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"First of all," says Dave Huie, "it should really be called the exotic fish

hobby, not the tropical fish hobby." Beneath his glasses, Huie's fr

is scrunched into a look of bemusement. "Although, even that name's

**RVR** not exactly right. Exotic being outside the United States, and tropical

meaning between the tropics. The hobby really involves every fish

you could possibly keep inside a tank. And there are well over 30,000

species of fish. Well over. And this is just a guess, but there are prob-

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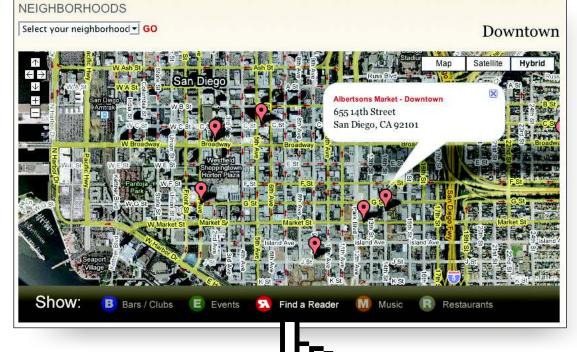
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## BREAKING NEWS

Scenes from a divorce It's



colorful divorces of San Diego's more-or-less rich and sort-of famous personalities. Earlier it was GOP city attorney candidate, ex-Poway mayor, and superior court judge Jan Goldsmith who said his marital battles two decades ago were a thing

Marti Emerald of the past, a verdict sec-

onded by his wife, also a judge. Now comes the case of TV investigative reporter Marti Emerald, running against GOP campaign accountant April Boling for San Diego's Seventh District city council seat.

Back in April 1996, according to court records. Emerald's nine-year marriage to Robert Wetzel ended. In 2003, a child-custody battle broke out between the pair, during which Emerald told the court she divorced Wetzel "primarily because of his excessive drug and alcohol use. He used marijuana and cocaine and drank to excess." Emerald cited emails that she said her ex-husband had forwarded to her by mistake, in which Wetzel told a friend that his current wife "does get real horney after a few tokes.... Get together soon at our place, with or without kids.... We also have a guest room if you do too much booze and drugs." In his response, Wetzel denied he and his wife drank excessively and said, "I cannot explain how Petitioner, a wellknown television investigative reporter, obtained my personal emails. I can only assume she has used her well-honed investigative skills to invade my privacy." He added that "the references to drug use were mere jokes, and Petitioner now seeks to take those comments out of context for her own personal reasons. I believe this is similar to the tactics used by television investigative reporters: ambush the victim and demand comments...taken out of context."

Wetzel had earlier complained about Emerald's alleged abuse of her position: "While my car was being repaired, Petitioner admits she made a 'judgment call' and took unilateral control of my car and excluded me from its use." According to Wetzel's 1998 declaration, the repairman told him, " 'Marti Emerald T.V. consumer watchdog' had instructed shop personnel not to allow me to pick up my own car. I felt so small, beaten and humiliated." The court later ruled that the couple's previous child-sharing arrangement would remain in place, and the case was subsequently closed. Emerald declined comment: her ex-husband could not be reached.

The K word Thirty-Ninth District Democratic state senator Christine Kehoe is the chairwoman of the senate's Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee, holding life-and-death power over bills crucial to big power, phone, and cable companies. So when Kehoe puts the squeeze on industry lobbyists to open their checkbooks for the benefit of her favorite charities - known as "behesting," in the more genteel parlance used by legislators — they inevitably kowtow. Behesting reports on file with California's secretary of state show that over



Christine Kehoe the last two months Kehoe

has brought in a considerable haul by pitting AT&T against Verizon. On April 4, the latter gave \$25,000 to the Center, also known as the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-



gender Community Center. Two days before that, Verizon contributed \$20,000 to Rachael's Women's Center. On March 17, AT&T gave \$5000 each to Gompers Charter Middle School and the Jean Isaacs San Diego

Dance Theater on Kehoe's Auday Arabo behalf. The general theory

behind behesting is that it helps buy votes.... More Poway money to report for the anti-gay marriage initiative campaign: this time it's \$50,000 from Gerald Simonsen, president of RM Properties. He's also given \$5000 to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and backed Mitt Romney for president. Meanwhile, minimart advocate Auday Arabo, facing a tough race against Marty Block, the establishment candidate in the 78th Assembly District Democratic primary, has picked up \$3600 from the campaign fund of outgoing speaker Fabian Núñez. He also got \$2400 from the Viejas tribe

Duke's legacy The United States Navy is still using software sold to it by

ADCS, the Poway outfit founded by Brent Wilkes, convicted of bribery, fraud, conspiracy, and money laundering and sentenced in February to a 12-year federal prison term for his

role in the Randy "Duke" Cunningham scandal. So Brent Wilkes reports a consultant work-

ing at the Navy's Seattle shipyards, who called to ask whether the company is still in the software business. The software package in question, called Prime Vector, is used by the Navy in the conversion of scannedin engineering drawings to the so-called vector format used by computers for storing graphical records. The consultant, who requested that his name not be used, notes that the package is the best available. "I remember they came up here about ten years ago with a congressman on a tour, but I can't remember his name. They already had the contract by then."

— Matt Potter

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## **Centre City: Another War**

By Don Bauder

entre City Development Corporation, • the City's downtown redevelopment organization, has been correctly accused

of many things. Arrogance. Bullying. Conflicts of interest. Excessive pay and perks for employees. Loose contract policies. Being in the pocket of the real estate development industry. Now there is another: "It seems like [Centre City] once again wants to destroy African-American heritage in San Diego," says Karen Huff-Willis, head of the Black Historical Society of San Diego.

She is referring to Centre City's push for a major project, called "Seventh and Market." It is planned to be a mixeduse, 41-story building with a 224-room hotel, 364 residential units (mostly rental, some condo), 19,000 square feet of retail space, and a public parking garage in the area bounded by Market Street and Seventh, Eighth, and Island avenues.

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According to the Journal of San Diego History, the building was denied historical status by the City's Historical Resources Board several times until Huff-Willis dug into its history. Among many things, jazz greats Charlie Parker and Jelly Roll Morton played and stayed there. It was the first hotel in the county to be recognized as segregated, or "colored only." In 2001, the Clermont finally was officially cited as a city historical landmark. In 2005, the building got an official plaque recognizing the hotel's unique role



of Centre City, has it tentatively penciled in for consideration in late May. That would happen only if the project gets the board's nod late this month.

The project has been given a

number of extensions. Cen-

tre City hopes to have it in

front of its board by late April

or, more realistically, late May.

The city council, ultimate boss

The City owns most of the property, but not one very important building: the Clermont Hotel at Island and Seventh avenues. This three-story structure, built in 1887, is an important part of San Diego's African-American history.

in San Diego's African-American history. But the development team selected by Centre City refuses to include it in the Seventh and Market redevelopment project.

Huff-Willis has seen African-American heritage trampled before. The famed black-only Douglas Hotel at 206 Market Street, which had a restaurant, card room, barcontinued on page 8

## CITY LIGHTS

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## The Big Guys in Mexico's Skies

By Ernie Grimm

very year, my mother-in-law stays with us for a month or two when the weather in her home state of Connecticut is at its

coldest and wildest. During this last visit she decided to go to Mexico City. Devout bargain hunter that she is, Madre (as my mother-in-law likes to be called) started searching for cheap flights. The best she could come up with was an inconvenient flight on Continental that cost \$385 plus on US Airways, American, Mexicana, Aeroméxico, Alaska, United, and Northwest

were between \$400 and \$725. All had

at least one stop in Phoenix, Houston, Los Angeles, or Los Cabos. Some featured turboprop connector flights. Madre hates turboprops. On a whim, she researched flights from Tijuana. She found nonstop, round-trip flights from between \$102 and \$250 on



Guillermo Gallegos

Mexican airlines. Madre had stumbled into an ongoing price war fueled by the relatively new low-cost Mexican airlines Volaris, Avolar, and Alma de México. The price war has Mexico's "Big Three" airlines — Mexicana, Aeroméxico, and Aviacsa reeling and is pushing travel agencies in Tijuana further down the road to extinction. On a cool day in

March, Guillermo

Gallegos, bundled up and sniffling due to a late-winter cold, walks into his Zona Rio travel agency and sits behind a sleek metal desk. He's full faced with drooping eyelids and shoulders. A Vandyke beard conceals his double chin. He's decked out in black slacks and a purple dress shirt. His two-toned gold watch and Italian loafers indicate affluence. But, like

other tourism-based businesses in Tijuana, affluence for travel agencies is a thing of the past. "In the last month," Gallegos says, "eight travel agencies have



closed in Tijuana." Those closings were not isolated incidents, Gallegos says, but part of a trend that started four years ago, when "there were 135 travel agencies in Tijuana.

Now

three decades,

continues, "Travel

in Mexico has changed, and

the change has been prompted

by the new low-cost airlines,

Volaris, Avolar, and Alma. The

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Gallegos,

as a travel

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who has worked

changes benefit the consumer and negatively affect the other airlines in Mexico, which have a different format. For example, Aviacsa, out of 20 flights a day that it used to have from Tijuana, only 4 are left because they've lost so much of the market. With the costs so low in other airlines, Aviacsa can't compete. Aeroméxico and Mexicana have cut flights too."

V o l a r i s began operations in February 2006. It has 30 daily departures

from Tijuana. Alma, which specializes in short-hop flights, started four months later and has 10 departures from Tijuana per day. Tijuana-based Avolar first flew in September 2005 and sends 17 flights out of Tijuana every day. How much cheaper are these low-cost airlines? "For example," Gallegos says, "during the week you can get [one-



way] flights from Tijuana to

Guadalajara for 1300 pesos

on the low-cost airlines. Mex-

icana and Aeroméxico will

cost you about 1000 pesos

more, which is about \$90 to

ture of the low-cost airlines"

that allows them to fly the

same routes as Mexico's Big

Three at a much lower rate.

"For example, Aeroméxico,

Aviacsa, and Mexicana have

their own maintenance facil-

ities. They maintain their

own planes. The tradi-

tional full-service air-

lines have a much

larger personnel

structure: reserva-

tions staff, services at

the airport, maintenance. The

low-cost airlines contract

everything outside. So there's

no union they have to deal

with. The full-service airlines

give flight miles and things

like that. The low-cost airlines

don't do that."

Gallegos says it's "the struc-

\$100 more each way."

Food-and-beverage service is also severely reduced, sometimes nonexistent, on the low-cost airlines. Their low prices have created many first-time flyers from the classes of Mexicans who have traditionally ridden the bus around the country. But because of deep cuts in the number of flights that Aeroméxico, Aviacsa, and Mexicana offer from Tijuana, Gallego says, "When you look at total passengers, it hasn't been a huge increase. The major companies have cut back on flights in and out of Tijuana. The low-cost airlines have taken over. But passenger-wise, it really isn't a huge increase, maybe 7 or 8 percent more."

That 7 or 8 percent doesn't amount to a 7 or 8 percent increase in business for Gallegos and his fellow travel agents. For one thing, the ticket prices, upon which their commissions are based, are lower. For another, "The low-cost airlines won't give you the commission that Aeroméxico, Aviacsa, and Mexicana give."

Depending on volume of tickets an agent sells and a few other factors, the Big Three airlines pay commissions of up to 12 percent. "The low-cost airlines," Gallegos says, "pay no more than 6 percent."

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Tijuana International Airport

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## Another war

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bershop, and billiard rooms, was razed in 1985. Demolished with it was the adjoining Creole Palace nightclub, which once had been alive with jazz, blues, boogie-woogie, Charleston music, and lots of wild dancing. Centre City declared the Douglas blighted and arranged to have

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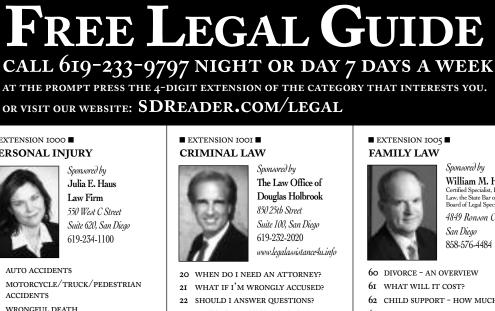
Then, during the redevelopment push of recent years, Centre City took aim at a halfblock on J Street that had once been the state's largest contiguous landholding owned by African Americans. The buildings had belonged to Lillian and Ocie Grant. She was a madam of note. An irate Huff-Willis sued Centre City. "The suit got thrown out on

a technicality. We were timebarred," says Huff-Willis. "They tore the buildings down. It was horrible."

Now she fears greed will triumph again under Centre City's direction. In early 2004, the Clermont Hotel was purchased for \$2.2 million by Larry Sidiropoulos, his law partner Anthony Laureti, and another lawyer, Ashley Abano. They brought in a developer, the Robert Green Company

of Encinitas, to compete in Centre City's plan to develop the City's property. They wanted the project to include restoration of the hotel.

Centre City brought in William Jones, a former councilmember and deputy mayor, and currently president and chief executive of CityLink Investment Corporation, a small developer. A large New York developer, the Related Companies, was later recruited to do the heavy lifting. Jones is an African American.



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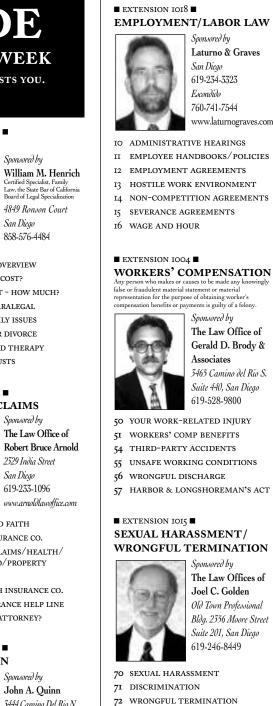
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return calls for comment.

Related and CityLink won the bidding last year, refusing to include the hotel but promising to honor African-American culture within the project. "[Centre City] said it would not work with the Black Historical Society. 'You are the organization that gave us too much trouble," says Huff-Willis, whose organization now has a black history museum on Market Street, across the street from the proposed project.

"We have every intention of taking legal action if it goes forward," she promises. "The very idea of developing a project next to an historic African-American site and not even including that hotel is...astonishing. Gall."

"We could remodel the hotel, bring it back to its original condition, but we can't do it without [financial] help," says Sidiropoulos. In 2004, before Related was in the picture, Jones made an offer to the hotel owners, inviting them to come aboard in the bidding. But the two sides could not come to terms. Because of the frailty of the downtown real estate market, the lack of financing, and a delay in hiring a general contractor, "This is a big smokescreen," says Sidiropoulos." They will stall it out for two or three years [until] the market comes back. I just want to know the process was fair."

Civic activist Ian Trowbridge agrees with Huff-Willis: In recruiting Jones, Centre City "was playing the race card," he says. Moreover, "The Green proposal is better than the one they are about to accept. It gives the City more money up front." The Related/Jones plans have been scaled down to resemble the more modest Green proposal. Trowbridge says the project was rigged from the outset.

After I made inquiries of Centre City about the deal, the developers came to Sidiropoulos and wanted to discuss buying density rights. (Because the project is large, the developers need more land to justify the size. Sidiropoulos and partners could sell them rights to expand.) "If we get [adequate] money from them, we could improve the building," Sidiropoulos says. "But they have no plans to embody the hotel in their plan."

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## Another war

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Late last year, the City came to the Clermont owners and demanded changes in windows, electrical wiring, and the fire escape. As a result, only a handful of people are now living there, and the owners are not getting much income as they sink up to \$300,000 into the upgrades. Huff-Willis thinks Centre City was behind the orders. "It's a heckuva coincidence," says Sidiropoulos.

CITY LIGHT

As a developer, Jones has critics. Councilmember Donna Frye remembers when Jones and his lawyer came to her office during the Murphy administration. They wanted to build a mixed-use project in Linda Vista. "He [Jones] much' he needed for his project. He was furious that I would not agree to giving him \$10 million. I was shocked. It was one of the most amazing meetings I've ever had. He got his [\$10 million subsidy] from council over my strong protests. He didn't do any traffic improvements, and after the project was built we had serious traffic issues."

came in and said, 'This is how

Both Huff-Willis and Trowbridge are suspicious of the long relationship between Related and Nancy Graham,

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president of Centre City. She

was mayor, later head of down-

town development, and then

CITY LIGHTS

Graham says she disclosed this to the Centre City board. "I did not negotiate this [Seventh and Market deal]," she claims. "I was in a few meetings where we were not able to reach agreement." It was the board that rejected Huff-Willis, she says. "The Black Historical Society wanted whoever was selected to give them space. It went before our board, and it chose not to do this."

As to Related and Graham, "There was no relationship that presents us with a conflict," says John Collum, Cen-



tre City's senior project manager on Seventh and Market.

LIGHTS

One big question is financing. Who would provide it in this downtown market? "The condo market is a little sad," says Frank Alessi, Centre City's chief financial officer. A *little* sad? "Hotel financing is not the best in the world, but it is better than condo." Financing for rentals is better, he says. The board will approve the deal before the developers have to line up financing. "At day's end, it should be doable." But not without a fight.

Mexico skies

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agency sits in a strip mall in the Otay Mesa area of Tijuana, directly under the flight path east of Tijuana International Airport. The office is about half the size of an average 7-Eleven. Four desks, each bearing a computer at which a busy agent works, stand cleverly arranged in the tight office. The 38-year-old Cruz sits at the one farthest from the door. He's dressed in a pressed gray dress shirt covered with a

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maroon V-neck sweater. He says my mother-in-law was smart to look to Tijuana to get a good flight deal to Mexico City. "Let me show you." He taps away on his computer keyboard for a minute or two. "From San Diego to Mexico City, the cheapest price I'm getting is \$500 round trip on Aeroméxico or Delta Airlines. And from Tijuana to Mexico City, it's around \$250 to \$260 — basically 50 percent off - on Volaris and Avolar. Of course, Volaris is actually to Toluca [about an hour outside of Mexico City]. But they give you a free shuttle from Toluca to Mexico City.

CITY LIGHTS

"And there are other destinations that used to be very expensive that are now a lot cheaper. From Tijuana to Tapachula, Chiapas — all the way down near Guatemala the price was around \$300 one way. Now it's \$150 each way, 50 percent less."

Despite the low prices causing what he estimates to be a 20 percent increase in passengers on intra-Mexico flights, Cruz says, "The travel-agency industry has been badly affected, because even though there has been a big increase in passengers, the customers themselves have more resources to buy tickets on their own, particularly the Internet. And the fares are low, so my commission is low."

Asked how he survives while half the travel agencies in Tijuana have closed in the last four years, Cruz laughs. "I can't give away my secrets," he says, and adds, when the last chuckle subsides, "Travel agencies must modernize themselves. The ones that haven't updated themselves and added all of the modern technology and Internet connections are going to fail."



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## Historic Blight

Larry Harmon's urge to create San Diego's version of Potemkin villages is okay with me as long as it is voluntary to the property owner ("We Could End Up Looking Like Phoenix," Cover Story, April 17).

One need only look at the California Theatre or the La Jolla cabins for historic-designation blight that destroyed millions in property values and tax revenues.

Larry Stirling via email

## Correction

Due to an editorial error in last week's cover story, "We Could End Up Looking Like Phoenix," the cost of restoring the Crellin Cottage was misstated. The correct amount was \$80,000. — Editor

## Fine Colored Lad

I was surprised to read that Klein wrote Nixon about meeting another USC alum, Rafer Johnson, "a very fine colored lad" ("Ghosts of Nixon's Past," "Breaking News," April 17). You'd think that a former student sports editor of the USC paper would know that Rafer is a UCLA alum. And believe me, no one at UCLA would dream of calling Rafer a "fine colored lad." Nor Ralph Bunce, Jackie Robinson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, et al.

Phil Crepeau via email

## Gas Hike

Since gas prices are so high and many San Diegans may be looking for outdoor activities closer to home, I hope that "Roam-O-Rama" continues to feature more local hikes, such as the Los Peñasquitos Canyon article (April 17).

May I suggest the recently opened Otay Valley Regional Park and Trail? I live in the South Bay and wanted to go walk the trail, but specific info about

trail, but specific info about getting there and what's available is hard to piece together from what maps and such I could find online.

I'm looking forward to Jerry Schad's review of this new park.

Laura Chula Vista

## Jolly Thought

Ah, yes. The War on Terror is so precarious that even decades-closed missile test ranges have to remain classified, lest an al-Qaeda operative be dispatched to bomb them (Letters, April 10)? Shades of the TV show 24. America, Land of the Fearful? What will we do if/when we get in a fight with an enemy with real power, such as China?

Sidney J. Jolly via email

## We Are Not Beasts

My empathy to Union-Tribune castaways, my shame to Don Bauder for speaking before thinking, or, in this case, researching the tale he spins ("Spite?" "City Lights," April 17). Employment Development Department (EDD) adjudicators, who decide eligibility of claimants, are the primary jury but not the monsters that Donny projects.

EDD eligibility is first taken in by "moving party," and if a former "tribute" member takes an incentive package, *they* are the moving party for jumping ship after only being informed that the boat is leaking and some baggage is due to be tossed soon in the future if they don't take this incentive package now and they choose to leave before the shadow and empty workspace is sprung upon them.

Don, think for a moment what is happening here as the employer offers an incentive package to employee to leave now. Maybe the package is worth, say, \$8000, and employee takes this in lieu of perhaps not getting unemployment in the future. (Eligibility is based on good-cause criteria and individual under that standard.) That same unemployment claim might be worth \$11,700 (\$450 per week, maximum, times 26 weeks) in unemployment benefits and is a wage taxation and future liability on

the sale of the business. Up front, this shows a present savings of \$3700 and future issue resolved. Economically, this is commonplace not only with the "Onion" but also with many employers. Employers then make what we, the EDD, call a "Wage Notice" to show purpose of payment and post that with EDD information site. The EDD then sees this as evidence to support understanding of employer's position and intent, along with showing that claimants knew what they were getting into before they took the swim.

As an adjudicator, there are many times when I feel justice is not served, but as a professional, I'm sworn to uphold law and policy set up first in Washington with the Department of Labor, then interpreted by the State of California in the EDD. As the river flows, it winds up on the desk of an adjudicator, who must act impartially and decide on eligibility based on decisions previously made and upheld, along with goodsense reasoning.

Each day an adjudicator will go through the process of being hated, feeling compassion for others, abuse in venting, and justice. We know it is far more important in the long term to make good decisions than to hold grudges and attempt to punish any party who has personally or emotionally attacked us, as we live under constant review and must support our actions. We recognize that we are often dealing with desperate people on their last thread of hope. As we move forward and understand issues, we help people directly within the services of the EDD and indirectly by assisting the wounded to find help.

Many people have claimed we are a heartless lot, but those same are looking out with a mean outlook before looking in to see answers within themselves. Each day I take pride in helping others — even if it upsets them that their primary goal cannot be found talking directly to me. Each hour I am potentially scarred by these same wounded who lash out without purpose other than venting. I don't know that continued on page 62



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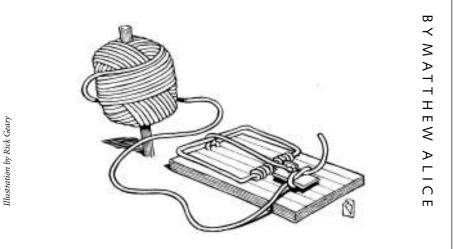


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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



#### Matt:

We are all familiar with the two major forms of mozzarella cheese, the larger amorphous blob we grate and use on pizza and the finger-sized string cheese portions we play with as we eat them. Although both are mozzarella cheese, only the string-cheese version has the "semi-fibrous form" that allows us to tear off long, thin strings as we eat it. What is the difference in the processing that creates this stringiness?

#### — Larry E. Gundersen, via email

Well, if you want to make string cheese, you need several ingredients. Mainly salt and a water buffalo. Preferably a water buffalo from Italy. The most authentic mozzarella cheese is made from water-buffalo milk. But never mind. You can use regular cow milk. Or goat milk or sheep milk. You heat it up, put in rennet to make the milk glob up in the pan, and then some salt and other stuff. Once it starts looking nasty and lumpy, you strain off the watery part and save the gobs of white stuff. Then you knead it like you were making bread. If you want ordinary mozzarella, you just knead it in a random way. If you want string cheese, you stretch it out to make it long, then fold it back on itself and repeat. This keeps the cheesy molecules all running in the same direction. When you're done, that makes the strings — the cheese all going up and down. And that's that.

#### Matt:

How many Kenyans were involved in the slave trade? Did this include Obama's Kenyan grandfather?

— Irv I., via email

Yikes! The political debate takes a new and nasty turn. Well, at least it's our chance to participate in the great American tradition of president-selecting. So-o-o-o - Kenya and the slave trade. Well, as an east African country, Kenya's role was slightly different from the hot west coast that was more convenient to Europeans. Actually, the first slave traders in Africa were Muslims, who needed bodies for their trans-Saharan and trans-Asiatic caravans. Mortality was high. West Africa was the most nearby source. The Muslim slave trade long predates the Europeans in Africa.

When the British and Portuguese began recruiting slaves from west Africa for the Caribbean plantations about 1500, it set off clashes between various African tribes in the area. Each one tried to capture enough of the other guys and deliver them to the Europeans to protect themselves from being swept off the continent. This may have happened in east Africa too, but I couldn't find any evidence.

The Obamas are from the Luo tribe of Kenyans, from the western part of the country, farthest from the coast, the heart of the slave trade. Obama's grandfather herded goats. Not likely that he traded slaves. But, hey, throw this into the mudslinging morass that is the presidential campaign if you like. It's another timeless American tradition.

#### Hevmatt:

My friend drinks Red Bull and vodka. He says he doesn't get drunk that way. How does that happen? – Norma, via email

Well, it doesn't happen. He just thinks it happens. Energy drinks don't change how our bodies metabolize alcohol or reduce blood-alcohol levels, but they can make us believe we're not as looped as we are. The primary actors in "energy" drinks are sugars and caffeine and/or caffeine act-alikes (taurine, guarine). The only real energy our bodies get comes from the sugars. (Fats also supply energy, but the drinks don't contain fat.) We can't get true energy from caffeine. All that does is perk us up mentally, give us some muscle endurance, and reduce the sensation of being tired. It reacts with our central nervous systems; we don't extract body energy from the caffeine. It buzzes us by blocking the chemicals that make us feel tired and that induce sleep. Not that we no longer need sleep. We just don't feel the sensation of sleepiness. Thus the post-energy-drink crash. Caffeine also mimics the effects of adrenaline and makes our hearts pump harder.

Researchers believe that a lot of the "sobering" effects of energy drinks are really a placebo effect. We expect not to feel drunk, therefore we don't. But in a European study of the effects of energy drinks on driving skills, they found that the drink provided some slight improvement. Less weaving and shoulder driving. But beware. The study was very small, hasn't been replicated, and shouldn't be used as an excuse to drink and drive, sez the MA squad of lawyers. Individuals react differently to caffeine and alcohol. If you're pulled over and eventually take an alcohol test, you'll show up officially drunk, no matter how perky you feel.

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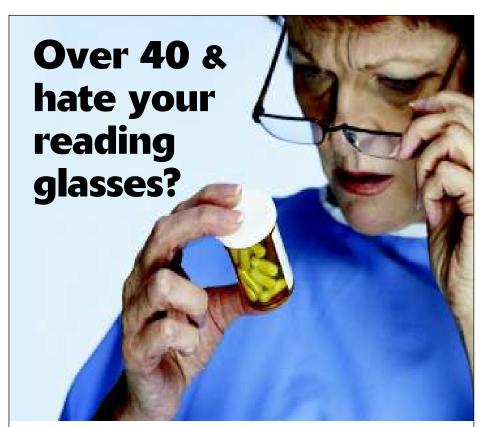
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## SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

# **Bob Mitchell**

got a call Saturday night from a man whose name I didn't remember, but someone who remembered me and had the kindness to telephone with the sad news that Robert Mitchell died. Heart attack, hotel room in Anaheim.

Ordinarily, I would consider this private business and go ahead with the week's column, but Bob is different. He would agree with that statement, by the way. Bob was a leading character in the first story I wrote for the *Reader*, back in 1989. And he was the focus of another cover story nine years later. He appeared in several inside stories, and at least a dozen Sporting Boxes. Since there are readers who have followed the Box for many years, the loss of one of our own requires a farewell.

Robert Mitchell lived in Jacumba. To get there, find I-8, drive east until you hit the Imperial County line, turn around, drive back three miles. It's 90 miles out, 4000 feet up, high desert, unexploited country, tight community, smack dab on the border.

How Bob got there is

part myth and part legend. Something about buying the town. He was either in the process of buying the town or in the process of selling it or planning to do one or the other. That never changed.

Bob stood five-foot, ten inches, 165 pounds, with a trim, athletic build, grayblack hair, fierce brown eyes, and a raspy voice. But, that's only flesh. His spirit is what grabbed you. Bob was BIG. He made a wave.

He built his house around massive boulders, incorporating them into kitchen walls, hallways, bedrooms, everything. Like its owner, the house is one of a kind, sits on a ridge that overlooks the town and Jacumba Valley. The last time I saw it, the swimming pool was long finished and the guesthouse was closed in. Sitting on his patio, outside the second-story master bedroom suite, in summertime, watching the sunset, felt like being aboard a great sailing ship. A pirate ship. Talking to Bob was entering into a conspiracy. You and him against the corrupt bureaucrat/cop/politician/corporation of the moment.

One measure of a man is the breadth of his friendships. I don't think any one person knows all of Bob's friends. They are located on several continents, range from national politicians to welfare moms, diamond merchants, movie people, music people, TV people, hookers, professional athletes, real estate hustlers, prison graduates, and those without a career description. Bob's family is considering a memorial ceremony in May, to give friends living overseas time to get here.

He was a loyal friend. I never doubted Bob would be there if I needed him. In fact, I never thought about it; that was a given. He had detractors, sworn enemies. Like I said, he made a wave. I could go two years without seeing him, then tap on his door, walk in, sit at the big oak dining room table, and continue a conversation as if we'd talked that morning. Zero lag time.

The reason he appeared in so many stories

I wrote was not because we were friends (this is a job), but because he knew what a story is and where to find it, exceedingly rare skills among civilians. But then, he'd been a newspaperman. One of his countless employments was publisher of a weekly, *The Plain Speaker*. Bob was constantly

in and out of Jacumba, working one business deal and then the next

and the next. His business uch and then the next and the next. His business model was to try out ten grand ideas and expect nine of them to fail. RV clubs, timeshares in Mexico, consumer protection bureau, Caribbean real estate, sports drinks...believe me, you don't have enough time to read them all.

Bob Mitchell

He loved Jacumba. He was a townie, a great gossip, and in the deep of a moonless night, when no one was around to see, Robert was a do-gooder. Like the rest of us, there was a gap between what he said and how he acted. Unlike most of us, Bob's actions were better than his talk.

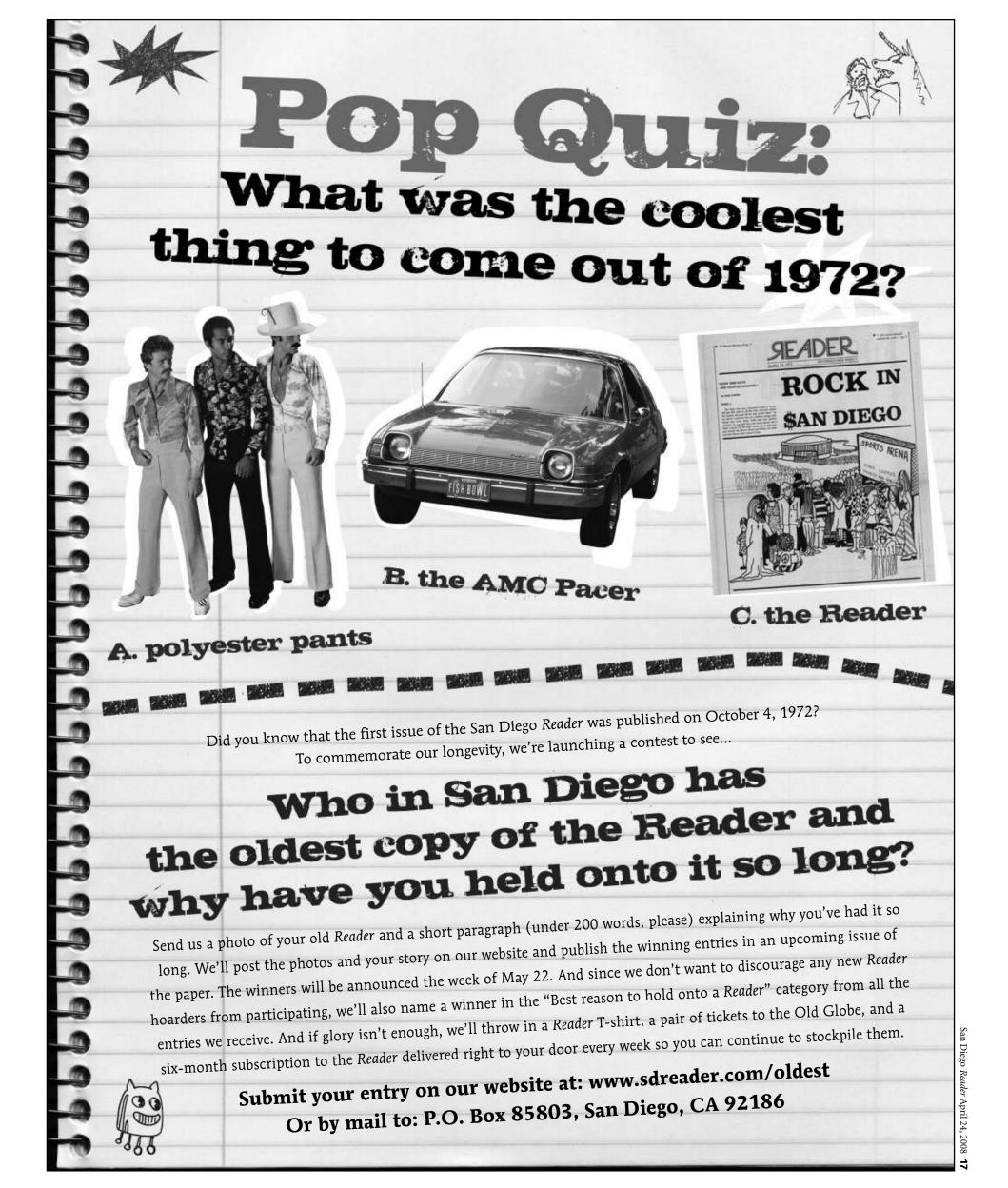
Before the border fence was built, we used to walk over to Jacumé, a Mexican village two miles south of the line. We had friends there. We'd go to parties, dances. Richard Spencer and Kirk Gilliam owned a home in the village, lived in it for years. Richard is buried in Jacumé.

And that's as good a marker as any. Americans in Jacumba didn't go to Jacumé, wouldn't walk in coal-mine darkness to visit people who are poor and speak another language. For Bob it was, "Hell, yeah." Life, for Bob, was "Hell, yeah." He knew something nobody tells you. Life is as big as you can handle.

Bob could handle a lot.

Life is as big as you can handle.

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## SHEEP AND GOATS PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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"You are here," reads the tagline below "Grace" on the banners and bulletin covers for Grace San Diego. Undoubtedly, more than one layer of meaning is intended here - laver two may be something like, "You

are here on this earth; what are you going to do with the time you've been given?" or "You are here; God has formed you out of love and holds you in beloved existence." But it's the literal meaning that gets top billing: Grace's logo is a stylized map showing the church's Normal Heights location, with the 805/8 interchange making a sort of bent cross overhead. "You are here — in California, in San Diego, in this neighborhood." A clever plug for a religion that asks you to love your neighbor. When I arrived,

the 8:45 Heritage Service was still running in the church properwhite woodwork and pale gray carpet, a clean and tidy '40s sort of building — while the crowd of young and lovelies, interspersed with a smattering of grayer heads - was beginning to gather in

the darkened gymnasium. "Do you know that the other church doesn't get out until after 9:30?" one young woman asked another. "He scrams out, grabs some coffee, changes clothes, and comes in here.""He" was pastor Tim Scott, who was, just then, decked out in a suit and tie and talking to the Heritage bunch about visiting a young people's sporting event. By the time he arrived at the gym, he had shimmied into jeans and a close-cut, untucked dress shirt. But that was 20 minutes in, after a thor-

ough warm-up from the band, who rocked their way through what seem to be the praise hits of the moment. "Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord/ We will wait upon the Lord...""Savior/ He can move the mountains/ Our God is mighty to save..." (Even the amped-up old standard "Jesus Paid It All" seems to be enjoying a comeback.)

The service was part of the church's "starting over" series on living (tagline: "We believe in life before death, too"). Scott's opening prayer - we bowed our heads, but it was more of a statement to us than to God - touched

on his theme for the morning. "I want to tell you something today - if you are stuck in behavior and attitudes that are breaking your life apart, you can start over today, and you can sustain that change by God's power. If you've been wanting to start over...submit to God .... He loves you; surrender to Him right now."

That was the key, but Scott backed away from it, choosing instead to work toward it as a grand conclusion. He began instead with a question: why do we fail in our efforts toward substantive change? "You modify your behavior based on the pain of the reality of what you're doing, and then, as time goes by, you lose it.... When the pain subsides, the motivation subsides. What I want to talk about is dynamic change. You need something in your life that is going to be powerful. In John, chapter four, the woman was promised by Jesus a well that would be within her, that would spring up to life no matter where she went. A dynamic, lifechanging source in her life."

The problem?

Scott quoted Luke,

"When you fail to change your beliefs, you are doomed to return to the failures of the past.... I'll show you that biblically, but it's true as well psychologically. A damaged heart can be renewed and made whole." What does it take? "An outside resource that you tap, dynamically animat-Grace San Diego ing your life." Normal Heights chapter six: "For there  $\star \star 1/_2$ 

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child of God. I can live for God ....' Do that for six months; if you don't change, I'll be shocked .... Your heart becomes reconditioned by truth.")

Case in point: David, who in Psalm 51 prayed for a clean heart and a steadfast spirit and to have that spirit sustained. "This was after David had sinned with Bathsheba.... David didn't need a therapist; he needed a revival! David knew the source of dynamic change would be from God. It's not just about you getting your life together; it's about you surrendering to the power of God."

What happens when we die?

"If there is a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ — belief in the Lord Jesus Christ," said Scott, "you go to heaven."

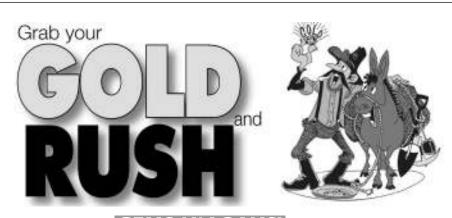
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## **BestBuys**

#### -EVE KELLY

If I have to evacuate, will you take my goats?" "I'll take your goats but not your kids!"

I still can't believe I said that. The goatlady was my friend Michelle, calling me during the Witch Creek Fire. Stress makes you do funny things. She laughed, thank God. In the end, Michelle never had to evacu-

ate, and my own kids were disappointed at the missed opportunity to goatsit. Last week, Michelle called again and asked if I would do the Eve thing and look into getting a portable fire pump. She said that she heard that a neighbor of hers had saved his house because he had one.

'The Fire Pump is an enginepowered pump outfitted with pull hoses and mounted on a pull cart," explained Gregory Schork, owner of Home Fire Buster (619-890-4685; homefirebuster.com). "It sucks water out of a pool, lake, Jacuzzi, or even a water-storage tank — any nearby water source. You can use it to prepare your property before a fire gets to it." Of course, notes Schork, a former firefighter, some preparation is best done before a fire even starts. "If possible, clear the perimeter of your house of brush — 50 yards is recommended. Don't leave debris or stacks of wood around vour house. Embers can blow into your eaves, so make sure your eaves are all screened up. And the type of roof you have can save or condemn your house. Wood shake tiles are the worst. Ceramic tiles are better, but people are under the false impression that if they have ceramic tiles, the house won't catch

on fire. Embers can blow up under the tiles." That's where the Home Fire Buster comes in. "With this pump, you can wet down your property, the brush around your house, and your roof. You can spray water up under your tiles, so that if embers do blow up in there, the roof won't catch fire. It's a great deterrent to windborne sparks. You put one hose end into your water source, fill the pump with water from a garden hose or pitcher, and start the engine. When the nozzle is on, the water flows at about 60 gallons per minute. The higher the pressure, the harder the hose is to

handle. I wanted something more userfriendly, so that there wouldn't be too much pressure but still a gaggle of water coming out."

Another userfriendly feature: "The cart has rugged, extralarge-diameter wheels. It goes up and down steps and over rocks easily."

The pump, said Schork, "can shoot eight stories high vertically, and 80 to 100 feet outward — depending on the wind. It has a Briggs & Stratton 5.5 horsepower gasoline engine that starts easily with a pull cord. It's a tested and true engine from an American company lots of lawn mowers and go-carts use them. The engine is connected to a Pacer pump made of thermoplastic. Some pumps are metal, and they tend to wear on the inside. The plastic pumps don't break or crack."

The hoses "are made of heat-resistant

The type of roof you have can

save or condemn your house.

plastic. Some other companies use a cotton hose, like what the fire department uses. But after they're used, those hoses need to be drained at a 45-degree angle for 72 hours; otherwise, they have a problem with rotting and corroding. The plastic hose I use is more lightweight and easier to manage, and right after you use it, you can roll it up and put it away. The pump comes with 100 feet of hose, but you can add more if needed. And they have quick-release tabs — you press a little lever, and you have a watertight connection."

Schork offers a five-year warranty, "and a great price [\$1795]. I take less of a profit margin so I can offer that. I've seen the wildfires affect everybody here — I offer a discount to anyone who was previously a fire victim. The pump comes fully assembled, and I can bring it to you, show you how to set it up, and give you a demonstration."

My next call was to Jerry Tucker of Proline Fire Pumps (619-733-2200; *homefirepumps.com*). "I want to stress that it is extremely important that people evacuate when asked," said Tucker. "Wet down your property and leave the pump by your water source so the fire

department can use it. If they see our pump there, they'll use it — they know it's effective and reliable. In Rancho Santa Fe, they used it to save a gentleman's house. Then they used it for the next two days straight, refilling fire trucks from his pool. A swimming pool holds as much water as 45 or 50 trucks."

Tucker's pump "was designed by a firefighter over a period of 15 years. It'll put out 250 gallons a minute, but we run it at 50 gallons per minute through the nozzle. The average person can hold the hose, but it does take some effort. You can also decrease the engine speed and adjust the nozzle to make your water supply and gasoline last longer."

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Tucker notes that while pumps that have cast iron parts will corrode from contact with pool water, "pumps with plastic housings are not designed to take the pressure that builds up when the nozzle is closed, and they can crack when they get older." His pump is "all aluminum, with one moving part. It's very reliable." He also uses "standard firefighter hoses one and a half inches with a double jacket. It's a rubber liner with two layers of canvas or polyester around it. We recommend draining them overnight on the pool deck after use. The rubber liner will not mildew or rot, but the canvas housing can retain water and get moldy. The most common pump we sell is the 6.5 horsepower [\$2595]. We'll bring it anywhere in Southern California and ship anywhere in the world. We offer a two-year warranty. We probably have 400 to 500 units out there — since the Witch Fire, we've sold 50 - and we've never had a failure.

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## **My Kryptonite**

by Barbarella

*For every man there exists a bait which he cannot resist swallowing.* 

— Friedrich Nietzsche

t was a cruel thing to do, but I don't blame him. I doubt he understood the ramifications of typing those words and hitting "send." Or maybe he did you never know with Ollie. I might have held off on viewing the message had I not been charmed by the subject line, "in terms of cuteness..." I coaxed my cursor and clicked to read the simple sentence that would purloin hours of productivity: "You're going to want to

This time, the doctors had to suck some kind of cattooth poison from my arm before sewing one of my eyelids back on. had a lot to do. I should have waited until I'd at least responded to a few emails before opening Google and typing in the two innocuous seeming words. The moment my eyes alighted upon the first picture of the velvety squirrellike creature with huge black eyes, itty-bitty paws, a

look up 'sugar gliders." I

of my thick, fluffy tail, and webbed flesh on each side that allowed it to sail

through the air, all thoughts of to-dos evaporated from my mind. How had I never come across this adorable critter before? I clicked on every link and thumbnail photo I could find. I learned the sugar glider is a marsupial — a bit of trivia that, for some reason, only made the thing seem cuter. Then I found out they live as long as cats and that people keep them as pets. As pets! I pictured myself relaxing on the couch, watching a movie, when suddenly, my very own sugar glider floats across the room from where it had perched atop my television, lands on my lap for a bit of a cuddle, and falls asleep in my hands as I absentmindedly stroke its fuzzy little head. Then I frittered away more time

researching how to care for them and where I might acquire one. It didn't matter that like the almost as adorable but just as lovable ferrets — keeping sugar gliders as pets in California is illegal. I wanted one.

I don't know how I'll die or when, but chances are there will be some kind of fluffy, cuddly animal involved. My prognostication is not mere whimsy; it's based on an extrapolation from past events. When I was four, I stood in a neighbor's garage and patted the ears of their St. Bernard until the beast became irritated - expressing his displeasure, he knocked me onto my back and pinned my neck to the ground with his teeth. Stitches were needed to reconnect the torn edges of my throat. My parents were horrified, but even at four, I knew guilt, and I blamed myself for antagonizing the animal. As soon as I was well enough to go out and play, the first thing I wanted to do was pet the doggie again.

Two years later, curious to see how my family's new puppy would react to a neighbor's giant, fluffy, white cat, I collected the huge Persian into my arms and carried it over to where our puppy, Penny, was tethered to a pole in the back yard. The cat freaked out, bit my arm, and then used my face as a launching pad to rocket into the air. This time, the doctors had to suck some kind of cat-tooth poison from my arm before sewing one of my eyelids back on. When I was 13, my front tooth was busted in half when, after leaning forward to pet my friend's mini-Lassie, the stunted pup suddenly leapt at my face. As the dog was unable to find purchase on my face from that weird, flying-through-the-air angle, and as I was in a sort of open-mouthed surprise at the time, our teeth collided. It was one of the funnier moments of my life, and I chuckled all the way to the dentist.

My most recent animal-inflicted wound was the work of a fat, furry rodent. It happened in November 2005, when my sister Jenny and I went to Balboa Park to feed the squirrels and take some pictures of the wildlife. But that wasn't enough for me. I wanted to touch one. And not just any one, but the big-ass fluffy one that was bold enough to come right up to me and put his tiny toes on my hand. As a reward for my affection, the cutest squirrel in the world gave me one tooth-punctured nail and finger, and several scratches on my arm, from what I'm convinced was an attempted hug. My epitaph will read, "Here lies Barbarella, dead for her inability to resist cuteness."

"Animals are your kryptonite," David said as we drove my new Mini toward Ocean Beach. "And anything sparkly," he added as an afterthought. I wondered if he was aware that the dog-per-person ratio would increase dramatically once I veered toward Sunset Cliffs, which was not only the direction of our dinner destination, the Third Corner, but also of both an immense

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dog park and the popular Dog Beach.

"You saying I'd let something cute or sparkly get the better of me?" I prodded.

"I'm saying," David said, sitting up in his seat, "that if, when you were buying this car, those dealers had set a puppy on the counter and told you to pay twice as much, you would have signed the paper without blinking. Or tearing your gaze from the puppy."

"Nonsense," I said. "Hey! Dog's head out the window, to your left. It's a Siberian husky. I love huskies. Aren't they beautiful? Are you looking?"

"I wish I had a video camera at the ready to catch all the times you dork out over an animal. How 'bout you look at the road?" David said in an Itold-you-so tone of voice. "But isn't she beautiful!" I shrieked. "Yes, you are! Aren't you? Yes, you are!" I baby-burbled at the husky. This past weekend

David and I attended a small gathering over at Kimberly and Shawn's place (a couple in the adjacent building that I have befriended since first ogling them from my office window two years ago with the binoculars David had given me for my birthday). Kim and Shawn have a large blackand-white cat. Their neighbors, Eric and Robert, have two teeny wiener dogs. Vinny, a squat black pug belonging to Gretchen and Daniela, whom I'd just met, was trotting around our ankles, hoping to catch some

scraps from the table. What does David know anyway? I thought, as I maintained a delightful conversation in the face of all those cute animals. I wasn't struck dumb or incapacitated. Sure, there were animals all around, and if I let my mind wander, I could easily imagine myself in the forest glen, communing with the wildlife like Sleeping

Beauty, but I'm a grown woman. No smooshed pug faces, gregarious cats, or silly-shaped dogs were going to distract me from taking part in stimulating conversation with other adults over wine and Robert's edamame tofu dip. Kryptonite, my ass, I thought smugly.

"Did you hear that, Barb?" David asked, pulling me from my reverie to find a mischievous look on his face.

"No, missed it. I was thinking about the topic we were on a moment ago, about the crazy shit we get to see because we live so close to these nightclubs," I said, proud of myself for thinking quickly.

"Yeah, clearly you didn't," David said, stoking my curiosity. I extended my arm, and David filled my glass from the bottle in his hand. He was watching me carefully.

"Well? What did I miss? Are they leaving?" I gestured to Gretchen and Daniela, who had risen to their feet.

"Yeah, we've got to go, I'm pretty beat," said Daniela. "I was just saying I wanted to check on Mr. T." "Mr. T?" I asked. "Thomas, our rabbit." "Rabbit?" I said, play-

ing it cool. "You, uh, got him in a cage over there?" "No, no cage," said

Gretchen. "Thomas is house-trained, so he just roams around the apartment."

"You have a bunny, just out, like, hopping around in your place right now?" I shot to my feet and set my glass on the table. "Can I see him?"

As I pushed Gretchen and Daniela to the door, I caught David leaning toward Kimberly and saying, "Told ya." But I didn't care. I was about to pet the bunny!

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# No one's ever told me that I look like a fish

UIE MET HIS WIFE at a Tropical Fish Society meeting, and the two were married a year or so later, next to the fish pond in Balboa Park. The president of the club presided over the ceremony.

Huie, 52, is of Chinese descent. His graying hair stands out all over the place.

"The problem with this hobby now is, it's my obsession," he says. "And how do you keep from just blowing all your money on it?"

Huie and about a dozen other prominent San Diego fish fiends have gathered on a Saturday morning in a no-frills office behind a little white house in National City.

The smell of moss and water permeates the space.

This is the administrative office of a small website business run by Charley Pratt, but in the back room, the sound of 250 filters bubbling fresh water sounds like heavy rain drumming on a roof. This is Pratt's fish hatchery. Tanks of all sizes — from 1 1/4 gallons (as big as a breadbox) up to 70 gallons (big enough to crawl into) — fill the room. A total of 160 tanks.

Pratt estimates that he owns as many as 10,000 fish.

The tanks are mostly unadorned, with few plants and little decoration. The collection is utilitarian: these fish are being bred to sell in local stores.

Craig Fries (pronounced "freeze") is one of the aquarists who has come to Pratt's hatchery today. Fries has "just gotten out of the hobby." He lost his lease on the place where he used to keep his fish. "I had about 6000 gallons of aquariums," he says. "And I couldn't even think of moving all of it. I was selling fish wholesale when I was in junior high. And I'm 62 now. And this is the first time I haven't had any fish since college."

And how does that feel?

"Liberating," he says, with a guilty look, as if he'd swallowed all his fish instead of selling them. Then he qualifies the statement. "No, but really — it was at least an

hour every day just to feed everything. Some days, it was six hours, when you had to clean or whatever. And you couldn't miss a day. It was a labor of love, but it was a lot."

If it's so much work, then why keep fish? "Why fish appeal to us," Fries says, "those of us who are like gearheads, so to speak, is that you're in total control of the entire environment of

the fish. It's not like a dog. You can't control the air that the dog breathes, the ambient temperature, and a list a mile long of the things that you need to consider when you're dealing with fish. There's

Charley Pratt, one of the foremost fish breeders on the West

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the sociology of the whole thing. How you're housing them, and with what other species, and their aggression."

Fries wears a loud tropical shirt and has a carefree air about him. In a moment when he's not engaged in conversation, he sets down his coffee, produces a set of nail clippers from his pocket, and clips his nails.

It sounds as if Fries is saying that fish keepers want to feel like gods. Are they just a bunch of control freaks?

"No, no, no, no, no," says Fries. Then he said, "Well, that's one way of looking at it. But the other way of looking at it is that each one of those parameters makes the whole situation exponen-

tially more complicated. It's just a really, really interesting and really complex hobby."

Kirk Bean is nodding in agreement. "There's almost a limitless intellectual curiosity," he says. Bean, who is the current president of the San Diego Tropical Fish Society, has been into fish for about seven years. By day, he's a computer systems manager.

Says Bean, "You combine that intellectual component with the fact that it's an experimental endeavor, where you have to be willing to take risks and do things differently, and you have to be able to think in entirely different ways when you're dealing with an animal that lives in an aquatic

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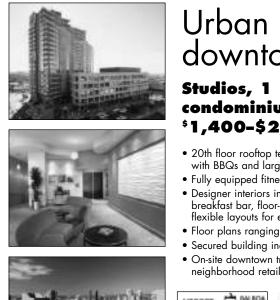
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environment, and you realize that keeping fish is a challenge."

What about the aesthetic component?

"For me, it has nothing to do with pretty," Bean says. "I don't even have pretty fish anymore. I have boring, gray, brown fish. And any true fish geek would look at my fish and say, "Wow, that's really cool." But you'd take them to a pet store, and they'd say, "Sorry, we can't sell any of those."

Almost all of these fish folks will admit that, in general, fish aren't great pets. You can't cuddle with them or have them warm your feet while you sleep or take them out for walks.

But there are other



reasons why these hobbyists were drawn to fish.

"I like how calming fish are," Debbie Lara says. Lara is a veterinary assistant who has been into fish since she was a little girl. "It's just nice to watch them. I also like the planning stages of a tank, especially. Like, setting up the decorations and getting it all going and picking the fish that are going to go in it. A lot of thought has to go into compatibility." Bill Cline adds, "Fish can be very alluring."

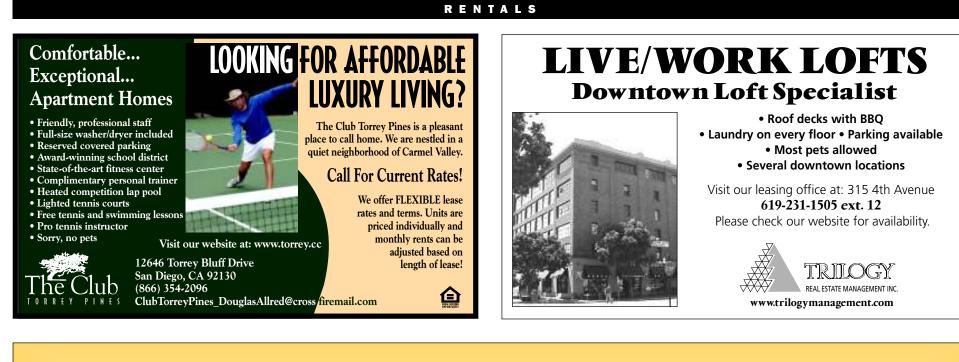
can be very alluring." Cline worked in fish stores for eight years and

had his own store for two. He got most of a master's degree studying ichthyology and aquatic biology. "If you took all the species of fish and put them on one side of a scale," Cline says, "and all the species of all the other vertebrates — all the mammals, reptiles, birds — and put them on the other side of the scale, the fish would outweigh the other ones. Outweigh in both number of species and in biomass. There's just so many fish in the world and so many kinds of fish."

## Air-Breathing Fish?

"There's a lot of fish that breathe air," says Bill Cline. "They come from water that's low in oxygen, so they've developed

the ability to go up and breathe atmospheric air to fill in the air that they don't get from the water. And bubble nests are a way of providing the environment for the babies and the eggs. If the fish can't live without breathing atmospheric air, then if they laid their eggs in the water, then the eggs probably couldn't survive. And there's a lot of ways that fish can get around that. So there's a family of fish — the anabantids and others, too, that spit their eggs into a nest of bubbles at the surface, so they stay wet, but they also have the oxygen in the bubble that they can breathe. And atmospheric air has a whole lot more oxygen in it than



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"The lungfish requires a whole lot of air," continues Cline, "and they wouldn't live very long if they were underwater. When they lay their eggs, it's in a mud hole. And they lay their eggs down there, and the parent will go up and breathe atmospheric air, and they have pectoral fins that have a webbing on them. And as they're breathing the oxygen in at the surface, the oxygen is leaving their body through the fins, into the water around their eggs."

## **Electric Fish?**

"There's an electric eel, an electric ray, and an electric catfish," Bill Cline says. "Any one of those, if they get big enough,

could knock you off your feet. They contract their muscles. It's like isometrics. And when they do that, all of their energy goes into production of electricity. You wouldn't want to keep any one of those with other fish."

## You've Got Ears Like a...Fish?

"The truth is, fish aren't all that visually oriented," Bill Cline says. "They do see in color, which dogs and cats can't do. But they're very hearing oriented. For instance, you may have seen films of schooling fish in the ocean that move as one. When one moves, the others move instantaneously. That isn't because they're watching the other fish. It's because they're hearing the other fish. They have a lateral line down their sides which they use for hearing low-frequency vibrations. And sound travels so well in water, it's

almost like the fish are blending feeling and hearing at the same level."

#### **Upside-Down Fish?**

"There are some fish that have no sense of up or down," Bill Cline says. "The upside-down catfish spends more time upside-down than it does right side up. Most fish have a color that's dark on the top and light on the belly. That's so something that's looking down on them will be looking against a dark background and they'll see the dark color on top and they'll miss it. And something looking up from below will see the white belly against the white background, and they'll miss it. But the upsidedown catfish is darker on his belly than he is on his back, so when he swims upside-down, he has the same advantage."

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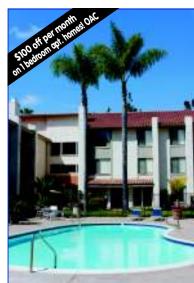
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groupers, big saltwater fish, that have definitely had personalities and likes and dislikes," asserts Debbie Lara from behind her small round glasses. "You know, you have the little laser pen that you shine on the floor for the cats? Well, my grouper would be chasing it right along with them. Or the light from your watch would shine on the ceiling, and he would try to get at it. He also got so he recognized me. You know, my husband would walk by the tank, and he could care less. I'd walk by the tank, and he'd be up at the top begging for food."

To demonstrate, Bill Cline puts his hand over a nearby tank of oscars — a few stocky, oval, mottled fish about five or six inches in length — and they immediately swim up to the surface of the water. Two of them snap at the air. "They're very aware," Cline says, "and they think they're going to get fed. They're not afraid of us at all."

Craig Fries speaks up. "You can talk about the sociology of fish. You learn, when you keep fish, to incorporate the actual personalities, if you can believe that. All you have to do is say 'personality' to someone who isn't a fish geek, and they laugh at you. But it's very much a fact of what we do."

No one disagrees with Fries.

"In fact," says Kirk Bean, "that's one of the great oddities of fishkeeping. For example, a 14-year-old boy might find piranha appeal to him a lot. They're illegal in this state, and they have this nasty reputation. But they are, for the most part, one of the most boring fish in the whole entire world. Most people move beyond the desire to keep piranha, and then they'll maybe get cichlids, which are

typically much smarter, full of personality, and distinct, one fish to the next to the next. And therein lies a whole different way to appreciate what you're keeping. You know, this isn't just some toothy thing that eats. It's now something that has an entire society within the tank."

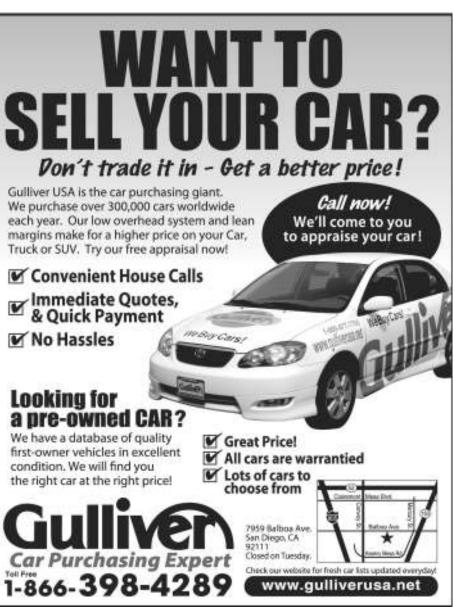
"You could almost call it politics," adds Fries. "Some fish just don't like each other. For whatever reason. And some do appreciate company. Some appreciate the company of other species."

"And some are just happy when they see me," says Bean, without a hint of irony. "That's not a joke. And when someone else walks in, they're not as happy."

"Yeah," agrees Fries, emphatically. "Yep, yep, yep. Exactly. Many people don't appreciate the intellectual capacity of fish, but they are smart."

"And smart comes in





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many forms," adds Bean. "Some are better at communication. Some kinds of fish move better and work better together. Some are smarter in the ways that we would define smart, like, they seem more aware. And some are just much better predators, and their whole smartness, if you will, is associated with their ability to seek out and capture prey."

#### **Fish Fry**

When you say "fish fry" to an aquarist, it generally doesn't have anything to do with lunchtime.

"Baby fish are called fry," Charley Pratt says. "This is a fry-raising setup over here." Pratt indicates a row of small, square tanks with partitions in them. "So you'll see lots of baby fish here. Fry."

The fry are almost incomprehensibly small. Each one is about as long as the word *long* in this typed sentence. Hundreds of little fry as long as the word *long*.

"And then, of course, the mothers, you'll see one fish to a cell," Pratt says. "And there's places in here for the babies to hide when they're born. Interestingly enough, she gave birth to four young yesterday and they're not there today, so she obviously ate them. That does happen frequently."

## **Breeding Fish**

"I think one of the big draws for keeping tropical fish is breeding

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them," says Charley Pratt, who happens to be one of the foremost fish breeders on the West Coast. "For instance, with guppies, manipulating them genetically, coming up with ways of making them look different: more colorful, or different color, or a bigger tail. I showed you that big-tailed guppy back there in the corner. Guppies originated with practically no tail. A little bit of a clear tail, with maybe a spot of color in it. But guppy breeders have created a beautiful thing to watch in the aquarium."

Pratt used to teach computer information systems at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. His gray hair has disappeared from the top of his head though it still clusters around the sides. His accent is from North Carolina.

Kirk Bean, listening to Pratt talk about breeding, picks up where Pratt left off.

"It's fun learning about the biology of the animals, the ecology of the systems that they live in, and trying to keep things alive," says Bean. "The other part of it is trying to breed things that aren't easy to breed in captivity. A lot of fish have environmental triggers that cause them to think that it's time to breed."

Bean has an earnest face and always seems to be thinking deeply about something. He looks sort of like Kirk Douglas, with the dimpled chin, clenched teeth, and blue eyes.

"Let me give you an example," Bean says. "Had a fish that was very difficult to breed. No one had figured out what a trigger for this fish was. And it turns out that in order to induce it to breed, you let the water get bad. You let the water get stagnant a little bit. You let the water feel like life is bad. And that, in its natural habitat, is what happens during the dry season, when the water flow stops, and the ponds that it gets stuck in start to get low in oxygen, high in temperature, and full of pollutants. So, you let the tank do something that you normally wouldn't do, which is, become close to dead. And then, all of a sudden, you simulate a rainstorm. And if you can do it when an actual rainstorm is about to happen when the barometric pressure drops — you then go in and say, 'All right, let's just psych out this fish.' You drop the temperature, as though rainwater has now hit at a lower temperature, you increase oxygen, you increase food supply, and you let these fish go



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crazy, and, *poof*! You've got fish eggs all over the place."

These were Bean's zebra plecos. But he's also used this technique with a species of wild angelfish that he couldn't get to breed for three years.

"It's like playing tendimensional checkers," adds Craig Fries. Bean laughs and Fries says, "Or something along that line. Each dimension you add just gives you a huge number of other variables that you have to consider."

## Breeding Fish, Part Two: And Here's Where It Starts to Get Weird

"A lot of fish will keep live sperm in their bodies for months," Charley Pratt says. "The females have what's known as nurse cells. When a male fertilizes her, the sperm is kept alive on the nurse cells until the female needs it. She could have more eggs come down a month later and just use sperm from that one male."

## Pratt chats as the tanks of his hatchery

bubble and glisten all around him. There is motion everywhere. Something in this room is always, always moving.

"Here's a male and a female guppy," says Pratt, bending toward a small tank with two little fish in it. "If you can see underneath that male guppy there, the guy with the big red tail, there's a little straight fin. That's called a gonopodium, and if you look at the female, she has a big floppy fin there, called an anal fin. So the male's anal fin is modified into a gonopodium. And he uses that, in combination with his two pelvic fins, to form a little tube, and he goes up, side to side, and he brings it forward, and he just barely touches the female to insert the sperm. He doesn't really go inside her."

Bill Cline, who's been lingering nearby as Pratt talks, chimes in with a quirky breeding story of his own.

"There's an amusing little fish down in Mexico called a four-eyed fish," says Cline. Apparently, four-eyed fish have nature's version of builtin bifocals, and as a result, they can see equally well above and below the water. "They're also live-bearers, like the guppy. And the male four-eyed fish either develops right-handed gonopodiums or lefthanded gonopodiums. And they have to breed with either a left-handed female or a right-handed female. A right-handed male can't breed with a left-handed female. A very interesting adaptation."

So it isn't only mammals that breed live young?

"Guppies, platys, swordtails, and mollies are four of the more common tropical fish that bear live young," says Pratt. "And there are others. But even more interesting, perhaps, are the mouth breeders. Take these *Corydoras aeneus* catfish, for instance. If you look down here in the corner, you'll see some eggs scattered all around." The eggs look like a teaspoon of tapioca without the pudding. "They have just been spawning. And what happens there is, the female takes sperm from the male into her mouth, and she already has the eggs at that point caught in between her anal fin. She's expelled them already. And she goes up and presses the eggs to the glass and then puts the sperm from the male right onto the eggs. And generally there are groups of spawners all doing that at one time. Up to seven, eight, or nine of them."

Pratt ambles over to another tank full of little darting swatches of bright color.

"In this tank, we have a lot of African cichlids," Pratt says. "These particular ones are called electric blue peacocks. And they are mouth breeders. The females lay the eggs, and the males fertilize them as they're being laid. And then the female gathers them up in her mouth and keeps them in her mouth for, oh, ten days, two weeks. Until they hatch. And

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during that time, she doesn't eat. In some species, the mother will eat very carefully. She'll shift the eggs around and eat a shrimp or something. And still other species will find a hiding place, dump their eggs, go up and eat, and go back down and pick up their eggs again."

After the eggs have hatched, their mouthtime isn't over yet.

Says Pratt, "When the young have hatched, she'll let them out so she can eat, and if there's any danger, they'll all swim back into her mouth."

Not all mouthbreeders use their own mouths to breed their young.

"These are Synodontis multipunctatus," says Pratt, standing before yet another tank. "They're living in this cave right here. They are a catfish, from Africa. And they have a very interesting symbiotic relationship with a lot of these mouth-breeders. The multipunctatus, when they find peacocks spawning somewhere,

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they will go there and lay their eggs right amongst the eggs of the peacock. And the peacock female will then pick up their eggs with her own and protect them in her mouth. So those catfish are called 'cuckoo catfish.' Because the young will hatch in the mouth with the other fish, and then, as they grow, they will eat the other babies, and before you know it, the peacock has got a mouth full of cuckoo catfish instead of her own young."

At this, Pratt reaches his arm down into the tank and picks up and shakes the cave where he says the catfish are living. Out swim a few tiny, inch-long, whiskered fish. "Kind of neat little guys," he says.

## **Fish People, People** Fish

"I'm a geek," Kirk Bean says, without a trace of humor or irony. Hundreds of fish in dozens of tanks are fluttering their fins behind him as he speaks. It's later the same morning, at Pratt's back-office hatchery. Charley Pratt, Craig Fries, Bill Cline, and Debbie Lara are "schooling" nearby, adding to the conversation.

Aren't all fish people geeks?

"Oh, absolutely," agrees Bean. "There's a side to every true fish person that really wanted to be a scientist growing up."

Fries laughs. "We're geeks, and we don't mind taking constant shit from our families."

"Oh, yes," says Bean,

nodding vigorously. "And this is the thing. Yes, there are fascinating fish. But a lot of this really winds up being more of a people story than a fish story. There are as many different approaches to the fish hobby as there are people doing it. I personally get a very deep intellectual curiosity satisfied through this. It is, for me, this perfect combination of research and experimentation and interaction with people who have gone through the same thing."

Do fish-keepers end up having a lot in common with the fish they keep?

"They say dog people look like their dogs," says Bill Cline. "It doesn't apply to fish, though." Adds Pratt, "There's

a YouTube video I just

saw about koi that look like people. But they don't look very much like people."

Lara chimes in, "I used to be told that I swam like a fish. And I've always had a fascination with the water. But no one's ever told me that I look like a fish. I do have the same hair color as one of my dogs..."

Perhaps this line of thinking is all wet. Cline sums it up: "People think of fish as being like people that are swimming. That's called anthropomorphism. But it's just not right."

## **Fish Doctors**

Debbie Lara is a longtime San Diego Tropical Fish Society member. "I've been coming to the meetings since I was a little kid," she says. "By now,

everybody in the club is like family."

Lara is a registered veterinary technician.

"We have a doctor at our practice who does exotic animals, and he actually really likes to see fish," Lara says.

But how do you examine a fish?

"I've helped him take X-rays on koi," says Lara. "You put some anesthesia in the water, and the fish kind of get quiet, and then you pull them out and put them on the table and take their Xrays. He's done surgery on fish."

And you've got what, like, two minutes maybe to work on them?

"No, no," Lara says. "You keep them moist, and you can really keep them out a while. He's done surgeries that take

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quite a while. You just pump water over the gills and make sure they stay moist. He's replaced swim bladders. He's taken tumors out of fish. He's done all sorts of kooky things. Most recently, there was a goldfish that came in. His swim bladders were all in the wrong places, making him swim upside-down. And so he actually put weights into the swim bladders so the fish would swim right side up."

## The Aquarium as Microcosm of the World at Large

"If nothing else, this hobby gives you a tremendous appreciation of how delicate some of our environmental issues are," says Kirk Bean. "The native San Diego sticklebacks make these little

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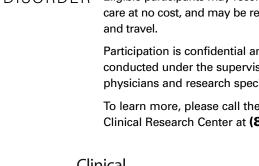
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nests at the top of the water. Their population virtually disappeared after the Cedar Fires and is slowly making its way back."

Bean takes a sip of coffee and continues. "You wind up being able to extrapolate this very bizarre, tightly focused interest into what is effectively a very broad understanding. For example, I went to Panama with a couple of other fish people. We spent two days going through rivers with nets collecting fish and came back with eight different species, seven of which I'd never seen before in my life. I had read about them, but I'd actually never seen them. And they certainly don't exist anywhere that I know of to actually get, other than going and collecting them yourself. But the fascinating part of it was, you'd go out there and

find that some of these rivers are just chock full of life, as you'd expect of a tropical river. And other rivers, there was nothing living there. There's not a snail, there's not a plant, there's not a fish. And you'd know, something's upstream of that."

## The Aquarist as Microcosm of the Population at Large

"There aren't many places where we can actually make a contribution to human understanding about how things live," says Kirk Bean. "You just can't easily do that with any other amateur fascination that I can think of. Except maybe astronomy. There are amateur astronomers who continue to discover things like comets. There are amateur fish-keepers who continue to discover ways of keeping and breeding fish in captivity that no one's been able to

figure out before. And in that regard, it's kind of exciting. And with the disappearance of habitat, it winds up being a series of skills that are, I think, valuable to have."

One of Bean's original fascinations was with fish that were extinct in the wild and that basically needed people to continue to exist. He and his ex-wife eventually wound up with 30 fish tanks, ranging from 10 gallons all the way up to 500 gallons, all of them planted, all of them looking as much like native habitat as possible.

"We also had six ponds in the backyard," Bean says, "each of them stocked with species of fish that were either extinct in the wild or about to go extinct in the wild."

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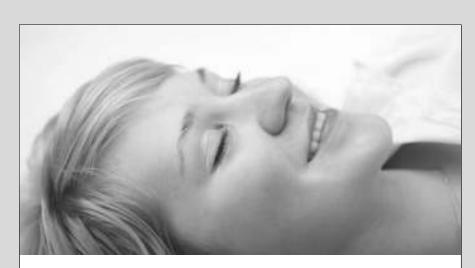
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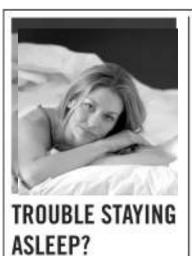
Qualified participants receive at no charge:

- Study-related experimental medication
- Study-related test

You may compensated for your time and travel.







Do you feel rested when you wake up? If not, you may qualify to participate in a research study for adults who experience problems sleeping throughout the night.

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- · Study-related care, exams and study drug at no charge

Fish Society throws a once-a-year show every November, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado building in Balboa Park, where it has competitions for Most Beautiful Tank and dozens of prizes for everything from Best Catfish to Best Cichlid to Most Odd Fish and on. But tonight, this is just the monthly auction.

Still, room 101 is swimming with fish fanatics, pisciphiles, ichthyo-enthusiasts, lovers of everything finned, gilled, and scaled. They've come together to talk, buy, sell, view and not eat — fish.

By 6:30, 30–40 people of all ages have arrived. Dozens of waterfilled bags lie on tables with little critters swimming in them.

San Diego Tropical Fish Society president Kirk Bean sits at a laptop checking in society members for the upcoming auction.

Before the auction, people file past the displayed fish. The fish react like puppies — some seem happy to see you, some don't.

Even the aquarium plants are interesting, lush and colorful in their watery bags.

Fish-lovers hold the bags up and squint at them, discussing habits, pedigrees, and tendencies. Most bagged fish will live three to four days.

This is fish enthusiasts' one night a month to tell all their fish stories to others who will understand them. They're passionate and discerning, and they don't care what the rest of the world thinks of their hobby.

They "aha!" at angelfish, coo about catfish, get gaga for guppies, and preen over aquatic plants.

Soon enough, the

auction begins.

The first item is a heavy ceramic ornamental turtle that goes for \$4. Second is a "classic" aquarium reference book that goes for \$4 as well.

A bag of hornwort is next. This bright green plant sells to an eager young aquarist for \$3.

Society members John Flanagan and Elaine Thompson serve as informal auctioneers. Other members hold up numbered paper plates to place bids. Still others carry the sold items out into the audience and hand them to the winners

A trio of blue delta guppies goes for \$8. Three black lace

angelfish bring in \$6. Of the proceeds, 75 percent will go to the sellers, and 25 percent is for the club to buy new equipment and cover expenses. Today, it's about \$300 for the sellers

RESEARCH STUDIES

# Are You Self-Conscious?

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



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- Are in good general health

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> You may be eligible for the study if: • You are between the ages of 18 and 70

• You are experiencing symptoms of depression

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

To find out if you qualify for this study, or for more information, please call toll-free: 1-888-486-9150

or visit: www.parAGOnstudy.com

# Are you 65 or older and have high blood pressure?

Have you been diagnosed with, or think that you may have, high blood pressure?

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If you qualify you will receive, **AT NO COST**, study-related:

- Physical exams
- Laboratory tests
- Investigational study medications, and
- Compensation for time and travel

For more information, please contact:

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# Worry Too Much?

If you worry excessively, can't relax; have persistent anxiety, tension, nervousness; have difficulty sleeping, concentrating, worrying about how you'll deal with each day; or upset stomach and muscle tension, you may have **Generalized Anxiety Disorder**.

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and \$100 for the club.

The big auctions, however, take place in April and November, where over \$4000 might change hands. Those auctions last three to four hours. Tonight, it only goes about 45 minutes.

Flanagan, in particular, infuses his auctioneering with humor. At one point, selling angelfish bred by Charley Pratt, he says, "Here's your chance to go home with Charley's angels."

"The nice thing about a club like we have," says Debbie Lara, referring to the San Diego Tropical Fish Society, "is that you can get fish and plants at our club meetings and at our auctions that you can't get at stores, and for prices that you'll never see in stores."

**Even You Can Raise** Fish "We have 10,000 to

30,000 fish in here at any given time," says the manager of Aquatic Warehouse, Sam Garcia Jr. Located among the unremarkable buildings behind the courthouse on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Aquatic Warehouse is cluttered with all kinds of aquarium equipment and fish paraphernalia. But the bread and butter of the store are the 400 storage tanks and the seven large display tanks.

In fact, the biggest display tank in the store is also the biggest display tank in San Diego, at 715 gallons. It has tree stumps in it and dozens of river fish from three continents. Purple-spot gobies, Siamese tiger fish, and peacock bass mill around in the tank very much as they might in their natural habitats.

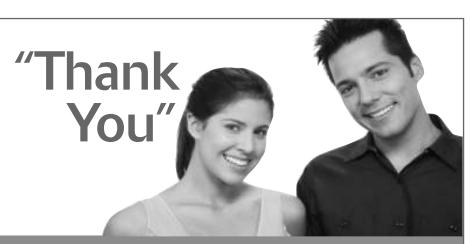
Garcia, 34, has been in the fish business since he was 14. He's been at

the Aquatic Warehouse for the past three years.

"The thing that really sets us apart," Garcia says, "is our focus on the natural aquarium. It's what draws people here from Los Angeles and Las Vegas and Riverside. There are very few stores that have a healthy understanding of where the fish come from and how to properly duplicate their natural habitat. First and foremost, we have to be wards for the creatures that are living in the tanks. They're sharing their beauty with us, and we have to try to make them as comfortable as possible."

The results of this focus on natural habitat are evident all over the store. The saltwater coral tank could hold your attention for an hour, easy. You could bring a bag of popcorn and a fold-up chair into the store and just sit in front of this

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### GERD Clinical Research Study



# If this happens more than 3 times a week...

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Qualified participants will receive study-related medical evaluations and investigational medicated patches at no cost. Reimbursement for time and havel will also be provided.

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To learn more, please contact: San Diego Sports Medicine and Family Health Center

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

Are you: Between the ages of 18 and 70?

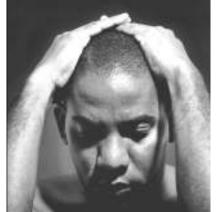
• In overall good health? • Currently experiencing these symptoms?

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# Are you living in the shadow of bipolar depression?

We're working to bring future treatment options to light.

As a person with bipolar I, you know what it's like to live with the darkness of depression. So you may want to know about this clinical research study examining an investigational drug for bipolar depression compared to a placebo, an inactive substance, when used in combination with a mood stabilizer, if:

• You are at least 18 years old • You have a history of at least one bipolar manic or mixed episode · You have been diagnosed with bipolar I and are currently experiencing a depressive episode

Participation may last up to 12 weeks, and includes study-related care and monitoring from specialists in bipolar I, access to a mood stabilizer, and potential access to investigational medication, all at no cost

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# Alzheimer's Disease



FEELING HOPELESS? A new investigational medication is available as part of a research study.

Are you or someone you love:

Suffering from mild to moderate Alzheimer's Disease? • Taking Aricept®, Exelon®, Razadyne®, or Reminyl® for the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease? Between 55 and 90 years of age? • In overall good health? • Not living in a nursing home?

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study on Alzheimer's Disease. Qualified participants will receive at no cost: Study medication  $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Medical evaluation by a board-certified medical doctor  $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Laboratory tests

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# Do you constantly worry? Every day?

Do you:

Are you:

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

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

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

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. You may receive study medication to be used in addition to the Schizrophrenia

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bright and vital tank.

The store is divided into five major sections, each for fish from a different area of the world, with fresh and saltwater tanks all over the place. The staff consists of four service techs and eight

salespeople.

The most expensive fish at the warehouse is a \$400 catfish, Synodontis granulosus. It looks, well, like a small catfish with white-tipped fins. No more or less special than any other fish in its tank.

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"Nondescript as it is, it's a rare fish," says Garcia. "And this little guy is one of the reasons why a lot of people come here. Because we will take the risk and carry things that other people won't carry. This is a fairly newly

described species, and uncommon in the wild, and very difficult to get out of its native Congo." Garcia explains how sometimes the prettiest

fish are the cheapest, and vice versa.

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cost to get started in this hobby? Presumably, all kinds of equipment are needed to keep fish.

"We always recommend," says Garcia, "prior to anyone starting an aquarium, you should purchase a book. You shouldn't purchase an aquarium on your first trip. Get a book, get a feeling for how it's going to work and how much maintenance is going to be involved."

The average marine tank requires a full two to four hours a week of maintenance, according to Garcia. And a freshwater tank might need one to two hours per week. Scrubbing, cleaning, changing the water, feeding the fish.

For a freshwater tank setup, you'd need, let's say, a 20- to 50-gallon

tank, a heater, filter, substrate, lighting, and decoration. For a saltwater setup, you'd need a pump to provide for additional water flow, a protein skimmer, and higherintensity lighting.

Here's an itemized list of possible prices, provided by Aquatic Warehouse:

#### For Freshwater Setups:

20- to 50-gallon tank: \$30-\$100 Heater: \$25 Filter, hang-on: \$20–\$60 Filter, under-tank canister: \$60-\$200 Substrate (gravel/sand): \$10-\$75 Standard lighting: \$30-\$100 Live plants: \$1-\$30 Live rocks and wood (pulled from sanctioned aquaculture sites): \$1-\$20 High-intensity lighting: \$60-\$300



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# Is Diabetes a Part of Your Life?

Se habla español.

Learning to live with this chronic disease is not easy. Even with proper diet, plenty of exercise and regular medication, keeping vour blood sugar under control can still be challenging

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

- You may qualify for this study if you:
- Are age 18 years or older
- Recently diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes · Currently not taking any oral diabetes medication or insulin
- Have been told your blood sugar is too high

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

To learn more about this study, please call Ritchken & First M.D.'s Donna Perez at: 858-292-0108 x207



# Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment

Investigators at The Scripps Research Institute are currently seeking volunteers who consider themselves to be heavy drinkers and do not have any desire to stop drinking. The purpose of the research is to learn the most effective way of studying predictors of relapse or a return to drinking. Earn compensation for completing 4 study visits that take place over 3 weeks. This study <u>does</u> involve taking a medication or placebo for one week.

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# Do you suffer from **Osteoarthritis of the hip?**

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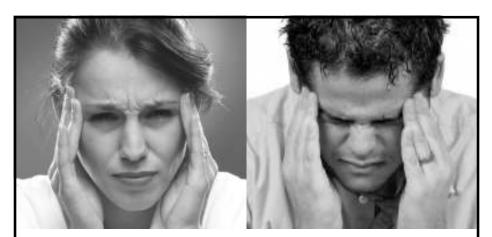
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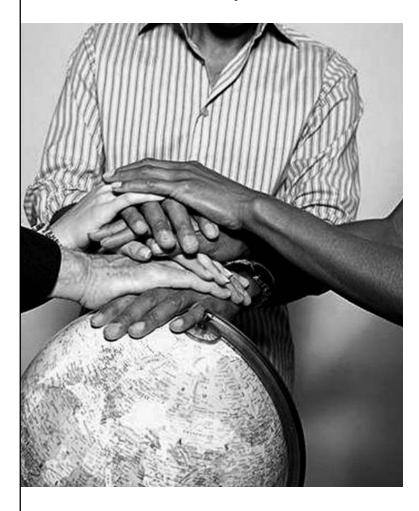
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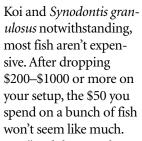
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#### And Koi Is King

At the yearly koi show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in February, pool after pool of colorful koi abound. Koi of all sizes, tiny to huge. Fish of mostly motley oranges, whites, and blacks, with some yellows and reds mixed in. Like gems in the water.

Koi are another branch of the fish-keeping hobby altogether, and many consider koi to be the pinnacle of the hobby. They are certainly the most expensive fish in the world. Last year, one koi in Japan sold for \$1,000,000.

Tom Graham is walking from pool to pool in one of the convention halls at the fairgrounds, pointing out various fish. Graham is chairman of the San Diego Koi Show. "Take this fish here," Graham says. "If you look at a koi and you see that it's got red patches that are evenly distributed and it's got black patches that are evenly distributed and nice white in the background, then that is a well-balanced fish. Now, if the front two-thirds is red and the back end is black and there's some white here and there, then that's not a balanced fish, and it won't be prized as highly."

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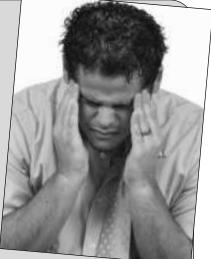
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"They're created animals, and they haven't been around long enough to breed true. Most of them are junk. Most of them get destroyed when they're a quarter of an inch long. They get used as feed or fertilizer. A mother koi will hatch thousands of fry, but only three or four or five might be good enough to keep. Most of them will be all white, or all black, or all red."

But some koi have interesting color markings, and those fry are fostered, to see if they'll develop truly beautiful

physical characteristics.

The koi at the show fill blue plastic pools in two rings around the convention hall. The outer ring of pools is full of koi that are for sale. And the inner ring features privately owned koi that are being judged for their beauty. Three Japanese men with colorful sashes and ribbons are among the crowds going from pool to pool and craning to see the fish. These are the judges for today's show.

"The judges are selecting the best fish in the show in one of a

number of different sizes and classes," says Graham. "There's 14 classes and seven sizes for each class. The smallest size is 6 inches and under, then 6 to 9, 9 to 12, all the way up to 24, and then it's 24 and above. And the thing is, with koi, some are beautiful young, and some get better later. They're always improving or declining. But a beautiful fish that's large is always valued more than a beautiful fish that's small?

The largest koi will grow to over three feet in length. Koi are never

weighed, though, because that would entail rough handling and taking them out of the water, which might damage them.

But what are koi? And why are they so special?

Graham tells the following tale: "As legend has it — and this story is widely told and I don't know how well documented - 300 to 500 years ago, the rice farmers in Japan in the high mountains used to keep carp in their rice paddies. And they'd get snowed in every winter, and in order to have protein over the winter, they'd take these carp and put them in ponds underneath their houses. And they'd have fresh fish over the winter. And these fish would go out in the paddies and back under the house and out in the paddies and back under the house for many years. And what happened is that, as they spawned for generations, flecks of color started to show up on these fish. And I think you can imagine, if the young children saw one of these colorful fish and it came time to make

dinner, they'd say, 'No, no, no, keep that one, let's eat that one instead.' And so the fish that had color were kept, and they would have babies with more color, and they would have babies with more color. And pretty soon, these carp were becoming interesting. And, as the story goes, a farmer who had these fish brought some of them down to market, and the emperor wandered through and saw these carp and was taken with them. And so they went into the moat around the castle. And



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pretty soon, everyone was looking for these colored carp, and a business was born."

The word "koi" is a shortened form of a Japanese word, nishikigoi, which means "colored carp."

Funny, but carp were the bottom-feeders you never wanted to catch when you were fishing for bass or trout. Ironic that you add a few touches of color to those undesirable carp and they can cost as much as

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a car, or even a house.

Graham himself owns 50 koi in pools in his yard. The most he ever paid for a koi was \$800.

The grand champion of today's show is a truly huge fish. It's 32 magisterial inches long, and it has a hump on its back like a bull. But this fish is also quite beautiful, as Graham points out.

"If you look around the edges of the red pattern," Graham says, pointing, "there's no

smudginess. It's either red or white. And you see that all the red patches are the same color. In lesser-quality koi, it tends to fade at the tail. And you see around the edges, that's called kiwa. The edge where the red meets the white is called kiwa, and to have good kiwa means that the edge is sharp like a knife. You'll see that, on the leading edge, there's a white scale lying on top of a red scale. That's called sashi. That's okay, because

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there's only one row of that. If it had multiple rows of sashi, then that would be a demerit. And the scales have real sheen and luster, which is something else these fish are judged on. There's also the fish's power. How it swims. Is it confident and strong? Does it dominate? Is it fearless? You know, some of them are skittish, or they just sit on the bottom. And the judges want to see a powerful fish."

Graham estimates that today's grand-champion koi would easily cost at least \$20,000. It would also require a pool with over 10,000 gallons of water in it, about half the size of a swimming pool.

Graham himself is the proud owner of two fish that will take first place in the show. One of them is the best fish in the 9- to 12-inch class, a pretty little black, orange, and white number. "This is about a two-year-old fish," Graham says. "Last year, he was about half this size. And two-yearold fish can be twice this size in some bloodlines. And you can see how solid and jet-black the black is. And the white is brilliant white. White tends to turn yellow in koi. And so, if the white is nice and bright like that, that's a real plus. In bad water, with bad food, the colors fade."

Graham feeds his fish a high-quality koi food mixture and keeps them in clean, well-aerated pools in his yard. His pools are also deepsided, to keep egrets and herons from wading in and eating his fish.

"Look at this fish here," Graham says, using a net to isolate a second black, orange, and white fish in his pool. "I can do this because it's my pool," he chuckles. "You see how its head is all one color? That's a sign of good quality. The cheap ones — about 95 percent of them — are all dirty and smudgy on the head. So, a nice, clean head makes the whole fish look clean."

Graham continues to point out qualities to look for in high-quality koi. "Notice the black on the scales. It's pretty even, but some more than others. It's not perfect. You see in the middle how the black scales aren't as outlined as they are on the upper back? That's a quality thing. So you look at the sheen of the fish, you look at the shape of the fish, you look at how each of those scales and colors relates to the scales and colors around it. You want the colors to be in balance, and you want each area of color to be well defined."

It's estimated that close to 10,000 people will shuffle through the koi show over the weekend. Graham coordinates the activities of over 50 volunteers who run the show. "When you look at a koi, it's like a piece of art," Graham says. "And you can really understand koi by thinking about them as art. That's what they are. Living art." ■ — Geoff Bouvier

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As a child stirring mud and as an adult, sifting flour and blending in shortening, nothing has seemed as intriguing to make and to contemplate as pie. Its filling sequestered beneath a canopy of top crust, hidden from the eye (if not the nose), pie (not unlike the body) offers itself for reverie on the enigma of inside and out.

I have simply wanted to show that whenever life seeks to shelter, protect, cover, or hide itself, the imagination sympathizes with the being that inhabits the protected space.

As far back in time as we can go, the gastronomic value has always been more highly prized than the nutritive value.

— Bachelard

-Rilke

Even when I was a little child, a preschool toddler, I adored concocting for my dolls, in doll-size pie tins, mudcrust pies filled with pansies or nasturtiums or marigolds or yellow china berries picked off bushes that grew along the back alley or tiny pea gravel culled from our driveway. Belinda my rag doll snuggled in the crook of my arm, I would curl up in bed at naptime or at night, engrossed --- transported, really --- figuring what ingredients I could fill pies with later that afternoon or next morning. I would in my mind roll out mud circles and more daintily in thought than ever I did in fact would tuck these crusts in pans. In my mind's eye I would see myself, in passionate imitation of adult pie-makers, layering in flowers or pebbles, then dribbling over them my sandbox sand for sugar and a few daubs of wet mud butter. Then, carefully, with an enormous sigh of satisfaction that comes as one nears a task's completion, I would spread top crust over my pie's filling, and with the same stubby dimpled fingers I see now in my photographs at that age, I

would pinch together, around the pies' entire circumference, the edges of top and bottom mud crusts. What was in the pie, then, was a secret only I knew.

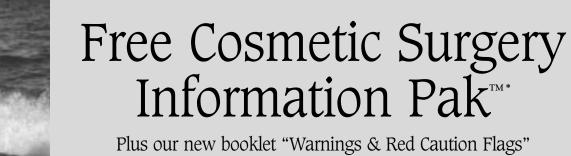
I so heartily believed in my mud and sand ingredients that falling asleep I would smell my pies baking (and it would be a doubled make-believe because I did not smell mud, I smelled apples, cherries, apricots). While my body gave off that last shudder of tensed muscle letting go, I would begin to arrange (again, in my mind's eye) on chairs around my playhouse table, all the dolls, even incontinent Betsy Wetsy (who wherever she sat left wet



spots), the cloth rabbit, the woolen Pooh Bear come across the ocean from what my father called "war-torn England."

Next to pie, what pleasure cake offers (as looked at or eaten) seems meager. To wonder about cake's interior, given well-made cake's unvarying, uniform web and constant all-chocolate or all-"white" taste (even when lemon or raspberry filling or dark chocolate glistens silkily between its layers) is to have the mind taken nowhere. The simplest breakfast muffin, aclutter with plump raisins and walnuts, seems more a marvel, inciting curios-

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ity in the mind, bonanza for the mouth.

Another person might see this pie/cake distinction in an entirely opposite fashion and might think cake, leavened — which means that its volume is significantly increased by internal gas expansion — as it is by air-retaining foam of whipped egg whites or whole eggs and baking powder, is far more the miracle. But it seems to me that mere chemistry can explain what makes a cake while pie demands metaphysics.

This opposition between pie's inside and out, this dialectic, if you will, between crust and filling, can't help but set minds wondering. As children and as adults this opposition between outside and in never loses its interest for us. Confronted with the turtle or snail shell, high fence, blank wall, lid, door, veil, or wrapping (think of egg rolls, turnovers, pocket bread) past which the eye cannot go, the mind proceeds at once to ask, "What's in there?" or, a bit more suspiciously,"What is being hidden?" and, of course, "Why?" If one is in a certain elegiac mood, this consideration of outside and in may steer the mind onto certain qualities of innerness: tenderness, vulnerability. One may then find oneself filled with emotions similar to the poet Rilke's in which "the imagination sympathizes with the being that inhabits the protected space."

In my mud pie days, I had a tiny wooden rolling pin equipped with handles lacquered bright red. I had to ask permission, but once having done so I was allowed to dust the wide lower step of the back stoop with sand from my sandbox and then I'd plop down my mud mix on top sand, pat my mud flat, and roll out my crusts on concrete.

How did I bake mud pies? Next to my sandbox I had built an oven from red bricks left over from some project of my father's. Four bricks made the oven's floor, four bricks stood on their ends made its sides, and for the oven's roof, I used a piece of corrugated tin. I had more bricks that I stood up against the oven for its door. My baking, of course, was entirely make-believe, and as pies (I could fit two in the oven) baked, I would conjure in my mind drawings from my picture books: pies cooling on wide wooden windowsills, steam rising up out of vents cut in the pies' top crusts and floating in chimney smoke whorls across blue skies above fairy-tale villages, and I could work myself up into a fret of fear by thinking that sweet fruity aroma drifting off my pie had attracted a sharptoothed wolf. I would inevitably remember the nursery rhyme verse that began: Sing a song of sixpence, A pocket full of rye; Four and twenty blackbirds, Baked in a pie.

Who it was of whom I asked permission to use the back stoop for my mud pie making was Black Mary, so called to distinguish her from my father's aunt, whom I guess, were things equal, we would have called "White Mary." Black Mary lived with us, kept our house, washed and ironed our clothes, and cooked our food. She had raised my father and his younger brother from the day they were born, and after their mother died, when my father was six, she became all the mother my father had left. He adored her. Black





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called a "Queen Mary" bosom, by which he meant a breastline carried well forward, like a ship's prow. She was better to me than anybody, better than my maternal grandmother and paternal step-grandmother, my mother, and better even than my father, if only because she, unlike my father and mother, was always home. I loved to bury my nose deep down in the cleft between her breasts, where her smooth skin gave off spices and breakfast bacon and furniture oil and flowery talcum she dusted her brown skin with, spotting it white. I loved to lay my cheek along the bodice of Mary's print dresses and hear her heart beat. Its thump reverberated through her huge body into my ear, her flesh quivered and hummed, and I would begin to breathe with her. I would feel lulled

Mary had what my father

wonder, if like Sleeping Beauty or Rip Van Winkle, I might not fall asleep there forever. I remember a spring-

time afternoon when a storm had come up; bright lightning strokes and a series of thunderclaps - not rolling thun-woke me up from my nap. It was not long after lunch, but outside the sky looked dark as evening. My mother was at school and my father at work. Mary set me at the kitchen table. Our dog, a black Scottie like President Roosevelt's Fala, lay under

make the pie, she had to start out by stewing what she called "an old hen." I remember old hens coming to us (but don't remember from where or how they got to the kitchen). The hens arrived headless and plucked of their feathers, with their skinny yellow scaled legs and feet still attached.

I remember that after-

I was disobeying Mary and my parents — "Do not touch wild birds. They're dirty, crawling with filthy diseases and nasty lice."

the table and whimpered every time another thunderbolt crashed. Mary had her little Bakelite radio turned on to one of her stories, which were about romance and did not interest me. I touched the dog with my bare toes, and he growled.

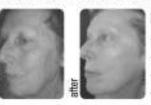
My father loved Mary's chicken pie, and she was fixing us one for dinner. To

noon that Mary stood by the stove and held the old hen over gas flame, singeing off bluish pin-feathers that poked out from the hen's naked body the same way my father's weekend beard poked from his chin. The hen's broken neck drooped downward, and a long, empty sleeve of loose skin hung off it and the skin bobbed. Every time

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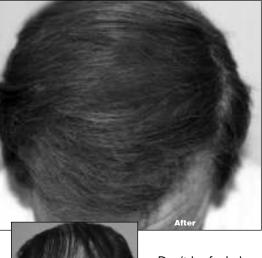


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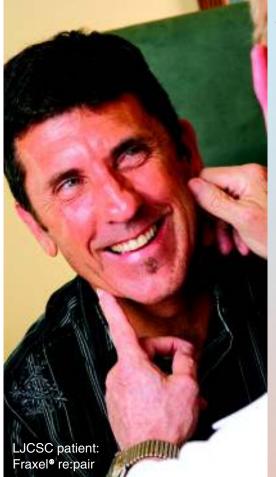


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flame caught at a pin feather, the burning feather set off a psst sound. The feathers burning smelled the same as hair burning.

The storm didn't let up a bit, and rain had begun to come down so hard onto our roof that I couldn't even hear the voices anymore on Mary's radio. Mary had a big pot of water boiling by then in her black iron stew pot and had put the hen in bubbling water and then turned down the flame and covered the pot with a lid. Right away the glass in the kitchen windows began to steam up so much I couldn't see out the window, and soon my father called from his office to make sure we were all right in the storm. Mary let me talk to him for a minute. He said if I couldn't see out the kitchen windows I should go get in the dining room window seat and watch the storm from there and then the line crackled and I could barely hear him and gave the phone back to Mary.

I knelt on the window seat cushions, which were covered with rough monk's cloth and scratched at my bare knees. I pulled back the curtain and looked through the glass Mary kept spotless with ammonia, out into the unnaturally dark side yard. Lightning flared across the sky, leaving behind an eerie radiance. Rain hit the grass and beat yellow blossoms off the forsythia canes and knocked petals off the red Darwin

a hundred drum sticks. She said she hoped the hail didn't ruin our roof or break her windshield, which had happened before, or beat down lettuce and spinach that had just been up a few weeks out in the garden.

Mary said come along into the kitchen, which was by then hot and smelling good of chicken steam. I

I felt as a child rolling out mud crusts much as I feel now, wearing an apron in my kitchen, that making a pie I'm handmaiden to a miracle.

tulips. Low spots in the yard were drowning.

In no time rain turned to hail and Mary came and stood by me, hand on my shoulder and dog whimpering right behind her, and Mary said that with so much hail hitting the roof so hard she felt like we were stuck inside a drum that was being rat-a-tat-tatted with about

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Mary chopped onion and carrot and potato that would go into the chicken pie. The dog went to sleep, and when I had all the peas shelled and a bowl on the table half full of bright green peas and a pan heaped up with empty pods, I looked up and the storm was over and sun was shining down in a funny

helped by shelling peas while

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Right away, of course, I went out to the sidewalk to see if my friend Janet from across the street was out, but she wasn't. I started looking around to see what had happened in the storm. Hailstones, big as mothballs and as white, littered the lawn, and my father's spinach and lettuce were beaten down into rows he'd planted them in, and dirt was on the lettuce leaves. The poplars that stood in a line between our lot and the one next door had leaves knocked off, and apple trees along the back fence also had leaves knocked off. My foot touched something soft, and I looked down and what my foot touched was a dead baby robin.

Maybe wind blew the bird from its nest; maybe first, rain drowned the bird in its nest or maybe hailstones killed it. It had no real feathers yet, only fuzzy down and the down was soaked. Bluish-pink skin wrinkled all around its body, and its wings had hardly formed and were more like flippers. Its feet were needle-like and not strong enough to have held up the bird if it had tried to stand up. Its head looked too big for its body, and its eyes looked too big for its head. Its beak was halfway open as if maybe it had struggled for breath. There was no life left in it.

It was cold to touch. I wasn't supposed to touch it and I knew I wasn't. I felt voracious guilt, the quality of which returns to me even now. I was disobeying Mary and my parents — "Do not touch wild birds. They're dirty, crawling with filthy diseases and nasty lice."

I knew what I should

do, I should call for Mary and say, "Come, quick, there's a dead baby bird out here." Against my better judgment, against what I knew was right, I felt my will move the other way. I felt myself slide down into the desire to do what I wanted to do, to make this dead bird into a pretendchicken pie. I ran to the door and knocked, and Mary stuck out her head. The smell of chicken pie baking came out. Mary looked up in the sky and wondered out loud if I needed my sweater on, and I said no and asked permission to make mud pies and got it, as long as I didn't come in and out and track her clean linoleum. She said soon my father and mother would be home.

So I gathered my pots and pans and used water from a puddle and dug with my old tablespoon in the back flower bed where my father let me dig, and I got two mud balls, one for top crust and one for bottom, just right, not too wet and not too dry, and I put some sand on the stoop and took the red lacquered handles of the rolling pin, one handle in each hand, and rolled and rolled the mud balls out flat, and I fitted bottom crust into the little pie pan and then looked up at the kitchen window with its blue-checkered curtains and the window in

the back door to see if Mary was looking out and she wasn't and I hurried with my pie pan over to the fruit trees where the bird was with its beak half open and its feet up in the air and I picked it up and tucked it on its side in the pie shell and it just fit and then I put some soft apple tree leaves over it for vegetables and then I carried the pie pan back to the back stoop and still when I looked up Mary wasn't looking out, her big face wasn't smiling in the window, so I put the pie pan down on the stoop and carefully picked up the top crust and laid it over the leaves and pinched the two crusts together all around

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and carried it to my oven and put it in and piled up the bricks and sat down on the corner of my sandbox to wait for it to be done. I never told anyone this until now.

Of course, I knew I couldn't feed the pie to my dolls because it didn't seem right and I wasn't happy, sitting there, and all the robins by then were singing and out in the yard pulling worms from the wet ground and I thought that one of them was the one whose baby was dead and she would fly up to her nest and her nest would be empty. I undid the door bricks and took the pie out of the oven and walked to the far corner of the garden and gently turned the pie over at the back of a flower bed and tipped all of it onto the ground and covered it up with dead leaves that my father stacked there in the fall.

By the time I got my mess cleaned up off the stoop, my mother and father were home. My father first thing checked his garden for damage, and Mary let the dog out and he yipped and ran

in circles around my father and got muddy paw prints on his trousers. My father and mother asked Mary and me if we'd been scared during the storm, and we said no. For dinner, we had the chicken pie, served in the high-sided Pyrex pie pan in which Mary had baked it. I am sure that it tasted as it always did and does now when I make it, chunks of white breast meat, green peas, squares of potato, carrot, celery, the rich chicken gravy, which mixed together is like tasting an old-fashioned farm landscape. But I didn't eat much and Mary said maybe I was tired because the storm woke me up from my nap.

I didn't make mud pies anymore. Not for a long time or not for what seemed, at that age, like a long time. Probably it was only a week or two. And then I went to nursery school and then my parents broke up and then we moved and I started grade school. All that was a long time ago. But it stayed with me.

I felt as a child rolling out mud crusts much as I feel now, wearing an apron

in my kitchen, that making a pie I'm handmaiden to a miracle. I will begin, let's say, with pale green and ruby rhubarb stalks, sour red pie cherries, Macintosh apples, butter, sugar, flour, salt, and shortening. I peel the coarse strings off the outer blade of rhubarb, I pit cherries, peel and core apples. I spoon the raw fruit into the bottom pie shell, daub the fruit with chunks of butter, I dribble sugar and strew flour, the latter for thickening. I sprinkle all this with no more cinnamon than will lightly freckle the fruit. I fold the second round of pie dough in half and gently lift it onto the heaped high fruit with the fold in the pie's center. One half of the pie's fruit, then, is covered. Last, ever so painstakingly, I unfold this top crust across the pie's other half and crimp edges of top and bottom crusts together. With a fork I prick the top crust in several places so that while the pie bakes steam can escape.

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out the bowl, knives, dust flour off the pastry board, baking fruit's aroma begins to perfume the house. Thirty, 40 minutes later, I will open the oven door a few inches and peer in. The oven's radiating heat rises around the pie in waves that are indistinct, like the contour of a dream. The heat insinuates itself into the pie's interior, creating between the sealed crusts its own steamy, primordial climate, a site (to use the French postman/philosopher Gaston Bachelard's translated-into-English words) of "thermal sympathy" and "calorific happi-

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ness" in which apple and

rhubarb and cherry cell walls

break down and sugar crystals alter and butter melts.

minutes pass and I lean over,

open the oven door. Heat

rushes out onto my cheeks,

reddens them. What I take out

from the oven (my hands

protected by thick pothold-

ers) seems precisely as did

those childhood pies: born

I'll set the pie up to cool on

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browned crust out the window and sails in highly stylized whorls out into the courtyard and over the fence into the neighborhood. If I happen to be anxious, I may fear that the pie's aroma has tempted a distant wolf. The wolf will appear decidedly older, leaner, and more vicious than the wolves from my childhood.

As a child with mud and as an adult with crust and apples, in the moment before the first cut is taken into a pie, I often have felt uncomfortable, as if I were about to violate taboo. Someone has suggested to me that cut-

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ting into a pie is not all that different from cutting into the body. So I think it is good to make something of a ceremony of cutting a pie. The table can be laid with a pretty cloth and napkins and the best silver and your favorite plates.

Once the pie is brought to the table, I like to take a moment to admire it. I like to give a chance for the pie to wet the mouth with anticipation of its tastes (the mouth's imagination at work). I like to contemplate the lustrous, lightly browned crust. I like to think one more time about inside and out. Because

the moment the pie is cut, outside will have no more meaning. A new dimension, the dimension of this pie's delectable inferiority, is opened up.

Gathered around the table, those about to eat will say"Ahhh," and "Mmmmm. Doesn't that look delicious." They will lean forward, noses alert. Sometimes you can hear them, breathing in.

Pierced through by the fork from top crust to bottom, the first bite rises towards the opening mouth. The sentinel nose having anticipated pie's arrival, a tide of saliva crests in the mouth, pools in the tongue's center, washes over the several thousand tastebuds embedded in the tip of projections called papillae. The teeth bite gently through flaky, slightly salty crust and then into tart cherries and rhubarb and apple. The fruits' sweet and buttery juices, in a total-immersion baptism of the mouth, flood tongue, teeth, cheeks. There is no more outside. Everything is in.

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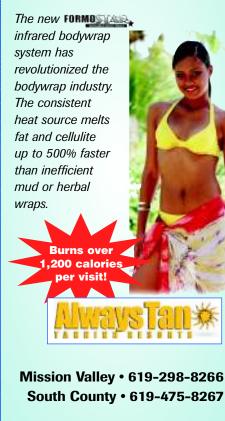


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Name Withheld by Request

#### **Comments from Reader** Website

#### **Cover Story** Published April 16

Posted by Scoop on April 16, 7:56 p.m.

Hooray for your article! San Diego needs to cherish and protect the limited historical homes still left in

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this sprawling and increasingly homogenous metropolis. Phoenix and LA have their charms and far too many blemishes to even want to compare. San Diego has many unique, historic urban neighborhoods that need to be preserved. Check out what is happening nationally with historic homes and neighborhoods. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is working to fight the "McMansionization" of historic neighborhoods in many communities, where historically significant homes are being torn down to make way for homes that



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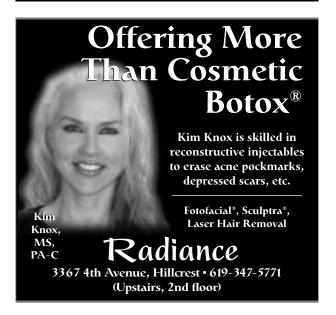
are out of character for the neighborhoods. The measure of historicity should be broad enough to maintain the look and feel of older neighborhoods that began as working or middle-class enclaves as well. This should be broad enough to maintain the character of our older neighborhoods, from Mission Hills to Sherman Heights. This is where San Diego actually is doing the right thing, but maybe the city could be doing it better

administratively. Improve the system, don't destroy the support and incentives to keep the small percentage of older San Diego homes and neighbhorhoods intact for future generations.

Posted by Arkangel\_007 on April 17, 9:15 a.m.

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In truth, historical preservation is a decision based on societal mores, norms and

values. Arguments for historical preservation usually carry no weight in financial terms whatsoever.

Posted by Erik on April 17. 11:46 a.m.

Arkangel: as a "student" of economics you should defer to the professors of economics until you can present a more cogent paper than they do. You clearly didn't read or didn't understand the report. Nobody is saying that tearing down a single family house

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get over it. Posted by historymatters

on April 17, 1:53 p.m. Arkangel,

I assume that you are from the same line of thinking that thought the subprime mortgage idea was a good one. Your thinking is an epidemic that has created the current economic mess and continues to be self destructive. It is thinking that is VERY shortsighted, that only considers immediate economic gains and doesnt examine the long term economic impact or the quality of life impact that you are having on those around you. Do you think San Francisco would be in better financial shape if they had allowed developers to scrape all their victorians and build the lackluster 4-packs that litter our neighborhoods, how about Portland Oregon, or New York City. In fact why dont we let them scrape Balboa Park so we can enjoy the economic benefits. Look, Ark, you have alot more reading to do. Hit the books!

### Blurt

**Published April 16** Posted by mrtboner on

April 18, 4:23 p.m. If they pepper spray a nice guy like Mike they'll probably shoot a jerk like me.

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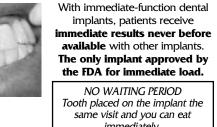
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Posted by dbauder on April 19, 7:04 p.m.

Response to post #21: There is much bitterness and rancor in the U-T packaging department, as exemplified by your message. The company is trying to effectuate deep salary and benefits slashes; the Teamsters are battling management. I hope you can keep us up to date on what is going on there.

Posted by JohnnyVegas on April 20, 8:15 a.m.

The top American hedgefund/private equity CEO made 3.7 billion last yearthat is pretty out of control. This nonsense started

with lax regulation in the

'80s that allowed dirtbag financiers to destroy small and medium sized American businesses for the greed of the few. If you remember the mid '80s when Michael Milken was by FAR the highest paid fund manager (and basically Milken/Drexel were a private equity fund) made \$562 Million personally in one year (1987/88?), which was 63 on the Forbes 500, right in front of McDonalds.

Has only gotten worse, by allowing greedy individuals to loot American companies. Pathetic.

Posted by dbauder on April 20, 8:43 a.m. Response to post #27:

You are so right. Leveraged buyouts, for example, are

a scam. Period. The private equity group takes over a company that is already publicly held by piling debt on the company. The buyers put in a little money. The company is taken private. The buyers pay themselves an enormous dividend, so they have essentially taken no risk. The company goes public a second time, but this time it is loaded with debt. So what has happened? The insiders at the private equity group have amassed great sums of money. The company is now leveraged to the eyeballs. In the current credit crisis, the private equity groups such as Kohlberg Kravis wail that they have

no access to capital (essentially, junk debt). That's good. If they were permanently blocked from the debt market, society would be much better off. But they won't be, because they are among the largest donors to politicians particularly those on the House and Senate finance committees.

Posted by Anon92107 on April 20, 3:52 p.m.

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Posted by JenniferCooke

on April 18, 2:07 p.m. Hi John,

Ya know, I just read this column last night because I am way behind on my Readers. And I know nobody else cares, obviously, because no one commented on it. But I just have to tell you that the line "...leave the cooking to say, women or some other minority with nothing better to think about" truly knocked me for a loop.

I'm a longtime fan, and particularly in the last year or two, have really followed your column with interest and care. I identify with a lot of your struggles, as a parent, as an alcoholic, as a writer—and sometimes a line vou write takes my breath away so much that I have to jot it down. The one that springs to mind most readily is:

"On the other hand, almost everything I have ever wanted has led down a corridor so dark it not only eclipses light, but, like a black hole, lets none escape." So I guess it's fair to say

that I feel included in your

audience. Or I did, until I read the above column. See, I'm not only a woman, but a minority woman. So apparently you're not talking to me.

I'm not one to 'cry racism' and I could give a s\*\*\* about political correctness. But coming from your column, that line struck me as so incongruous, so out of nowhere.

It hurt my feelings, and I just wanted you to know.

Posted by EricBlair on April 18, 4:54 p.m.

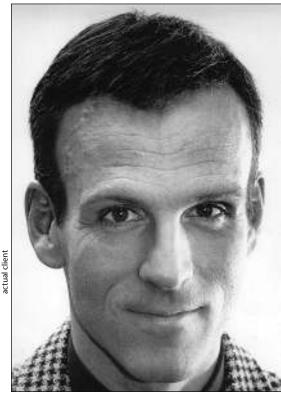
Dear Ms. Cooke:

I am guessing that John Brizzolara has replied to you separately. But I have to tell you that I have known John since 1988, and there is not a single racist or sexist bone in his body. Truth.

It is also true that the written word (or blog entry) lacks all other "cues" we enjoy in conversation or even on the telephone. John doesn't need me or anyone else to defend him, but I wanted to suggest that he was just trying to be ironic.

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A Selection of Puccini

peretta is a lighter genre; it's somewhat bubbly and occasionally frivolous and comedic in nature," says Tom Oberjat, coordinator and tenor for the Solana Intimate Ensemble, an opera singing group. Eight members of the San Diego Opera Chorus formed the ensemble in July 2005. Now the group of nearly a dozen singers performs "intimate concerts" (for around 100 people) each month at Galerie D'Art International in Solana Beach. "What we do is sing selections — mostly from various operas — and sometimes we'll focus on a



es we'll focus on a theme or a genre. The last genre was operetta. This month we're doing a broad array of Puccini's selections

from almost all of his known operas, and in May we're focusing on works of Mozart."

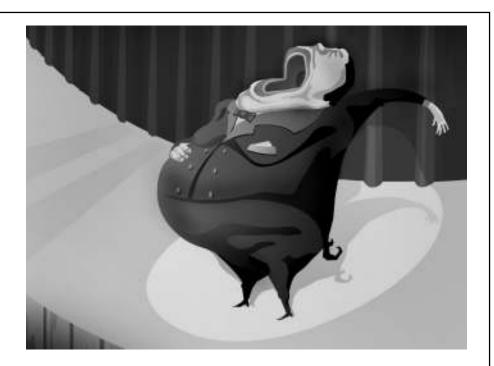
In terms of training, mezzo-soprano and singing teacher Kathleen O'Brien says different genres share the same foundation. "I use an analogy of dancers," she explains. "If they are jazz dancers, or ballroom

dancers like on *Dancing with the Stars*, they take their ballet lessons every day of the week — ballet is the classical technique, and it is all grounded in classical technique. [Similarly], all singing is grounded in classical Italian vowels and breathing techniques."

Though singers of different genres have the same foundation, O'Brien says some voices lend themselves to specific genres. "If I have a student who walks in the door, and they have a bright sound, I know immediately they're going musical. Brightness, a brighter edge [to the voice], lends itself more to musical theater." Some contemporary artists are producing albums on which they perform songs from a variety of genres. "Crossover is a real big thing right now," says O'Brien. "A lot of your classical artists, like Renée Fleming, do musical theater and jazz types to have [a broader] appeal. In Renée's case, where her voice is most beautiful is when she's singing opera. Then take someone like Bernadette Peters — she was born to sing musical theater."

"Voice tends to be dominant in opera," says Oberjat. When it comes to musicals, either for film or stage, he says, "Voice is less important than the show aspect. In musical comedy, you want nice and pleasant voices, but you want people who are good looking and sound nice and really tickle your fancy. In opera you can get away with folks who are not that good looking, but they really have to have a first-rate voice because the music is extremely difficult and taxing. To get through a major opera role is a feat, like being a gymnast — there's an increasing degree of difficulty as you move from musical to operetta to opera."

The difference between a musical and operetta, Oberjat explains, can also be found in the voice. "People who do musical comedy may not be able to sing operetta or opera because their training can be substantially different from that of a classically trained opera singer. They use a lot of chest voice and tend to bark a little bit. Although you do get wonderful singers doing musical comedy as well, like Robert Goulet."



The operetta genre is most often attributed to French composer Jacques Offenbach, who penned humorous pieces with more dialogue than traditional opera, such as *Orpheus in the Underworld* (1858). In Offenbach's pieces, says O'Brien, there was "always dialogue, all the can cans, all the fun French pieces rooted in the Viennese tradition." During the same time period, Franz Lehár, an Austrian composer, wrote *The Merry Widow* (1861), in which, O'Brien explains, "there was dialogue and a lot of dance." This, and other operettas, "called for certain characters that would appear, like a high soprano who was very classically trained but had a certain lyric and bright quality to her voice."

O'Brien says notable American composers — such as Victor Herbert, who wrote *Babes in Toyland* (1903) and *Naughty Marietta* (1910) — were born of the operetta tradition. "Eventually that evolved into the American theater, and then Rodgers and Hammerstein in the 1940s and '50s." The duo cowrote *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*, among many other American classics. Operettas, says O'Brien, embrace the fun parts of life. "In an operetta, no one is going to tragically die. Opera is usually much heavier — a lot of people die in opera. In operettas, you don't get into the real tragedies, or if they approach them, they do so not in the serious way that opera would."

When selecting pieces for a concert, O'Brien is mindful of the tempo that is created. "We generally try to balance a program. We wouldn't want a soprano doing all the well-known arias from well-known operettas. We also try to find ensembles, trios, duets, or quartets. An audience needs an 'Oh!' — there's that big huge moment but then they need a quieter piece as contrast."

— Barbarella

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**"Tsotsi"** See this "compelling story of crime and redemption" during "Carlsbad Reads Together"-themed Carlsbad Library film series. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, April 30, 6 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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**"Lumo"** United Nations Association of San Diego hosts screening of documentary in SDSU's Casa Real. Film focuses on systematic targeting of girls and women with sexual violence along Congolese and Rwandan border. Donation. 619-233-3970. Friday, April 25, 6 p.m.; \$5. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

**"The Black Pimpernel"** Based on true story of Harald Edelstam, Swedish ambassador to Chile in the '70s, who broke diplomatic rules to save lives during Pinochet's coup of 1973, screens for Swedish Center Film Festival 2008. RSVP by April 25: 619-233-3363. Sunday, April 27, noon; Ken, 4061 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

**Fallbrook Film Festival** Nearly 80 independent films from all over will be showcased during events hosted by Fallbrook Film Factory. Festival includes workshops, student productions, recognition of those who work behind the scenes to make, distribute films.

Twelve five-minute films by Fallbrook High School "Intro to Film" students screen Sunday, April 27, noon, Mission Theatre. Additional screening venues: the



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

Significant hiking feats can be accomplished in the "wilds" of Orange County, sepecially in the upper elevations of the Santa Ana Mountains, which define the county's east border. A case in point is the 10-mile, 2700-foot-elevation-gain hike from Trabuco Canyon to the so-called "Main Divide" of the Santa Anas.

From Trabuco Canyon Road, at the easternmost end of O'Neill Regional Park in Rancho Santa Margarita, turn east on the rough, unpaved Trabuco Creek Road. Drive all the way to the end of the road, nearly six miles, to the Trabuco Canyon

Trailhead. Be sure to post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car.

Begin by hiking upstream along the oak- and bigleaf-maple-dotted Trabuco Canyon stream, which will flow with reasonable vigor during the next month or two. Check out the spring wildflowers, which will likely include bush lupine, matilija poppy, paintbrush, wild sweet pea, red and sticky monkeyflowers, prickly phlox, mariposa lily, wild hyacinth, and penstemon.

At 1.8 miles you come to a signed junction where the West Horsethief Trail branches left. Earlier, you probably spotted switchbacks carving up the treeless slope that now lies east of you. After following a canyon bottom for a short while, the West Horsethief Trail begins climbing in earnest, zigzagging

through chaparral. During the coolness of the morning, diligent effort will get you to the top of this tedious stretch fast enough; later in the day this could be a hot, energy-sapping climb.

After 1100 feet of elevation gain the trail straightens, begins to level out along a ridge, and enters a vegetation zone dominated by manzanita and blue-flowering ceanothus. Cooler air washes over you, perhaps bearing the scent of the pines that lie ahead.

Trabuco Canyon

At 3.3 miles from the Trabuco Canyon Trailhead, the Horsethief Trail joins Main Divide Road in a sparse grove of Coulter pines. Turn right and follow the dirt road east, then south, for an easy, meandering, viewful 2.5 miles.

At 5.8 miles, amid a patch of Coulter pines and incense cedars, you come to Los Pinos Saddle. At the northwest corner of a large, cleared area in the saddle itself, find the old roadbed (Trabuco Canyon Trail) angling downward along the shady slopes of Trabuco Canyon's main fork. Stands of live oak and big-cone Douglas fir keep this part of the trail well shaded. Flowering currant and cean-othus shrubs at the trailside brighten things up in the spring.

Art Campus, Café Des Artistes, J.J. Purty Landers.

Tickets: \$10 per screening; one-day screening pass: \$30; threeday pass: \$75; all-inclusive pass for all screenings, workshops, special events: \$150. Tickets for opening reception on Friday, April 25, at Fallbrook Art Center: \$35 each, include opening-night film. Tickets to closing-night awards ceremony are \$35. 760-731-2278. Friday, April 25, 3 p.m.; Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$150. Mission Theatre, 231 North Main Street. (FALLBROOK)

Heritage Language Film Festival Ishmael Bernal's 1982 film *Himala* (*Miracle*), focusing on a woman who has a religious vision and begins to heal people, screens in room 4301 of Applied Physics and Math Building of Muir College, UCSD. Free parking available in lots 206, 207, 208. In Filipino with English subtitles. 858-534-0693. Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD) through Sunday, May 11. Performance on May 10 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; Strudays, 2 Sunday, May 11, 2008, \$8-\$13. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

## FOR KIDS

**"A New Year's Family"** Author, illustrator Cookie Grimes signs, discusses her book. 619-295-3822. Thursday, April 24, 5 p.m.; Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"** San Diego Junior Theatre season continues with play boasting lyrics by Tim Rice, music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, for kids of all ages, dle, the trail veers left, crosses a divide, and begins descending along a tributary of Trabuco Canyon. You walk by thickets of California bay (bay laurel), which exude an enigmatically pleasant/pungent scent. After crossing the tributary ravine twice, the trail clings to a dry and sunny south-facing slope. Down below, in an almost inaccessible section of the ravine, you may hear water trickling and tumbling over boulders half-hidden under tangles of underbrush and trees.

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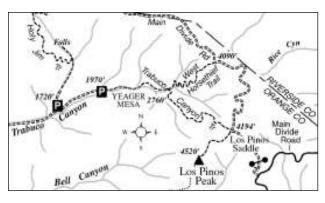
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Climb to the Main Divide of the Santa Ana Mountains for far-ranging views of Riverside County, Orange County, and the ocean.

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619-243-3432. Thursday, April 24,

10:30 a.m.; \$3. Ages 2 and up. San

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David Chase of La Jolla Symphony Chorus, directed by Joe Powers, with opera singers Philip Larson and Ann Chase in adult roles. Children 5-17 half price. 619-231-5714. Saturday, April 26, 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 27, 3 p.m.; \$20-\$40. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Ave. (NORTH PARK)

"The Princess and the Pea" Big Joe Productions takes stage for performances through Sunday, April 27. Next up: Duckydidjadoit? a new show by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, April 30-May 4. 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 24, 10 a.m.; Friday, April 25, 10 a.m.; Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.; Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, April 30, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West, (BALBOA PARK)

Author Talk Jennifer Hall discusses, signs her children's book, *The BRATT Patrol: Book One, Junior Detectives*, described as a "beginning chapter book for ages 7-12." 619-667-2870. Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

The 24th Annual Children's

**Book Party** Reading Literacy Learning Inc. offers free books for children, as well as entertainment, refreshments. 619-266-4118. Saturday, April 26, 8:30 a.m.; Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Totally Teen Nights — Carlsbad Idol Expect open mike, karaoke contests, games, DJ, prizes, for those in grades six through nine (school ID required), in Stagecoach gym. 760-602-7527. Friday, April 25, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Stagecoach Park, 3420 Camino De Los Coches. (CARLSBAD)

### **IN PERSON**

"Awaiting Judgment" Common Ground Theatre presents depiction of "20th-Century theological giants Martin Luther King Jr. and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in adjoining cells...discussing their faith journeys and the challenges" they encountered. 619-263-7911. Sunday, April 27, 4 p.m.; \$15-\$35. Ages 6 and up. Bayview Baptist Church Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Center, 6134 Benson Av enue. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"Be Not Afraid of Greatness"

San Diego Shakespeare Society plans third annual Shakespeare Festival, with over 200 students from nearly 30 San Diego County schools participating. Enjoy tenminute scenes from various Shakespeare plays on one of four designated stages along the Prado. Students perform in traditional Renaissance style, create a modern interpretation, or create collage featuring dance, vocal, and/or instrumental music. Event begins with procession from Spreckels Organ Pavilion to visitors' center at 12:30. Awards, closing ceremonies at 3:30 p.m. 619-917-2577. Saturday, April 26, 12:30 p.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Best of Both Worlds"** Comedy variety show with comedians and comedy sketches. 619-253-2053. Saturday, April 26, 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 27, 8 p.m.; \$10. Community Actors Theatre, 2957 54th Street. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"The Dance Dramas of Tagore"** Vocalist Sharmila Roy and two musicians from Bengal will interpret select compositions of Tagore through song and poetry. Roy will explain how works revolutionized



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Indian literature. 619-232-7931. Saturday, April 26, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Bleacher Bums"** The Organic Theatre Company's piece, directed by Eric Bishop, performed by Carlsbad Playreaders. Donation. 760-602-2026. Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.; \$1-\$5. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**"Free Food for Millionaires"** Min Jin Lee discusses and signs her debut novel, about "maintaining identity within changing communities." 858-454-0347. Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**"From the Barrio to Washington: An Educator's Journey"** Armando Rodriguez presents his life story and discusses and signs his new book. 619-405-9294. Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; Chicano Perk, 129 25th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

An Evening with Alexander McCall Smith Author of Carlsbad Reads Together selection *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* will talk about his work, sign books. Free tickets, limit two per person, given out at 6 p.m. 760-602-2026. Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Comic Demetri Martin** Intimate comedy show. 619-260-2727. Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; \$15. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Comic LaVell Crawford** Reservations: Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; \$22-\$32. Ages 21 and up. House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Comics That Kill** Danielle Stewart, Mal Hall, Matt Zint, Amadeus, Jason Bang, Mark Gonzales take stage. 760-230-2038. Saturday, April 26, 8 p.m.; Ages 14 and up. E Street Cafe, 128 E Street. (ENCINITAS)

**Fantasy Author** Lois McMaster Bujold signs *The Sharing Knife: Passage*, the third volume of her fantasy saga. 858-268-4747. Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

**Fern Street Circus** Enjoy the local circus's talents and antics. 619-641-6103. Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m.; City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Fred Moramarco Poetry-Reading Series Inaugural event celebrates unveiling of issue number 12 of *Poetry International*; featured readers include founding editor Moramarco, as well as guest poets from SDSU's graduate writing program. Event takes place in Scripps Cottage. 619-594-1522. Saturday, April 26, 7 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

**Gospel Comedian Lester Barrie** Barrie has hosted *BET Comic View* 1999-2000, had six-week winning streak on *Star Search*, more. 619-460-7469. Saturday, April 26, 6 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Sews and Shows Community Theatre, 7860 Golden Avenue. (LEMON GROVE)

**Literary Reading** World Literary Series continues with reading by novelist and poet Barbara Henning, author of *You, Me, and the Insects* and other books in Grand Salon (room 113) of M. Gordon Clarke Field House. 760-750-8077.

Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

National Poetry Month celebration North County Authors and Poets host fourth annual Book Extravaganza in Turrentine Room. Poets reading from their work include Brandon Cesmat, Mary Lenore Quigley, Carol Ann Lindsay, Janie Lancaster, Irene Hendricks, artist Bob Hendricks, Hal Altenbern, and many other authors. Signed books available for purchase. 760-510-9587. Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; Escondido Library, 239 South Kalmia Street. (ESCONDIDO)

New Writing Series Antoine Wilson, author of the novel *The Interloper*, reads for series in the Visual Arts Facility, Performance Space. His work has appeared in *The Paris Review, Story Quarterly*, and *Best New American Voices*. 858-534-4618. Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

**Only Gringos Say "Gringo"** Author Gustavo Arellano responds to his book, *¡Ask a Mexican!* 619-295-2201. Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m.; Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**The Big Read** Author, journalist Valerie Boyd — author of *Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neal Hurston* — speaks during event

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hosted by University of San Diego and Black Storytellers of San Diego. Evening opens with performance by vocalist Lanee Noyes, readings and discussion about novelist, anthropologist, boundary-breaker Hurston. 619-260-7402. Friday, April 25, 7 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (UNDA VISTA)

**The Writer as Activist** Grossmont College's annual literary arts festival continues with "Acting Locally: Writing San Diego" on Thursday, April 24. Performances by Jim Miller, Kelly Mayhew, Adrián Arancibia, Mel Freilicher, and trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos. 619-644-7495.

"New Voices: A Student Reading" showcasing "standout students" reading original and uncensored work follows on Tuesday, April 29. "Lover and Warrior: A Celebration of the Literature of Marge Piercy" slated for Wednes-

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## LECTURES

"Architecture and Archaeology: Forensic Science and Art" Maurizio Seracini of Center for of Interdisciplinary Science for Art, Architecture, and Archaeology at UCSD speaks for "SDMA in the 21st Century" themed "Guest Lecture Series." 619-696-1953. Friday, April 25, 10 a.m.; \$7-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Artists' Round Table" Artists from The Pearl Fishers participate in Artists' Round Table - offering look at music, characters, behindthe-scenes work — hosted by San Diego Opera in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre. 619-232-7636. Friday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.; San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Documenting Documenta" "Documenta" may "be the most important contemporary art exhibit in the world"; held for first time in 1955, exhibitions take





"Lacunae in International Humanitarian Law" Speaker Diane Marie Amann is visiting professor of law at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and professor of law at UC Davis. Her scholarship examines law's response to globalization. 858-822-5297. Thursday, April 24, 2 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

"Military Homecoming — The War Continues" Bill Mahedy, author of Out of the Night: The Spiritual Journey of Vietnam Vets, leads panel discussion on challenges facing veterans returning home. Hahn University Center, Forum A. Reservations: 619-260-4784. Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; \$10-\$15. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (USD)

"Opera Insights Series" Historical and cultural background, music analysis, plot synopsis, musical selections from Verdi's The Pearl Fishers presented by Ron Shaheen to highlight upcoming San Diego Opera production. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

## <u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

ARTWALK 2008 Little Italy, Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27.

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Tale of Two Plinys" Explore final

hours of Pompeii as related by Pliny

the Younger when Connie Ro-

driguez of Loyola University, New

Orleans, speaks for "A Day in Pom-

peii" lecture series. 619-255-0203.

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Armenian Genocide Awareness Attorney Mark Geragos speaks for 93rd anniversary commemorations, following opening remarks by Sergey Arutyunyan, in UCSD's Great Hall. Donation. 619-284-7179. Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

**Backyard Compost Workshop** Learn art and science of composting from Solana Center master composters. 760-436-7986 x216. Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; Ouail Botanical Gardens, 230 Ouail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

British Tea The British Isles Genealogical Research Association hosts afternoon tea while genealogist Sam Gibson speaks on "The So-Called Lost Church Records of Scotland." Nonmembers welcome. Reservations by April 23: 619-583-8352. Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.; \$5. Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Do Frogs Have Teeth? Why shouldn't you touch a toad? Get to know local "Frogs, Toads, and Amphibians" when Susan Nowicke, president of San Diego Herpetological Society, speaks for wildlife appreciation series. 760-438-1209, 760-724-3887. Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m.; Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

Film Workshops Offered in conjunction with Fallbrook Film Festival. Five workshops on topics such as "Acting for the Camera," "How to Market Your Film Online," "Art of Cinematography," presentation by Adam McKay, writer/director of Anchor Man, others. Registration: 760-728-6383. Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Art Campus, 310 East Alvarado Street. (FALLBROOK)

HubbWorld 2008 Workshops seminars, forums, activities on cultures, views, ideas, perspectives from around the world. Insights into history, culture, modern-day life in China, East and South Africa, European Union, India, Latin America, Middle East, U.S.A. Friday focuses on business and professional development; Saturday's topic are for consumer interests. 619-463-1702. Friday, April 25, 9 a.m.; Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; \$45-\$178. The Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Law Week 2008 Lectures on variety of topics at county law library locations all over county, April 28-May 3. Details: 619-6856552. Monday, April 28, noon; Tuesday, April 29, noon; Wednesday, April 30, 10 a.m.; San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Parrot Body Language Decoded! Parrot Education and Adoption Center seminar at 1 p.m., followed by look at "Feather Destructive Behavior" (2:45 p.m.) in room D-6. Reservations: 619-287-8200. Sunday, April 27, 1 p.m.; \$15. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Poetry-Writing Workshop Susan Luzzaro leads class. Required reservations: 619-236-5847. Saturday. April 26, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, (DOWNTOWN)

The Kafka Project Local journalist Kathy Diamant discusses investigations to recover missing writings of Franz Kafka (1883-1924); papers were confiscated by the Gestapo during a 1933 raid on the flat of Kafka's lover, Dora Diamant. Required registration: 619-544-0005. Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m.; Le Travel Store, 745 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Watercolor Workshop Helen Shafer Garcia, known for her paintings of plants, teaches a contemporary approach to watercolor focusing on garden botanical elements. Materials list supplied upon registration. Required registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.; \$65-\$75. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

What's Up With Atheists? Stuart Bechman, president of Atheists United of L.A., addresses Atheist Coalition of San Diego. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.; North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

## OUTDOORS

**Blue-Blossoming Jacaranda** Trees have already produced a first wave of color along the streets of San Diego. By early or mid-May, warm weather permitting, this Brazilian import could put on a dazzling show. The larger jacarandas, which in full bloom are leafless, or nearly so, display myriads of delicate, trumpet-shaped blossoms - a lavender haze as seen from afar. Jacarandas are commonly used as landscaping in parks and on most college campuses. Nice rows of jacarandas grace several streets downtown, Rosecrans Boulevard in Point Loma, 25th Street in Golden Hill, and Mission Village Drive above Qualcomm Stadium.

Monkey-Flowers of various species are putting on an excellent display this month around San Diego. Look for these low, shrublike plants with tubular yellow, orange, or red flowers wherever native vegetation clothes the landscape - from the coastal bluffs to the lower slopes of the mountains. As you drive Interstates 8 or 805 near Mission Valley, look for the rust tint these flowers give to the steep hillsides. On the terraces just above San Onofre State Beach, you can usually see springtime monkeyflower blossoms of every intermediate shade from yellow to red.

Bracken Ferns are rising on the higher mountains of San Diego County, their bright green, unfolding fronds (called "fiddleheads") pushing up through the russet remains of last year's growth. Look for waisthigh bracken fern along the



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Alien Invasion! Walk with trail guide through grasslands struggling to retain their native plants. 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 26, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Audubon Society Bird Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**Birding Basics Class** Trail guide Winona Sollock presents five simple steps for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one). 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 26, 1 p.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Creek to Bay Cleanup** Celebrate Earth Month with I Love a Clean San Diego at sixth annual cleanup at approximately 60 inland and coastal cleanup sites throughout San Diego County. Help clean up beaches, bays, lagoons, lakes, rivers, or canyons. Location details: 619-291-0103. Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.

**Desert Garden Tour** Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

#### **Emerald and Gold Along the Trails** See sages and sunflowers along trails during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, April 30, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Explore Native Plants in Dove Canyon** See native plants at their best after winter rains on easy walk led by Dave Flietner and Paul Hormick starting at First Unitarian Universalist Church (at circular driveway north of church). 619-501-3789. Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

**Panoramas Everywhere** Hike with three experienced naturalists on Wilson Trail along Pinyon Ridge during Anza-Borrego Institute adventure. Trail starts at 4000 feet and meanders over ridges and valleys. Leisurely-paced hike will be five to six miles round trip. Wear sturdy hiking boots, pack lunch, bring ample water. Registration: 760-767-4063. Saturday,

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## What's That You're Writing?

NAME: STEVEN GREGORY | AGE: 39 | OCCUPATION: TECHNICAL WRITER/STORYTELLER NEIGHBORHOOD: BAY PARK | WHERE INTERVIEWED: AT HIS HOME



## What have you written?

"'The Lion's Drum.' It's the retelling of an African folktale. It's available at talesalive.com. and some major bookstores."

## Tell me about it.

"A young African hunter finds a lion beating what he thinks is a magic tree stump, and all the animals are dancing. Later, he steals the magic tree stump, brings it back to his village, and introduces the villagers, and essentially the people of Africa, to the drum."

#### How did you come to write this?

"I actually have my bachelor's in writing from UCSD. I went to college dreaming of becoming a famous writer and being retired before I hit 35. That didn't work out, but I still enjoy writing, and when I got into storytelling, it gave me a different avenue. My wife and I do multicultural storytelling. We're trying to raise cultural awareness, which will in turn promote harmony among different

people and different cultures. She's half Japanese, and we do Japanese stories and, of course, with my background, we do African stories. We go to libraries and schools, and we were just up at the Carnival of Cultures in San Marcos. We bring out different backdrops with typical motifs from each culture, and we always have musical accompaniment with instruments from that culture. A lot of people are familiar with the African drum, but they might not know the exact name or be familiar with the thumb piano or some of the shakers and rattles. And only a very few people have seen the Japanese koto — it's about six feet long and played with picks on the fingers. It kind of sounds like a harp.

and traditional stories, we came across this [story], and it wasn't in book form like this anywhere that we could find, so we went ahead and did our own version. With a lot of tales, you can go straight from the book. But with others — and particularly with Africa, because it's such a harsh culture — the tales are not really appropriate for children. There are a lot of stories where the penalty is death for somebody who tells a lie. In the story 'Koi and the Kola Nuts,' Koi has to do all these tasks to keep from being eaten by the villagers he meets. In the published version, Koi is trying to win the chief's daughter. We go through and kind of rework it -keep the same African flavor, but make it a little more palatable. This was a nice story about the drum, and it's an origin story." When do you write?

"Whenever it hits me. We'll do a lot of storvtelling shows where I've got stories going through my head and I really want to sit down and write one because it's just there, present, and it's kind of calling, 'Hey, put me down so you don't forget me.'"

#### What's the worst book you've ever read?

"I'm not a big fan of Hemingway or Fitzgerald. They're very good at, basically, stories about somebody you know is going to fail. Hemingway is very good at bringing you into the character you're wanting the wonderful ending for the character — and then he drops you. The hero dies, or everything he's fought for is destroyed."

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"In the course of reading folk tales

April 26, 8 a.m.: \$25-\$35, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center, (BORREGO SPRINGS)

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 27, 10 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Spring Walkabout Learn about plants, critters, and history of Dalev Ranch along Ranch House Road, East Ridge, and Creek Crossing trails with naturalist Merle during moderate two-hour walk. 760-839-4680. Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Trail Repair Work Head to Paso Picacho campground in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park with work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 619-669-1697. For those 16 and older with a parent.

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Paso Picacho campground, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Highway 79, five miles north of I-8. (JULIAN)

Urban Safari in Point Loma! Cabrillo called it San Miguel, and tiki-style hotels were rampant in 1950s — explore Point Loma's past during walking tour led by Patty Fares. Reservations: 619-944-9255. Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; \$10. Reds Espresso Gallery, 1017 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Your Shoes May Get Wet! Find toads, frogs, and tadpoles and practice imitating their calls during hike. 858-484-3219. Sunday, April 27, 4 p.m.; Carmel Mountain trail head, Fairport Way and Shorepointe Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Alternative Rock Concert Local bands in concert in Foro Experimental. 011-52-646-173-4307 and 011-52-646-173-4308. Friday. April 25, 7:30 p.m.; Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

Arts and Crafts Expo See "the best Mexican arts and crafts" and enjoy music, food, entertainment, Wednesday, April 30, through Monday, May 5, 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, April 30, 9 a.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

International Festival of Contemporary Dance Compaña Luna Luna from Mexicali performs Otoño (Autumn). 011-52-646-176-3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.; \$4-\$8. Teatro Benito Juárez, Avenida Guadalupe, between Calles 2 and 4. (BAJA)

Painting Exhibition Art by José Pastor may be seen through Friday, May 30. 011-52-664-685-1489. Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m.; Galería de la Ciudad, at 2nd Street and Constitución Avenue. (BAJA)

Tom Gatch Fishing Tournament Fishing gear available for rent; bait provided. Voluntary cash jackpot. Free for kids 12 and under. 011-52-661-612-0200. Thursday, April 24,

8 a.m.: \$5-\$7. Rosarito Beach Hotel. Boulevard Benito Juarez #31, (BAJA)

## SPECIAL

"Conservation in Bloom" Spring Garden Festival with lectures by experts, plant sale, performances by Eric Runningpath and the Intertribal Dancers, llama rides, author appearances, more. 619-660-0614. Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College  $Drive \ West. \ ({\tt RANCHO} \ {\tt SAN} \ {\tt Diego})$ 

"Indoor Grilling, Pan-Frying, and Searing" Chef Carissa Giacalone focuses on three ways of using high heat to seal in a meat's juices. Bring a sharp chef's knife. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.; \$55. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Landscapes Near and Far" Exhibition of watercolors by Pat Dispenziere continues through May 5 in Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery, 619-668-3280. Thursday, April 24, 9 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junépero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Night of the Americas Dinner" Afro-Cuban drumming, singing by Juan Carlos Blanco, dishes from all over North, Central, and South America promised. Children under 12 free. Reservations: 619-464-4331. Saturday, April 26, 4 p.m.; San Carlos United Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

"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, San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

African Art Exhibition by West African artist Kader Boly opens. 619-270-9461. Friday, April 25, 6 p.m.; the Africa Center, 3260 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

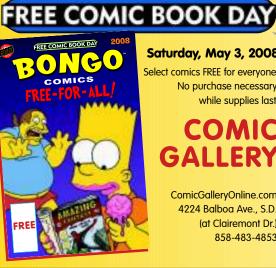
ArtWalk 2008 Annual festival celebrates visual and auditory arts. Over 400 California, Arizona, Mexico-based artists showcase their

painting, sculpture, glasswork, photography, dance, music by local bands, activities for kids. All centered in Little Italy, from Beech Street to Fir Street. 619-615-1090. Saturday, April 26, noon; Sunday, April 27, noon; San Diego Reader, 1703 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Balkan Song and Dance Marv Ann Downs leads an hour of traditional Balkan dance songs. Allrequest dance program follows at 8:30 p.m. Fees: 619-281-5656. Saturday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.; Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

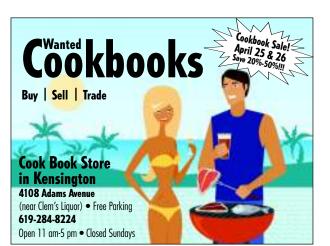
Be a Grunion Groupie! Scripps naturalists share "the amazing tale of the elusive California grunion." Learn how these unique fish run? up on local beaches, lay their eggs in moist sand. Watch baby grunion hatch before your eyes. Included in aquarium admission. 858-534-4109. Saturdays, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.;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

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**Cruisin' Grand** Over the Hills Gang from San Bernardino showcased. 760-745-8877. Friday, April 25, 5 p.m.; Cruisin' Grand, Grand Avenue (and Second Avenue). (ESCONDIDO)

**Doggie Café** Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, April 25, 6 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**Encinitas Street Faire** Browse among 400 vendor booths offering wares, children's rides, live entertainment on Coast Highway 101. 760-945-9288. Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Sunday, April 27, 9 a.m. (ENCINITAS)

**European Philosophers and the Constitution** What was the effect European philosophers had on the U.S. Constitution? P&R Discussion Group gathers to discuss. 619-370-1027. Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; the Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Hanamatsuri Festival On offer: Japanese food and entertainment such as sumo wrestling, Japanese archery, taiko drumming, paper marbling, classical dancing, Okinawan folk music, harmony bell sound-healing, game booths for kids, and more. 760-941-8800. Saturday, April 26, noon; Sunday, April 27, noon; Vista Buddhist Temple and Japanese Cultural Center, 150 Cedar Road. (VISTA)

Here Comes the... Bridal Bazaar, with caterers, florists, musicians, locations, other businesses offering wedding-related wares. 760-334-5500. Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m.; \$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

House Beautiful Home Show Demonstrations, vendors. 800-999-5450. Friday, April 25, 10 a.m.; Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**House of England** Group hosts lawn program of songs and dances at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

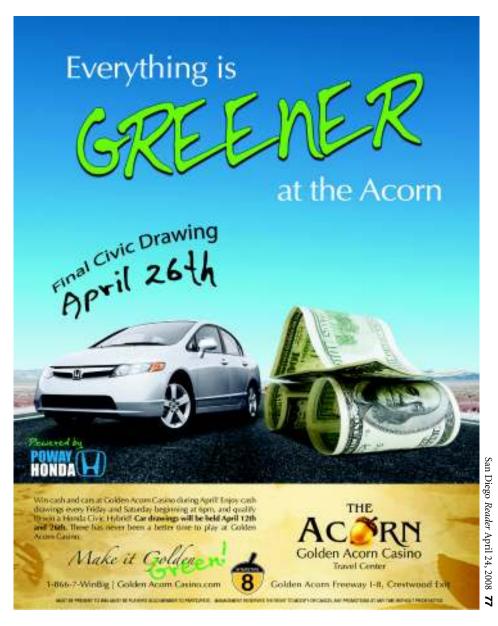
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Animals... Animal communicator Terri Steuben will be on hand to help you "understand what is going on in your pet's head" (\$40 for 20-minute session). Chris McLay and Unleashed Photography will be on hand for photographing your pet (\$40 sitting fee). Reservations: 619-232-7387. Sunday, April 27, 10 a.m.; South Bark Dog Wash, 2037 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Linda Vista Multicultural Fair and Parade Parade begins at 11 a.m., with booths open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., three stages for entertainment (noon-5 p.m.). Ethnic foods from all over, kids' zone, more. Find festivities in 6900 block of Linda Vista Road (between Comstock and Ulric Streets). 619-715-3792. Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. (LINDA VISTA)

**Native Garden Tour** Join guided one-mile walking tour of over 10 residential California native plant gardens, hosted by Buena Vista







Native Plant Club. Local kids sell lemonade, cookies along route. 760-439-2473. Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.; Saint Mary, Star of the Sea School, 515 Wisconsin Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

P&R Discussion Group Here's the topic to discuss: How did European philosophers affect the U.S. Constitution? 619-370-1027. Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.; the Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Paint-Out at the Water Conservation Garden Event hosted by San Diego Watercolor Society, led by watercolorist Cal Fortbrook. in gazebo during Spring Garden Festival. Artists and community members encouraged to bring materials and join in. 619-660-0614. Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Point Loma Garden Walk Seventh annual Point Loma Garden Walk, a self-guided tour of private gardens and residences hosted by Point Loma Garden Club. Plant boutique including "more than 300 heirloom tomato plants for sale," Tickets: 619-223-4374, Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.; \$15-\$20. Garden Walk, 3215 Tennyson Street. (POINT LOMA)

Postcards for Peace Another project will be completed, and current issues of peace and justice discussed, actions considered, when Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meets in com-

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munity room. 619-574-7674 or 858-535-0949. Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.; La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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). Orchids showcased Friday-Sunday, April 25-27. Exotic plant sale, sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers, 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 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)

Rev It Up and Go! San Diego Auto Swap features classics, hot rods, cycles, high-performance vehicles on display (in conjunction with Kobey's Swap Meet). Vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." 858-484-9342. Sunday, April 27, 7 a.m.; San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Tea on Terrace Enjoy a midmorning or afternoon tea on terrace. Tea menu includes an assortment of finger sandwiches, scones, jam, Devon clotted cream, sausage rolls with Brantson pickle relish, followed by coconut creme pie. House tour offered at completion of each seating. Guests encouraged to attend dressed in tea attire, including hats, gloves, feather boas. Reservations: 619-232-6203. Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m.; \$20-\$25. Ages 15 and up. Marston House Museum, 3525 Seventh Avenue. (HILLCREST)

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Tower After Hours Celebrate China with "sights and sounds of Chinese culture." Authentic food and drink served. Reservations: 619-239-2001. Thursday, April 24, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$20. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

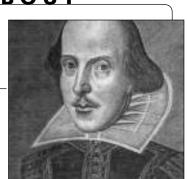
Workout in the Park Self magazine's 15th annual outdoor health, fitness, wellness festival takes place in Mission Bay Park's Ski Beach. Expect workouts, beauty consultations, fashion tips, nutritional advice, "tons of freebies." 212-679-2233. Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.; \$25. Mission Bay Park, on east side of Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

## SPORTS

Alpine Challenge Andy Hampsten - white jersey winner of Tour de France, and Tour de Suisse and Giro d'Italia winner - is guest rider during this event, boasting a 20-mile, 30-mile, 61mile Descanso ride and 72-mile Pine Valley Ride, Pine Valley Ride and Descanso rides "are designed for the serious rider." Saturday, April 26, 6 a.m.; \$50. Alpine Com-

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munity Center, 1830 Alpine Boulevard. (ALPINE)

Bowling for the Animals Spay Neuter Action Project and Feral Cat Coalition benefit from event. Pledges requested; \$10 registration fee includes two games, shoes, vegan lunch. Required advance reservations: 760-943-8212. Sunday, April 27, noon; \$10. Powav Fun Bowl, 12941 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Boys of Spring Padres host San Francisco Giants on Thursday, April 24. Arizona Diamondbacks arrive for games Friday-Sunday, April 25-27. Game broadcast on FOX on 26th; and on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, April 24, 7:05 p.m.; Friday, April 25, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, April 26, 12:35 p.m.; Sunday, April 27, 1:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**Del Mar National Horse Show** Competition continues through May 4. Dressage week is April 24-27. "Evening of Musical Freestyles" set for Saturday, April 26, 7 p.m., featuring United States Equestrian Federation HP Qualifying Grand Prix Freestyles, for the Olympic trials, showcasing many past Olympians (\$18, \$23).

Meet concludes with hunter/ jumper week events, April 29-May 4. The \$100,000 Premier Truck and Trail Grand Prix of Del Mar is Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m. (\$18, \$23). Admission is free for weekday

events, \$10 for entry on Saturday and Sunday. 858-792-4288. Thursday, April 24, 8 a.m.; Friday, April 25, 8 a.m.; Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.; Sunday, April 27, 8 a.m.; Monday, April 28, 8 a.m.; Tuesday, April 29, 8 a.m.; Wednesday, April 30, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Hunger Walk 2008 Walk hosted by Community Christian Service Agency. 858-274-2273. Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.; De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Mission Gorge Trail Run San Diego trail run series continues with 5k and 10k runs. Runners and walkers welcome. 619-890-6067. Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.; \$35-\$40. Mission Trails Regional Park. One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

No Brakes, No Gears! Tuesday night bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 30, 2008, San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive, (BALBOA PARK)

Pining for Alpine — Three's the Charm? Join Knickerbiker bicyclists for (twice attempted) 65mile round-trip jaunt to Alpine including lunch at Bread Basket Restaurant, ostrich farm, "the prettiest gas station bathroom west of the Mississippi." Ride starts in front of Vons grocery store. 858-581-6530 or 619-823-0070. Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.; Clairemont Town Square, 4821 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Sharon's Ride, Run, and Walk for Epilepsy Choose your method to move along the scenic bayside route. Events include family fun ride or 15-mile bike ride (8:45 a.m.), 5k run and walk (9:30 a.m.). Registration opens 7:30 a.m. 619-296-0161. Sunday, April 27, 8:45 a.m.; \$25-\$50. Tecolote Shores Park, 1725 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH

Spring Festival Horse Show Competition runs April 24-27. 858-481-9085. Thursday, April 24, 8 a.m.; Friday, April 25, 8 a.m.; Sunday, April 27, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Swashbuckling! Team Touché Fencing Center hosts open house for guests to see "lightning-fast children and adults battle it out in this unique sport." 858-622-9696. Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.; Team Touché Fencing Center, 10373 Roselle Street, (CARMEL VALLEY)

To the Lighthouse Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for flat ride from J Street boat launch parking lot to Coronado Ferry (bring money for fare) and Point Loma Lighthouse. 619-562-2882. Saturday, April 26, 8:45 a.m.; I Street Marina Park, J Street off I-5. (CHULA VISTA)

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619-392-4660. Saturday, April 26, 5:30 p.m.; \$40-\$100. Ages 21 and up. 4th & B, 345 B Street. (DOWN-TOWN)

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

**Bonita Museum and Cultural** 

**Center** The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the Chula Vista Star News. 619-267-5141. 4355 Bonita Road, 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

**Campo Railroad Museum** 

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Avenue, 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

#### Chula Vista Heritage Museum

The museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original Star newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. 360 Third Avenue, 619-427-8092. (CHULA VISTA)

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



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

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot **Museum** Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock Street, 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Marston House Museum His-

toric home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston House design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525

Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142.

(HILLCREST)

**Museum of San Diego History** "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "The Sonka Brothers General Store" is recreation of store said to have "kick-started the postagricultural economy of Lemon Grove." Exhibit includes post office, array of domestic and farm artifacts, photographs, furnishings.

"Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1915" showcases furnishings, clothing, and artifacts from Lemon Grove ranches and homes, along with photographs of early

residents and historic buildings. "The Parson's Study" is a permanent Arts and Crafts installation with rolltop desk, 155 English organ, an Edison Amberola and library of cylindrical recordings. All exhibits continue through June. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

"Listen Here! Making Sense of Sound," allows visitors to experience the nature of sound, how human beings perceive sound, and the act of listening through exhibits, activities, demonstrations. Exhibit from the Exploratorium in San Francisco continues through Sunday, June 1.

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

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

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan

## <u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

SWASHBUCKLING! Team Touché Fencing Center open house, Sunday, April 27.

(SEE SPORTS)

from the National Museum of the

United States Air Force at Wright-

Patterson Air Force Base, which

"saw action over the Balkans in the

late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St.

Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or

Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World

War I Spad VII, flight deck of the

USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed

Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale

models, 10,000 aviation-related

items, and memorabilia from

Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to

Space Age, along with an Interna-

Ford Building in the Palisades area.

2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-

San Diego Archaeological

Center "A Letter from the Ocean

Hotel: Victorian Lady Traveler's

Adventures in San Diego, 1888"

includes glassware, dishes, bottles,

personal items dating from late

1880s that were excavated from a

block in East Village area down-

"curation of archaeological pro-

jects and sharing them with the

public," 16666 San Pasqual Valley

Road, 760-291-0370, (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum

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by legends of the sport. A BMW R-1200 GS Adventure bike is on display in lobby. "Hall of Heroes" pays tribute to decades of American racing champions.

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

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

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

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

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

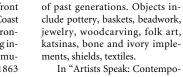
Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles,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





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rary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe," museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

San Diego Museum of Man

"People, Prints, and Politics: China

1920-1980" features work by Chi-

nese artist and scholar Xian Rang

Yong from Shandong Province.

Yong utilizes Chinese art of wood-

block printing to create compelling

portraits, landscapes, depictions of

cultural activities, political posters.

Legacy of Our Collections" high-

lights 17 key collections, relates

stories of the collectors, how col-

lections came to museum, their

significance in preserving history

"Art and Expression: The

Closes Sunday, October 19.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum A 100-foot retired Korean Warera tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

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## CLASSICAL

"Three One-Act American Operas" San Diego State University's Opera Theater performs Samuel Barber's *Hand of Bridge, The Face on the Barroom Floor* by Henry Mollicone, and world premiere of *La Dvina* by Thomas Pasatieri in Smith Recital Hall. 619-594-1696. San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive), 7 p.m., Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26; and 2 p.m., Sunday, April 27. (SDSU)

Jacobs' Masterworks Concert San Diego Symphony, conductor Jahja Ling, and guest artists Nicole Cabell (soprano), Nicholas Phan (tenor), Stephen Richardson (bass-baritone), and San Diego Master Chorale plan "chronological selection...of music from Grieg's classic Nordic folk fantasy opera...including music not normally heard in most Peer Gynt suites." Also: world premiere by young American composer Daniel Kellogg, based on the biblical Book of Daniel. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26; 2 p.m., Sunday, April 27. (DOWNTOWN)

**St. Lawrence String Quartet** Ensemble has "walked on stage together over 1600 times in the past 16 years." Haydn's "String Quartet No. 66 in G Major," the "String Quartet No. 2 in F Major" by Schumann, Dvořák's "String Quartet No. 13 in G Major" are promised during UCSD ArtPower concert. 858-534-8497. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, April 25. (LA JOLLA)

**Spotlight on the Masters** Dvořák's "Terzetto in C," "String Quartet No. 12 in F Minor," and the "Quintet in E Flat" may be heard when violinists Sara Troback and Joseph Lin, violists Cynthia Phelps and Che-Yen Chen, and cellist Desmond Hoebig perform for Mainly Mozart. 619-239-0100. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, April 25. (LA JOLLA)

**Opera Concert** UCSD opera singer Emily Pelc performs selections by Vivaldi, Catalani, Puccini, Samuel Barber, Ned Rorem, others, in Erickson Hall B210 at UCSD. 858-534-3229. University of California San Diego (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, April 25. (UCSD)

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USD Symphony Spring Concerts Programs include "Suite Provençale" by Darius Milhaud, Robert Schumann's "Symphony No. 2." 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, April 25, and 2 p.m., Sunday, April 27. (LINDA VISTA)

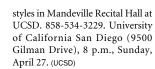
**"Symphony in the Park"** San Diego State University's Symphony Orchestra performs with organist Jackson Borges, soprano Maria Lozano. Donations. 619-594-6060 or 619-557-4526. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 4 p.m., Saturday, April 26. (BALBOA PARK)

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Indian Music Concert Kartik Seshadri, UCSD's master sitarist, performs a variety of classical Indian ragas. 858-534-4830. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 26. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 27. (BALBOA PARK)

**French Horn Concert** Amanda Tabor performs new works created in collaboration with six composers, performers, and scientists, representing a wide variety of



**Puccini!** Cherylyn Larson (soprano), Ava Baker Liss (mezzo soprano), Tom Oberjat (tenor), William Nolan (baritone), and Ruth Lopez-Yanez (piano) perform for Californiae Foundation for International Global Arts at new venue. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-677-0367. Unitarian Universalist Church (1036 Solana Drive), 4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 27. (SOLANA BEACH)

All Dvořák! Dvořák's "Terzetto in C," "String Quartet No. 12 in F Minor," and the "Quintet in E Flat" may be heard when violinists Sara Troback and Joseph Lin, violists Cynthia Phelps and Che-Yen Chen, and cellist Desmond Hoebig perform for Mainly Mozart. Reception at 5:30 p.m., concert at 6:30 p.m. 619-239-0100. St. Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street), 5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 27. (CARLSBAD)

**Classical Lunchtime** The Golliards perform early music for mini-concert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, April 28. (DOWNTOWN)

**"La Istoria de Purim"** Lucidarium, an Italian early music ensemble devoted to music and poetry of the Jews in Renaissance Italy, performs for San Diego Jewish Music Festival. Expect a "richly nuanced program of rarely heard repertoire." 858-362-1348. Congregation Beth El (8660 Gilman Drive), 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 28. (LA JOLLA)

**Soirée for Music Lovers** Celebrate 20th anniversary of this concert series with virtuoso violinist János Négyesy and friends. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Monday, April 28. (UCSD)

**Percussion Concert** Matt Jenkins, a member of UCSD's resident percussion ensemble known as red fish blue fish, presents his spring concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 29. (UCSD)

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## GALLERIES

"Nude Inclination" Joan Sebastian's show of oil paintings exploring "the sensuality of nakedness" opens with reception for artist. The more than 20 recent paintings are on display through Wednesday, April 30. RSVP: 760-814-0607. India Street Gallery (2165 India Street). 6 p.m., Friday, April 25. (LITTLE ITALY)

**"The Art of Photography Show"** International exhibition commences with awards ceremony and reception in Lyceum Theatre Gallery. More than 12,200 entries were submitted by artists from 46 countries; 102 selected for inclusion by juror Carol McCusker. Closes Friday, May 23. 858-793-0900. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza). 6 p.m., Friday, April 25. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Constructed, Revisited"** Opening reception for third annual art show featuring interactive installation pieces by artists from Brokers Building Gallery. 619-504-1954. Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). 7 p.m., Friday, April 25. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Wanderlust"** Christina Angelina's one-woman show closes with reception. Exhibit is mixed-media collection of paintings, photographs, sketches combining "daydreams and attraction." 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite F-109). 6 p.m., Sunday, April 27. (LITLE ITALY)

## ART MUSEUMS

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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 portraved. "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 drawings of landforms and river sheds, and images of Lin's recent earthworks and architectural projects. Through June.

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-towall, 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 "Flesh: The Portraiture of Gary Schneider," opening Saturday, April 26 and continuing through Sunday, September 14, includes John in Sixteen Parts, a set of black-and-white fragments of Schneider's partner's face seen through time. Also included: Genetic Self-Portrait, an installation utilizing medical-imaging techniques to depict his own body from the inside out; and Heads and Nudes, where the South African artist uses exposures of up to three hours to explore and transform the flesh of friends and family.

"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 Sunday, June 29.

"Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking," opening Saturday, April 26, features over 100 black and white photographs by documentary photographer Chris Rainier reflecting "humanity's efforts to forge identity, beauty, storytelling, and sacred beliefs." Closes Sunday, August 24. 704 Pier View Way, 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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

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





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The Songsmith and the Tennis Star Tennis star Anna Kournikova may have met her match in songwriter Black Swann, recently touring the West Coast as the opening act for the surf film *Walking on Water*. In his solo guise, Black Swann, he performs as an acoustic, funk-influenced troubadour. In an unusual deviation from the typical coffeehouse fare, he accompanies himself on bass. Swann alleges that two of

# the inside track

a.k.a. Christopher Swann. On March 3, Swann filed a copyright infringement suit in Los Angeles California Central District Court, against multiple defendants, in the court case *Christopher Jerry Swann v. Anna Kournikova et al.* 

Swann moved to San Diego from his native Washington, D.C., to play bass with pro-surfer Tom Curren's group, the Noahs. The band can primarily be found at surfing and environmental events, most his solo songs, "If I Die" and "Only Your Eyes Can Tell," both from his self-titled 1999 album, were used without permission in Kournikova's 2002 DVD *A Date with Anna — The Making of the Anna Kournikova Calendar.* He is seeking a permanent injunction against distribution of the video and punitive damages.

According to the report, Swann had submitted the songs for possible use in the Kournikova project. However, after producers made an offer, he declined to license his music for inclusion in the video. It may be notable that although the music in dispute had already been released on his own



A LITTLE PIRATE IN ANNA?

album, Swann didn't copyright the songs until February 2003. Three years later, in February 2006, he bought a copy of the Kournikova DVD and found 22 minutes of his music featured in its soundtrack. The "*et al.*" in the lawsuit includes the film's producers, Lions Gate Entertainment and ESPN, which aired the video.

Both Swann and his attorney, Lisa Cervantes,

declined to comment on the lawsuit for this story. No one could be reached at Lions Gate. At press time no trial dates had been set. — Bart Mendoza

**Deep Pockets** One promoter trying to book a certain headliner for an upcoming summer date says he probably won't succeed. He says he is in a bidding war against the Viejas casino and its deep pockets.

"They will pay 25 to 50 percent more for an act because they have casino money."

The promoter maintains that Viejas enjoys an edge over promoters who are subjected to normal market realities. "It's not a level playing field. They will lose money on a show just to get people there to spend money on gambling, food, and drinks. Sometimes they double any rational offer." So far Viejas has

announced some 22 headliners for its 2008 Concerts in the Park series. By booking Seether, Rilo Kiley, and Unwritten Law, Viejas shows it wants to bring modern rock names to its series.

Viejas uses L.A.-based

Nederlander Concerts to book artists for its Concerts in the Park venue, which has a 2500 capacity.

Alex Hodges, chief executive officer for Nederlander Concerts, admits that the concert industry has changed drastically since gambling centers outside of Las Vegas entered the picture. "These are real venues with real stages, not just lounges."

Regarding the other promoter's contention that Viejas and other casinos pay touring headliners more than what they are worth, he says, "Occasionally a business will step up and make an offer on something they think is important."

But he also says that what promoters and agents say is not always on the up and up. "Sometimes competitors speak out of school. They

might twist things around a bit." He says the music

industry is filled with agents and promoters who don't disclose real figures and real offers because open communication is not a part of the business.

"If we get a call from an agent who says he has an offer for \$250,000 when our last offer was \$175,000, what are we going to do? Call the competitor and talk to them about it? I don't think so. That's the mysterious part of this business."

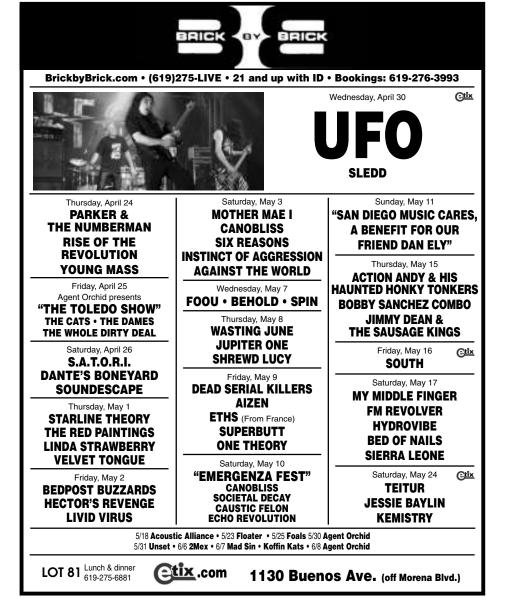
Hodges would not give any financial specifics, but he did say that Viejas approves or rejects all talent contracts brought to them by Nederlander.

The other promoter maintains that some headliners, such as Creedence Clearwater Revisited and



Styx, are enjoying new careers thanks to the presence of talent-hungry casinos. "These are bands that may not even have been touring in 2008 if it wasn't for the casinos," says the promoter. "They might





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get \$25,000 or \$50,000 for a casino show, but if it wasn't for the casinos, they probably wouldn't have a career now.

Hodges agrees. "I used to be an agent. I see many of these agents licking their chops nowadays. These last eight years have brought a new-market economy for some of those bands.

While Viejas's Concerts in the Park series may be hurt by its location 40 minutes from downtown, Hodges admits that Viejas does have one big ace in the hole as it competes for modern-rock headliners: it is an all-age venue that also serves liquor. "Yes, some managers and agents like all ages.

Hodges expects Nederlander to book the new Viejas 13,000-seat outdoor concert venue that he expects will be completed next year. - Ken Leighton

The Emo Chromosome Thought by many to be the worst radio promotion of all time, a 1979 "Disco Sucks" event at a Chicago White Sox home game led to a ballpark riot, fires, property damage, and 39 arrests. But the event organized by rock DJ Steve Dahl did have an impact: to many it signaled the beginning of the end for disco.

FM-94/9's program director Garret Michaels doesn't want to trigger any violence with his station's "Emo Sucks" campaign. He just wants the whiny rock subgenre to go away.

"It hit me at one of our

staff music meetings that there are an awful lot of emo/screamo woe-is-me, Ihate-my-life-type bands being squeezed out by the record labels. What you have is a band that breaks out like My Chemical Romance or Fall Out Boy, then suddenly you have these label execs who are 50 years old putting out the same kind of bands because that's what the kids are into nowadays. What set me off is that last week I noticed a new CD by a band called Forever the Sickest Kids. They had a song called 'Whoa Oh! Me Versus Everyone.' Then I noticed a CD by another band on a different major label called Scary Kids Scaring Kids.

"Basically, it's all the same formulaic thing: young guys with the emo swoop haircut wearing the super skinny tight jeans and super skinny Tshirts bitching incessantly about how much their life sucks when they are probably

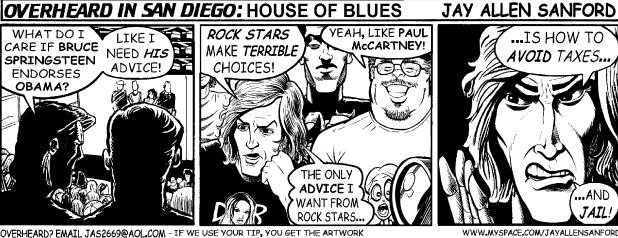


#### NO LONGER EMO (AMERICAN HEART)

upper-middle-class suburban kids who never mowed the lawn. With emo we're talking about manufactured, Cheez Whiz-in-a-spray-can-music. It's time to call an end to all these ridiculous-looking bands and their ridiculoussounding music."

Michaels says he has had over 1000 listener requests for Emo Sucks T-shirts that his

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station will have made and then distributed for free. He says 94/9 doesn't play emo. "I am proud to say we have never played My Chemical Romance or Fall Out Boy.'

His major competition, 91X, however, has. And while he won't name names, many would maintain that at least two of the bands appearing at the May 16 X-Fest - Ludo and San Diego's My American Heart — have the emo chromosome.

Signed to Warped Tour founder Kevin Lyman's Warcon label, My American Heart is now getting regular airplay on 91X. The band's New York

manager, Mike Bachta, says My American Heart should no longer be hit with the eword. "They started in that world, but they gravitated toward pop. They aren't really an emo band anymore. It seems everyone is into saying emo sucks now."

He says that the emo sucks campaign is just a way for 94/9 to generate advertising.

'They could just as soon be doing a 'Nickelback Rock Sucks' or a 'Nu Metal Sucks' campaign. Them doing this couldn't bother me in the least.

Should emo recede,

Michaels won't take credit. Nor should Dahl for disco's demise. "The death of disco had

more to do with the fact of how bad and formulaic the music and the lifestyle had become. Its undoing wasn't about just one thing.

But what if 94/9's emo sucks campaign itself becomes irrelevant since bands generally don't like to be called emo anymore?

"Whatever they call it, we all know what it sounds like.' The morning Michaels

announced the Emo Sucks campaign, the new 91X morning show read an item about Ashlee Simpson's alleged pregnancy with Fall Out Boy's Pete Wentz.

Phil Manning, 91X program director, did not return a call requesting comment. — Ken Leighton

The Pumpkin Stays Here Local pop act bill recently returned from Toronto, Canada, where their new album End of the Hits was mixed by Steve Thompson, famed for his work on Guns N' Roses' hit disc Appetite for Destruction. "We learned all the gossip we ever wanted to know about Guns N' Roses," says guitarist Dagart Allison. "Steve let us listen to the demo version of 'November Rain,' which had been in the works years before Use Your Illusion came out. It was a lo-fi recording of an out-of-tune guitar and a

"Just when we thought we were all set to return to the good ol' USA, customs security decided to do a thorough search of Jon [Coyle, singer/keyboardist]. Upon inspection, they found

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scratchy-voiced Axl that seemed like a very distant

relative of the grandiose final version. Outside the studio, however, "We were surprised to be rudely snubbed by Canadians at the airport and at the bus stop.... We went to jump on the metro [bus], but we didn't have exact change. Not sure how things work in Canada, before jumping on the bus we asked the driver, 'Do we need exact change?' He answered 'No' but

proceeded to slam the door in our faces and drive off...

a small pumpkin with a face painted on it. While holding the pumpkin face squarely pointed at Jon, they proceeded to lecture [him] about the dangers of agricultural infringements and threatened a \$10,000 fine. But they let Jon go with the agreement that the pumpkin stays."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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they have reunited with bat-man Peter Murphy as Bauhaus to record this year's Go Away White album, their first original collection in 25 years, and play select live sets — the players are faves on the rock-fest circuit. They'll play a one-off at 'Canes tonight before trekking out to Coachella for the weekend.... Balladeer Richard Marx brings downtempo adult contempo to Anthology tonight as the Chicago native kicks off a Left Coast tour. Nothing new in the singer/songwriter's catalogue since 2004's My Own Best Enemy, while 1989's Repeat Offender ("Satisfied," "Right Here Waiting") remains the troubadour's high-water mark. Cred: he's worked with Fee Waybill. What? That's something.... They'll be raising the Dead at Belly Up tonight when **Dark Star Orchestra** takes the Solana Beach stage. The Chicagoland jam band is cosmically recognized as the next best thing .. According to *blogsandiego*, artsy chanteuse **Mia Doi Todd** tours her latest folktronic collection, *Gia*, through town. The blog's "SD Shows" list has her booked uptown at the San Diego Women's Club.... Hard-rocking Firethorn drop a CD release on Casbah with Someday Assassin, Laserwolf, and Thunderbolt in support .... Punk rawk trio Bermondsey Joyriders crash into Zombie.



Ladies and Gentleman, We Are Floating in Space. Jason (Spaceman 1) Pierce brings his born-again (and again) Brit band **Spiritualized** to 4th&B Friday night. The ambient noiseniks will preview Songs in A&E, their first original disc in five years, due to drop next month.... Pure-pop Euro-trashers the **Teenagers** are giving the world a *Reality Check*. The trio stops in at Casbah, where local electronicats **Buddy Akai** set the Middletown stage. Check Akai's nu-wave raves on debut e.p. *Cut Me Up*.... Home again, **Hot Club of Cowtown** bring Western swing to Acoustic Music San Diego. Remember the trio busking in Balboa Park? The Austin-based band is reportedly set to drop their first original collection since 2002's *Ghost Train.* Check live takes on *Continental Stomp* for the retros' show.... What's on third? **B-Side**'ll bring the bounce to Belly Up.... B-3 organ donors **Creepy Creeps** haunt Pink Elephant... And Whistle Stop props **Genius of Soul** and **Joel Packer**, "Two great local jazz and soul groove bands," according to the club's site.

## Saturday 26

The **Black Crowes** are getting a bucketload of press for their latest, *Warpaint*, which, at #5 on Billboard, we can call a certifiable



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comebacker for the vets. The joint rocks, no doubt. but you either love or hate Chris Robinson's voice - Rod the Bod singing Southern rock. Still 'n' all have to recommend this one at Harrahs And this one at Casbah: Night Marchers (John Reis), the Muslims, and the Nightmares. LOUD LOCALS NIGHT!... The Cricket's dug something up. The venue's first big bill under its new marquee goes like this: REO Speedwagon, Styx, and, uhhuh, Def Leppard. You just know there's gonna be a run on sneak-a-tokes this week .... Chapeau'd maestro Leon Redbone appears at Anthology Saturday night. The 60-year-old singer/guitarist still cuts some rug, Tin Pan Alley–style. Check '05's *Live* from Paris 1992 re-masters. V. cool.... Boulder's bluegrass jam band Yonder Mountain String Band will be o'er yonder at Belly Up .... Baltimore 'lectronicat **Dan Deacon** swings *Spiderman of the Rings* through Ché.... U-31's shilling an '80s night with Smiths tribbers Still III live.



Singy-songsmithies **Matt Curreri** and his **Exfriends**, brother **Paul**, and **Gregory Page** hold forth at Casbah Sunday night. "The Curreris are a musical family, much like the Jacksons or the Osmonds." Mm-hm.

<u>Monday</u>

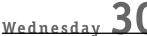
Girl groups! Kim and Kelley Deal are **Breeders**. The sibs have got a new disc, *Mountain Battles*, that no amount of hype can save from its experimental flops — Kim butchers a few foreign tongues on this one. Blender: "The '90s alt-rock heroes get way mellow, stay way weird." First track cooks, but go to the show for the goldy oldies. They play 'Canes with **Colour Revolt**.... 4th&B books U.K. clubrock diva **M.I.A.** The beats queen raps politik — her dad was a Sri Lankan activist — in ragga, electronica, Jamaican dancehall, and disco. She's out to tout last year's crit-pick *Kala*.... Remember the "San Diego sound?" Get a refresher at Casbah with **fLUF** and **Buckfast** 

Casbah with **fLUF** and **Buckfast Superbee**. Brit alt-rockers **Mexicolas** headline. Same hushed-to-heavy sound, difft' accent... Something other? Check in at Whistle Stop's **Debaser** night, where your grown-up friends'll read their teenage journals at the mic. A bar fave.



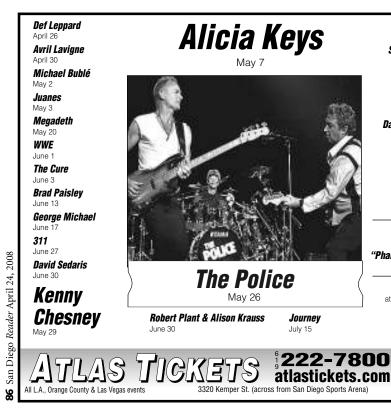
Social D dude **Mike Ness** brings his solo show to Belly Up Tuesday night. Though Social D are known to flavor punk takes with country cool, Ness bares his country soul on his owny-o. *Cheating at Solitaire* is a primo primer of the rocker's roots. Always entertaining psychobilly bad boys the **Guana Batz** in support.... The Rotten American Pie tour hits Casbah in the face, featuring KC's Dance Crew rapper **Mac Lethal**, who wants you to know *Men Are from Mars, Pornstars Are from Earth.* **Grieves, Approach**, and **Silentarmy** open. **DJ Sku** spins round sets.

THE BREEDERS AT 'CANES



Belly Up books a Neighborhood Watch showcase with local indie kids **Get Back Loretta**, No Knifer **Ryan Ferguson**, and '70s sing-song throwback **Chris Torres**.... You Have No Idea What You're Getting Yourself Into if you check the dance bill at Casbah Wednesday night, where UK dance-rock dainties **Does It Offend You**, **Yeah?** will prop that fresh collection. Pitchfork kicked it with a 2.3 — uh, Daft Junk? Tampa bay twosome **Yo Majesty!** headline.... Canadian coquette **Avril Lavigne** brings her Best Damn Tour to Cox Arena Wednesday night. Drop the daughter and head west, where the **Atoms** punk Pink Elephant.... **Thin Man** and **Tender Buttons** light up at Tower.... And **Modern Day Moonshine** cooks country skrunk at U-31. Get their debut Same Old *Fight* in yer carousel, yo.

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# The Piano Thief

*"Even steak-eating, sports-watching brutes like me can enjoy a good romantic comedy."* 

rowing up, Greg Laswell says he confiscated his sister's upright piano after she showed no interest in the instrument. "It was my sister's 13th birthday present, but she never got into it...I remember waiting for her to finish practic-

ing the soundtrack to *Land Before Time* after school so I could take it over until dinner. I've admitted this before, but the first song I learned on piano was 'Pop Goes the World' by Men Without Hats."

Laswell arrived in San Diego in 1993 to attend Point Loma Nazarene University. After graduation he played with Shillglen, who released one album before Laswell decided to go solo. Vanguard Records signed him in 2006; his sophomore release with the label will be out July 8.

Recently, Laswell's cover of Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" was number one on the iTunes folk charts for ten consecutive days.

#### WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. The Beatles, *Revolver*: "My favorite song of all time is 'Eleanor Rigby,' and it's on my favorite Beatles album."

 Bruce Springsteen, *Nebraska*: "I found it years ago when I was still in college, and it never gets old."
 The Cary Brothers, *Who You Are*: "It's rare that I actually get into a friend's album as much."
 The Pixies, *Surfer Rosa*: "Because it's the Pixies."
 Rufus Wainwright, *Release the Stars*: "Because of the song 'Going to a Town.' "

#### DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

1. *Fargo*: "I love this movie so much that I named my dog Shep Proudfoot. I actually burned two CDs of just the audio of this movie at my studio and listened to it when I was on tour."

2. *The Big Lebowski:* "Perhaps one of the most quotable movies of all time. This film becomes bet-

ter each time you watch it."

3. A Clockwork Orange: "Stanley Kubrick is one of my favorite directors. Steven Spielberg once said that all great directors steal from someone, but Kubrick steals from no one."

4. *Pulp Fiction:* "There was Greg before he saw *Pulp Fiction* and then another Greg after."

5. *Love Actually:* "Even really masculine, muscular, steak-eating,

sports-watching, ass-kicking brutes like me can completely enjoy a good romantic comedy. And, yeah, sign me up for that scene where Mark goes to Juliet's house on Christmas Eve and holds up poster boards that he has written to her. That works just fine for me."

#### MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

1. *theonion.com:* "News-parody site with stories and videos."

2. *rottentomatoes.com:* "Excellent movie-review site."

3. *cnn.com*: "I got rid of my TV, so it's my news source."

4. *myspace.com:* "Hard to be a musician without it these days."

5. *marthastewart.com*: "So many ideas for crafts and decorating on a budget. I'm currently learning how to be a better scrapbooker."

#### LOCALS DESTINED FOR FAME?

1. "Anya Marina. She knows how to write a lyric and where to place it within a song. Her stage presence is captivating, and it's about damn time people learn about her."

2. "Molly Jenson. Just go listen to her online, and you'll see why."

#### WHERE DO YOU HANG OUT?

1. "The Ould Sod in Normal Heights. It's not a



'scene' — people don't look at what you're wearing when you walk in. It's the kind of bar that Toby Keith was singing about when he wrote 'I Love This Bar.' "

2. "Balboa Park. It feels like I'm on vacation every time I go there."

#### WORST JOBS YOU'VE HELD?

1. "I was a 'Subway sandwich artist' — at least that's what my hat said. I was surprised at how rude some people can get when you accidentally put olives on their sandwich."

2. "Hotel del Coronado front desk attendant. Rich people blame everything that goes wrong on the poor college kid behind the front desk. I literally walked off in the middle of one of my shifts and never went back."

3. "Bike-taxi driver in downtown. It seemed like a good idea at first, but most of the people who wanted a ride from me were drunk, fat people. I worked there for one day."

4. "IKON Office Solutions copier salesman. One of my roommates out of college came home one day and told me about all the money people were making selling copiers to schools and businesses.

Greg Laswell

I did it for nine months, to buy my recording studio, and then got the hell out of it. Cold calling people is a terrible existence."

#### LENNON OR McCARTNEY?

"Paul McCartney. I find that most of my favorite Beatles songs are ones he wrote: 'Blackbird,' 'Yesterday,' 'Here, There, and Everywhere' — the list goes on. I also think he was the better singer. No one else could have pulled off 'Hey Jude.' "

#### INSTRUMENT YOU WISH YOU PLAYED?

"The cello. It's my favorite instrument to listen to."

#### **BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?**

"Whether Obama wins. We have been under two families for the last 20 years, and I believe that we need a fresh start. His support of embryonic stem cell research is among the many things we agree on."

## SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"Sometimes, when no one is around, I'll pop in an Avril Lavigne album. And thoroughly enjoy myself." ■

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**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. *Friday* — Higher Minds and the

Upstarts. With Daze & the Lifted Crew. Hip-hop/soul. Saturday — Split Finger and Sandollar. Reggae/rock. AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Hot Club of Cowtown, \$20-\$45. *Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Terry Sylvester. Former Hollies member

in concert. \$20. **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*, 7:30 p.m. — Richard Marx. Duo acoustic with Matt Scannell (Vertical Horizon). \$39-\$68

Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Leon Redbone. Rock/R&B/soul. \$15-\$56. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — The Pat Senatore Trio. Jazz. \$5.

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

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Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746. *Thursday* — The 87 Stick Up Kids and Time Machine. Hiphop/electro. \$5. *Friday* — Sparrow Love Crew and the Fascination. With Love You Long Time. Hip-hop/electro/indie. \$5.

Monday — Modern Subject. Indie/alternative rock. Wednesday — Children of Nova and Late Nite Access. With Magnolia Black. Rock/soul/alternative. \$5.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Dark Star Orchestra. Grateful Dead tribute band. \$26-\$28. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — B-Side Players and Cava. Latin/reggae/soul. \$14-\$16.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Yonder Mountain String Band. Bluegrass rock. \$20-\$25. Sunday, 8 p.m. — Victor Wooten. Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Mike Ness. The co-founding member of Social Distortion. Punk/blues/country.

\$30. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Get Back Loretta and Ryan Ferguson. With the Chris Torres Band. Indie/rock/soul. \$8.

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Victor Wooten began to learn music in that climate. He learned bass parts as a child on a detuned electric guitar and performed in bands with his older brothers before he was a teen. But it was years later

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as a member of the Flecktones that he found his groove. Hired by the avant banjo player Béla Fleck, the Flecktones' free-form jazzmeets-bluegrass footprint unleashed Wooten's development as an eclectic artist. Wooten's skills are

such that he has been compared to the much-vaunted Jaco Pastorius, but I have trouble with that. I always thought that Jaco, while gifted, was playing way over his head during his time with Weather Report and that he courted a self-indulgent style. Wooten's style, on the

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other hand, is a grounded musical dialogue. Wooten releases energy from within the tonalities of his instrument by decorating complex ideas with unexpected triplets or thunderous slaps and pops to remind us that this is, after all, bass guitar. "Classical Thump" is his "Crossroads," a four-string tour de force that is reminiscent of the arpeg-

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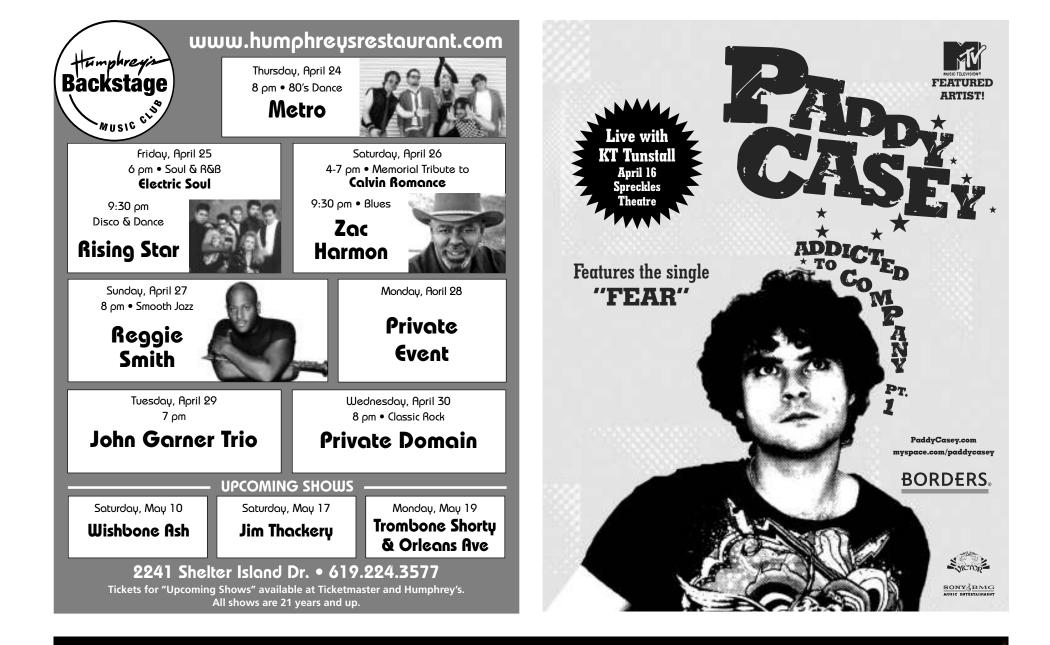


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Joe 'n Andy's Hole in the Wall: 9344 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-589-8684. *Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — Reverend Stickman. With guests. \$3. *Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — Malaki. Reggae. \$3.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. *Friday* — The Spits and the Okmoniks. With the Black & Whites and Lover. Garage/punk. *Saturday* — Bad Credit and the Victorians. With Lilith Velkor. Hiphop/alternative/punk. **Le Papagayo:** 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-8252. *Wednesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Freefall.

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**The Metaphor Cafe:** 258 East 2nd Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-1882. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — P.J. Otaku. CD release show with Wendy Bailey

and Stunt Double. Acoustic. \$7. Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Lefthand Thread.

#### Rock. Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.

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That's when you may decide that what you really want to hear is not the Pixies but the **Breeders**. Led by Pixies bassist **Kim Deal** and her twin sister **Kelley**, the Breeders are best remembered for "Cannonball" and "Divine Hammer," two simple, upbeat, catchy hits that were nearly ubiquitous in the mid.'90s. For a while there, every band featuring women singing and playing guitar was compared to the Breeders — fairly or not. But the Breeders were always far stranger than the competition and more interesting than most people gave them credit for.

Mountain Battles, the band's new album, is the first since 2002's *Title TK*, but six years doesn't seem like such a long break when you remember that nine years passed before the Breeders issued a fol-

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> Grand Cabaret. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Draw the Line. A tribute to Aerosmith in the Grand Cabaret.

Palomar College: 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos. *Thursday*, 12:30 p.m. — Palomar Jazz Vocal Ensemble. Group led by Janet Hammer performs for Concert Hour Series in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10). 760-744-1150 x2316.

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Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues.

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tion lingers. Recording engineer Steve Albini is famous for a stark, unadorned sound, but even he can't tame the murkiness of the Breeders. And that's the way it should be.

but the sense of vagueness and disorienta-

THE BREEDERS, 'Canes, Monday, April 28, 8 p.m., 858-488-1780. \$20. 3217. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

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The Red Parrot Lounge at Casino Pauma: 777 Pauma Reservation Road, Fallbrook, 760-742-2177 Friday, 8 p.m. — MoonDance. Classic rock/r&b/soul cover band.

The Round Table Cocktail Lounge: 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. - Charlie Blue. Blues

San Diego Sports Club: 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7372 Saturday - Stick It in Your Ear Productions. Live bands every fourth Saturday of the month.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350. Thursday - Known Enemy, Six Reasons, Pantera'd. Metal/hardcore.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. Thursday - Orquesta Guarare. Latin dance music. Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA. Friday, 6:30 p.m. - Sever Your Ties and This Is the Hospital. With

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South Park Bar & Grill: 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696 0096.

*Thursdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam. Ages 21 and up. Fridays, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz. Ages 21 and up. Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. — Open blues jam. With Will Jackson. Ages 21 and up.

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UCSD: University of California San Diego: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-2230.

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the Park: 5005 Willows Road.

Alpine, 619-445-5400. Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Whispers. R&B/soul. \$20-\$30.

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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *May 2* — Michael Burks. May 3 — Smokin' Joe Kubek & Benois King. May 4 — Bradley Leighton. May 6 — Jason Reeves, Molly Jenson, Trevor Davis. May 7, May 8 — Marcus Miller. May 9 — Janis Siegel. May 10, May 11 — Kevin Eubanks. May 13, May 14 — Les Nubians. May 16, May 17 — Patti Austin. May 21 - Rosie Ledet & the Zydeco Playboys. May 23 - Poco May 24 - Karla Bonoff.

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Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. May 3 - Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano. May 10 — Betty Buckley.

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The Bar Pink Elephant: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194. May 7 - David Karsten Daniels and Nina Nastasia

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May 20 - The Proclaimers and

the Truckee Brothers.

the Last Town Chorus.

May 18 — Bryan Adams.

May 22 — Hal Ketchum.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. May 1 — Mike Doughty. May 2, May 3 — The English Beat. May 4 — Shelby Lynne. May 5 — Reggae de Mayo. May 8 - Sayvinyl and Reeve



Album: Hoping It Stavs Just This Broken (2007) Artist: Immovable Objects

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Band: Matt Gagin (vocals, guitar, keyboards, drums, electronic programming, bass, percussion, harmonica, recorder, whistles), Nicola Wilson (vocals), Arvn Grusin (vocals), Sean Taugher (drums, programming), Greg Gibson (guitar, vocals), Tim Peacock (bass), Shantih Beeman (trumpet), Mike Kamoo (effects) Website: myspace.com/immovableobjects

May 23 — Capleton.

May 31 - Ladytron.

June 14 — Cash'd Out.

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May 30 — Final Warning.

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June 9 — Junior Brown and Rosie

June 12 — The Wailing Souls.

June 21 — Dead Man's Party.

June 25, June 25 - Gary Hoey

June 13 — The Young Dubliners.

Ignoring convention creates the possibility of both reward and peril. Immovable Objects' electronic tones keep beat instead of drums, atmospheric vocals enchant, and keyboards plink out toy-piano noise. It's almost as if Gagin took Devo, rounded off the hard edges, and (somehow) painted a watercolor sunset over the remnants, using Flaming Lips pink, and Postal Service blue.

While there's a kinky pleasure to hearing something (good Lord, anything) except guys in T-shirts bang out the same song every band has ever played, there's also a difference between expressing individuality and irritating the listener. Some of Immovable Objects' electronics-laden tracks accomplish the latter.

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Iune 28 — Atomic Punks.

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July 12 - Stepping Feet.

*June 29* — Dilated Peoples.

July 5 — The Cured and I-90.

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Immovable Objects

but when things settle into being comfortable and familiar, Gagin ramps up the reverb and special effects until it's a muddled and sometimes fuzzy mess. I'm interested to see what the city's notoriously mainstream crowd will do with this beautiful and strange offering.

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**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836. June 21 — The Kenny Burrell Ouartet. August 2 - Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. May 1 — Deliverance Machine and

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Clairemont, 619-275-LIVE. May 1 — The Red Paintings and Linda Strawberry. May 3 — Mother Mae I, Canobliss, Six Reasons. May 8 — Jupiter One and Shrewd Lucy. May 9 ---- Eths, Dead Serial Killers, Aizen. May 10 - Canobliss, Societal Decay, Caustic Felon. May 15 — Action Andy & His Haunted Honky Tonkers. May 16 — South. May 17 — My Middle Finger, FM Revolver, Hydrovibe.

May 23 — Floater. May 24 — Teitur and Jessie Baylin. June 7 — Mad Sin. California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253.

May 3 — Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave. May 7 — The Screamin' Primas. May 17 — Aunt Kizzy'z Boys and Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. May 18 — The Kingston Trio.

'Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. May 1 - Natural Vibrations. May 2 — SOJA and Rebelution. May 3 — Organika Music Presents. May 4 — Blind Melon and Eric Hutchinson. May 7 — Melvin Seals & JGB. May 8 - War Stories, the Softlightes, Crash Encore. May 9 — Devin the Dude. May 10 - Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra. May 14 — Walking the Darkness and Counter Launch. May 15 — Ekolu and Ten Feet. May 16 - B Foundation, Iration, Frontvard. May 17 — Tainted Love. May 21 - Roxy Blue, the Howls, Tim Shaw. May 22 — Jen Knight and One Lonely Robot. May 23 — Buck-O-Nine and Sprung Monkey May 24 — Cash'd Out. May 25 — Atomic Punks. May 28 — Sound Escape and Vanity Affair. May 29 — Six Reasons and a Shattered Hope. May 30 - On the One and Blue Turtle Seduction. June 5 — Living Legends and Murs. June 6 — (hed)pe and Subnoize Souliaz. June 7 — The Rebirth Brass Band.

**Capri Blu:** 10436 Craftsman Way, Suite 120, Rancho Bernardo, 858-673-5100. *May 8, May 22* — Keith Jacobson.

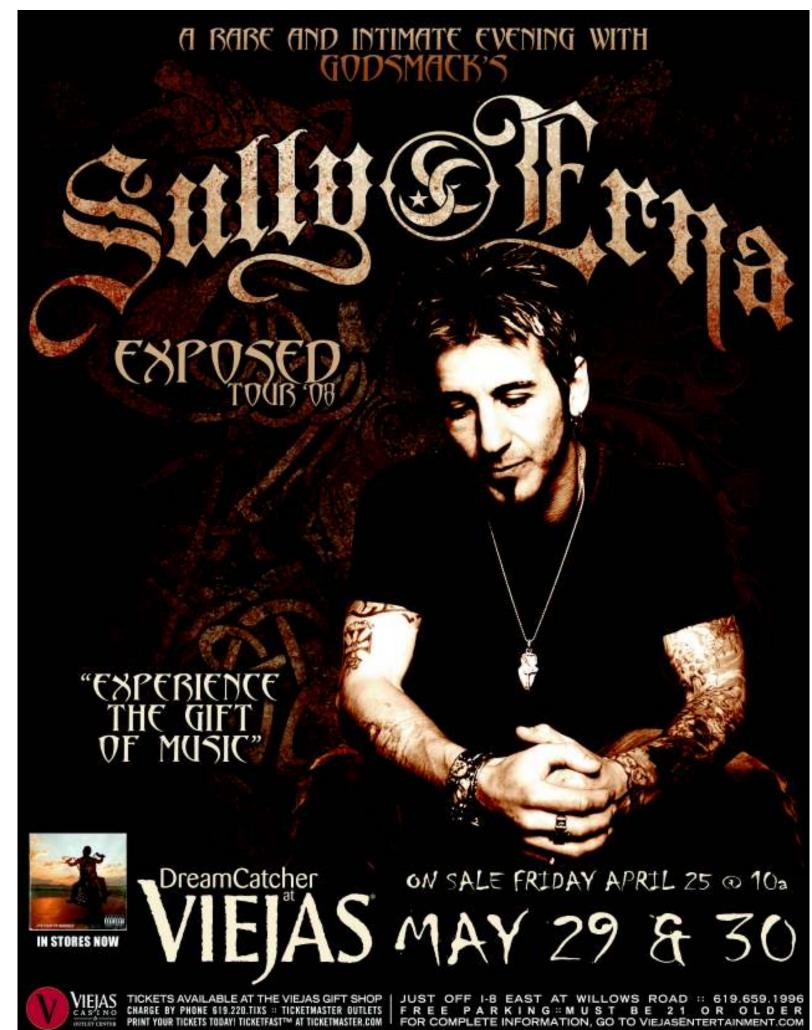
The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355. May 1 — The Woggles and the Heartaches. May 2 — Manic Hispanic. May 3 — Roses on Her Grave and the Bloody Hollies. May 4 — Unknown Hinson and Bartenders Bible. May 5 — The Heavy May 6 — Blood on the Wall and Thee Oh Sees. May 7 — Tapes 'n Tapes. May 8 - Vetiver, Astra, Johnathan Wilson. May 9 — Cash'd Out. May 10 — The Sess. May 13 — Langhorne Slim and Ferraby Lionheart. May 14 — Candye Kane Fundraiser. May 15 — Efterklang and Slaraffenland. May 16 — Lucy's Fur Coat and Buckfast Superbee. May 17 — Lucy's Fur Coat.

May 18 — The Dirtbombs, DanSartain, the Terrible Twos.May 19 — The Kills, Child Ballads,Roxy Jones.May 20 — Destroyer and DevonWhite.May 21 — The Radar Brothers andLe Switch.May 22 — The Von Bondies andDie! Die!May 23 — French Kicks and theWeather Underground.May 24 — Donita Sparks.May 25 — Bedford Grove, Maystar,

Jamuel Saxon.

June 4 — Local H and the Photo Atlas. June 6 — Calico Horse. June 7 — The Ting Tings. June 8 — Firewater. June 9 — The Queers, Lemuria, Bomb the Music Industry. June 10 — Detroit Cobras and Les Sans Culottes. June 11 — Dax Riggs. June 12 — Crystal Castles and dd/mm/yyyy. June 13 — Andre Legacy, Dirt Nasty, Beardo. June 18 — Hayden. June 20 — Sea Wolf and the Jealous Girlfriends. June 29 — The Napoleon Complex and a Beautiful Noise. July 4 — The Constantines. July 6 — Retribution Gospel Choir. July 20 — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson. **Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.

0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311. *May* 5 — The Lonely H and Thunderbird Motel. *May* 7 — Fern Knight, Ex Reverie, Joshua Emery Blatchley. May 10 — Weatherbox and Alexander T. Kent. May 11 — Palms and Colossal Yes. 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 Virot. June 9 — Joan of Arc and 31 Knots.



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Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845. May 23 - Zzymzzy Quartet.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804. May 9 — Vladimir Spivakov and the Moscow Virtuosi.

Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. May 2 — Michael Bublé. May 20 — Megadeth. June 3 — The Cure. June 27 — Marco Antonio Solis.

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Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. May 9 — Celtic Woman. May 24 — Vicente Fernandez. May 26 - The Police and Elvis Costello. May 29 - Kenny Chesney and Leann Rimes. June 13 — Brad Paisley. June 27 - 311 and Snoop Dogg. July 15 — Journey. July 29 — John Mayer. August 14 — Vans Warped Tour. August 22 - The Dave Matthews Band. August 27 — Radiohead. October 16 - Jimmy Buffet.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. May 2, May 3 — Full Xposure. May 9, May 10 - Nemesis. May 16, May 17 — TNT. May 23, May 24 — Full Xposure. May 30, May 31 - Phat Daddy. June 6, June 7, June 8 — Full Xposure.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. May 1 — Jaeryoung Lee. May 2 - Steph Johnson. May 3 — The Irving Flores Jazz Quintet. May 6 — Don Ross and Brooke

May 7 — The San Diego Legacy Big Band. May 8 - Dominique Eade May 9 - Barbara Nesbitt, Lisa Sanders, Anna Troy. May 14 — The Chris Tarry Group. May 15 — Dayna Caroll. May 16 - Orquesta Binacional de Mambo. May 17 - BowMeRuffa. May 24 — Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda. May 25 — The San Diego Youth Symphony Stage Band. May 26 — Miles Davis Tribute. May 30 — Four Sides of Bob Dylan. June 1 — The Double Bass Summit. Dublin Square: 554 Fourth

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Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. May 19 — Astra Kelly and Brett Harris.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000 May 1 — Averman and Masterpiece. May 2 — No Lifeguard on Duty and the Guze. May 3 - Buddy Akai. May 7 - Lemon Sun, Satisfaction, the Rosewood Thieves. May 8 - Get Back Loretta and Alive in Wild Paint. May 10 — Goodnight Caulfield and the Summer Set. May 13 - The Howls and Longstay. 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. June 29 - End the Century.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido. May 1 - Presidio Brass Quintet. June 5 — Cahill and Delene.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

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## as i hear it

Artist: Wayne Riker Song: "The Betrayal" (from the CD Fretfull)

Heard By: Marley Peifer, San Diego



Well it's kind of hard to talk about it because it's instrumental, but it was very mellow and it's easy-listening. You could listen to it probably while you're reading. It could be a good soundtrack for a film. It's just one guy. It's acoustic guitar - I'm not sure exactly what kind of music he's playing. He seemed pretty good. My mom plays banjo in a folkmusic society. Maybe this guy is even part of that folk-music society. I could see him playing music in something like that. It says [in the CD booklet] that he used to always play music in group settings. He's been playing music for 40 years. It definitely seems like it could accompany something else.

Artist: Lissa Song: "Feel It" (from her self-titled EP) Heard By: David Meza, North Park



It's definitely pop, I'll tell you that. It sounds like Jennifer Lopez. It basically sounds like her sister. Now that I think about it, [the lyrics were] "Can't stop the feeling." I guess the mood of the song was "get up and dance." The music definitely went along with the lyrics. It sounds better than some of Britney Spears's crap, to be quite honest with you. I'd never heard of the artist. The more I listen to the song, the catchier it gets. When I hear that song, I picture a bunch of young kids getting out of high school with tongue rings and flashy clothing...and a bottle of Sprite. It would go good with a softdrink commercial

Artist: Crime Desire

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Song: "Succubus" (from their self-titled CD)

Heard By: Gissel Martinez, Imperial Beach



It's not my type of music. so I really didn't enjoy it. I listen to hip-hop and R&B. I would describe it as a "punkish" song. I think I picked up on some of the lyrics...he said something like "die!" I couldn't really understand it. The song was very energetic. I really don't know who I would compare them to. I have a cousin who listens to this type of music. Some of it was okay. I could see that song in a commercial or maybe a TV show...if something crazy was going on. I picture being at a concert with a live band playing when I hear that song. I would enjoy it more if I saw them live. I've been to certain places where bands like that have played, and I like it better live.

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June 13, June 27 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. **Firehouse YMCA Community** Center: 7877 Herschel Avenue,

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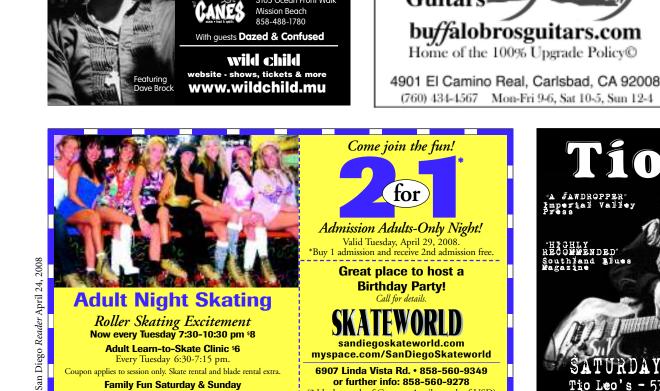
Hennessey's Tavern -Carlsbad: 2777 Roosevelt Street. Carlsbad, 760-729-6951. May 15 — The Band in Black

Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living: 331 East Elder Street, Fallbrook. May 25 - Harpist Peter Sterling.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715. *May 2, May 9* — Cool Fever. *May 11* — Willovealot and Deborah Abrams. May 16, May 23, May 30 - Cool Fever. June 6 — Z-Bop! July 4 — The Bayou Brothers. August 1 — Cool Fever. September 5 — West of 5. October 3 — Z-Bop! House of Blues: 1055 Fifth

Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. May 1 — The Slackers, Stiff Little Fingers. May 2 — Led Zepagain. May 4 — Menudo, NLT, V-

Factory, GLOWB. May 9 — Noches Rockeras. May 10 — Nylon Summer Music Tour. May 13 - Dave Matthews Tribute Band. May 14 — The Last Goodnight. 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 8 — Dethklok. June 12 — Augustana. June 20 — The Old 97's. June 28 - O.A.R. *July* 5 — Natasha Bedingfield. July 7 — Dark Lotus. July 25 - The Aquabats July 29 - Less Than Jake and Goldfinger. August 2 — Richard Cheese.



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Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241

Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma,

619-224-3577. May 3 — Smokin' Joe Kubek & Benois King. May 11 — Joe Jackson. May 15 - Jesse Cook. June 7 — The Beach Boys. June 10 — Erykah Badu and the Roots. June 12 - Kem. June 13 — Johnny Lang. June 17 - Crosby, Stills, & Nash. June 18 — Keb' Mo' and Taj Mahal. Iune 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. Iulv 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. 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. October 3 — America. October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono. October 19 - Gordon Lightfoot.

Island Sports and Spirits: 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-3456. July 12 — TrunkMonkey.

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant - Pacific Beach: 5985 Santa Fe Street, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2739. May 10 - Louis XIV.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. May 3 — The Apes of Wrath and the Holy Rolling Empire.

The Lake Wohlford Cafe: 25484 Lake Wohlford Road, Escondido, 760-749-6585. June 14 - The Band in Black July 5, August 2 — The City Limits Band.

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center: 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. August 4 — "The Prince of Kosher Gospel Music."

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. May 2 — Rob Deez.

May 3 — Reeve Oliver. May 7 — Jenni Alpert and Kori Withers. Amber Rubarth. May 8 — May 9 — Eleanor England and the Shep Meyers Trio. May 10 - Lisa Sanders and Friends. Mav 11 — The Ian McFeron Band and Simon Lynge. May 15 - Shawn Ponder. May 16 - Carlos Olmeda and Gregory Page. May 17 — Allison Lonsdale and

Jonathan Coulton. May 18 — Terami Hirsch. May 21 — Lil' T Man. May 22 — Mayfield and the Howls. May 23 - Arrica Rose and the Wrong Trousers. May 24 - Ari Hest, Jake Newton, Ryanhood. May 30 - Cotton Fever and Joshua O'Brian. May 31 — Gayle Skidmore and Greg Laswell. MiraCosta College: One

May 9 — "Surfing Guitars." May 10— "Spring Concert."

MiraCosta College Theatre: One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, 760-795-6815. May 8, May 9 — "Off to Costa Rica." May 10, May 11 — "Sing into Spring."

**Museum of Making Music:** 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.

June 7 — Rack of Bones Trombone Choir.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-276-5637. May 2 — In Every Breath and Anthem. May 3 — Old Devil.

May 5s — Mystery Train. May 6 — Ragdoll City and 3 Man Assault. May 7 — Chip Conrad & the

May 9 — The Tighten Ups. May 10 — Leather Nun America and Genghis Con-Job. May 12s — Mystery Train. May 13 — The Prism and Roxy Monoxide. May 19s — Mystery Train. June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1 — Chip Conrad & the Concrete Feat.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252. May 2 – Sin Bandera

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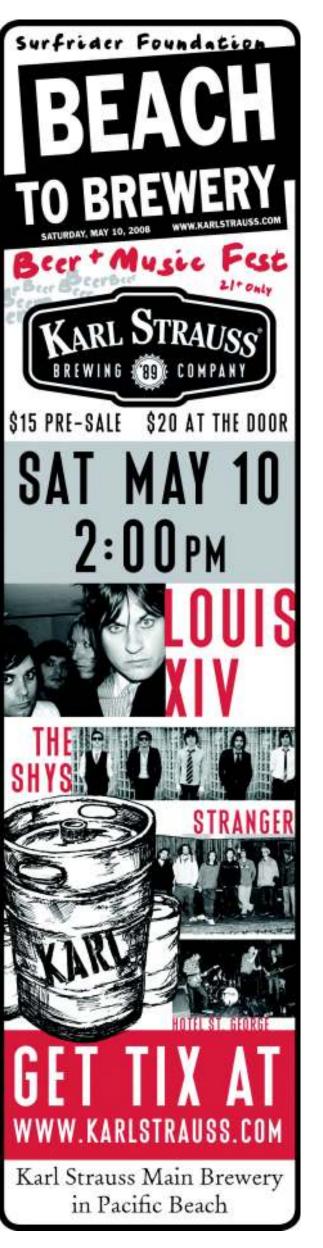
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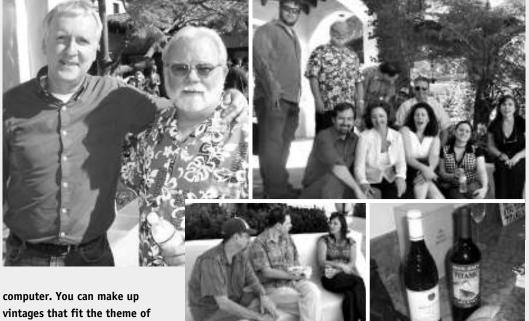
by Josh Board

L've had some people in the office bugging me about going to more "upscale" parties, and there was a party at the Malibu mansion of director James Cameron. It doesn't get more upscale than that. He's the guy behind a couple *Terminator* films, *True Lies, The Abyss*, and his biggest hit, *Titanic*.

I found out about it because my step-dad played Captain Smith in Cameron's 3-D Titanic movie *Ghosts of the Abyss*.

April 15 wasn't just tax day; it was the anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*. A few days before, someone who worked on the film had planned a party at their house in L.A. Cameron found out and said, "Let's have it at my place."

I called Ken Callaway for help. At one of his parties, he had bottles of wine with really cool labels. He said, "You buy a bunch of bottles of 'two-buck Chuck,' let them sit in warm water for ten minutes, and peel the labels off. You can design your own labels on the



vintages that fit the theme of your party better." I said, "And save a fortune on expensive wine."

I asked him to make me a Titanic label, so I could show up with some wine to hand

fancy calligraphy, but this worked. He also had a picture —

# "That's a comment I'd expect from your mom. I thought you knew more about fashion."

Cameron. He called it Iron Jim's

Titanic Chardonnay. I had asked for the name "James Cameron" to be written in of the Titanic on it. On the sides, he described the wine, while using various film titles in the description. I told him to make sure he had the year

the Abyss; Bottom left: Artist Ken Marschall in the middle of the couple from Carmel Valley; Bottom right: "Iron Jim" Chardonnay

the Titanic sank.

Top left: James Cameron with my stepdad John Donovan; Top right: The crew of Ghosts of

Not trusting L.A. traffic, I got up to Malibu an hour and 20 minutes early, so my girlfriend and I stopped at a café for coffee and pastries.

The party started at noon. We got there around 12:30, and I saw my parents pulling up.

I had to check in with the security guards at the main gate and at Cameron's place. I parked on the street and watched in my rearview mirror as my parents drove in.

I asked my step-dad why he didn't park on the street. "I'm in the movie, bud. We get special treatment."

Cameron had a cherried out old Cobra. It was signed by Carroll Shelby on the dashboard. I brought the Usual Suspects DVD for Cameron's wife to sign. She was the only female in the film.

Three huge black dogs ran over, and I thought this was the best security anyone could have — two security guards, three dogs.

They didn't bark and were friendly. Cameron said "hi" and introductions were made. I handed over the bottle and he said, "Cool. Oh, it's a 1912. I better not open this." I saw him reading the sides of the label. He smiled and said, "Thanks. I'm going to save this." I told Ken on the phone driving up that I wished he could be there with me. He joked, "As long as you let him know I have a few scripts..."

There were chips and salsa





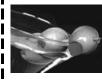


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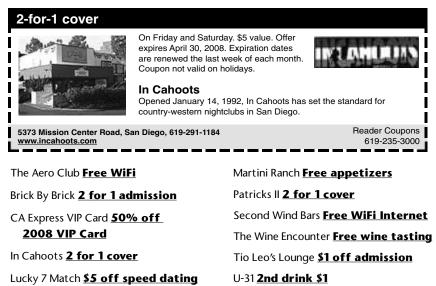


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on a table at one side of the pool. There was a bar set up on the other side. I got a Coke from the bartender, who looked as if he was a Secret Service agent with his slacks and short haircut.

Since there were only a couple of people, I figured I'd take the opportunity to ask Cameron a movie question before he was swarmed with guests. He was sitting in the

shade talking with artist Ken Marschall. I waited for





a break in the conversation and said, "This is probably going to be the stupidest movie question you've ever been asked." Cameron smiled and said, "I doubt that. I've been asked a lot of weird questions before." I said, "The movie Strange Davs has a cover of the Doors song 'Strange Days.' Was that your original title for the movie or did someone at the studio decide to go with that? Since the Doors are my favorite

band, I have to ask." He said, "Yeah, I came up with the title when I wrote it. But, we couldn't get the song for the movie."

"It was in there," I said. "It's just a really weird version. You can barely tell it's the same song."

Cameron replied, "Oh, yeah, I guess we did finally. For the longest time, we couldn't get the rights. It was *Point Break*. We wanted to call that *Riders on the Storm*, but they were doing that Doors movie, so nobody else could get any songs."

"So, it sounds like you're a big Doors fan," I said.

"Yeah, when I was in high school, they were *the* band."

As people started to trickle in, I walked over and talked to a guy who works with Ken Marschall. I mentioned how the paintings I've seen of his in Titanic books look just like photographs. He laughed and said, "You should hear what some people say to Ken. They say, 'I didn't know they had color photography back then.' He has to explain that it's not a photograph but his painting." He told an interesting story about the kind of art Ken does and how on movie sets Marschall will sometimes paint a brick wall that the actors need to stand in front of. He explained how it's often easier to do that than to find a location and all the other hassles that go along with filming on location.

I told him I was going to get something signed by

Cameron's wife, actress Suzy Amis. He said, "Cameron is really good about signing stuff. One time I brought a *Titanic* poster, and he was late for a meeting. He was saying, 'Do I have to sign it now? Can I sign it later?' He then just signed it. I guess as long as you don't say 'Thanks. I can put this on eBay now.'"

I joked about his shoes not having shoelaces. He said, "That's a comment I'd expect from your mom. I thought you knew more about fashion."

He pointed out his Belfast shirt, which is where the *Titanic* was built.

I saw a guy wearing an old Padres cap. He was from Carmel Valley and talked a little about sunken ships, which is a passion of Cameron's. The guy's wife and I talked about old punk bands and the recent X show at the Belly Up. She told me an interesting story about her 16-year-old son. "He's so good with computers," she said. "He's going to Torrey Pines right now, and one day we got a call from the school. The FBI were there, and two other agencies. Apparently, he hacked into the school's system. He didn't change his grades or anything, but he also hacked into sensitive military sites."

I said, "It's like the movie War Games." She said, "It was crazy. We asked him why he did it, and he just said because he could. I had to explain about him jeopardizing his dad's security clearances."

I wondered if her car has a bumper sticker that reads, "My son can hack into your computer system." ■

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# **Beethoven's Obsession**

*"They want what I make, but they don't understand what it takes to make it."* 

usic is time-bound. It must move forward or cease to be. A few hundred years from now, most likely music will leave linear progression and become vertical as well as horizontal. It may even move forward and back-

ward at the same time. Or blast at once toward the four winds, creating harmonies and dissonances in nether regions heretofore unimaginable. Gardens of notes

will bloom inside a grace-note, like quaternion mathematics or chaos theory's "self-similarity." Listening to this music might feel like playing threedimensional tic-tac-toe (but with eight or ten dimensions) and, for full appreciation, will probably require an out-of-body experience.

Beginning in 1819, Ludwig van Beethoven made a foray into the extratemporal. Anton Diabelli, a budding publisher, composed a bass-heavy, twopart ditty so simple that, by comparison, Antonio Salieri's compositions shine with genius. Diabelli asked 50 composers to write a variation on his theme. At first Beethoven rejected the offer (he may, or may not, have called the piece a "cobbler's patch"). Then he changed his mind and fixated on the music inside Diabelli's waltz as if it held the meaning of life.

Beethoven became so involved, he may even have blocked. The great composer, who could improvise themes and variations on the piano like no one else, abandoned the Diabelli for almost three years. The seriousness of that break suggests a profound motivation. He'd become obsessed. And



JEFF SMITH

the question Moises Kaufman's 33 Variations asks is why?

Did Beethoven just need the ducats? Was he merely parodying Diabelli's piffle? Or was he showing off — and showing 50 composers, including

Schubert and a young Franz Liszt, he was their superior 33 times over? In writing that many responses, was he one-upping Bach's 32 "Goldberg Variations"? Though

each may be partially true (since there probably isn't a single answer), it's more likely Beethoven's struggle was with himself. He wanted, as the play says, to "slow time down" and created the musical equivalent of a hypertext to explore "what is in every moment of the waltz." Like his near contemporary William Blake, Beethoven may have wanted to show the world in a grain of sand.

Next to Beethoven's all-consuming odyssey, Kaufman devised a parallel plot, taking place today, that owes a major debt to Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus*, and especially Margaret Edson's *W;t*. Katherine, a contemporary Beethoven scholar suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), becomes obsessed with Beethoven's obsession. They live parallel lives: he's going deaf; she's losing her voice; both are nearing their end. In each "variation," their obsessions give way to deeper concerns about creativity, time, and the nagging limits of mortality.

In a third variation, Katherine's daughter Clara (a vital Laura Odeh) must support her heretofore unsupportive mother. Clara and her



beau Mike (Ryan King), a nurse and kindhearted bumbler, must put their own lives on hold. Other supporters — Beethoven's swindling amanuensis Schindler, Diabelli, and Dr. Gertie Ladenburger must stabilize the principals like the flying buttresses of a fractured cathedral.

Jane Atkinson is quite good as Katherine, her passion for answers increasing as her body deteriorates. But the specter of W;t, in which a crabby Donne scholar succumbs to cancer and slowly accepts her mortality, hovers over the character. Katherine feels derivative (a variation on Edson's theme?). If her scenes weren't combined with the Beethoven material, they would play like a mere sketch of W;t.

The contemporary plot forces the characters to fit a formal pattern. The acting including Susan Kellerman's

terse, excellent Dr. Ladenburger, Erik Steele's officious Schindler, and Don Amendolia's flustered Diabelli — gives them rounded touches but can't quite conceal the puppeteer's manipulative strings.

33 Variations has a nagging, coattail predictability: if X happens to Ludwig van, you'll know it'll happen, in some form, to Catherine. But the play soars with a mystery far greater than Beethoven's obsession: the creative process. Mozart, Shakespeare, and Lord Byron allegedly walked around the block, came home, sat down, and penned whole compositions without blotting a line. Beethoven (and Tennessee Williams) wrote, revised, and recomposed, relentlessly going back, expanding, compressing, vitalizing. Beethoven's early research for Fidelio filled four sketchbooks, 346 pages. His biographers say he hated the word "composer" (he called himself a tondichter, a "tone poet") and could recall every note he ever imagined, most of which he wrote down, as if composing a lifelong, aural autobiography, and then wrote over. "Difficulty is beautiful," he once wrote, "good, great." They say his hands were always black with ink.

Derek McLane's large, imposing set serves both



Jayne Atkinson, Zack Grenier in 33 Variations

#### **33 Variations** by Moises Kaufman

La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive Directed by Kaufman; cast: Don Amendolia, Jayne Atkinson, Zach Grenier, Susan Kellermann, Ryan King, Laura Odeh, Erik Steele, Diane Walsh; scenic design, Derek McLane; costumes, Janice Pytel; lighting, David Lander; sound, Andre Pluess; pianist, Diane Walsh; musical composition, Ludwig van Beethoven

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periods. It is, at once, a modern archive, at Bonn, Germany, of Beethoven's myriad writings, and a representation of his mind. Files rise from the floor to the ceiling. Pages of music — the 33 variations? — hang in rows, like mini-newspapers on movable panels, and spin to change scenes. Jeff Sugg's rear-wall projections mark the stages of a draft: notes in white cover earlier attempts, like a palimpsest or a geological dig, as Beethoven would clarify a moment while struggling for "perfection in the work." Diane Walsh performs the variations on a piano, stage right, to near perfection.

Zach Grenier, his hulking shoulders tilted forward, makes Beethoven a rogue grizzly. As in monster movies, at first we don't see him. We hear a stormy racket offstage (and there's nothing "musical" about it). When he appears, he rages, then shrinks, then whines like a brat. He's a diva times ten, with sheer Tourette's honesty. At one point he complains, "They want what I make, but they don't understand what it takes to make it." In the play's best scene, Grenier puts us inside Beethoven's creative process, and we see what it takes. And possibly how it will feel to hear music a few hundred years from now.

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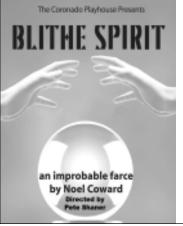
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#### I Can't Let Him Go

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 codirected.

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#### A Little Night Music

For its inaugural show at the Old Town Theatre, Cygnet chose Stephen Sondheim's difficult musical "masque." Night Music requires a top performance from every participant - and they deliver! Part of the thrill of opening night came from watching local talent excel in a theater heretofore occupied by commercial touring shows. The musical's based on Ingmar Bergman's 1956 movie, Smiles of a Summer Night. These come in three kinds, says Madame Armfelt: smiles of the young, who know nothing; of fools, who know too little; and of the very old, who know too much. Actually Mme. Armfelt, who has #3, oversimplifies: *Night Music* looks at the whole zodiac of love, almost every possible combination, in fact, except a happy couple. Like the mismatched lovers in A Midsummer Night's Dream they wander, stumble, and shed illusions. In the end they not only fall into a potentially abiding love, they all grow up a little. One could quibble that Cygnet's music is piped in, though Don LeMaster's musical direction is clean and precise, and the singers are splendid, from the chorus (who behave a bit like Titania's fairies) to Sean Murray and Marci Anne Wuebben's "Send in the Clowns," to Randall Dodge's booming Carl-Magnus, and Sandy Campbell and Courtney Evans's "Every Day a Little Death." Sporting some of Jeanne Reith's most elegant costumes ever, the cast performs on Sean Fanning's spare, gaslit stage, a forest of white birch tree trunks behind the scrim; an apt locale for unstable lovers to get lost and, owing to the alchemy of a summer night, quite possibly find longings fulfilled. Critic's pick. OLD TOWN THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS

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

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

#### 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 Ange-



# The Glass Menagerie



THE GLASS MENAGERIE By Tennessee Williams Directed by Joe Calarco Cassius Carter Centre Stage NOW - MAY 18 Amanda Wingfield reminisces about a tranquil Southern childhood and fights to provide a better life for her grown children Tom and Laura, while they struggle for a future that seems unlikely to fulfill their mother's hopes and dreams. But a change in fortune suddenly seems possible with the arrival of the long-hoped-for "gentleman caller".

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les) 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 how bankrupt realist theater's become if left to its own devices? Maybe. But it also shows that auteur-director attempts to defamiliarize realism have become all too familiar as well. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE. 930 TENTH

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#### 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.

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#### Prelude to a Kiss

So you fall in love, finally, and time suddenly speeds up, really speeds up so whirlwind you're engaged and married in a jiff. Then at your wedding this old dude, like a modern Ancient Mariner, shows up, asks to kiss the bride, and -WHAT THE?? Everything's different. But look: you said those vows about in sickness and in health, right? And you yowed you'd love your mate after age has taken its toll on the teeth, the hair, and the brain. And you've heard that, once married, people can become some one else entirely, right? But this different? Craig Lucas turns truisms into fantasy in his mystical-wise comedy about the absolute promise of "for better or worse" getting put to a severe test - and, at the same time, about someone facing last things and yearning for a reprieve. New Village Arts, under Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's gifted direction, offers a spare, often delightful

staging of the piece. Backed by Esther Emery's scenic design, metallic curlicues, like stems of plants that reconfigure into ocotillo-like question marks or the shape of a heart, the production grows from the special chemistry between Joshua Everett Johnson and Kristianne Kurner. They play Peter and Rita, lovers-marrieds-separates, and give them, in the play's two acts, just about every conceivable emotion (in a *comedy*, mind you). Their tandem work's as inspired as their characters' relationship is splooey. The supporting work's a mite uneven, but the principals carry the torch, literally and figuratively. Worth a try. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245, THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 3 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. MONDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18.

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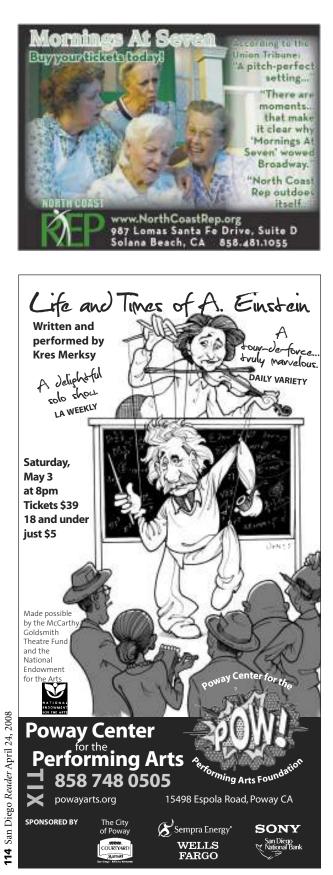
#### 33 Variations

The La Jolla Playhouse stages Moises Kaufman's drama about Beethoven's fascination with an insignificant waltz, written in 1819, and a modern-day musicologist determined to find the root of Ludwig van's obsession. Kaufman directed.

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# **Farm-Fresh French**

At Farm House Cafe, chef-owner Olivier Bioteau claims to serve "rustic French cooking." That he does - if you remember that France is a country where "rustic" and "sophisticated" aren't contradictory terms. (Paris has no lock on Michelin three-star restaurants — many of the greatest are out in the boonies, near smaller cities in the provinces.) And unlike what's served at many bistros south of I-8, Bioteau's cooking is genuinely French in technique and in spirit - exquisitely artisanal and wholly free of shoddy shortcuts and heavy, tourist-food clichés. Little wonder the staff of Tapenade (and Marine Room, 1500 Ocean, and Kensington Grill, among others) have been hanging out here on their off-hours. If you've ever been to France and eaten well, you'll want to eat here. If you've never been, then you'll want to eat here to discover what you've been missing.

The website menu told me who among my posse would want to eat here most: Marty and Dave habitually vacation in France (even in winter, when they do apartment-switching with Parisians fed up with snow), and they know the difference between French cuisine and le faque-French *blague* made for the Yankee hordes of August-in-Paris. So Farm House was a natural for them and vice versa.

The neighborhood is very nearly rustic itself, one of the sweet green corners of the center city, and the interior decor is classy-rural — a small bar on one side of a divider, the eating area on the other, with an array of wooden duck carvings along a ledge, but also glam sparkly light fixtures over the blond-wood tables. Music plays softly, but the bass rhythms can penetrate the room. A small patio in front, shaded by an awning, holds a few tables and chairs for fair-weather dining or al fresco coffees and desserts, which are killingly good — but I'm getting ahead of myself.

The menu changes frequently with the seasons, so by the time you read this, many of the dishes I ate may have left the stage, replaced by fresh players of equal panache. We began with potato and leek soup topped with Stilton whipped cream. Unlike the spudsy German rendition, or ultrarich chilled vichyssoise, this is more of a light leek soup with a little potato — warm green velvet, not too thick and perfectly salted. It seemed like a French grandmother's equivalent of Jewish chicken soup. (French doctors probably tell their patients, "Take



REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

a bowl of leek-potato soup and call me in the morning.")

The chicken liver mousse is extraordinary, a rare lesson in how to do it right — that is, rare. The interior is pink, not brown — the chef gently precooks the livers in a bain-marie

rather than the more usual hurried sauté. Hence, the mousse's texture is nearly as lush as foie gras. It comes with the standard garnishes

of mustard, toasted baguette, a cornichon, and a few lightly pickled veggies.

We found a "salmon confit" less successful a hunk of raw salmon, very silky but rather bland, bathed lightly in citrus olive oil with a charming little salad of fingerling potatoes and celery, plus frisée. It's supposed to include rosemary cream, but that was missing that night. A better current choice would be a new dish of escargots given a lighter, fresher treatment than the standard Burgundian snail butter. (Several friends who ate at Farm House after I did have raved about it, and the chef's proud of it, too.)

The restaurant's website menu is quite out of date, and to my delight, the sea bass has changed

from New Zealand bluenose to local corvina from the Sea of Cortez. It's one of the finest, most flavorful fishes of this hemisphere, and Farm House gave it all the honors due it. Cooked tender, barely opaque, it was served with fennel root, roasted

tomatoes, and fava beans in a very light cream sauce — just enough to disseminate the sweet notes of all the vegetables. Dave raved about how the tomato complemented

the fish. Marty thrilled to the young favas (as I did). And the faint licorice notes of fennel situated the dish firmly in Provence, where fish and fennel go together like, uh, steak and frites.

The inevitable steak frites was a grilled flat-iron from the admirable Meyer Ranch, which provides humanely raised natural beef. Rare as ordered, it was as tender as a toddler's thigh. It came with perfect double-fried frites (see *Joy of Cooking* for the recipe), a little ramekin of superfluous ketchup that tasted housemade, and a lump of butter mixed with blue cheese to melt on the top. "This isn't rustic, it's bistro," said Dave. Marty's riposte: "Is there any town in France that's still so rustic it doesn't have a bistro serving steak frites?"

#### Farm House Cafe ★★★★ (Excellent)

2121 Adams Avenue (at Mississippi Street), University Heights, 619-269-9662, *farmhousecafesd.com*.

**HOURS:** Dinner Tuesday–Sunday 5:00–10:00 p.m., Brunch Saturday–Sunday 9:00 a.m.–2:00

**PRICES:** Starters, \$7–\$10; entrées, \$10–\$19; sweets, \$7–\$10; brunch entrées, \$5–\$10

**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Fresh, refined, precise French country cooking featuring seasonal ingredients and locally grown produce. About 25 well-chosen international wines, all affordable, all by the glass; three premium beers. Corkage \$8.

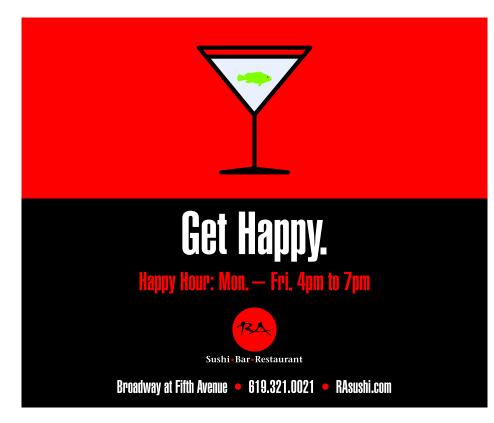
**PICK HITS:** Soup, housemade charcuterie, seared corvina (sea bass), braised pork shoulder, flat-iron steak, chocolate tasting. Weekend brunch ricotta pancakes, chicken-apple sausages. Chef's pick: escargots.

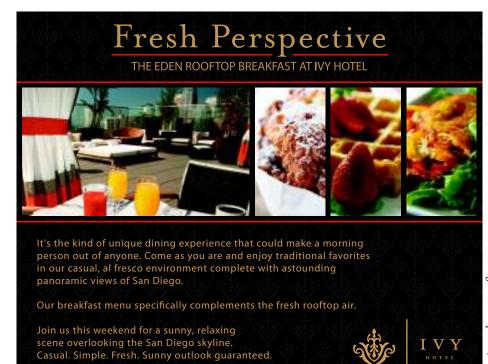
**NEED TO KNOW:** Small room (28 seats at inside tables, plus bar and patio), reservations a must. A bit noisy when crowded. One vegan entrée. No kiddie menu but plenty of kidfriendly dishes.

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Braised pork shoulder (the tastiest musclemeat of the pig) was done simply and beautifully; it brought to mind a dish I still remember from the early days of Chez Panisse, when Alice Waters was newly inspired by the foods she'd tasted during her travels in the French countryside. The pork was tender and delicious, and a lovely porky *jus* surrounded a ragout of turnips, carrots, and a few turned potatoes. The turnips were shockingly good — I never knew that I could love that vegetable — their faintly sharp earthiness actually upstaging the potato balls. "This is really 'rustic French cooking,' " said Marty. "It's everything that's good about the genre. Everything is simple,





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It's worth saving a little appetite for dessert because chef Olivier is a master of sweets and a genius of imaginative chocolates — equal to our local Chuao, and potentially challenging even San Francisco's legendary Michael Recchiuti.

Clafouti is a light, creamy, baked-fruit dessert, somewhere between a custard and a pancake. Chef Olivier's version features pear in the airiest, silkiest custard, amended with rosemary ice cream. It was exciting to discover that rosemary would work in a sweet, but I found the ice cream distracting, given the quality of the clafouti itself.

Pot au Crème is normally a chocolate pudding, but here the flavoring was coffee, which was much more interesting in this airy, mousselike confection dusted with cocoa nibs.

And then — *ta-da!* — there was the chocolate tasting with coffee. The chocolates range from near-conventional milkchocolate hazelnut through bittersweet filled with passion fruit, blueberry, and a fierce black peppercorn wafer. It's one knockout after another - and the coffee is fine, too. Ditto the decaf espresso (which is so often a huge enough drag to spoil the end of a meal). Marty was so thrilled, she told the handsome blonde waitress (an obvious pro at her job, not some surfer wannabe) to give our compliments to the chef. Olivier promptly emerged from the kitchen. He is compact, blond, handsome, with a smile as sunny as the first golden dandelion of spring. He graciously accepted the praise and returned to the kitchen. "He's always so nice," said the waitress. "A lot of chefs are very tense and egotistical, but he's always sweet and goodnatured.'

A week or so later, I returned for the weekend brunch. Normally I breakfast minimally and regard brunch as something of an ordeal, but when I looked at various foodie blogs, they were all a-rave about the ricotta pancakes and the eggs en cocotte. Jim, Fred, and I snagged a heavenly table on the shaded patio on one of the first warm days of spring.

Mimosas are made with Cava (Spanish sparkling wine) with interesting fruit purées passion fruit, pomegranate, mango, and peach are among the choices, as well as standard orange juice. The thick purées aren't housemade but are high quality, and they sink to the bottom of the glass, where, topped by the diamondine sparkle of the wine, they look like jewels.

The brunch menu offers numerous choices but no clichés — no Benedicts, no maple syrup (real or fake), no pseudo-Grand Slams or *oeufs McMuffinées.* (You can, however, get muffins from the list of side dishes if that's what you want.)

The ricotta pancakes fully justify all the praise: They're airy fluff, barely subject to gravity, garnished with poached mandarin sections. A swirl of tangy orange-butter sauce (made with reduced juice and no added sugar) is plated under them and lightly drizzled on top. It's the perfect breakfast food. (Light eaters can get a "petite" portion for just \$5; ditto the French toast.)

The French toast goes by its French name, *pain perdu*, because it's the actual Gallic version of the dish, made with sliced day-old baguettes only lightly robed in egg batter. The slices are crisp rather than soft, very different from the soakedthrough American rendition made with more porous bread. Their sauce is a discreet application of seductive warmed lavender honey.

Torn between the choices (eggs en cocotte? asparagus omelet? house-cured salmon?), we finally settled on the dish that most roused our curiosity: sausage, biscuits, and gravy. I've put quotation marks around the name because it's not the sloppy Southern classic as you know it, but a conceptual art remake of the dish - and probably the healthiest rendition in the whole USA. The biscuits are moderate-sized, crisp-surfaced, and supernally light. They're leavened with baking powder (not yeast), just like standard Georgia drop biscuits, but they're more likely to fly away than to drop to the bottom of your stomach like starchy cannonballs. The crisp-skinned sausages are Bruce Aidells's sublime chicken-apple links (I think Bruce actually invented this sausage), moist but lean and slightly sweet. Instead of the plumper, coarser, cured version you sometimes find in groceries here, Farm House has gotten hold of the original fresh (uncured) product with its fruitier flavor, slimmer profile, and more delicate texture. And the pale brown gravy? Instead of Bubba's roux-thickened, sausage-studded starchy milk gravy, it's light and silky — a puréed mushroom-cream reduction sauce. By the way, if you want the sausages without the biscuits, they (and applewood-smoked bacon) are available from the list of side

dishes. "I can't believe it!" Fred exulted. "The prices are so low for such quality — and not one of these dishes makes you feel weighed down." "Yeah, I feel like I could go for a six-mile run right now," said Jim. "No more Sunday mornings at Rudford's for me. This is the place." Me? I'd eat brunch here every week if I could, even though I hate normal brunches — and I'd have dinner at Farm House once a month. It's that good.

#### **ABOUT THE CHEF**

Chef Olivier Bioteau was born in the Loire Valley, one of France's loveliest regions, famed for its majestic riverside chateaux and lyrical white wines. He seems to have burst upon the local food scene from out of nowhere, but he's actually been cooking in San Diego for 19 years.

Unlike many French chefs, Olivier chose the profession rather than having his family force him into apprenticeship at age 14. (Perhaps this explains his sunny temperament.) "Becoming a chef was a goal of mine ever since I was a little boy," he says. "Both my parents were huge gardeners. They showed me how to [build] soil and grow strawberries and beans, and shaking the walnut trees until the nuts fall, and how to dry them out, and Grandma was hanging and smoking the hams and the sausage - we were growing our own food and fishing for our fish. It was such a good experience of raw product, you had to see what you could do with it. After graduating from high school, my parents said, 'You're sure you want to be a chef?' and I said yes, so they sent me to chef's school in Saumur in the Loire Valley for two years, and after that the school finds you a job, and after that you're on your own.

"I moved around every year and a half to two years, to make sure I knew everything I had to learn in a place, and then [you] move to a new chef and learn new techniques and new dishes. So you went from summer season to winter season, places in Paris to places in southwest France, to make sure you learned everything that you could. It was hard, but I knew it was going to be hard. You just roll up your sleeves and go to work.

"Why I moved to San Diego? I was working in a little French restaurant in London in 1988, and that year, it rained something like 361 days. So I started to look in a French newspaper that offers jobs all over the world. I answered an ad, and I moved to San Diego in 1989. It was just marvelous. I would never live anywhere else." He worked for Philippe Beltran (of Bleu Boheme) for about seven years, first at the French Side of the West and then at Beltran's French-Caribbean restaurant Alizé. Next came stints at the Hyatt Regency, including working under Fabrice Poigin at Sally's and subsequently as chef de cuisine at Poigin's own Vignola in the Gaslamp. When Vignola succumbed to the endless construction obstruction on its block. Olivier worked for a while at the University Club. "But I was getting a little tired of the restaurant business," he says, "so I found a job as a private

chef in Rancho Santa Fe. It was very, very nice. I stayed there for seven years, got my life back in order. I got married. I bought a house. I kind of got my ducks in a row.

"But the restaurant business started to get to me again, and I went to work with Colin MacLaggan at the opening at Avenue 5. I wanted to go on the line, to see if I still had the hots for rushes on Saturday nights and all the chaos in the kitchen. The answer was yes. So [meanwhile] my wife and I were looking for a restaurant to buy for about the last five years. We looked in Del Mar, we looked in Hillcrest - there was always something missing or something wrong .... And suddenly we found this place advertised on craigslist. It was a place called Cafe 2121, which got evicted because they didn't pay the rent and left everything behind. The kitchen was there, everything was there, all we had to do was build an ADA bathroom, build a little bar, give it a good cleanup, and we were ready to go. We opened on February 1.2

Unlike most chef-owners, Olivier doesn't have investors to answer to — he and his wife refinanced their house (three blocks from the restaurant) and took out a business loan. (Hence, it's a neighborhood restaurant in the chef's own neighborhood — just like a rural restaurant in France.)

Olivier uses locally made cheese and olive oil from Fallbrook and shops at the farmers' market in the neighborhood. "I really want to respect the seasons. You have to respect Mother Nature and do vour work accordingly. If you buy berries out of season, they don't have the sugar, the flavor. We try to do everything in-house. We do homemade pasta, pâté, ice cream, sorbet. We're starting to make homemade gnocchi and raviolis and things like that. The only thing we buy is the breads, from Bread & Cie.'

As a private chef, he had the leisure to learn new skills. "Cooking for a family of four, you start to get bored," he says. Attending a pastry chef contest in Las Vegas, he attended an inspiring seminar in chocolates, with imaginative fillings like rosemary, lavender, rose petals. "At first I wanted to do cheeses, and the lady [I worked for] told me, 'You're not going to stink up my house.' " Chocolates were another matter, and he took an online Internet course in chocolate-making. Now, he designs his chocolates, hiring a small chocolate company on Market Street to execute them.

"I like to be as simple and fresh as possible," he says. "I like simple recipes with quality ingredients, but executed very well, so every ingredient on the plate can be tasted individually but combine together to make a new combination in your mouth — but very subtle, very simple, not too excessive, just good quality, in a very casual, comfortable neighborhood place."



# **Breakfast**, with A Side of Fun

"Every Wednesday we get a group of old ladies, and they just rip this place up."

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've got troubles," I say. I'm trying to explain why I'm half an hour late. "Trolley security. Hauled me off the damned train. Lemon Grove. Must have

been 20 of them swarming on board. The one time I forgot to get a ticket. This new system sucks. No more transfers, dude! You have to pay for each leg of the journey. They gave me a warning, but I tell you. That MTS. They're soaking the poor...

"You will have troubles," says Hank, "if we've missed lunch. It's three o'clock already.

We're here in La Mesa, outside this little corner place that looks a bit like Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe. "Jitters Coffee." Has eats, too.

"What I don't get is, why all the way out here?" I say.

Hank goes all misty. "This used to be the Greyhound Depot, back in the day, when I was a kid. This was how we arrived, when we first came to town. Also, they do a great chicken walnut salad. Six bucks.

I must admit, it's a cute little place. Creamy bricky exterior with maroon window frames, a canvas-covered side patio, and, I notice, windows festooned with Scotch-taped pink-ribbon 'Walk for Hope" cards for breast cancer.

By coincidence, the sparky, trim-figured lady behind the cash register is wearing red and cream too. Red silk tank top and cream pants.

"Are we too late?" I ask.

She looks toward the little kitchen. "Ronny, Vicki, hold it. We've got customers." She turns back. "What would you like?"

Man, what a smile. But concentrate, I tell myself: there's a whole blackboard to consider. Sandwiches, soups, salads, waffles, and - well, lookie here now...

"Can I still get breakfast?" I ask.

"Sure," says the lady.

Hank stands looking up at the blackboard.

"Chicken walnut salad, right?" I say. It's the first item in "Salads." Has diced chicken, walnut, and celery, for \$5.95.

Does sound good. So while I'm eyeballing the menu, I check out the soups (all \$3), like chicken

and noodle (or rice), chili, beef and barley. And sandwiches. Most expensive are the \$5.95 Jitters Club (turkey, ham, bacon, and cheddar); the turkey, avocado, bacon, and Swiss; and the one that almost drags me away from brekky: chicken breast with onions, bell pepper, and rasp-

berry vinaigrette. 'What's the most interesting breakfast?" I

ask the lady. Name's Camille. "I'd say the burrito, or scrambled eggs in a

croissant," she says.

Meanwhile, Hank has decided on the salad sampler (\$5.95), a combo of the chicken walnut and the tuna and egg salad. "And I'll take a big garden veggie sandwich in eight-grain bread," he says.

Camille looks at him. "Salad's pretty big. Sure you can handle both?"

"I got Garbage Guts here to process the leftovers," says Hank.

I see the burrito has two scrambled eggs with bacon, ham, and cheddar. The croissant comes with eggs, bacon, and cheddar. Hmm. Just not into wraps in the morning, or eggy croissants. I order coffee (\$1.25) and keep lookin'. All the cooked breakfasts are \$4.95 each, except for and I almost go for this - biscuits and gravy. Three bucks. Two bucks for a half order. Man. That's hard to resist. And in a way I wish I hadn't resisted, because the scrambled eggs and sausages and wheat toast that I do order are fine but lack that oozy, sausagey tastiness I can imagine in those biscuits and gravy.

Plus, natch, we all get to talking so much, I leave the danged eggs to go cool and a bit rubbery. My fault. But once I start seriously wolfing, and Hank finds it in his heart to shovel over some of the delicious chicken walnut part of his salad, I'm happy. The piece of avo-zucchiniand-cheese veggie sandwich he rips off for me is pretty darned tasty, too.

We're sitting in all-wooden chairs with arty coffee cup shapes cut out of the backrests. Camille has local artists' work strung around the walls. And also interesting teapots shaped like elephants and camels up on display shelves.

"My grandfather brought those back from Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia," she says.

It turns out Camille has only had this place a couple of years. "My sister Sara and my niece had just come back from Hawaii. We were having way too much fun, so my husband bought this business to keep us occupied. And boy, has it done that."

"You should see us in the morning," says Vicki. She's come out of the kitchen with a big mop. "The place is packed. Eighty percent of them are locals, regulars, elderly - La Mesa has a lot of elderly — and if you come in, you're expected to join the conversation. It gets pretty wild sometimes.<sup>2</sup>

"We have so many Bobs," says Camille, "we have to have a name for each one. There's Pineapple Bob, Across-the-Street Bob, Cowboy Bob, Kemo Bob — because his buddy Tonto calls him 'Kemo-Sabe.' And every Wednesday, without fail, we get a group of old ladies, 80-90 years old, who've all had husbands die of cancer, or who've had it themselves, and they just rip this place up.'

You can see, Camille is Peanuts' Lucy. "The Doctor Is In." Everybody tells their secrets. And it turns out she has a secret of her own. Well, except that everybody knows. She's going to have to give up this place she loves. Ronny, who cooked my breakfast, is taking over. "I have cancer, a lymphomic tumor in the aorta. They



Camille

can't do much, here anyway. I should really go for treatment at Johns Hopkins, back East. My customers are telling me to go, go. But I'm not sure I want to leave. I just want to have as much fun as possible.'

My gosh. This beautiful, vibrant lady. The phone rings. It's her mom, worried that she's not home yet. Hank and I get up.

Wow," he says as we take a big gulp of air outside. "So you were saying, you had troubles?" ■

## The Place: Jitters Coffee, 8201 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-460-4800

**Type of Food:** American (salads, sandwiches) **Prices:** Biscuits and gravy, \$3 (half order, \$2); breakfast burrito w/two scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, cheddar, \$4.95; two eggs scrambled, w/bacon, ham or sausage, toast, \$4.95; Flyin' Hawaiian waffle (with macadamia nut, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream), \$4.95; chicken walnut salad (with diced chicken, walnuts, celery), \$5.95; soups, e.g., chicken and noodle (or rice), chili, clam chowder, \$3; big garden veggie sandwich, \$4.95; Jitters club sandwich (turkey, ham, bacon, and cheddar), \$5.95; chicken breast sandwich with onions, bell pepper, and raspberry vinaigrette, \$5.95

Hours: 6:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sunday Buses: 1 (Amaya), 7, 855

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# Wine Machine

"Dom Perignon is a style; it's a style of mouthfeel more than aromatics."

here is perhaps no finer marketing machine in all the wine world than the one that operates out of Champagne. (You don't get to be the world's official party wine without doing something right.) And a little while back, that machine

touched down on the rooftop of downtown's Ivy Hotel, in the form of Dom Perignon's national brand manager Nicole Ruvo and international brand manager Ludovic du Plessis, for a little lunch, a little chat with the local trade, and a tasting of three current releases from the estimable house: the Vintage

'99, the '96 Rosé, and the '93 Oenothèque - Dom that has been aged sur lie in the winery's cellar for over a decade, then disgorged and released in a black-labeled bottle to distinguish it from, say, a Vintage '93. All those years on the yeast, said Du Plessis, brought the wine to "its second window of maturity" with an added measure of complexity.

I was there to taste and to watch the marketing in action. We began with the '99; Du Plessis began with a disclaimer: "I am not the chef du cave. I'm just going to express myself about the way I experience the wines. First of all, I want to say that Dom Perignon is a style; it's a style of mouthfeel more than aromatics. The aroma is not the objective of the chef du cave. When we talk about mouthfeel, we are talking about structure; we are talking about weight. The second thing that struck me is the perfect balance between the Chardonnay and the Pinot



Noir. The Chardonnay comes to the attack, and then the Pinot Noir comes slower, deeper." Third impression: "Dom Perignon is seamless - from the first impression to the last impression, you don't have any interruption. It's like when Cocteau is

> making a drawing without lifting the pen. And what strikes me most is the paradox between freshness and maturity. Dom Perignon has at least seven years of aging in our cellars, so there's a lot of maturity. But you also have a lot of freshness, vivacity. And the last thing is, the wine is very ethereal — it has a real

body, but it's not too heavy. I can say that it has more elegance than power."

Smooth like butter. A crank might say, "A little light on the aromatics." But Du Plessis has anticipated him: "The aroma is not the objective of the chef du cave. Dom Perignon is a style of mouthfeel.

'Richard Geoffroy is our chef du cave," said Du Plessis when he sat down with me. "He's the guy who creates the wine - he's our John Galliano. He's an architect of wine - very passionate.'

Ruvo got up to introduce the Rosé. "One thing I wanted to point out is your glassware. You'll notice that these are not flutes" - they were white wine glasses. "That's because our chef du cave is very adamant about Dom Perignon being meant to be enjoyed with food. To be able to taste out of a glass like this allows the wine to open and breathe, and

that element helps it to exchange with the flavors of the food. We invite you all do to this in your homes and restaurants and nightclubs, because it is truly extraordinary.

"I think we're accustomed to flutes," she explained after taking her seat. "It's just about education, explaining why we're doing this." But what about maintaining the bubble? "I think the flute is great for nonvintage Champagne. With nonvintage, you want the bubbles there, so flutes are perfect. But for a vintage Champagne like Dom Perignon, it's not a key factor. Our bubbles are so much finer because of the longer aging process, so ...

The chef du cave might have been adamant about Dom Perignon being enjoyed with food, but Du Plessis was less so. "Dom Perignon is a world unto itself," he explained. "There are different facets. The night facet, the gastronomy facet...You need to have different messages to different people at different

moments. The world knows about Dom Perignon, but there are different ways to experience it. It depends on the targets. If you are speaking to wine lovers, the message is not the same — they want to hear different stories about the brand. Some of them want to hear about Dom Pierre Perignon." Others might prefer a story about the launch of Dom Perignon Rosé in 1971, at a monster bash "to celebrate the 2500th anniversary of the Persian empire.

'The Shah of Iran came," added Ruvo. "It was kings and queens and all of these fantastic celebrities. We have a very funny client — he's quite a fixture in New York, he owns the Four Seasons restaurant - and I told this story to him once, and



Ludovic du Plessis (seen through raised wine glass, far left)

he said, 'I was at that party.' " So far, said Du Plessis, "I've been speaking as a wine lover, because I'm passionate about it. Then later, yes, I will meet everybody and have a discussion about what they expect. As the international brand manager, I need to have a vision of the markets. I know a lot about Asia. I know quite a bit about the U.S. and Europe. But San Diego, this part of the U.S., I really don't know. So I wanted to be here to see the markets, to see about the new hotels, to meet the people in charge of the trade and discuss with them. To tell them the good word - what is happening in Asia, in Italy, in the nightclubs, in the hotels and resorts. There are different brands, but Dom Perignon is one, maybe the only one, that



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can cover all the markets, I think.'

He has some case. I once found Dom Perignon on the shelf at Vons in Laguna Niguel. A lot of brand-conscious California wineries - even wineries with high enough production for grocery sales to make sense ---would just as soon avoid appearing on the shelf. They'd rather stick to restaurant lists and bottle shops. But Dom goes where it will, confident of its glamour's indestructible sheen. Said Ruvo of Du Plessis, "Sort of his primary focus is the night. The night is really growing and expanding - we're seeing this incredible trend internationally. People are not just going out and ordering cocktails. They're wanting bottle service, they're bringing eight to ten friends, and they're wanting to drink tête de cuvée. They're going in, and it's the status; they want to say, 'I'm drinking the best in the world.' I was just in Asia, and I was shocked. I would go into a nightclub, and it was all tête de cuvée-Krug, Dom Perignon. And our big collectors are going into nightclubs and saying, 'Oh, we can get Oenothèque? Fantastic!' "

The bump in quality may be real, but it seems the increased expense and rarity carry their own benefits. "At first, we said, 'Oenothèque? No, not in nightclubs.' But then we thought that you need to have this represented regardless - to have the three faces of the brand there. There are Asians who drink only Oenothèque. I said to one of my nightclub owners in Las Vegas, 'Try the Black - in Asia, they refer to it as "Black Dom" - and let's just see what happens.' He said. 'No. no — no one cares.' I said, 'Just take a three-bottle case.' That was Wednesday. On Friday, he called and said, 'I need to reorder.' "

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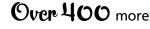
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#### BEACHES

**Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The flagship of the local Brigantine chain serves ambitious Japanese-influenced, California-global fusion cuisine on a daily changing menu in a room with a panoramic ocean view. But you need not stuff your shirt to dine - garb runs to resort-casual and here the atmosphere is family friendly. There''s even a low-priced kiddie menu. The wine list is friendly, too, with merciful markups and plenty by the glass and half-bottle. Full bar. Short staircase down to restaurant; elevator to the right of entry (ask for directions for wheelchair access when calling to reserve). Valet parking. Very noisy. One vegetarian entrée but all food restrictions accommodated to order. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W.

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boule vard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burg-ers, burgers — all kinds — from Prime NZ Angus to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. - E.B.



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Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Cafe Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — \$19.99. My advice: split a 4-egger. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Bully's La Jolla 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once,



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Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-andoperated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.* 

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serv-ing patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrees, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-youcan-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoalgrilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

JRDN 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. It"'s a day at the beach: Befitting a restaurant digging its feet into the sand, the food here is fresh, fun, and unfussy, featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats (including truly tasty spice-rubbed steaks), organic/local produce, and a separate sushi bar. The dishes cover the waterfront, ranging from mac "n" cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. The chic interior, relaxed atmosphere, and great grazing draw an exuberant, youngish crowd. Creative cocktails are part of the charm, along with a venturesome wine list with plenty by the glass. Tables (reservable) on the heated beachfront patio could easily become a summertime lifestyle. Validated valet parking. Just one lacto-vegetarian entrée, but vegetable sides plus salads fill in amply. Bread available by request only. Lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Entrées expensive. — N.W.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

Karinya Thai 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like gang ped, panang, and kang kari. Or noodle dishes like the famous pad thai. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a saute pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

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The Pannikin La Jolla 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast bur-rito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. La Jolla and Del Mar three meals daily, Encinitas breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broththin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cuton-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red leather booths com-bine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.* Sky Room 1132 Prospect Street, La

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Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Ouivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimpsquid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, con-They buy seasonal catch from local fish-boats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. - E.B.

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**Café la Especial** Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Baja, 664-685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from taccos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs

to steak and eggs. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate.—*E.B.* 

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Baja, 664-684-8882. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fishfare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The in-teresting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, pez espada (swordfish) and others. One of the sim-plest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* 

Malecón de Puerto Nuevo Calle Entrada, Baja. Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommer-cialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with stan-dard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substi-tutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tra-dition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. - N.W.

**Mariscos el Locochón** Popotla Fishing Village, Baja. Five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), in Popotla fishing village, on dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried cebollitas (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Mr. Fish Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Baja, 664-686-3603. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but twodecade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it—it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. —

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), , Baja, 664-685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this oldline surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wallmounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and barcas (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very '40s. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food —like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. - E.B.

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the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting chicharon de queso that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in Maggie's sauce. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and ba-con. Open 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Batter Up! 342 Euclid Avenue, South east San Diego, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp"'s late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be pub grub, but the cooking is serious Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sand-wiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First-timers should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what''s on TV); quiet patio outside. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sun-days. Inexpensive. -N.W.

Bay Café 1050 North Harbor Drive. Downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are gen-uinely "have it your way" — for a few ex-tra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mush rooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor, Hillcrest, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open reno-vation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages, and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fairweather dining on wraparound ter-race/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. -N.W.

Buca di Beppo ''? Downtown 705 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-7272. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Bucca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain but it works. Downtown's rabbit warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck - you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in Moonstruck retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari

"steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish Or salads like insalata di fileto with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with spaghetti della casa. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moder ate to expensive. — E.B.

Cabo Café & Grill 808 West Cedar, Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door. with a little help (okay, a lot) from Ru bio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Star-bucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great foun-tain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shred-ded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E B

Café Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, pa-paya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mange chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Down town, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza spe-cializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mex-ican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accom-modate the "Dude, where's my taco?" onventioneers. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reserva tions advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. - N.W.

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Av enue, Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Here, you"re in a Latino-chic world, but don""t be afraid to order simple things. like shrimp or beef tacos. Larry Aumai the owner-chef-artist, makes you feel you"re in Mexico City or Veracruz with his masks and yellow-wash walls and those awesome, interesting tacos. The Caesar salad is wonderful, too. Try it with mahi mahi or shrimp. Also look for spe-cials like chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef) or Yucatan seafood stew with salsa, habanero, and ginger on black beans and rice. For all the folk-industrial glamour, we"re talking Latin-American comfort food. This cantina is what San Diego should be: bicultural. Bring both languages. Open noon to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Inexpensive. "? *E.B.* 

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7228. This lovely, creamand-sepia dining room evokes an Ital-ian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service - attentive but utterly un obtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 11 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. - N.W.

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authenti cally dim lighting and spirited Irish mu-sic, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side - it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. -N.W.

**Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant** 3709 Convoy Street, Downtown, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Viet-namese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations ac-cepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in madeto-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless vou sist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — Ń.W.

Extraordinary Desserts "? Hill**crest** 2929 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charm-ing cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates - mezze spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions.



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Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chefowner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — N.W.

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restau-rants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. -N.W.

**Heaven Sent Desserts** 3001 University Avenue, North Park, 619-793-4758. The developing district around the North Park Theatre desperately needed a bakery, and Heaven Sent arrived. They produce a full range of desserts, from breakfast pastries to cookies, tarts, pies, custards, and on through fancy cakes (the Tres Leches is especially good). The style is midwestern American, solid rather than ethereal. To drink: coffee, espresso, teas, hot chocolate, Italian so das, and fruit juice. Open daily breakfast until after-dinner, past 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. — *N.W.* 

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much grander — incarnation of chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and tech-niques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood mixto, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake flautas). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdavs, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. - A.M.

J-Six 616 J Street, Downtown, 619-531-8744. Chef Christian Graves is proud to be a card-carrying Slow Foodie, a move ment dedicated to preserving traditional ways of farming, cooking, and caring for our food and planet. At J-Six, the kitchen bakes the breads and chef Graves cures charcuterie and makes sausages. The menu offers gently reared free-range meats and local produce. The chef's as sortment of charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. "Small plates" are not so small and will have you wiping the platters with the fresh bread, espe cially the devastating white-corn ravioli in season. Wait staff talks up the seafood. but the beef dishes are even better — ribeye and Angus short ribs especially. Wine list is wide and creative. The rooftop J-Bar Lounge is crowded but fun for cock-tails, sandwiches, and snacks. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, plus weekend brunch. Dinner reservations advised, especially on weekends. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive. - N.W.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street, Downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop - barbecued pork and beef. And yeah this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in Top Gun. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch

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Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and wering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrees are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seduc tive chipotle cream sauce, and entrees of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style - sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate -NW

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N.

Pierre's Place 1404 Fourth Avenue Downtown, 619-727-4700. Guys twirl pizza dough like they were in Cirque du Soleil. Other kids run back and forth cooking, serving. Who"d guess they"re all homeless teens who live and study here at the Toussaint Center? This eatery"'s new, smart, a mix of quarry stone, blond wood, sea-green chairs, red walls, brown leather couches, and full bookshelves. Food"'s good, too. You might say nouvelle Italian-Californian. Think California Pizza meets Father Joe. Interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast panini, Tuscan chicken panini (nice and squelchy with provolone, red peppers, pesto), and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham capicola, provolone). The "?vanillages"? gelato, with bits of apple pie, ain<sup>30</sup>'t half bad either. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days. Inexpensive. <sup>30</sup>? *E.B.* 

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. One of the city''s favorite romantic restaurants. Sally'''s is an outbuilding behind the Grand Hyatt at the edge of Seaport Village and boasts lovely scenery, with cityscapes or bay views seen through picture windows or enjoyed from the outdoor patio in fair weather. The fare is Asian-fusion, emphasizing seafood and also offering sushi and sashimi. An appetizer sampler for two makes delicious shared grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon layered on fried wonton strip, while block cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Another option is reserving the "?chef"'s table'? in the kitchen for a custom-made meal. The mostly Californian wine list is rather steep, with plenty by the glass (at high markups), plus a serious sake list on the sushi menu. Full bar. Long walk from the hotel garage (with validated selfparking) but no barriers to mobility devices; dining room noisy at times. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. "? N.W.

Sausage King 811 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who runs this place does. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage ex-perience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Golden Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafes in the county. Sister Pee Wee says her lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Weekdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m., Sunday closed. Inexpensive. - E.B.

El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Avenue, North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel ''Nacho''? Madera cooked at Danny''s Palm Bar in Coronado for 18 years. In 1994, President Clinton came to town and the Secret Service came to Danny''s with a big order for burgers. Instant fame! Now Nacho has his own place and serves the same burgers with the spice recipe even the Secret Service couldn'''t get out of him. He also does breakfasts and the whole range of Mexican food, including seafood (*tostada de ceviche* is great). But if you want *the* burger, ask for his Clintonburger with cheese, bacon, and French fries. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. "? *E.B.* 

Soleil at K 660 K Street, Downtown 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioneers, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be pre-pared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up partyloud). Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crab sticks. Desserts are witty as well as tasty; entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds,"? full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. - N.W.

**Stingaree** 454 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes - little, medium, and large. It's a built-in in-vitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic veg-etables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40. - N.W.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-3140. This grillyour-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tick ets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrees come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gi-gantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinner nightly, open until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* 

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa. but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a fadareshin, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Zensei 3396 30th Street, North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurantstarved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrees emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. - N.W.

#### NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Dinner buffet Monday and Thursday. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag." She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Viet-











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namese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc man*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

**Cabana Cove** 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from surfing spots around the world, includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entree, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* 

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious al-mond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. - N.W.

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, "with over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stircook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Musteat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055, Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. - S.M.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760 489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasurehouse is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three genera-tions bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect - light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waf-fles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until din ner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high chairs: low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. NW

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrees. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpelike dosais stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour aapams drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like uttapams. (Try the latter with the delicious not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy poori bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them - that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"- style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — NW

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" - Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will - everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but ex orbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on "?Bistro Wednesdays"? when simpler food is served. — N.W.

**Onami Japanese Restaurant** 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.* 

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alter-natives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere - striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B.

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, vou'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on week ends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. - N.W.

St. Tropez ''? Rancho Bernardo 16625 Dove Canyon #109, Rancho Bernardo, 858-673-6824. 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.

#### NORTH COASTAL

Addison 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Carmel Valley, 858-314-1900. At this gala, gorgeous restaurant a mile or so uphill from the hotel at Doug Manchester's new luxury resort, the brief menu offers dishes made with superior ingredients, executed flawlessly. However, it may be hard to warm up to the chef's palate, which seems to favor sour, tart, and acidic notes, with no concessions to culinary comfort. The creative cooking involves strange flavor-combinations, such as well-seasoned lamb shank with a goat cheese tart served over a slick of



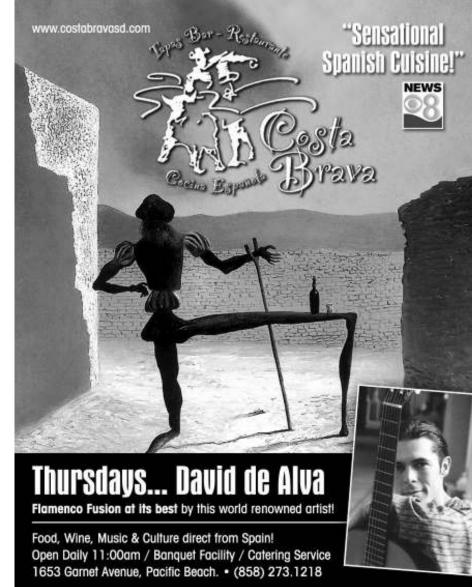


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acidic lemon-sorrel sauce plus uncured housemade sausage with a purée of Japanese umiboshi, fiercely sour plums that seem to come from a different universe than the meat. Or an amuse of tart yogurt punctuated by sour quince and puckery gooseberries. It seems to be more about the chef's self-expression than about your pleasure, but many people love it — it apparently depends on what night you eat there. Service is formal, deluxe, and quite rigid: The bussers are your bosses. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday only. Reservations essential; request detailed route directions. Extremely expensive. — N.W.

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring worldwide flavors. Mornings, along with flaw-less eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M.

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "?pho joint,"? this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of "?ground shrimp on sugar cane"? so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and "?Star of the Sea"? curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam's own "?33"? brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W.

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkis of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. California Pizza Kitchen '''

Carmel Valley 11602 Carmel Moun-tain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-675-4424. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gor-gonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

**El Callejon Restaurant** 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeados* with a rich sauce of chiles and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There's even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays.— *N.W.* 

**The Calypso Café** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agree able. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. —*N.W.* 

**Firenze** 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — N.W.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Offering surf and turf by the sea, Jake's not only hugs the oceanfront,

with a patio overlooking the waves, but has a smaller patio next to Powerhouse Park, with its fragrant mimosa plants, where you can walk off the calories. A branch of the well-known Hawaiian chain, Duke's, Jake's' fare is competently cooked, if not inspired. The seafood may flaunt fusion-y, sugary touches, while steaks are Prime or high-grade Choice. Portions are huge — the tasty Dungeness crab cake appetizer is sizeable enough for a substantial lunch, offering loads of crab and little filler. Location is very popular with locals and tourists both, so reservations urged for any meal, essen-tial for the à la carte Sunday brunch. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Lunch and brunch moderate, dinner expensive. -N.W.

**Knockout Pizza** 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Market occupies an odd location, way out in the boonies of far-east Del Mar, but it's worth seeking out. The menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs chef-owner Carl Schroeder (formerly at Arterra) finds at the local produce market (Chino Farms) and from the nearby seas. Despite the ambitious food and prices, vibes are ?neighborhood restaurant"? — people are having a good time here, and so will you. For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good, with no letdown. At our visit, boneless beef shortribs, North Atlantic monkfish, bluenose bass, and venison chops were all imaginative, with perfectly sized portions and intriguing sides. Appetizers may include celery-root soup, Maine lobster salad, blue cheese soufflé, and a strudel of forest mushrooms and artichokes, all of them scrumptious — but the menu could be completely different when you visit, so be prepared. This is truly seasonal, local cuisine, and hurray for that. Dinner nightly. Reservations essential. Expensive to very expensive. -N.W.

**Paul's Place** 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restau-



El Q'ero 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrees — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like tres leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. N.W.

**Ruth's Chris Steak House Carmel** 

Valley 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, cornfed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beefeaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 and reasonable markups. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy - tables up stairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D.

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St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish - 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "cafe potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620, This geranium splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar*!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-youcan-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B

**Trattoria Positano** 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. --E.W.

**Vigilucci's** 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrees come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci's Pizzria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W.* 

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed





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and beautifully presented with none of the culinary cliches of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Resort-casual" no hats, shorts or jeans, or sandals but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W.

#### SOUTH BAY

Bay Beach Café 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautee items, and children's plates. The restaurant is family-friendly (full o kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young — in the past, the chef seemed to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involved honey or sugar. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and din ner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

**Bistro D'Asia** 1301 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. Other branch at 4628 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-5880. — *N.W.* 

**The Family House of Pancakes** 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their *8-12* egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

**Giant Pizza King** 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can't fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You're near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset "?green flash"? parties — this is a full-on Italian takeout eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* **Lai Thai Restaurant** 1430 East Plaza

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 East Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparklingfresh, and each nigiri is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the hamachi roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, fea turing tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eat-ing, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking, Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. - N.W.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely stan dard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *sate*, for in-stance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. - N.W.

**Thai Cafe ''? Coronado** 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217. Tourists may not take this little open-



Ferry Landing seriously. but this has to be some of the best-prepared Thai food in the county. It"'s all laid out buffet style in chafing dishes. You can sample before you commit. They""re all good. None of the watered-down versions of, say, green curry, you sometimes get elsewhere. Grilled satay is excellent, so are spicy basil chicken, panang, Thai pork salad. Tilapia topped with sweet veggies and Thai chili sauce is delicious. Pick two (the best deal), find a table under the shade of a fig tree. Go "?Ommm."? You" re approaching nir-vana. Daily, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; summer until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. "? E.B. Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but any body can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even secondtimers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 4 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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**Alpine Inn** 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

**Campo Diner** 1367 Dewey Place, Campo-Potrero, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for The Works omelet. It''s loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut vegetables in it that you won''t need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. ''? *E.B.* 

Downtown Café 182 E. Main Street. El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a Frenchstyle sidewalk cafe. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought ironand-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B.

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No prob-lem. Su had survived the Korean war and Vietnam before she came here Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them - and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom iHunteri omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays.- E.B.

Fix Me a Plate Café 9168 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chefowner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "?worth a detour,"? as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break inbetween). Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Johnny B's** 4728 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeno dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their tenounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

**Oggi's** 9828 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-6441. At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubig uity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrees so malladapted that no mamma mia in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. In-expensive. -N.W.

**Paipa's Oasis** 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling

— gamble through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B.* 

**Ranas.Com** 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuate* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sauteed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respec-tively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texasstyle barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery corn-meal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M.







# **Below the Fold**

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t the close of the Latino film festival last month, I used one festival film in particular (representative of several) as a club to beat up American filmmakers for their incapacity to treat serious, intimate,

interpersonal subjects without injecting some journalistic juice: homicide, rape, pedophilia, child abuse, domestic

violence, hate crime, something to add extraordinary "interest" to ordinary lives. But doesn't Tom McCarthy's The Visitor, the new film by the maker of The Station Agent, give me what I was missing? Deep absorption, for a start, in the enclosed world of a dour Connecticut college professor, the classroom, the private office, the school cafeteria, the empty hours at home where, to fill the void left by his late wife, a concert pianist, he tries desultorily to master the instrument himself, late in life. ("And remember," instructs the newest in a line of unsatisfactory piano teachers, "fingers curved like a tunnel.") Then a reluctant change of scene, when he is forced out of his orbit, under departmental orders, to attend a Developing Nations Conference in New York City, where he finds his unused apartment occupied by

two squatters, a musician from Syria and a jewelry designer from Senegal, husband and wife. The initial shock gives way to starchy hospitality (he never shows as much curiosity as the viewer might wish about the identity

of the mysterious "Ivan" who rented out the apartment), and the walls of his world expand little by little,

exposing the touching and amusing spectacle of an introverted man opening up, taking a stab at warmth, attempting something new, discovering that the African drum (which gets his head moving like a bobblehead doll) is more his instrument than the classical piano.

Isn't this the sort of thing I wanted? Well, yes and no. Yes, there is no murder, rape, pedophilia, etc., such as could claim space in the daily paper. But then again, not quite. I deliberately neglected to mention that the unthreatening squatters are Muslim, and that the film takes a dire turn before the halfway point with an illustration of Racial Profiling and the incarceration of the happy-go-lucky street musician in a detention center for illegals. A bit of hot topicality to give the story Relevance, Significance,

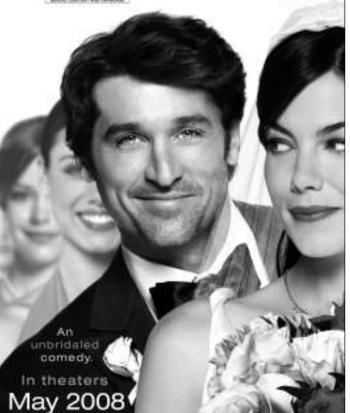


Importance. People alone seldom seem to suffice. "Character-driven" though the story is, it could still find a place in the newspaper: the humaninterest piece below the fold on the front page. All the same, I recommend the film highly. It presents just one, small, personal story of the post-9/11 world, not a Big Sweeping Statement. For all its liberal sentimentality, it indulges in no outsized emoting. And it offers a meaty role to Richard Jenkins, an able character actor, never the lead, who nibbles at the meat with proper restraint, hiding his avidness and gratitude. (With an eye on the most modest box-office, and with but a minor cost to integrity, the role could have been offered to more of a household name, a Richard Gere, a Kevin Kline.) Haaz Sleiman as the blissfully unguarded drummer, Danai Gurira as his fearfully guarded mate, and Hiam Abbass as his dignified and elegant mother, in from Michigan to stand vigil outside the austere United Correctional Corporation, complete the ensemble, a dissonant quartet, resolving into sweetness. All four of them

in their separate ways are painfully af-

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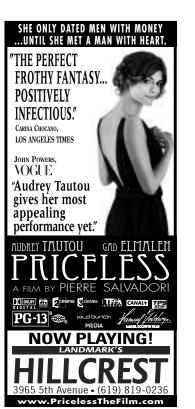
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fecting. The outcome, although far from happy, could more plausibly have been a lot farther from it. A statement is made after all, if only a quiet one.

The Life before Her Eyes is very much more the other sort of American intimism I was talking about. From a novel by Laura Kasischke, directed by the House of Sand and Fog man, Vadim Perelman (blood on his hands in that one, too), and sharply photographed by Pawel Edelman, it frames its parallel plotlines inside a machine-gun high-school massacre, unveiling in flashback the events leading up to it as well as jumping ahead fifteen years to reveal the life of a guilty survivor, now a teacher herself at the school, with a husband and daughter at home. Uma Thurman might be acceptable as a later stage of Evan Rachel Wood (blond hair, blue eyes, a nose, a mouth), but acceptance gets tested when we switch continually back and forth between them. And the opening massacre makes the backwards and forwards mundanities more, not less, boring, especially once we've been teased with a Sophie's Choice dilemma in the girls' restroom and, returning to it time and again, we await and await its result. The trick ending is a revelation of nothing so much as teenage pessimism and perhaps lack of imagination. This trick may well be a legitimate and interesting rhetorical device, but it's always a bad idea for a movie to save up its interest for the very end.

The first American film of Wong Kar-wai and the acting debut of pop singer Norah Jones, My Blueberry Nights, proves to be an event less than momentous. The Hong Kong director has no doubt brought along a vision, confined as it largely is to café, diner, bar, and casino, dressed up with sufficient surface activity (coarse grain, incandescent color, reflected light, lettered windows, signage, slow-motion, uneven focus, and so forth) to mark him as an heir to Josef von Sternberg: the film image as jungle, a luxuriant visual field through which to wend, weave, and hack your way. So thick the imagery, so thin the story: the tenmonth, cross-country odyssey of a jilted young woman, mutating en route from Elizabeth to Lizzie to Betty to Beth. (We see next to nothing of the open road, but are always within beckoning earshot of a passing train.) Jones,



a figure of unintimidating comeliness, particularly as a romantic possibility for a slumming, hash-slinging Jude Law, brings little of her vocal stylings into her line delivery: no Julie London or Lena Horne is she, much less a Crosby or Sinatra. (Chan Marshall, alias Cat Power, brings a lot more into a little cameo as Law's ex.) Even so, her feeble chirps and twitters sound pretty natural alongside the brassy whitetrash accents of Rachel Weisz and Natalie Portman.

88 Minutes, on my watch, is 102 minutes minus closing credits. A famous forensic psychiatrist (a puffyhaired Al Pacino), on the scheduled day of execution of a sadistic killer against whom he testified, receives a distorted-voice cellphone threat, "You have 88 minutes to live." Once the countdown begins, not a single minute is remotely credible. How could the plotter count on the doctor returning to his car, after a wild-goose chase in pursuit of a suspicious leather jacket, just in time to read "72 Minutes" scrawled in the coat of dust? How could the plotter be sure the doctor wouldn't be blown up too soon by the car bomb or cut down by the sprayed bullets? And if the purpose of the plotter is to secure a stay of execution, wouldn't it have been advisable to spring the plot a tad earlier? The full foolishness of the thing can't be appreciated till the final ah-ha. (Heh-heh, more like it.) Even in the ashen photography, Alicia Witt and Amy Brenneman, as two of the doctor's acolytes, are recognizable as among the most eye-appealing American actresses today. To my eye anyway. (Why don't I see more of them?) True, the creaseless wax-museum visage of the former might, in other company, give a bit of a chill. But not in the company of the almost airbrushed Leelee Sobieski. Like everything else, waxiness is relative. \* \*

This year's Cinema under the Stars season in Mission Hills opens on May Day and continues through Halloween. I notice some personal favorites (Bell, Book and Candle, The Big Clock, The Big Lebowski, The Birds, to confine myself to the B's) in the grab bag of "American classic films." Punch out topspresents.com or 619-295-4221 for the complete schedule. And looking ahead a season, the upcoming one of the Cinema Society of San Diego, starting in September, will be number twenty-five (repeat, two-five)

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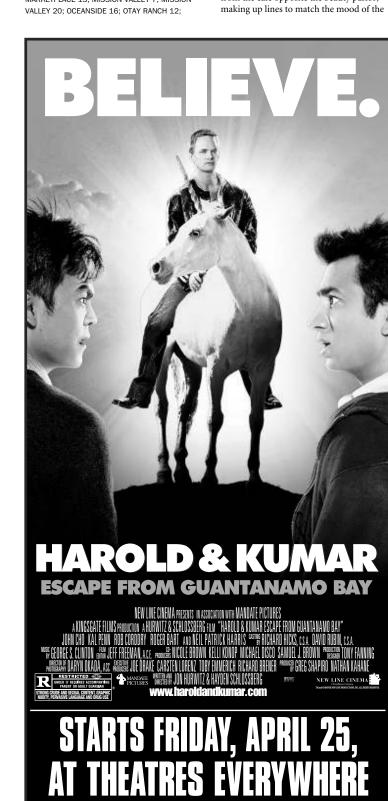
Baby Mama — SNL alumnae Tina Fev and Amy Poehler form a babymaking pact across the class divide, the barren career woman and the fertile prole. Broad, predictable, and pallidly photographed, yet an agile and energetic playing of the angles. Strong supporting part for Steve Martin, plus ponytail, as a self-mythologizing health-food tycoon: "I was swimming this morning with dolphins in Costa Rica. With Greg Kinnear and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Michael McCullers. 2008.

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Body of War - Documentary by Phil Donahue and Ellen Spiro on an Iraq War veteran and antiwar activist, Tomas Young. (KEN, 4/25 THROUGH 5/1)

Caramel — Sisterhood in the repressive society of Beirut: an 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 observations, 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 assignation, 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,



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woman in the window: the star and director, Nadine Labaki. With Yasmine Elmasri, Joanna Moukarzel, Gisèle Aouad, and Adel Karam. 2007.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/24; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/25)

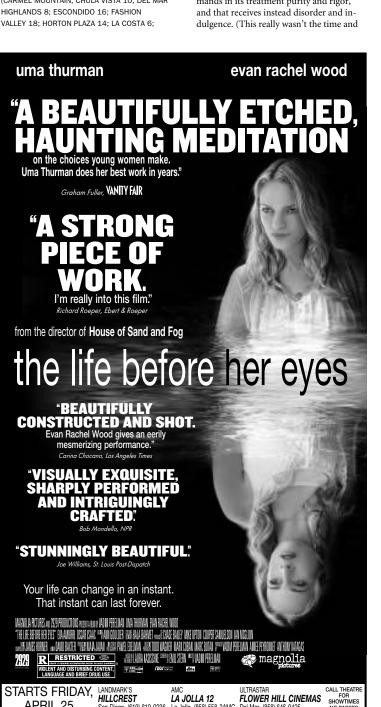
The Counterfeiters — Stefan Ruzowitsky's Holocaust survival tale, looselv based on fact, tells how "the world's best counterfeiter" (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, theoretically affecting the outcome of the war. It is a passably interesting tale to tell, a new path through old territory, but the interest is rather in the tale than in the telling. At any number of stopping points along the path, the sights are liable to seem all too familiar (the bullet in the head, etc.), never mind the refreshing route that led there. And the coarse, raw, desaturated image, whether a chosen cliché or an imposed hardship, is at no point much to look at, a harsh thing to say about a motion picture. 2007.

★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 4/25)

Deception — Thriller with Ewan McGregor, Hugh Jackman, and Michelle Williams, directed by Marcel Langenegger. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;

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The Diving Bell and the Butterfly -Julian Schnabel relates another true-life tale from the wide world of art, this one a little more liberated from convention than his Basquiat or his Before Night Falls (though it immediately and continually brings to mind Alejandro Amenábar's The Sea Inside), the tale of Jean-Dominique Bauby, an editor at Elle magazine, who in the prime of life suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed but for his left eyelid (and his imagination and his memory), and who dictated a memoir, letter by letter, through a system of blinks. The first three-quarters of an hour or so are reasonably audacious, subjectively visualized through the eyes of the invalid (Mathieu Amalric, at this point unseen), with cropped faces and figures, blurred edges, off-kilter angles, etc., and vet the camera looks awfully free-swinging and the editing awfully jumpy for the P.O.V. of a paralytic, as if Schnabel felt he had to lend a helping hand to keep things hopping. (The rotation of comely coquettes to serve as speech therapist, physical therapist, and amanuensis seems to have been assembled out of similar motives.) Much of the remainder of the film feels drawn out and padded, with the major exception of a tense scene in which the wife, operating the speakerphone in the hospital room, is required to mediate a call from the mistress. The essential subject matter is one that demands in its treatment purity and rigor,



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place for further proof of the director's hip taste in music, U2, Velvet Underground, Tom Waits.) A big critical favorite, nonetheless, perhaps owing to the special dispensation granted the handicapped, the quickness to applaud the least little show of humor, verve, perseverance. With Emmanuelle Seigner, Marie-Josée Croze, Anne Consigny, and Max von Sydow. 2007. ★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 4/25)

88 Minutes — Reviewed this issue. With Al Pacino, Alicia Witt, Amy Brennemar Leelee Sobieski, William Forsythe, and Neal McDonough; directed by Jon Avnet. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-CONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10' RANCHO DEL REY 16' RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

Hunter S. Thompson's well-thumbed war stories or fish stories from the drug culture have licensed director Terry Gilliam, a late replacement for the original director, Alex Cox, to shovel together a junkpile of repulsive visual effects in illustration of assorted altered states (distorting lenses, off-balance cameras, computer animation, gaudy lights, Expressionistic sets), a bit like one of those stock hallucinatory scenes in films from the psychedelic heyday of the late Sixties, but dragged out for two solid hours. And yet at the same time, it is a hobblingly literary movie, leaning heavily on the protagonist's logorrheic narration to lend any semblance of coherence to the action. Put simply, it was a doomed idea from the word go, and the main fascination of the thing is in marvelling at how it managed to crawl so far along the ground without anyone uttering the word "stop." Johnny Depp, Benecio Del Toro, Christina Ricci, Ellen Barkin, Gary Busey. 1998.

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/25 AND 26 MIDNIGHT)

The First Saturday in May — 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 the most casual sports fan, and many a nonfan, will know ahead of time which horse will win, and know that the planned climax will be diminished by what happened next at the

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Preakness. 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. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Forbidden Kingdom — A bullied Boston teenager and martial-arts film aficionado (Michael Angarano) 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 Iet 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. Directed by Rob Minkoff. 2008

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Forgetting Sarah Marshall — Comedy of heartbreak and heartmend, under the imprimatur of producer Judd Apatow, but directed by newcomer Nicholas Stoller, and written by its star, Jason Segel, who envisions for himself the role of a would-be se rious 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 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, fractional though it may be, is Segel's penis, a raising of stakes over the old reliable tush shot. ("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.) 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 car-

ried 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. Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Jonah Hill. 2008. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARK-WAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

#### Harold and Kumar Escape from

Guantanamo Bay — John Cho and Kal Penn reprise their pothead roles, co-written and co-directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 4/25)

Horton Hears a Who! - Dr. Seuss adulterated: plumped-up graphics (faithful in bare outline); wised-up attitude (vocal impressions of Kissinger and JFK, a martialarts anime parody); dragged-out storytelling. The elephant's crossing of a rickety rope bridge is a good sequence (meanwhile, down in minuscule Whoville, a jostled dentist misses the mark with the novocaine needle, hits the patient in the shoulder, and turns his arm into a strand of spaghetti); and the lessons on tolerance and coexistence aren't lost in the grandiosity. With the voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, and Carol Burnett; directed by Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: FASH ION VALLEY 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;



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FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

The Life before Her Eyes — Reviewed this issue. With Uma Thurman, Evan Rachel Wood, Eva Amurri, and Brett Cullen; directed by Vadim Perelman. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 4/25)

My Blueberry Nights — Reviewed this issue. With Norah Jones, Jude Law, Natalie Portman, Rachel Weisz, and David Strathairn; directed by Wong Kar-wai. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Nim's Island — When a reclusive marine biologist is lost at sea off his own private island, 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 fictional hero of a series of adventure novels. Worse luck, the actual author behind the books is an obsessive-compulsive agoraphobic female, a plucky performance by Jodie Foster in an insipid children's film, succulently photographed by Stuart Dryburgh. With Abigail Breslin and Gerard Butler; directed by Mark Levin and Jennifer Flackett. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Priceless — Pierre Salvadori's Gallic romantic comedy tarries 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)

**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. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Smart People — Dennis Ouaid, 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: FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VAL-LEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Stop-Loss — A hiatus of nine years since Kimberly Peirce's first feature, the genderbending Boys Don't Cry, is practically like starting from scratch. And blended into a crowd of Iraq War films, this bring-thetroops-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; GASLAMP 15)

Street Kings — Director David Aver, 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 vodkaswigging, trigger-happy Keanu Reeves, in the lead, proves to be one of the least dirty policers and least bad performers. With Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Chris Evans, John Corbett, Jay Mohr, Cedric the Entertainer, The Game, and Common. 2008. • (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MIS-

GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; 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 acumen and application, only in the rewards and perks: a run-of-the-mill Sin City fantasy (dazzling montage of casino neon, top-of-the-world luxury suite, strip club, stacks and stacks of hoarded chips) in which the natural-born nerd can forget who his friends are, become somebody different, go around acting like a cross between Richard Gere in Pretty Woman and Michael Douglas in Wall Street. Director Robert Luketic, whose lightweight credits consist of Legally Blonde, Win a Date with Tad Hamilton, and Monster-in-Law, permits himself to be entranced by the fantasy, serving more as press agent than reporter, greasing the wheels for a smooth ride, picking compatible pop songs for tempo. Jim Sturgess 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 repellence to good use as the manipulative mentor, the adult authority figure who, in order to complete the fantasy, must finally be overthrown. The most sympathetic figure, even when (perhaps especially when) he's slipping rings onto his fingers for a brass-knuckle work-over, is Laurence Fishburne as an old-school casino watchdog who's being phased out by computer software. 2008

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Under the Same Moon — Patricia Riggen'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-theborder son (Adrian Alonso) on his ninth birthday, turns on the waterworks when he reminds her he hasn't seen her in four years. At the birthday party immediately thereafter, Granny is hacking her way to an imminent grave, and a distant uncle, brother of the absent father, drops by to volunteer for guardianship, fully cognizant

of the \$300 per month sent home by the mother. Granny, like clockwork, fails to wake up, and the boy, wasting only a little time for waterworks, heads north on his own to track down his mother before the next weekly call. Hair-raising adventures and close shaves follow bumper to bumper, though the boy always appears to have time to comb his hair as neatly as if he were sitting for a studio portrait. A happy ending never feels in doubt. It's only a question of how many tugs. 2008. • (CHULA VISTA 10: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13:

• (CHULA VISTA 10; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Visitor — Reviewed this issue. With Richard Jenkins, Haaz Sleiman, Danai Gurira, and Hiam Abbass; written and directed by Tom McCarthy. ★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/25)

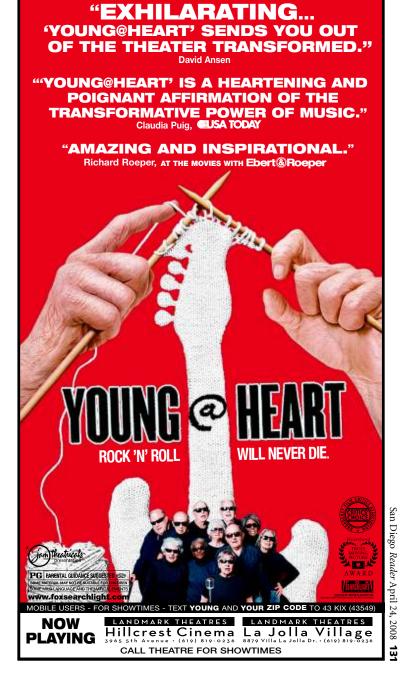
#### Where in the World Is Osama bin

Laden? — With his wife pregnant ostensible premise for wanting a safer world - Morgan Spurlock takes his camera on a quixotic quest for the world's Most Wanted man, or more ambitiously a quest for peaceful coexistence. As in Super Size Me, he strives for a tone of Michael Mooreish impudence, but in spite of the cartoon segment, the video-game parody, the mock baseball cards, and the silly musical selections, the tone is hard to maintain through man-on-the-street interviews from Morocco to Pakistan (the rudest subjects are orthodox Jews in the Holy Land), and particularly hard because of the filmmaker's own contentment with platitudes. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Young @ Heart — Documentary 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. 2008.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 skinstretching 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. • (GASLAMP 15)



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#### CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Baby Mama (PG-13); Deception (R); 88 Minutes (R); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Leatherheads (PG-13); Nim's Island (PG); Smart People (); Street Kings (R); 21 (Pg-13)

#### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Baby Mama (PG-13); The Counterfeiters (R); 88 Minutes (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Leatherheads (PG-13); The Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13); Stop-Loss (R); Street Kings (R); There Will Be Blood (R); 21 (Pg-13); Zombie Strippers (R)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **The Bank Job** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **Deception** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Drillbit Taylor** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:10, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:10, 10:35; **Expelled** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 2:35, 4:05, 5:10) 7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20 Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 4:05, 5:10, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20 Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:35) 4:05 5:10, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20; **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** (R) Fri. (12:15, 1:15, 2:50, 4:20, 5:25) 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 2:50) 4:20, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30; Nim's Island (PG) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:20) 7:30, 9:45 at.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; **Prom** Night (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:15, 5:40) 7:55, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; **The Ruins** (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Smart People () Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 7:05, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:05, 9:30; Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; **10,000 B.C.** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; The Metropolitan Opera: La Fille du Regiment () Sat. 10:30p.m.

#### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

7 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; The Bank Job (R) Fri.-Sun 2:30, 7:40; Deception (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:05 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri. 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15 Sat. (10:45) 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15 Sun. 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55 Sat. (10:30) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55 Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55; **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri. 12:25, 2:05, 3:00, 4:40, 5:35, 7:15, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 12:25, 2:05, 3:00, 4:40, 5:35, 7:15, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45; **Leatherheads** (PG-13) Fri. 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 4:20, 7:10, 10:05; **The Life Before Her Eyes** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45; **Prom Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 5:15, 10:35; **21** (Pg-13) Fri. 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40 Sat. (10:55) 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40

#### La Jolla Village

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8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Caramel (PG) Fri.-Sun. 2:30, 7:30; Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:55p.m.; **My Blueberry Nights** (PG-13) Fri. 5:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 5:00, 10:00; **Smart** People () Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Satt-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Satt-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Young @ Heart** (PG) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

#### MIRA MESA

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# **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

#### **MISSION VALLEY** Fashion Valley 18

037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13); Deception (R); 88 Minutes (R): The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guan-tanamo Bay (R); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Leatherheads (PG-13); Nim's Island (PG); Prom Night (PG-13); The Ruins (R); Smart People (); Stop-Loss (R); Street Kings (R); 21 (Pg-13)

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Deception (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun, (10:45, 1:30) 4:15. 7:00; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sun, (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Harold and

Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Smart **People** () Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45 Sun, (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

#### **Mission Valley 20**

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken 4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Body of War** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:05, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:30

#### UPTOWN

**Hillcrest Cinemas** 

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) The First Saturday in May (Not Rated) Fri. 2:30, 7:30 Sat. 7:30p.m. Sun. 2:30, 7:30; The

Life Before Her Eyes (R) Fri. 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Priceless (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; The Visitor (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden? (PG-13) Fri. 5:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 5:00, 10:00; Young @ Heart (PG) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

#### **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Africa: The Serengeti (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; Antarctica (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; Dolphins (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00; Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk 3D (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure (NR) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 5:00

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#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **Deception** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 7:30, 10:05; Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:25) 6:45, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:25, 6:45, 9:30; 88 Minutes (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:10) 7:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:10, 7:00, 10:25; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:40, 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:25, 7:55, 10:20, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 12:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:00, 7:25, 7:55, 10:20, 10:35; **Forgetting** Sarah Marshall (R) Fri. (11:45, 12:30, 2:30 4:15, 5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 2:30) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; **Leatherheads** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 10:10; Prom Night (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; **Street Kings** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:55) 7:05, 9:40; **Superhero Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 4:50) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 4:50, 7:45, 10:05; **21** (Pg-13) Fri. (12:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:40

#### SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun.; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sun.; Leatherheads (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

#### SOUTH BAY

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Deception (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **88** Minutes (R) Fri - Sun (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30. 10:15; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45; Forget-ting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15) 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; Prom Night (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:30) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Street Kings** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Under the Same Moon** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

#### Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13); Deception (R); 88 Minutes (R); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Nim's Island (PG); Prom Night (PG-13); Smart People; Street Kings (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13)

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13); Deception (R); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13); 88 Minutes (R); Expelled (PG); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R): Horton Hears a Who! (G); Nim's Island

(PG); Prom Night (PG-13); Rogue (R); The Ruins (R); Smart People; Street Kings (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 10,000 B.C. (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13); Under the Same Moon (PG-13)

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

*East H Street (619-216-4707)* **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Deception** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri. (11:50, 2:05, 4:30) 6:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:30, 6:50; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:40) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; **Ex-pelled** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 6:55, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:25, 6:55, 9:25; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:40, 1:00, 2:20, 4:05, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 1:00, 2:20) 4:05, 5:05, 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30; **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 4:45) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11.30, 2.05) 4.45, 7.40, 10.20; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:55) 7:00, 9:20; Prom Night (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:20) 8:00, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:20, 8:00, 10:15; The Ruins (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:15, 7:55, 10:20: Smart People Fri.-Sun. 9:15p.m.; Street **Kings** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:35, 10:10; **Superhero Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 1:55, 4:10) 6:45, 9:10 Sat. Sun. (11:40, 1:55) 4:10, 6:45, 9:10; 21 (Pg-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:20) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:20, 7:15, 10:05; Under the Same Moon (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40

**IMPERIAL BEACH** 

South Bay Drive-In

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#### NORTH INLAND **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Baby Mama (PG-13); Deception (R); 88 Minutes (R); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guan-tanamo Bay (R); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Leatherheads (PG-13): Nim's Island (PG): Prom Night (PG-13); Smart People; Superhero Movie (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13)

#### **ESCONDIDO**

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 7:10, 9:50; **Deception** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:30, 10:10; **Horton Hears a Who!** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50); Drillbit Taylor (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 6:55; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:55) 7:35, 10:15; **Expelled** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 4:10) 6:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 6:50, 10:20: The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated) Fri. (12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:50) 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:00, 3:30) 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:45, 10:25; **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** (R) Fri. (12:10, 1:40, 3:10, 4:40) 7:20, 8:00, 10:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 1:40, 3:10) 4:40, 7:20, 8:00, 10:05, 10:45; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:50, 10:35; Nim's Island (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:50) 6:45, 9:30; Prom Night (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:15) 7:15, 10:00; Smart People () Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 10:00; Smart People () Fri.-Sun. 9:55p.m.; Street Kings (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:45, 10:40; Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:05, 9:40; **21** (Pg-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:25, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:25, 10:30; Under the Same Moon (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:35) 6:40, 9:35

#### FALLBROOK

#### **River Village**

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; 88 Minutes (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; The **Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 7:30; **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; Nim's Island (PG) Fri.-Sat (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

#### POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Deception (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guan-tanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Leatherheads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45,

1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun, (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15; Prom Night (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **21** (Pg-13) Fri. Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30

#### SAN MARCOS

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old *California Walk (760-471-3711)* **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25)

7:00, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guan-tanamo Bay (R) Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

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#### VISTA

Vista Village Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:20, 2:10, 2:50, 4:40, 5:15) 7:10, 7:45, 9:35, 10:10; Deception (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri-Sun. (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:05, 9:15; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:30, 1:25, 2:05, 4:05, 4:45) 6:50, 7:30, 9:40, 10:20; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:05, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:20) 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:40, 2:20, 3:10, 4:55, 5:40) 7:25, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:20; **Prom Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:30; **Street Kings** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05, 4:45) 7:35, 10:05; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 10:15

#### **NORTH COASTAL** CARLSBAD

#### Plaza Camino Real

385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00; The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40 Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:45) 7:15; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30; Smart People Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 7:55, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 7:55

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5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guan-tanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Prom Night** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat. (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **21** (Pg-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:00 Sat. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:30, 1.15) 4.15, 7.00

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Leatherheads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:30, 1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **The Life Before Her Eyes** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Smart People** Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00

#### **ENCINITAS**

La Paloma 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) The Diving Bell and the Butterfly (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:25p.m.; In Bruges (R) Fri.-Sun 8:55p.m.

#### LA COSTA

#### La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

**Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Deception** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:15; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00; **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Nim's lsland (PG) Fri. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30

#### OCEANSIDE

#### **Mission Marketplace 13** College Boulevard and Mission Avenue

(760-806-1790) **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:00; **Deception** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 5:00, 7:30; **Hor**ton Hears a Who! (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Prom Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30; **The Ruins** (R) Fri.-Sat. (4:00) 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (4:00) 8:30; Street Kings (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Superhero Movie (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45) 6:15; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Under the Same Moon (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45

#### Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:10, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40

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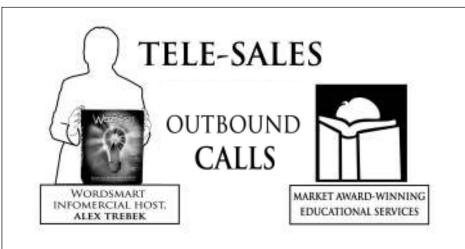
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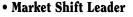
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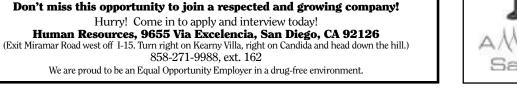
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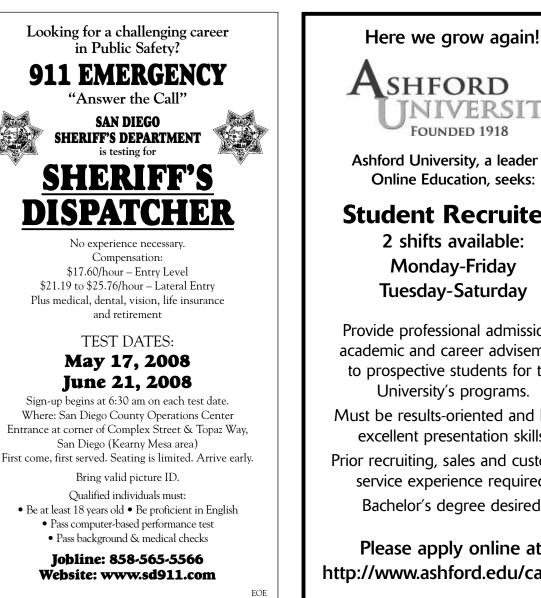
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Alan Thomas SDG&E Vista

▼ kind of like Ron Paul. He's a breath of fresh air. Everyone else...shame on them. We need a third party. Hillary...it's actually Billary. The candidates that are running now are all part of the establishment. I remember when Ross Perot ran. I really thought he had a shot at it. There is so much about politics that bothers me that sometimes a person like Ron Paul is refreshing.

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 $\overline{I}$  think every successful politician has had to make some compromise or shady deal to get where they are. They compromise some of their values. I recently went on this site that was talking about Al Gore and all his green stuff. It seems like that's just for one side to praise him or another to knock him. I'd rather have the scientists debate that issue and then tell us what we can do about it. I don't want politicians telling us...and taxing us when I don't know what the tax is used for. I've known politicians that have gotten into office and became so discouraged. It's not even a matter of which side you're on.

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answer to this question. I mean, I'll listen to what they have to say, but

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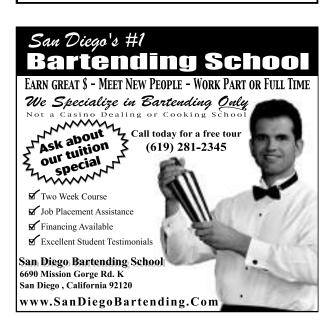
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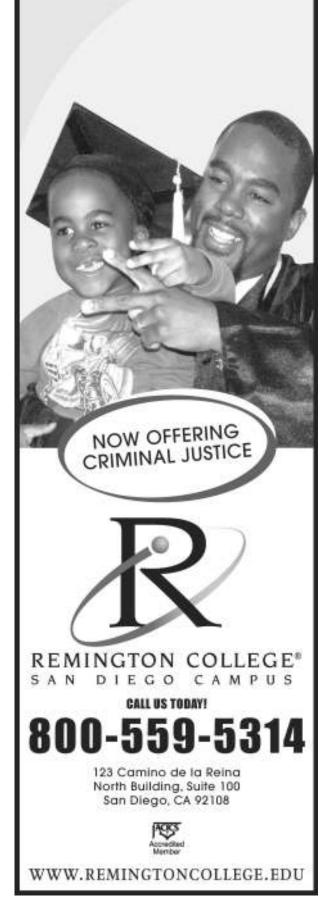
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- 8. Oreg. or La., once 9. 1847 Melville novel
- 10. Chicken
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- 13. Like some wine 18. President after FDR
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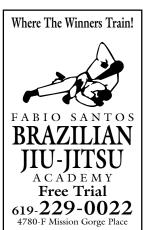
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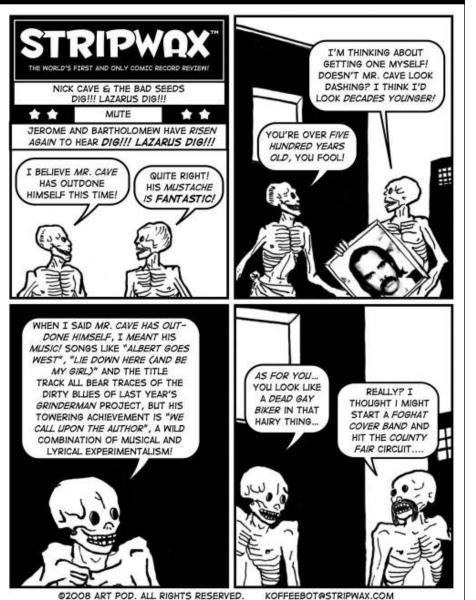
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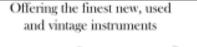
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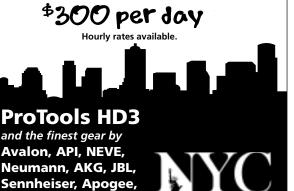


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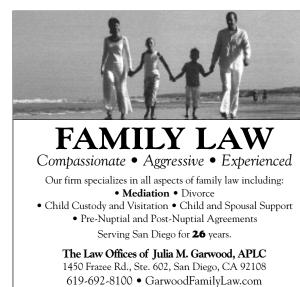


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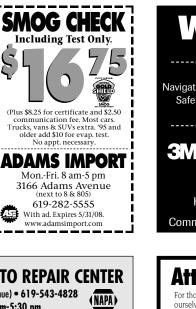
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#### LEAD STORY

While March Madness dominates intercollegiate athletics, another group of collegians works out amidst coaches' whistles, endures bloody, 12-hour practices, and cheers on teammates preparing for the national championship in meat-judging, in which about 40 colleges compete, according to a March Wall Street Journal report. Coaches at powerhouses such as Colorado State and South Dakota State say skills such as evaluating T-bone cutting and spotting whether a pig has too much back fat come with determination and concentration (and, of course, practice, as one coach said it all comes down to time spent in the meat locker, at 38 degrees Fahrenheit). And pro scouts are watching from the stands - representatives of U.S. meat companies, seeking talent.

#### **Fine Points of the Law**

- (1) Italy's highest appeals court ruled in March that it is not illegal for a woman to lie in a police investigation if the reason is to cover up her adulterous affair. Court of Cassation judges said that her honor is more important than providing intimate information about her lover. (2) The North

Carolina Court of Appeals voted 2-1 in February to approve a workers' compensation claim for only one of a woman's breast-implant replacements, ruling that the other implant ruptured (in a job-related accident) only because it had been improperly installed. The dissenting judge said, even so, the compensation fund should pay for the second replacement, too, because to achieve their purpose, both breasts must be aligned properly on the chest.

#### The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

- When Johnny Diablo's year-old vegan restaurant failed to catch on in Portland, Ore., last year, he converted the space into Casa Diablo's Gentlemen's Club, which is what he believes is the world's only vegan strip club. He has no rule against meat-eating dancers, he told Willamette Week newspaper in February, but won't permit leather, fur, silk, or wool outfits on stage (no "murder victims" in the club, he said).

- Cosmetics from the American company Blue O, under the "Lookin' Good for Jesus" brand urging users to "Get Tight with Christ," were pulled from stores in Singapore in February due to complaints, but Blue Q said it's not abandoning that line of hand and body creams, lip balm, breath spray, and bubble bath. Blue Q also markets similar cosmetics under such brands as "Dirty Girl," "Cute as Hell," "Total Bitch" and "Virgin/Slut," as well as a car air-freshener by its brand "Cat Butt."

#### Leading Economic Indicators

- To feed the fast-growing women's hair-extension business, brokers in India scour the countryside for Hindu temples that encourage female worshippers to shear themselves as good-luck offerings to the temples' gods, according to a February dispatch in Germany's Der Spiegel. Historically, the hair was used to make mattresses, but because the celebrity-driven extension business is so large, salons around the world pay from \$125 to \$250 per pound for strands of never-chemically-treated hair of desirable hues. Shaving is a Hindu tradition, and one donor told Spiegel she had long prayed for her husband to stop drinking and that when that "miracle" happened, she felt compelled to offer her hair.

 In the worst slums of Port-au-Prince, Haiti (where 80 percent of the people live on less than \$2 a day), rice now sells for 30 cents a cup (double the price of a year ago), according to a January Associated Press dispatch, leaving the poorest of the poor to subsist mainly on "cookies" made with dirt. Choice clay from the central plateau is at least a source of calcium and can be baked with salt and vegetable shortening. However, recently in the La Saline slum, the reporter noted, the price of dirt, too, has risen about 40 percent.

#### **The Continuing Crisis**

- At a February casting call in Pittsburgh for the movie Shelter (to star Julianne Moore), producers announced they were seeking extras to play West Virginia mountain people from the hollers (Pittsburgh is about 40 miles from the state line), specifically an albino woman, extraordinarily tall or short people, those with unusual body shapes and faces (especially eyes), and "a 9- to-12-year-old Caucasian girl with an otherworldly look. 'Regular-looking' children should not attend."

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#### **Thirty Years Ago**

1. Why do you buy ink especially designed to come off all over me? I have to be careful not to read your issue wearing light-colored clothing!

3. Surely you get letters asking if Matthew Alice is a hermaphrodite, but do you print them? Of course not!

10. I once saw a letter you chose to print which urged you to start charging even a small sum for your little paper, but I say don't push your luck!

#### -LETTERS: "BOMBS OVER BALBOA PARK,"

Jacqueline Swatow, April 27, 1978

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Rob Hagey told fellow concert promoter George Wein that "many times I've felt like throwing a pie in your face." While Wein's local Kool Jazz Festivals were a big success, young Hagey had struggled since 1979 to keep alive his yearly San Diego Jazz Festival. That meant giving up his income as a tennis instructor for the summer months while he worked finding sponsors for the jazz festival and booking acts such as Sun Ra, Dexter Gordon, and Jack DeJohnette. -CITY LIGHTS: "JAZZMEN AMALGAMATED," Paul Krueger, April 28, 1983

#### **Twenty Years Ago**

"Let's say you and I, we're dealing dope. We argue over price. Say I'm a 300-pounder. You put a knife into me and kill me - unjustifiably. I'm sitting there on your sofa, a 300pound dead man. What can you do to keep police from identifying my body? Hence, what is known by detectives as a 'bathtub butcher': the body is placed in a bathtub and sectioned." — "THE TOOTH DETECTIVE," Judith Moore, April 28, 1988

#### **Fifteen Years Ago**

The best salvage yards in San Diego County can be found along the Mexican Border. Head south on I-5 or I-805, turn east on State Highway 905, chug up onto Otay Mesa, turn left on Heritage Road, and it begins, a bonanza of junkyards. The names beckon. First Auto Wrecking, Middle East Auto Wrecking, Central Auto Parts, Ramon's, Montoya's, Jalisco, Payless, El Leon, Miranda, Brothers, California. It's

a lip-smacking variety of mechanical refuse. 

Patrick Daugherty, April 29, 1993

#### **Ten Years Ago**

While Clinton was supposed to be there at 11:00 a.m., by high noon, he still hadn't showed.

Rather than sweat through my pinstripes in my seat, I used this waiting time to work the crowd.

During my retail-politics reconnaissance of the crowd, one hand I didn't shake because she refused to offer it - was that of Christine Kehoe, the only openly gay member of the San Diego City Council. Kehoe is a bespectacled lesbian with the thick, amorphous body of a bull dyke gone to seed. 

Peter Navarro, April 30, 1998

#### **Five Years Ago**

Hats off to the Reader for snatching Don Bauder out of retirement. I suspect he was pushed out the U-T door by the cocktail-corruption set he so eloquently describes in

San Diego Reader, April 30, 1998

today's issue ("Cocktail Corruption," "City Lights," April 17). I hope for some inside info on life at the U-T and on their senior management, but I assume they were smart enough to force the independent-thinking scribe into signing a nondisclosure agreement. —LETTERS: "SCRIBE SNATCHED," Chuck Allen,

April 24, 2003

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#### WILLIAM TRESEDER

Fallujah, Iraq

#### **AFN**

The military is not as unified as it may seem. But for those who think they know the true divide within our armed forces, take note: it's not any of the usual suspects. Oh, sure, there is the occasional renegade general or soldier expressing discontent from within the ranks about policy, troop levels, or the military's future direction, but those distract us from the real issue. The military is a victim of its own egalitarian principles: we don't care what color you are, who you worship, where you're from, or who you like. Yet, we are an organization, the most trusted wing of the government,

divided against itself. Oddly enough, the split occurs where we eat.

The process of getting food at a chow hall is a comfortable ritual for anyone who's ever been to Iraq: show the ol' ID, make sure any and all weapons are safe at the high-tech weaponsclearing station (really an oil drum turned on its side with sand in it), remove your cover as you come in, and wash your hands in the anteroom. Now grab a poorly dried tray, a few napkins, and some plastic cutlery in preparation for actually piling the chow onto a flimsy partitioned plastic plate. Then point out your choices to the latex-gloved, paperhat-wearing Indian contract employees, hope you end up with half of what you actually asked for, carefully balance your tray as you weave through hungry troops, then stride courageously out of the serving area and into destiny.

At this point you may not understand the choice awaiting you before taking a seat, so a little architectural and historical background information is necessary.

We've been here for five years now, and despite the wide variety of chow halls in Iraq — particularly in Al Anbar province — almost all share one feature beyond the perennial "quantity over quality" ethos of military dining facilities: you must go either left or right when walking into the dining area. "So what?" you say innocently, unaware of the implications held within those 180 degrees, "Just pick a spot and sit down." Sorry to break it to you, rookie, but it doesn't work like that. At either end of the

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aforementioned dining area rests a television. Displayed on these TVs is the only network in Iraq: the Armed Forces Network, or AFN. There are a few different channels AFN shows, and carried within the Trojan Horse of media specialization rests the possible doom of the entire military structure. It divides us all, segregates us, turns us against each other. So it's not just a place to sit, it's a lifestyle choice you're deciding on as you contemplate your future there at the seemingly innocent crossroads, shifting from foot to foot nervously under the fluorescent lights.

To the right: news and intellectual stimulation. To the left: sports and hormone secretion

Now maybe you can begin to understand the

magnitude of this decision. Yes, you can be a middle-ofthe-road type and sit as close to the middle as possible, but everyone still knows what you're saying: I like sports/news but I can't commit to anything and don't want to rustle any feathers. Or, possibly it's that you have friends who sit on the other side and you don't want to make a big deal out of the difference. Well, guess what? It is a big deal. It's the biggest deal there is. Since the fateful introduction of the second AFN network and the fragmentation of visual media in deployed zones, the military has slowly polarized, coalescing into two gigantic camps, arrayed against one another in preparation for a titanic showdown of food and fists. Of course, the sports

guys will win, right? I mean, they are the active ones, so they must have some kind of upper hand physically. Normally that would be true, but the people sitting on both sides of this chow hall are part of the most disciplined, powerful, and deadly military the world has ever seen; they're all killers to the core, even the vegetarians. Plus, they all have weapons, a phenomenon that tends to reduce any physical disparities between groups pretty quickly. Even the guy eating the parfait over there in the corner can hold his own. Keep in mind the passion of these groups is pretty equal as well: there are those who feel just as strongly about Nascar as NAFTA, baseball as Barack, assists as interest rates. And if you look at the numbers on any given day,



### American Forces Network

there are just as many hunched-down figures alternating between stuffing their mouths and staring at the TV on both sides. In a sad testament to politics, it's often hard to say which side has the slackest jaw on average.

With these two evenly matched armies assembled in such close proximity fighting over the scarce edible resources placed attractively betwixt them — can there be any doubt an apoc-

alypse awaits? Who is strong enough to stem the tide of tacit tension brimming over? No champion has emerged on either side, and so unsteady stalemate continues each day: we are forced to walk out of the stagnant

heat of Iraq and into the chow hall's blistering atmosphere of hatred, mistrust, and gluttony. And there is no low-calorie option in this battle; we're on the brink of some deepfried, trans-fatted, gravysoaked mayhem.

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THE QUESTION WAS, WHERE THE HELL IS MY HOT SAUCE? As with so many little mysteries in my life, the answer is. I'm retarded

Situated neatly on my coffee table was a tray of grocery-store sushi, a slim bottle of Louisiana hot sauce, and a pirated DVD of Airwolf: Season One. As I settled into my chair, lifted the bottle and suspended it above the tray of clammy rolls, a knock came at my door. I answered. I looked out, then down to about belt-buckle level where a rounded imp in a shawl stood on my stoop.

"Yes," she said. "I Vietnam," she said pointing to herself. "I look apartment." She grazed past me into my place.

"Whoa, whoa, whoa."

She looked around the front room and said, "Ah, lonely man."

"Not at all. I love fantasy situations involving helicopters and Ernest Borgnine, and, hey, what's that supposed to mean. anyway?"

Faster than an ancient lump ought to be able to move, she whisked into my bedroom. "I look," she called. I followed her through my bedroom and into my bathroom. A rustling shower curtain alerted me to her location. I breezed the curtain open to see her there.

"Now, hang on a minute. My place is a mess. I wasn't expecting visitors."

Through something I wouldn't call language, she told me that she lived down the street with her family, but she needed an apartment for her newly arrived granddaughter. She was scouting places in the neighborhood. She darted out of the shower and past me.

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She shut the door behind her and I was alone again with my TV show and tray of plain sushi. "Where the hell?" I said, scratching my temple and searching the area for the missing bottle of hot sauce. "That old woman stole my hot sauce!" In my mind I formulated a clever conspiracy with Asian crones roving the streets, swiping bottles of hot sauce from baffled young bachelors. "I knew it! I knew I should have punched her in the face and slammed the door!"

Rethinking my theory, I ventured into the bathroom and found the red bottle on a shelf in my shower, where I had set it down so I could usher her out.

"Yep," I said, reclining on my couch, operating the remote control, and yawlping a spicy tuna roll into my mouth. "Hot-sauce-pilfering old women," I said to myself. "You're a damned genius."

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#### WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 24 BINDI THE JUNGLE GIRL** TI C 8.30 A M

Sure, I've adapted to modern living now, but when they found me, things were different. "Ollie the Estuary Boy," they called me, "half-man, half-otter." I still have the newspaper clippings. Don't tell anyone because I'm supposed to be civilized now, but some nights I sneak into the harbor with a rock and a bag of clams and crack them and eat them from my tummy.

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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 25 GOOD EATS FOOD 8:00 P.M.

An open letter to all television chefs: A decade-long flogging of an ingredient is more than sufficient. There is a world out there, beyond your grocer's aisle, beyond your lack of imagination, beyond your dreary creations. Stop it now. Stop this vast abuse and fascination with chipotle. Sure, it was good for a while, but its time has past. Set the chipotle aside or I will cram it sideways up your nose. Thank you.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 CHOP SOCKY CHOOKS CARTOON 8:30 A.M. What the hell? Having a predilec-

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#### tion toward racial humor but being oddly embarrassed of it in today's society, I'm not sure if this is offensive or my new favorite Saturdaymorning ritual. Oh, rats! It's a cartoon about Asian chickens. Well, if they forgo all the "we're a nation of many colors" handholding b.s. and get down to the "raundry rist" of stereotypical martial arts and rice-pickin' jokes, I'm in.

#### NBA BASKETBALL ESPN 7:30 P.M.

Networks are beginning their run of commercials for girls' soccer. Super. Girls' soccer. The stupidest sport ever, AND it's played by girls. Awesome. Can't wait.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 27 NATURF PBS 8:00 P.M.

If I were a dog, I'd be a weimaraner because their breed name is very close to wiener, which is hysterical. Wiener. It's funny. Say it. SAY IT! Wiener! Ah, isn't nature glorious.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 28 NHL PLAYOFFS VS 7:00 P.M.

Fat men on ice with little sticks is not entertainment, unless the sticks are used offensively and instead of skates they wear clown shoes. Also, there should be girls in bikinis and motorcycles with those spikes in their tires. Wow, that would be a cool show.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 29 A SHOT AT LOVE WITH TILA TEQUILA MTV 9:00 P.M.

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Bindi the Jungle Girl

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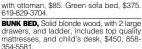
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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

I am asked fairly often what I write about, and I can't let it go as simply "Fridays." There is love, death, cabbages, kings, my childhood, say, or some broken appendage, chemical dependency, or misanthropy (not to be confused with misogyny, as it has been, by certain semiliterate enemies among seditious minorities such as, oh, I don't know, women and what have you), rap artists, rock and rollers, ancient Greeks, french toast, classical composers.... And those last five or so have been just in recent weeks. My point, I suppose, is that I have made it difficult to meet the reasonable expectations of readers by being far too generous in subject matter.

I find myself back again, at this moment, in the category of Chemical Dependency and Broken Appendages, as these are subjects I have found myself embroiled in for some three-plus months now with only newly glimpsed images of light at the end of the tunnel. Writing on pain medication for that period of time has produced certain phenomena, to wit and QED:

Three days ago, my foot was flayed open yet again to retrieve two bolts or screws that held the tibia to the fibula or some such. My anatomy knowledge is vague that far south. I came out of general anesthetic in far more pain than I had been in since the day of the actual break, walking down a flight of stairs. The recovery room staff gave me large doses of serious painkillers, but over 90 days of opiate-family drugs had rendered me nearly impervious to them. A tolerance had been established, and I barked at nurses and medical techs something awful. So badly, in fact, I was compelled to call Ambulatory Surgery Recovery Center's nurses' station the next day to apologize. They were gracious.

Meanwhile, working is more important than ever and more difficult. I can hardly attend the clog-dancing get-togethers I so long to, and the act of writing has become something possible only when pain has diminished; that is to say, when I have a skinful of drugs.

Yeah, whatever. What about Fridays?" you may well ask. "What's the best bet for weekend recreation this final week of April?" Well, first, be damned careful and don't break your bloody foot. But if you can, dance.

I have never danced enough. Mostly because I wasn't much good at it, but I still wanted a girlfriend in high school. Enter the guitar and joining or forming bands. If I could, I would dance the freaking rites of spring all over town; and as soon as I am able, I will ditch self-consciousness and boogie-oogieoogie 'til I just can't boogie no more, possibly celebrating the summer solstice by that time and the transition of crutches, casts, and ortho-boots from ball and chain to memories.

To whirl, strut, cavort expressively and with abandon, with a partner if possible but, in any event, enthusiastically, without consideration for image and or dignity. To throw my arms to the sides and heavenward, reveling in my sheer ability to do so and with gravity as taken for granted or even as ignored as oxygen, age, and the possibility of injury or blackmail.

The last time I danced was, I believe, at the Viejas Casino while I was writing about the Rascals and interviewing them. The song was "Come on Up," and, refusing to grind out what Billy Crystal calls "The Whiteman Overbite," I did a combination of the flamenco and tango with a very sporting girlfriend who had, moments earlier, been making out with the Rascals' sax player. That musician was a young, light-haired (to his waist) sideman with an Italian name I've forgotten. It was 1996 or '97 maybe. Some 12 years ago. Far too long. Other dancing memories consist of one euphoric night at the Electric Theater on Lawrence Avenue in Chicago in 1968. I was 17 and reeling to Traffic's "Paper Sun" at very high volume. I danced alone.

Speaking of which, I say nothing here of a handful of occasions in front of the stereo surrendering to Robbie Robertson, Keith Richards, Sam Cooke, or Jackie Wilson. Sun-bright mornings, usually, coffee cup in hand and probably spilling; those few and fine mornings God rations out like a short-pouring Chinese-restaurant bartender when it has occurred to me that I am alive despite some notable efforts to be anything but.

I remember, too, dancing the Podo after a high school basketball game. My band was attempting to cover the Animals' "Bury My Body." The Podo was an epileptic seizure of a dance that enjoyed brief popularity (two weeks?) in



rural Illinois during the mid '60s. I threw myself into it and onto the gymnasium floor when the power either failed or the plug was pulled by the principal of Grant High. And I remember too (at random now) dancing in my seat at the Del Mar Fair, holding my three-year-old son in my lap while Stevie Ray Vaughan wailed on "Cold Shot" the summer of 1984.

The few memories I have of moving bodily to music (including a lesson at Arthur Murray's old studio in Hillcrest in '99) are vivid and pleasant and far and away separated by too much time. Taking the activity of dancing for granted is some kind of sin. I see that now. Who knew? If nothing else, I should try at least to observe it. I recommend this. Call Eveoke Dance Theatre at 619-238-1153, for example, and see what they're up to this weekend. Your time will not be wasted. Or call the Hotel Del, ask about ballroom dancing or - more my speed — find the nearest dance floor with a jukebox this Friday night. Patrick's II comes to mind, between Fourth and Fifth at 428 F Street. They have great live acts nearly every weekend. O'Connell's on Morena Boulevard in Bay Park is consistently a good bet. Look for a jukebox without Britney Spears or Madonna hogging the numbers. I say this for musically technical reasons and because I don't like them. If you see a single James Brown selection on any juke machine anywhere, look no further for at least ten minutes. Disco? Technohouse? Can't help you there.

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