex-Cote off the exterior. They opened up and reconfigured the porch. They replaced the aluminum windows with wooden ones. After a neighbor who had lived across the street for more than 50 years related how the original stained glass had been pulled out and sold, they put in six stained-glass windows.

Their restoration work earned the couple an award in 2004 from the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board.

"My tax savings is a couple of grand a year," Torio says. "I started

eight thousand dollars' worth of effort, and used local trades people and put that money into the local economy. Nobody gave us a loan. It wasn't a Mills Act loan; it was a Mills Act incentive."

The tax savings don't come close to covering the expenses.

restoring the house — you get into it, you see another thing that needs to be fixed, and then another thing. We undertook a total and complete foundation-to-roof restoration, put in

Nobody Wants to Live in a Museum

Preservationists such as Veach and Torio worry that the City, looking for new sources of revenue, could kill its Mills Act

program with recently proposed changes to eligibility requirements.

The reforms, presented by city staffers on January 14 at a meeting of the Historical Resources Board's Policy Subcommittee, sent a shockwave through the city's preservationist community, made up of homeowners, realtors, consultants, and craftsmen. While some of the proposed changes are welcomed, such as increasing fees to cover the cost of staff time, the audience questioned whether the City was trying to undermine the program.

The reforms include "imposing a limit on the number of Mills Act contracts awarded each year"

and limiting eligibility to houses that are threatened by deterioration or abandonment, that can be used for affordable housing, that are owned by someone who cannot afford to maintain the house, or that are located in areas "where the City is concentrating revitalization efforts."

As the meeting ended and the room cleared out, attendees predicted that historic homes in San Diego's oldest neighborhoods — Kensington, Point Loma, North Park, La Jolla, Sherman Heights, Loma Portal, Golden Hill, South Park, Mission Hills, and others — would be torn down for McMansions and cookie-cutter condos.

Then two months later, on March 19, the San Diego County Grand Jury released a report titled "History Hysteria: Historical Resources in the City of San Diego."

The grand jury's report was also an attack on the criteria used to designate historical buildings and on the number of Mills Act contracts approved every year. It called for an 18-month moratorium on accepting new applications; recommended that the city council, rather than the historical board, approve new contracts; and advocated restricting the number of examples of each housing type eligible for a contract. The report asked, "How

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many examples of Craftsman houses does the City really need?"

The Mills Act was named after James Mills, a former state senator from San Diego. It was patterned after the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, better known as the Williamson Act. After World War II, as California's cities grew, the property taxes on farmland surrounding

the cities skyrocketed, forcing farmers to sell their land to pay the taxes. The Williamson Act provided that if a farmer signed an agreement to continue working his land for the next ten years, the property tax would be based on the income the farm generated.

During the 1970s, when sky-high property taxes were forcing people

to sell their houses, Mills worked to come up with a similar state law to protect historic homes.

"This was before Proposition 13, which radically limited property taxes," Mills says in a recent interview. "So at that time, if somebody was living in a historic house or a house that should be preserved, and it was in an area where the property values were

increasing — let's say, close to a downtown area would be a typical area — the property values would go so high that people couldn't afford to live in the house anymore. They would have to sell it.

"The house would be sold and torn down, and something would be built on the site that would produce enough income to pay the property tax. So that's where the bill came from originally. It said if people were willing to sign agreements that said they were willing to not alter the exterior of the property for ten years, the property tax, the assessed valuation, would be based on the value of the existing structure as an income-producing property. So if a house was in an area where the property values were going through the roof, the house would still be taxed on the basis of its value as an investment to

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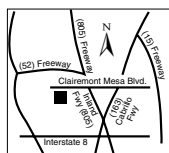
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the City were to cancel a contract this year, the property tax benefit would be phased out over the next ten years, at which time the house would be assessed at the Prop 13 value. Because the Mills Act agreement stays with the house and not the owner, it's one way homeowners can protect their home from being torn down after they die.

The main responsibilities of a homeowner with a Mills Act contract are to preserve the building, following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, created by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park

Service.

The standards focus on four categories: preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction. The standards apply to the exterior only. Owners can upgrade the interior — remodel the kitchen or bathroom, install modern lighting — to make their home function for their family's needs.

“Nobody wants to live in a museum,” Louise Torio says. “It's all about living in a historic house with today's needs.”

As for How the Tax Break Is Calculated

Kendrick says the Assessor's Office bases its assessment of a Mills

Act house on rents charged for houses in the surrounding area that are of similar size and have comparable attributes.

“It actually is pretty complicated,” Kendrick says, “and we let the computer do it for us. What it does is it values [the property] as if it were an income property. It comes up with an artificially low value. As rents go up, the Mills Act value goes up. If rents go down, the Mills Act value goes down.”

As a simple example, Kendrick says that if a home with a Prop 13 assessed value of \$327,000 could be rented for \$1500 a month, the reassessed value using the Mills Act

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In return for receiving the tax break, Kendrick says, the homeowner gives up a number of property rights.

"They're giving up the right to tear down that house," he says. "You may have to go to the particular jurisdiction for special permission whenever you're going to make changes on the property. What's in the contract varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Some cities are stricter than others on what they allow you to do with a Mills Act property."

San Diego adopted

the Mills Act in 1995. The County, Chula Vista, Coronado, Encinitas, Escondido, La Mesa, National City, Oceanside, and San Marcos also issue Mills Act contracts to property owners.

"And if a person that has been granted the Mills Act breaks the contract," Kendrick says, "there's a penalty of 12.5 percent of the market value of the property — not the Prop 13 value, not the Mills Act value, but the market value of the property. So we have not had anyone break their contract in the county of San Diego."

For example, if the owner of the \$327,000 home broke the Mills Act contract and the home would fetch \$600,000 if sold today,

the owner would be fined \$75,000.

To be eligible for the Mills Act program in San Diego, a house must first be designated by the Historical Resources Board as historically significant. Currently, the City requires that the property meet at least one of five criteria:

- The property exemplifies a historical, cultural, or engineering development.
- The property is identified with a significant person or event.
- The property embodies distinctive characteristics of construction or craftsmanship.
- The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, or architect.
- The property is designated or is eligible for

designation on a federal or state historic register.

Additionally, a clearly defined neighborhood that represents one or more historic architectural styles can be designated as a historical site.

Subsidy for Wealthy Homeowners? Or Economic Engine?

Preservationists believe that the reason the City has proposed limiting the program is because it has been so successful. San Diego has more Mills Act agreements than any other city in the state — 822 out of a statewide total of approximately 2500. Critics label the program a subsidy for wealthy homeowners, bestowed at the expense of the city's crumbling

infrastructure and impoverished schools. Preservationists point out that it's an expensive and time-consuming process to apply for a Mills Act contract, taking two to three years, and that historic houses create economic multipliers that raise surrounding property values and support a skilled industry — the very things politicians promise to do when running for office.

As the primary election approaches, residents of the city's historic districts and the industry they support have begun to make Mayor Jerry Sanders aware of their contributions to the local economy.

Immediately following the release of the

grand jury report, Sanders repeated his call for Mills Act reforms, but he ignored the report's recommendation to temporarily end the program. Instead he's called for a series of public workshops beginning Friday, April 18.

His opponent Steve Francis was quick to respond to the mayor's announcement, saying he opposes Sanders's proposal to limit the number of contracts and to change the eligibility requirements, which could potentially halt the program.

"One of the things that they have said is by doing away with this program, it's going to save over \$4 million. It's really not," Francis says. "That's all the entities —



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According to the figures that the Tax Assessor's Office provided to the grand jury, the City loses \$607,571 annually in property taxes due to the Mills Act.

Representatives for Sanders's campaign did not comment.

Given the City's long list of problems, Francis says he doubts that the Mills Act will be a campaign issue.

Ron May, president of Legacy 106, says the candidates' positions on this issue will influence how historic homeowners vote. Legacy 106 specializes in restoration projects and environ-



Preservationists Steve Veach and Louise Torio worry that the city could kill its Mills Act program

mental services that include historic research, archaeology, and land-use issues.

"The mayor might be paying the price at the next election," May says, "if 800 families suddenly lose their Mills Act contracts. It's something

Sanders should be considering before the election and probably why he didn't terminate the program."

Realtor Elizabeth Courtiér, who specializes in historic properties, says that while the tax break is an incentive,

homeowners will tell you that the savings isn't their motivation for preserving San Diego's pre-World War II housing stock. Besides, she says, the tax savings don't come close to covering the expenses of restoring and maintaining a 100-

year-old house.

Courtier owns Page Manor, a prairie-style home in Point Loma built by Walter Keller in 1904. Walter Page, the original owner, was connected to the Theosophical Institute, located in the wooded area that is now Point Loma Nazarene University.

The main motivation to preserve a building, Courtier says, is a love of architecture, of history, and of living in a community that has character.

Courtier says critics of the Mills Act program generally fail to realize that before the Historical Resources Board will even consider giving a house historic designation, the majority of the applicants spend tens of thousands of dollars, if not hundreds of thousands, hiring craftsmen, master carpenters, and specialists to strip layers

of paint and stucco, restore roofs, and replace modern window frames with vintage-style wooden ones.

The work, along with the home's history, must be documented in a designation report for the City. A property owner with free time could prepare the report himself, but many choose to hire a consultant, such as Ron May, at a cost of around \$3000.

"The [historical designation] system was based on the way things were done in 1965, and it holds a really high standard of how pristine a building is in relation to how it was built originally," May says. "It's a very high standard for an individual house. You have to produce old photographs or have an expert crawl around the building and determine whether the stucco, wood covering, or win-

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"It takes a long time to do that, and the City wants all of that information and often will send you back to do more if they don't think you have enough."

Former Historical Resources Board member and architect Ione

Stiegler says that labeling the Mills Act as a property tax break for the wealthy is misleading.

"It is really a tax break for reinvestment for the community, acknowledging that older homes cost more to maintain and to maintain correctly," Stiegler says. "You can't just go down to Home Depot and find the part you need. You can't just call any handyman, because they all don't know how to reset a historic sash-way so your windows will function properly. You have to hire craftsmen who cost more to work on it properly."

Stiegler served on the Historical Resources Board the maximum term of eight years, under three mayors. She was on the board in 1995, when the city approved the Mills Act. She and other board members had lobbied

the council to adopt it, having grown concerned that some of San Diego's earliest remaining homes were falling into disrepair or being bought by speculators, who had no qualms about demolishing them and building 10,000-square-foot houses in neighborhoods filled with small bungalows.

Before the Mills Act, she says, there was no economic benefit to the homeowner for saving a house, while there were numerous state and federal incentives for saving commercial buildings. She points to the new Courtyard by Marriott hotel, formerly the old San Diego Trust and Savings Bank in the Gaslamp Quarter.

"They were taking an office building and bank and converting it into a hotel," she says. "There are lots of cost-saving measures and adoptive code-compliance issues that they can use the state Historic Building Code for. But a single-family home staying as a single-family home, there was no benefit."

Although even James Mills questions San Diego's eligibility requirements, saying, "They are now approving buildings that are not as old as I am; that doesn't really quite seem what we had in mind," Stiegler has a simple explanation for why San Diego has so many Mills

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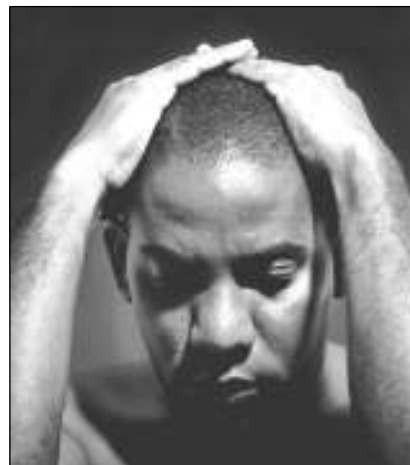
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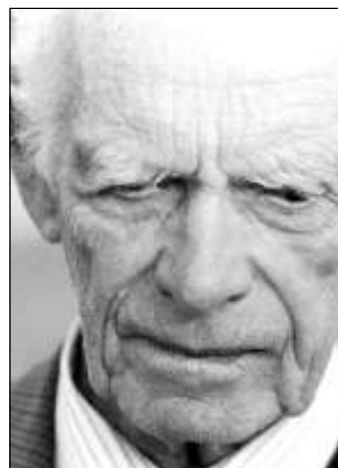
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"One of the things that they often say is, 'Why are we so out of kilter with other cities?' We're a huge geographic area," Stiegler says. Los Angeles is bigger, she acknowledges, but a lot of L.A.'s historic areas are not in the city of L.A. "Pasadena, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, they're separate cities. It would be interesting to see what geographic area of L.A. built prior to World War II still is standing, has not been redeveloped over. Plus I believe they have different ways of designating than we do. I know San Francisco has even stricter requirements for designation."

Stiegler points out that the 822 Mills Act homes in the city of San Diego is a small number when compared to San Diego's 500,000 housing units. Out of half a million homes, she estimates

that no more than 1500 could ever qualify for a Mills Act agreement.

The Halo Effect

Andrew Narwold, a professor of economics at the University of San Diego, has studied the economic benefit to the City of restoring and

says. The type of study Narwold and his coauthors did is known as an impact analysis. "You see that with sports teams all the time, such as how much is the Super Bowl worth, those kinds of studies. We did the same kind of thing trying to trace out the effect of

Tourists spend time in neighborhoods like Mission Hills, Hillcrest, North Park.

maintaining historic homes.

"A homeowner spending an additional \$1000 a year on maintenance, well, that supports the contractor, and the contractor spends it on other things, and that works its way through the economy," Narwold

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Titled "Historic Designation and Residential Property Values" and coauthored by Narwold's USD colleagues, professor of economics

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Jonathan Sandy and associate professor of real estate Charles Tu, the study looked at home sales between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2006, in the 92103 and 92104 zip codes, which include Mission Hills, Hillcrest, and North Park. Of approximately 2000 sales during the period, 25 homes had Mills Act contracts.

"Using a statistical technique," Narwold says, "we were able to differentiate the value placed on those homes — comparing square footage of the lot

size, square footage of the home, number of bedrooms, number of bathrooms — we were able to find that those homes that were historically designated sold for about 16 percent more than those that weren't."

Narwold was surprised by the increased sales price. Usually property restrictions and loss of property rights reduce property values.

"So there's something else going on that says people really value these houses over and above just the simple tax benefit that they get from

it," he says. "But the City does lose some revenue on those particular houses that are designated."

According to Narwold, however, the increased value of surrounding properties more than makes up for the loss. He refers to this as the halo effect.

"Having a historic house with a plaque tends to increase the property value of those houses around it," he says. The loss of property tax on a house with a Mills Act contract "could very easily be picked up

by the 10 or 20 houses around it."

Historic Neighborhoods Draw Tourists

Bruce Coons, executive director of Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), says the biggest economic benefit the City overlooks when it considers changes that could effectively end the Mills Act program is the positive effect the act has on the tourism industry.

"About three years ago, the Travel Industry Association of America did a study of American travelers. It said 81 per-

cent of Americans traveling that year visited cultural and historic sites throughout the country. It's a huge number," Coons says. "They stayed longer, spent more money than previous types of categories of tourist."

"Then the Los Angeles convention and visitors bureau said, 'Hmmm, that's interesting. Let's see what that means for Southern California.'"

Coons says L.A.'s convention bureau came up with the same figure: 81 percent of tourists

traveling to San Diego and L.A. were visiting the cities' historic and cultural sites.

"So they asked, 'What are they looking at?' because we don't have Williamsburg, Plymouth, or Jamestown, and it turned out it was the neighborhoods. They were spending time in neighborhoods like Mission Hills, Hillcrest, North Park. They just wanted to experience an area that had charm and was different from where they came from. They were spending time in the shops and enjoying

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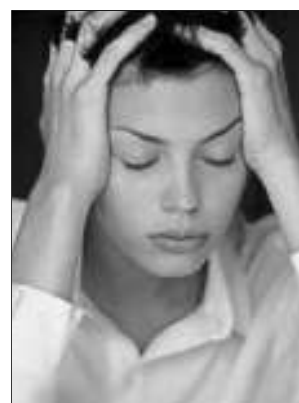
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being in a different locale that had a historic ambience.

"They were going to the Gaslamp and Old Town too, the mission and other places, but the majority of the activity was the experience of being in a place different from where they came from but had a historic ambience and a character of its own," he says. "It's more wide-ranging than what people thought. It was rather shocking to our convention bureau. Cultural and heritage tourism is one of the biggest things out there. Just the benefit of preserving these houses and having an incentive to preserve these houses contributes vastly to the economy more than anything else except for biotech."

City's Proposed Rule Change "Makes Zero Sense"

While many preservationists welcome some of the changes the City has proposed, such as increasing fees to cover the cost of city staff, tailoring contracts so specific work is done in a timely fashion, and setting up an inspection program, the change in eligibility requirements has them worried.

The City is propos-

ing that to be eligible a house must be abandoned or deteriorating, be used for affordable housing, be owned by someone who cannot afford the maintenance costs, or be located in a

qualify for landmarking. It's like gerrymandering the application of the rule to make sure that nobody would qualify."

Courtiér says the new requirements make no sense economically.

Courtiér believes the mayor doesn't understand the consequences of changing the program.

revitalization area.

"The blighted areas are in a catch-22," Legacy 106's Ron May says.

"They're blighted, and by definition the buildings don't have any integrity. They're destroyed and damaged to the point where they would never

"First off, if it's in that poor of repair, the people who live there more than likely do not have the financial resources to [restore the building]," she says. "So

if someone is going to purchase it, they're looking at a significant amount of money they're going to need to put into it. But it can't be designated in its current state — by definition, if it's deteriorated or almost abandoned, then it [can't] be designated. You would have to find a buyer that has so much money and really wants to be altruistic, put all of this money into it, work with the City — which is not an easy or comfortable process — to eventually get it designated, to eventually get some kind of tax benefit for it. I can tell you right now, they're going to demolish it. It's economics."

Tying designation to affordable housing can't

work either, Courtiér says.

"I don't see how that dovetails into single-family residences or how they're designated. Is that only if it's an apartment? How is this supposed to create affordable hous-

ing? Let's say it's a multi-family housing unit, like an apartment building. They're going to go in, put all this money into it, and do it for affordable housing? They can't afford to. This makes zero sense. Again, people

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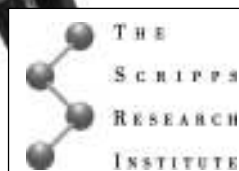
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Is the Building Industry Association Driving This?

The grand jury's recently released report, on the face of it, seemed to have exposed a law that allows the owner of an old

house to write a report, present it to the historical board, and receive a fat tax break at the expense of schoolkids and firemen. But members of the preservationist community see many

flaws in the report, the most glaring being that the grand jury's only interviews were with officials with the Tax Assessor's Office, members of the Historical Resources Board, and the

board's staffers at the City's planning department.

"They have no expertise, and they didn't talk to anyone with any expertise to help them understand what they

were dealing with," Bruce Coons, of Save Our Heritage Organisation, says. "Usually a grand jury tries to talk to everybody involved to get an idea of what the issues are. Of course, I'm not sure the subject is even appropriate for a grand jury at all, due to their lack of expertise. Some of the report is absolutely hilarious — they talk about paint colors. Those aren't even regulated by the City of San Diego for historic resources."

Coons isn't sure what motivated the grand jury to conduct a one-sided look at the Mills Act, but he says developers would love to see the Mills Act weakened or even eliminated.

"One of the things in the background that's really driving this is the Building Industry Association," Coons says.

"They've been so upset about all the designations and people trying to preserve their houses and neighborhoods. They go ballistic if we mention community character, and they've said, I quote, 'If we can't scrape these neighborhoods — Mission Hills, North Park, Hillcrest — then we're out of business.' They visit the mayor's office several times a week, and they've been pushing this and pushing this. I'm sure they'll tell you the same thing. They've been absolutely unabashed about saying that. They've said it to me many times. Because they think that all the available land is gone, and if their members are going to build in the previous paradigm, then they need to clear large tracts of land and build."

Ron May, of Legacy 106, voices several concerns.

"First of all, the title of this thing is very unprofessional — 'History Hysteria,'" May says. "Why would a professional person on the grand jury write that as an objective government

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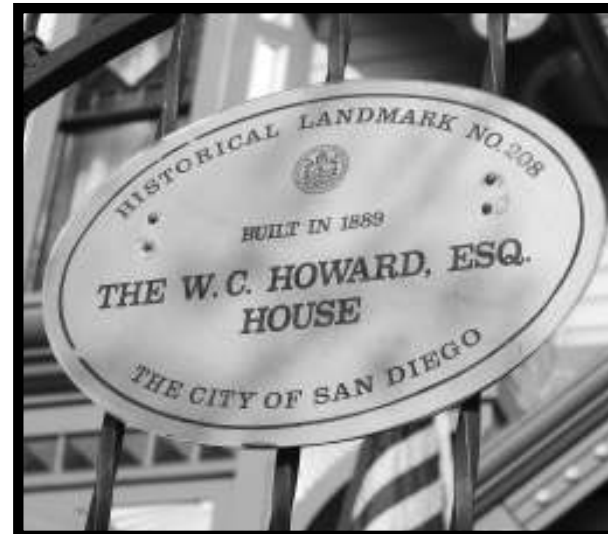
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document? Secondly, for a thorough, in-depth grand jury investigation, to just go to the Tax Assessor's Office and then go to the historical board staff, it seems very inappropriate."

May says the report misleads the public into thinking that the historical board rubber-stamps every Mills Act application.

"They don't understand that they spend two hours reading the report and looking at every piece of evidence that we've laid out — the sewer permits, the newspaper clippings, the photographs — all the evidence needed to argue why this building is historically significant."

The reason a high proportion of applications are approved, May says, is because only the best applicants make it through the rigorous process.



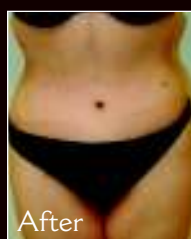
"We get lots of people who come to us, and we hire on to go look at their house and make an assessment," May says. "We tell them, this house is not going to landmark because it has the following problems. It just doesn't meet an architectural style, or maybe they slapped two buildings together. Those types of houses never even make it. They go through the

gauntlet. By the time they get on the agenda at the historical board, those are the better houses. The [planning department] staff will look at the nominations that homeowners bring in, and they'll make that decision too. They say, 'There's just too many problems with this house. We won't even put it on the agenda.' Again, the grand jury

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report doesn't reflect an understanding of the process we all go through."

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Under the strong mayor form of government, Mayor Sanders controls both the planning department and the Historical Resources Board. May, Stiegler, Torio, Coons, and Courtier say they hope Sanders understands how the proposed changes could affect San Diego's oldest communities.

They say they appreciate the pressure to come up with money for city coffers but that changes being proposed would cost the City more than it would save.

"I would like to correct the mayor's impression of what is truly lost in taxes. I believe that's been seriously misstated," Stiegler says. "I think

there are some weaknesses in the program, such as the City not properly monitoring the projects that it has put under the Mills Act. It's not the homeowners' fault. That's the City's fault, and the City should have a program in place to monitor that these buildings are being maintained. If that needs to happen with an increase of fees for requesting a Mills Act contract or an annual fee for review of the site, I think that's appropriate, as long as it's a reasonable amount."

Courtier believes the mayor doesn't understand the consequences of changing the City's Mills Act program.

"I voted for Mayor Sanders," she says. "I'd like to believe that he's just being advised incorrectly. He's not an expert at this, but he really doesn't realize the ramifications of [the proposed

changes]. Whoever is dreaming this up, I'd like to be positive and think they just don't understand the ramifications of what they're saying."

May says the proposed changes to the Mills Act are just one threat to preserving San Diego's history. For instance, he says, illegal demolitions occur around the city, and the Developmental Services Department ignores the problem.

"I think they would destroy the buildings and put tombstones up where they used to be," he says. "I don't think monuments tell stories about where people live."

Coons paints a vivid picture of San Diego without the Mills Act.

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It surprised me that he wanted to meet at Extraordinary Desserts. I think of this guy eating raw eggs, like Rocky.

I sit down and wait, and when he walks in, I recognize him immediately. In a room full of pot bellies, it's not hard spotting a guy covered in muscle.

As he sits down I say, "What can you possibly eat here?" He laughs and says, "I've actually had these stomach pains. My doctor told

me it's a virus and that I should eat less lettuce."

"I wish my doctor would say that." I tell the waitress I'd like a turkey panini.

Guillaume orders only tuna on a plate with some bread sticks. The waitress, used to taking dessert orders, has a look on her face, as if she smells bad fish. She tells him she isn't sure how they'll prepare the tuna, and he says he's ordered it raw here before. They'll know it's for him.

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she's excited. Earlier, when she'd spotted my notepad, camera, and pen, she'd told

me she was also a writer; now she tells Guillaume that they have something in com-

mon too. I say, "I'll bet \$50 he can beat you arm wrestling." She ignores me and says to Guillaume, "We're both title holders. I'm a Miss La Mesa."

After she leaves, I ask about his diet.

"I'm strict about every food I put in my body, even vitamins. I don't take any type of vitamins, because you don't know what's in there."

Cutting to the chase, I say, "What about steroids?

I'm sure that has been asked."

"Why would I want to damage my liver and the rest of my body? People always think weight lifters take those things, or supplements. A lot of my build is genetics. My dad had huge shoulders. My mom had really muscular legs. When I did judo at nine years of age, I could do more push-ups than anyone. Eventually, I started weight lifting. I sometimes say my body is like a work of art. But at every competition, people have

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accused me of steroids. I would let them test me, even though it wasn't required. I never once failed. Other times, lifters will accuse me. I throw my keys to them. I tell them to look at my hotel room, or my house. They actually have. In Nice, France, they went up to my room and looked through everything. They saw my hot plate, the chicken, turkey, rice. You see, I can't eat in restaurants and tell them, 'No butter, no salt.' I can't take the chance. And in a few days, they're eating the same things and have bought a hot plate."

Does it bother you that Arnold Schwarzenegger admitted taking steroids? And that Barry Bonds broke a record in baseball having taken illegal supplements?

"I don't say that about Bonds. You don't know for sure. And those are the types of accusations that I've always had against me. In weight-lifting competitions, after I proved I didn't take steroids, I had to deal with politics. I thought I should've won Mr. America one year. I overheard a judge say I don't have to work hard. I work out in the morning and at night. And I do it year round. Other lifters look flabby when they aren't competing. They might have to work harder before a competition. They are surprised by me. But I enjoy it. It's healthy. Arnold took this stuff, and who knows what kind of damage he did to his body in the long run."

Do weight lifters get injuries that other athletes do?

"You can have back problems if you don't lift properly. But that can happen if you just bend over to pick up a newspaper, because you're using half of your body weight wrong. Doing a lot of reps causes wear and tear on your joints."

I saw a child on the news a few years back, covered in muscles. Is that safe? Or does that stunt his growth?

"It won't stunt his growth. That's a myth. But having any child lift weights is crazy. Again, it's bad for the joints. The best thing kids can do is use their own body weight: sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups."

I had looked into Guillaume's weight-lifting competitions and saw that in the '80s, he won a number of them, starting with Teen Mr. America in 1980. Since

he has a thick accent, I ask him about being American. He says he's originally from Haiti. When I ask if he ever goes home, he tells me it's too dangerous there.

"I've been in San Diego since 1989. I had a brother

that lived here. I also lived in Germany and spent time in Chicago."

Guillaume was in Mr. Olympia, a competition started in 1965 for the winners of Mr. Universe in order to help the sport of body-

building grow. The founders also hoped they could earn the kind of money that other pro athletes got. Schwarzenegger won six titles; the movie *Pumping Iron* covered one of the events. I ask Guillaume if he has any Arnold stories.

He laughs and says, "Yeah, but I can't say. Too many people like him."

I prod and he tells me, "When I lived in Venice Beach, we worked out together for about eight months."

When he adds nothing

more to the story, I ask if he gets bugged while he's lifting from people that want advice. He says, "Oh, yeah. I'll talk to them between my reps. Sometimes they'll comment that they tried my workout after watching me and that

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it was too hard."

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"No. I'll talk to them. I don't mind. Sometimes, what's frustrating...I was training this rich guy in Chicago. Driving up, it looked like the White House. A huge fountain in the front yard. He asked me if I wanted to see his two Rolls-Royces. And then, he was trying to negotiate the price for training. He was a little cheap. And other people that don't have much money, they don't do that. They just pay me without complaining."

Our food arrives. And I've never felt so guilty for what I've ordered. I think maybe I'll only eat half my panini. Not only does Guillame's tuna fish look gross, but it's such a small amount on a small plate. He picks up a bread stick, and I can see the veins in his hands bulging, as if it's a 50-pound dumbbell he's lifting. He scoops some tuna onto the bread and puts it in his mouth. He says, "You

work out, right?" I laugh so loud, the entire restaurant looks over. I'm definitely not taking my leather jacket off.

I tell him that other than daily racquetball games, and the occasional basketball, I don't touch weights. He tells me that cardio is important, but so is weight training.

skate at Venice Beach, everyone would comment on me doing steroids. I hated it. They are just assuming that. I hear everyone say that when I walk by."

Do you go up and explain that you don't?

"No. I just ignore it. If I confronted them, then

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Mustard is dripping off the sides of my mouth. As I wipe it away, I change the subject from my eating habits and ask, "When you walk down the street, do people cross to the other side? Or do they comment on your build?"

"When I used to roller-

they'd say I had 'roid rage. I can't win."

I mentioned that I'd seen a workout DVD he sold online.

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Internet. I'm not making a dime off that video. I've had a lot of opportunities to make money that I didn't pursue. I've had companies asking me to advertise their supplements and products. I turned them down since I don't use the products. They didn't even care. They still wanted me to."

What about the products we see on TV, like Suzanne Somers and her ThighMaster? Or the weight machines Chuck Norris advertises on infomercials?

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Should people wait between days of lifting?

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What was your worst injury?

"I've hurt my back

before. The worst was my first time using a T-bar. You roll the weight down using your wrists. I did 15, and when I tried to do 2 more...that's when it snapped and I got injured."

Can you tell by looking

at someone if they take steroids?

"No, you can't. The only way to tell is testing the hair or urine. I would always let them test me. Some people mention lie-detector tests. But those aren't accurate.

What if you are nervous?"

I wanted to ask some people at fitness places about the things I discussed with Guillaume, so I go to Bally's on Mira Mesa Boulevard. I see they are going out of business next month and

can't talk without permission from the main offices. I drive over to the 24-Hour Fitness on Miramar Road and talk to Jason Felix, who I'm told is one of the top trainers there.

He tells me he's been

with 24-Hour Fitness for ten years. When I tell him about my conversation with Guillaume, he says, "That guy has to be on steroids. Anyone covered in muscles like that usually is. I've been in this game too long. I've seen

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it all. You can instantly tell when you see someone. Sometimes it's their skin color or the temper tantrums. Or, if someone comes in benching 225 pounds and are doing 300 a month later. I see some people with what is called a 'blow gut,' which looks like they're pregnant."

I tell him Guillaume seems legitimate, and when I mention him competing as a middleweight, Felix says, "Oh, well...I was thinking more about those heavy-weights, covered in muscles. You just can't get that big. When I went to SDSU, I read a thing about how Samoans had the highest levels of testosterone. And these weight lifters have a lot higher levels than them. It's off the charts. It's not normal, and it's not healthy."

What about injuries?

"You have to learn to lift properly. The back injury is number one. People have poor posture, and they sit all day. You also have to do enough stretching."

Well, two things I wondered about in your lobby. The first is a sign that says "No

kids under 12." Is that because it's dangerous for them?

"Yes, but not because of the working out. It's a liability issue. We had a ten-year-old kid goofing off on a machine, and he snapped off his leg. But kids that age don't need to do weight training. They can work out with their own body weight. And they are learning motor patterns with their body, and weights aren't necessary for that. I think playing soccer at that age, for conditioning, is more important."

My second question: What about the variety of supplements for sale in your lobby? Guillaume says you should never take those.

"Those are all safe. They have been tested at labs in Phoenix, and they have vitamins. It's not like they'll be pulled off the shelves in the future. They aren't steroids or anything. If this guy claims you can get all the nutrition you are supposed to by just eating the right foods — that's ridiculous. You'd have to eat 9000 calories a day. It's impossible."

When I talk to Guil-

laume again about this, he smiles and says, "Why would anyone take vitamins or supplements of any kind? Unless you went to a doctor and had everything checked out to see what is lacking. What if you take vitamins and end up getting too much vitamin A? You see reports come out, telling you certain foods are good. Years later, they tell you those are bad. This can be the same with vitamins. I think you can get all the nutrients you need from the proper foods. In the Caribbean, they are healthy. They eat lots of fish and bananas. I even eat foods I don't like, because they're healthy. I hate broccoli. But I need the calcium. I don't drink milk, so it's important."

I mention feeling guilty about how I ate in front of him at Extraordinary Desserts. He laughs and says, "That's something else people don't realize. You can have a piece of carrot cake or chocolate. There's nothing wrong with that. It's all about moderation and not overdoing it." ■

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Bird Talk

When she walks along Pacific Beach in the warm evenings of summer, Renee Lowe turns heads. The 38-year-old has long brown hair and the good looks that once made her a teen model, but it is neither her face nor her slim figure in shorts that causes the stir and draws the crowd; it is her Pumpkin Cheeks — a three- year-old cockatiel. Perched on her shoulder, he preens and warbles and clearly enjoys the attention.

“He is not camera-shy at all,” she tells people as they angle their cameras. “He loves having his picture taken.” Renee has the pitch-perfect California voice: light and breezy, with just a trace of flatness, which is the birthright of native Californians, the gift of Dustbowl Midwesterners whose spare inflection, like the mean brown dirt that swept them here, held nothing grand enough to voice the massive vision of blue ocean and oranges that grew as big

as a fist, or to describe the rich, loamy soil that begged planting. When Renee takes calls for the law firm she works for, her voice assures callers they will be taken care of. But for the moment no one is listening to her; they’re gazing at the bird nipping at her lower lip. Pumpkin Cheeks’s fans know to find him on his own website, where he is



Renee Lowe with Pumpkin Cheeks

“He told me how his father would be outside all day, crying and begging to see his kids.”

shown posing on a hot pink toy Corvette. With his white body and yellow head, blue-gray eyes, and bright orange cheeks (from which he gets his name), he’s a knockout. And like all those with an adoring public, his is no longer his own. “If it’s too chilly, and my boyfriend and I have left him at home, people who’ve seen us together come up and ask if he’s okay, if everything is all right.” Renee Lowe lives alone with her bird.

* * * Invitations had gone out and the RSVPs were coming in. There was a final fitting for the wedding dress, which had not been hemmed yet. The cake was ordered, the minister scheduled, and reservations made at Saint Mark’s Lutheran Church. The pale-blue bridesmaids’ dresses were due to be picked up. Everything was in place. Then, two weeks before the ceremony, Renee and her parents canceled the wedding. Later, Renee and John, her fiancé, eloped. The date, September 21, 1979, was three weeks after the scheduled wedding date. And exactly 20 years later,

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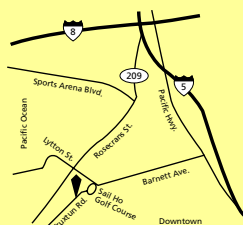
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perhaps because of the anniversary date, Renee found herself talking about how her life turned out. She was not, however, willing to tell me John's full name. "Let's just call him 'John-who-is-no-more,'" she said. He was in the Navy. They met during her last year at Glen A. Wilson High School. He told Renee how his parents were divorced when he was two, how whenever his father came over to spend time with them, to take them out, his mother locked all the kids in the back room and refused to let her ex-husband see them. "He told me how his father would be outside all day, crying and begging to see his kids."

John grew up hating not just his mother who, suggested Renee, was a dominating, controlling woman; he held a rage against all women. (Renee's parents had a sense of the young sailor's disturbed feelings. This is why they convinced her to cancel the wedding.)

"But he talked to me and said we should elope. I was 18 and everything was



Kerstin Schildwaechter with Jake

legal."

He hit her that first night. She did not want to talk about it.

"We were in bed together and I said something. I'd rather leave it there."

"Didn't you have a clue?"

"Not one. Not one clue. It just happened."

In 20 years, the climate surrounding spousal abuse has changed radically. In the

late 1970s, Renee had nowhere to turn — no halfway houses or shelters for battered women. She called the police, who did nothing, she says.

"He kept me a prisoner. I couldn't go anywhere. I couldn't wear shorts. If I went out with my friends or saw my family, he'd interrogate me. If he caught me speaking with a man, I knew

I was in trouble."

She lived in constant dread. Anything, she quickly learned, might set him off.

He'd beat her and then carry her, unconscious, into the bedroom where he'd continue.

"Afterwards he'd cry and tell me he was sorry and beg me to forgive him. He always promised he wouldn't do it again.

Renee wore sunglasses to hide her black eyes, and she stayed away from her family and friends when her bruises showed. Beaten when she was pregnant, she suffered two miscarriages and today does not think she can have children. This went on for a year and a half.

"I knew he was going to kill me."

Then her mother called and, according to Renee, deduced what had been happening.

"She told me she'd never say they'd told me so. I told her, 'Well, then, come and get me.'"

That next morning she was on a plane to Idaho, where she stayed for six months.

Later, Renee moved to Arizona, where she remained for three years.

* * *

As a child, Renee dreamed of working with wild animals, tigers and lions. She grew up with two older brothers in a Los Angeles community called Hacienda Heights. They had dogs and

cats, but no birds. One hot day in 1997, she and her boyfriend, Jeff Nixon, an electronics technician from Motorola, were strolling through the Adams Avenue Street Fair. When Nixon saw a bird store and suggested they step inside, Renee was grateful just because she figured it would be cooler inside.

Nixon grew up with Amazon parrots, Tulkans, black minah birds, and cockatoos. As they entered the shop, he loved the racket and the beat of wings from the cages.

Renee did not know what to make of the musty air ravaged with twittering, squawks, and ear-piercing screeches. A brightly colored Lutino cockatiel with orange cheeks flew from his perch to the cage door as they approached. Later she said it was as if he were expecting them. Jeff bought her the cockatiel as gift, and they took it back to his apartment. Renee let the bird perch on her finger. Then she watched and watched...

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just to say hello to someone."

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Pumpkin Cheeks not only whistles, but he meows and barks.

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Bird Talk

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whistled. If it's a man," she said, "he doesn't get a smile."

Pumpkin Cheeks not only whistles, but he meows and barks. Renee feeds him a mix of millet and sunflower seed to keep his energy up. He loves mashed potatoes, rice, and pasta. His wings are clipped every week or so to make sure he doesn't fly away.

Renee's apartment, filled with her parents' heavy oak furniture, is dark beige, except for Pumpkin Cheek's large, square cage, which is covered with a sky-blue blanket close to the shade of Renee's

never-worn bridesmaids' dresses. The blanket insulates the bird at night and blocks light from intruding in the morning.

"As soon as he sees light,

into the bathroom, where he drops and lifts his head in time with her brushing her teeth. By 8:00, when she is about to leave for work, Pumpkin Cheeks has been

Baja was beautiful, she explained; all turquoise and gold. It was impossible not to fall in love with the place.

he starts in."

Renee slips the cover off the cage at 6:45 each morning and unlatches the door.

Pumpkin Cheeks then hops out and follows her

returned to his cage, with its view of the sidewalk pedestrians moving back and forth. He gets afternoon sunlight and, with the mirror in his cage, is always ready to sing

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to his reflection. By evening, says Renee, he is eager to see her again.

Renee was ringing up sales at Gemco, in Tucson, Arizona, when she looked up and saw her husband. He had tracked her down and was standing in front of her register, staring at her. Frightened, she said little except to answer his questions. Did she want to get back together with him? No, she said. Did she think they had a chance of making their marriage work? No, she said. All right, was his response, then he was getting a divorce.

"My shift was over, and I was ready to leave, but I told him I'd just come to work because I didn't want him waiting for me when I left the building," John didn't. He returned to California and divorced Renee. She later left Arizona and came to San Diego, where she now walks along Pacific Beach's boardwalk with her bird.

I asked what happened to John.

"I heard he got married and had a child. Eventually, he killed himself."

According to Renee, he got drunk, took some pain

pill, and put a plastic bag over his head.

Renee calls her marriage a major mistake and says she will never again let a man have that kind of control over her. As for relationships, she is not sure.

Besides, she says, she has Pumpkin Cheeks, and right now he's plenty.

"Good morning, Mommy," he calls out each evening when she returns from work. He hears Renee's key turn in the lock and says,

"I love you, Mommy."

* * *

Kerstin Schildwaechter lives in South Mission Beach. She's also had man trouble.

While Renee Lowe's was a fight for her life, Kerstin found herself struggling for her soul.

"I broke up with my boyfriend and gave up cigarettes all in the same week," she said. "It was the most difficult week of my life."

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old with shoulder-length blonde hair and beautiful deep-blue eyes, had been seeing Jerry (not his real name) for two years. He was a longtime windsurfer; in the course of their relationship, Kerstin took lessons and came to love the sport. Jerry was 18 years her senior. "I never thought I'd date someone so much older than myself, but I had several dreams in which an older man figured, so when we actually met, I guess you could say I was ready for him."

For a while, the relationship felt magical. But over the two years that they saw each other, every Thanks-

giving, Christmas, or New Year's, Jerry was never around.

"He'd say he was going down to Baja, and then he'd disappear for a month."

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tion). But before leaving, something happened she hadn't expected: On Halloween Day, October 31, 1997, she became a born-again Christian. The trip


"You know, I love Jake, and my cats too...but I'm born again, and even if they should pass out of my life, I won't ever feel alone again."

rejected, Kerstin agreed to take a month-long trip to Baja. She arranged to have her practice covered (Kerstin consults with those seeking early cancer-risk detec-

down to Baja was still on, but now she left with a different sense of herself. And she packed a Bible.

"It turned out to be the best of times and the worst


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The bad part was, he also failed her. They were in a party of ten campsites with some 25 people, most of whom were avid windsurfers and Jerry's friends. She knew no one and felt isolated. Jerry proved so unsympathetic that she moved a quarter of

a mile down the beach to a bed-and-breakfast, where she stayed for the remainder of their holiday.

"It did not help that he had also been 'born again' some years before, but it had not stuck for him. He was not very supportive of my conversion." They saw each other after returning to San Diego, but the accumulated circumstances of their Baja excursion prompted Kerstin, in late December, to break up.

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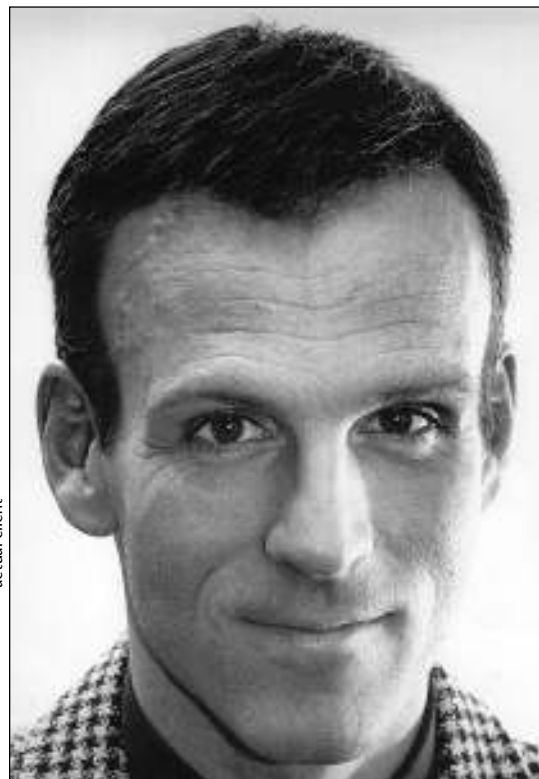
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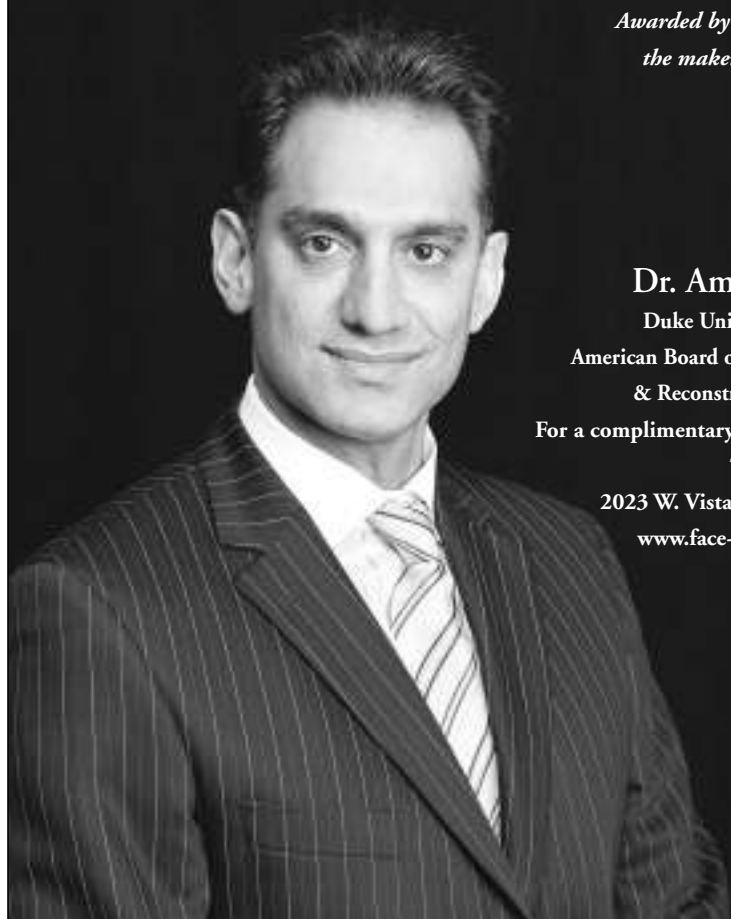
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Kerstin's December breakup did not stick. Jerry and she continued to see each other, though they weren't getting along. Kerstin agreed to spend Valentine's Day with him.

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She told herself this would be a final test.

"We were on our way to his place in Tijuana when he turned in to the Vons on Midway Drive. When he came out, he had my Valentine's Day card. I asked myself then, was this all I meant to him?"

At his home in Tijuana, she saw ugly aspects of his personality that she'd earlier tried to ignore. He was so negative, she recalled, and mean. She told him it was over.

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Kerstin stares out the picture window that dominates the living room of her South Mission Beach apartment. Against a backdrop of sunny sky and blue water, private yachts and powerful speedboats trolled past from the

docking harbor on their way to the open sea. On the hardwood floor, Jake's long legs tucked under him, the dog kept his eyes glued to his mistress. She turned away from the window, saw him, and smiled.

Looking at Jake, she was reminded of a remark made by one of the pastors at her church, Clairemont's Horizon Christian Fellowship. "If humans tried on a daily basis to be faithful to each other, happy and forgiving, kind and encouraging, to be completely loving, we still wouldn't be half as good as our dogs."

"You know, I love Jake, and my cats too," she said, referring to Tiega and Rhaja, the cats asleep in opposing corners of her living room. "But I'm born again, and even if they should pass out of my life, I won't ever feel alone again."

Kerstin is not waiting for a man. When God is ready, she says, the right one will come into her life, one that will be a spiritual companion. She is not impatient. "God's time is not our time."

She has turned back to

the window.

It's two years since her breakup, and Jerry — who's never strayed from her thoughts — has slipped back into her life. He'd asked if she thought it was possible to turn back time, to start over again. So far, she's given

him no answer.

As Kerstin gazes at the scene on the other side of the glass, her eyes turn as blue as the water they watch. From his place on the hardwood floor, Jake, his eyes amber gold, watches her back. ■

— Jangchup Phelgyal

Jangchup Phelgyal is a recipient of a Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University.

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myself in tears. I “know” these kids! I have heard their life stories and have worked with them. I spent more than 10 years working as an adolescent and family treatment crisis counselor in the mid-1970s to late 1980s with severely emotionally disturbed adolescents, developmentally disabled youth, runaways, abused and neglected youth, Hispanic street gangs, and others at a variety of public and private agencies and for County Children’s Services. I experienced all the highs and lows and challenges of serving these diverse populations.

At one place, I ran a pre-vocational program for 6 adolescents (at a time). We taught these extremely troubled and challenged teenagers living skills and work-related skills so they could survive after they turned 18 and became ineligible for state or county funding. It was incredible to see the transformations in some, who developed job skills and self-esteem, and to watch them as they left the “nest” and struggled to survive on their own and with their small groups of allies.

Many of my associates still hear from these “kids,” who are now adults, some with their own families. And, in turn, I am occasionally updated on the progress of a few of our scholars.

We all just need the right tool box.

While this background may be different from the particulars of your population and story, I commend you for taking it on and for illuminating the lives and struggles of so many who are often pushed aside or forgotten.

Breaking News

Published April 9

Posted by bfets on April 10, 2008, 6:34 p.m.

Matt, why are you reporting this in such a positive manner and implying that these people are some sort of heroes? You make it sound like a gaybash-athon on TV — the more people that sign up, the more well-known they are, and the more money they donate, the better, right? Or

are you trying to emulate the U-T, which boldly reported, on the front page above the fold, how much Doug Manchester and other well-healed haters, have donated to this shameful cause. I hope you’ll start reporting on people who are doing positive, loving things for our society. They are the true heroes.

Posted by heygrrl on April 11, 2008, 12:38 p.m.

What do you expect from the Reader? Don’t you know the Reader probably slips thousands of dollars to this hate group, as well as the pro-life haters? This paper is only good to pick up dog poop with.

Posted by Sempra_queer on April 12, 2008, 11:50 a.m.

By reporting Ms. Kyds’ leadership position in a major corporation in San Diego, the implication is that Sempra Energy and its affiliates endorse Ms. Kyds’ position on this issue. I believe that her endorsement of this hateful measure does not reflect the culture at Sempra Energy and it is unfortunate that Sempra is guilty by association. The Gay Community may boycott Hoehn motors, A1 Self Storage, the Marriott and Hyatt due to financial support of this measure designed to deny equal rights to the GLBT community.

The GLBT employee’s and our co-workers at Sempra Energy and its affiliates do not share Ms. Kyds’ support, and want to make sure the public knows that this is her personal position. I used to have great respect for Ms. Kyd and thought she was a great role model for the women of Sempra. Not any more.

City Lights, by Don Bauder

Published April 9

Posted by katzkup on April 10, 2008, 1:18 p.m.

Don, I in no way want a recession or a depression. The facts are the facts. Government statistics such as the unemployment rate make no such sense whatsoever and by far come under the term accounting irregularities. This administration has been doing everything possible to make over this debt fueled economy for years now. Take for example the rebate from a couple of years ago or the one

coming this summer. A bunch of baloney. Where does all the funding come from. Cutting taxes...no. Print more money...inflation and a week dollar. Auction off more treasuries... foreign countries almost now account for 50% of USA debt. The problem with society is that the people seem more concerned and know more about what’s going on week to week with the garbage that is on television now a days such as reality shows. As far as societies problems are concerned the current regime just creates more laws and forces it’s will on other countries. Sounds like facism or socialism or Al-Qaeda....

Posted by Fred_Williams on April 11, 2008, 6:57 a.m.

The real estate bubble has only begun to deflate, and has a long way to go yet. And it’s not only here...Spain, the U.K., and many other places (formerly our creditors) have grown 1990’s Japan style bubbles of their own. They all seem to be collapsing simultaneously. Add the financial system’s structural weaknesses, commodity and asset price inflation, and China’s holding our debt...it’s looking very bad.

Listening to people here in San Diego, most seem completely indifferent to our situation, misled by a myopic media. The phrase “fat, dumb, and happy” repeatedly comes to mind. In fact, we’re more interested in watching American Idol, or cheering rapacious sports teams than in addressing our pending economic meltdown.

You make some good suggestions, but we all know they won’t be implemented. The John Moores of the world rarely face justice for their financial crimes... they’re tucked away safe and cozy in Rancho Santa Fe.

Even if we elect a whole new slate of reformers, there is so very little they are capable of doing now.

Don, you’re lucky to be in your seventies. But your kids, like me, have to somehow deal with this mess... and historically, this kind of mess leads to bloody social collapse.

So what can we realistically do? Economically and environmentally, it looks like we’re royally f*cked.

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The jaboticaba comes from Brazil; in South America they call it the black cherry," says José Gallego, San Diego chapter chair for the California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc. "They're expensive because they can take several years to produce fruit. I've seen jaboticaba [trees] from \$60 to \$150. What is interesting about this one is that the fruit doesn't grow on the branches — it looks like somebody plugged black marbles into the trunk." The cherrylike fruit is strongest when it is fresh and is often used to make wine and jam.

On Wednesday, April 23, the rare-fruit-growing organization will offer a free class on how to select and plant rare-fruit trees. "We are lucky to be in area

LOCAL EVENTS

23: La Mesa, San Carlos, Santee, Poway, Chula Vista, and Fallbrook. Basically east of the 805 but not too far to the point where you start getting high altitudes, like in Alpine," says Gallego.

Under the Sunset Western Climate Zone system, compiled by *Sunset* magazine, 12 western states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) are divided into 24 climate zones based on "heat, humidity, elevation, terrain, latitude, and varying degrees of continental and marine influence."

On his quarter-acre yard in San Carlos, Gallego has 120 fruit trees, including 17 different kinds of banana trees. The tree he finds most beautiful is his *Inga edulis*, the ice

cream bean tree. "It has the most beautiful colored compound leaves — a big leaf with little leaves on the sides — they're emerald green," he says. "It produces a kind of bland fruit, but my daughters just love it. Once you open up [the foot-long pod], you see these 'cotton balls' inside, and you eat these cotton balls — when you grab them, they are slippery like a banana. They have a hint of vanilla."

One common problem with the ice cream bean, Gallego says, is that it grows to be very large. He planted his in 1999, and it is now 25 feet tall with a 2.5-foot diameter trunk. The fast growth is due to the fact that the legumes generate their own nitrogen, which, Gallego explains, contributes to the lushness of the tree's leaves.

The Inga, as Gallego refers to it, can easily overtake one's garden if fallen beans are not removed at the end of the summer harvesting season. Many seeds are already sprouting in the pod by the time they hit the ground. "The seeds are so viable that when you open the bean you can see [them] germinating," says Gallego. "The seed is about an inch long and brown with a slight green tint to it — then you have this white root on the front end. It looks like a roach. It's very unusual, but the amazing thing is that there's so much energy in those seeds. They're ready to be planted."

Banana trees can be even more of a reproductive nuisance, "because bananas tend to produce a lot of pups, and if you leave one on [the ground] and it gets water and fertilizer and so on, it will start growing." A "pup" is like a bulb, also known as a rhizome,



José Gallego

which, like a potato, sends out shoots that easily take root and continue to grow horizontally underground. "If you leave it, a rhizome can grow quite big," says Gallego. "I've seen roots as far away as 25 feet. Then they start swelling to create more pups and can become a problem. When you learn how to properly make the banana tree to fruit, you only leave three or four pups."

The star fruit, or carambola, is a native of India and a difficult plant to grow. "Frost may kill it, overwatering may kill it, not having enough of the right nutrients may kill it — but it's worth it," says Gallego. "Once you start cutting it sideways it becomes a beautiful yellow-orange type of fruit, and you can put it on salads or eat it on its own."

One of Gallego's favorites is the miracle fruit, which is a small, red berry. Also difficult to grow in this region, due to its tropical origins, the miracle fruit requires a greenhouse and must be watered with distilled water — Gallego had one that died after he gave it tap water. Despite its fragility, Gallego continues to favor this berry for its flavor. "It's the most amazing fruit I have ever

tasted. It tastes just like saccharin, but it also has a flavor and leaves a sensation on your tongue."

Gallego explains that once the miracle fruit has coated the tongue, everything that one eats for the next few hours will taste sweet. Water "tastes like someone put in two tablespoons of sugar." Orange juice is sweet, and the acidity of the citrus is neutralized. "Lemon tastes sweet, and no acidity at all. People start squeezing lemon juice into their mouths until it starts hurting at the bottom of their throat. They say, 'Oh, but it's good; it's the best lemon I ever had,' and I have to take it away from them."

— Barbarella

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Funky Blues and Swing Dance Party DJ plays west coast swing, nightclub two-step, requests for singles and couples of all ages. Roving instructor. First time free. 619-275-3533. Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m.; \$3-\$6. Pattie Wells’ Dance-time Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (LINDA VISTA)

Hustle & Night Club Dance Party DJ plays hustle, nightclub, two-step, and takes requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m.; \$7. Pattie Wells’ Dance-time Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (LINDA VISTA)

Learn the Ancient Art of Bellydance Leilainia offers mixed-level class on Thursdays “focusing on balancing and invigorating through dance.” Stretch, tone, strengthen your body. Drop-in fee: \$15; \$60 for six weeks. 619-884-7707. Thursdays, 6 p.m.; through Thursday, May 8, 2008, \$15. Rock Paper Scissors, 4967 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Limón Dance Company Founded in 1946, the Limón Dance Company claims a calling card of “dramatic expression, technical mastery, and expansive, yet nuanced movement.” 619-239-8836. Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.; \$25-\$65. Stephen & Mary Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Spring Dance Concert Grossmont College Dance Department presents concert covering a variety of dance. 619-644-7766. Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$12. Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Swing in for Swing Jitterbug, East Coast, West Coast and Lindy hop! First timers pay nothing. 619-291-3775. Monday, April 21, 8:30 p.m.; Pacific Beach Women’s Club, 1721 Hornblend Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Waltz & Such 19th Century, ragtime, and Jazz Age social dances every Friday, hosted by Waltz & Such, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Beginner level lesson at 7:15; open dancing at 8 p.m. 619-583-9956. Friday, April 18, 7:15

OUT & ABOUT

JANE GOODALL GIVES “A REASON TO HOPE” Thursday, April 17, USD.

(SEE LECTURES)



p.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

“Ancho Libero va Bene” A motherless family portrayed in Kim Rossi Stuart’s 2006 film starring Alessandro Morace, and Barbora Bobulova. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.; \$2. Italian Community Center, 1669 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Ratatouille” The animated comedy about a rat who wants to become a chef, *Ratatouille*, is on the calendar for family movie night (the third Saturday of each month). Saturday, April 19, noon; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

“A Dream in Doubt” Tami Yeagar documents the murder of Rana Sodhi, who was killed when mistaken for an Arab Muslim four days after 9/11. Screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Carlbud Film Series *I Dreamed of Africa* is based on the autobiography of conservationist Kuki Gallmann. Stars Kim Basinger, Vincent Perez, and Eva Marie Saint. Screens in Schulman Auditorium. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m.; Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Film Forum *Romance and Cigarettes*, a “musical extravaganza” directed by John Turturro and starring James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon, and Kate Winslet. Monday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Filmmaker’s Screening 1995 Academy Award winner for Best Documentary Feature, director Freida Lee Mock will share the film and the process of making *Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision*. Free with museum admission. Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

International Justice and Human Rights Amnesty International presents film screening of *Justice Without Borders* followed by Q&A session. 760-731-0735. Saturday, April 19, 6 p.m.; \$10. Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Drive. (VISTA)

San Diego’s Homeless Youth Screenings of *Telling the Streets: True Urban Legends* and *Shadow Children: Five Stories from the Street* precede public discussion with youth featured in the documentaries. Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

“The Three Pigs and Other Funny Stories” Weaver’s Tales perform “a modernized tale of *The Three Pigs* combined with a mixed-up stew of familiar fairy tales,” April 16-20. 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, April 17, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Friday, April 18, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 20, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Science Day Nanotech is the topic for family science day; participants “make a free science experiment” to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, April 19, noon; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

La Jolla Above and Below Scripps researchers share “natural wonders on land and in the ocean” during Family Days program. Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

National Infant Immunization Week “Stay on Track for a Lifetime of Good Health” is theme for function in the Pacific Beach Club Room at the museum. San Diego Health and Human Services Immunization Branch will read stories, hand out goodie bags, and review immunization records for children. 619-692-8661. Tuesday, April 22, 11 a.m.; San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

“Ghosts of El Grullo” Local author Patricia Santana discusses and signs her new book, sequel to her first novel, *Motorcycle Ride on the Sea of Tranquility*. 619-435-0070. Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.; Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

“Jungle Jack” Hanna The host of *Jack Hanna’s Animal Adventures* — and regular guest on *Larry King Live* and *Late Night with David Letterman* — brings his live animal demonstrations to the newly reopened Balboa Theatre. Hanna will share footage, stories, and his favorite animal friends. Sunday, April 20, 3 p.m.; \$25-\$50. Balboa

Theatre, 854 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Author of the Mike Travis Series Baron Birtcher’s third installment in the series, *Angels Falls*, subject of talk and signing by Birtcher. 619-236-5821. Monday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Best-Selling Thriller Author Thomas Greanias Author of *Raising Atlantis* and *The Atlantis Prophecy*. 858-268-4747. Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Border Voices Poetry Fair The promising young poet Ekiwah Adler-Beléndez (author of *Soy; Palabras Inagotables; Weaver; and The Coyotes Trace*) featured in event in Montezuma Hall at Aztec Center. Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

California Farm Cookbook Demonstrations Author Kitty Morse shares recipes and samples from her book, such as flageolets beans with Moroccan preserved lemon, Southern California dates, and exotic baby greens. (Morse is also the author of *Edible Flowers: A Kitchen Companion*). Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.; Vista Farmers’ Market, 650 Eucalyptus Avenue. (VISTA)

Celebrate National Library Week Author Daniel Kirk signs his book *Library Mouse*. Books provided for sale provided by Yellow Book Road. 619-463-3006. Saturday, April 19, 2 p.m.; Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Conscious Comedy Explosion “Intelligent humor with a poetic twist” onstage monthly. 619-819-7838. Saturday, April 19, 8:30 p.m.; \$10-\$12. Habana, 7777 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

Daniel Tosh Stand-up comedian stops in San Diego as part of his national Tosh Tour 2008. Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.; \$27. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Food Writer Alexander Lobrano *Gourmet Magazine’s* European correspondent expounds on his favorite Paris restaurants as first revealed in *Hungry for Paris*. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Forbes Discusses Bert Williams Camille F. Forbes will discuss her new book, *Introducing Bert Williams: Burnt Cork, Broadway, and the Story of America’s First Black*



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High Tea with Anne Perry The author hosts complimentary high tea while discussing *Buckingham Palace Gardens*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Laurie Okuma Memorial Reading Poet Sandra Lim will be featured speaker for event held in room LA2203 of the library. 619-594-5318. Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

Library Mouse Daniel Kirk discusses and signs his book about a mouse whose writing gets discovered by humans. 858-454-0347. Friday, April 18, 4 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Political Scientist Discusses New Book Mike Byron examines "energy, climate, and government crises" in *The Path Through Infinity's Rainbow: Your Guide to Personal Survival and Spiritual Transformation in a World Gone Mad*. Sponsored by the Humanist Fellowship of San Diego in the Wangerheim Room. 619-670-4159. Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Teo Gonzales In the Pala Events Center. Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.; Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

LECTURES

"A Reason to Hope" Jane Goodall, wildlife conservationist and U.N. Messenger of Peace, speaks on saving "threatened species, the planet, and ourselves" for Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series. 619-260-7550. Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.; \$10.

OUT & ABOUT

THE POET EKIWAH ADLER-BELÉNDEZ Featured at Borders Voices, Saturday, April 19, SDSU.

(SEE IN PERSON)



University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (USD)

"A Sound Library" San Diego Independent Scholars monthly meeting features talk by Lou Curtiss, who will describe "his extensive folk music recordings, collection, and research" in room 111A of the Chancellor's Complex. 760-751-3094. Saturday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

"DNA for Dummies" Stephen Baird, M.D., professor of clinical pathology at UCSD, for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, will discuss "how DNA sequences relate to inheritance of various traits, both normal and disease-related." 760-630-5720. Tuesday, April 22, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"How We Choose to Live: Projective Thinking and Behaving" Dr. Richard Farson moderates conversation between Teddy Cruz, Christina Ulke, and Alexis Bhagat for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architectures" series. Cruz is architect and lecturer at UCSD's visual arts department. Ulke is a public artist and co-editor of the *Journal of Aesthetics and Protest*. Bhagat is a writer, sound artist, activist, and co-editor of *An Atlas of Radical Cartography*. 858-454-5872. Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Arctic Jerry Kooyman of UCSD speaks for "Global Climate Change: Species and Places" series. Talk includes computer-generated images and photographs. 619-232-3821. Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Why Good People Do Bad Things" *New York Times* best-selling author Debbie Ford "exposes the pervasive and often hidden impulses that influence our everyday decisions." 760-753-5786. Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Architect Discusses Philosophy After Aaron Anderson, 2006 Young Architect of the Year, discusses "Philosophy of Design—practical and emotional," NewSchool students Gina Cangialosi and Lauren Garza will share their medical clinic design. The clinic will be built in Peru, at the edge of the Amazon Jungle, later this year. 619-224-8584. Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.; NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Pacific Beach: In the Beginning" Pacific Beach Historical Society hosts presentation in the Community Room. Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m.; Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Patagonia's Parks and Penguins" Lecture and slide show presented by Patty Fares and Rusty Runholt for Sierra Club. 619-299-1743. Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

At Rise! New Works by New Dramatists Second in series for “The Writer as Activist” Literary Arts Festival. In room 220. Tuesday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.; Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Baja Governor on Border Relations José Guadalupe Osuna Millán, the current governor of Baja California, speaks as part of the Charles Nathanson Lecture Series on “Challenges and Opportunities of Cross-Border Relations.” Find the event in the Hojel Hall of the Americas Auditorium (in the Institute of the Americas Complex). 858-534-4503. Thursday, April 17, 11 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

Camp Pendleton Archeology Dr. Mark Becker speaks for San Diego County Archaeological Society. Topic: “An Early Archaic and Late Prehistoric Residential Site from the Coast of Camp Pendleton: A Perspective Through Spatial Analysis.” 858-538-8066. Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.; Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Converting Old Movies and VCR Tapes Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets for demonstration of Pinnacle Studio Ultimate software which converts old film formats into new multimedia. Lance Dohe leads demonstration in Robinson Auditorium complex. 858-278-4519. Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

Floral Design Workshops David Root reveals design processes “using unusual plant material and containers.” Required registration: 760-436-3036, x206. Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m.; \$55-\$60. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Gourd Art Fiber artist Carol Lang will teach you “how to choose, clean, and cut your gourd.” Required reservations: 436-3036 x206. Thursday, April 17, 10 a.m.; \$50-\$75. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Jonas Salk's Legacy Subject for Distinguished Author Series 53rd anniversary of the polio vaccine honored during reception (6 p.m.) and presentation (7 p.m.) by several speakers includ-

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Crickets sing and bullfrogs groan. A hawk alights upon a sycamore limb, then launches with outstretched wings to catch a puff of sea breeze moving up the canyon. A cottontail rabbit bounds across the trail, and stops to take your measure with a sidelong stare. Los Peñasquitos Creek, rejuvenated by this year's generous if not torrential rains, slips silently through a sparkling pool and darts noisily down multiple paths in the constriction known as “the falls.”

Despite the miles of suburban development surrounding it, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve still retains its gentle, unselfconscious beauty. The preserve's 3000 acres of San Diego city- and county-owned open space stretch for almost 7 miles between Interstates 5 and 15, encompassing much of Los Peñasquitos Creek and one of its tributaries — Lopez Canyon.



Lower Los Peñasquitos Canyon

cottage erected by Captain Francisco Maria Ruiz, a commandant of the Presidio of San Diego.

Farther afield, hikers, joggers, and equestrians have the run of the preserve. Mountain bikers are welcome too, but they must stick to the main six-mile-long dirt road along Los Peñasquitos Creek. Probably the best springtime hike (or bike ride) in the preserve — and the one offering significant shade — is the ramble toward the falls from the east, 6.5 miles round-trip.

Start at the preserve's main staging area on the west side of Black Mountain Road, opposite Mercy Road. From there, follow the main dirt road hugging the base of the canyon's steep, chaparral-covered south slopes. Mileposts along the roadside help you gauge your progress. You wind in and out of dense oak woodlands (draped with poison oak in places) and across meadows dotted with small elderberry trees.

At the three-mile marker, the road winds up onto a chaparral slope in order to detour a narrow, rocky section of the canyon. Near the top there's a wide spot, with racks for securing bikes, and a foot

trail descending north to the falls area, where the stream has carved a narrow constriction into the bedrock. Even though our rainy season is basically over, water still cascades through here. Polished rock ten feet up on either side testifies to its maximum depth. The outcroppings of greenish-gray rock, just in this one small area, are a type called Santiago Peak volcanics; they're typical of the metamorphosed volcanic rock found on San-

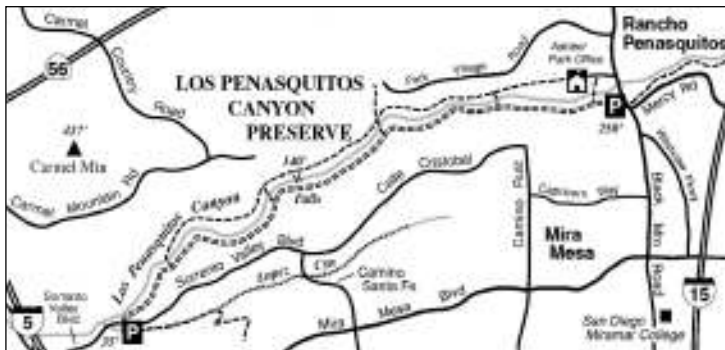
tiago Peak in the Santa Ana Mountains. Keep an eye out for rattlesnakes around the area of the falls.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

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ing polio survivors, and Dr. Peter L. Salk, son of Jonas Salk. Required RSVP: 858-362-1141. Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m.; Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Politics and the English Language “Politics and the English Language: An Interrogation by Grossmont Faculty” tackled in Griffin Gate, as first of six topics for The Writer as Activist Literary Arts Festival. Monday, April 21, 7 p.m.; Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Rare Fruit Introductory Class California Rare Fruit Growers offer class on “How to Select and Plant Rare Fruit Trees for Your Garden” in room 104 of Casa del

Prado. Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Trans-Border Institute Conference Prospects for reform in criminal justice and human rights examined in “Justice Reform in Mexico: National and Local Initiatives.” Registration: www.sandiego.edu/tbi. Monday, April 21, 8 a.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Weave an Appalachian Rib-Style Basket One-day workshop teaches the skill of weaving a melon basket, also known as an egg basket. All materials supplied. Sunday, April 20, noon; \$65-\$90. Oceanside Museum of Art School

of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

OUTDOORS

Star Jasmine's Sweet Perfume, exuded from clusters of small, white flowers, will continue to scent San Diego's spring breezes until sometime in June. Not a true jasmine, or *Jasminum*, star jasmine belongs to the genus *Trachelospermum*. In both public and private spaces, it has been widely planted as an ornamental ground cover and as a trellised vine.

The Annual Green-to-Golden Transition of San

Diego's wild grasslands typically takes place in April. North-facing hillsides and canyon slopes retain the green color longer, as they are less exposed to drying sunshine. Locally, most of the wild grasses are naturalized (non-native) annuals, the seeds of which were introduced along with hay and other grains brought in by the Spaniards during the 18th and 19th centuries. Some of the mountain meadows have remnants of native grasses, which remain more or less green almost the year round. These rare native grasslands can be found in certain parts of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and more widely distributed at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve

in the Santa Ana Mountains west of Temecula.

The Rising of the Full Moon on Saturday, April 19 nearly coincides with the time of sunset. Some folk names for the April full moon are “growing moon,” “seed moon,” “planter's moon,” and “budding trees moon.” Try taking a walk at sunset along the sidewalk on Harbor Island. From that vantage, Saturday's full moon comes up right over San Diego's downtown skyline, just as the lights of the city come on.

The Annual Lyrid Meteor Shower peaks this year during the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 22. This is a relatively minor meteor shower. This year's Lyrid shower will mostly be spoiled by the glare of the nearly full moon.

Experience a Grunion Run Grunion run program hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum (which doesn't take place at museum). Presentation on grunion, then “opportunity to witness grunion eggs hatch before your eyes.” Reservations, directions: 858-534-7336. Monday, April 21, 9:30 p.m.; \$9-\$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Get Outside! Trail repair work continues, in honor of Earth Day. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack; meet at Green Valley. Registration: 858-278-3280. Saturday, April 19, 8 a.m.; ages 16 and up. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 40 miles east of San Diego. (JULIAN)

Hellhole Hike Pack study shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and water for your trip to see wildflowers in bloom. 760-749-5320. Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.; Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve, 19324 Santee Lane. (VALLEY CENTER)

Hummers, Tigers, and Kites — Oh My! Trail guides relate what they've got in common, and more, during guided nature walks. 619-582-6261. Friday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Kayak on the Salton Sea Learn all about the Salton Sea during kayaking expedition sponsored by Anza-Borrego Institute. Kayaks and lifejackets provided; bring your own lunch. Register at www.theabf.org with code: kayak. Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.; \$35-\$50. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Visitor's Center, 100-225 State Park Road. (IMPERIAL VALLEY)



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Milling Around Mine Wash Archaeologist and certified naturalist Hank Barber leads outing to Yaqui Well mesquite grove and ancient Kumeyaay village site to look at rock shelters, ceremonial features, basins, rubs, and, of course, desert wildflowers. Meet in visitors' center parking lot. Register at <<http://www.theabf.org>> with code: Mine. Sunday, April 20, 8:30 a.m.; Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute, 200 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Mission Hills Meander One-hour walk with Walkabout to admire views, homes, and gardens. Starts at Espresso Mio. 619-291-6162. Friday, April 18, 6 p.m.; Walkabout Mission Hills, 1920 Ft. Stockton Drive. (MISSION HILLS)

Plant Identification "Wild Natives and Aliens on the Trails!" Trail guides lead walk through the park, identifying plants along the way. Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, April 23, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Rediscovering Escondido Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, April

22, 6 p.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Set Out for Silverwood Learn of unique features of chaparral vegetation community. Special topic hikes at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Hands-on history of Silverwood and artifacts and sites of earlier inhabitants. 619-682-7200. Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Silver Strand Beach Cleanup Celebrate Earth Day with bayside cleanup planned by ECOLIFE Foundation. Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.; Silver Strand State Beach, 5000 Highway 75. (CORONADO)

The Discovery of New Plants San Diego County Plant Atlas Project shares new plants they've discovered with help from the San Diego Natural History Museum in lecture called "What's Popping Up at the Tijuana Estuary this Spring?" 619-575-3613. Saturday, April 19,

10 a.m.; Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Tree Time Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, April 19; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Volkswalk San Diego County Rockhoppers Volkswalk Club hosts annual walk to Carlsbad flower fields. Pets welcome. 858-451-2130. Saturday, April 19, 8 a.m. and noon; \$3. Carlsbad Visitor and Convention Center, 400 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Eraclio Zepeda Author of *Touching the Fire* and *The Big Rains* gives presentation. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana,

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What's That You're Reading?

NAME: THOMAS GOULDER | **OCCUPATION:** CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
NEIGHBORHOOD: SCRIPPS RANCH | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** SAN DIEGO AIRPORT



What book are you reading?

"*Practicing the Presence* by Joel S. Goldsmith."

Tell me about it.

"This is a book by Joel Goldsmith which presents a whole new picture of God and how we as individuals on this Earth can practice the true presence of God in our lives. He outlines who God is, what God is, rather than our preconceived notions. He outlines how every individual has the presence of God with us and in us but we must come to

consciousness, a state of acknowledging that and consciously practicing that presence in our life."

Does he give techniques for doing so?

"Yes, basically, the technique is first of all to scrap all of your previous concepts that have been brought to you by family, church, synagogue — whatever. He was Jewish but never really raised in the faith of Judaism. He practiced his own faith, which came to

him after what he described as a divine healing. And then he began to really delve into who God is, what it is, what it means to us as people on Earth and in the universe.

"I've used the truths that Goldsmith is presenting in a women's shelter and homes for women who have been drug addicts and on the street. I've been presenting these ideas to them and seeing some remarkable changes in their lives. It's quite a testimony to the power of ideas."

Does he mention any spiritual influences on his own writing?

"He discovered it from within, and then he began to allude to both Eastern and Western faiths. He acknowledges Christ as a real historical person. He acknowledges Buddha and the Zen

path as being real. Eckhart Tolle, the author of *The Power of Now*, has been on Oprah Winfrey recently and everything he knows seems to come from Goldsmith. He really is more of a disciple of Goldsmith and Goldsmith's concepts of God in the universe."

Do you have a favorite passage?

"God is infinite consciousness and God is our mind and our consciousness." In other words, he doesn't separate us from God but God lives its life through us. In other words, we are all possessed of God. We just have to acknowledge it."

Do you have a favorite author?

"I'm a clinical psychologist, so in that genre my favorites have always been people like Carl Jung, who was more in the mystical sphere. Jung was also very prac-

tical in that he was the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Also Plato, the ancient philosophers, the early American Transcendentalists. Carl Sagan. They are tremendously fascinating to me and always have been."

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"*Psychology Today*, *Scientific American*, *Discovery* magazine."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"No. That's one of the things about Goldsmith, that everything should be kept — according to Christ's words — everything you do, do in secret. So, this interview is a great chance to talk. But I don't tell anybody unless I'm asked. It's a Masonic kind of secrecy that Goldsmith advocates."

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Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Facundo Cabral Concert performance. Call 619-734-2333 for more information. Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m.; El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

Jesús Jáuregui Author discusses his new book, *El Mariachi*. Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Orchestra of Baja California Ivan del Prado directs the program for the evening. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Tatiana Latina singer and TV host gives concert. 011-52-664-633-3100. Saturday, April 19, 4 p.m.; \$15. Estadio Calimax. (BAJA)

Tom Gatch Fishing Tournament Fishing gear available for rent; free bait provided. Voluntary cash jackpot. Free for kids 12 and under. For more information, call 011-52-661-612-0200. Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.; \$5-\$7. Rosarito

Beach Hotel, Boulevard Benito Juárez #31. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

"Sight and Sound" Walk the Walk showcases upcoming entertainment events, including live music, fine art, more. Get sneak peaks from Roots Festival and Little Italy's Art Walk. Attendees "meet and discover...San Diego's top creative talent," enjoy live performances, food. 619-846-7180. Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.; Bamboo Lounge, 1475 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Spirit of Sovereignty Celebration of Native Culture" Native American and Alaskan native music, dance, and food brings attention to the Spirit of Sovereignty Foundation. 301-921-0562. Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m.; U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Mind of Krishnamurti" SDSU Library hosts the traveling exhibit "The Mind of Krishnamurti: World Citizen, World Teacher" in reference services area on first floor of library addition. 619-594-4303. Thursdays; Fridays;

Saturdays; Sundays; Mondays; Tuesdays; Wednesdays; through Friday, May 23, 2008, SDSU: San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

19th Annual Gem Faire Over 100 dealers offer gems, beads, crystals, minerals, and more. Friday, April 18, noon; Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.; \$5. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Air Group One's Static Air Show See World War II aircraft and meet the men who flew them. 619-448-4505. Monday, April 21, 8 a.m.; Tuesday, April 22, 8 a.m.; Wednesday, April 23, 8 a.m.; Gillespie El Cajon, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive. (EL CAJON)

Art Burst Icarus Puppet Company, Ballet Folklórico Quetzal, City Height Youth Mariachi, and Afro-Cuban bands take part in community art celebration. 619-641-6103. Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m.; City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Avocado Festival Check out "Art of the Avocado" contest entries during annual event honor-

ing the green fruit. You'll also find food, crafts, 350 booths, live entertainment and beer gardens downtown along Main Street. 760-728-5845. Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.; Fallbrook.org, 224 North Main Street, Suite A. (FALLBROOK)

Be a Grunion Groupie! Scripps naturalists share "the amazing tale of the elusive California grunion." Learn how these unique fish run? up on local beaches, lay their eggs in moist sand. Watch baby grunion hatch before your eyes. Included in aquarium admission. 858-534-4109. Saturdays, 11 a.m.; Saturdays, 1 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m.; through Sunday, June 15, 2008, Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Chicano Park Day Celebration "Our Lives, Culture, and History Are Seen Through Our Murals!" is theme for 38th annual festival. Traditional music, dancing, poets, car show, food, and children's art mural workshop. Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.; Chicano Park, Between National and Logan Avenues under the Coronado Bridge. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Cruisin' Grand Over the Hills Gangs from North County and Temecula, and the Coastal Cruisers roll into town. 760-745-8877. Friday, April 18, 5 p.m.; Cruisin' Grand, Grand Avenue (and Second Avenue). (ESCONDIDO)

Dahlia Society Tuber and Cutting Sale San Diego County Dahlia Society holds annual event in room 101 of Casa del Prado. \$3 per tuber or cutting. 858-672-2593. Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Del Mar Antique Show Show and sale also includes appraisal booth. Friday, April 18, 11 a.m.; Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m.; Sunday, April 20, 11 a.m.; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Earth Fair 2008 Over 60,000 people, and more than 200 exhibitors, attend this annual event, making it one of the largest Earth Day events in the U.S. Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Fine Art Collectors Unite San Diego Fine Art Society Collector's

Club kick-off party. "Fine wine, hors d'oeuvres, and discussion about the art of collecting." Speakers include many regional artists as well as Jori Finkel, *New York Times* art critic. Tickets: 858-205-4354. Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m.; \$50. Ages 21 and up. University Club Atop Symphony Towers, 750 B Street, 34th Floor. (DOWNTOWN)

Leucadia Nights Play walkabout poker during excursion along Highway 101. Find surf, movies, and music back at the park. Saturday, April 19, 6 p.m.; Leucadia Roadside Park, Leucadia Boulevard and North Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

Macy's School of Cooking "Treasures of the Mediterranean." Executive chef Bernard Guillas of the Marine Room demonstrates his recipes such as almond zataar spiced swordfish kebab. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, April 19, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

Make History Come Alive! Demonstrate the activities of daily life in San Diego during the mid-19th Century by volunteering in Old Town State Park. Series of five

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Mission Hills Historic Home Tour Fourth annual docent-led tour includes prairie-style, Craftsman, and mission-influenced homes. Proceeds benefit Mission Hills preservation efforts. 619-497-1193. Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m.; \$20-\$25. Mission Hills Heritage, 325 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

New Social Contract for the U.S.? Do we need one? P&R Discussion Group gathers to discuss. 619-370-1027. Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.; The Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Night of the Horse "Making the Team: Horses in Sports" promises evening of equestrian competition and performance. 858-793-5555. Saturday, April 19, 7 p.m.; \$18-\$23.

Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Performance Slam Eight performing artists and groups will "comment, critique, glorify, and shed light on visual art works" on the Center's current exhibition, "Innocence Is Questionable." 760-839-4120. Sunday, April 20, 5 p.m.; \$5. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, April 19, noon; Sunday, April 20, noon; Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (POINT LOMA)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$4 general). Exotic plant sale, sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers. 760-431-0352. Thurs-

days, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Mondays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Sunday, May 11, 2008, The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo Del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Thursday, April 17, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.; Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Style Around the World Party Bust out your thin ties and retro dresses for "London Underground: Mod Style and Brit Pop from the '60s Through the '80s" function. Come on a scooter for a free present! 619-226-6100. Thursday, April 17, 9 p.m.; ages 21 and up. The Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Taste of Uptown Take a taste from over 40 restaurants on this annual self-guided tour. Also find the very first Hillcrest Sidewalk Sale going on simultaneously. Saturday, April 19, noon; \$30. Taste of Uptown, 656 Fifth Avenue, Suite 8. (HILLCREST)

Ticket to Tecate Pacific Southwest Railway Museum train excursion to Tecate, Mexico. Optional lunch and one-hour Tecate Brewery tour, or side tour to Tanama Vineyard after arriving in Tecate. 619-465-7776. Saturday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.; \$23-\$43. Campo Depot, State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Road. (CAMPO-POTRERO)

Walk on Water Students design, construct, and race buoyancy "shoes" across Sports Center pool during annual competition. Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.; USD: Uni-

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Inside the Wave: Six San Diego/Tijuana artists construct social art is generously sponsored by RBC Dain Rauscher, presenting a season of fine art at the San Diego Museum of Art. Support is also provided by members of the San Diego Museum of Art, the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, and the County of San Diego Community Enhancement Program.

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

versity of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (USD)

SPORTS

Boys of Spring After road trip with games against the Dodgers in Los Angeles (April 11-13), the San Diego Padres host Colorado Rockies, April 15-17. Game broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, April 17, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Collegiate Nationals Athleticism on display in beach volleyball, flowboarding, and competitive eating, followed by music festival. Complete schedule at www.thecollegiatenationals.com/schedule. Friday, April 18, 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 19, 8 a.m.; Sunday, April 20, 8 a.m.; Wave House, 3125 Mission Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Knickerbikers North Coast Ride 40-mile ride through Leucadia, La Costa, Vista, Oceanside, and Carlsbad. Meet in the parking lot of the park. Sunday, April 20, 9 a.m.; Cottonwood Creek Park, 95 North Vulcan. (ENCINITAS)

Let's Go, Padres! San Diego Padres host San Francisco Giants. Game broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Wednesday, April 23, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Rosarito-Ensenada Bike Ride 50-mile route attracts 7500 riders to wind along the Pacific Coast and inland from Rosarito Beach to Ensenada. Ride begins at 10 a.m. in front of the Festival Plaza Hotel, continues to the Finish Line Fiesta in Ensenada. Shuttle provides transport back to Rosarito. Register on <http://rosaritoensenada.com>. Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.; \$25-\$40. Festival Plaza Hotel, Boulevard Benito Juárez #1207. (BAJA)

San Diego Bicycle Touring Society Doctor Clifford L. Graves Memorial Elfin Forest Ride. 60 miles. 619-426-8192. Sunday, April 20, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Year-Round Waterskiing Convair Waterski Club provides ski boats for waterskiing. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach. 858-863-4755. Sundays, 8 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Mission Bay.

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horsepower-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National

OUT & ABOUT

"JUNGLE JACK" HANNA

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Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum 1095 Barona Road, 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobb-

gong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum "Tom Keck: Exposed" continues through March. Born in Coronado in 1937 and raised there, Keck "would discover a lifelong playground in the Pacific Ocean." Museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. 223 North Coast Highway, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the

David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art "Talismans of the Turkoman: Traditions of a Warrior Tribe," contains items ranging from small earrings to a large, ornamental camel hanging used in wedding processions, as well as "magical children's garments" known as *elek*, whose function was to protect children from "the evil eye." Exhibit is built entirely from a private collection of materials gathered almost 40 years ago in Afghanistan. Through Monday, May 26.

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum Museum is dedicated to Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the

modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station), 858-693-1723. (MIRA MESA)

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

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

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus. 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West, 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

Junipero Serra Museum

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement. 2727 Presidio Drive, 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

La Mesa Depot Museum

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

Magee House Museum

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

Museum of Making Music

"The Violin in America: Old World Tradition, New World Sound" explores the transplanting of European violin-making traditions to American soil by 19th and 20th century immigrants, how communities in New World added innovation to tradition. Exhibition showcases significant violins from 1700s to present day. Closes Sunday, September 7.

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

National City Depot

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

Olaf Wieghorst Museum

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum

Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop



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and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. 645 Main Street, 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum The 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, de-

tentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. 2384 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum Museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum "A Day in Pompeii" features authentic artifacts from

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"Photography at the Poles" features images of the Arctic and Antarctic by leading National Geographic photographers in the museum's Ordovery Gallery. Look for landscapes, mass breeding grounds of king penguins, wildlife. Closes Monday, April 14.

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

Current "giant-screen film" is *Ocean Oasis*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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Veterans Museum and Memorial Center Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel (2115 Park Boulevard), the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Boulevard, 619-239-2100. (BALBOA PARK)

Wells Fargo History Museum Museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House. 2733 San Diego Avenue, 619-238-3929. (OLD TOWN)

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Student Composers' Concert

Includes senior project by Tony Krzmarzick. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Thursday, April 17. (LINDA VISTA)

“Orpheus and Euridice” Gluck’s baroque opera following the musician Orpheus on his travels through underworld in attempt to retrieve his love Eurydice presented by Palomar Chamber Singers, with music direction by David Chase, stage direction by Michael Mufson, choreography by Molly Faulkner. 760-744-1150 x2453. Performed in English. Palomar College Performance Lab (Room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 4 p.m., Thursday, April 17, through Saturday, April 19. (SAN MARCOS)

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San Diego Opera continues season Giuseppe Verdi’s *Aida*. Cast includes “acclaimed Verdi specialist” Indra Thomas in title role, Bulgarian mezzo-soprano Mariana Pentcheva, Uruguayan tenor Carlo Ventre, American baritone Mark Rucker, German bass Reinhard Hagen. Conductor is Valéry Ryvkin, director is Garnett Bruce. Reservations: 619-533-7000. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), Friday, April 18, through Wednesday, April 23. (DOWNTOWN)

Madcap, Red Priest, and Angel

The trio of John Holloway (violin), Jaap ter Linden (cello), and Lars Ulrik Mortensen (harpsichord) presents program from Veracini, Vivaldi, and Leclair. Presented by San Diego Early Music Society, 619-291-8246. St. James by the Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 19. (LA JOLLA)

Vocal Recital Virginia and Susan Hawk Memorial Scholarship recital and reception for the winners. Applicants were required to sing two operatic arias and a selection from an oratorio or a cantata, each sung in the original key and language in which they were written. Ronald Reagan Community Center (195 East Douglas), 2 p.m., Saturday, April 19. (EL CAJON)

Organ Concert Guest organist Jared Jacobsen in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 20. (BALBOA PARK)

Early Music Society Tea and Concert Have afternoon tea (2:30 p.m.) followed by concert (5:30 p.m.) by San Diego Early Music Society in the Regency Room. John Holloway (violin), Jaap ter Linden (cello), and Lars Ulrik Mortensen (harpsichord) will give final performance of their U.S. tour. 619-238-1818. The Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 20. (DOWNTOWN)

Music for Horn and String Quartet

San Diego Chamber Music Society gives concert featuring horns and strings in the La Jolla Community Room. Hear Mozart’s Horn Quintet, K. 407 in E-flat major, and Beethoven’s second string quartet, op. 18, no. 2 in G major, as well as a selection for horn and string by Heiden. La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue), 3 p.m., Sunday, April 20. (LA JOLLA)

A Duo Piano Concert Johnathon and Christopher Smith take to the keys for concert of classical and sacred music. 858-273-1480. St. Mark’s Episcopal Church (4227 Fairmount Avenue), 7 p.m., Sunday, April 20. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Pianist Dmitry Kirichenko

Russian pianist to feature the music of Rachmaninoff during performance for Vesper Concert Series. 858-273-7423. Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), 7 p.m., Sunday, April 20. (CLAIREMONT)

Center Pops Concert Conductor Jung-Ho Pak leads Gabriela Montero and the San Diego Chamber Orchestra through evening of George Gershwin tunes. Tickets: 800-988-4253. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 20. (ESCONDIDO)

Earth Day Concert Grammy-nominated pianist/composer Peter Kater in concert. 760-753-5786 x849. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 20. (ENCINITAS)

The Golliards Early music performance for Athenaeum’s mini-concert series. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), noon, Monday, April 21. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

Walkthrough with Adam Belt

Belt leads walkthrough of his exhibit *Convergence*, in Main Gallery. Belt’s installations incorporate salt to demonstrate physical forces of the natural world. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 11 a.m., Saturday, April 19. (LA JOLLA)

Co-Extension Opening reception for Jordan Gehman and Bryan Czibesz exhibit. Show runs through Thursday, April 24. Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 6 p.m., Saturday, April 19. (SDSU)

“No Borders” Art Show Cross-border artists group show runs through May 25. Opening reception and auction as part of Chicano Park Night celebration. Centro Cultural de Raza (2004 Park Boulevard). 7 p.m., Saturday, April 19. (BALBOA PARK)

Kites Over Vista Artists’ reception for sculpture exhibit. 760-726-1340 x1148. Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (640 Alta Vista Drive). 1 p.m., Saturday, April 19. (VISTA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum

“Innocence Is Questionable” is composed of work by six renowned San Diego-based artists: Jean Lowe, Ernest Silva, Raul Guerrero, Iana Quesnell, May-ling Martinez, and Yvonne Venegas. Each artist is recipient of 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. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum

— North County More than 50 items are included in “Artful Armadillos,” on display through Sunday, September 7. The pieces are created from materials including wood, ceramics, metal, and shells, from collection of Katarina Real-Cate.

“Art of Play: Kinetic Toys of the World” — closing Sunday, June 29 — features objects that move when manipulated. See kites from many countries, pull- and 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” 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 draw-

ings of landforms and river sheds, and images of Lin’s recent earth-works 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 room-sized “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. (BALBOA 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 Art Alive, museum’s annual springtime event, runs April 11-13. Nearly 100 professional and amateur floral designers interpret works of art with floral arrangements.

“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 paintings.

“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)

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Orange Alert for Dengue Fever The future looked promising for Dengue Fever when the critically acclaimed psych-surf-

visa....” The agents who stopped the band at San Onofre and took Nimol into custody were reportedly observing an orange alert. “They looked at me and thought I was a Mexican lady,” she told Matt Diehl in an interview featured in L.A.’s *CityBeat*.

Chhom Nimol, from a

and Zac Holtzman had been inspired by vintage Cambodian rock to start a band with vocals in the Khmer language, and they found Nimol singing at the LBC’s Dragon House restaurant.

The problem at the checkpoint was overcome but not before Nimol spent 22 days in an INS detention facility here. She was released after benefit shows raised money that helped secure her legal status. She also worked long hours at the Dragon House to pay \$20,000 in lawyer’s fees — prompting the title of their second album, *Escape from Dragon House*. Nimol also co-wrote (in Khmer) “22 Nights” on their debut, which was about her incarceration (where she charmed Mexican female inmates by singing Celine Dion songs).

“Jail was scary,” Nimol said. “I was feeling afraid I was going to be sent back to my country.” Drummer Paul Smith elaborated: “Singers have gotten acid thrown in their face in Cambodia for associating with the wrong politicians.... It was an important part of her defense. If she had been sent home, she could’ve been a target.” Nimol’s family members had sung for deposed royalty, and Nimol’s father sang on a movie soundtrack with legendary pop-rocker Sinn Sisamouth, the “King of Cambodian Music” who disappeared — presumed murdered — in

1975 after Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge took power.

Dengue Fever play the Casbah Saturday, April 19.
— David Stampone

Hot-Shot Bouncer Mike Pereira co-owns a recording studio in Golden Hill, but he used to work as a bouncer. “I worked for ten years in security [at clubs] in Miami and here in San Diego, and I never carried pepper spray. And if I had, I never would have used it in a nonviolent situation.”

On April 4, pepper spray was used on him at U-31 in North Park.

“It was a Friday dance night. It was my fourth time there. The security was completely hostile.... A friend accidentally knocked over the ashtray out front. As soon as he did, the main security guard grabbed him by the neck and forced him to pick up the ashtray. The guy that knocked it over said, ‘You didn’t have to grab me.’”

Pereira admits that he verbally engaged the guard at that point.

“He says, ‘Shut the fuck up... I make more money than you.’ I said, ‘Is that why you’re standing by the door checking my ID? Is that where you get all your money from?’ He tells me he has an \$80,000 car parked around the corner. I asked him if he had a small penis to go along with the \$80,000 car. That must have hit home because he told me to shut up or he

was gonna spray me with pepper spray. So I said, ‘If you want to spray me, go ahead and spray me. Do it.’”
Bad idea.



PEREIRA FELT THE STING

“So he sprayed me point blank in the face and the guy next to me point blank in the face. While I’m trying to open my eyes, a full-on brawl broke out. I saw two of the biggest bouncers on the smallest guy in the club. I saw one of them kick him in the head. People were rolling around in the middle of University.”

Pereira says he asked to file charges against the bouncer.

“When the cops showed up, they told me if they arrested the bouncer they would also have to arrest me. I asked him why... I didn’t do anything. I was completely nonviolent. He told me the security guard had a cut on his face and it was swelling

and it was because of whatever it was I said to him.”

Pereira admits that the bouncer did get hit in the face by his friend after the guard sprayed them.

“Nobody touched security until he sprayed the pepper spray. The reaction was purely self-defense.... I didn’t want to go to jail for whatever it was the kid did to him, so I left.”

U-31 owner Steve Billings did not respond to a request for comment. U-31 manager Erica Jessup would not comment.

“It was a total lack of self-control for someone in a position of authority,” says Pereira. “I’ve been smelling it for three days. It’s in my sinuses.”

— Ken Leighton

Forty Schmorty Singer-songwriters Eve Selis and Mattie Mills have written a book, *Forty Schmorty: Life Keeps Happening*. “During the process of writing the book,” says Selis, “Mattie was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 45, and I became pregnant at age 43.”

“Mattie and I helped each other get through this journey,” says Selis. “She went through her chemotherapy with courage and the knowledge that she was going to kick cancer’s ass, not the other way around. I felt powerless over the disease but knew our friendship would help us conquer anything.” Selis’s sister is a

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the inside track

worldbeat indie act fronted by Cambodian immigrant Chhom Nimol was driving home to Los Angeles after opening for Jonathan Richman at the Casbah on February 6, 2003. “However,” notes Steve Huey in their All Music Guide bio, “disaster nearly struck when Nimol was arrested in San Diego in accordance with the stringent, post-9/11 [Immigration and Naturalization Service] policy — she’d arrived in the U.S. on a two-week visitor’s

family of Cambodian singers, had come to the U.S. a few years before for lucrative New Year’s gigs and stayed,



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settling with her sister in Long Beach’s “Little Phnom Penh” — at a population of 50,000, America’s largest Cambodian ex-pat community. Brothers Ethan

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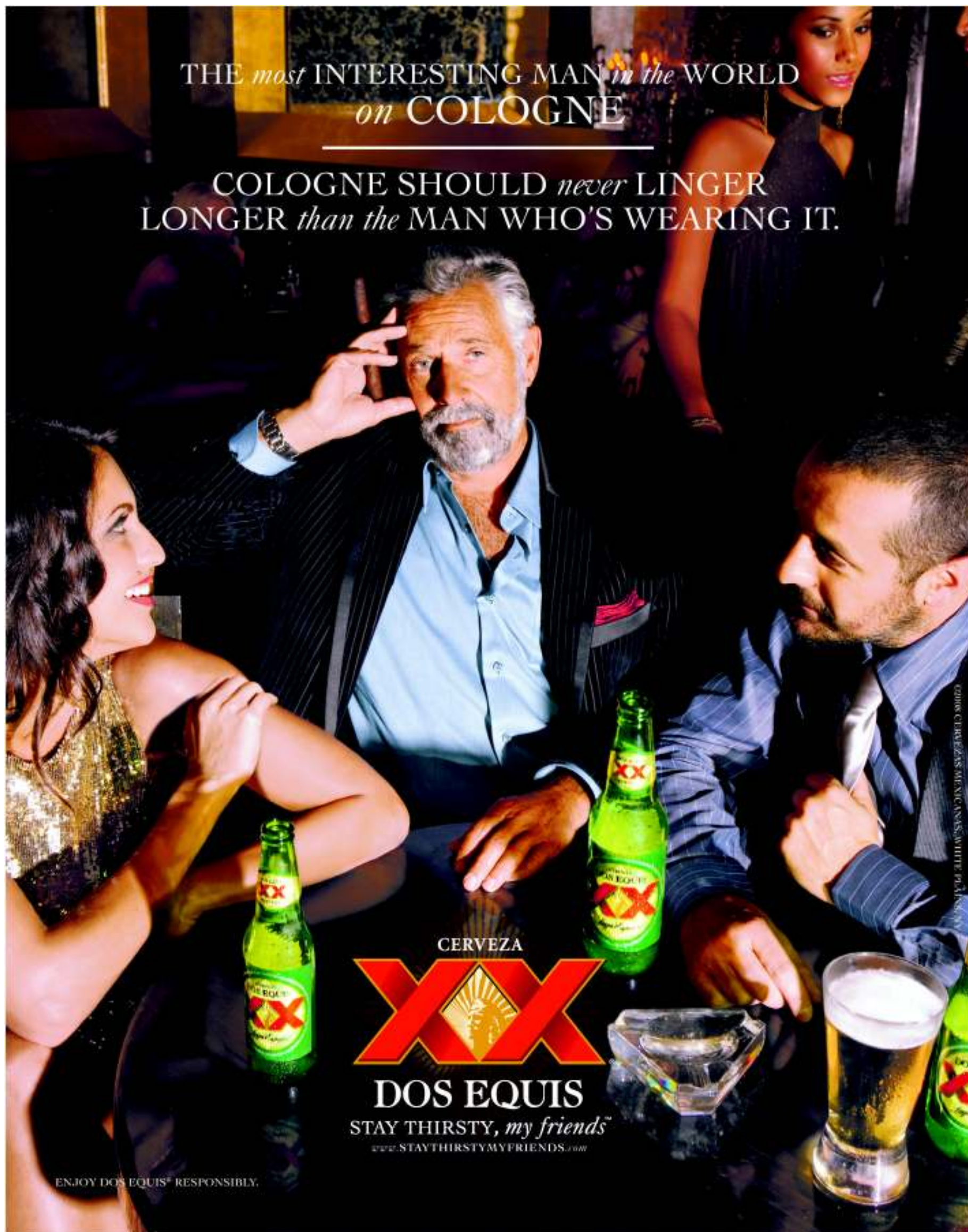
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"As for my pregnancy, our friendship provided support...Mattie had two children in her 40s and had her fourth child at age 45. She was a great inspiration and help to me because it had been so long since my first pregnancy...my daughter is 13 years old."

In addition to their book, the duo blogs about their experiences at *fortyschmorty.com*, which

SELIS AND MILLS
BREAKDOWN THE 40S

offers BBQ aprons, tote bags, and string thongs, all emblazoned with the Forty Schmorty logo. Selis recommends the latter as a gift for men, to purchase for their fortysomething wives.

"Most males have been curious and said that they'd love to read our book, just to get a better idea of what's inside a women's mind. It definitely helps answer questions men have when their wives are going through difficult or challenging times."

— Jay Allen Sanford

A Vietnam Vet Walks into a Bar and tells a singer-songwriter who's done prison time that he'll pay for the recording and pressing of 1000 copies of her ten-song CD.

It's no joke.

Robin Lee just released a ten-song CD, *Sleep When I'm Dead*, thanks to a total stranger who saw her perform at a Tuesday night open mike at Portugalia in O.B.

"I didn't put out a dime," says Lee, who says a man named Ray Peterssen paid for the studio time at Strate Sound in Santee. He also covered the costs for nine other local musicians to play on the album, including members of Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, Eve Selis's band, and fiddle/banjo player Dennis Caplinger.

Lee even gets to keep the money when she sells a CD.

"When he handed me my CDs, I said, 'What the hell?'" says Lee.

Here's the catch: as outlined in a signed agreement, Peterssen gets 50 percent of all the publishing royalties should any of her songs get picked up for use in a soundtrack or TV commercial or is recorded by a major artist. That agreement lasts for five years.

"That sounds a little high, but I've heard worse," says attorney Sandy Troy, who has knowledge of such agreements. "We're not talking the Beatles or Van Morrison here. I've heard of worse agreements."

Lee, a mother of four grown children, reasons she has nothing to lose. One of the songs on the new album, *Federal Time*, was inspired by her 18-month prison stint that ended in 2001. "I went down hard. It was about weed and money in two states."

Peterssen says he is set financially through his

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military pension and from the sale of his touring production company Avocado Productions. He says he spent less than \$10,000 on Lee's record.

"I know a good song when I hear one," says Peterssen. "Artists like Robin are few and far between. I can take a chance like this. I've made my money in my life. This is almost a hobby for me." He says he will personally try and get Lee's songs licensed for use.

Steve Poltz has a wealth of experience dealing with publishing rights. He also signed away 50 percent of his publishing to his ex-manager and record label. Because he co-wrote Jewel's hit "Who Will Save Your Soul," his royalties are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Do I wish I didn't sign away 50 percent, yes. But at that time no one was interested in me." He says his 50 percent agreement on his Jewel-era catalog is forever, not just for five years.

Poltz explains that songwriter royalties are split in half: half to the writer and half to the publisher. "So if she gave up 50 percent of the publishing, that means she

only really gave up 25 percent of the total.... If she sells one of her songs to Volkswagen for \$100,000, she gets \$75,000."

— Ken Leighton

Froggy's Revenge

Jordan Moorman doesn't sound like any other open-mike regular. "I don't have a larynx. I don't know what it is that I use to sing or talk." The singer-guitarist lost his vocal cords when he was born.

"As soon as I was born, there was a blockage of air to my lungs. I died for a couple minutes. They had to do an immediate tracheotomy to allow me to live."

Although he says modern science may have handled his problem differently, he does not fault the doctors in Stillwater, OK, who cut his voice box out in 1984. "They allowed me to live. I have a lot of respect for them because I am alive and talking...Infant tracheotomy was not that advanced then. According to doctors I was never supposed to speak at

all."

When Moorman first moved to San Diego seven years ago, he played guitar in a punk band called the False Idols. "I wrote the music. It was a shitty pop-punk band."

Moorman, who sounds like a male Marge Simpson, was nicknamed "Froggy" as a child. He admits it took a while to work up the nerve to



JORDAN "FROGGY" MOORMAN

sing and play at an open mike. His first one was January at the Tuesday night acoustic showcase at the E Street Cafe in Encinitas.

"My best friend taught me to face my hardships and tackle that which I'm not good at."

He says the fact that he wants to go back to E Street, an alcohol-free coffeehouse,

proves that point.

"I want to go back because I hate it there. One of the owners doesn't like me. The second time I played there, he went up and introduced me and said, 'Ladies and gentleman, here is Jordan. I hope he isn't drunk tonight.'"

Moorman admitted that Jamieson whiskey helped him work up the nerve to sing at his first appearance at E Street. "I was afraid of not being respected. We don't drink to become brave. We drink to not be afraid. It gave me the nerve to sign up [to perform]. But I refused to not play there again after he said that."

And Moorman will not give up vocals. "I could just play guitar. But by all accounts, I should be dead. It would be a selfish act if I didn't push myself to sing. I don't believe what I have is a handicap."

Jordan Moorman appears at E Street Cafe Tuesday.

— Ken Leighton

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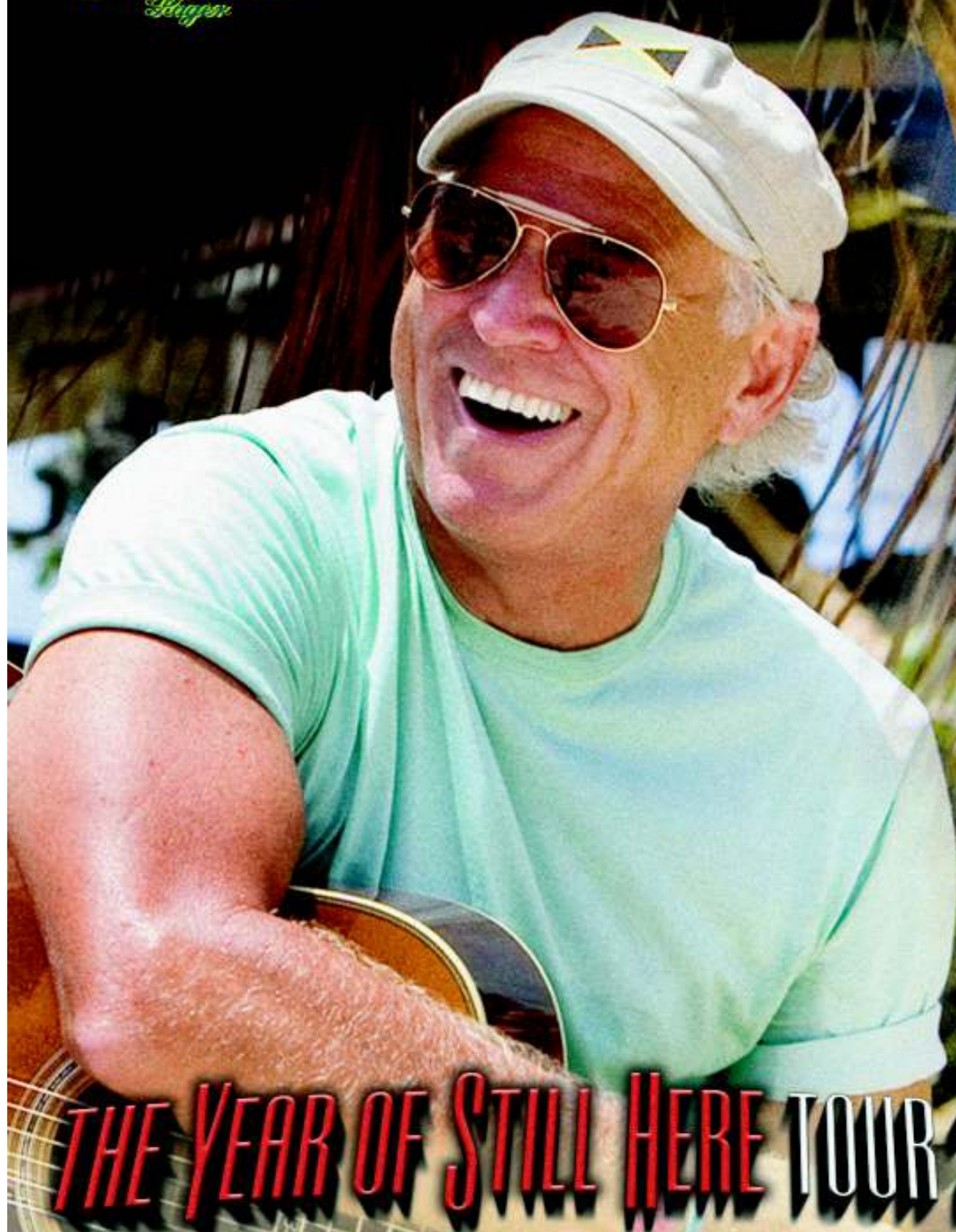
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Hellyeah is a rock "supergroup" featuring members of Mudvayne, Pantera, and Nothingface. Their self-titled debut sold 45,000 copies in its first week.

Hell Yeah is a San Diego rock band and the brainchild of singer/guitarist Matt Casper. Casper estimates that he has been operating his band under the name Hell Yeah for four and a half years, and he's not very fond of the other Hellyeah on Epic Records. "They are retread metal," says Casper. "It's nothing you haven't heard before. It's easy to confuse them with a dozen other bands out there." Casper says it's easy to tell the two bands' MySpace pages apart: "Our URL is Myspace.com/hellyeahtheband. It's the one without all the fire and heavy-metal dudes in cowboy hats and stuff."

Casper does appreciate the other band's name choice. "Hell Yeah is a fun name, and if it was up to me every band in the world would be called Hell Yeah. It's an upbeat name, and I could see why someone would want to use it."

Casper estimates that his Hell Yeah MySpace profile has received in the neighborhood of 5000 extra hits due to the name mix-up — some free exposure for this ferocious local act with Casper on guitar and vocals, Sean Lawson on bass, and Corey Moors on drums. Second guitarist Mike Eckhart left the band this past fall, and Casper states that the band would be more than willing to pick up a replacement if the right guy came along. "We'd like to become a four-man power trio," says Casper.

Desert-island discs?

1. Neutral Milk Hotel, *In the Aeroplane over the Sea*. "The mix is so loud, the songs are so perfect, the lyrics are so ponderable...and on any desert island, you have a lot of time for pondering."
2. The Pixies, *Doolittle*. "I love this record so much I can actually masturbate to how good it is. Again, very important when one is on a desert island."

3. The Beatles, White Album. "Like a different band on each tune. Hell, 'Happiness Is a Warm Gun' is seven songs in itself."

4. Drive Like Jehu, *Yank Crime*. "To scare the natives on said desert island. Also, an SD band, and this is an SD paper, so I'm playing to the crowd."

5. Boat Building Bob, *How to Build a Boat*. "Don't know if this record is out there, but I sure would want it with me on a desert island."

Desert-island DVDs?

1. *The Godfather*. "Perfectly shot, perfectly paced, perfectly acted, perfectly scripted, perfectly over the top. Almost every scene is iconic."

2. *The Godfather: Part 2*. "Second verse, same as the first. This time with De Niro, too? Sheeeit. 'Sheeeit' is actually a quote from Clay Davis, the corrupt state senator from *The Wire*. You don't watch *The Wire*? Then put down this paper and go spend 60 hours in front of the TV watching it all right now!"

3. *Dumb and Dumber*. "'Want to hear the most annoying sound in the world?' Yes, I do, Lloyd Christmas, yes, I do."

Best gig:

"It was a Tuesday at Scolari's Office back in 2004. Maybe 20 people there, 5 of whom were there to see us, but by the end of our set we had all the people screaming, 'That was f***in' awesome!' at the end of each tune. Sometimes things just click. Sometimes they clack."

Most prized possession:

"I'd say 'my kids,' but they own me. So it's easily my guitar, a beat-up Les Paul Special, that I love."

The smartest thing I ever said was:

"When I auditioned for MTV's *Idiot Savants*...1997? During the audition one question was, 'In the male reproductive system, this gland is "the switch" between semen and urine.' The other guy buzzed in before me and said, 'The urethra.' Wrong! I buzzed in and said, 'Between



Hell Yeah

his answer and the right one there's a vas deferens... Another one: I once had a coworker say to me, 'There's no I in team.' I responded, with no delay, mind you, 'Yup. And you can't spell 'suck' without u.'"

The most amazing thing I ever saw was:

"Recently I came home to find my wife and son — he's 2, she's 29 forever — jamming in the garage. She was on bass, and he was on drums, and he was keeping time — hitting the cymbals and hopping up and down, using all of his weight, all 35 pounds, to press the kick-drum pedal. Corey [Hell Yeah's drummer]: be warned."

Carne asada or veggie burrito?

"Carne asada. Through smoking, I show animals my mastery of the fourth element, fire. Through carne asada, I show them that I will kill and eat them."

Worse versions of a band named Hell Yeah than Hellyeah:

1. Fran Drescher (vocals), Gilbert Gottfried (vocals), Joanna Newsome (vocals), Elmo (vocals), G.W. Bush (dancing fool).
2. Andre the Giant (bass), a female Andre the Giant (guitar), Arnold Schwarzenegger (keytar), Vin Diesel (vocals).
3. Rikki Rockett (drums), Bobby Dall (bass), C.C. DeVille (guitar), Bret Michaels (guitar and vox), the Unabomber (unabombs). ■

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710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. *Thursday* — Moontucky Risin. Local bluegrass/psychedelic/classic rock band. *Friday* — Carbine and Bag of Toys. Acoustic/roots/surf.

Acoustic/MusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Ramblin' Jack Elliott. Folk. \$22-\$47. *Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. — We Five. \$22-\$47.

American Legion Post 310: 465 47th Street, Southeast San

Diego, 619-264-1919. *Sunday* — Willovealot. Jazz.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *Thursday* — Lee Ritenour, Patrice Rushen, Alex Acuna, Brian Bromberg. Contemporary jazz. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Tift Merritt. With special guest Sara Watkins (Nickel Creek). Folk rock/bluegrass. \$12-\$29. *Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Patty Larkin. Acoustic/blues. \$14-\$33. *Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Jeff Moore and Friends. Americana/blues/rock. \$5.

Aromas: 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Evan Bethany. Acoustic.

Beach Grass Café: 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. *Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Nathan Welden. Acoustic.

Beach House: 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. *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. Acoustic/covers/standards. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Mark Fisher and Friends. Covers/standards/rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — December's Children. Covers/standards/rock.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746. *Thursday* — Leiana, Bent Left, Chotto Ghetto. Punk rock. \$5. *Friday* — Action Jackson. With the Red Feathers and Calico Horse. Indie rock/experimental. \$5. *Monday* — Really Nice Camper and Mark Mallman. \$2. *Tuesday* — Eve White Eve Black.

Garage rock/punk. *Wednesday* — Mighty Six Ninety. With Mouthful of Snow and Miscellaneous Ailments Foundation. Indie/pop/rock. \$5.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Swim Party and Republic of Letters. With Bill and High Tide. Indie/alternative/reggae. \$9-\$11. *Friday* — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations. Ooklah the Moc also performs. Reggae/ska/rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Cash'd Out. Johnny Cash tribute band. \$13-\$15. *Sunday*, 8 p.m. — The Gin Blossoms. Alternative rock. *Tuesday* — The Twinkle Brothers. With Dela Grant. Reggae/roots/dub. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Led Kaapana & Mike Kaawa. Hawaiian slack-key guitar. \$15-\$17.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Old Devil and Full Boar. With Pushin' Rope and the Sickstring Outlaws. Punk/bluegrass/country.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Clairemont, 619-275-LIVE. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Starving for Gravity. With Dookie and Mr. Roarke's Tattoo. Alternative rock/electro. *Friday* — Negative Filter and Tainted Society. Alternative rock/metal. *Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Island Irie, Tribal Theory, 56 Hope. Reggae. \$10. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Justin Hopkins & the Guilt, Bassboosa, Skybombers. With Cheeky. Soul/pop/rock.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.

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Friday, 8 p.m. — Luna Llena. Latin.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Semisi. Reggae/world.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — John Scott & the Magnificents.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Cactus Twang.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Jack Tempchin and Friends. Blues/rock.

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Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Don Cavalli. \$8-\$10.
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — The Black Heart Procession. Indie rock. \$15.

Chasers Cocktail Lounge: 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-280-9379.
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Friday, 9 p.m. — Mystery Hangup. Band out of the Orange County/Los Angeles area. Includes three special musical acts! Indie rock/experimental/psychedelic. \$5. Ages 21 and up.
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Friday, 7 p.m. — Have Heart, Violation, More Than Words. Joyful Sounds and Alpha & Omega perform. Hardcore/punk.

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Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Dusty Brough & Eva Scow. Celebrate the release of their new CD *Sharon by the Sea*. A blend of jazz, Brazilian, and flamenco music. \$10-\$15.
Friday, 8 p.m. — The Cross Border Trio. \$10.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Peter Sprague. Teams up with Kevyn Lettau for an evening of jazz and samba. \$12-\$15.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
Thursday, 6 p.m. — Chet & the Committee. Blues jam.

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Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. — Cory

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It wasn't enough that the Los Angeles band **Dengue Fever** took '60s Cambodian pop as their main architecture. They had the random good fortune to chance upon a Cambodian vocalist working in a Long Beach club who was willing to front the indie outfit. From the beginning, **Chhom Nimol's** voice gave Dengue Fever an eerie authenticity and lifted the project free of being just another cover band with weird taste. For good measure, Dengue Fever infused their Cambodian set with an *Addams Family*—meets—surf rock bounce with intimations of psychedelic rock. With all of that going on, one is hard pressed for a description. For one thing, you don't know where the emotions will fall in this

kind of music. But then, pop music from California has a history of delightful madness. The West Coast gave the world surf rock, psychedelic rock, Frank Zappa, and Orange County hardcore — just to name a few of the pure California genres that have infiltrated rock culture.

The band is barely seven years old, and on their first few CDs they performed only Cambodian-pop covers. Later they began to write new material in the same idiom, and Nimol sang some of the lyrics in English as well as in her native tongue. Don't look to this band to make the rafters shudder — no guitar grinders here. Instead it's fairly authentic (if dated) Asian pop stuff with Farfisa organ and a comic sax woofing around the melodies. The surreal atonality of the Asian musical scale as played by American rock musicians lends the feeling that one has entered into a kind of Jim Jarmusch



DENGUE FEVER

time warp tempered by a gust of ice-cold Asian sexiness. Passing strange, yes, but from this catalog of disparate parts Dengue Fever has carved out a groove. Nothing this interesting or challenging, I think, since *Morrison Hotel*.

DENGUE FEVER, The Casbah, Saturday, April 19, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$14.

Reggae/ska/roots.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Joe Wood. Blues/rock/soul.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Thrice. With Circa Survive and Pelican. Rock/experimental.
Friday, 8:30 p.m. — La Quinta Estacion. *Rock en español* Latin group. \$37.
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Sunday, 8 p.m. — Symphony X, Epica, Into Eternity. Heavy metal

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Monday, 8 p.m. — Super Diamond. Neil Diamond tribute band.
Wednesday — Timbiriche. *Rock en español/pop*.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Rhythm & the Method. Acoustic/blues/rock. \$5.
Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Federal Funk. R&B. \$12.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Viva Santana. Santana tribute band. \$12.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Will Donato. Smooth jazz. \$12.
Monday, 7 p.m. — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Band. Blues/soul.

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Tuesday, August 12 • 8:00
PAOLO NUTINI

Wed., August 13 • 7:30
MICHAEL McDONALD

Thursday, August 14 • 7:30
JOE COCKER

Friday, August 15 • 8:00
TOWER OF POWER

Monday, August 18 • 8:00
GIPSY KINGS

Sunday, August 24 • 8:00
BILL MAHER

Tuesday, August 26 • 7:30
**LUCINDA
WILLIAMS**

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Sat., September 13 • 7:00
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Thurs., September 25 • 8:00
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The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778. *Mondays* — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. *Friday* — The Frantic Romantic and Book of Martyrs. With Modern Rifles. Indie rock/pop. *Saturday* — Hotel St. George and Death on Mars. With Writer and Lady Vain. Garage/pop.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. *Thursday* — Frankie Dee and the Funk Natra Band. Blues/standards/funk. *Friday* — Bill Magee. Blues/soul/rock. *Saturday* — Plato Soul. Classic to modern hits. *Sundays*, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock. *Wednesday* — Jeff Moore & the

Witchdoctors. Down-home Americana blues rock. **Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *Thursday* — Edie Carey. With Alyssa Jacey, Brenda Xu, and Rose Cousins. Acoustic/rock/pop. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Charlie Peacock and Eva Scow. With Ryan Calhoun and Sam & Ruby. Acoustic/pop/jazz. \$10. *Saturday*, 6 p.m. — The Eben Brooks Band. With Allison Lonsdale, Carlos Olmeda, Josh Damigo, and Simon Flick. *Sunday* — Aaron Anderson and the Welcome Matt. Acoustic/pop/rock. *Wednesday* — Judith Owen. With Katy Wong and Melissa Vaughan. Pop/jazz/rock. **The Living Room Coffeehouse - Old Town:** 2541 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-325-4445. *Friday*, 6:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims and Mike Stewart. Contemporary jazz/global music.

McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646. *Fridays*, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Northstar. Classic rock. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Stilettoes. Bluegrass/jazz/rockabilly. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Elevators.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Travlin' Band. Rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Lizardfish. Rock.

Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Minneapolis madman **Mark Mallman** was in between songs at a 2006 show when his guitarist started fiddling around with a riff from “When Doves Cry.” According to a reviewer, Mallman became angry and shouted, “Fuck that midget! This is my town now!” Prince probably doesn’t have too much to worry about, but Mallman is a big player in the Twin Cities scene, and this story illustrates precisely the kind of ironic self-aggrandizement and grandiosity that got him where he is today.

The art school graduate became famous for staging a 26-hour performance of a single song, a number called “Marathon”

that required a cast of 28 musicians and more than 300 pages of lyrics. (He later topped it with a sequel that went on for more than 52 hours.) At a New Year’s Eve performance a few months ago, he claimed to make rock ‘n’ roll history by being the first musician to play his keyboard with the rotating back wheel of an electric scooter. You can see this on YouTube, and it’s just one of many weird things you can see him doing there. In fact, the people posting Mallman videos on the site are apparently more interested in his between-song rants and midsong keyboard-humping antics than they are in his musicianship.

And Mallman is a formidable musician; he just prefers to play in the style of desperately uncool early-’80s stadium rock. His over-the-top antics suggest that the whole act



MARK MALLMAN

is a joke, but then he doesn’t break character as long as he’s onstage — which suggests that he’s serious. Ultimately, his performance is so well executed and so much fun that you don’t really care.

MARK MALLMAN, The Beauty Bar, Monday, April 21. 619-516-4746. \$2.

5834. *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 Jolla. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — “Zimbabwe Day.” Drums and dance by Ho-Asogli, *mbiras* by Masongano, marimbas by Zimbeat, Sene Africa with Amadou Fall (*kora*). Music, dance from Ghana, Senegal, Zimbabwe. 619-688-0688. \$10-\$18.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — Inciting Riots and Deadites Revenge. With 12 Cent and Boobie Trap. Punk/hardcore/reggae. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Northstar Session and the Grass Heat. With Shades of Day. Rock/soul/roots. *Sunday*, 7 p.m. — 420 Candy Kane Benefit. With Early Autumn, Behind the Wagon, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, and guests. Punk/country/soul. *Mondays*, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam every Monday night. Ages 21 and up. *Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — DropJoy, the Flower Thief, Mod Amish. With the Howls. Alternative/pop/punk. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Noisegod,

Solis, Chaotic Mess. Punk/rock/metal.

O’Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Road, Poway, 858-486-7422. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat. Classic rock.

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Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Alejandra Guzmán. In the Pala Events Center. \$45-\$65. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Fantastic Diamond. A tribute to Neil Diamond in the Grand Cabaret.

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Wednesday — Shelle Blue. Rhythm and blues.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — West of 5. Classic to modern rock.

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May 7, May 8 — Marcus Miller.

May 9 — Janis Siegel.

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May 13, May 14 — Les Nubians.

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April 25 — Sparrow Love Crew and the Fascination.

April 30 — Children of Nova and Late Nite Access.

May 1 — The Ringers and Hotel Saint George.

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April 24 — Dark Star Orchestra.

April 25 — B-Side Players and

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April 26 — The Yonder Mountain String Band.

April 27 — Victor Wooten.

April 29 — Mike Ness.

April 30 — Get Back Loretta and Ryan Ferguson.

May 1 — Mike Doughty.

May 2, May 3 — The English Beat.

May 4 — Shelby Lynne.

May 5 — Reggae de Mayo.

May 14 — Kathleen Edwards and the Last Town Chorus.

May 19 — Murder by Death, Dios, Gasoline Heart.

May 20 — The Proclaimers and Jeremy Fisher.

May 22 — Hal Ketchum.

May 25 — Don Carlos.

May 29 — Poncho Sanchez.

May 30 — Final Warning.

May 31 — Ladytron.

June 6 — Common Sense.

June 13 — The Young Dubliners.

June 14 — Cash'd Out.

June 21 — Dead Man's Party.

June 25 — Gary Hoey.

June 27 — Pato Banton and the Mystic Roots Band.

June 28 — Atomic Punks.

July 6, July 7 — Israel Vibration and Outlaw Nation.

July 12 — Stepping Feet.

July 24 — Venice.

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June 21 — The Kenny Burrell Quartet.

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May 6 — Blood on the Wall and Thee Oh Sees.
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May 8 — Vetiver, Astra, Johnathan Wilson.
May 9 — Cash'd Out.
May 10 — The Sess.
May 13 — Langhorne Slim and Ferraby Lionheart.
May 14 — Candy Kane Fundraiser.
May 15 — Efterklang and Slaraffenland.
May 16, May 17 — Lucy's Fur Coat.
May 18 — The Dirtbombs, Dan Sartain, the Terrible Twos.
May 19 — The Kills, Child Ballads, Roxy Jones.
May 20 — Destroyer and Devon White.
May 21 — The Radar Brothers and Le Switch.
May 22 — The Von Bondies and Die! Die! Die!
May 23 — French Kicks.
May 24 — Donita Sparks.
May 26 — Margot & the Nuclear So and So's.
May 27 — The Archways.
May 28 — Ladyhawk and Neva Dinova.
May 29 — Vagabond Opera.
May 30 — Swervedriver and Film School.
May 31 — Trevor Keith and Say Vinyl.
June 1 — Oaks.
June 3 — The Black Angels and the Warlocks.
June 4 — Local H.
June 6 — Calico Horse.
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May 10 — Alexander T. Kent.
May 11 — Palms.
May 17 — Fleas and Lice, Mouth Sewn Shut.
May 27 — Parenthetical Girls, Pwrful Power, Au.
May 31 — Tragedy, Blowback, Crime Desire.
June 8 — Frog Eyes, Ramona Cordova, Francois Viroto.
June 9 — Joan of Arc and 31 Knots.

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May 9 — Vladimir Spivakov and the Moscow Virtuosi.

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May 2 — Michael Bubl .
May 20 — Megadeth.
June 3 — The Cure.

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June 13 — Brad Paisley.
June 27 — 311 and Snoop Dogg.
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May 15 — Life or Death and Wages of War.
May 16 — Children of Nova, the Material, Misc. Ailments Foundation.
May 23 — Five More Days, Out of My League, Hello Marquee.
June 7 — Stereo Summer and a Dull Science.

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April 25 — Barbara Nesbitt.
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May 9 — Noches Rockeras.
May 10 — Nylon Summer Music Tour.
May 13 — Dave Matthews Tribute Band.
May 15 — Ghostland Observatory.
May 16 — Eisley.
May 18 — The Kooks.
May 20 — The Adicts.
May 22 — The Dresden Dolls.
May 23 — Nightwish.
May 28 — The National.
May 30 — The Kottonmouth Kings.

June 4 — Peter Murphy.
June 7 — The Dead Kennedys.
June 12 — Augustana.
June 20 — The Old 97's.
June 28 — O.A.R.
July 7 — Dark Lotus.
July 25 — The Aquabats.
August 2 — Richard Cheese.
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June 7 — The Beach Boys.
June 10 — Erykah Badu and the Roots.
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June 13 — Johnny Lang.
June 17 — Crosby, Stills, & Nash.
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June 19 — The Indigo Girls.
June 20 — Idina Menzel.
June 25 — Ani DiFranco.
June 26, June 27 — One Hawaii Tour.
June 30 — Robert Plant & Alison Krauss.

July 1, July 2 — Bob Weir & RatDog.
July 16 — Chris Isaak.
July 17, July 18 — Hippiefest.
July 22 — Feist.
July 23 — The Doobie Brothers.
July 25 — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.
July 27 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
July 28 — Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi.
July 29 — Toots & the Maytals.
July 31 — Emmylou Harris.

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August 1 — Dolly Parton.
August 3 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.
August 4 — Huey Lewis & the News.
August 6 — Boz Scaggs.
August 8 — Peter & Gordon.
August 10 — UB40.
August 11 — David Sanborn and Lee Ritenour.
August 12 — Paolo Nutini.
August 13 — Michael McDonald.
August 14 — Joe Cocker.
August 15 — Tower of Power.
August 18 — The Gipsy Kings.
September 4 — Lucinda Williams.
September 12 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.
September 13 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
September 25 — Kenny G.
September 28 — Etta James & the Roots Band.
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April 25 — Gregory Page.
April 26 — The Big Provider.
April 30 — The Eben Brooks Band.
May 2 — Rob Deez.
May 3 — Reeve Oliver.
May 7 — Jenni Alpert and Kori
Withers.
May 8 — Amber Rubarth.
May 9 — Eleanor England and the
Shep Meyers Trio.
May 10 — Lisa Sanders and
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May 11 — The Ian McFeron Band
and Simon Lynge.
May 15 — Shawn Ponder.
May 16 — Carlos Olmeda and
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as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Matt Archer**
Song: **"Visionsubdivisions"** (from the
CD *The Paranoiac Critical*)
Heard By: **Peter Papineau**, Sherman
Heights



Peter

Technically, it's pretty good, but production-wise, it needs some work. It was trying to be melodic, but it sounds very computerized...very digital. I can tell...because I'm kind of a musician...that it was almost all done with computer sounds. There are some sounds in there that I didn't particularly like and the levels we're a little off, but melodically, it was very cool. It could have been two songs, also, I think. About six minutes into the song he brought in some vocals but more of someone speaking in the background. It's something like Orbital. It could be like Dust Brothers or something in that realm. I would consider it "light wave" if I were to give it a name for the category.

Artist: **Neil MacPherson**
Song: **"Mountain Weekend"** (from the
CD *Solace*)
Heard By: **Samuel McBride**, Normal
Heights



Samuel

It was bright, innovative, original music and performed by a very excellent musician who plays the piano beautifully. It was a beautiful song. I play the piano myself and I would love to try to play it. I would listen to a concert or whole album by this guy. It's not a romantic piece, like Chopin or Rachmaninoff or anything like that, but it's contemporary; it's new. It makes you feel good after you listen to it. I would listen to it on a radio station. I'd buy it from the iTunes store...I think it really is a commercial product. I run everyday and I walk everyday and I do yoga and meditate. I could listen to it in a meditation hour.

Artist: **Sir RJ**
Song: **"Grip of Fate"** (from the CD *Grip of Fate*)
Heard By: **Ryan McCannon**, Ocean
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Ryan

The first version of that song is very jazzy and lounge-style and I wasn't really into it, but the second version kind of got down with it a little more. It had more of a beat going to it, which I dig. The lyrics were exactly the same in the second version but a lot more crazy and high pitched. It gave it more of an "indie" flair. The lyrics were about his uncertainty about life and just kind of going with it. The lyrics were good, I guess...a good expression. In the first version his vocals were more forced. The second one his vocals almost took on this fun, disco flair. It was almost danceable. I definitely imagine sitting down in a lounge drinking a cocktail to that song.

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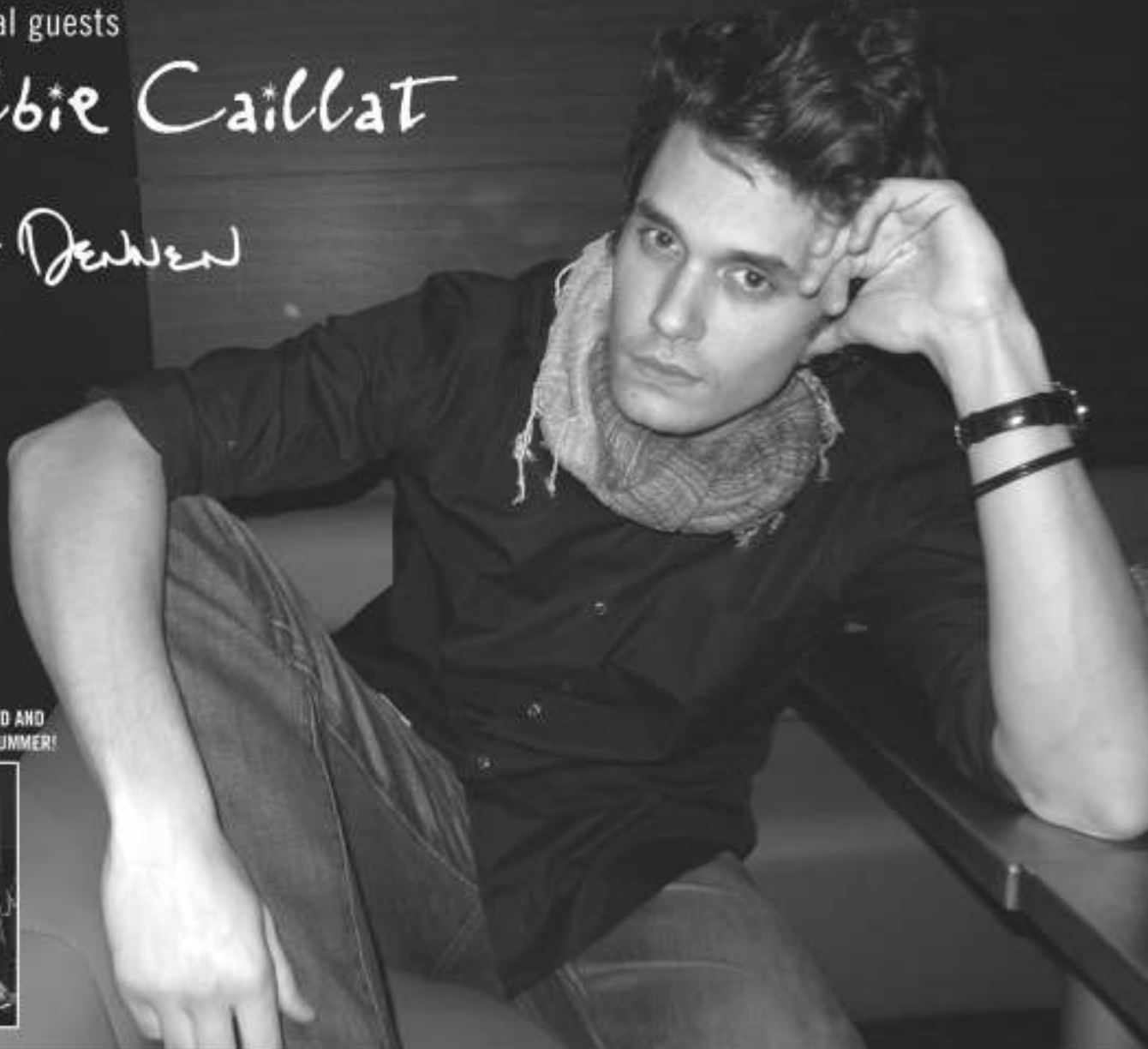
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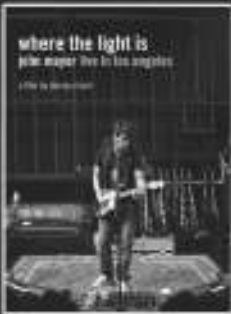
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Time went by. I got into radio around the same

time they started to get some airplay, around 1984 or '85. Their name was then just Ratt, and they had a different line-up. I was at KGB then. DJs would always say, "A little Ratt and roll for ya."

"Round and Round" was the huge hit single. It went off like a rocket. When I first heard it, I was blown away. Van Halen had saved us from disco, and Ratt was on the scene. I played that on a cassette, from *Out of the Cellar*. I wore it out, eventually. In the studio, I turned the monitors up as loud as they would go. The opening kicks in, you can't help but just start swinging your hair and banging your head. It never got old for me.

MTV was getting big, and I was watching it one day. The video for "Round and Round" comes on. It starts with a butler in a rich mansion, I

believe, then cuts to this stunning chick, looking right at you. And my jaw dropped. I said "Holy shit...it's Lisa!" Lisa is a gal I went to college with. I majored in drama. Lisa was in a group at Mesa College back in the late '70s; a model at the time, with Tina Real Agency. We dated a few times. It was very incestuous in the drama department back then.

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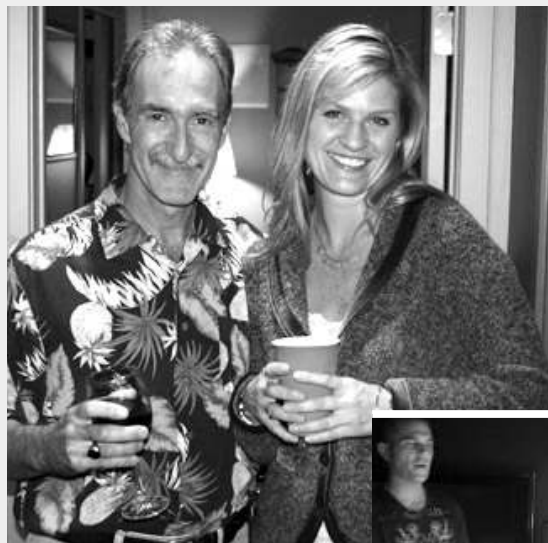
by Josh Board

Nora, a local singer, told me that Ike Turner's old band was going to play a party in La Jolla. I showed up that afternoon and met Steph Johnson, another local musician. She was waiting for friends, so I took the opportunity to ask her about what was going on. She informed me that it was a benefit for the Jewish Community Center.

I walked in to the sound of honky-tonk piano. The guy playing, Ernest Lane, has worked with several acts, including the Monkees. Listening to the few songs he played prompted me to go out and find one of his CDs.

I listened as the band rehearsed "Rocket 88," the song that's considered the first rock tune.

The drummer had his son, who was wearing a Chargers jersey, standing near him. When they finished, I asked the drummer about his kid. "Well, it's my day with him," he said, "and he likes hanging out. He's usually on the computer. He goes to the *South Park* website." I said, "He



Top left: Stephanie Baker; Top right: Birthday girl Nicole; Bottom right: Ernest Lane, who was Ike Turner's piano player

probably knows more about computers than you." The guy said, "Oh, no. I'm a graphic artist."

The band members were talking about what songs to perform. One left the conversation for some tea. Another, one of the horn players, looked

When they started playing again, I listened to two songs. And then when Steph was harmonizing with members of the

about a party for a woman named Nicole, who was turning 30. Bruce and Nate would be hosting the party at their condo in Hillcrest.

The invitation that a friend showed me stated the date that Nicole was turning 30. I showed up at the condo on that date and buzzed Nate's place but nobody answered. I thought it was odd to throw a party on a Thursday night, and I was surprised when I found parking so easily.

I called the friend who had told me about the bash. He laughed and said, "Yeah, there was some confusion about that. The party is actually tomorrow."

I headed out to play racquetball instead, figuring I'd skip that bash.

The next day, however, I'd no other parties to attend, and a friend and I were going to see a movie in Hillcrest at 10:30 p.m. So, I figured I'd hit the party for an hour before the movie.

I introduced myself to Nicole. She gave me a tour of the condo, which she and her fellow architects built.

She talked about growing up in Texas and playing sports. She ran the 400 and broke a few school records.

One of her friends came over and interjected, "You won't find a person with more energy and athleticism than Nicole. She once had a cast on, after a major surgery, and she still went dancing with us. She was really cutting up a rug. It was insane that she even wanted to go." Nicole invited me to go dancing with the group later in

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exhausted. I wanted to ask him if playing a horn wears you out more than, say, drums or guitar, but he went backstage.

band JZMN, I slipped out.

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the evening.

Another guy told me that he'd seen her dance while she was wearing eight-inch heels.

I spoke with Nate and Bruce in the kitchen. They were holding their dog, Toto. Nicole walked over and said, "I like bigger dogs better. I want a sheep dog. Something big that I can wrestle."

A guy nearby overheard her and said, "Ohhh, girl-friend, I'll wrestle you!" I said, "I'll only wrestle ya if there's mud involved."

There were a few birthday cakes. I said to one woman, "Damn, they probably aren't going to cut these cakes before I leave." She laughed and said, "I try so hard not to eat cake. You guys can eat and gain weight, but for women it's tougher. Look how big I am." I said, "You look great." She smiled and said, "Are you straight...? I meet so many guys at Nicole's parties, and they're all muscular and good looking and I get all worked up...but, they're all gay!" I said, "Yeah, it's weird. Us heterosexual males, we don't care about staying in shape, do we?"

A woman named Stephanie introduced herself. She said I had met her at a party a few years earlier. I have a good memory, but I couldn't place her. When she told me that it was at a VFW hall in P.B. and that there was a drunk guy who kept pulling down his pants, then I remembered. One guy nearby said, "Why wasn't I at that party?"

I told her that I'd heard from a couple who was at that same party. They'd flown to Hawaii to get married. I also remembered a woman with a scar on her arm and a guy who worked as a producer on *Punk'd*. She said, "Yeah, he told you more stories about that show than he ever told us." I said, "Well, he was drunk by the time I got there. And, half the stories he told me he said I couldn't print or he'd lose his job."

When Toto ran by, I

asked Stephanie if she had a dog. She told me about her coon hound, Dewie. She showed me a picture of the dog going to the bathroom and said, "I'm going to embarrass him by showing this photo to any of the girl dogs he brings back to the house." I said, "Are you kidding? Dogs sniff each others' butts. To them, a photo like that is porno."

Nicole came over and said, "Stephanie is the smartest person at our office. She runs the place." Stephanie smiled and said, "I didn't see you writing that down. I want you to quote her accurately on that."

Nicole said, "She's going to be single soon, hint hint."

They put candles on the cake and brought it out to Nicole. She looked as if she'd never eaten a piece of cake in her life. I grabbed a piece, and headed out to the balcony, which had an incredible view of the city.

I lit up a cigar and talked with a woman who

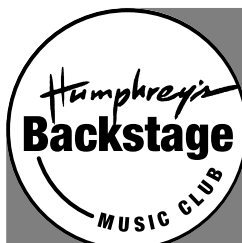
works with a friend of mine. Her husband works in submarines, and she told me a bit about that. A military guy started asking technical questions about it. He then told a funny story about the war games his unit plays.

Stephanie came out for a cigarette, and we both admitted that we were afraid of heights as we looked over the edge.

I saw that it was time to meet my friend at the theater and that I was going to have to say goodbye to Nicole. I had heard her trying to talk people into going dancing later in the evening, and I didn't want to get talked into that, so I snuck out.

I heard from Nicole the next day. They went dancing until morning and she woke up the next day on one of her friends' couches. She didn't break any limbs. ■

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"Sweetheart?" coos Carla. "Honey? My heart? *Mi corazón?*"

When Carla slips into Spanish and uses "th" for the z, something's up.

"Uh-huh?"

"Call from my brother. He's launching his book here. That academic book? He's invited ten friends to come to the book signing, and, uh..."

"And?"

"Well, I was worried nobody would turn up. So I've invited ten of our friends as well, just in case, and..."

"Invited? To what? The book signing?"

"Yes, the book signing..."

"Good idea."

"And..."

"Oh no..."

"A dinner. So that'd be for 20."

It tumbles out like a car dealer's radio ad.

"A dinner for...20? Us paying?"

"Darling, we're obliged. I'm his sister. This has to be me celebrating Scott. I want him and his VIP friends to see we can, you know, run with that crowd."

"Run?" I say. "We can't even *crawl* after that crowd! Sweetheart, let me describe our problem this way: Money. You know, dinero. Moolah. Bread. Dough. Lettuce. Alfalfa. Spondoolicks. Hardtack."

"Ed." She places her hand over my mouth. "I've worked that part out. Remember cat insurance? Barking Cat?"

Oh no. She's not taking that? Barking Cat (her meow sounds like a Chihuahua's yap) had hyper-active thyroid treatment a while back. Cost a thousand smackeroos. Honest. Wrecked the Bedford economy for months. Fortunately, just before the diagnosis, we'd started cat insurance, which promised to return "80 percent" of anything like operation costs. Eventually.

"It should be here by the end of next week," Carla says. "That's gotta pay for at least 20 guests."

"And where are you going to fit 20 people? Not in this matchbox."

"Quite right, dahling. No, it has to be Coronado. Because that's where the book launching is. Bay Books. Orange Avenue. What can I say?"

Oh, man. That upscale 'burb? I mean, it wouldn't be so bad if Brother Scott had written a blood-and-guts Navy SEAL book. Then we could all hive off to McP's pub and get soused there. But



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no. He's written a campus-published treatise on marine life up where the narwhals play.

"Sweetheart," I say. "With the best will in the world, us paying for a 20-person banquet ain't never gonna happen."

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"So," Carla says, a few days later. She and her friend Linda are poring over a large sheet of paper on the table. They've drawn all kinds of things on it — boxes, circles, T-shapes. And they've scribbled names around them. "If we put the admiral there, and the nature photographer next to him, and the three female oceanographic students around Scott — they're babes. Scott'll love the attention..."

"Uh, Carla," I say. "What are you doing?"

"Planning Scott's dinner, sweetie," she murmurs, without looking up. She only uses "sweetie" when she holds a trump card. "Barking Cat's insurance came in. Five hundred! So we can do it after all, right?"

Lord. That's only half of what we paid out, but even that'd come in useful for a zillion other things. But — d'agh, what can you do? Carla hasn't seen

her older brother for I don't know how long, probably because he thinks she married "down." Meaning, me. She's got something to prove.

"I'm sure you guys can do it on this budget," Linda says. Hmm. You gotta respect Linda, be-

cause she graduated from Johnson and Wales University. The culinary place back east.

So I swallow big and come over to the table.

"OK, I'm in. How are we going to do this?"

Carla flings her arms around yours truly. "Oh, Ed! You won't regret this. First thing is, it's got to be close to Bay Books. Second is, it's got to be good enough for his snooty friends but not bust our financial butt."

She scrabbles around under the papers and hauls out a blue-and-white menu. She holds it aloft. "Ta-daa!"

She hands it to me. "Costa Azul, Coronado," it says. Ah. This is one of those places we know. Carla and I have stopped in there after her weekend hairdos at Diane's on the island — she refuses to go to anyone else. What can you do?

But to keep 20 people down to a small roar? I

Costa Azul

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Mexican and American food, with emphasis on Mexican seafood. Mexican beers, specialty drinks, soft drinks.

PICK HITS: White bean chili soup; baby back pork ribs; coconut crunchy shrimp; garlic shrimp; fried shrimp and bacon sandwich; swordfish tacos; Coronado burrito.

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open up the menu. I'm looking at entrées, "Regional Specialties" like a 12-ounce New York steak, \$17.95. Coconut crunchy shrimp, \$16.95. Lessee. Multiply that 20 times...that's over \$350 already, not counting booze and dessert and taxes and tips.

"No no, you have to cherry-pick," says Linda. "Rule Number One is limit what they can eat. We do the choosing."

So, OK, they have a whole panoply of appetizers at around the \$7–\$8 mark. Seafood samplers, calamari strips, taquitos, nachos.

"Appetizers?" I say.

"Forget it," Linda says. "If you get into more than one course, the bill will go through the roof. Be tough."

We scan the menu. And it's surprising. Between the \$16.95 garlic shrimp-type dishes, Costa Azul squeezes in a half rotisserie chicken with mash and veggies, or rice, beans, and tortillas, for \$9.95. Or fish and chips, same price. Or baby back pork ribs

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"What you have to do is make a deal with the people there," Linda says. "So you know ahead what the entire evening's going to cost. I think we'd better go see them."

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Costa Azul feels surprisingly large when you walk in off Orange Avenue, just a few yards south of Bay Books. It's stucco cream and brown on the outside, a wide patio with umbrellas along the railings. Pole heaters stand ready to warm the evening. "Wow. We could have it out here," I say.

Inside is cavernous, too. A couple of dozen golden-wood tables with heavy wood chairs are scattered around, some under large black wrought-iron chandeliers with rings of electric candles, though most are blue-glass hanging lamps. Nice idea, boys, except the blue lights give it a cold kind of glow. Large, colored pictures of Coronado back in the day, like around 1900, break up the all-white walls. Cactus plants and ficus trees make it all feel a little gardenish. A large sit-up bar fills most of the left wall.

We track down Sean Lawrer, the general manager. Looks like Captain Haddock, if you've ever read the *Tintin* comic books. He tells us he's spent 27 years in the business, with two and a half years at Costa Azul. He confirms what Linda said, that we should choose maybe five dishes to hit that \$10 mark.

"But what about drinks?" I say. "How do you stop people from drinking you into the poorhouse?"

"Just don't include drinks," says Sean. "Make it a no-host bar. The servers become responsible for each guest paying them."

"Can you seat 20 at one table?" Carla asks. "What about other customers?"

"What time do you want to come?" asks Sean.

"About 8:15 p.m. My brother will be talking in the bookshop till then."

"That's good, because we'll be past our worst crush by then. We can push tables together, but only inside. Twenty's too much on the patio."

"So, uh, can we know a price ahead of time, so we don't have any surprises?" I ask.

"Well, you'll have to work out which dishes you want. But if you choose just a main, plus coffee, and chips and salsa, which we throw in, it'll probably be around \$15 a head, including tips and tax. And we can print a menu for you, with just the dishes you want on it, so they only have those to choose among. No charge for that. And we can put a picture of your brother's book on the front."

Wow. Now it's starting to sound classy. So...20 people at \$15, we're talking around \$300. Guess the Barking Cat fund could just about handle that.

The next few days, Carla and Linda hone the food choices

down. There is quite a choice. Now that I think about it, Carla and I have had some delicious moments at the Costa Azul. We once shared an \$8.95 fried shrimp and bacon sandwich (with lettuce, tomato, and red onion), which was good and, after we squeezed in more mayonnaise, sensational. Carla has taken on the very filling Coronado burrito (\$9.25), a monster that is basically carne asada (she could have had chicken) with the usual stuffings. I've been surprisingly filled by a swordfish taco with salsa, cheese, and chipotle ranch (\$5, \$9.95 for a full plate with rice and beans). We've had the coconut crunchy shrimp (\$16.95 with rice and sautéed veggies — but we ordered the \$8.95 appetizer), and they were coconutty and great with a red salsa dip, though I didn't dig the other honey-jalapeno dip that came with it. The wickedest eats I've had here have to be the garlic shrimp (\$16.95, but ask, and they'll give you an appetizer size for \$8.95). The shrimp come sautéed in butter, garlic, and lemon, but you can also dip them into a pot of beautiful dark red garlic mix, with a shoal of herbs and spices. It tastes like sin itself. You know you're on the slippery slope to gluttony as you linger like a forlorn lover over your last dip.

But the dish I associate most with Costa Azul is a cheap, spicy, deliciously filling white bean chili soup (\$5.50). It's loaded with "slow-roasted pork" in a mess

of great white northern beans, all in a chile verde sauce. It's a meal. And, for Coronado, it's a deal too.

In the end, Carla and Linda settle on a choice of half-ribs, rotisserie chicken, chicken enchiladas, fish and chips, and an Esmeralda salad with optional chicken for any vegetarians. Sean confirms \$15 per head and says he'll put cloth coverings over the tables to make them, well, nicer, and to join the tables. Sean reckons a table shaped like a capital *I* is the way to go, so everyone can be within shoutin' distance.

"Now," says Carla. "Who sits by whom?"

She doesn't look at me. By now she, Linda, and their friend Judy are a tight team. Along with Sean, they spend hours sweating the best seating arrangement. And I mean hours. It's like working out a UN peace-conference table. Then Carla goes further: She hits the phones and starts Googling different guests to find out just what interests they have, where they made their mark, what their thing is, so she can pair them off and maximize conversation potential. "Good table conversation is like stand-up comedy," she says. "Every 'spontaneous' moment has been set up."

Me? About the only thing I do is write the names of the guests on 22 cards. (Yeah, brother Scott found two more narwhaling buddies he wanted to come.)

"The big question is married couples," says Carla. "Sit them

together? So each doesn't have to worry about the other straying? Or split them, so each one *does* have a chance to breathe fresh air and get a little flirtation in. I am of the latter persuasion."

Wow. "Latter persuasion"? 'Course she's putting on the high-falutin' thing just for fun, but you can see we're tapping into another life. Pre-me, for sure. "All this makes me feel as if I'm back with my mom," Carla says. "She did a lot of entertaining, before she and Dad split up. Taught me all about the formal things. Remember, they knew formality. They had their Spanish traditions. Normally I don't think about it." She sighs. "But right now, I'm going to enjoy it while I can."

Must say, the kid has wings on her feet. She even calls everybody again to check that they don't have allergies to the food selections.

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We needn't have worried about an audience for Scott at the book signing. Bay Books is nicely filled. Somehow, though, I've lost Carla. It's not until I sneak out and around to Costa Azul that I find her. Wow. She and Judy are bringing in sets of flowers. "Red and white, because of Scott's military background," she says. "And cut low, so guests can see each other across the table." Who knew? Now she's putting votive candles between the flowers. "Don't worry," she says. "They're all from Vons. Cost \$26, flowers and candles." And now she and Sean are going from

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table to table, chair to chair, setting a place card on top of the way-cool menus Sean printed up, and — can you believe it? — now they're measuring the distance of each chair from the table. Just like at a White House state dinner. "One cubit," Carla says. "Elbow to wrist. That way the row doesn't look raggedy. And — see? — we've made sure each chair is away from table legs, so folks don't knock their shins when they sit down. These things make a difference. Uh, sweetie, why don't you go back to the bookshop and, as soon as Scott finishes, tell them it's time to eat?"

I dutifully head out the door. "Ed!" Carla calls me back. "No extras. Don't let any of them sweet-talk you into joining up, 'cause it'll be us paying for it."

And guess what? I'm scanning folks in Bay Books milling around, waiting to get a signature, when this guy comes over. "Wow, you're his brother-in-law?" he says. "Great. Hey, what's everybody doing afterwards? I knew Scott when he was a midshipman. We all eating after? We've got a lot of catching up to do."

"Sounds like a great idea," says the lady with him. "I'm starving."

I wrack my brains for a way out. In the end, it's the coward's

way. "Uh, better see if you can find his sister," I say. "She'd know about that."

The rest is sort of a blur. Except damn, those ribs were good. One of Scott's friends brings half a dozen bottles of wine. That takes care of the no-host drink problem.

"Ooh, look!" says Claire, this lady next to me. "Party favors!" I look around for balloons and party hats. But she's holding a classy stainless-steel bookmark. She reads out something engraved on it, a Les Brown quote: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." Absolutely charming," says Claire. "Party favors. I haven't had one of these since I was a girl in Pasadena."

I see we all have one. Me, I'm multiplying by 20. Oh Lord. Have we just spent another \$150? But Carla's safely up at the other end, and I've got conversation to make: a pro diver to my left, a Navy SEAL, and a lady author and cello player to my right. I'm a bit stuck for words, but everybody else seems to be having a fine old time. Because, big surprise to me, the food comes promptly, and it's hot, good, and really generously loaded. I take the ribs. Man, if this is a half-rack, how would you fit in the whole? All those impawtant folks around Scott, gives me a kick to see, are into the fish and chips. Don't see a single salad anywhere. Sean's cruising the perimeter, making sure everything's hunky-dory.

Carla clinks her glass. I get up, speechify briefly about what a wonderful guy our Scott is. But what I really want to say is something about what a helluva job Sean and Carla and Linda and Judy have done. Heck, the whole dinner looks almost as good as a White House affair. But I don't, 'cause this is Scott's moment.

Final worry. Time to pay. But, whew, no surprises. It all comes to exactly \$314.11, for 21 people (one dropped out). About \$14.95 each, tip and tax included.

"I never thought you had it in you, Ed," says brother-in-law Scott, as we head out into the night. "You did me proud."

"Actually, it was Carla did you proud," I say.

Then Carla and me are alone. "Uh, is there something you want to tell me?" I say. I hold up my bookmark. It says, "A penny saved is a penny earned." Seems each one has a different saying.

"Oh, yes. Those," says Carla. "I saw them in Bay Books. They seemed so perfect for the occasion. The party-favor thing. I wanted it to take my brother back. . . They cost, uh, \$80 for 20. It was such a deal, Ed. Four dollars apiece. They're usually \$7. I'm sorry. . ."

"Need a ride anywhere?" says this admiral's wife.

"No thanks," I say. "Just waiting for our stretch limo."

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"Like, a very stretched limo," says Carla. "The 901 bus?"

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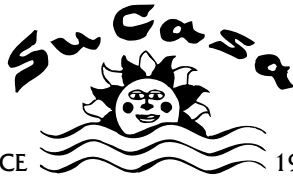
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“OK. How’s about Oceanside?”
“I tell you, man,” says Hank.
“Nothing beats O.B.”

We’re ambling west down Newport, arguing, as per usual. Size, of course. Like, who has the longest pier. I.B. or O.B.? If O.B. wins, I’m sunk. Have to pay for chow. We yabber on outside the blue-and-white international hostel. It’s dusk. Ralph Lauren babes and Johnny Depp dudes drape its balcony like a seal colony. We see one guy smoking a French Gauloise and scanning a California guide.

“Uh, mind if I borrow your book for a mo’, bro?” says Hank.

The guy shrugs.
Hank flips through its pages. Now he’s reading. “Aha!” he says finally. “O.B. has the longest concrete pier in the world — 1971 feet! Oceanside has the longest *wooden* pier in California, 1954 feet. I.B.’s is 1491. Hope you’ve got the necessary, dude.”

Sigh. Guess I can do it, long as Hank doesn’t go too crazy. I ask the Gauloise guy, “Where have you been eating while you’re here?”

“Right across this street,” he says. Sounds like a German accent. “The chicken is very delicious. Cholesterol, of course, *ja*? And the *jojo* potatoes...But they are very good. And so cheap.”

Huh. That last word. My ears perk up. We cross Newport in the fading light.

What we chicken-lovers find on the other side is this little hole-in-the-wall with a brown canopy. The sign above it says “Chicken Kitchen.” Newer lettering on the canopy says “Livingston’s Mexican Grill.”

A second, wider canopy to the left says “Sunshine Company Saloon.” Looks as if Livingston’s has been slid in like a shoebox to fill half the pub.

“You’ve come to the right place, lads.”
Couple of Irishmen sit at a green plastic

sidewalk table, chowing into chicken and great fat fries, looks like, or are they fried zucchini? James, the guy who greeted us, introduces his buddy James. Seems they really are supersized fries. “Irishmen know spuds, and these are...you have to try them. Best in town. That’s what they are, indeed.”

**TIN
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I resist a “Begorrah!” and head on in. It’s a little space with bright green wainscoting, white walls, cream ceiling, and a big, shiny copper vent-shield over the stove area. Half the walls are covered in menu listings. All sorts of Mexican stuff, plus chicken. “That’s what we’re here for, dude,” says Hank. “The chicken. See? Broasted — pressure-cooked in oil — or rotisserie. Let’s get rotisserie.”

But hold it. What’s the choice and what’s the price? For starters, I’m impressed by the day’s special: a quarter chicken with rice, beans, and tortillas for \$4.59. Then a half rotisserie chicken with those sides is \$6.50, or a whole chicken is \$9.95. Or a half chicken with no sides is \$4.99, and a whole is \$7.99. Can’t beat that. The broasted — high-pressure fried — chicken runs \$4.10 for a two-piece dinner (\$3.10 for just the chicken and a roll) up to \$6.50 for a four-piece (breast, wing, thigh, leg) for the dinner, \$5.50 for chicken and roll.

I look at Hank. I mean, *this* I can afford. “Let’s go for a whole-chicken dinner,” he says. “Split it.”

“That okay?” I ask Sergio, the guy running the joint. And I mean running. He’s triangulating on the double between the fryer, the freezer, and the phone.

“Oh sure,” he says.
“Comes with *jojos*?” I ask.
“Of course.”

Course it’s a bit of a wait. Sergio has to cook all this stuff, and he has a line of people waiting to order, and he’s got only one guy helping him. Plus, I notice that his sidekick is going back into the bar area (you can see right through) and taking orders from people in the Sunshine Company Saloon.

But waiting’s no problem, it turns out. Three guys — Dave, Andrew, and Girardo — sit down near us. Dave and Andrew are from San Antonio, Texas. Pharmacy students.

“You’ve sure come to the right little town for that,” says Hank.

“Hey, man,” I say. “Just because O.B. has a certain reputation...”

Girardo is from here, San Diego. Works nights on the — get this — Everingham bait barge. That’s way out in the middle of the swell-wracked entrance to our bay, where they prepare live bait for the coming day’s fishing fleet. It’s no job for wimps. The sea lions, for a start, give ’em hell all night long, waiting for them to trip and send bait fish flying.

These guys are here for the tortas. “The best I’ve had is in Monterrey, in Mexico,” says Andrew. “Girardo says they’re as good here.”

“For here?” yells Sergio. We yell back, “Yes!” and he brings out two paper plates brimming with blackened chicken and a pile of *jojo* potato wedges, like orange quarters. Oh man, the smell. Then come frijoles, and chips on the side, plus tubs of hot sauce. The slightly cheesy spuds, with a little salt and hot sauce, are beautiful.

And Hank, Mr. Salad himself, lunges into the chicken like there was no tomorrow. “I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again,” he says. “The breast is the test. If it’s flavorful *and* moist, you’ve got yourself a good roast chicken. Or turkey.”

“Or, in your case, Tofurkey.”
“You don’t realize how good this tastes, after you’ve been on the salad thing for as long as I have,” he says. Across, at the next table, Girardo and the Texans seem to be voting for those tortas with their mouths.

Fact is, this is one of those busy-busy little places that gives you a real deal and real taste. Very O.B. No corporate BS.

My only regret is that we didn’t try the



Sergio

broasted chicken instead of the rotisserie. Loved the rotisserie, but I know there’s something even more wicked about the broasted. It’s like broiling and roasting the chicken at the same time. Deep-fried, but in a pressure cooker. They say the chicken retains its moisture and it’s less greasy. Pretty sure Sergio does this with the *jojo* potatoes (the in-crowd pronounces it “ho-ho”). They even take on some of the chicken’s flavors.

Ah well. Jes’ have to come back.
“I’m stuffed,” says Hank. “Hey. Feel like walking this off up the longest concrete pier in the world?” ■

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BEACHES

Baleen 1404 Vacation Road, Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations. — N.W.

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good rea-

son: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Fridays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-692-1410. The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodizios* (e.g., Rei Do Gado). Here you can eat like a real *cariooca*, sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can happily make a grazing meal of stuffed things — appetizers such as *coxinhas*, *pasteles*, *croquetas*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*) — and don't miss the luxuriant fried-bananas Milanese. Ask for the house's Brazilian hot sauce, hotter and livelier than the Mexican bottled sauces on the tables. The main-course masterpiece is *moqueca de peixe*, fish in a curry-like coconut milk stew. Other good choices include *prato feito* (beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans) or filet mignon with *catupiry*, a stroganoff-like concoction made with a rich Brazilian cheese of the same name. Weekends, there's *feijoada*, the Brazilian national dish, but it's a rather thin and soupy version. Good desserts, including passion-fruit mousse. Beer, wine, sake-based cocktails. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations accepted but not needed. Moderate. — N.W.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077. "Bull" and "Bear," as in stock market moods. It's not surprising lots of *soigné* financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian prices. Of course the names kowtow to mighty Wall Street: the Broker Breakfast Burrito (eggs, bacon), Venture Capital Veggie Burrito, Bull Burger, Dow Jones Dog, Francheesie Dog. Best bang for the

buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Bottom line: it's a chew with a view. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily (bar open till 2 a.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi-bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the *char su* duck salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; duck wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D.

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-551-3620. In this oddly cozy penthouse with wide windows facing west, the curtains rise at sunset to reveal a panorama stretching to the sea. It's comfortable, attractive, not too formal — casual-chic. Here, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a creative, sophisticated, seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors seamlessly integrated, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. With his discerning palate, his fare is unusually delicious. And it's healthful, low-carb enjoyment with interesting veggies, little starch, minimal cream. Wine list includes some high-end

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Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, rata-touille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at the French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M.

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Joe's Crab Shack — Pacific Beach 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. 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 Mission Valley, Oceanside, and downtown. — N.W.

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Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* Kahana, or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Sadaf — La Jolla 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rose-water ice cream is a great finale. Non-specials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

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The Shores 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. At this family-friendly resort on the oceanfront at La Jolla Shores, the hotel restaurant serves simple steak and seafood entrées, classic steakhouse appetizers, and sides. Friday evenings there's a seafood buffet. Although the legendary Bernard (the Marine Room) Guillas is officially in charge as executive chef, the food bears no sign of his involvement: It is thoroughly ordinary. Wines are mainly familiar top-shelf supermarket bottling, with few by the glass (reasonable corkage). Full bar. Validated parking (three hours) in underground garage. Resort-casual dress. Reasonably quiet. Three meals daily. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive "early bird" three-course dinners for \$20, two courses for \$15. — N.W.

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La Casa del Mole Aquiles Serdán #543, Baja, 664-682-9074. Colonia Libertad is where Tijuana's love affair with mole is said to have begun, around 1991. Herminia Amador dreamed of bringing the flavors of her native state of Puebla to Tijuana. That meant one thing: mole *poblano*, Mexico's major sauce statement. She opened this flower-filled restaurant, and then a second and a third. And all because Tijuans love mole *poblano*, a complex, sweet, dark sauce combination of maybe 20 differ-

ent spices, chiles, nuts, and chocolate. Sit down here, and your big question is: What's going under your mole? Thigh or breast of chicken? Pork? Perhaps enchiladas? Your call. Prices are so reasonable you can try several variations. Whichever, when you bite in for the first time, you're dialing direct back to the earliest days of the conquistadors in Aztec, Mexico. Start with mole *poblano*, learn its wine-like complexities, then move on to other moles, such as *ranchero* and *verde*. Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, Baja, 664-688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Vegetarian upon request. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Vegetarian upon request. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W.

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadron 201 Street), Baja, 664-686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente Valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Vegetarian upon request. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

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CENTRAL

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-0382. Despite its moniker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta-and-rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. Tastings of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W.

Aladdin's Café — Hillcrest 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle-Eastern favorites (hum-

mus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old-fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand-battered treasures" like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include The Works omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham,

or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Asia Café 4710 Market Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Laotian. Laotian dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street, Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland; spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru; earthy Guatemalan *chileman* (cilantro-laden pork stew); aromatic beef curry from Trinidad; and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat- and fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy Short Board pupu platter and risky daily

fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy paella (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours' validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — N.W.

Café Delight 4646 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-5248. He used to run one of Baghdad's most famous restaurants, the Ishtar, when Saddam was Vice President. When the government asked him to spy on his customers, Sami and his wife Claudia left the country. You can tell from the cooking: this couple know what they're doing. They took over this little place (and little it is) from a Vietnamese-American couple, so the menu has echoes of Vietnam and the Middle East, as well as Italian dishes. Prices are very reasonable. Try the Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup with veggies, with a sandwich, or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Also the classy Greek coffee. Open daily from 10 a.m. to late; close at 5 p.m. on Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Acheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever consider serving such moonbeamish Left Coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are 11 other specialty pies every day. Open daily till 11 p.m., 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Croce's 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted

walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla-bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching, or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D.

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, College Area, 619-265-0218. At arguably the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego (it's not Katz's, but it's here, and the service is nicer), you'll find a full range of European-Jewish specialties from wonderful soups to nuts, including deli meats and fabulous smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, traditional Jewish-American dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter), plus 110 different overstuffed sandwiches — among them the very popular corned beef. To start the day, there are American and Jewish breakfasts, including a fabled matzo brei. The knishes, latkes, and chopped liver are all fine. A few acceptable, affordable wines by the bottle (only plonk by the glass), plus fountain drinks, sodas, some domestic and imported beers. Loads for lacto-vegetarians, less for vegans. (This cuisine is big on sour cream.) Open daily except major holidays, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate, with kiddie plates available at all meals. — N.W.

Dussini Mediterranean Bistro 275 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It's still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reser-

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Gathering Bar and Grill 902 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. “Beloved” is not a word you throw around lightly, but that’s just what Gathering has become to Mission Hills regulars. When it reopened after a fire, they flocked back with flowers and hugs. The food is good quality, familiar comfort fare. From plates like the Southwest burger, with avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa, to the Monte Cristo (grilled egg, dipped Texas toast with Swiss, ham, and turkey, powdered sugar, and a side of jam). Last we checked, the owner, Dan, was as deft as ever with his magic cards, for any customer who needs to be bamboozled. Open daily, 8 a.m. till late. Magic sessions around 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

India Princess — Hillcrest 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it’s all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprinciply sum (dinner is more expensive). Don’t miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — E.B.

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, Downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can’t help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown’s ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food’s honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl’s beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his Hump Day meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there’s no need to mar the pretty

fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, The Ultimate Boat (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

The Kebab Shop 630 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-525-0055. Food is one area where the Middle East is definitely taking over the world. Turkish-style *döner* kebabs are already on every street corner in Europe, and they’re heading our way. Why? It’s fast, flavorful, fresh food. The kebab’s “meat” is usually lamb, chicken, or falafel, wrapped in a flatbread. The menu here specializes in all kinds of kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef *kofte* (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, Iskender, honoring Alexander the Great (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Try also minted zucchini, curried eggs, and Algerian eggplant. The ultimate compliment? Lots of Turkish San Diegans eat here. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street, Hillcrest, 619-239-2222. Business-class watering hole where for seven dollars per item — food or drink — on the bar menu, we can at least taste how the Other Half lives and dines. The drinks range from Dragon’s Blood sangria (a combo

of Bordeaux wine, port, fruit and Calvados brandy) to Road Dog stout (from Colorado’s Flying Dog Brewery). As for the munchies, think lamby joes (luscious mini-burgers made of ground lamb); Mediterranean mussels (steeped in Old Monk beer broth); seafood salad (shrimp, squid, mussels, scallops, and sauce); or braised duck and stone-fruit flatbread. If money says one item only, lamby joes are most filling. Happy hour daily, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mama’s Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You’ll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It’s a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *saji*. It’s a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *saji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush (sweet daddy eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you’ve had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Mission — Downtown 1250 J Street, Downtown, 619-232-7662. “Urban assault food for a revolutionary people,” say the waitstaff’s black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health nut and greasy spoon. Still, their “conscientious

cuisine” is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the Chino-Latino dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ortega’s, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group’s first north-of-the-border venture. You’ll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega’s, the lobster isn’t deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean’s best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moder-

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RESTAURANTS

ate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W.*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi, which can come with a four-cheese sauce on request. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *N.W.*

Pappalecco 1602 State Street, Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Pappalecco (“Lol-lypop”) is a different kind of Italian eatery. It doesn’t play the nostalgia card — it’s an exact copy of an actual modern café in Pisa that three brothers created there and now here. The idea is for a quick, sophisticated coffee-gelato-eatery where if you ask for coffee you get espresso, customers often have at least one gelato a day “for health,” and meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. Sometimes — and the brothers claim this is their idea — they actually combine gelato with their dishes. Expect a multilingual United Nations atmosphere. One delicious combo: the Rustico, different Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Patty’s Fruitland 1789 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood

crowd. The regional style is Basque, from northern Spain, but these aren’t the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entree). Moderate. — *N.W.*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they’re not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right, and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a “V” to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it’s better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street, Downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sauteed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.*

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street, Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it’s in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W.*

Salad Style 807 F Street, Downtown, 619-255-6731. Is this the tipping point? Whereas traditional meals have always been meat and taters with a side of salad, here, it’s salad with a side of meat and taters. Salad’s the main item, and it’s delicious, even if salad’s not your thing, because each concoction is so original. For example, Scott’s Grilled Skirt Steak is an arty pile of organic greens, tomatoes,

smoky, earthy mushrooms, hearts of palm, crumbled bleu cheese, plus red slabs of meat over it. Each dish does something, from the Moroccan cous-cous salad to the tuna and tomato salad. The Totally Vegan, with its golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Tioli’s Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street, North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner “Wolfie” and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you’ll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made “Texas” beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. The folks who brought you the popular big-breakfast and lunch joint Hash House A Go Go (across the street) focus here on hefty portions of “plain American food” in a dinner house specializing in meat, game, and classic cocktails. The Brawny paper towel man would love it. The atmosphere combines a speakeasy (velvet curtains mask the doorway) and a hunting lodge. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Nothing to write home to Mom about — it is Mom, if she’s a Midwesterner, and Dad’s a guy who says, “I shot it, you cook it.” Well-chosen wine list with lots of appropriate Rhones and Syrahs; few by the glass. Huge list of cocktails. Wheelchair lift (painted to blend in) to left of front staircase. Heated, roofed smoking patio above street level. Valet parking; reservations urged. Closed Tuesdays, dinner six nights until midnight or later, weekend brunch. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant’s fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent

veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete’s Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant’s hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you’ll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate.

NORTH INLAND

Bernard’O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Chef Patrick Ponsaty, a master of flavor, reigns in this unpretentious but beautiful high-ceilinged bistro, producing creative, classic-based French-modern cuisine featuring fine seasonal ingredients. The food isn’t merely creative, it tastes heavenly — the man’s got a palate. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Servers are mainly well-informed, enthusiastic fellow foodies who are right on the mark. Alluring wine list at all prices includes top French growths at near-bargain markups, plus full bar. One vegetarian entrée most seasons. Slightly dressy, reservations urged. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive but not exorbitant. — *N.W.*

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it’s, as *Guide Michelin* would say, “worth a detour.” Provençe-born chef-owner Philippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don’t miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon, and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Monday night moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it’s difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French “bargains” on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Road, Suite E, in Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-

566-4766. This Scripps Ranch social gathering place, in a discreet center of gray timber shops and offices, was started by a couple — originally technocrats from San Diego city schools — who took early retirement. They do sandwiches, but what sandwiches! Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon, or their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich with garlic and rosemary — all original. They also do roasted eggplant on a roll, and a Special Salad stacked with interesting berries, fruit, chicken, and nuts. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. This huge eating space fills half of Ker’s outlet warehouse. Friday or Saturday, it’s crowded with Indian families — the best guarantee that good vegetarian food is served here — and reasonably priced. Only problem with an all-you-can-eat buffet is deciding what to eat. It’s mainly northern, Punjabi and Gujarati, according to the Sikh cooks. Just have at the aloo curry, basmati rice, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), and *beingan bartha* (eggplant). See what you like. Some dishes are smoky and roasted, others yogurty, others nutty. Try to leave room for dessert, specially the mango concoctions — Asian mangos are sensational. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Hernandez’ Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez’ claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja’s best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant “enchilada pie” is as good as any Midwestern mom’s. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute “Old West” cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan — Vista 248 Main Street, Vista, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food’s cooked in the

style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. 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 pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine “down-home” Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you’re not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya’s steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you’ll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos’* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant’s front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sun-

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Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in — this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinetown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This long-time favorite “splurge” restaurant, located in a soulless industrial park (there's no “there” there), sits atop a serious wine store, and your dinner quaffs, from an encyclopedic choice of bottlings, will cost just 20% over retail. The food is the comfortably upscale French cooking that San Diego cherishes — luxurious and modern, without a hint of exoticism. And many dishes would shine in any galaxy — e.g., foie gras with mango and tender pheasant stuffed with foie gras, along with cured *hamachi* and yellowfin-tuna tartare. Dining room up staircase, no lift; accessible seating in first floor tasting room, with full facilities. (Call ahead to arrange, and to arrange vegetarian meals.) Reservations usually necessary, as restaurant holds many sold-out special events. Ask for directions, too, as all the architecture for miles is identical. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday (closed between meals). Lunches high-moderate, dinners very expensive. — N.W.

NORTH COASTAL

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (Cubano #2), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some Continental warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs “Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 10 p.m. in summer. “Early bird” cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to

match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively Bayou Burger with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday is brunch only, no dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A “hot case” counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters:

The Billy is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). The Cindy is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is The Pablo. It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, L.A., and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish pate and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — N.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall, a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the Sausage of the Week is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the Dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Pizza Port Solana Beach 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. “Tasty Grub & Grog,” says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke



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Sammy's Woodfired Pizza — Del Mar 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600. 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.*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of something extra — e.g., not just free edamame to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of 4 to 14, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W.*

Spices Thai Cafe — Del Mar 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-259-0889. 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 Cafe at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

St. Tropez — Encinitas 947 S Coast Highway 101 # 103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and

croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. A lovely indoor-outdoor dining venue replaces the venerable walled-in Prince of Wales at the Del. Now the food is breezier, too — Chef Brian Sinott's savory Californian-Mediterranean cuisine is constructed with the beautiful luxury ingredients of each season. His skill with vegetables can turn even brussels sprouts into treats and celeriac into manna. There's everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that's dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork

ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the post office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double-cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dimiguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point

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Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrees. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning

up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a cafe, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.*

Chef Axel European Bistro 7097 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-421-8844. Chef Axel is a real chef with classic European training, bringing his expertise and high standards to this neighborhood German restaurant. Currently, he's offering only a set-price Sunday brunch plus occasional special dinners, along with catering on or off site. The food is made-from-scratch home-style cooking, including hearty soups, Bavarian veal sausage, rich noodle gratin, perfect schnitzel, and a Hungarian goulash that really gets it" about Hungary's spirited flavors. The brunch buffet includes a wide sampling of these dishes

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convo. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to

cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W.*

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of house-made fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

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"One might stretch out one's hand to the actors over the footlights and put one's legs on the prompter's box."

The "Father of Modern Drama" wasn't Ibsen, or August Strindberg. He was Andre Antoine (1858...1943), a clerk for the Paris Gas Company and an amateur actor. Cercle Gaulois, for whom he played bit parts, performed traditional French theater: "well-made" plays based on logic, not emotion; stiff, declamatory acting; and spare-no-expense spectacle, often achieved with intricate machinery. To Antoine, theater had become ornate, inhuman, and empty.

Much to the relief of the company's manager, who said he'd been a "pig-headed" nuisance for years, Antoine quit Cercle Gaulois and started his own group. He wasn't always clear about what he wanted but knew what he didn't. And he wasn't the first to inaugurate many of his changes. Instead, Antoine borrowed ideas that might work, added many of his own, and forged a French revolution that became the "modern" theater.

On March 30, 1887, Antoine assembled a group of amateurs who shared his beliefs. They wanted to stage the new, realistic/naturalistic plays getting written but not produced. These works made acting and scenery resemble the "real" world. They stressed psychology, not types, and relished the details of daily life. They called their company the *Théâtre-Libre* ("free theater") and started, literally, from scratch.

Antoine secured a wooden hall almost impossible to find: go to the Place Pigalle, Paris's red-light district and home of the Moulin Rouge. Find the alley off the Passage de l'Elysée des Beaux Arts — now called the Rue Andre Antoine. Climb the four levels of concrete stairs at the end of the alley, and vwa-lah.

The theater seated 343. The stage was so small, wrote critic Jules Lemaitre, that "one might stretch out one's hand to the actors over the footlights and put one's legs on the prompter's box." The tiny space made scenic illusion, and the costly spectacles of the time, impossible.

Instead of sets painted on flats, most of which were laced with gold, Antoine wanted realistic, "slice of life" scenery. But he was so broke he had to borrow his mother's furniture, which he often returned nicked and chipped. Rather than use stamps, which they couldn't afford, the actors hand-delivered invitations to spectators and potential subscribers.

For the first season, the company collected 3500 francs from 35 subscribers — 1000 of which went to rehearsal space, including a bar, in the Rue Lepic, where the cast rehearsed during the "dry" hours of the early morning.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

"Théâtre-Libre," writes J.L. Styan, "was the first of Europe's modern laboratory theaters, and the system of paying its way by subscription sales had the incidental virtue of compelling the audience to share in testing new methods and new material for the stage."

Also, since everyone in the audience came by invitation only, the company avoided the police supervision that hounded theaters open to the public.

Their first offering, four naturalistic one-acts, flopped. Rather than give up, Antoine got bullish. All summer he read plays and pushed subscription sales. He became expert on the "new" writing, and he befriended Emile Zola, who espoused observation of realistic detail and psychological accuracy. Antoine shored up ideas for his theater. In the fall, he acquired a larger space in Montparnasse. By the end of 1887, Théâtre-Libre had produced 17 plays, most of them quite short, some no more than 15 minutes long, and became a success. That the company was controversial, many say, didn't hurt.

Here was lifelike theater, addressing contemporary issues. Today it's still the norm. But in 1887 Paris, where most plays were farces or gaudy melodramas, it was stark, almost unthinkable radical. Antoine didn't foment revolution on his own, however. His audiences, bored with the traditional stage, grew to relish the new aesthetic.

He wasn't the first modern "director" but was in the vanguard. In classic French theater, ruled by the Paris Conservatory, actors faced front, assumed a fixed posture, and recited their lines. Antoine went the other way. He ordered his actors to perform with their whole bodies. He even let them speak when they moved — heretofore verboten. He not only encouraged them to talk naturally, "which is just as difficult to learn" as recital, he said, he encouraged them to listen to each other.

They could no longer employ superfluous gestures. Instead he made small details speak: "Returning a pencil or tipping over a cup," he wrote, "will have as profound an effect on the

mind of the audience as the grandiloquent excesses of the romantic theater."

While "classic" actors played down to the audience, Antoine's ignored them (they couldn't even look at the prompter's box, because that would break the illusion). He also became the first director to lower the houselights completely during a performance and also to eliminate the footlights: "in life light comes from above," he told his critics, "not below."

Antoine severed the bond with the audience even more. In a choice that brought gasps when introduced, his actors freely turned their backs to the house seats. Many who preferred the old ways deplored the changes. They called Théâtre-Libre "the Theater of Antoine's Back."

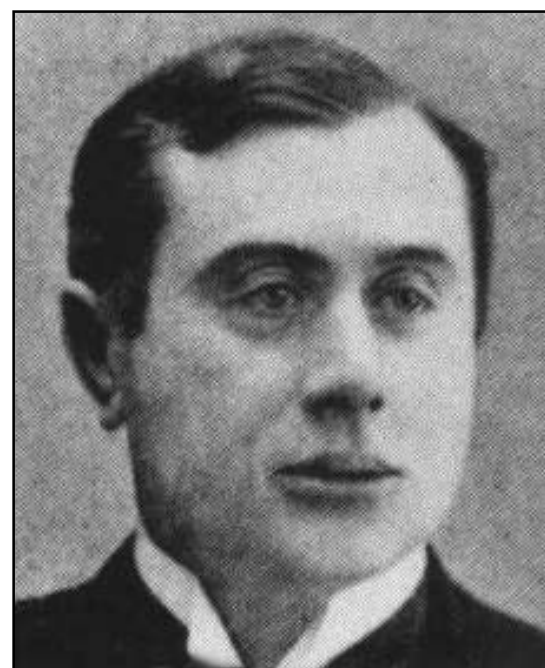
A nay-saying journalist said Antoine, who performed in almost every show, faced the rear wall because "a rich uncle threatened to cut him out of his will if he ever saw him on the stage."

Classical French actors played "types" and hoped to grow some feature — long nose, bushy eyebrows, even large warts — that would get them cast as one. Antoine (and Germany's Meiningen Players before him) said there are no types. Each character is unique, motivated by specific wants and needs and often buffeted by stray impulses and chance. In some ways as groundbreaking, Antoine made each actor part of an ensemble. He was one of the first directors to rehearse his cast as a group.

In all of his writings, Antoine claimed that, rather than inventing something new, he was peeling away excesses and returning to "the great traditions of the stage." He imagined Shakespeare's and Molière's productions to be spare and realistic.

Ibsen spoke of the invisible "fourth wall," through which the audience observes the action. Antoine was among the first to build a set before rehearsals, so the actors could become intimate with the space and the props they'd use. As his resources grew, he had scene constructors build the set with all four walls. After rehearsing for a while, the group would decide which wall to knock out, "so as to enable the audience to see what is going on."

"For a stage set to be original, striking, and authentic," he wrote, "it should be built in accordance with something seen — whether a



Andre Antoine

landscape or an interior." Antoine often turned that "accordance" into actuality: he put real books in bookcases, put real flowers in stage gardens, and, for a scene set in a butcher shop, hung real sides of beef from hooks.

Antoine worked in the theater until around 1914, then switched to film. Others, like Zola and Strindberg, take credit for the innovations, but modern theater owes a great debt to Antoine: as a director and an advocate of realistic designs and acting.

"Naturalism" was a fairly short-lived literary movement, based in part on Darwin's theories of evolution, that took an objective, scientific approach to art (in this sense, "naturalistic acting" is a misnomer). Stage realism, as championed by Andre Antoine, has held sway for over a hundred years. In fact, 20th Century theater engaged in an ongoing attempt to demolish what has become, in many eyes, an eroded practice. In his preface to *The Glass Menagerie*, Tennessee Williams wrote, "The straight realistic play with its genuine Frigidaire and authentic ice-cubes" had become "exhausted" and that the photographic approach to art had burdened the stage with deadening "realistic conventions."

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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 BROADWAY, VISTA. 760-806-7905. THURSDAYS, 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.

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The Old Globe’s world premiere, based on the MGM movie *The Band Wagon*, has miles to go before it reaches Broadway but already offers considerable entertainment. Playwright Douglas Carter Beane writes three-dimensional one-liners: they are funny; always, often painfully, true; and perfect for the character the moment they’re uttered. The musical comedy, about the near impossibility of making a musical comedy, also boasts the original’s great songs, including the iconic “That’s Entertainment” and the title song. There are good bits: as when Adam Heller and (the hilarious) Beth Leavel, as comedy writers, pitch their idea to potential cast and backers. They blitz with manic urgency and stop the show as well. The cast performs on John Lee Beatty’s minimalist, backstage-on-

stage set. Patrick Page, clear-voiced Mara Davi, and Scott Bakula do quality work. Though it ran for almost three hours, the opening night performance felt cramped, however. Numbers got truncated, and knock-your-socks-off entertainment — the *raison d’etre* of the original — often got shoved aside for plot and character development. It feels strange to say this, because plays get deservedly clobbered for lacking these qualities, but the revised book is trying for depths and motivations that weigh the show down. New scenes fill in back-story and dull the pace and whimsical, “anything can go” tone. The production pulsed forward and needed to get out of its own way. ***Worth a try.*** OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, GLOBE PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 20.

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Hysterical Blindness
Backyard Productions stages the San Diego premiere of Laura Cahill’s drama about three women finding meaning in their lives “within the cultural boundaries of 1980s Bayone, New Jersey.” Francis Gercke directed. CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 11.

I Can’t Let Him Go
Hefe & Hefa Productions stage Rachel Robinson and Angela Nixon’s “gospel extravaganza” about four women and their individual relationships with God. Robinson and Cynthia Pillard co-directed. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH MAY 4.

La Gaviota
Ion Theatre presents Claudio Raygoza’s re-imagining of *The Seagull* by Chekhov in revolution-torn Mexico. Glenn Paris directed.

ION THEATRE COMPANY, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. 619-374-6894. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 17.

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

The Man Who Lost The River
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. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE. 760-529-9140. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 19.

Miss Julie
August Strindberg’s “naturalistic tragedy” broke new, realistic ground when it opened in 1889. For Sledgehammer Theatre, director Josh

Chambers has remixed the play. It takes place then and now (Los Angeles) and employs the now familiar late- and post-modern attempts to fracture realism: intrusive sounds, formal movements and repetitions, blinding lights. For fans of Sledgehammer, these Brecht-gone-berserk, alienating effects recall, but often don’t compare in imaginative fervor with, artistic director Scott Feldsher’s ongoing crusade against the conventions of realistic theater. Chambers catches the play’s fluctuating power dynamics: Julie and Jean/John are from different social classes, and they shift status levels in almost every frame. The production includes music, some of it arresting, and dance numbers, as when the Three Fairly Large Pigs slam skillets (for unclear reasons, pigs abound in the show), but the real choreography’s in the blocking, sometimes brusque, sometimes balletic, often telling. The acting’s more attitude than emotion, however. William Popp and Claire Smith are capable physical performers but fall flat when they have no helping business, especially in the long final scene, where Julie, humiliated by her drop in class, decides to leave life early. The play ends not with Strindberg’s bang, but with a strange whimper. By design? Was the director showing

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how bankrupt realist theater's become if left to its own devices? Maybe. But it also shows that auteur-director attempts to de-familiarize realism have become all too familiar as well.

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

Momsey's Bad 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.

NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK. 619-647-4958. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 20.

Mornings at Seven

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Paul Osborn's comedy about two houses, in a small Midwestern town, with an adjoining backyard. A change, for once, might happen when Homer might marry his fiancée of seven years. Tracy Williams directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 11.

The Odd Couple: Female Version

Santana Theater Arts Group stages Neil Simon's adaptation of his popular comedy, about a neurotic neat freak and fun-loving slob, into a female version.

SANTANA HIGH SCHOOL, 9915 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, SANTEE. 619-956-0200. THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Prelude to a Kiss

You must remember this: a kiss isn't always just a kiss. New Village Arts presents Craig Lucas's mystical-wise comedy about an unexpected guest at a marriage. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. SATURDAYS, 3 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18.

Proposals

MiraCosta Theatre department presents Neil Simon's nostalgic comedy, set in the Poconos Mountains, during the summer of 1961, and Simon's first to feature an African-American lead character. Eric Bishop directed.

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE THEATRE, ONE BARNARD DRIVE, OCEANSIDE. 760-795-6815. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 27.

Terra Nova

The Inukshuk Production Company stages Ted Tally's tragic drama. In 1911–1912, "five Englishmen and five Norwegians raced to the bottom of the earth. Only the five Norwegians returned. *Terra Nova* is the story of the Englishmen."

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33 Variations

The La Jolla Playhouse stages Moses Kaufman's drama about Beethoven's fascination with an insignificant waltz, written in 1819, and a modern-day musicologist de-

termined to find the root of Ludwig van's obsession. Kaufman directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, UCSD. 858-550-1010. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 4.

The Voyage Inheritance

A legal firm's been absconding with trust funds for two generations, the senior Voysey tells his son and partner, who's inheriting the company. And when the family learns that it has been turning clients' pounds to pence, and they are living a "sham happiness," they ask, What's the big deal? Nobody hurt (well, at least no one in the immediate family). Let's stay the course. Young Edward, however, decides otherwise. David Mamet's adaptation of Harley Granville-Barker's 1905 thesis play shows that times haven't changed. If anything greed, double standards, and entitlement have become more entrenched today. And euphemisms still reign (substituting "legal" and "illegal" for "right" and "wrong" to gloss over grave moral infractions, for example). Mamet, and Granville-Barker, make their key points early, and both have weak second acts that trail off in a long denouement. For Lamb's Players, Robert Smyth designed an expressive set: gorgeous, robin's egg blue rug, patterned with what looks like Chaos Theory's Mandelbrot Set, and a wall of empty gold picture frames. Jeanne Reith decked everyone in somber Edwardian finery. But the opening night performance (rare for this polished company) felt under-rehearsed. Except for Jim Chovick's fine cameo as Mr. Voysey (the corrupt patriarch who tells "no unnecessary lies"), Glynn

Beddington's semi-senile Mrs. Voysey, and Jason Heil's often irate Major Booth, the acting was mannered and external, at times even indicated, rather than felt. Most characterizations were one-dimensional, including Jon Lorenz's young Edward, who could benefit from a stronger arc and more crusading fervor. Act Two, in particular, became so stagey that key scenes drew laughs, not gasps, from the audience.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18.

What They Have

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Kate Robin's comedy about a successful industry couple who find that "lives can change in a heartbeat, and things aren't necessarily what they seem." Chris Fields directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWNE CENTER DRIVE, SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO. 714-708-5555. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 1:30 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1:30 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 4.

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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The audience, whether or not it ever grows up, will tend to become jaded.

Under the imprimatur of Judd Apatow comes *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, a comedy of heartbreak and heartmend. Apatow personally has directed only *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *Knocked Up*, but as a producer his name apparently has come to mean something to patrons of a certain type of comedy — the Will Ferrell type, in specific — just as the name of Wes Craven means something apropos of a certain type of horror. (Or as the name of Tommy Bahama means something apropos of apparel, or Papa John's apropos of aliment.) The director of record on this one is the new name of Nicholas Stoller, and the novice screenwriter doubles as the star, Jason Segel, who envisions for himself the role of a would-be serious composer, cranking out mood music for a network crime drama when he would rather be devoting his time to a *Dracula* stage musical. When, that is, he's not devoting his time to eating Fruit Loops out of a mixing bowl on the couch. (The broader type of comedy signified by the name of Apatow is "guy" comedy.) The vocational aspect of the role, in any case, straightaway

gets put on the back burner in favor of the personal aspect: the dumped boyfriend of the lead actress on the aforementioned crime drama.

The main point of interest in the movie, to get right down to it, is Segel's penis. ("Would you take a look at my penis?" is an actual line of dialogue he has written for himself. It could just as well have been the advertising slogan.) To connect this point of interest with the supporting-part penis, the small-name penis, in the Apatow-produced *Walk Hard* is to raise the alert to a potential trend. The old reliable tush shot — as in the Apatow-produced *Drillbit Taylor*, featuring Owen Wilson's tush, or in pretty much any Will Ferrell comedy — could have been expected after a while to reap diminishing returns in audience response, much as exclamations of "Shit!" and "Fuck!" could not forever be guaranteed laugh-getters. The audience, whether or not it ever grows up, will tend to become jaded. The envelope will have to be pushed. Trend-spotters, at this stage, can but speculate on how many more penises we'll have to go through before the stakes must be raised to a tumescent

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Forgetting Sarah Marshall

penis. That type of penis, in covered form, or what we may call the pup-tent shot, has of course been a surefire side-splitter for some time, but the envelope will eventually have to be not just pushed, but torn open.

As we await that breakthrough, we might care to ponder the more general question of why the male genitals, surely not inherently hilarious,

are nonetheless deemed ripe for comedy while the female genitals, quite unlike breasts, can elicit only a hushed rapture. (The briefness of our glimpses of Segel's jewels might seem at first blush to be predicated on the comic principle of "timing," although when we remember the lengthy exposure in *Walk Hard*, predicated on the comic principle of "milking," we might also

have to consider modesty. At least till we remember the DVD freeze-frame.) Before I myself can make headway in pondering this difference between the sexes, I would first have to get past the question of why Jason Segel's penis, in particular, was thought to be funny. Thought by him, beforehand, and manifestly thought by the screening audience around me. I'm stuck for an

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answer. Maybe it would help if I knew who Jason Segel is. A quick check of the Internet Movie DataBase shows me that I have seen no more than one of his twenty, television-heavy acting credits, namely *Knocked Up*, and in all honesty I don't remember him in it. So maybe I'm in a poor position properly to appreciate his penis. Would Will Ferrell's have struck me funnier? Edgier? Braver? Embarrassing? Something more, there, to ponder. And if a trend indeed materializes, many things more to ponder in the future.

For the rest, the movie gives the game away early when the schlumpy protagonist accidentally-on-purpose runs into his ex-girlfriend at her preferred Hawaiian resort, where she's cavorting with a lavishly tattooed British rocker, and where the copper-toned hostess at the check-in desk immediately jumps out at us as (a) a ready and willing shoulder for the schlump to cry on and (b) a couple of miles prettier than the ice-sculpture Hollywood girlfriend. Russell Brand's self-absorbed rock star ("Yeah," he responds to the fan who had slipped him a demo tape, "I was going to listen to that, but then I just carried on living my life") and Paul Rudd's dopehead surfer ("When life gives you lemons, just say 'Fuck the lemons' and bail") are funny enough for skit-level comedy, but scarcely for comedy of character.

The Forbidden Kingdom, a fitting addition to the juvenilia of Rob Minkoff (*Stuart Little*, *The Haunted Mansion*, etc.), concerns a bullied Boston teenager and martial-arts film aficionado (Michael Angarano), who gets transported through the Gate of No Gate to a kind of kung-fu Shangri-La, where he learns to fight from the best (Jackie Chan, Jet Li), while fulfilling a prophecy of returning a magic golden staff to Five Elements Mountain, freeing the immortal Monkey King from bondage, and overthrowing the wicked Jade Warlord. Just your average modern adolescent fantasy. The film, which begins with a literal dream, really doesn't feel so much like a dream as like a prelude to a dream. Or in another word, a soporific.

The First Saturday in May is a digital documentary by The Hennegan Brothers (as they bill themselves, like a trapeze act) about the run-up to, and the actual running of, the 132nd Kentucky Derby. Their focus falls primarily on the trainers, although, a bit blindered, not on the actual training; and their assemblage of interviews and intimate moments (most intimate of all, the faces during races) is workmanlike at best. There is, or should be, an intrinsic drama in the events, but even though most of what I know about horse racing comes from Dick Francis mystery novels, I've gleaned enough from the sports page to know ahead of time which horse will win, and to know that the planned climax will be diminished by what happened next at the Preakness. (If you were on a spiritual retreat in the Himalayas in 2006, I'll allow you your surprise.) There could still have been more drama had we gotten to know the people better. And it would be futile to wish for more racetrack ambience without wishing simultaneously for 35mm.

Young @ Heart is another digital documentary, though by now it would be more noteworthy if a documentary were not digital. This one, leaning on the usual crutches of interviews and narration, centers on a Massachusetts touring chorus of very senior citizens who perform a repertoire of

punk and rock: the Ramones, the Clash, the Bee Gees, Talking Heads, Sonic Youth, James Brown, that ilk. It looks like fun for them, and a fair amount of that fun trickles down to the audience. British director Stephen Walker, also the narrator, follows them through a seven-week rehearsal period for a new tour, and along the way he picks up bits of geriatric good humor ("We went from continent to continent till I became incontinent") and interjects several full-blown music videos made by the film's producer, Sally George. It isn't all fun, however. Two of the members die within a week of each other, and the tribute songs to them, Dylan's "Forever Young" and Coldplay's "Fix You," the first sung to a captive audience of prison inmates and the second on opening night of the tour, demonstrate convincingly that the act is more than just a gag. ■

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All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd.

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The Bank Job — “Based on a true story,” or anyway on a true bank job, the knock-over 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 — yes, 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 un-

derworld'), it is self-refuting. The notion that M15, 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 sufficient 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 blow-torch, some walkie-talkies, and an amateur ham radio that chances to pick up the back-and-forth between the robbers in mid-job. 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14;
LA JOLLA 12)

Brazil — The time-setting of this “Orwellian” (as we have all been instructed to call it) future is identified at the outset as “somewhere in the Twentieth Century,” and it is in fact both forward and backward from the present, laden with 1940s clothes and appliances, but further advanced into bureaucratic decadence than we have quite yet got: the future, in short, as it might have been imagined when Orwell was imagining it, only a bit further into it than he himself imagined. And more to the point, a good deal more physically detailed than any future envisioned by previous cinematic “Orwellians.” Indeed the general effect is of a two-cylinder story attempting to propel an eighteen-wheel production, and it gets to be a bit of a drag. For all its touches of cleverness and twitches of subversion, this is a movie up to its shoulder in the pocket of the money men; its chosen path to artistic prominence is far less through invention than through acquisition. Jonathan Pryce, Kim Greist, Michael Palin, Robert De Niro; directed by Terry Gilliam. 1985.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/18 AND 19 MIDNIGHT)

Caramel — Sisterhood in the repressive society of Beirut: the Other Woman, a defiled fiancée, a closet lesbian, an aging actress, a lonesome seamstress, a demented bag lady, all in orbit around a second-class beauty shop called Si Bella (the “B” hanging upside down on the façade, the electricity prone to outages). The material encompasses professional intimacies, such as the Lebanese lesbian washing the hair of an enticing customer, or the Other Woman giving a facial wax job to an admiring policeman; and, although never heavy, it also encompasses larger sociological observa-

tions, such as the beat-cop harassment of the engaged couple parked after dark, or the difficulty of a woman without identification booking a decent hotel for an assignment, finally settling for a fleabag and cleaning the bathroom herself. Those are all fine scenes, but they're excelled by the scene — comic, romantic, keenly psychological — of the sympathetic policeman having an imaginary phone conversation from the café opposite the beauty parlor, making up lines to match the mood of the woman in the window: the star and director, Nadine Labaki. With Yasmine Elmasri,

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Joanna Moukarzel, Gisèle Aouad, and Adel Karam. 2007.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Counterfeiters — Stefan Ruzowitzky’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, the-oretically 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 fa-miliar (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. 2007.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Drillbit Taylor — Homeless army deserter answers a want ad to bodyguard a fat kid, skinny kid, and shrimpy kid from the high-school 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.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

88 Minutes — Jon Avnet’s suspense film starring Al Pacino, Alicia Witt, Leelee So-bieski, Amy Brenneman, Neal Mc-Donough.
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Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed — Documentary, from the conservative view-point, on contemporary science education, featuring Ben Stein, directed by Nathan Frankowski.
(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 4/18)

The First Saturday in May — Reviewed this issue. With Frank Amonte, Dan Hen-dricks, Kiaran McLaughlin, and Michael Matz; directed by Brad and John Hen-negan.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/18)

Flawless — Cheeky to call a film that. Es-pecially a Demi Moore film. In it, she car-ries 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 ex-pressly identified as American to cover for the faintness of her accent, that doesn’t pre-vent her from pronouncing “reschedule” without the “k” sound (“re-schedule”), 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. Beyond a trip to the dog track (his pleasure), neither of the co-conspira-tors has a life, and the suffocating narrow-ness 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 di-rector of 1984, *Il Postino*, *Dancing at the Blue Iguana*, among others, goes through



The Forbidden Kingdom

the paces of the heist with precision, but without urgency, without tension, without excitement, without, even, clarity. In a ca-pher film, that could be thought a sizable flaw. Social consciousness is small compen-sation. 2008.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/17)

The Forbidden Kingdom — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Angarano, Jackie Chan, Jet Li, and Collin Chou; directed by Rob Minkoff.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/18)

Forgetting Sarah Marshall — Re-viewed this issue. With Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, and Russell Brand; di-rected by Nicholas Stoller.
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Horton Hears a Who! — Dr. Seuss adul-terated: plumped-up graphics (faithful in bare outline); wised-up attitude (vocal im-pressions of Kissinger and JFK, a martial-arts anime parody); dragged-out story-telling. The elephant’s crossing of a rickety rope bridge is a good sequence (meanwhile, down in minuscule Whoville, a jostled den-tist 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 coexis-tence aren’t lost in the grandiosity. With the voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, and Carol Burnett; di-rected by Jimmy Hayward and Steve Mar-tino. 2008.
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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 “fairy-tale” Medieval town near the coast of Bel-gium, 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. To-gether they engage in forced, overwritten, exhibitionistic comic dialogue at some vari-ance with the guilty conscience and the thoughts of suicide. Ralph Fiennes, at-tempting to do (if not outdo) Ben Kingsley in *Sexy Beast*, comes into it late as a hot-tempered, 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, THROUGH 4/17; KEN, FROM 4/18; LA PALOMA, FROM 4/18)

Leatherheads — Intermittently cute comedy on the wild and woolly early days of pro football, cute in some of the archaic banter, but not cute in the unrelieved drab brown color scheme or the indifferent and infrequent on-field action. It shows a lighter side of director George Clooney (*Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*, *Good Night and Good Luck*), a side he has shown often enough as an actor. His opening shots have been well thought out, but after that it’s pretty steady star-gazing, and since one of the stars is the director, it’s pretty squirmy narcissism. Renée Zellweger, John Krasinski, Jonathan Pryce. 2008.
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My Blueberry Nights — Singer Norah Jones makes her acting debut in Wong Kar-wai’s first American film, with Jude Law, Rachel Weisz, David Strathairn, and Natalie Portman.
(HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 4/18)

Nim’s Island — When a reclusive marine biologist is lost at sea off his own private is-land, his motherless little girl (having picked up none of his Scots accent even though he’s the only person in her life) turns for help to the Indiana Jones-y fic-tional hero of a series of adventure novels. Worse luck, the actual author behind the books is an obsessive-compulsive agora-phobic female, a plucky performance by Jodie Foster in an insipid children’s film,

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succulently photographed by Stuart Dryburgh. With Abigail Breslin and Gerard Butler; directed by Mark Levin and Jennifer Flackett. 2008.

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The Other Boleyn Girl — Another installment in the long-running royal soap opera. Think of it as *Elizabeth: The Genesis*, an hysterical-historical story of court intrigue, concentrating heavily, and heavily-breathingly, on bedroom intrigue, the sibling rivalry over the affections of 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 peewee to be played here by Cate 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 different from *Anne of the Thousand Days*, with Genevieve Bujold), the “bad” Boleyn girl, despite the fact that she is the one who withholds her favors till after the wedding, a bit of leverage wielded with all the calculation of the classical *femme fatale*, the man-trap, the gold-digger, the home-wrecker, the bewitcher, enticing Henry (a brawny Eric Bana) to split not just with the sitting Queen but with the Pope in the bargain, and to situate himself at the head of the Church of England. The cool, porcelain 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 newlywed, has an earlier stint as the King’s mistress, although the pouty Scarlett Johansson makes plain that that was a position she never sought nor desired.) The creative team — TV director Justin Chadwick, screenwriter Peter Morgan (*The Queen*), original novelist Philippa Gregory, whoever else — more or less corroborate the Crown’s smear campaign against Anne, in effect endorsing her beheading, and standing in roughly the same relation to Henry as Fox News to George W. Bush. With Kristin Scott Thomas, Mark Rylance, David Morrissey, Jim Sturgess, and Ana Torrent. 2008.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

Priceless — Pierre Salvadori’s Gallic romantic comedy carries a long time in mercenary amorality before succumbing, not

too persuasively, to sentiment. Well-paced all the way, well-constructed most of the way, very well-played by stick-thin Audrey Tautou and liquid-eyed Gad Elmaleh, and scrumptiously photographed on the Côte d’Azur. 2007.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Prom Night — Slasher remake with Brit-tany Snow, Scott Porter, and Jessica Stoup, directed by Nelson McCormick. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Romance and Cigarettes — John Turturro, in his director’s hat, dips into lip-sync musical fantasy in the proletarian mode of *Pennies from Heaven* (or the more rarefied and bourgeois *Same Old Song* of Alain Resnais), with minor modifications: the people engage in raunchier talk, and instead of simply mouthing the words to old pop songs, they audibly sing along with the original recordings. The self-conscious jokiness, broadened perhaps by the blue-collar milieu, testifies to the filmmaker’s discomfort with fantasy. Kate Winslet has some genuine fun as a hot-patootie redhead, and Elaine Stritch makes a big splash in a brief appearance (“Every breath is a victory,” in response to a routine “How are you?”). With James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon (fifteen years older than Gandolfini, as his wife), Mary-Louise Parker (three years younger than him, as his daughter), Aida Turturro (one year younger, as another daughter), Mandy Moore (a third daughter,

the right age for it), Bobby Cannavale, Steve Buscemi, and Christopher Walken. 2007.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 4/21, 6:30 P.M.)

The Ruins — Foolhardy American students (an “F” for everyone), in search of a secret Mayan archaeological dig, find along with it no more than they deserve: murderous natives, parasitic plant life, copious gore. The Mexican Tourism Board couldn’t be pleased, but who could? With Jonathan Tucker, Jena Malone, Shawn Ashmore, Laura Ramsey, and Joe Anderson; directed by Carter Smith. 2008.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Shine a Light — Entrée to a Rolling Stones benefit concert at the intimate Beacon Theatre in New York City. If Martin Scorsese weren’t visible in several minutes of *Raging Bull*-ish black-and-white footage pre-event, you’d never imagine he was behind the cut-cut-cut hackwork. Old, old interspersed interviews of young, young Mick stimulate meditation and mirth. With Jack White, Buddy Guy, and Christina Aguilera. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 4/18)

Smart People — Dennis Quaid, Sarah Jessica Parker, Thomas Haden Church, and Ellen Page in an indie misfit comedy in an academic setting, which enables the viewer to feel more virtuous when not laughing than when not laughing at a low-brow Hollywood comedy: “My fun’s just a little more cerebral than your fun.” (Anyone not fed up with Ellen Page in *Juno* ought to have ample opportunity.) As well as in fewness of laughs, it can match most any mainstream comedy in manyness of pop songs.

Noam Murro directed, Mark Jude Poirier wrote, first-timers both. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Stop-Loss — A hiatus of nine years since Kimberly Peirce’s first feature, the gender-bending *Boys Don’t Cry*, is practically like starting from scratch. And blended into a crowd of Iraq War films, this bring-the-troops-home agitation (“With all due respect, sir, fuck the President!”) is not designed to claim the same attention. The chronicle of close-knit young vets in Brazos, Texas, dutifully covers a range of possibilities (domestic and alcohol abuse, desertion, a military hospital, a suicide, and so on), but the punches are telegraphed, and, for all the overacting, do not have much power behind them in any case. With Ryan Phillippe (compare his understated work as a WWII vet in Clint Eastwood’s *Flags of Our Fathers*), Channing Tatum, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Abbie Cornish, and Timothy Olyphant. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Street Kings — Director David Ayer, from an original story by James Ellroy, stages a dirty-cop mud wrestle, strident, obvious, hyperbolic, and hypocritical, one cop dirtier than another, one actor badder than another, making Dirty Harry look, in relation, like new-fallen snow and making Clint Eastwood look like God. The vodka-swinging, trigger-happy Keanu Reeves, in the lead, proves to be one of the least dirty po-

licers and least bad performers. With Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Chris Evans, John Corbett, Jay Mohr, Cedric the Entertainer, The Game, and Common. 2008.

● (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; 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; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

21 — Takeoff from a true story, presumably far, far off, about a team of 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

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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 dif-

ferent, 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 is 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 repulsion 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. 2008.

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Under the Same Moon — Patricia Rigen's illegal-immigrant 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 camera-friendly 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



Street Kings

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. 2008.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Unforeseen — Laura Dunn's environmental documentary on land development in Austin, Texas. (KEN, 4/18 THROUGH 24)

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)

Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden? — Comic documentary by the maker of *Super-Size Me*, Morgan Spurlock. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/18)

The Year My Parents Went on Vacation — A sentimental, in the sense of maudlin, education. A young boy from Belo Horizonte, dropped off in the Jewish section of São Paulo to live with his grandfather while his dissident parents go underground, discovers that gramps has just died and he'll have to watch the 1970 World Cup in strange company. There are areas of charm, but in the narrowly focussed photography there are larger areas of blur. Directed by Cao Hamburger. 2007.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 4/18; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/17; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/18)

Young @ Heart — Reviewed this issue. With Bob Cilman; narrated and directed by Stephen Walker.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/18)

Zombie Strippers — Amateurish horror comedy aims to ingratiate itself through anti-Bush sentiment, lofty literary reference (Ionesco, Sartre, Nietzsche), and, on a quite different front, Jenna Jameson's skin-stretching bosoms. The digital photography turns people into rubber dolls well before they can be turned into zombies. With Robert Englund, Joey Medina, Shamron Moore, and Roxy Saint; written and directed by Jay Lee. 2008.

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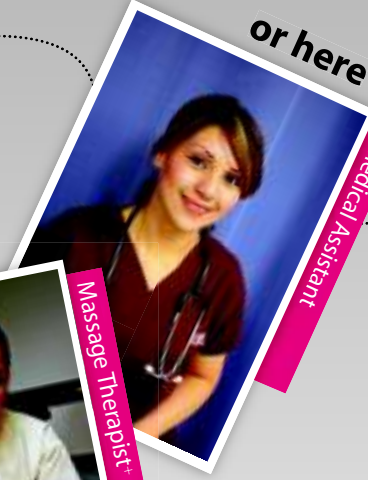
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Walker, a surfer for six years now, sees surfing as a natural extension of skating.

“I had been skateboarding for 20 years and realized that I had gotten as good as I ever would. I basically leveled out, so I took up surfing. With surfing, I can always improve and I feel like there is room for me to grow.”

Those years of skating taught Jeff how to deal



with pain. Since he began surfing, he’s applied that experience to marine mishaps.

In La Jolla once, a stingray stung Jeff and gave him “the worst pain I have ever felt.”

Another encounter with marine life in La Jolla: “I saw one of those huge

bubble-headed jellyfish,” he says, holding his hands up to show the size of it. “I pulled my feet up onto my board and paddled in. There was no way I was going to fall in.”

One aspect of surfing Jeff enjoys more than skat-

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That whole culture is a fantastic train wreck to watch and so entertaining. My other favorite word is **affluenza**, which is like affluence and influenza. It comments on people who only care about living a certain lifestyle. Big screen TV in

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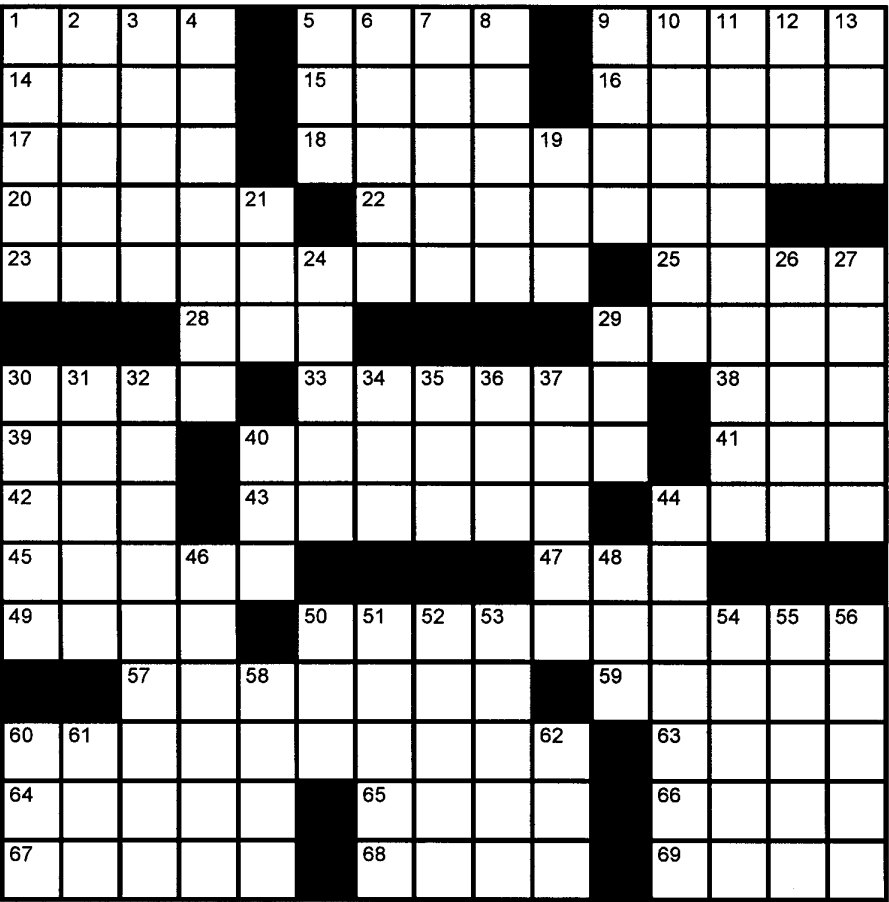
- Across**
- 1. Hot ____
 - 5. Record sent to a record producer
 - 9. Center of Florida?
 - 14. Skin cream ingredient
 - 15. ____ surgeon
 - 16. Mrs. F. Scott Fitzgerald
 - 17. Web destination
 - 18. Irritability
 - 20. Selassie of Ethiopia
 - 22. The tiniest bit
 - 23. Downhill competition
 - 25. E pluribus ____
 - 28. Museum-funding org.
 - 29. Speak out
 - 30. Sonar sound
 - 33. Connects
 - 38. Child’s play?
 - 39. 2008, por ejemplo
 - 40. They’re often the last to feel the effect of a strike (or, excluding this answer, what to find within this puzzle’s grid)
41. Actress Thurman
42. Shining example?
43. Flies around
44. Went ____ smoke
45. Easy two-pointer
47. “____ magic!”
49. Greek vowels
50. Part of a forest bed
57. “Star Trek” baddie
59. Sign of spring
60. Voyeur
63. Wedding vows
64. New York governor Spitzer
65. Poet Whitman
66. It’s a shore thing
67. Curly diacritic
68. ____ Bator, Mongolia
69. Washer cycle

- Down**
- 1. Ottoman title
 - 2. Of the pelvic bone
 - 3. Dissatisfied diner’s decision
 - 4. Falling (over)
 - 5. Hound
 - 6. Boo-boo
 - 7. ____ Loa, Hawaii
 - 8. Ancient Mexican
 - 9. “South Pacific” Tony winner Pinza
 - 10. Suppressed
 - 11. “Don’t just stare at this mess!”
 - 12. Causes of some DOAs
 - 13. Univ. staffers
 - 19. Slapstick weapon
 - 21. Boise-to-Billings dir.

- 24. Food processor?
- 26. Delaware Indian whose name is French for “a friend”
- 27. Mullally of “Will & Grace”
- 29. Walk-____ (small parts)
- 30. Computer command after cut
- 31. Native Alaskan
- 32. Having no match
- 34. Having five sharps
- 35. Dermal opening?
- 36. “Make yourself comfortable”
- 37. How an unmarried couple might live, according to some
- 40. Heap
- 44. Log-in needs
- 46. 14-legged crustacean
- 48. Some like it hot
- 50. “Queen of denial,” e.g.
- 51. “Look for the Union Label” org.
- 52. Birth-related
- 53. ____ Gay (WWII plane)
- 54. Made fancy
- 55. Sandler’s “Spanglish” costar
- 56. Ruhr Valley city
- 58. Tiny critter
- 60. Stroke
- 61. 2008 Super Bowl MVP Manning
- 62. Range part: Abbr.

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- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 4/10/08.

There were 187 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Trevor Flores, *Chula Vista*
- 2. Dawn Nguyen, *San Diego*
- 3. Lee Woodbury, *Santee*
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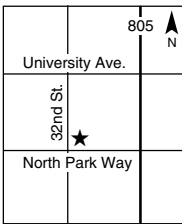
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Clue: Big foot, little ranch

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— by Robert Mizrachi

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Tamara Faye
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 North County

It was really embarrassing. I went camping with a bunch of people, back when I was in college. And they were creating such a ruckus. They were singing, yelling loudly around the campfire, and even banging trash can lids together. So, all the campers around that area called the police. They didn't show up until the morning, though, and all the people that were drunk and loud had left. I was with my boyfriend in a sleeping bag. We wake up and we're lying there naked, and cops and rangers are standing there with flashlights, telling us to get up. It was really awkward.



Diane Bosley
 Writer
 Encinitas

I have a few; one time circling Old Town looking for my son. He wasn't answering his cell phone. Cops came over, yelling about me not seeing a stop sign. Once, when I was a flight attendant for Donald Trump, I got a call to work. I was six months pregnant and almost ready to go on leave. This was in Alexandria, on a Sunday morning. There was a car in the turn lane at a light, and I went around them, into the right-turn lane. The cop pulled me over and started yelling, "Do you know why I pulled you over?" He lectured me before giving me the ticket, and I saw the date to appear in court was my due date. I cried and tried to explain that, and he snapped, "Don't get irate with me, lady!" And, there were no other people on the road.



Don Atello
 Accountant
 Carlsbad

I was 15 and a passenger in my buddies' Datsun B210. We had been drinking beer, which he had rolling around in his trunk for a few months. We decided to look for a party around our neighborhood. We accelerated around a corner where the party was, and it was being broken up by the police. We were forced to pull over, and my friend was given a DUI test, which he passed. They were upset he passed. The police asked him to get out of the vehicle again and then cuffed him. They then asked me to get out of the vehicle, slammed my head against the hood of the car, and slapped cuffs on me. We were shoved into the squad car. When asked what we were being arrested for, he said curfew, which was 11 p.m. and it was around midnight. Someone that evening had been driving on people's lawns. They assumed it was us. I think because we were white.



Javed Dakama
 Pediatric Allergist
 Boston

I was young and still going to medical school. I had heard that a cop doesn't have the right to search you, and you can refuse to let them search your car. You always hear things and just assume they're true. I got pulled over. The cop was doing what they all do, acting like a tough guy and I should be scared and kiss his butt. Sure, I was speeding, but just give me the ticket. He said he smelled smoke and asked if I had marijuana. I said no, of course. I really didn't. He asked if he could search my car. I said something like, "No. And you don't have probable cause." I think that got him mad. He called another officer that brought out a dog to sniff around the car. It was a wasted hour, and they ended up searching my car. I think all they found was a dirty roll of Certs on the side of my seat.



Linda Brown
 Unemployed
 Clairemont

I was with a friend. This was back in Mississippi. And they knew this cop. We called him and he came over, and I asked him to cuff me. I wanted to see what it was like. After he did that, he couldn't find the key. I had to go back with him, in his car, while he drove back to his place to find the thing. I guess it could've been worse, since I was handcuffed for pleasure, not for doing something wrong.



Portia Smith
 Consultant
 North Park

It was a time I was driving in P.B. This cop pulls me over and tried to give me a DUI. I told him I wasn't drinking. He gave me a field sobriety test and said I failed it, which was a lie. I totally passed it with flying colors. He then made me blow into that thing. It said something like 0.00. He then said he was sorry, even though I was sitting in the back of his patrol car for, like, two hours while he did all this paperwork. And because of that, I've never been back to P.B.

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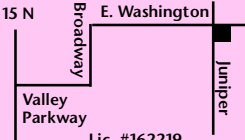
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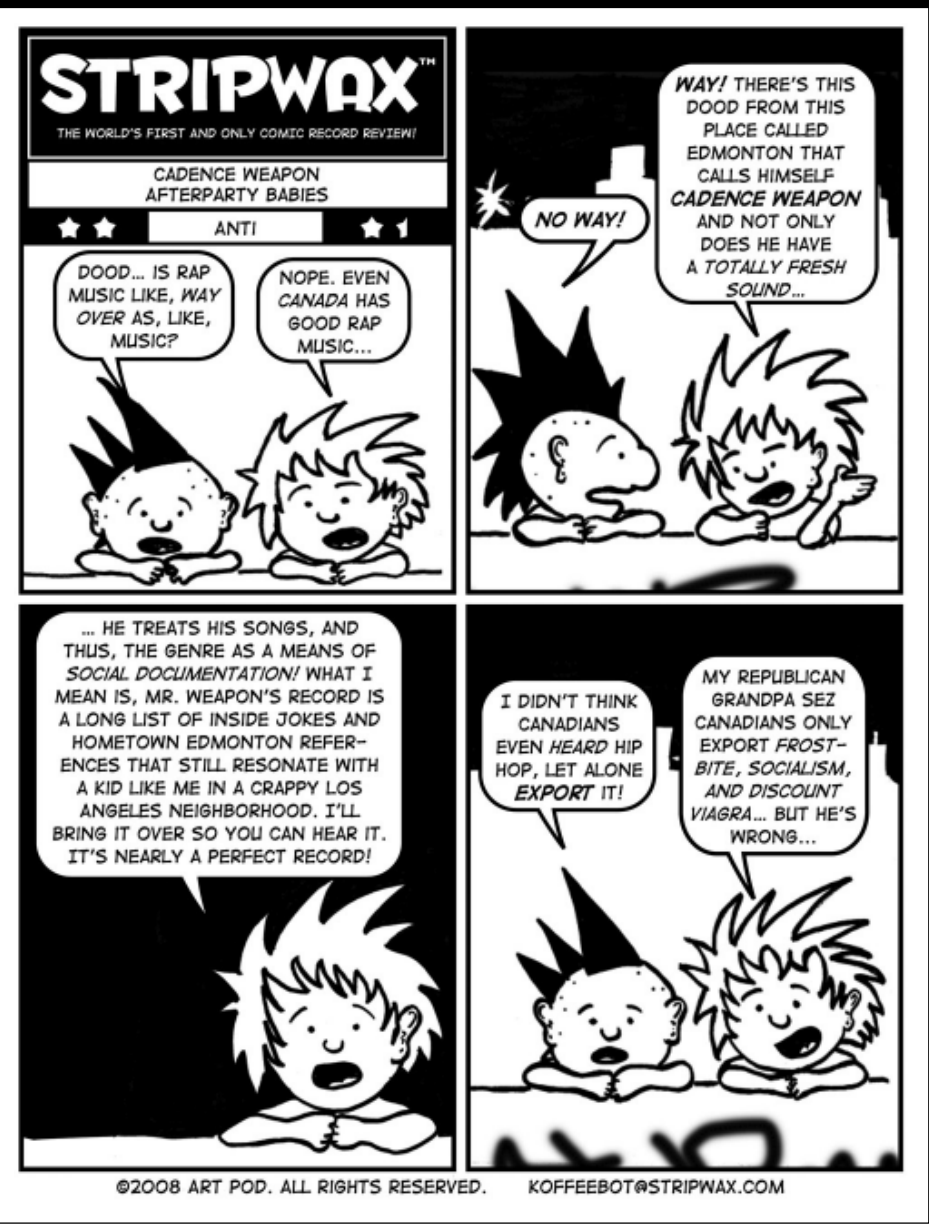
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— Lawyer confidentiality rules kept one man improperly on death row for 10 years and a probably innocent man in prison for 26, according to news that surfaced in January (in Virginia) and March (in Illinois). Daryl Atkins (sentenced to death in 1997) was the victim of probable prosecutorial misconduct, according to his co-defendant’s lawyer, Leslie Smith, who said he witnessed the misconduct but could not report it because a lesser sentence for Atkins would have exposed his own client to greater punishment. In Illinois, Alton Logan was convicted of a murder during a 1982 robbery. However, shortly afterward, Andrew Wilson admitted to his lawyers that he was the murderer, but bar association rules prohibited them from revealing that. When Wilson died in 2007, the lawyers went public, and Logan’s case has been re-opened.

The Aristocrats!

— (1) Mayor Art Madrid of La Mesa, Calif., apologized in February for an incident the week before when police found him, along with a female city employee, passed out about 10:30 p.m. Madrid

was lying on the sidewalk near an SUV; the woman was in the driver’s seat with her legs sticking out the open door; and vomit littered the area. (2) A patient reporting for an appointment with dentist Norman Rubin in Smithtown, N.Y., in March told the *New York Post* that Rubin was in the otherwise-empty office, passed out, drooling, with a gas mask on his face. (Rubin later told the *Post*, in defense, that it was, after all, his lunch hour.)

The Continuing Crisis

— Dirk Opalka (whose fox scored 96 of 100 possible points) won best in show at the World Taxidermy Championships in February in Salzburg, Austria, beating over 100 competitors in the art of stretching animal skin over fake bodies so the critters look better than they ever looked alive. The attention to detail was astonishing, according to a dispatch in *Der Spiegel*, on such features as a stag’s nostrils, a hyena’s lips, a hamster’s whiskers, the neck length of a female peregrine falcon (precisely 5.5 cm), and the proper rosininess of a bat’s anus.

— In March, the Tokyo High Court reversed the conviction of pinup model Serena Kozakura, who had been found guilty of kicking a hole in

the door of her former boyfriend’s apartment so she could break in and scream at him. Kozakura had appealed, claiming that the man had made the hole himself, and as evidence, explained that she could never have squeezed through it, anyway, because her breasts are too big. That argument apparently won the day, creating enough “reasonable doubt” to overturn the verdict.

— Two German air force sergeants were suspended in December after being caught in a side venture selling sausages based on an old family recipe requiring human blood. Their first batches were made with their own, but as they began mass-producing, they had allegedly asked their colleagues because, according to instructions from one of the men’s grandmothers, all blood must be “fresh.” “Do not use too many bread-crumbs,” she had written, “but if the blood starts to curdle, stir in a teaspoon of wine vinegar.”

— Several psychotherapists told the *New York Times* in February that treatments are being developed for people who are excessively worried about their own carbon emissions being responsible for “global warming.” More than 120 therapists are now listed as specialists in the

field on Ecopsychology.org, and schools such as Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., have created courses on counseling such patients.

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) Two boys, 12 and 14, were quickly arrested in Port St. Lucie, Fla., in March when they tried to rob a woman who was working at a counter behind protective glass in an office, by picking up the convenience phone and threatening her, implying that they had a gun. The woman was in no danger because of the protective glass, but besides that, the place they had chosen for the hit was a regional office of the Port St. Lucie police department. (2) Donald Baker, 51, was re-arrested in March in Peterborough, Ontario, when he called the police department to request a wake-up call for his court appearance the next morning; amazed at his audacity, police ran a records check and found an additional arrest warrant on him.

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Thirty Years Ago

The cypress trees remain. So do the eucalyptus, pine, and groves of pepper trees. They are memorials to people who turned a dusty, chaparral-covered section of Point Loma into a utopian wonderland. Of the fantastic architecture, the eccentric, ornate residences and glass-domed structures which crowned the peninsula, only a few examples can be seen today.

This is a brief historical account of that social experiment, of Lomaland, which blossomed in San Diego at the turn of the century.

—“THE LITTLE WORLD THAT ALMOST WAS,”

Merton Gaudette, April 20, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Attention Jerry Herrera. The following local new-wave bands have decided to boycott your Morena nightclub, the Spirit: the Penetrators, the Rockin’ Roulettes, the Joyce Rooks Band, Jerry Raney and the Shames, and Country Dick and the Snugglebunnies. Reasons for the boycott: your policy of only paying the bands what comes in from the door charge instead of giving them an additional percentage of the bar revenues.

—CITY LIGHTS: “MUSICIAN DRAWS BLOOD AT SPIRIT,”

Thomas K. Arnold, April 21, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

It’s been almost a year since Barbara Goldstein, an elementary school teacher who lives in Rancho Santa Fe, allegedly poisoned two dogs in her neighborhood. On June 13, a jury will begin hearing the district attorney contend that coincidence doesn’t allow two dogs to die of strychnine poisoning on the same night they rough up a neighbor’s pet rabbit.

—CITY LIGHTS: “WAG NO TALES,” Brae Canlen,

April 21, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

Take a drive along the Silver Strand area of beach south of Coronado on the 75, down toward Imperial Beach, and you come across an oasis of West Indian architectural chic named the Coronado Cays... When you turn off from the road, past the uniformed fellow in his guardhouse and through one of the several side gates, you have the impression of being in a suburban stretch of England’s Upper Thames or a yachting community in Bermuda....

—ARCHITECTURE: “NO AMOUNT OF PITH-HELMETED

COLONIALS CAN PROTECT YOU FROM CHAOS,”

Lawrence Osborne, April 21, 1993

Ten Years Ago

How could the wife of a drug money launderer be elected to San Diego’s highest local office? It’s a good question, and the answer confirms the campaign consultant’s first maxim: Nothing is fatal in politics.

By the time the mayor’s race rolled around, the Golding Rehabilitation was under way. She had stuck by her man during Silberman’s trial and professed his innocence almost as much as her own. But when they put Dick in the slammer, Golding began to distance herself from him. The political spin was simple: Golding was an innocent woman who had been deceived by her no-good, lying, cheating husband.

Of course, to anyone who knew Golding well, it was a stretch to believe she had no knowledge of her hubby’s activities.

—“SAN DIEGO CONFIDENTIAL,” Peter Navarro,

April 23, 1998

Five Years Ago

So it is I find myself passing a Friday night waiting to be cut open again, with some books I’d left at my girlfriend’s house and her back issues of the *New Yorker*. It didn’t take long to get through the cartoons and turn to the three books at hand: *Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood*, a remarkable memoir by Eric Burdon with the help of Mar-



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shall Craig; *Tarzan of the Apes* by Edgar Rice Burroughs (with an introduction by Gore Vidal); and *The Classic Philip José Farmer: 1964-1973*.

I was interrupted in the middle of Gore Vidal’s introduction by the arrival of Father Phil, an African Catholic priest from Chad and my new diabetic roommate. Having a priest as a roommate while in the hospital for heart disease has got to be one of the few experiences in life that is both alarming and reassuring at the same time.

—T.G.I.F., John Brizzolara, April 17, 2003

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At a political event I met Thomas, a full-blooded Native American sporting a thick black braid of hair down to his waist. He passed himself off as a person who knew the answers to life's mysteries. He communed with the Great Spirit. He burned sage. He was a political activist. My gut told me, "Run, city girl," but

Dumped

Run, City Girl

some other part of me was entranced. We began dating.

There were plenty of signs that Thomas had serious issues. First of all, he told me he had serious issues. The littlest thing would set him off on a paranoid rant. If I looked over my shoulder a certain way, I was drawing the attention of the police. If I asked his friends too many questions, I was flirting or possibly gathering information for the FBI. Thomas told me that the FBI followed him because of his political work. He'd participated in radical political groups in the late '60s and '70s, but as far as I could tell, he

spent his days in my apartment (yeah, I gave him a key) reading spy novels, smoking pot, and cataloging my flaws. This is what I deduced from the indentation in my sofa cushions and the overflowing ash-tray I saw when I came home from work. Asking him how he spent his days was proof that I was indeed an undercover FBI agent, so I quit asking.

Thomas and I hadn't been getting along when he invited me to go camping for a weekend of protests in an old-growth forest. Being a suburban/city girl with no car, my experience with the great outdoors

was limited. The only times I'd been camping was as an eight-year-old Bluebird. Our troop slept in cabins, and we melted marshmallows on wire hangers around the campfire. Getting out of the city sounded like an adventure. Maybe Thomas would become less insane while in nature.

One of Thomas's friends, a Navajo cabdriver, and the guy's blonde, I'm-proud-to-be-Greek waitress girlfriend asked to join us for the ride. Thomas admired the Navajo because they grew up speaking their own language. Thomas's tribe's language was dying, being

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spoken fluently by only a handful of elders. English, the only language I could claim, was the language of the oppressors. The waitress claimed to speak Greek, but I had my doubts.

Thomas's friends arrived two hours late. Then Thomas spent another hour fussing with his hair and trying to decide which ribbon shirt to wear. By the time we got to the protest site, the prime camping spots were taken. Say what you will about Western culture, but there's something to be said for following a schedule and sleeping in a bed. We pitched our tent on a rocky slope.

Being a novice camper, I couldn't do anything correctly — I put the tent poles upside down, got the tarp muddy, and didn't close the flaps the right way. The list of my offenses grew. It rained on and off Saturday and Sunday. Thomas was wet, grouchy, and mean. After 20 hours of muddy misery, eating slop off paper plates, and not getting along with Thomas in a damp tent, I was done pretending to be a lover of nature. I wanted to take a shower and sleep in my own bed. I wanted to be as far away from Thomas as possible.

As we dragged his camping gear to his truck, Thomas ran into an old friend — an emaciated, grizzled hippie. They exchanged pleasantries and lamented the loss of the forest, and then the gray-bearded hippie said, "You should visit sometime." Thomas said, "Okay. We'll follow you." I thought he was kidding. Nope. I protested — I had to go to work Monday morning. Thomas, Mr. Hippie, the Navajo, and the waitress (who was a camping genius) stared at me like I was pressing a chainsaw to the trunk of an ancient redwood. Thomas agreed to stop at a shuttered gas station so I could call in sick to work from a lonely pay phone.

Feeling like a hostage, I left a message for my boss that I'd be in on Tuesday or Wednesday. I figured we'd sleep on the floor of this guy's house in our damp sleeping bags for one night and then we'd head back to San Francisco. How bad could it be?

My memory of the drive to our second night of camping was that we drove for at least an hour on unmarked, winding dirt roads through the forest. Not only were there no street signs, there were no streets and no houses. From the hill where we parked I could see a dilapidat-

ed two-story house surrounded by tall trees and undergrowth. We got out of the truck and hiked behind Mr. Hippie in the opposite direction. We passed a vegetable garden enclosed by a chain-link fence. A large gray tent was perched on a ridge over a noisy creek. Next to the tent was a raised platform. I would later discover that the seat on the open platform was the community toilet. The creek was the family's water source. Inside the tent, Mr. Hippie's very pregnant wife and a speechless snuffling toddler greeted us.

If I sucked at camping, I was even less skilled at survival living. The pregnant wife was a nutty white woman who claimed to be one-sixteenth Blackfoot Indian. She made beautiful beaded jewelry from "ancestral memory." Her child was sick and left wet snot stains on her homemade maternity dress. The tent, or wickiup, was cluttered with junk. It smelled of mildew and damp earth.

I was expected to pitch in and help make dinner, since it's rude to go to a pregnant lady's dwelling in the forest with no plumbing and no electricity and expect to be waited on — unless you have a penis. Thomas, the Navajo, and Mr. Hippie told stories about hunting deer with rifles and bow and arrow, smoked pot, and inspected the mystery crop growing in the dilapidated house/greenhouse near where the trucks were parked. Thomas warned me to stay away from the house (as if I couldn't figure out what was growing inside). The pregnant lady, the waitress, and I cut vegetables with dull knives and threw everything into a greasy, dented pot in silence; I couldn't think of anything nice to say. So, how's the crop this year? Who made the decision to let your marijuana plants live in the house

and the baby live in a wet tent? I bet laundry is a barrel of fun out here! Nice of your husband to invite guests and then sit on his ass while you do all the work. After a dismal dinner, the waitress played with the silent snotty-nosed child and talked about how much she loved babies. I'm not a fan.

I couldn't figure out how to pump water to wash the dishes. Thomas thought I was being difficult and screamed at me. The depth of his rage and the nearness of hunting rifles frightened me. It also pissed me off. I hadn't agreed to spend the night on a pot farm with a family of survivalist loons. I excused myself to use the toilet but couldn't bring myself to climb the platform. I could still hear Thomas complaining about my idiocy.

I had no idea where I was and no clue how to find civilization. I wandered past the fenced garden, mulling my options. After a while Thomas came out of the wickiup, cursing and howling at me to get my ass into the house. I pulled my sleeping bag and a blanket out of the mess in Thomas's truck and hiked to a ridge. From my hiding place, I heard Thomas slam the doors on his truck, wrestle with his tent, and curse my existence. I decided I had a better chance with the coyotes than with Thomas while he was mad.

I picked a flat spot under a thicket of bushes to spend the night. He'd be calm in the morning and forget that he'd acted like a lunatic. I wouldn't, though. What was I thinking? Never go camping with a crazy person — that's my advice to you. I spent a cold, miserable night but was unharmed by any four-legged creatures. I did, however, manage to set up camp in a patch of poison ivy.

I joined my fellow freaks for breakfast, all of us pretending noth-

ing out of the ordinary had happened the night before. To my relief, Thomas announced that it was time to head back to the city. After a few days I had welts all over my hands, arms, thighs, and butt (should have used the platform toilet) from the poison ivy, which lasted for six weeks.

I told Thomas that I never wanted to see him again. He heard, "I want to marry you and spend the rest of our lives together." He even went so far as to barter his possessions for an antique diamond ring. I don't remember how he proposed to me, but I do remember that we were on the corner of Haight and Masonic and that he threw the ring at me when I told him "no."

His behavior became more irrational and bizarre. He showed up at the college where I worked and threatened to kill my boss, the president, the receptionist, and himself. The president, who knew Thomas, told him that he'd be arrested if he again set foot on the property. I wore hats, wigs, and thrift-store costumes to work. I moved to another apartment. Then I moved to another city.

I've since learned to heed the signs of mental illness. I never go anywhere without perusing a map. I admire nature from a distance. I do not own a sleeping bag. But I still own a beaded turquoise barrette that Thomas bought from the crazy one-sixteenth Blackfoot Indian lady.

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Fallujah, Iraq



LOOKING DEADLY

When you think of a hero — a soldier, firefighter, or Marine — what image pops into your head? Do you think of a shaved chest, chiseled abs, and vein-covered arms? Or do potbelly, 12-inch arms, and acne seem more appropriate?

Most civilians (particularly those who don't know many military personnel) probably have a pretty good idea of who comprises our armed forces. After all, we tend to see pictures of guys in full combat gear in the news and strong-jawed defenders of liberty in the latest military blockbuster from Hollywood. The problem tends to be the select group that makes the

front page combined with the impressive visual effect of all that gear. Spend some time at Camp Fallujah or one of the other main bases and you may end with a different impression of our men and women in uniform. There seems to be no end to the variety in shapes, sizes, and hairiness of those stationed in-country. After carefully examining the population, however, a few camps appear with enough frequency to merit a general description: basically, you have four main groups of military personnel here and — having traveled

in Al Anbar as well as central Iraq — they seem to recur predictably wherever Marines comprise a sizable chunk of population.

The first Marine is the Newbie: he's usually very skinny (having recently graduated from basic training), around the age of 18 or 19, covered in zits, and awkward. Most people who saw him would probably say, "You should be asking for my fast-food order, not defending the country." A Newbie can usually be seen trying to ingratiate himself to larger, more confident members of his

platoon or squad, or occasionally foraging tentatively for food around the chow hall, much like a small, furry woodland creature. Paradoxically, he is often a great guy to have in a firefight, being freshly motivated and trained, and with today's operational tempo, he may already have been in Iraq or Afghanistan and gained some experience.

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The third Marine is the Fat Guy: he really has no place over in Iraq (if you believe it's a desert combat zone), but here he is. This is not to discriminate against

him based on weight; it's usually more a function of his ability — or lack thereof — to move quickly with a combat load. If you wonder how he's able to maintain his comfortable waistline, look no further than his desk and the chow hall; the sheer quantity of food available staggers the mind, and self-control is all that stands between Fat Guy and his nefarious cousin, Fatter Guy. He may actually enjoy being deployed in some cases — especially if his family life isn't too good — because work (for these guys) tends to be logistical support with no real chance of being killed or wounded, and 140 degrees Fahrenheit is only a number when you have air conditioning. For all intents and purposes, what Fat Guy

does could be misconstrued as any number of office jobs back in the States.

The last Marine is the War Dog: he tends to be very well-built, with almost no body fat, and is most often found working out in the gym with what appears to be a baby's "onesie" on, allowing everyone to marvel at his muscularity. As far as anyone can tell, this is essentially the same guy you see in Hollywood taking care of terrorists (both regular and bearded varieties), lava monsters, and Democrats; you'll remember him somehow ending up on a tropical island with one or more nude women. What's funny about this guy is even though Marines should know better (the only way you could have that much time to work out is if you weren't



actually in the fight for sustained periods of time), they still believe he's the model of the Marine Corps like so many starry-eyed civilians do. This misconception wouldn't be so bad if it didn't cause a lot of deployed Marines to worry about their appearance and defending their country's interests overseas: Have you ever tried hunting down terrorists on the South Beach diet?

Obviously there are

plenty of servicemembers who don't fall into any of these categories, but you can find some part of one or more of these characters in just about every Marine swaggering around an FOB, COB, COP, camp, base, station, city, village, hamlet, or commune. Just don't call them by the names given them here; they're still Marines and can probably kick your ass (yes, even Newbie).

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So, in the slow lane, I fly along at 180 miles per hour instead of 300. The car's video communicator buzzes and I quickly press the silver button marked "Ignore." In the field next to which I'm flying, gazelle leap and a host of sparrows launch, turn in a boomerang pattern, and then land again in the willow shrubs. The communicator buzzes and I press "Ignore." I don't want to talk to my boss. Gleaming new cars rocket past me at nearly double the speed.

My watch communicator beeps. I flip my wrist over; there's no ignoring this one. I touch "Answer," and my boss' head and that ridiculous gray derby appear on the curvy screen. "Jenkins! You're late again!" I look to the sparrows and gazelle in the field, I smooth the hair on my brow, and then to my watch communicator I say, "Yes, sir, I apologize. My, uh..." and I prattle on about the booster engine. "I don't want to hear excuses! I want the schematics for the Johnson account you were supposed to have drafted by..." My mind drifts to images of skinned and cut knuckles dislodging whole rows of teeth.

"JENKINS!"

"Yes, sir. I'll send them now."

My fingers dance around the console keys in front of me. The bubble monitor displays the schematics, half-finished and late. Another button actuates the car's refreshment system and delivers a cup of coffee. It's cold and tastes burnt.

I hate work. Why can't I just sit and watch TV all day; I love those game shows. The shows that offer a thousand-dollar cash prize for guessing a correct answer or spinning a wheel. With a thousand greenbacks, I could get a new flying car, a big 28-inch TV, and a house-cleaning robot. That would be the good life. That's what I need.

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HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

ABC 8:00 P.M.

I want to tell you that I despise this clichéd kids' trash. But I'd be lying. While I've never taken the time out of my life to read one of the huge, simplistic books, I have watched the movies and enjoyed every second. I know I'm supposed to be the intellectual (stop snickering) type who turns his nose up at popular pap, but damn it all, I want a magic wand that makes things fly and shoots

lightning. I *need* a magic lightning wand. NEED.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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CW 7:00 P.M.

The waaaay better show is *America's Next Top Crack Hooker*.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

WALK THE LINE

FX 5:00 P.M.

Here's the entire script of thoughts from my head while watching this movie. "Johnny Cash wasn't a hair lip. That thing is distracting. Seriously, millions of dollars and they couldn't budget in some putty makeup? I can't stop looking at it. Would someone please just dab some foundation on that hair lip so I can pay attention to the story. I cannot see anything else on the screen and I can only hear what the hair lip is saying. Hair lip. Hair lip. Hair lip. Hair lip."

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE: THE BEST OF CHRIS FARLEY

8:30 P.M.

Thank God Chris Farley died. It is far cooler to be the fat overdosed comedic genius than the weepy contestant of a celebrity diet-and-rehab program on VH-1. Yeah, he might've lost a hundred pounds, kicked cocaine, and given Muriel Hemingway sweaty hugs, but we need tubby dead leg-ends more than thin unfunny Puritans. We salute you and all you gave to us, sir!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

BIG BROTHER 9

CBS 8:00 P.M.

And while we're on the subject of crappy reality game shows, I'm going to say this right now, and I want everyone to damned listen. The crying has gotten out of hand. You were kicked off of a game show,



Saturday Night Live: The Best of Chris Farley

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THURSDAY, APRIL 24

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY FAMILY 8:30 P.M.

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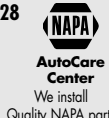
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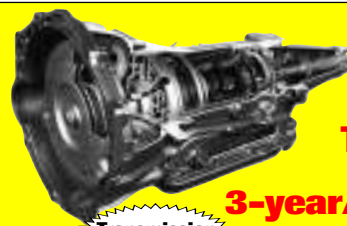
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T.G.I.F.

I spent that day playing five card draw with the staff, all of whom wanted to be either writers or actors.

By John Brizzolara

The dates attached to Thursday through Sunday of this week, or rather weekend, have a series of associations for me. Let me have my coffee, let the old brain percolate on the back burner as to what might be fun to do over those days, and allow me to tell you what those associations are.

April 17 would have been my parents' 60th wedding anniversary. My Dad died in 1968 at the age of 49, and my mother in 2005 at the age of 77, lending a certain amount of spit to the idea that the good tend to go younger. They had met a year and one month earlier at a Saint Patrick's Day dance at a Catholic church in Chicago. My father, in keeping with the spirit of the event, introduced himself to my mother as Bob O'Lara and supplied a sufficiently Barry Fitzgerald-like Irish accent while speaking to this daughter of Englishman Will Arburn. He tortured her (playfully, I imagine, since that was pretty much him) as he demanded she account for centuries of injustice inflicted by the British on his Irish countrymen. In response, after discovering it was a shuck, she proceeded to marry him and for the next 20 years made him rue that Saint Patty's Day and every one since. Among the legacies my father left to me (writing this column is certainly one, as it is exactly one of the things he did to pay bills for a family of ten) is, as indirectly as it might seem, an arrest in 2005 for public intoxication on Saint Patrick's Day of that year. My parents married at Saint Anne's, April 17, 1948.

April 18, Friday of this week, is the birthday of my son's friend Curtis. An excellent lad who will be, I think, 26. Live long and prosper, Curt, and please continue to persuade my son to pick up

the wet towels from the bathroom floor. Other than that, April 18 is the 20th anniversary of a trip to New York in '88 to sign a multiple-book contract with Doubleday and an unadvertised book signing at their 57th Street store. I spent a memorable three hours on that day playing five-card draw with the staff, all of whom wanted to be either writers or actors. There were four book sales involved as I entertained the staff between bluffs and 25-cent bets with stories of my stint, 15 years earlier, as a clerk in that very shop. True stories involved waiting on Tennessee Williams, who wore a fur coat and had no money (a handsome boy with a ponytail and matching coat who accompanied him paid for \$1500 worth of art books), a lunch one day in the break room with author William Peter Blatty, and looking up Joan Baez's silver mini-skirt as she ascended a famous spiral staircase at our 53rd Street store.

April 19 I remember as the birthday of an ex-girlfriend. She was one of two women who masterfully, with stunning surgical skill, removed my central cardio-vascular muscle (one that would proceed to enlarge frighteningly, eventually in ten years to be carved up, a good percentage of it sliced away, literally surgically), which she then placed in a metaphorical Cuisinart, set on puree, and hit high — a disintegrating trophy gleefully dancing circles around in a medley of moves, including the mambo, the tango, the Watusi, and the funky chicken.

It hardly seems accidental that only a day later, April 20, is Adolf Hitler's birthday. It has been celebrated until recently in parts of Fallbrook, I heard, though now, I understand, only at barbecues among certain members of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Few newborns are given the name Adolf any longer.

So there are my associations with this cluster of days, all as a prelude to some suggestions as to what one might do with them — the cluster of days, not the associations.

If you are a compulsive reader, though not necessarily a collector, go to the downtown central branch of the San Diego Public Library on Friday mornings when they open. The earlier you arrive, the greater your chances of beating local used-book dealers to some excellent deals. The hardcovers, many of them, go for only \$1 each. Collectibles, art books, etc., will cost a bit more, but it is unlikely you will find better bargains anywhere else. You are welcome to three, I think, mass-market size paperbacks for one buck as well. The beauty of this latter deal is that the library (through Friends of the Library, mostly) get great lots of paperbound novels from the 1960s and '70s — even as early as the 1950s. This is due to estate sales and deaths among the aged and literate in San Diego County, a place that has possibly a few more of both than its share.

I go whenever I can, and some paperback prizes I have gleaned include Rafael Sabatini novels (what? 33 cents each?) that have been long out of print, novels by Wilfred Sheed and Anthony Burgess, even William Faulkner books with gaudy, sexy-at-the-time cover art, Mickey Spillane (there, now you know), and the occasional Jim Thompson story.



Friday night, try Rannoosh, "The Place for Lovers," 3890 Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest (619-325-1360), just a few feet off of University. You might sit at the sidewalk cafe and people-watch as I did twice before even entering the remarkably appointed interior. Forty-two-year-old Ken Lander cooks and serves Lebanese food like lamb stew and chicken curry (they inspired my return a third time) and mingles with the patrons offering as much amiable chat as you might care for. He will happily steer you to interesting African wines ("...a plummy, strawberry, even banana and raisin frisson at the back of the tongue"), and ask him about open mike nights on Thursdays, belly dancing on Fridays and Saturdays, and his upcoming program of "speed dating" for straights, gays, and lesbians. This last idea is something I intend to check out soon. Ken told me the concept has been around for a time but naturally the name packs much appeal. "Come here often? Me? We'll see. What's your sign? I'm Sagittarius. Herpes? I got it but it never...ah, comes up. Feel anything? Chemistry? Me neither, see ya."

Ask to sit in the Harem Room, amid silk and velvet brocade curtains, pillows, and cushions of earth tones, burgundy, and gold. Landers is not Lebanese but Cajun/Cherokee and within 18 months went from regular customer to owner. This is one of my better among very few recommendations for week-end night dining. I had the appetizer of makaneh, spiced lamb and beef sausages, sautéed, and garlic-olive oil hummus with a beverage for around \$20.

This Sunday, der Führer's birthday, go to the beach, the nearest one with a fire pit and burn all the books you bought Friday through Sunday at the library sale.

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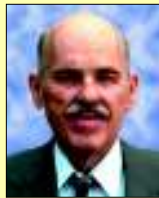
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