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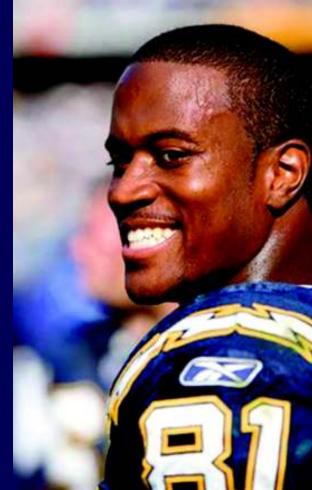
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### BREAKING NEWS

Tough guys The by-now-infamous F-word meltdown by San Diego mayor Jerry



**Sanders** is only the latest instance in a long history of bad-boy behavior by the onetime chief of police, who was tutored on the mean streets of Long Beach, where his father was a motorcycle cop. As a young San Diego patrol officer, Sanders, a San Diego State dropout, was reportedly a hard

Jerry Sanders

drinker caught up in the macho culture of local law enforcement. His South Mission Beach roommate was Tom Stickel, later to become a wealthy Coronado financier, who recalled that the pair led a loose life; friends said Sanders haunted local bars, picking up women. In February 1976 Sanders got a "reprimand" from his superiors after he was arrested for drunk driving by California Highway Patrol officers, who

chased his Porsche 914 at high speed down the freeway. Somehow, he avoided criminal prosecution.

When Sanders ran for mayor in 2005, there were rumors that he was violently short-tempered and verbally abused his first wife, Kerrill; Sanders denied it, though he'd



had the couple's 1993 divorce file sealed from prying eyes. Asked in 2005 about their divorce, Kerrill said, "It was a very amicable parting," but declined to elaborate, other than to say the case had been sealed "to protect our privacy."

Perhaps the most interesting of Sanders's current relationships is that between him and his press aide Fred Sainz, a hardball Republican operative who was a 1988 advance man for the first George Bush and went on to work for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Sainz showed up in San Diego as a functionary for the GOP's 1996 convention and remained to do various political duties for local Republicans; he was hired as an aide by GOP mayor Susan Golding and later became PR man for the city-run convention center operation. Sainz, known for his prickly personality, has been bulking up in local gyms and has become an intimidating presence around city hall and at Sanders political rallies.

#### Political dowries Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins — the former law firm



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of now-imprisoned superlawyer Bill Lerach - is throwing a fund-raiser for Mike Lumpkin, running in the 52nd Congressional District Democratic primary for the seat now held by the departing Republican Duncan Hunter. The guest of honor is former Georgia senator Max Cleland,

and sponsors include ex-state senators Dede Alpert and Steve Peace, failed congressional candidate Francine Busby, as well as La Jolla investor Neil Senturia and wife Barbara Bry.

SEAL commander, has raised a total of \$163,071 in the most recently reported quarter, versus \$278,816 for Marine captain and GOP primary candidate Duncan D. Hunter, the son of the outgoing congressman.... Big-name local money continues to pour into that initiative campaign against gay marriage. Among the latest to donate is Kelly Burt, a San Diego developer who is on the board of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, which runs the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Burt, who is chairman and CEO of Price Self Storage, gave \$10,000. He was appointed to the fair board by Arnold Schwarzenegger after giving the GOP governor \$142,000; Burt also backed Mitt Romney's failed presidential bid. Poway's Tom Kyd, a media developer with Catholic Exchange, an Encinitas-based Catholic website, contributed \$15,000; Kyd's wife Margot, a Sempra Energy vice president, earlier gave \$5000. Eight members of the Caster family of El Cajon each gave \$9100, as did Gary Davidson of Escondido, listed as CFO of Caster Family Enterprises, which

George Krikorian, the wealthy Armenian-Amer-

ican movie house developer from Redondo

Beach, is also a sponsor. Lumpkin, a retired Navy

from San Diego to San Francisco. Never mind Political observers are scratching their heads over the unfortunate strategic timing of a new mailer being sent out by the campaign of Auday Arabo, the mini-mart advocate running in the 78th Assembly District Democratic primary to succeed termed-out Republican assemblywoman Shirley Horton. The glossy mail piece features a photo of a service station, with gas prices listed as "Arm," "Leg," and "First Born Child." Inside, Arabo identifies himself as an Iraqi American and a Chaldean Christian, and the piece has the requisite partisan attack on the GOP, saying, "The innocent blood of thousands of people is on the hands of George Bush and the Republicans, but there is no stability, no weapons of mass destruction, no connection to Al Qaida, no exit strategy." Arabo goes on to argue that "war has cost our state \$60 billion in federal revenue." So far so good. But the back of the mailer features a photo of Arabo standing beside

owns and operates A-1 Self Storage facilities



the Republican district attorney whose perjury prosecution of Chula Vista city councilman Steve Castaneda believed by many to have been politically inspired — was blown up last week by a superior court jury that acquitted Castaneda

on six counts, deadlocking on the other two. Castaneda's defense maintained that Dumanis had mounted the case as a favor to Chula Vista mayor Cheryl Cox, whom Castaneda had run against in June 2006. Arabo once worked as a criminal prosecutor in the D.A.'s office.

— Matt Potter

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# **Pollyanna Creep**

By Don Bauder

• ou're walking around stoned all day. The economic statistics fed to you by the government are concocted to induce

a mere 3.7 percent in 2003

and 2004 and 3.6 in 2005. "It's

a little bit suspect," says Cun-

ningham. San Diego's con-

sumer price index for last year

was only 2.3 percent."It seems

euphoria. For one thing, inflation is grossly understated. Because of these artificially low reported inflation rates, the Federal Reserve can continue lowering interest rates without incurring the wrath of people worried about the dollar and excessive credit creation. The artificially low interest rates in turn lead to commodity speculation, one of the main reasons for global food shortages and rioting.

A good example of the government's humbuggery comes from San Diego. From 2001 through 2005, San Diego experienced one of the nation's biggest housing bubbles. Median home prices soared 77 percent, points out Kelly Cunningham, economist for the San Diego Institute for Policy Research. But the Bureau of Labor Statistics number for San Diego inflation was

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#### **Neal Obermeyer**



government went down.

"Because low inflation encour-

ages low interest rates, which

in turn make it much easier

to borrow money, the [Bureau

of Labor Statistics'] decision

no doubt encouraged, during the late 1980s, the large and often speculative expansion in private debt — much of which involved real estate, and some of which went spectacularly bad between 1989 and 1992 in the savings-andloan, real estate, and junkbond scandals," writes Kevin Phillips in the May issue of Harper's. Phillips's new book, Bad Money: Reckless Finance, Failed Politics, and the Global Crisis of American Capitalism, tells how



the Bureau of Labor Statisone cause of irresponsitics took housing prices out ble speculation and debt of the consumer price index. accumulation is dishonest government. A rental equivalent, or what homeowners might get for The phony statistics "crerenting their homes, replaced ate a false sense of economic actual home prices. Voilà! Inflation as reported by the

achievement and rectitude. allowing us to maintain artificially low interest rates, massive government borrowing, and a dangerous reliance on mortgage and financial debt even as real economic growth continued on page 8

VERCOBERMENOR

Of the 1.4 million tons of

waste dumped at Miramar

Landfill every year, 400,000

tons are construction debris.

According to the City of San

Diego's website, the landfill

will reach capacity between

2011 and 2013. It is the only

tance of diversion of C&D waste from Miramar enough,"

says South."It's so important

for people to recognize, and

we need to do everything we

can to encourage and promote the diversion of as much

plant opened in January 2007,

it has operated far below capac-

ity. Although it's capable of

accepting 1000 tons of demo-

lition debris per day, only an

average of 250 tons has arrived.

start can be attributed to cost.

Until recently, Miramar Land-

fill charged \$46 per ton to

dump construction waste.

The reason for the slow

of the waste as possible." Since EDCO's recycling

"I can't stress the impor-

dump the City owns.

# **Knock It Down**, **Throw It Out**

By Dorian Hargrove

# ust covers everything inside EDCO's construction-waste recycling plant in Lemon Grove. Misters attached to the rafters

work to keep the dust down, but inside the airplane-hangarsize building, dust and mist combine to create the illusion of a dust storm.

Toward the center of the building, a large grapnel arm picks at a 40-foot-tall mountain of dry-rotted two-byfours, chunks of concrete, and jagged pieces of Sheetrock. A loud clap resounds when the mechanized arm drops its load into a metal chute. The chute leads to a conveyor belt on a second floor that occupies one section of the buildC&D waste — entering the facility will be recycled. Ground-up concrete is used as a subbase gravel for new roads and, if free of contaminants, as the dry aggregate for new concrete. Wood becomes mulch or an energy source for power plants. Crushed drywall is turned into a soil amendment that's used on farms, and the plastic from old carpet is refashioned into carpet padding.

"The fact is that the landfill in Miramar is nearing capacity," South says, "and

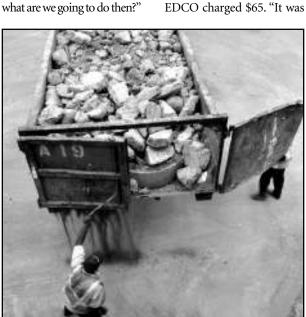


ing. Twirling rubber disks inside the chute propel the debris forward and spread it out on the belt, where a crew of workers sorts the material. Big chunks of concrete and drywall are tossed down chutes, adding to piles on the first floor; the remaining scraps continue down the belt, where large magnets rip nails from lumber. After the nails are scraped off the magnet, they're deposited in the metal scrap pile. On the first floor, hunks of concrete are pulverized in a crusher and spread on top of a ten-foot-high concrete sand dune. Piles of metal scrap stand next to mounds of broken drywall and rolls of frayed carpet.

Steve South, EDCO's president, says approximately 80 percent of the construction and demolition waste - or

Zane Williams

something needed to be done. A lot of people fail to see the valuable resource that we have in Miramar. Once it is full, there's no turning back, and what are we going to do then?"





cheaper to bury it than to

On April 1, the City of San

Diego raised Miramar's price

to \$92 per ton. Then, start-

ing on July 1, an ordinance

will go into effect that requires

building contractors to pay a

deposit on the construction

waste that a project is expected to generate. According to the

City's Environmental Services

website, the deposits can range

from \$200 to \$50,000, depend-

ing on the type of project and its square footage. If the con-

tractor recycles 50 percent or more of the debris at a City-

approved recycler, the City

will return all of the deposit;

if a lesser percentage is recy-

cled, a lesser amount of the

nance goes back to 1989, when

the state legislature passed

Assembly Bill 939, requiring

local jurisdictions to recycle

50 percent of their waste by

2000 or incur a \$10,000 per

day fine. The bill required the

County to form a waste-man-

agement task force. The task

force had to approve any plan

that the City came up with

before it was adopted. Richard

Anthony has been on the task

force's citizens advisory com-

mittee for ten years. "In San

Diego, [the task force] cre-

ated a citizens advisory com-

mittee and a technical advi-

sory committee," he explains.

"The technical advisory com-

mittee are the recycling coor-

dinators or the assignees from

the various city managers'

offices, and the citizens advi-

sory committee are the envi-

ronmental groups, the haulers,

and the landfill companies."

The need for such an ordi-

deposit will be returned.

recycle it," says South.

Workers sort materials on conveyor belt at EDCO recycling plan

going, 'No, no new landfills,' " says Anthony. "So we had to ask the State what needed to be done to avoid getting a new landfill. They said that in order to avoid it, 75 percent of the waste needed to be recycled. So we looked at the pie chart, and we saw that onethird of all that's going into the landfill is construction and demolition debris, and it's a problem, and these developers should take some responsibility."

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Grapnel arm drops debris in chute

responsibility." The advisory committee worked on an ordinance for *continued on page 10 An archive of City Lights stories can now be searched on the Internet at*  **SDReader.com** 

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The City, the task force, and the advisory committees worked hard to reach the 50 percent recycling rate. In 2000, San Diego was at 45 percent, and the State granted the City an extension in order to avoid the \$10,000-per-day fine. It took nearly four more years to reach the 50 percent mark, but in 2004, a 52 percent recycling rate was achieved. However, another unresolved issue originated from AB 939. Part of AB 939 required

the City to have a ten-year capacity in its landfill, and every three years the City was required to show the State documentation of that capacity. The City knew that Miramar Landfill was almost full and proposed a new landfill at Gregory Canyon. "We're сіту сіднт 5

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has been slower than claimed," Phillips writes. The misleadingly low inflation also permits the government to pay lower cost-of-living adjustments on Social Security, wages, and contracts.

Based on the official 2.3 percent inflation rate of last year, Cunningham is pre-

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dicting 3 percent inflation for San Diego this year, "but I would think it would be higher," he says. If inflation were calculated the way it was 30 years ago, "the rate would be almost double that," he says. Phillips thinks the national inflation rate is actually 7 to 10 percent. Alan Gin of the University of San Diego thinks a decline in the rental equivalent will keep San Diego inflation from soaring this year,

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but he concedes that some economists say that as people lose their homes to foreclosure, the demand for rentals will go up, and so will the rental equivalent and local inflation rate.

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The rental ploy is only one crooked arrow in the government's quiver. Since the mid-1990s, there have been other ruses. One is called "product substitution." If steak gets too expensive, the government says you will switch to hamburger. "When someone buys chicken instead of steak because meat has gone up in price, that's evidence of inflation," says Barry Ritholtz, a strategist for an institutional research firm who often writes about misleading government statistics. Through the product substitution hocus-pocus, costs that are rising most rapidly get a lower weighting in the inflation index. So inflation looks tame. Of course, the government doesn't assume people will move *up* to steak from hamburger or chicken.

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the "hedonic adjustment." Although buying a new car may take a higher percentage of your income each year, the government might assume the car's price is going down because the car is improving in quality. Moreover, some economists say that the con-



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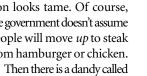
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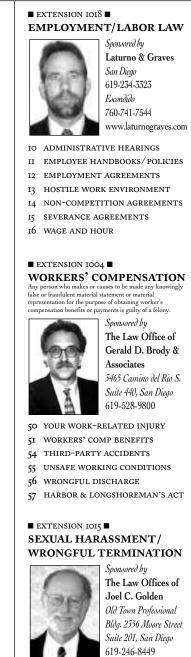
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sumer price index gives inordinate weight to products that go down rapidly in price, such as electronic gear. Hedonics, which is very subjective, opens the door to all kinds of mischief. By and large, most products improve over time. "Hedonics is premised on a flawed assumption: that quality is static," says Ritholtz. But some products and services don't improve: for example, your milk used to be delivered, toys were once safe, and a man's suit came with two pairs of trousers. There is no adjustment for decreasing quality.

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And then there is the concept of "core" inflation: because their prices tend to be volatile, food and fuel are left out. The Federal Reserve watches core inflation more than it watches the standard consumer price index. Of course, the core is likely to be lower, particularly these days. If you don't eat, heat your house, drive a car, or ride in airplanes, core inflation is for you.

So what can you expect this year? Inflation, even with the ruses. Commodity prices are zooming. One reason is that the Federal Reserve keeps lowering interest rates, claiming it has room to do so because reported inflation is moderate. So the dollar goes down and commodity prices go up. Another reason is that the U.S. government is making still another mistake: subsidizing ethanol. Farmers are shifting to corn production. That causes distortions. For example, Mexican farmers have been burning their blue agave, used to make tequila, so they can plant corn. You won't have bargain tequila to toss down anymore."The U.S. has been dealing with energy problems in the worst way, and it has been doing it since the first oil shock in 1973." says Ross Starr, economist at the University of California, San Diego. "Subsidizing ethanol from corn is someplace between really dumb, dumb, bizarre, and protectionist. Agriculture in every country is screwed up."

That goes without saying. There are food riots in poor countries. The massive shift of production to subsidized biofuels gets part of the blame, along with rising consumption in emerging nations, wheat crop failures, currency market volatility, and commodities speculation that is continued on page 10



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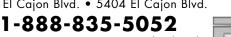
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greatly based on artificially low interest rates.

Starr expects inflation this year, although he thinks it will drop in the subsequent year or two. James Hamilton of the University of California, San Diego, also expects inflation. "The ethanol program is one factor driving up food prices in the U.S. and the rest of the world, and low interest rates have encouraged commodities speculation," says Hamilton. "There is a contribution of U.S. policy in these global problems - an unwise policy on our part. It doesn't make sense to drive cars powered by corn, and it doesn't make sense for the Federal Reserve to drive interest rates as low as possible as quickly as they have." Excessively easy money and credit can boost inflation.

For one thing, lower interest rates make it less expensive for commodity speculators to hold larger inventories of oil and grain. For another, the rise in the price of oil — caused greatly by lower interest rates and a weak dollar - makes it more profitable for farmers to grow corn for ethanol. And that causes

all kinds of shortages and market distortions.

Phillips says that the falsifying of the consumer price index evolved gradually under both Democrats and Republicans. One economist calls the phenomenon "Pollyanna Creep." The phony numbers have "had a hand in the abetting of political dishonesty, reckless debt, and a casinolike financial sector," says Phillips. Those are the woes that are burying us. And contributing to food riots abroad.

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waste. In 2005, the city council approved the ordinance, which included plans to build a construction-waste recycling facility at the Miramar Landfill. The facility was expected to divert nearly 290,000 tons of construction waste each year. Because of a lack of funding, the project never got under way.

"The City had rules," Anthony says. Recycling "couldn't be more expensive than dumping mixed trash. Well, okay, sorry, it couldn't go through then. So EDCO decided this was a big issue and

decided to build the facility." After EDCO's plant was

built, the City initially ignored pleas from the company to raise the gate fees at Miramar. South had expected quicker action from the City, but he's happy with the recent fee increase and deposit requirement. "The combination of the two is pretty significant and will add to the life of Miramar and add to the amount of reusable products leaving our facility."

Not everyone is as happy. Zane Williams, of Big Zane's Hauling, says the price increase puts more of a strain on a business already stretched by soaring gas prices. Williams has hauled stuff for over 12 years. He drives all across the county in his longbed pickup truck, collecting construction waste and other debris and taking it to the dump. He uses both Miramar and EDCO's plant, depending on the part of the county he's in. The fee increase at Miramar has forced him to raise his prices."It's killing us," he says. "You know, we are trying to make an honest living, and for the City to raise prices, it just makes it hard on us. Me, honestly, I've had to show my customers the price sheet from the dump just to show them why my

prices are what they are. And with all these foreclosures, there's constant demolition and remodeling going on. I don't know how it's going to turn out. You know, I see a grim future, because not everyone's going to continue taking stuff to the dump, and who knows what they'll do with it."

Other haulers and demolition companies have taken the initiative with recycling. Dan Cannon, president of Dirt Cheap Demolition, encourages his crews to set aside salvageable material. According to Cannon, some days he saves nearly two tons. "We try and separate lumber, sinks, toilets, and cabinetry from going into the regular trash," Cannon says. "We keep the reusable stuff for later use, and we've actually created a nonprofit that takes some of the stuff to poor neighborhoods in Tijuana. Every day when we do work, we salvage stuff. Why would I pay by the pound to throw something perfectly good out? It doesn't make sense to me. Plus, most owners like to see us save most of the stuff, so it works out for both of us."

Cannon's company is one of the few that have been faithful customers of EDCO's recycling plant since it opened. "What we take to EDCO is truly trash, like small scrap pieces of wood and broken drywall," Cannon says. "We take any bricks and concrete to the recycler as well."

Cannon believes that one way the City could divert construction and demolition waste from Miramar would be to have a salvage pile at the landfill. "One of the problems with a government-run landfill is they don't allow for scavenging," he says. "There are all kinds of construction materials that people throw out that are still good."

Contractors aren't the only ones being proactive. On the same day the City of San Diego adjusted the price for demolition-waste dumping, the City of Chula Vista adopted a seven-measure plan that mandated use of recycled and renewable construction materials, as well as the use of alternative energy sources. The plan urged residents and businesses to replace their lawns with rocks or shrubs and encouraged businesses and homeowners to participate in a solar-power energy program. Chula Vista is the only city south of Los Angeles to adopt these "green" building regulations.

Leo Miras, policy advocate for the Environmental Health Coalition, the group that developed the plan for Chula Vista, explains some of the general reasons the City of San Diego is slow to take the initiative on environmental policies. "San Diego tends to not be the most progressive, in terms of environmental policies," he says. "I think it's due to a variety of issues. We are all especially sensitive to the energy issue, and we've lost some focus from using alternative sources. Also, we are so dependent on the housing market, and there is a worry that any increase in requirements will hurt the developers and hurt the housing market even more so than it already is."

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EDCO's South commends the City of San Diego for its recent price adjustment at Miramar: already more construction waste is being diverted from the landfill.

But Anthony of the citizens advisory committee says the City needs to stay committed. "We don't need more ordinances," he says. "We need enforcement. We need public education and implementation. We need to let people know that these are the rules and enforce them."

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#### Many Tanks

Kudos to Geoff Bouvier ("No One's Ever Told Me That I Look Like a Fish," Cover Story, April 24)! I tried repeatedly to get Jim Holman and the late, great Judith Moore to let me write the story he just published on the tropical fish culture of San Diego. David Huie is a San Diego treasure. I'll never forget him talking about chocolate gourami - gorgeous, difficult little fish. "Oh, I love those," Huie exclaimed. "I've killed hundreds of them!" I doubt very much that David killed hundreds of them, but his comment captured for me the attraction and the challenge of keeping these little exotic worlds. My poor wife foolishly let me take over half the garage, and while we only have 30 tanks, I have designs on the pool. Perhaps I can raise food fish in the winter and Cyprichromis in the summer. My lifelong wish is to go snorkeling in my little Tanganyika simulacrum. David, give me a call!

Allan Peterson via email

#### **Forgotten Runners**

This is just a reminder to Matt Potter, the senior editor. He mentioned that Marti Emerald was running against April Boling in District Seven ("Breaking News," April 24), and he forgot to put in the fact that she's also running against David Tos. Would appreciate maybe a correction, please.

Name Withheld

Bill Daniel is also running for the Seventh District city council seat. — Editor

#### Music From The Womb

I'm calling about the article "Intimate Opera: A Selection of Puccini" ("Local Events," April 24). You're writing about Offenbach here. You mention *Orpheus in the Underworld*. You say, "During the same time period, Franz Lehár, an Austrian composer, wrote *The Merry Widow* (1861)." I don't think that's correct, because he wasn't born until 1870, and he actually wrote *The Merry Widow* in 1905.

Offenbach's La Belle Hélène was written in 1864; that's, of course, six years before Lehár was born. Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoff*mann was written in 1881; Lehár would have been 11. It's hardly the same kind of operetta. Two different worlds — really different periods of time. I think somebody's been leading you astray, lying about their age, maybe.

Name Withheld

Outsiders Can't Judge

For some time I have wondered how the content of a sermon can be evaluated ("Sheep and Goats"), especially by someone who is not a member of the congregation.

> Earl Kline via email

Matthew Lickona responds: Dear Mr. Kline, It's not an exact science, partly for the reason you mention. Certainly, if there is some sort of source text mentioned, I try to evaluate how well the sermon works with that text whether it works from it and stays true to its meaning or seeks to use it for some other end. Whether it remains grounded in that text. That sort of thing.

I have other criteria, but it's true that there's a fair amount of intuition involved — how it strikes me, how it seems to strike the congregation. Granted, there are things that I, as an outsider, will miss. But there may also be things that my outsider status helps me to notice. Thanks for reading.

#### Define "Crash"

The Crasher "crashed" an event that was open to everyone when he came to the Thomas Jefferson School of Law's lecture by Judge James Gray on drug policy ("Crasher," April 10). Chris Saunders Communications Specialist

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### **Classical Gas**

I notice that, increasingly, the classical music announcements do not include the price (or range) of admission. This inclusion was helpful in selecting events which match our pocketbook and driving distance.

> Sam R. Porter via email

#### Comments from Reader Website

#### Diary of a Diva Published April 23

Posted by renee on April 24, 9:46 a.m.

It's been a long time since something I read has made me laugh out loud. Great story, even if you do end up mentioning rabbits in it.

#### Remote Control King Published April 23

Posted by jen on April 24, 3:33 p.m.

Your column is listed under "What To Do," which just cracks me up.

#### Sporting Box Published April 23

Posted by kctab on April 25, 8:05 a.m.

Thank you for your kind words.

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Bob agreed with the epitaph my wife chose for him. "He saw the possibilities!"

We love and miss him. Tabatha and Kevin Cyphers

### Blurt

### Published April 23

Posted by whatever on April 25, 12:44 p.m. great,

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#### Matthew Alice:

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In school we were talking about how the earth spins around like a top. The teacher said that is what makes days and nights when we can't see the sun anymore. But my dad showed me that when things spin around they shoot off. Anything on the spinning thing will fly away. I don't feel like I'm going to fly off the earth. How can the earth really spin if we don't feel like we are going to fly off?

— Ben H., via e-mail

Whoa! You've got a lot of input there. But you're doing some good thinking. Why don't we feel like we're going to spin into space? When you go outside, why doesn't your hat fly off? You'd think it would, considering how fast we're moving. To make a full spin once a day, Earth, at the equator, moves about 1000 miles an hour. Because San Diego is not on the equator, we are traveling a little slower. I submitted the problem to the Matthew Alice Pocket Calculator and Gummi Bear Research team, and they came up with the figure of 841.36 miles per hour. That's still pretty speedy. If Dad was driving down the freeway that fast, and Spot stuck his doggie mug out the window to smell whatever the heck it is that mutts smell, he'd get a pretty big surprise. The difference between being on Earth and being in a car is — gravity. The car has overcome gravity and is moving forward. Hanging around on the globe, we're feeling the pull of gravity much more strongly than we are the rotation of the planet. And Earth has a capsule of air around it called the atmosphere. It gets dragged along with the planet and moves at nearly the same speed we're going, so you don't get blown off your feet when you go outside.

#### Hey, Matt:

I've been questioning if is it possible for someone to be born with or surgically become genderless. I'm not sure if this will make sense, but is there a possibility that someone can have no reproductive organs, yet still have a way to clear themselves out through their digestive system? I understand the concept of androgyny (someone who hides their biological sex, known as "floating genders"), but this has just been bugging me for the longest time.

– Gender Confused, via email

Very complicated subject. First of all, good luck finding a legitimate surgeon to make you "genderless." So we're talking birth defects, mainly. One baby in about every 4500 births develops with "intersexuality" or "ambiguous genitalia." Some genetic researchers estimate that as many as one in ten babies may have some mild urogenital abnormality that has no noticeable effect on a child's development. But babies born without any external genitalia are rare. One such condition is called sirenomelia, in which the baby's legs are fused. ("Siren," as in "mermaid.") Ordinarily this is accompanied by so many internal organ problems that life expectancy is only days or weeks. Which brings us to how these things happen.

A baby's sex is determined at conception from the father's X chromosome. But up to about two months' gestation, boy and girl fetuses look alike. But at that point, if everything's ticking along as it should, the sex chromosome controls the gender signal sent to the gonads. Again, if things are copasetic, the gonads secrete hormones that direct genital cells to differentiate into male or female. If the tissue responds correctly, then it's easy to know what kind of cigar to buy: "It's a girl," "It's a boy." Any glitches in this chain of events will result in a malformation of some kind.

Treatment for conditions of abnormal genitalia include possible surgery, hormone therapy (especially at puberty), and psychotherapy. It's a tricky business. Abnormalities of hormone secretions affect gender identity perhaps more than external genitalia (which can be surgically corrected). So your real question about gender confusion involves much more than what things look like on the outside.

So let's rewind back to the point at which prenatal gender is determined by dad's X chromosome and its genes. Researchers at UCLA have been poking and probing mice to see exactly what happens at the genetic rather than hormonal level of unborn baby-mouse development. Lo and behold, mice have more than 50 genes that contribute to gender identity at the brain level (as judged by behavior), while hormones affect physical development. They suggest that it is possible that a so-called psychological gender identity might be "hard wired" into our brains months before our prenatal genitalia and organs develop. And there's not necessarily a logical connection between the genes and the hormones. If this discrepancy causes psychological distress for the developing child, he or she may have gender-identity dysphoria. The situation, in the most extreme cases, can lead to elective transgender surgery and hormone therapy to bring the two images into phase.

You're hardly alone in your gender confusion. There are many organizations that help people in your kind of pickle. Perhaps start with a urologist or endocrinologist to get more information and a referral. Good luck.

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George "King" Stahlman

# The King's Criminal of the Week:

According to the AP, a man posting bail on a traffic charge got a whole new charge when he used counterfeit money.

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# SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

# Derbytime

or those who do not follow horse racing, and that's 98 percent of the population, I should explain that Derbytime refers to the Kentucky Derby and especially the moneymaking festivities leading up to it.

Horse racing is a dying sport, and if horse track owners were allowed to change out horse races for casinos, the sport would be roadkill in one heartbeat. As it is, horse racing is hard to find on national HDTV, save for the first Saturday in May, the Kentucky Derby. Think of it as the one day of the year people pay attention to something they don't think about on any other day, such as Christmas without the obligation to be reverential.

It wasn't always so. William Faulkner, Nobel Laureate, twice Pulitzer Prize winner, twice National Book Awards winner, wrote about the Kentucky Derby for Sports Illustrated in their

May 16, 1955, edition. Gentlemen, please remove your hats. "This saw Boone:

"This saw Boone: the bluegrass, the virgin land rolling westward wave by dense wave from the Allegheny gaps, unmarked then, teeming with deer and buffalo about the salt licks and the limestone springs whose water in time would make the

fine bourbon whiskey; and the wild men too the red men and the white ones too who had to be a little wild also to endure and survive and so mark the wilderness with the proofs of their tough survival — Boonesborough, Owenstown, Harrod's, and Harbuck's Stations; Kentucky: the dark and bloody ground."

Admit it. You didn't read that paragraph all the way through. So, maybe it was Faulkner who killed horse racing.

Or, maybe not. Here is a local fellow (Louisville born and raised) writing about the Derby for Scanlan's Monthly 15 years after Faulkner's piece came up for air.

"...the clubhouse bars on Derby Day are a very special kind of scene. Along with the politicians, society belles, and local captains of commerce, every half-mad dingbat who ever had any pretensions to anything at all within five hundred miles of Louisville will show up there to get strutting drunk.... Thousands of raving, stumbling drunks, getting angrier and angrier as they lose more and more money. By midafternoon, they'll be guzzling mint juleps with both hands and vomiting on each other between races. The whole place will be jammed with bodies, shoulder to shoulder. It's hard to move around. The aisles will be slick with vomit; people falling down and grabbing at your legs to keep from being stomped."

Hunter Thompson wrote that 38 years ago, in 1970. Now, the way this column is supposed to go is that I put in a third writer, current day, big name, and with these three extracts, indirectly show the change in American culture over a 50-year period. Pretty cool for an 800 word column.

But I couldn't find a present-day bigname writer who had written about the Kentucky Derby, which explains the status of horse racing well enough, if too abruptly. Apparently, nobody under the age of 30 wants to write about a crank hobby of millionaires and the queen of England.

But that doesn't mean we can't make money on it. Which is all right with me; I like excess, our country was built on it. Is the Super Bowl less enjoyable because it's become one gargantuan boardwalk of failed actors hawking

denture cream, bipolar medication, cars, and beer? Of course not. They still have a football game in there.

Just so. Anyway, I like the race setup. The Kentucky Derby is two minutes long. That's it. Everything else has been added on by greedy humans. Regard pilgrim, the 21/2-hour telecast on NBC. There are at least 50 Kentucky Derby

events, each one with an agenda, ranging from the AT&T Derby Festival Pro Beach Volleyball Exhibition (mighty good beaches in Kentucky), to DeVry University Presents Derby Festival Night of the Future Stars, to Kentuckiana Honda Dealers Present Derby Eve Jam. Megacorps, do-good organizations, and college factories pay great gobs of money for the right to pick up any shake falling from the Derby Money Tree.

By the way, it's no longer the Kentucky Derby; it's the Kentucky Derby presented by Yum! Brands. What is Yum! Brands? Their website says they are "the world's largest restaurant company in terms of system restaurants with more than 35,000 restaurants in more than 110 countries and territories." Besides an abiding hatred for the English language, Yum! Brands owns KFC, Long John Silver's, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, and the planet Uranus.

Okay, okay, who's going to win? Big Brown, owned by the corporate entity known as IEAH Stables, which is a subsidiary of International Equine Acquisitions Holdings presented by Fender's Horse Sausage. I made the last part up, but Big Brown is real, and the quickest beast in the field. Bet the mortgage.

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From the outset, Kensington Community Church made the case for the "Community" part of its name. A congregant introduced herself to me, a visiting stranger, and asked if I would like company, or if I preferred to

sit alone. One pre-service announcement asked for volunteers at Project Facelift, a community clean-up in City Heights. Another invited the congregation to witness one family's son receive his Eagle Scout honors, with a reception to follow in the church hall. Applause followed a hymn that featured a solo performance. The Passing of the Peace of Christ was a social affair — people leaving their pews, embracing and chatting, bright smiles creasing their faces. The Prayer of Con-

fession echoed this emphasis on the social: "Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing — too many people go without, and the land still suffers. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed your spirit within

us." Later, during the Sharing of Joys and Concerns, prayer requests for physical and spiritual healing were mingled with an expression of thanksgiving: a congregant stood and reported on "the negotiations for the development of the corner at Kensington Terrace. With prayer - and lawsuit - we have reached a settlement, and an end to a divisive time in our community." Near the end of the service, the congregation recited this Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: "For food in a world where many walk in hunger/ For friends in a world where many walk alone/ For faith in a world where many walk in fear/ We give you thanks, O God. May our walk bring wholeness to others." And the closing hymn asked God to "help us show that love embraces those whom fear and greed downtrod."

But God was not to be found only in others. The opening hymn extolled "Perfect submission," wherein "all is at rest/ I in my Savior am happy and blest." The Call to Worship exhorted the faithful to "come and hear, all who revere God, and I will tell what the Holy One has done for us." And throughout the service, Reverend Larson kept stressing both the social and personal aspects of the Christian life.

During the Children's Moment, he asked the youth gathered on the sanctuary steps, "Does anybody know what a retreat is?"

"To back away."

"Yes, that's literally what it means. To step back, away from normal life, so I can get in better touch with myself and with God and with others." Larson had just come back from the desert: "When I sat there, I could hear the silence of God. God's first language isn't words; it's silence.... Have you ever done that?" He urged the kids to attend Pilgrim Pines camp. "You can get out into nature, and there are times to be in touch with the earth, and listen to the silence, and hear God's voice a little more clearly...and thereby get closer to God and to each other."

The reading from Peter "to the Christians under persecution" reminded them to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who

demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you." Larson himself gave a kind of roundabout account, noting that modernity, with its great emphasis on reason and empiricism, had failed to meet humanity's enduring needs for transcendence and intimacy, needs that could be met simultaneously in the interior spiritual life.

But not just any interior spiritual life. The second reading recounted Paul's speech to the Athenians, who had erected, among their various temples, an altar "to an unknown God." Said Paul, "the God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything.... 'In him we live and move and have our being .... 'He has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in

righteousness."

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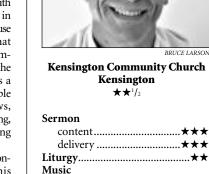
"What was the bee in Paul's bonnet?" asked Larson. "The idols...they sold the living God short. Whenever we give great power to anything less than the living God, we settle for a cheap facsimile of the real thing." And among those cheap facsimiles: ourselves. "The cult of the self...puts everything in service to the self. Selfrealization becomes the whole point of the spiritual life. But this inverts our relationship with the living God.... It is not the God of Jesus Christ who must fit into our world...it is we who must be transformed."

What happens when we die?

"We go back to God?" asked Larson in reply."Let God decide that. A better question would be, 'Why are so many still hungry?"

— Matthew Lickona

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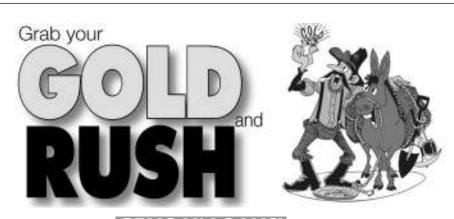
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#### -EVE KELLY

**R**emarkable! Each lady I called had a different favorite body lotion. That's a first for Eve's surveys. Not one repeat.

The search was for a body lotion that moisturized but wasn't greasy. My daughter suffers from dry skin, and the doctor recommended Eucerin twice a day and that she only wash with Dove soap. The Eucerin Dry

Skin Therapy Original Moisturizing Creme (**\$12.39** for 16 ounces at Target) proved to be too greasy. Before I shelled out another ten spot on a lotion that my daughter wouldn't tolerate, I wanted some suggestions. I ended up with more than I needed. "We have so many lotions

at home, it's terrible," laughed Mary. She proceeded to give me a few of her favorites. "Alba Cocoa Butter Hand & Body Lotion from their 'Hawaiian' line is hypoallergenic, so I use it on my face when I'm really dry [**\$9.29** for 7 ounces at Henry's]. Malibu Hemp Moisturizer, if I had to pick one that moisturizes really well and smells good, it would be this one. And it's

very inexpensive [\$5.77 for 25.4 ounces at Wal-Mart]. Palmer's Cocoa Butter Formula with Vitamin E [\$3.84 for 8.5 ounces at Target] is great for legs since it's a bit greasy." Mary added one wild-card

option: John Abate Babie Tanning Lotion (**\$27.99** for 8 ounces at *affordabletanninglotion.com*). "This is a tingle-free tanning accelerator — not sunless — but it is great just as a lotion. It smells like baby powder — in a really good way — and it firms your skin, so it's great for cellulite. I order it online and it's a little pricey compared to the other

lotions, but it's probably my favorite body lotion overall." Friend Kate, a connoisseur of beauty products, loves the Arbonne lotions. "The Arbonne Intelligence Body Lotion **[\$19.50** for 8 ounces

Intelligence Body Lotion [**\$19.50** for 8 ounces, *arbonne.com*] is particularly good," she explained. "It's botanically based, not greasy, and hydrates the skin. It has aloe, liposomes, and antioxidant vitamins A, C, and E in it."

Sis Cathy lives in the desert of New Mexico. "My skin and hair are terrible here," she explained. "I use Advanced Healing by Equate [**\$.94** for 10 ounces at Wal-Mart]. It works just as well as Vaseline Intensive Care, but it smells

better. And you know me, I don't spend money on the expensive stuff, so that's my inexpensive recommendation." It was definitely the lowest-priced lotion of the day.

Friend Sarah has no dishwasher and her hands suffer the consequences. "Some lotions are

great for moisturizing but are too greasy and some are not greasy at all but don't moisturize." Precisely the Kelly quandary. "For an economical brand, I use the Vaseline Intensive Rescue Moisture Locking Lotion [**\$2.99** for 10 ounces at Target]. It has no smell at all, and I find it to be the best in terms of being moisturizing enough but not greasy. I also like the Aveeno lotions. Their products have a fresh, clean scent to them. The Stress Relief Moisturizing Lotion [**\$6.74** for 12 ounces at Target] and the Daily Moisturizing Lotion [**\$6.74** for 12 ounces at Target] are my favorites. And I recently discovered Eucerin Intensive Repair "It smells like baby powder in a really good way — and it firms your skin, so it's great for cellulite."

Hand Cream [**\$4.79** for 2.7 ounces], which is excellent, not greasy, and it leaves your hands feeling wonderful."

Pal Erica has been using Jergens for years. "I've been using Jergens Original Scent [**\$5.74** for 21 ounces at Target] for about 15 years," she admitted, "though I want to switch over to something more natural. But my husband keeps bringing home the Jergens," she laughed. She uses a different lotion for the face.

"For my face, I love, love, love Avalon Organics COQ10 Ultimate Firming Body Lotion [\$16.99 for 8 ounces at Henry's]. It's a body lotion, but it is a bit expensive, so to justify the purchase, I only use it on my face. Its only downfall is it doesn't have any sunscreen."

Go-to girl Margaret suffers from dry skin. "Without a question, the Body Shop Body Butters [**\$10** for 1.7 ounces at the Body Shop] are my absolute favorite," she explained. "They sell them with different real extracts such as olive or coconut, and your skin feels like it's being mois-

turized all day."

Sis Nancy swears by Burt's Bees products. "I use their Soothingly Sensitive Body Lotion [\$8.99 for 8 ounces at Target], and it works wonders on my reptilian skin." The sales lady at Henry's pointed me to a bottle of Shikai Borage Dry Skin Therapy Children's Lotion [\$11.99 for 8 ounces]. "A lot

of the lotions have fragrance in them, but this one doesn't," she said. Betsy Effron, Clarins counter manager at Macy's Grossmont, explained the issue of fragrance. "A lot of people don't like fragrances because they are allergic," she explained. "But some people do want fragrance because if they are wearing the fragrance and they put the lotion on as well, it's what is called layering — you have a double layer of fragrance, so it lasts longer."

Clarins carries two lotions, "Moisture rich [\$37.50 for 7 ounces] and Energizing Hydra-Wear Body Lotion [\$36.50 for 6.8 ounces]. Most of the older customers like the Moisture Rich because they want their lotion more emollient. It is fragrance-free and made from plant extracts. The Energizing Body lotion goes on and soaks in like water so it is great for summertime because it is not greasy."

The sales lady at the Clinique counter at Macy's recommended either their Deep Comfort Body Butter (**\$23.50** for a 6.7 ounce jar) or their Deep Comfort Body Moisture (**\$18.50** for a 6.7 ounce tub). "The body butter has lots of shea butter [which helps with moisture and discoloration of skin], and it's a little bit thicker, so it's for people whose skin is really dehydrated; the moisture lasts a little bit longer. The body creme is thinner, but it still gives you sufficient moisture."

She went on to say, "Clinique is all fragrancefree, allergy-tested, dermatologist-developed, so it lessens the chance of someone getting a breakout if they are allergic to something."

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I led David past heaps of onions, potatoes, and lemons to the refrigerated section in the next aisle where bags of shredded cheese were suspended above shelves of vacuumpacked cold cuts. "There," I said, pointing to a package on the lowest shelf. "What do you make of that?" He looked at the package and read the words, "Fast Franks." Through the clear plastic wrap he could see three hot dogs nestled into three buns, each of which was encapsulated within its own microwavable paper sleeve. "What the... No," said David, as the horrific implication sunk in.

"I know," I said. "I mean, is it really so hard to place the wiener in the bun that this sort of convenience is marketable?" In my best commercial voiceover, I added, "Tired of wasting your time by *placing* your hot dog inside the bun? Irritated that you have to soil a plate in the microwave? Never know what to do with those two buns you're left with when the hot dogs run out? Well, hold on to your ball caps and break out the mustard because we have a revolutionary idea that will change the way you look at hot dogs forever!"

**Techno-laziness** 

David shook his head and muttered, "The Apocalypse is near. Come on, let's go check out. I can't look at it any longer."

At home, after the groceries were put away and another Scrabble game started, my mind wandered back to Oscar Mayer's latest innovation. It occurred to me that my reaction to the preassembled hot dogs had been hypocritical. How could I condemn one product of convenience when there are so many others I enjoy? For Christ's sake, I buy my eggs already hard-boiled so as to spare myself half an hour and a dirty pot. You'd think I'd be a tad forgiving about someone who doesn't want to expend the effort of removing a wiener from one package and a bun from another, placing the dog inside the bun, putting the combo on a clean plate that will need washing, and then sticking it all in the microwave.

I can't remember a day that I did not make a handful of "clever" decisions in the name of convenience; decisions that, when scrutinized, turned out to be nothing more than a series of choices made to satisfy laziness. Products of convenience, by definition, are created to save time and effort. This, in turn, leads us to invent new ways to spend our time — most often, in Sisyphean efforts to shed pounds and tone atrophied muscles, the side effects of our newfound leisure time. For example, a man might purchase a riding lawnmower and, a week later, a treadmill — one machine to save energy, the other to expend it. We must give pause before dubbing that man a fool. How many of us drive our cars to the gym?

It all seems to be about control; whether it's saving time and effort (from microwaves to Segways) or spending it (from elliptical trainers to video games), people want to do so on their terms. I am alternately lazy and energetic when I *want* to be, not when I *have* to be. But, as writers of fables have tried to teach us for thousands of years, getting what we want when we want it does not always make for the best outcome. Take the past 50 years' advances in communications technology, for instance. It may be easier for us to get ahold of people, but the price for that ease is more interruption and distraction in our daily lives.

Technology now allows us to work, attend meetings, shop, and pay our bills without crossing the threshold of our front door. One afternoon I took a break from the relentless torrent of information gushing forth from my laptop, grabbed a book, and retreated to the reading chair in the corner of my office. Moments later, I heard my cell phone chime as it received a text message. It was from David. He was sitting in his office, one room over. Rather than laugh aloud or shout to him across the divide, I chose the

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path of least resistance the path of the thumbs and texted him back. An hour later, we convened in the kitchen and prepared dinner: flash-frozen broccoli in a bag (five minutes in the microwave) and Trader Joe's premade turkey-stuffed red peppers (four minutes).

Ironically, it seems the more time and effort I save myself, the more stressed and frazzled I become. I feel pressed to fill every second of that time, as if once saved, it becomes more precious. "We used to call that a 'blibby' in New York," said my dad when I'd complained to him that I felt I had more to do than time to do it. "You're squeezing in a lot more than you can," he clarified. "A blibby is 15 pounds of shit in a 5pound sack. And that ain't gonna happen. We think we're being efficient if we're doing more things, but we're no longer paying attention to the things we're doing. If you do what you're doing 100 percent, you're going to enjoy it more."

Despite my geekiness for gadgets, one of the most relaxing experiences I've ever had was due to the absence of the very same modern conveniences I felt I couldn't live without. It was the time David and I stayed with our friends, Urs and Gudrun, at their home in Öland, Sweden, and then, together with them, in a small villa in Trevi, Italy. For those weeks I was without phone, a clothes dryer, microwave, and dishwasher. Televisions were available but were never turned on. Despite the lack of access to my usual "timesavers," I had a surprising amount of free time. In the evenings, a bottle of wine would be opened and dinner prepared, not from a box or bag, but from actual individual ingredients. The table was set and, eventually, the four of us would sit and take our meal accompanied by the soft textured sound of Urs's classical

music on the stereo. I have dined at four-star restaurants, but I cannot remember any meal tasting better than the savored fare from those unhurried evenings.

When we returned from our European adventure, David and I tried to re-create the leisurely charm at home. We turned off the ringers on each of our cell phones and the landline. We chose a recipe for which the microwave was not required and went shopping for ingredients. We opened a bottle of wine, turned on some music, and set about preparing the meal. As I washed the dishes and David dried, both of us ignoring the fancy stainless-steel dishwasher to our left so as to have a reason to stand next to one another and chat, I said, "This was really great, beh beh. We should do it more often."

"I'd like that," said



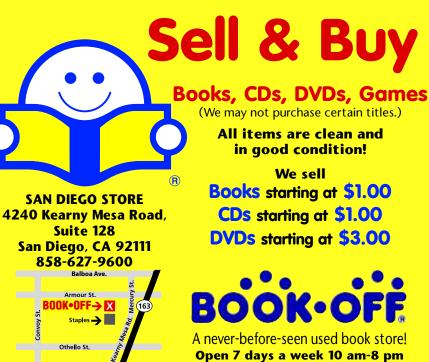
make it a habit, to take our time, to turn off our phones and shut down the computers, at least one evening a week. And though both of us have yet to do so, these months later, we still vow daily, between phone calls,

David. We promised to

errands, and emails, to stop saving time and simply take it.

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# How UCSD spent over \$500,000







According to tribal leaders, the Kumeyaay

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# on a home remodel that never happened

Perhaps the most prized piece of real estate throughout the University of California, San Diego, is the seven-acre site of University House, home to the UCSD chancellor. The rambling adobe home, with its row of south-facing windows, its patios and *portales,* was built on the precipitous edge of a canyon. From the back patio the view of the Pacific's blue horizon and La Jolla's benign cove is spectacular. The residence, in the La Jolla Farms enclave west of UCSD, has been used to entertain wealthy San Diegans who, with the chancellor's persuasion, donate to the school.

# ny have "always been here."

Four years ago, due to structural problems, the residence was declared unlivable. Since then, the university has sought to demolish the home and replace it with a larger one. But this plan has brought the ire of historic-home preservationists who oppose tearing it down. It has also brought opposition from Native Americans, whose ancestors once lived on and buried their dead on the site. In fact, University House is perched on a Native American cemetery.

In the last century, the ancestral remains of the Kumeyaay have been removed from the site, angering the tribe. The Kumeyaay believe that any digging into the area they call Skeleton Hill desecrates the dead. On top of the fight to prevent further disturbance is the Kumeyaay's frustrated attempt to have

remains previously removed repatriated so the tribe can rebury them.

The feud between a prestigious university and the Kumeyaay Nation begins with UCSD's purchase of the home and 130 acres in 1967. That year the university bought the property from William Black, a banker, philanthropist, and real estate magnate who developed the lots and horse stables called La Jolla Farms on the steep cliffs above Black's Beach. (Eventually UCSD sold most of the acreage.)

In 1949 Black and his wife hired the noted architect and painter William Lumpkins, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, to build a large adobe home in the Southwestern style. Lumpkins was an advocate of this style, also termed Pueblo Revival. The home,

modeled on Native American pueblo architecture, features exposed-beam ceilings, long covered porches, and adobe-brick walls, whose stuccoed surfaces are painted white.

The home is one of few adobes ever built in the county. The 11,400-

# THE REMAINS WERE "CUL-**TURALLY UNIDENTIFIABLE,"** AND THE KUMEYAAY WERE **DENIED REPATRIATION.**

square-foot U-shaped building includes the chancellor's residence (4000 square feet) and a facility for public meetings and parties (7400 square feet) where university donors are feted. Meet-and-greets range from lunches for 12 to receptions for 250. From 1967 until

2003, six chancellors have occupied University House. Richard Atkinson was chancellor from 1980 to 1995. He was succeeded by Robert Dynes, who served for seven years. As late as August 2003, Dynes and his wife, Frances Dynes Hellman, hosted Irwin

slope), the house had numerous code violations, the drainage was improper, and the house needed an earthquake and Joan Jacobs, Richard retrofit. The next step and Rita Atkinson, and a was to set up a commitfew dozen others at a tee that would develop a gala chamber music conplan either to renovate or replace the home. The cert on the property. By the end of the year, group Dynes chose consisted of university Dynes was leaving to become president of the administrators, faculty, University of California. and students. Although His replacement, Marve there was one "commu-Anne Fox, has never nity representative"lived in the house and the founder of a real

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The Union-Tribune reported in July 2004 that "some" on the committee "say they were asked by UC to not make the matter public for fear of politicizing the issue." Donald Tuzin, a professor of anthropology and committee member, said he didn't want the group "pressured."

The committee's study was finished in August. The report found that University House had "no architectural significance," but it did have "cultural significance" in La Jolla history. The home "has a special place in the hearts and minds of some in the community." Some alumni and members of the UCSD Foundation wanted to retain the current property.

Three options were

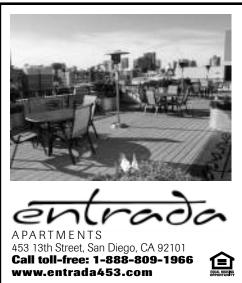


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suggested: the house could be renovated, demolished and replaced, or sold. Each option had its price: renovate, \$5.8 million; demo and replace, \$7.2 million; and rebuild elsewhere, \$7.7 million (although selling the house might bring as much as \$16 million).

No matter which option, something needed to be done: the wiring was inadequate, the public area of the home had only two bathrooms, the heating system needed replacing, and so on. Though renovation cost the least, this option wouldn't expand the home to more comfortably accommodate meetings, parties, and events. In addition, mere renovation was "not fiscally prudent" because given the "potentially costly unknowns typical of renovation projects," the estimate might prove too low. Selling the home and rebuilding elsewhere was not recommended because the oceanfront property had greater emotional than economic value and because UCSD didn't want to site a new home on land that might later be needed for classrooms, lab buildings, or parking lots.

The committee recommended that University House should be demolished and rebuilt, as long as "archaeological, environmental, and community" concerns were resolved and enough private funds were raised by January 2005. Otherwise, the committee should reconsider selling the property. The report identified "archaeological resources" as a consideration: "If remains or artifacts are discovered during the construction

# "THESE PEOPLE ARE MY RELATIVES."

La Jolla attorney who

advocates for Native

American rights. Coyle

believes that a new home

was the default position

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made its assessment.

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School officials

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process, a recovery and relocation program would be implemented." The committee designated the San Diego Museum of Man — and not local Native Americans — as the liaison to "relocate significant artifacts." Courtney Coyle is a

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she writes, that the "facility received limited care/maintenance over the years due to fiscal constraints," and "primarily cosmetic improvements were undertaken — little or no renovation or restorative care."

#### Finding the Money

The donor voyage began in the fall of 2004, but by January 2005 it had gone nowhere. The Union-Tribune reported on March 10, 2005, that since fundraising had foundered, the school had sought an extension. The Union-Tribune also reported that "some on campus" were bothered by the "secrecy" of the fundraising effort: "If the university is successful in raising the necessary money, it will need to deal with complex archaeological issues." Among these were the disruption of "prehistoric burial sites that were found on the property decades ago."

Sometime in April 2005, UCSD had changed course: the university decided to sell the home and property. But once a sale became known, warning shots were fired. The La Jolla Historical Society announced it would fight any new owner's attempt to demolish the home. A neighborhood homeowners' group was investigating how it might get the house listed on the National Register of Historic





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Places. The group also cautioned any buyer that it would take years of hearings to get permits issued to make changes to the property.

Then, on April 30, the editorial board of the Union-Tribune came athwart: "It would be a shame if this public structure, the venue for countless public events, reverted to a private residence or, worse, were demolished by a new owner. The only way to ensure the future of the house as a public building is for UCSD to retain it and make the necessary repairs." The piece concluded: give the fund-raisers more time.

Voilà, another shift: the university retooled its sales pitch, and nearly

\$5 million rained down. Using the Public Records Act, the Reader obtained documents that show \$1 million gifts came from Richard and Rita Atkinson, Audrey Geisel, John and Rebecca Moores, and Irwin and Joan Jacobs, given through foundations and trusts. (The \$1 million gifts were split between 2006 and 2007.) One \$500,000 check was given by Mrs. Pauline Foster of Rancho Santa Fe. Arthur Brody, Malin and Roberta Burnham, and Jerome and Miriam Katzin, through their foundations, gave \$100,000 each. And Donald and Darlene Shiley kicked in \$100,197.

With these funds secured, plus Dynes's

adding \$1.45 million from his office and a pledge from the university to raise another \$1 million, UCSD vice chancellor John Woods sent a letter to UCSD's office of business and finance requesting that the pending sale of the

# finance requesting that the pending sale of the essence, UC went out and fund-raised for a TWO FINGERS OF HIS HAND

# WERE CUT OFF AND PUT IN HIS MOUTH.

University House be canceled. In November 2005, Woods wrote to John Moores that Moores's and others' gifts would "allow us to retain" the property. By December 2007, Woods noted, the funds would project prior to examining all constraints and performing environmental due diligence." Coyle has also seen invoices showing that architect Wally Cunningham was paid \$440,000 for work which included

be "in hand by the time

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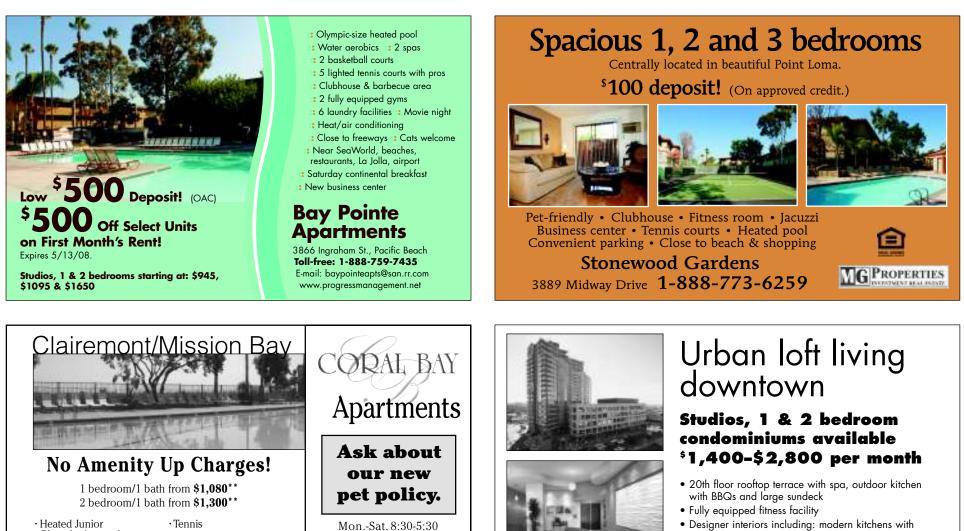
The struggle over house and remains, though, was just getting started.

#### Land of the Dead

The Native American dead have been at rest in San Diego County for thousands of years. Some still lie in the sandy soils of La Jolla. Until the last century only a garden hoe ever broke a clod around their heads, jostling a breastbone or femur. But, inevitably, the hoes became shovels, and the shovels became gas-powered. In our day, when coastal homeowners unearth 100 cubic yards for a swimming pool,

bones pop up — a skull, a vertebra, a hand. In such an event, the law says the coroner must be called.

If the coroner decides the bones have been there a long time, he calls a Native American monitor like Carmen Lucas to oversee the find. When the 72-yearold Laguna Indian arrives at the site, she says she can feel the disturbed spirit, wailing at being unloosed. "The poor soul," Lucas tells me, has been rudely returned from the afterlife, her long journey interrupted. "I can't tell you how painful it is," she says. There's as much anguish for Lucas as there is for the disinterred. Neither can rest

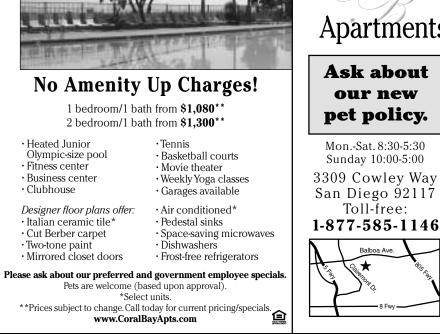


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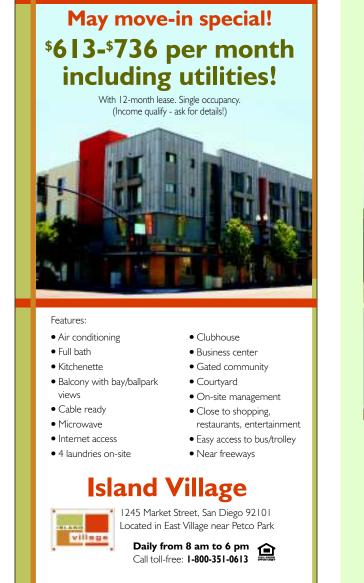
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until the bones are reburied.

Lucas is devoted to keeping the ancestors' burial sites untouched. In La Jolla that means reminding anyone who'll listen that much of the enclave sits on known and unknown Indian graves. When she has the floor, Lucas talks without stopping; her monotone sidles from legal issues to creation myths. She's tired of seeing mounds of dirt with "human remains in it, whether it's arms, legs, or femur bone."

One excavation in La Jolla that Lucas was monitoring yielded a frightening find. She reports that she heard Museum of Man archaeologist Rose Tyson, who was "beating a clod of dirt to death in her hand," let go a scream that "I will never forget. Tyson realized she was holding in her hand the full skull of a 5000-yearold inhumation."



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Lucas's ancestry is complicated. She's a member of the Laguna Band of Mission Indians and owns a 320-acre ranch in the Laguna Mountains, her band's ancestral home. Mission Indians were those under the jurisdiction of the Spanish. When anyone asked her father where he and his band

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were from, Lucas says, "He'd always say, 'Right here. This dirt.' "

Though the grayhaired Lucas is not a Kumeyaay, she works with them on repatriation causes. She often scolds nonnatives who want, as she says, "only jewels, diamonds, and money." She advocates for "our cultural resources and our spiritual connections to the

tual connections to the land." One La Jolla site she is contesting is along



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years.

On Roseland Drive, which intersects Spindrift, Lucas was watching a San Diego Gas and

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ging there unearthed

They didn't know what to do. 'Should we take half of her out and leave the rest?' "Lucas told them to stop.

says. "It was a woman.

At a nearby house on Roseland, a woman wanted to put in a swimming pool. Lucas redflagged this project in a letter to the City. She learns of these things, she says, because La Jolla residents "know everything that's going on," in particular, any construction that may alter property values and views. The City ignored her letter, she says. Later, Lucas arrived at the site to find three inhumations out of





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Dr. Nick Selby, Optometrist 9516 Miramar Rd. • San Diego • 92126 Call today **858-566-4110**  not speculate on the meaning, says that no one, before or since, has ever seen such an arrangement.

UCSD records reveal that the Museum of Man has had 17 of the 29 burials in its possession. Courtney Coyle has seen a report from the 1950s written by George F. Carter of the museum, who noted that "there were other burials removed by Carr Tuthill, curator of the Museum of Man, and James Moriarty, draftsman at Scripps Institution of Oceanography." Officials at Scripps have kept "archaeological artifacts" for years in a warehouse. In 2000, Scripps sent 35 boxes of artifacts to the San Diego Archaeological Center, near the Wild Animal Park. Coyle describes the boxes as "infested with pests, in extremely poor condition, documentation was



poor or absent, and items were missing that had been catalogued (including human bones)."

The main issue here for the Kumeyaay is that they want those 29 skeletons — or any bones removed from their burial grounds in the county — returned to them for reburial.

Kumeyaay spokeswoman Bernice Paipa says their biggest headache is that "the majority of the 29 remains went into private hands and have never been accounted for." Kennedy says that she studied the remains from the double burial for one year, then sent them back to UCSD. It appears those bodies went to the Museum of Man, where they, along with other burials, were stored for decades. (The museum won't comment.) The Museum of

Man agreed to "hold the 1976 burials," according to UCSD records. The burials eventually were sent from the museum, perhaps as late as 2000, to the Smithsonian Institution on a "study loan." Last October, almost 30 years after their discovery, the remains Kennedy The University house

found were sent by the Smithsonian to the San Diego Archaeological Center. The center acts as a curator for Native American resources, overseeing six repatriations since opening in 1998. Stored in curation vaults, the 1976 remains are kept, says executive director Cindy Stankowski, in "inert archival-quality containers, in an environmentally controlled environment. They're not exposed to light, heat, or humidity."

Clint Linton, a Kumeyaay archaeologist and monitor (Santa Ysabel Band), inventoried the bones with UCSD's Margaret Schoeninger. He said that the remains were encased in bubble wrap. When they removed them, "Fragments fell all over the floor, some into powder and dust." In addition, most of the bones were shellacked, rendering them "unusable for research." Linton says he was appalled that the Smithsonian had sent, and maybe kept, the bones in "that condition. It was flat-out wrong."

Dr. Arion Mayes is a Cherokee from Oklahoma who teaches anthropology and osteology at San Diego State University. She tells me

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that the Kumeyaay have asked her to do a "noninvasive analysis" of the 1976 remains. She will handle the bones and take measurements, but her exam will "not [be] destructive to bone like chemical analysis is." Previously, the tribe has employed Mayes to look at remains, evidently trusting her spiritual sensitivity for the living and the dead. She will not do DNA testing, because the test destroys tissue, which the Kumeyaay oppose.

With her analysis, Mayes will see whether or not the 1976 remains show ancestral links to present-day Kumeyaay. Establishing that relationship is key to repatriation. Depending on the condition of the bones, such a determination can be very difficult if not impossible.

#### **Cultural Affiliation**

For the Kumeyaay and for all Native Americans, the right to repatriate the remains of ancestors was made law in 1990 with the passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). This act safeguards Indian gravesites from disruption and creates a process by which Indian exhumations can be identified and returned to the tribes. The procedure couples Indian testimony and archaeological evidence to establish a tribe's "cultural affiliation" to the remains. Cultural affiliation is established, according to the NAGPRA website, "when the preponderance of the evidence ---based on geographical, kinship, biological, archeological, linguistic, folklore, oral tradition, historical evidence, or other information or expert opinion - reasonably leads to such a conclusion." Once cultural affiliation between a group and a collection of bones or artifacts is

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set, the tribe has a right to those resources, whenever they were dug up and no matter how old they are.

Larry Myers, executive secretary of the California Native American Heritage Commission, states that the federal act applies to "any remains institutions have had in their possession." The law also covers "any university, whether public or private, that accepts federal funds." Thus, the act covers the 29 remains from the University House site, no matter when they turn up, and

all future finds on campus, because the university is a federally endowed institution.

To help prepare its environmental impact report, UCSD hired the architectural firm PBS&J in 2005. The firm, in turn, retained archaeological consultant Susan Hector to write an "Archaeological Constraints Study" on the University House site. As part of her study, Hector asked if the site is a graveyard. In her opinion, the burials uncovered over the years were all "isolated"; there was

no "concentration of burials" or a "cemetery."

Most archaeologists dispute Hector's conclusion. A 1947 cliff-side excavation showed a archaeologist Ronald May, in a letter to the State Historic Preservation Officer, wrote that having seen "one human inhumation buried on

the Chancellor's

grounds," he believes

"the property meets the

California definition of a

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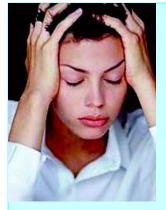
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"grave pit dug into hardpan." The Museum of Man has "site file maps" that "show burials [were] removed from where the house and patio areas are now located." Local decades, Native American people have repeatedly visited the site in homage to their deceased ancestors. I believe this further qualifies the burial ground as a Traditional Cultural Property under federal law." May wants the cemetery protected. He notes that grading for **Torrey Pines Golf** Course in the 1950s "destroyed the largest of these sites."

> In January 2007, three tests were done at the University House site to determine whether remains were present.

The first test, using ground-penetrating radar, looked for "anomalies," which could be buried objects found near gravesites, such as prehistoric hearths or house pits. UCSD's draft environmental impact report states that radar picked up 43 anomalies (discounting utility and irrigation lines). Many but not all of these anomalies came from the home's original construction. Courtney Coyle notes that no Indian monitor was invited to oversee the tests. Once the



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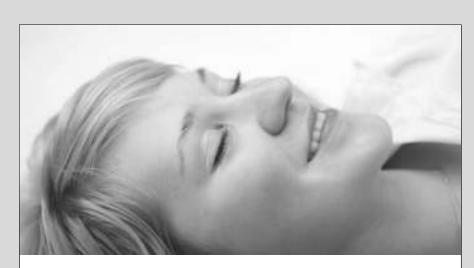
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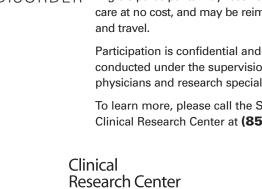
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Kumeyaay were made aware that UCSD was testing, they insisted a monitor be allowed on site.

The second method, geotechnical testing, or drilling boreholes, turned up fragments of marine shells, ground stones (manos and metates), and flakes from stone tools. This test was halted, with a monitor present, when one bore brought up a fragment of human bone.

The third method was canine forensic investigation, in which trained dogs "alert" when they smell human bones. Nessie, one of three dogs used, was trained in Europe on 2000- to 3000-year-old bones. Each dog working the site separately alerted. Scents were particularly strong in the rose garden, where all three howled.

Still, one must ask,

why did these tests have to be done if 29 inhumations have been found in the last 80 years? This is the question that bedevils the Kumeyaay. If UCSD's draft environmental impact report concluded that it is "pos-

their affiliation is questioned erupted at a meeting in January 2008 when Steve Banegas, chair of the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee, and 20 Kumeyaay tribal leaders met with 6 members of

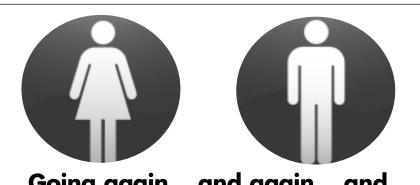
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sible that human bone is present as intact burials," then it was the Kumeyaay's affiliation to those bones that was on trial.

UCSD and the Kumeyaay Square Off Kumeyaay anger that

the NAGPRA Working Group from UCSD. The school formed the NAG-PRA group to decide whether to return to the Kumeyaay the three skeletons unearthed at University House in 1976. As the meeting wore on, it became clear

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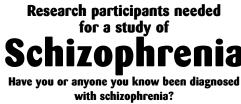
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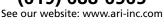
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### **Medical Center for Clinical Research**

that the Kumeyaay felt the group had come to bargain repatriation of the skeletons for the Indians' blessing on the University House project.

Banegas said he was "dumbfounded" that the tribal members had to prove, yet again, that they are the descendants of the people who populated the La Jolla bluffs 10,000 years ago. Banegas was livid, his voice rising: "I can't help but think you're removing us as the most likely descendant. Are you here



to help us get our people back or not?" It had been proven, he said, via artifacts, culture, and the oral tradition that the Kumeyaay are the aboriginal people of Southern California.

He noted that many repatriations of remains to the Kumeyaay had already occurred: from the Spindrift site in La Jolla; from Encinitas and Rancho Santa Fe; from the Silver Strand in Coronado, the Laguna Mountains, and multiple diggings in the Cleveland National Forest. Paul Cuero Jr., chairman of the Campo Band, complained bitterly. "The only reason this committee was put together is [for] the chancellor's house; we got remains from you guys already." Cuero believed that whoever was advocating to rebuild University House wanted "us to okay that house," that is,

allow the demolition. "We're not going to talk about that," Cuero said. He concluded that UCSD wanted its committee to find, once and for all, no link between the people buried there and the Kumeyaay.

According to tribal leaders, the Kumeyaay have "always been here." Like most Native Americans, the Kumeyaay don't accept modern theories about their "arrival," such as by crossing a land bridge from Asia or paddling across the North Atlantic from Europe during the Ice Age.

Whenever the Kumeyaay are asked to give evidence of cultural affiliation, they present legends, poems, songs, and artwork that say they came from the ground they occupy today. One example is a ground painting, photographed and docu-

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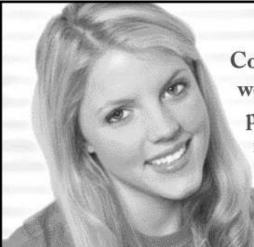
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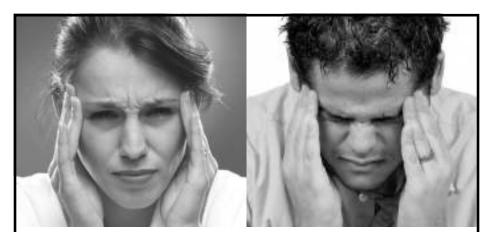
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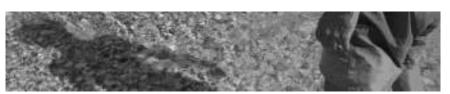
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mented in 1910. This painting, some 15 to 18 feet in diameter, was done in the tradition of the Kumeyaay's "propensity for creating maps of the visible universe, the

surface of the earth and the celestial sphere," wrote an anthropologist who examined the photo in 2001. The painting depicts four geographical locations: two upper

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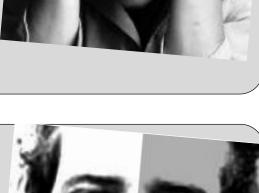
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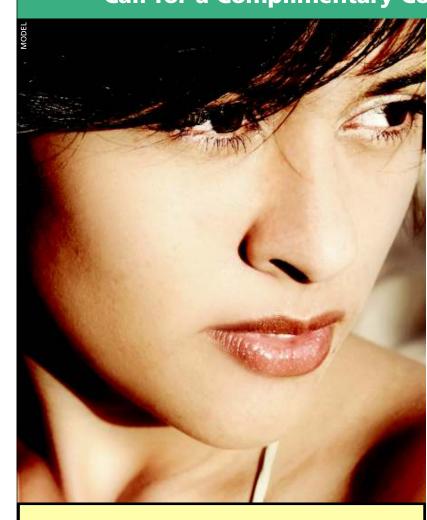
community here going back 15,000 years. The California Assembly Joint Resolution 60 says that the Kumeyaay Nation has occupied and traversed Southern California and Baja California from the Pacific Ocean to the desert approximately 75 miles north and 75 miles south of the international border separating the United States and Mexico for a thousand years.

Some of the NAG-PRA Working Group were not convinced that the Kumeyaay are the most likely descendants of the 1976 remains. They cited the work of Smithsonian Institution osteologist Douglas Owsley. Owsley dated the Kennewick Man, a skeleton found on the banks of the Columbia River in 1996, to be 9300 years old. Owsley estimated the University House remains to be between 9590 and 9920 years old, which predates Kennewick Man. The problem is, how do we know that the Kumeyaay descended from the people who lived here 10,000 years ago?

Attorney Coyle has seen the notes from a 2006 phone call between Owsley and Susan Hector, the archaeological consultant who wrote the "Archaeological Constraints Study" for the University House site. Coyle writes that Owsley does not believe that the site's remains "are tied into local Native Americans." He does "not think it would be possible to link these burials to modern people." (If more bones were dug up at University House, he warned, they would be heavily mineralized and "difficult to remove without damaging" them.) In a 2006 email written by UCSD's Cathy Presmyk, an assistant director of environmental planning, she quotes Owsley as saying the bones of the University House site "resemble

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Polynesians," not local Indians, and "his research continues to diminish the cultural affiliation argument the Kumeyaay would make."

During the meeting between the university's NAGPRA group and the Kumeyaay tribal leaders, Margaret Schoeninger, a biological anthropologist at UCSD, got the brunt of the Kumeyaay's unhappiness. While she said she understood the tribe's frustration with having to date their origin, she offered little else than more bureaucratization: we have to compile evidence that speaks to the bones' identity and write a report for a UC campuswide advisory group that, in turn, will make a recommendation to the office of the president.

Banegas asked pointedly: Would the evidence they'd already given, that day and in the past, satisfy the committee? Schoeninger said she couldn't say what the group would recommend. Her statement incensed Banegas. Despite everything, he said, "We still have to prove we are the most remains in Alaska: "That would be like bones getting up and talking," she said.

I asked Banegas whether the Kumeyaay might countenance new digging at the chancellor's residence. "I can't help

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likely descendants, that these people are my relatives. Short of them rising from the dead and speaking, what more do we have to do?" Schoeninger's response was DNA testing, which has produced some conclusive results on but think," he replied, "that the university hasn't done well in the past. They've treated the remains wrong. They disregard our beliefs, our ways, what we've told them. They don't seem to want to change. So to allow them to keep dig-

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### Opposition to University House Heats Up

To understand how the Kumeyaay and their supporters began skirmishing with UCSD, we need to go back to last summer when the tribe launched its first volley. Once it got wind that the university wanted to disturb the grounds at Skeleton Hill, the Kumeyaay issued a press release in July. They argued that they would only "support alternatives to the presently proposed project that avoid desecrating additional ancestral human remains, such as renovating the building presently onsite and building an event space offsite...or onsite in an area of reduced sensitivity and on strategically placed and manually dug piers."

Larry Myers, of the California Native American Heritage Commission, supported their decision. In a letter to UCSD chancellor Marye Anne Fox, also last July, Myers wrote that because UCSD had not involved the Kumeyaay in its project, he initiated an investigation. State law allows him "to investigate the effect of proposed actions by a public agency if such action may cause severe or

irreparable damage to a Native American sacred site located on public property or may bar appropriate access thereto by Native Americans." His investigation concluded that the site with its 29 remains and "grave goods" was "clearly a Native American sacred burial ground."

In November, the State Historical **Resources** Commission convened a public hearing about placing University House on the California Register of Historical Resources. Arguing for the placement were Native Americans, archaeologists, and preservationists. Milton Phegley, director of community planning at UCSD, argued against the placement in a letter delivered prior to the meeting. Some discussion converged around the sticky question of

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defining a cutoff point between history, which the western tradition sees as recorded, and prehistory, which is not. Carmen Lucas said that when things have been dated to 10,000 years, long before anything was recorded, prehistory becomes a "purely spiritual time."

Among the most impassioned testimony was that of Richard Carrico, an anthropologist with Recuerdos Research in Ramona. He spoke about the site's 29 remains. "I want to stress that these are humans. These are not cadavers and skeletons. They were people, and they breathed and they loved and some of them birthed and they died and they are there — or they were there, and there probably are many more there." That history, he said, has "the ability to answer the site's function as a cemetery, as a major village site, as a shell midden."

The commission voted 6 to 0 to place the University House on the California register. It also recommended that the house be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Coyle says that because of this vote, planners would have to work with the state historical office and "come up with stronger justifications" for why a historic home needs to be torn down.

This January, just before the University of California regents, who were meeting at UCLA, would vote on the University House project, state senators Christine Kehoe and Denise Ducheny agreed with the Kumeyaay cause. Kehoe wrote to the regents that "the Chancellor's House property, long-known for its value to local California tribes as a sacred place and ancestral burial ground, should be preserved intact." Ducheny wrote that she wanted the University House project to slow down, be studied further. She was bothered that "UCSD officials appear to have cut short discussions with tribal entities and may not have completed consultations."

Meanwhile, UCSD had completed its final environmental impact report, which the university would present to and, they hoped, get certified by the regents. As required by law, the final report discussed alternatives to the chosen plan: among them was one to put a new home on piers and another to dismantle and relocate the home off site and build a new house on site (at a cost of \$18.3 million). The school still favored the demolish-and-

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rebuild plan. UCSD noted that the property met only one of four criteria for historic-home preservation: the Pueblo Revival house had "distinctive style characteristics of a type, period, region, and method of construction." Other criteria for saving the home — association with important events or trends, association with important persons, as a record of historic-home construction — did not pass muster.

In mid-January, officials from UCSD, including Chancellor Fox, presented the final report to the regents. UCSD said it was aware of the home's historical significance and offered, as a concession to preservationists, to document its history before they tore it down: filming a documentary of the property, writing a narrative-descriptive history, and donating what is salvageable from the demolition to the La Jolla Historical Society or a museum.

In the biological realm, UCSD acknowledged that demolition and rebuilding would have a "potentially significant" impact on raptors, the California gnatcatcher, and coastal sage scrub. If birds were breeding nearby, the university would halt construction. Crews would also avoid damaging native plants.

If UCSD found additional human remains, this would have a "significant" impact on the project. Any such discoveries would mean construction would stop and the coroner be notified. In keeping with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the remains would be turned over to the most likely descendant. Soil with human remains would not be removed from the site. The remains might be reburied on the property or wherever the most

likely descendant agreed to have them buried.

The final environmental impact report concluded that the original option — demolish and rebuild --- remained the best, although now it was called the "reducedscope alternative." This alternative was chosen because it avoided "the underground anomalies discovered in groundpenetrating radar testing." (The report stated

clearly that disturbing historical, cultural, and archaeological resources was "unavoidable.") Its cost, \$7.9 million, would be slightly higher than the original estimate. In the end, due to

the advocacy of archaeologists, preservationists, the Kumeyaay, and Carmen Lucas and Courtney Coyle; the vote of the State Historical Resources Commission; and letters from Larry

Myers, Christine Kehoe, Denise Ducheny, and an 11th-hour letter from the California Coastal Commission, reminding the regents that UCSD had forgotten to apply for a coastal develop-

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ment permit, required of any new coastal construction, the regents, with outgoing UC president Robert Dynes in attendance, chose not to certify the final environmental impact report.

They voted to continue the item until their March meeting, at which time all parties would be invited to present their alternative plans for the future of the University House site.

### Back to the **Drawing Board**

Sometimes public opinion can turn an institution. In March, at a meeting on the Viejas Indian Reservation, UCSD's change of heart suddenly

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sion to determine if the commission could help protect the sacred site on which University House sits. In attendance were local tribal leaders, archaeologists, and officials from UCSD. After

hearing testimony from several speakers about what constitutes a cemetery, the commission voted to declare the seven-acre La Jolla site a burial ground. Under the California Public Resources Code, this designation gives the property extra protection against further disturbance.

Halfway into the meeting came UCSD's bombshell. Vice chancellor of resource management and planning Gary Matthews announced that the university had scrapped the "reducedscope alternative" and was starting the University House project over. From scratch. This time the school will, he said, involve all parties, including the Kumeyaay. The university acknowledged that the Kumeyaay are the most likely descendents of the remains still on site. And UCSD had abandoned plans to demolish the house. With a new public-review process, the school will "renovate the house and minimize the footprint," Matthews said. Why the change? When the UC regents did not certify UCSD's final environmental impact report, the regents, in effect, told UCSD that its plan was not acceptable and it needed to start over.

Does this mean there will be no digging? The commissioners noted that any renovation will cause some ground disturbance — for example, trenches for upgraded utility lines. Matthews said that UCSD's new design will "minimize the impact to cultural resources." A new design means a new multiyear bureaucratic process begins: the university finds itself in the same position it was in four years ago, when UC president Dynes called for a study of University House and for its demolition.

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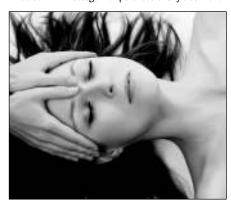
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858-658-0595 www.SanDiegoFace.com try to get it for them," he says. Even if it's an extravagance, like Van Halen's infamous request for no brown M&Ms in their dressing room? "Sure. I like to make the bands happy." Except the Casbah doesn't have a dressing room. "We let bands use the office if they need to change or just want to get away from the crowd. Obviously only three or four people can fit in here." In fact, Mays says he prefers it when a band is par-

that Mays tries to control as

much as possible. "If a band

really wants something, we

ticular about what sort of refreshments it wants. "It makes it easier. If you're going to the store, just looking for, like, 'chips and dip,' that could mean anything, there's so many choices." So what some people see as diva-esque pickiness, Mays sees as convenient specificity. Maybe that's part of what makes him the kind of boss people stay loyal to for 10, 15, and 20 years, as is the case with many of the staff at the Casbah. But don't ask them about it - they're not talking.

None of Mays's staff will agree to talk with me.

There does not appear to be any reason for this reluctance — it's just that everyone is content to let Mays be the mouthpiece. The standard response to my requests is "Uh...I think Tim's the best person to ask about that."

He laughs when I tell him about the staff's reticence. "That's funny. Who'd you talk to? I haven't talked

### It always feels like Christmas at the Casbah.

to them about it. I don't know, we've all worked around each other for so long, I guess they don't need to say anything."

The office is a tiny space crammed with a beat-up black desk, chair, file cabinets, a dusty fax machine, a small upholstered banquette covered with a serape, and a Shop Vac 16-gallon drum for a wastebasket. All four walls and the ceiling are covered with band posters, pic-

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bar and one for over the front door. — B"

tures, record covers, and

dozens of handwritten notes

from artists, from the staff,

to themselves, to Mays, and

in the free world! — Juliette

the toilet running at the end

of the night, please do some-

thing — don't just leave to

buy a new light for the front

run all night long!"

'Tim, Keep on rockin'

"To all staff: If you hear

"Andrew, you need to

to each other.

Lewis"

"Hey bartenders, I'm real horny to cover your shift, if need be. — Thaddeus"

"DON'T FORGET YOU'RE HERE FOREVER." It always feels like Christ-

mas at the Casbah. This might be due to the generous use of Christmas lights, some in working order, some not, all over the joint. And the first time I walk in during daylight hours, I see that

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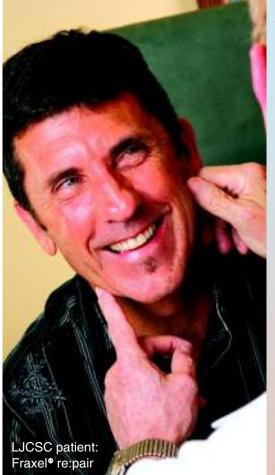


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the dominant color scheme is indeed red and green. The walls are plastered with posters advertising the acts who will play there soon. The doors and moldings are festooned with layers of vinyl band decals, so thick from years of piling on top of each other they may as well be linoleum. It's a constant battle to see who can pepper the place with the most stickers, and right now a band called the Willowz is winning. I see co-owner Bob. Always the first one in the door, he turns on the lights and meets the purveyors. I've been coming to shows at the Casbah for over 14 years, and Bob is as much of a fixture as the buttoned black leather banquettes that line the back wall of the stage. He doesn't say much but points me toward the office to meet with Mays. With his short hair, Levi's, rock Tshirt, and black Pumas, Tim Mays looks like an older version of most of the guys in

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stuff, more modern." 'Huh. Pretty cool crowd **Fabulous Brows** here?" Permanent Eyebrows

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the crowd at the Casbah on

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spraydown of the interiors.

Another man comes in wear-

ing a similar uniform, but

he is not here on official

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"What type of bar is this?"

"Rock 'n' roll," Mays

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"Oh yeah, definitely." Mays started his musicpromoting career in the '80s, after he left San Diego State. "I started doing it just as a

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### "Yeah, I'll book something I don't like. But no reggae and no bad '80s metal-type stuff."

fan and as a hobby, and I always had other jobs." Back when he was known as Tim Maze, he booked local and national punk bands at the

and Three Mile Pilot remembers, "I used to go to Maze Productions shows back when I was 14 or 15—going to punk shows like GBH,

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Mays purchased a bar called the Pink Panther in 1986. "After I bought the Pink Panther, I worked at the Broadway downtown the first year we were open. Then I took a leave of absence one Halloween because we were doing some event, and by that time the Pink Panther got so busy that I never had to go back to work [at the Broadway]. So ever since, like, '87 I guess, I haven't had a day job."

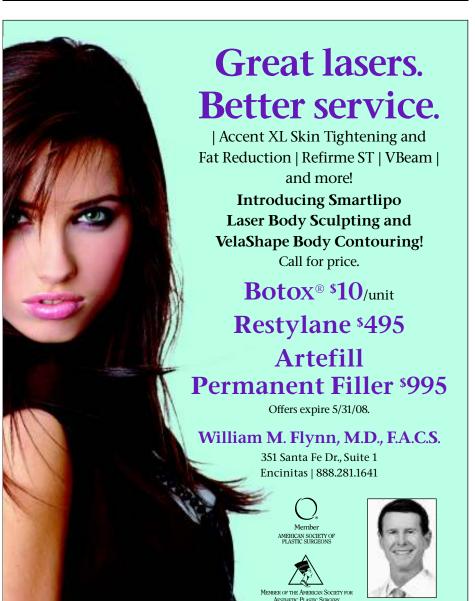
I ask Mays how he's been able to consistently book obscure bands that later go on to greater success. "I did a radio show with George Varga the other day on Sign-On San Diego and gave him a playlist of songs that I've liked...since I was a kid. He was asking me how do I stay on top of the taste and all the new bands and stuff, and it's super hard. You can't listen to them all, there are so many. But again, I work with a lot of good booking agents, and I trust their taste because they've been doing it as long as I have...So I think, If they're representing this band, then there must be something good about them, and more often than not, there is. It's a very symbiotic relationship because we enable them to book those new bands, a bunch of white frat boys, beach dudes, and so I don't like it at all." Beyond that, he's had to widen his musical horizons over the years. "I learned a long time ago, I can't just book what I like because you'd go bankrupt." He talks about the evolution of rock music since he's been in business. "We started out with bands like the Jesus Lizard or the Didjits, and [the booking agents] have

"I think the hardest person I've ever dealt with is Crispin Glover. Yeah, he was really difficult."

and I on the other hand look to them to bring those new bands to me. So without one or the other, the whole thing wouldn't work."

Mays says there are only two types of band he won't book — reggae acts and "bands like Sublime...I just don't like reggae. I think the whole thing was co-opted in the late '70s and '80s by now progressed to bands like Antony and the Johnsons. Also the record labels, like Sub Pop or Touch'n' Go Records, labels like that — 20 years ago, if your band was on Sub Pop, you knew what they were going to sound like, pretty much. Now, that's not the case because they've branched out, and we've branched out our musical offerings too

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"It's funny," says Mays, "because the staff here, the more we keep doing this and the bigger we get, the more we sometimes have to have a band with more commercial appeal, and the staff here is super spoiled...they get bummed out, and I actually have to sit them down and say, 'Look...it's a job, the band is what it is, and I don't

care if you don't like the band or you don't like the people they bring. They're still here to have a good time, and you've got to make sure they have a good time!' I try to book the stuff I like, but sometimes there's a hole in the schedule you've got to fill, or you've got to do a favor for somebody. Yeah, I'll book something I don't like. But no reggae and no bad '80s metal-type stuff. Other than that, pretty much anything. And that's good

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because then different people come in and see the place, and maybe they'll come back for something else and check it out."

I speak with Mays on a Wednesday morning during his "office hours," the time he sets aside each week to answer the phones and return emails, although he admits he returns emails from home throughout the week as well. "Since I opened my new place [the Starlite Lounge]," he says, "I'm not here as often as I used to be, which is good. It's funny, because I spend a lot of time at the Starlite now, three or four nights a week I'm there. And now when I do come back over here at night, the music is so loud! I'm not used to it anymore. It's weird, because this was my primary work environment for so many years...and I don't have to do that anymore. I like being here, and I like seeing the bands. So when I'm here now, it's more special."

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a woman calling in, books two bands, counts the previous night's take from three cash registers, signs off on two liquor deliveries, and returns numerous emails. His accountant, Lori Hurt, is a so new that when he starts to write her a check, he has to ask, "Lori, what's your last name again?" Hurt says, "He used to be a lot more handson, but lately he is so much busier than he used to be. All this stuff I do, he used to do himself, all the books." Mays insists that his other businesses, which include the Turf Supper Club, Krakatoa, and the Live Wire, don't demand that much of his time. "I spend a couple days there [at the Turf Club] doing daytime stuff...the coffee shop, one day a week. The Starlite, I'm there a lot just because it's new. Most of my time is spent doing work between [the Casbah] and the Starlite."

At the Casbah, Mays credits his longtime staff with handling the lion's share of the work."I can probably go a whole month without

being here at night...it's just gotten to the point where I don't need to be here because all of my stuff's done, booking the bands, and making sure the whole thing works. But I still make a point of being here at least one night

a week." With all of the artists who have graced the stage here, I expect Mays to have loads of colorful anecdotes about wild rock 'n' roll debauchery. He tells me that none spring to mind, so I

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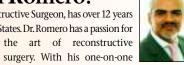
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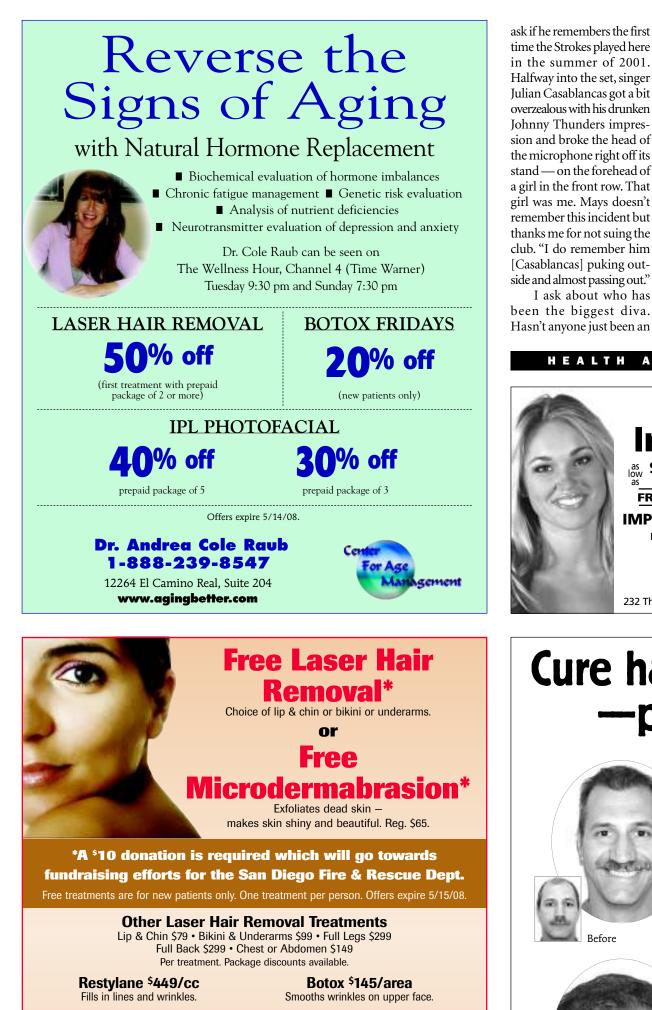
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in the summer of 2001. Halfway into the set, singer Julian Casablancas got a bit overzealous with his drunken Johnny Thunders impression and broke the head of the microphone right off its stand - on the forehead of a girl in the front row. That girl was me. Mays doesn't remember this incident but thanks me for not suing the club. "I do remember him [Casablancas] puking outside and almost passing out." I ask about who has

Glover. Yeah, he was really difficult. He's difficult because he had a show that he put together that was super exacting, and he knew what he needed to do. But there was a miscommunication, communicating to us what he needed to make his show work. He got to a point where...I don't know if you've seen any of his movies, but he's really like that! "He was showing a film,

asshole? "Not that I can

remember, really," he says.

"I think the hardest person

I've ever dealt with is Crispin

reading out of a book, and doing a spoken-word thing,



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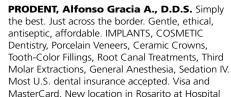


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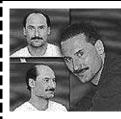
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"Then, there was a guy in a band called Material Issue, a long time ago, they were popular, like, in the mid-'80s, early '90s. And they played here; they had a bus, but there wasn't a huge crowd or anything. The guy in the band's kind of a prima donna, and he did something onstage where his guitar almost hit my friend in the face. So my friend just pushed the guitar out of the way. And the guy came over and started yelling at him, started yelling

at my door guy, and basically this guy ended up having to jump offstage and run to his tour bus because people wanted to kick his ass! He was just rude and a prima donna...there were, like, 100 people here, and he's used to playing at places for, like, 2000 or something. So he was just a jerk. He was out in the bus yelling out of the window, and people were yelling at him, throwing stuff at him. The guy later committed suicide for some reason, so maybe his career didn't go the way he wanted. They were a horrible band anyway."

We are outside the Modest Mouse show, a Casbah production being staged at club SOMA. Mays stands backstage in a black leather jacket, his breath visible in the early evening chill. Every-

one else is dressed in multiple layers of sweats and knit caps with big gloves. Mays directs his staff, asks the runner to take dinner orders for the crew, and doles out pay at the end of the night. In between, he's talking with one of his guys about how great the Art Brut CD is and how clever the lyrics are. "That one song about 'drinking Hennessy with Morrissey'!" Mays's son ambles over with two friends who are clearly stoked to be backstage for one of their favorite bands. At 14, Keith stands a good five or six inches taller than his dad, a fact that does not go unnoticed. Two people will ask Mays, "So, where does your son get his height?" before the night is over.

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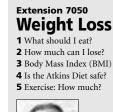
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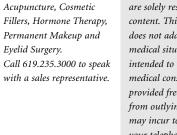
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## LETTERS

continued from page 12 what 'emo' is, and simply

label something they don't understand as 'garbage'

you know what sucks? the industry does the same thing with 'emo' bands that it has done forever, how many nirvana/pearl jam/ smashing pumpking rip off bands were there in the '90s? how many rappers are repeating the same lyrics? how many boy band's were there???

you know what really sucks? gaining publicity by spreading a message of hate, when obviously the entity is ignorant of music and what it can do for people's lives. regardless of what these bands are or what they sing about, unless you create music, you have no room to criticize these bands. don't get me wrong, I'm tired of hearing, "I kill myself because my girlfriend left me". oh but wait. I've heard that in at least two Breaking Benjamin songs and at least a dozen Everclear songs. You may disagree with a genre of music, but at least do

your homework, and at the very least be able to look in the mirror and recognize the hypocrisy of hating manufactured bands. \*cough Hinder, Trapt, Seether, Nickelback\*

spreading messages of hate and ignorance is the last thing this country needs. last time I checked we had plenty of that to go around.

thanks 94.9 for revealing once again why radio is a dying medium.

Posted by ElliottH on April 25, 2:35 p.m.

I've been a big fan of this station since it changed format from only 80's to the alternative rock in 2003.

There practice of avidly diving into the listeners tastes and constantly on the hunt for new sounds that could possibly broaden everyone's horizons has been a reason for so many people tuning in. They're playlists have continuously never sucked, especially when it has been "About the Music" which is there mantra. But I do have to say that this campaign of hate against another form of music, no matter what it is just seems to detract from the any





other sound. This might sound totally strange as a policy, but shouldn't you show what you disapprove of and dislike by merely not playing or promoting it?

Furthermore, this move just seems so inappropriately political in its form. If it had anything against the music, why the hell would it mention its rival radio station and their upcoming concert. As if I do not get sick enough of whatever damn power plays surface on the TV from Hillary and Obama, I get this kind of junk being passed around on the radio about music. Its a twopronged assault on its listeners, its acting like the cool kids in high school just blackballing something because they don't like it, and worse, they're catering to perhaps tarnish another companies images and boost their profits. Its a pretty shameful move, and this is why terrestrial radio is dead.

### City Lights, by Ernie Grimm

### **Published April 23**

Posted by JohnnyVegas on April 23, 4:30 p.m.

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Posted by Darren on April 24, 1:36 a.m.

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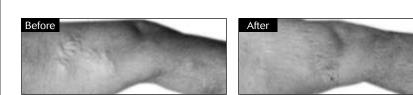
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I know many people who have flown out of TJ with ZERO problems, no shakedown, not money taken.

Posted by JohnnyVegas on April 24, 8:29 a.m. Darren, I can tell you

the shake downs do happen, and because of it I would warn everyone that they better beware, and ready, of such actions.

It is no different from driving a car in Mexico and getting pulled over for no reason (besides the fact you have American plates) and being told you violated some bogus traffic law and

it will take a \$40 payment, in cash and on the spot, to leave. That happenes to virtually every American who drives in Mexico, why would you think it is any different for air travel? If anything the shake down would be more prevelant at the airport because air travelers would appear to be of more means. Mexico is a highly cor-

rupt country, where 50 families own 90% of the wealth and over half of it's 110 million residents live in poverty- it got that way for a good reason.

Shake downs of Ameri-

cans are a way of life in Mexico.

Posted by Joaquin\_de\_la\_Mesa on April 24, 10:27 a.m.

Johnny, I've been driving into Mexico for ten years now. Never even been pulled over. I have friends who have, of course, but my point is, it's not universal. BTW, it 10% of the people who own 90% of the wealth.

Posted by Darren on April 25, 2:59 a.m.

Hi JohnnyVegas, I appreciate the cautions. I usually don't drive down there. I use to drive a Jetta there and was not bothered. I had to drive an expensive kind of car for some clients (transporting them), and I was shaken down for some money, and paid it, for illegally parking. I think it was \$40 to 2 state officers.I understand/respect their system/traditions/customs. At least I don't go into a FED/STATE/LOCAL databases like here, for a traffic infraction. There is corruption, and now lots of turf wars with violence against mostly foe elements, but also some innocents getting

caught in crossfire. Some Americans are getting kidnapped, that is true. I believe though the percentage is fairly low. I use to take a friend down there, she was getting some medical care, and I'm gringo she Mexican. I never had any problems although I walked into TJ, parking my car on this side of border. Honestly with the corruption, I believe we have it widespread here too. Look at the pensions that have been robbed. Look at DUI checkpoints where we are sold they are for DUIs but the cop stats show that most the cars impounded have nothing to do with DUI. A father who missed a child support pymt. to the courts, he is subject to having his car impounded/towed at a DUI checkpoint. If that is not corruption, besides a breach of our 4th Amendment rights, I don't know what else is.

My friend has flown on the airlines out of TJ on many occasions to her hometown down farther in Mexico. She has never had any problems with airline service, schedule, reliability.

#### City Lights, by Don Bauder **Published April 23**

Posted by LookAway on April 25, 8:38 a.m.

The CCDC is mentoring a nearby group that is willing to model itself after the corrupt CCDC. The moralsfree Greater Golden Hill **Community Development** Corporation, which "owns" the area north and east of downtown, and long run by those aspiring to become a developer as powerful as CCDC, engages in the same insider, bait-and-switch, devious activities, with full help from City staff, City Council and their staff, and lobbyists/propagandists (Mitch Berner). After 18 years of taking in millions and millions of dollars and producing few visible results, the GGHCDC old guard now has cultivated and installed enough supporters in the City Council (Hueso, Atkins, and sycophants), Planning Department (Anderson/Kessler; formerly Waring), the Urban Land Institute (McLellan), and CCDC (Graham and LeSar) to run their turf like a little mafia. Even though the corruption is blatant and mostly inept enough to be laughable, the lull in the real estate market (bringing in developers such as Shapery and James Brown, darlings of CCDC) has allowed even the bumbling GGHCDC to increase their stranglehold on the community. And the illegal creation of a special assessment district (with the aid of the Economic Development deputy director, former president of GGHCDC) ensures that GGHCDC will forever be given millions of dollars of unworked-for income, allowing GGHCDC to position themselves to become the equivalent of CCDC. CCDC's Jennifer

LeSar (who owns property in GH) and Nancy Graham directly involve themselves and routinely show up at meetings in Golden Hill. The sooner we get rid of Sanders, Anderson/Kessler, Graham, Peters, Madaffer, Hueso, Atkins, and all of their soldiers, the better off we will all be.

### **Theater Review Published April 16**

Posted by gcubed on April 24, 3:36 a.m.

Great article.

Thank you.

Off the main point of your article, but maybe worth mentioning and since you mentioned film towards the end, I think a point in time when stage and film might have first touched-the play Woyzeck by G. Buchner, 1836.

Probably not the seed of mordern theatre, but maybe the antecedent of film. For instance- Many scenes, not acts, of varying lengths. What do you think?



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his neighborhood [Olivenhain] is what we call an 'urban-wildland interface," says Nan Sterman, author of California Gardener's Guide. "You have to be careful that what you do in your garden does not have a negative impact on the environment."

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The community borders the San Elijo Lagoon north of Solana Beach. "Olivenhain [pronounced o-LEE-ven-hine] is one of the five communities that make up Encinitas," Sterman explains. "It was settled in the late 1800s by German colonists, most of whom came from the Denver area [the word



means olive groves in German]. They were told there was plenty of fresh water, good soil, and good farming

conditions, but when they got here they discovered they'd been swindled, and the land agents were run out of town. They were supposed to come and grow olives, but they ended up dry-farming lima beans because the resources they thought were here weren't. In those days, if you didn't have water, you didn't have anything."

Sterman is chairperson for the Encinitas Garden Festival, taking place on Saturday, May 3. As part of the festival, Sterman will lead a walking tour of 20 home gardens located in Olivenhain.

"People are getting away from the English garden, that traditional fufu stuff, and now you have many more gardens of place, what really suits Southern California." Sterman cites some ideal drought-

resistant plants. "Monkey flower is a really fun native. It's a perennial and has [yellow] flowers and grows in the hillsides here in Olivenhain." Toyon, an indigenous evergreen shrub, can grow up to 12 feet tall. In autumn it produces red berries. "When California was being settled by people coming from the East Coast, when they got to the L.A. area and looked at the hillside they saw these red berries. They called them hollies, and that's how Hollywoodland got its name." The last four letters, "L-A-N-D," were removed from the iconic Hollywood sign in 1949.

The California lilac is another misnomer. "It's not a lilac," explains Sterman. "Just like people said, 'Oh, look at those hollies,' they said, 'Oh, those look like lilacs,' because that was their frame of reference. If you drive up Highway 15, out near Mission Gorge, you see all those blue flowers." Yet another is the Dudleya, "a wonderful little ghostly gray succulent with blue, chalky fingers. We grow them really well in our gardens." Other low-water-use natives include the Cleveland sagebrush, which grows wild in most of San Diego County. They're the aromatic ones you smell when you walk through the chaparral," says Sterman. The leaves can smell like rosemary and, when rubbed between the fingers, release an odor that bears an uncanny resemblance to the skin cream Noxzema.

One plant Sterman would like to see less of is grass. "We really don't need acres of grass," she says. "Grass is the most resource-intensive plant. It takes more 



that's what mowing is - and you have to fertilize it constantly." Sterman teaches a class for the Water Conservation Garden in Cuyamaca called "Bye Bye Grass." It's a two-part course. The first part covers how to get rid of grass, and the second part offers alternative ground-cover options.

"If you have the kind of grass that has really short, fine roots, then you can dig it out, you can smother it, or you can use solarization - cover it with plastic and let it cook in the sun. If you have that nasty Bermuda grass, with those thick, fleshy roots that creep along at or just below the surface of the ground and are very aggressive — which is part of what makes it desirable for lawns — the only thing you can do is treat it with chemicals, like Roundup. There are a couple different brands of glyphosate, the active ingredient, available in the marketplace.

Sterman says many people have a lawn simply because they don't have any other

idea for how to fill their yard space. Some people erroneously think grass is the easiest plant to look after, and some people come from another part of the country and are "used to having a big sea of green." If a family has dogs or soccer-playing kids, an area of grass might be in order, says Sterman, but she stresses, "Don't have an acre of it when all you need is a ten-by-ten patch." Barbarella

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#### FILM

"Fraulein" Swiss director Andrea Staka's gaze "at the emotional landscape of three women" screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. In Serbo-Croatian and German with English subtitles. Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Women of Islam: Veiling and Seclusion" Film, screening in conjunction with ongoing One Book, One San Diego reading campaign, screens for Sunday Matinee. Director Farheen Umar travels throughout Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, U.S.A. to talk with Muslim women and challenge assumptions about practice of wearing veils. SDSU associate professor Ghada Osman leads discussion after screening. 619-236-5800. Sunday,



May 4, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Constantine's Sword" Why are intolerance, violence, and war deeply ingrained in religion? Documentary by James Carroll and Oren Jacoby screens, followed by discussion with Rabbi Laurie Coskey, Professor Florence Gillman, Pastors Jack Lindquist and Tony Wolfe, Dean Scott Richardson. 619-298-7261. Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m.; St. Paul's Cathedral, 2278 Sixth Avenue, (HILLCREST)

"Le Destin/Al Massur (Destiny)" Youssef Chahine's 1997 film tells of medieval Islamic philosopher Averro's fight against religious intolerance and fanaticism, screening for "Heritage Language Film Festival" in room 4301 of applied physics and math building of Muir College, UCSD. Free parking available in lots 206, 207, 208. In Arabic with English subtitles. 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

"New Year Baby" Socheata Poeuv's film intertwines the stories of her parents with millions of those who suffered under the Khmer Rouge, using animation to illustrate family memories and Cambodia's history. Screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5821. Wednesday, May 7,

6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Seasons" Adams Avenue Bicycles hosts local premiere of this film by the Collective, filmed across globe in 16mm format. Members of the Collective will discuss film before screening; local mountain biking representatives on hand. 619-819-0236. Friday, May 2; Saturday, May 3, noon; \$10. Ken, 4061 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TAI MADGE)

"Two Daughters" Satyajit Ray's unrated 1961 film, adapted from two short stories by Rabindranath Tagore, screens for Indian Film Festival. 619-696-1969. Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

### FOR KIDS

"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, 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.; through Sunday, May 11, 2008, \$8-\$13. Casa del Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

"On Flowers" This exhibition provides inspiration for family open studio. Tours of exhibition, free art project for all ages. Materials provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.; Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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toonist — Steve Breen, who will discuss and sign his book. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**"Duckydidjadoit?"** Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble takes the stage with a new show through Sunday, May 4. Next up: *Pepper's Favorites II* by Puppet Express, May 7-11. 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, May 1, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 2, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, May 7, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ivy and Bean Take Care of the Babysitter" Children's author Annie Barrows reads from, signs her new book. 858-454-0347. Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)



**Balboa Park BioBlitz** BioBlitz is a 24-hour inventory of species found in a given area. How many species are in an area, and what are their names? Get some answers during activities planned at "BioBlitz stations" in Balboa Park. Attractions include documentation, microscope, collections, urban tracker, leaf shapes and leaf bugs, animal and plant signs, drawing from nature, night-shift stations. 619-255-0203. Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**BioBlitz Camp-In** Museum scientists lead evening expedition including insect-collecting and owl-spotting on the Prado, arts and craft activities. After a Continental breakfast on Saturday, head out for an early-morning hike in search of birds living in Balboa Park area. Sleepover concludes on Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m. Registration: 619-255-0203. Friday, May 2, 6 p.m.; \$45-\$55. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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record their thoughts for a future photography exhibit at the museum. Children must bring their own digital camera and be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Reservations required: 760-739-9513. Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m.; \$5. Ages 9 and up. Escondido Children's Museum, 380 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Children's Book Festival Festival brings together top children's authors and illustrators including David Shannon, Steve Breen, Gerald McDermott, Janell Cannon, Bruce Hale, Kadir Nelson, George McClements, who will read from their works, talk about their craft, sign books. Activities include music, games, arts and crafts, face painting. Festival takes place at the Nobel Athletic Complex as well. 619-238-6620. Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.; North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Take a Magic Carpet Ride! Christian Youth Theatre presents the musical Aladdin. 619-588-0206. Friday, May 2, 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.; \$9-\$13. East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Kids' Magic Mile This Union-Tribune Race for Literacy event starts near Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. 760-692-2900. Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.; \$15-\$20. Balboa

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

hanks to the crusading efforts of Descanso cabinetmaker Duncan McFetridge (affectionately known by some as the "Robin Hood of Cleveland Forest"), certain privately owned lands in Cleveland National Forest near Descanso, formerly slated for housing development, were saved as permanent open space. One key parcel called "Roberts Ranch" was incorporated into the national forest in the late 1990s. Where cattle once grazed contentedly on this property, hikers can now contemplate spacious vistas of oak-studded grassland. During the next week



Engelmann oak, Roberts Ranch

or two, those vistas will likely include colorful displays of wildflowers and blades of grass fading from spring green to summer yellow.

To get to the Roberts Ranch entrance from San Diego, drive east on Interstate 8 and take the Highwav 79/Japatul Valley Road exit near Descanso. Turn right (south) on Japatul Valley Road. and continue 0.2 mile to a pipe

gate in the wire fence on the left, just short of a CalTrans maintenance station. Park on the road shoulder, and be sure to post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your car

On foot now, pass through the gate and follow an old roadbed north across a flat, then east up through live oaks. After 0.5 mile, stay left and start bending north to enter an expansive meadow dotted with solitary and statuesque Engelmann oaks. The scene is reminiscent of the Old West, save for the slightly annoying hum of cars on the nearby freeway.

If you walk all the way across the meadow, about 0.5 mile farther east, you'll come upon the remnants of a century-old ditch designed (but never used) to shunt water from Pine Valley Creek into the San Diego River drainage. Other segments of this would-be aqueduct can be seen along the Secret Canyon Trail, which runs south from Pine Valley through the Pine Valley Creek gorge.

The hiking route through Roberts Ranch is largely free-form, so when it's

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

### **IN PERSON**

"9/11 Contradictions" David Ray Griffin presents this "open message to Congress and the





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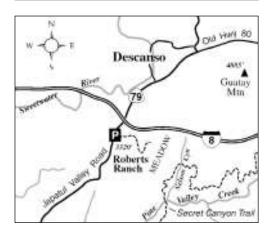
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La Jolla Carol Olten, La Jolla Historical Society historian, discusses and signs her new book. 858-456-1800. Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Latinos in Lotusland Authors Victorio Barragan and Jennifer Silva Redmond read from and sign a collection of short stories by Latino authors. 619-441-0480. Saturday, May 3, 2 p.m.; Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore, 330 North Magnolia Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Twisted Triangle Local author and former Union-Tribune investigative reporter Caitlin Rother discusses and signs her latest book and Naked Addiction, her first novel. 619-435-0070. Friday, May 2, 7 p.m.; Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Actor and Author Wil Wheaton signs, discusses The Happiest Davs of Our Lives, his "narrative nonfiction essays about...coming of age as a geek in the '80s." 858-268-4747. Saturday, May 3, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT

**Agitprop Reading Series Poets** Rae Armantrout and Jericho Brown read from their work. Donations encouraged. 619-384-7989. Saturday, May 3, 7 p.m.; Agitprop Gallery, 2837 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Australian Author Appearance Meet Michael Morwood, who will discuss and sign his latest book, From Sand to Solid Ground: Questions of Faith for Modern Christians. 858-270-8642. Tuesday, May 6, 5 p.m.; Open Door Books, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

City Works 2008 Reading Event celebrating student fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction award winners, and the San Diego City Works Press Student Chapbook Winner along with featured local writer Aida Mendez takes place in room B-103, 619-388-3400, Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m.; San Diego City College, C Street and 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Get to Know Paris and Aveyron. Paris history expert Thirza Vallois - best known for her three-book series Around and About Paris — discusses and signs her latest book, Aveyron, a Bridge to French Arcadia. Required reservations 619-544-0005. Monday, May 5, 7 p.m.; Le Travel Store, 745 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

New Writing Series Poet Kamau Daaood, author of The Language of Saxophones: Selected Poems of Kamau Daaood, reads for series in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. 858-534-4618. Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

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Writer and Activist Marge Piercy Piercy, author of 17 novels and 16 volumes of poetry, reads from her work and signs books for "Writer as Activist" literary arts festival in room 220. 619-644-7523. Friday, May 2, 7 p.m.; Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

#### LECTURES

"Bauhaus Teachers and Their Influence on Modern Art" Cornelia Feve of Athenaeum Music and Arts Library speaks for "SDMA in the 21st Century themed "Guest Lecture Series." 619-696-1953. Friday, May 2, 10 a.m.; \$7-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Caricatures and Cartooning Workshop" Artist, Harry Hamernik, author of Face Off: How to Draw Amazing Caricatures and Cartoon Portraits and Cartoonimals, teaches students to draw features and cartoon bodies that can be used with caricatures or for cartoon panels. No experience necessarv. All ages welcome. Reservations: 714-319-2477. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.; \$65-\$85. Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway, (OCEANSIDE)

"Cloth and Culture in Africa: Communicating through Clothing" Victoria Rovine, professor of African Arts at University of Florida. speaks for African Arts Council. 619-232-7931. Friday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Environment and Labor Relations in the San Diego-Tijuana Border Region" Annual Sister Sally Furay Lecture presented by California State Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña. Lecture followed by reception (7 p.m.). 619-260-4090. Monday, May 5, 6 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Insight Seminar: Beethoven, As I Knew Him" Artists from all phases of the Beethoven, As I Knew Him production process meet with patrons in "lively exchange of ideas and insights" to enhance the theatergoing experience. Seminar concludes with informal champagne reception. 619-23GLOBE.

Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.; \$3-\$5. The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

"Islamic Law and the Challenge of Islamophobia" Khaled Abou El Fadl, law professor at UCLA Law School, speaks in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom B. Professor Abou El Fadl is described as "a major contemporary Islamic thinker, a strong supporter of human rights, and this country's leading authority on Islamic law." Among his many books is The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam From the Extremists. 858-534-0999. Monday, May 5, 8 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (UCSD)

"Managing a Multi-Dog Household" Considering getting another dog, or already have a few? Learn how to manage multiple dogs under one roof during workshop; training secrets, "tips for peaceful coexistence between your canine family members." For humans only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, May 6, 6 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Planets Beyond the Solar System" "The Sky Tonight" astronomy presentation, with tour of current night sky. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$8.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sister Sally Furay Lecture" Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña examines environment and labor relations at the border and how outcome of upcoming presidential election will affect these issues within the San Diego-Baja California region. 619-260-4166. Monday, May 5, 6 p.m.; University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Stem Cells: New Sources and New Questions" Center for Ethics in Science and Technology co-hosts this "First Wednesday' program with panelists including scientist Larry Goldstein, philosopher Mary Devereaux, social scientist John Evans, RSVP required by May 5. 858-822-2647. Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Straight Out of Dixie: An Analysis of the Nate Harrison Cabin" Matthew Tennyson discusses the life of this freed slave living on Palomar Mountain during late 19th Century. Admission to the 12 O'Clock Scholar program includes museum entry. 619-239-2001. Monday, May 5, noon; \$4-\$8. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Successful German Genealogical Research Results" Revealed by members of German Research

Association. 619-276-4660. Saturday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.; LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Art of Ancient Greece and Rome" Art historian James Grebl plans four lectures exploring artistic achievements of these ancient cultures from Bronze Age through the fall of the Roman Empire, illustrated with images of the key monuments and sites. Series: \$60. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Train Whistles in the Night" Lemon Grove Historical Society's "History Alive" lecture series continues when Bruce Semelsberger, director of research with Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum, focuses on trains that were the lifeblood of Lemon Grove in late 19th and 20th centuries. 619-460-4353. Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.; Ages 10 and up. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

Dog Safety Learn safety tips on dog toys, poisonous food and plants, more. Training accomplished through "kind, effective, and modern positive-reinforcement methods." Required advance registration: 619-299-7012 x2247. Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Open-forum workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Law Week 2008 Lectures on variety of topics at county law library locations all over county. April 28-May 3. Details: 619-685-6552. Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m.; Friday, May 2, 9 a.m.; Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.; San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Opera Preview Ron Shaheen focuses on Bizet's Pearl Fishers for series. Tickets distributed at 9:15 a.m. 760-434-2904. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

#### OUTDOORS

The Wildflower Bloom in San Diego's coastal areas continues, though by a diminishing amount. On north-facing slopes and in shady canvon bottoms, where the sun's drying effects have not yet totally taken hold, look for native red



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**Rabbit and Rodent Population** is peaking in the canyons and hillsides of coastal San Diego County. In many neighborhoods, car headlights illuminate the rear ends of scampering cottontail rabbits making raids on succulent garden vegetation. On the fringes of suburbia, sleek covotes are sometimes spotted slinking about in pursuit of rodents and rabbits, or easier-to-catch fare -house cats.

The Lowest Tides during May (-1.6 feet) occur on Tuesday, May 6 at 4:37 a.m. and on Wednesday, May 7 at 5:29 a.m. On Thursday, May 8, the tide drops to -1.4 feet at 6:25 a.m. If you can manage to drag yourself out of bed early enough, these are perfect opportunities to view the rich marine plant and animal life in the tidepools along rocky sections of the local coastline.

The Crescent Moon returns to the evening sky on Tuesday, May 6. Look low in the west at dusk, and you will spot the moon's broadly smiling form, as well as a star-like pinpoint of light just below it. That "star" is the planet Mercury.

**California Native Plant Society** Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

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Guided Nature Walk Meet at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance. 858-581-9944. Bring binoculars, drinking water. Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.; Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

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**Rediscover Old Escondido East** Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, May 6, 6 p.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Seeing Red? Look for red-tailed hawks, red rocks, reptiles, and flowers during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Vernal Pools and Wildflowers! Diana Gordon leads walk to see vernal pools - one of our rarest habitats - and see wildflowers. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-484-3219. Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; Carmel Mountain trail head, Fairport Way and Shorepointe Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Wetland Avengers Join volunteers to save the unique habitat of Swan Canyon. Plant native species and remove invasive species and trash for the benefit of wildlife, water, habitats, humans. Advance registration: 858-488-3849. Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; Hamilton Elementary School, 2807 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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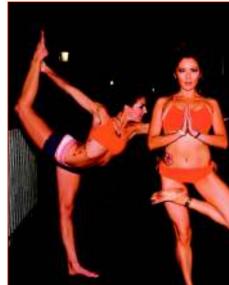
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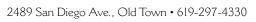
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**El Consorcio** Concerts by group. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, May 6, 9:30 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

**Rock Concert** Maldita Vecindad, Victimas del Doctor Cerebro, others perform. 011-52-664-972-9000. Saturday, May 3, 8 p.m.; Mexitlán, 2nd Street and Avenida Mader. (BAJA)

Valium Radio Rock concert in Box Underground at El Foro. 619-734-2333. Saturday, May 3, 8 p.m.; \$8. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

#### SPECIAL

**"Big Day on San Diego Bay"** Mishavonna, an *American Idol* contestant, performs during "2008 Operation Thin Mint Sendoff Celebration" aboard USS *Midway*. Public is invited to help celebrate shipping 220,812 boxes of these Girl Scouts cookies to deployed U.S. military troops. Navy Band will provide music. Create patriotic hair ribbons, get patriotic (temporary) tattoos. 619-610-0710. Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, 910 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Chilling"** Exhibition of paintings by local artist Greg Gutierrez continues through Monday, May 12. Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m.; Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Health, Wellness and Spaw Day with Doga Yoga" Prana yoga instructor Nan Comstock leads class with her Yorkie Bella for a "fun, all-levels-appropriate yoga class" (9 a.m.; no experience necessary). Pet nutrition experts will offer health and wellness advice; animal consultant and certified TTouch practitioner Kim St. Claire will relax pets with tenminute massages. 858-459-WOOF. Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; \$10. Muttropolis La Jolla, 7755 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**"Monarchs Among Us"** The 11th annual Sage and Songbirds Festival and Garden Tour includes six private home gardens plus two other sites, lots of butterflies, vendors, educational seminars. Ticket provides map of tour, valid for all three days of event. 619-445-8352. Friday, May 2, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.; \$15. Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, 5005 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

**"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; Thursdays; through Friday, May 23, 2008. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (SDSU)

#### SINGLES



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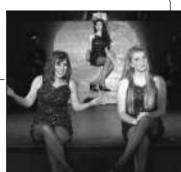
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**Tell Me a Riddle** Tillie Olsen's work is up for consideration when San Diego Great Books gathers. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, May 3, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

AcroYoga Weekend Workshop Weekend includes AcroYoga Asana sequencing, flying, Thai massage, partner asana. Fee: \$55 for Saturday, \$40 for Sunday, \$80 for both days. No partner necessary. 760-632-7093. Saturday, May 3, 3 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.; \$40-\$80. Ashtanga Yoga Center, 1905 Calle Barcelona, suite 218. (CARLSBAD)

**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)

**Book and a Beer Club** Calling all "beer geeks and bookworms" to discuss Wil Weaton's *Happiest Days of Our Lives* outside on grass. Author will be on hand. Requested reservations: 760-471-4999 x1700. Sunday, May 4, 3 p.m.; Stone



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Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ES-CONDIDO)

**Cannons Will Be Used!** Cannon battles promised in San Diego Bay between tall ship *Californian* and HMS *Surprise*, which will participate in annual Air and Sea Parade. Battle continues after parade, returning to dock at museum by 3 p.m. Limited number of passengers allowed aboard *Californian*; reservations suggested. Battles may be seen from sites around bay. 619-234-9153 x101. Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.; \$30-\$65. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Carlsbad Village Faire** Organizers promise over 850 unique vendors offering arts and crafts, antiques, unique clothing, items from around world, more, along the streets surrounding Carlsbad Village Drive and State Street. 760-945-9288. Sunday, May 4, 8 a.m.; Carlsbad. (CARLSBAD)

**Castles of Carlsbad** Fifth annual home tour presented by Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation features self-guided tour of six homes. Ticket availability and outlets: 760-602-2060. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.; \$25-\$30. Carlsbad. (CARLSBAD)

**Cinco de Mayo Celebration** MiraCosta College hosts event with vendor booths, kids' zone, Mexican food, live music by Mira-Costa's Latin Jazz Orchestra, Cuban salsa group Luna Llena, and mariachi band Trio Amigos. MiraCosta's ballet folklorico will also perform. 760-634-7806. Saturday, May 3, noon; MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**Clairemont Garden Tour** Selfguided tour of more than 15 Clairemont gardens, including ponds and waterfalls, whimsical gardens, canyon gardens. Master gardeners, master composters, California rare fruit growers, and Clairemont Art Guild members on hand. Tickets available at UPS Store at Clairemont Square. 858-863-0908. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.; \$12-\$15. Clairemont Town Square, 4821 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Desperately Seeking Unique Art Objects? Spring student art and craft sale with work in variety of media on offer, at south end of campus (between Howard Brubeck Theatre and Lot 15 under green roof). 760-744-1150 x2302. Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m.; Friday, May 2, 9 a.m.; Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

**Encinitas Garden Festival** Twenty Olivenhain gardeners open their garden gates for walking tour; see a vineyard, a garden with display of old farm tools, native plant gardens, Mediterranean climate gardens, more. Gardeners' marketplace with plant vendors, speakers, community organizations at Olivenhain Town Hall (free admission). Tour participants board double-decker buses at MiraCosta College (starting at 9:30 a.m.) for ride to Olivenhain Town Hall, where tours begin. 760-753-8615. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$25. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo Take in Latin sounds, flamenco dance, ballet folklorico, storytellers, children's activities, food and beverages from Old Town restaurants. 619-291-4903. Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Global Human Rights Torch Relay Rally themed "The Olympics and Crimes Against Humanity Cannot Coexist in China" includes speakers, music, petitions, displays, torch walk. Relay is described as "a year-long international campaign" calling for an end of human rights violations by Chinese government, release of prisoners of conscience before the Olympics. 619-296-9536. Saturday, May 3, noon; Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Healing Arts Festival Enjoy music by Pato Banton and the Mystic Roots Band, B-Side Players, Justin James, Molly Jenson, Sene Africa, Elivia Melodey, others. Workshops in yoga, meditation, belly dance, more; "Demo Zone" activities, kids' activities. Donation. 619-261-1418. Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

House of Poland Enjoy lawn program with ethnic costumes, music, and dancing at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**La Mesa Beautiful** Group hosts 28th annual plant sale with all manner of plants on offer. Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m.; Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, La Mesa, 4816 Glen Street. (LA MESA)

**Mamafest** LUNA film festival "to celebrate and support motherhood," with opportunities "to eat, drink, shop, and learn more about being the best mothers they can be." Mini-lectures, vendors. Reservations: 866-348-4666. Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Temple Sol El, 3575 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Mexican Chocolate Learn history, uses, diverse types of cacao, during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Event includes participation in cooking class at ranch past Ensenada; learn traditional Mexican uses of chocolate, lunch preparation. Fee includes transportation, meal. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.; \$82-\$92. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, May 3, noon; Sunday, May 4, noon; Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (POINT LOMA)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$4 general). Exotic plant sale, Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4. 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.; Thursdays, 9 a.m.; through Sunday, May 11, 2008, The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo Del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

**Renaissance Pugs** Dog costume contest, dog-owner dress-alike contest, more promised during 17th annual pug party sponsored by Pug Rescue of San Diego. 619-685-3580. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.; \$5-\$10. Del Mar Fair-



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Shifting Perspectives This month's TNT (Thursday Night Thing) questions time, context, and identity with an assortment of activities. Preview of The Merry Chase, or, The Recursive Synthesis of an Illusion, a collaborative performance from the Hybrid Authorship Project. Use (provided) 3-D glasses and special stereoscopic paper to turn doodles into "a popping 3-D button"; view 3-D topographic maps projected on big screen; music by Seesaw Ensemble, Reverse Cowboy, beats by DJs Adam Salter and Erick Diaz. 858-454-3541. Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Showpark Ranch and Coast Classic Horse show runs May 6-11. 858-481-9085. Tuesday, May 6, 8 a.m.; Wednesday, May 7, 8 a.m.; Thursday, May 8, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Stay Out! County of San Diego Probation Department hosts annual Juvenile Hall open house. During one-hour tours, guests see how detainees live, what they wear, where they sleep, where they attend school. 760-514-2088. Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; Juvenile Court, 2851 Meadow Lark Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Talmadge Art Show Local artists exhibit and sell work including jewelry, purses, silk scarves and clothing, collaged cards, ceramics, pottery, vintage textiles, beads, recycled sculpture, wire art, glass, felt art, leather art, water media, and mixed media. 619-559-9082. Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.; San Diego Women's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Think, Play, Create Grand opening of new Children's Museum celebrated with community block party. Tour innovative building and opening exhibition, "Childsplay," enjoy entertainment by San Diego Youth Symphony, Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater and Eveoke Dance Theatre, activities, more. 619-233-8792. Sunday, May 4, noon; Children's Museum San Diego/Museo de los Niáos San Diego, 200 West Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

What Will It Take to Keep San Diego Afloat? League of Women Voters and the San Diego Reader sponsor symposium to unearth "the straightforward, unbiased, understandable facts about our city's finances and billions in pension deficits." Candidates will be asked what's in store for San Diego neighborhoods and communities." City officials and labor leaders on hand to answer your questions. Hearty appetizers and cash bar-\$20 at the door; \$15 with email reservations: lwvsd@san.rr.com. Thursday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.; \$15-\$20. San Diego Community Concourse, 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

What's Doga Yoga? Find out during "Health, Wellness and Spaw Day with Doga Yoga." Bernese mountain dogs Buddha, Lily, and YogaNamastacy return for a "fun, all-levels-appropriate yoga class" (9 a.m.; no experience necessary). Pet nutrition experts will offer health and wellness advice; animal consultant and certified TTouch practitioner Kim St. Claire will relax pets with tenminute massages. 858-345-1008. Sunday, May 4, 9 a.m.; \$10. Muttropolis Solana Beach, 227 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

World Laughter Day Celebrations planned in lawn area in front of International Cottages promoting "world peace through laughter." Parade, laughter circle, gifts. 619-255-4622. Sunday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

#### SPORTS

"Happy Trails and Waggin' Walk for Animals" hosted Tails" by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA. Bring your leashed pet! Animal-related information booths on hand. Pledges requested. 619-243-3408. Saturday, May 3, 7:30 a.m.: Crown Point Shores, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Two Oranges, Hold the Coronado" Knickerbikers gather in parking lot to head out for mostly flat 27-mile ride with stops at Ye Olde Bicycle Cafe, Malcolm X, lunch on Adams Avenue (bring money), more. 858-272-4710, Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.; Vons Market - La Mesa, 5630 Lake Murray Blvd. (LA MESA)

**Del Mar National Horse Show** Competition continues through May 4.

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, May 1, 8 a.m.; Friday, May 2, 8 a.m.; Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

La Jolla YMCA Surf Series Amateur surf competition series for youths, teens, and adults continues. Free for spectators. 858-453-3483 x41. Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.; La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro, (|A||0||A)

Long and Slow Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for "a slower-paced long ride" of 70 miles along Highway 56 bike path and more. 619-243-8617. Saturday, May 3, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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)

Race for Sight Event benefiting San Diego Braille Institute and the Vision of Children Foundation features indoor, endurance kart races. Expect relays with two to six per team. Participants must be 4'5" and 12 years old to drive; height must be 48" outside of relay races. 858-586-7500. Sunday, May 4, 4 p.m.; \$10-\$220. Miramar Speed Circuit, 8123 Miralani Drive, (MIRA MESA)

Southern California Beach Soccer Championships More than 230 teams - amateur and professional - expected to compete. Additional activities: beach wrestling, Capoeira (Brazilian martial arts), samba dancing, sponsor exhibits. Professional finals at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Free for spectators. 760-473-8329. Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 4, 8 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Race for Literacy The Union-Tribune's 8k run/walk starts in Pan American Plaza, runs down (closed) Highway 163, finishes at Pantoja Park on G Street. 760-692-

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ZUKERMAN CHAMBER PLAYERS Sherwood Auditorium. Saturday, May 3.

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2900. Sunday, May 4, 8 a.m.; \$27. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk for Hope 2008 to Cure Breast Cancer Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., followed by 3k and 5k walks stepping off at 9 a.m. 858-452-6846. Saturday, May 3, 7:45 a.m.; \$30-\$20. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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. (MISSION BEACH)

#### MUSEUMS

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. 'Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind



climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

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

**Flying Leatherneck Museum** Museum is dedicated to Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a

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

#### **Gaslamp Museum of Historic**

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

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

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

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SPEED DATING Thursday, May 1 es 25-37, 38-48 & 48-62 at EXY Restaurant (downt Thursday, May 15 Ages 24-34, 33-45 & 45-58 at the Bitter End (downtown) Check-in 7 pm, event 7:30 pm Advance registration required. See website for details. www.lucky7match.com (619) 890-7117 Dance for \$10



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Palomar Electronic Music Ensemble Madelyn Byrne directs group for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Palomar College Performance Lab (Room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 1. (SAN MARCOS)

"Sonic Sampler VI" Palomar Electronic Music Ensemble takes stage to perform original electronic compositions in various formats and media. Directed by Madelyn Byrne, 760-744-1150 x2453, Palomar College Performance Lab (Room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 8 p.m., Thursday, May 1. (SAN MARCOS)

#### "And the World Resounds" Westwind Brass plays music from Africa, Asia, the Mediterranean, South America. Program boasts tunes by George Vetessey, Alexander Arutiunian, Ye Zheng Kai, oth-

ers. Ho-Asogli performs with brass at conclusion of evening. 619-501-3562. St. Paul's Cathedral (2278 Sixth Avenue), 7 p.m., Friday, May 2; 4 p.m., Sunday, May 4; 7 p.m., Monday, May 5. (HILLCREST)

A Tale of Friendship and Duty San Diego Opera closes season with Georges Bizet's Pearl Fishers. Cast includes tenor Charles Castronovo as Nadir, Russian soprano Ekaterina Siurina as Leïla, baritone Malcolm MacKenzie, bass José Gallisa. Conductor is Karen Keltner, director is Andrew Sinclair. In French with English supertitles projected above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, May 3, through Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. (DOWNTOWN)

"Where I'm Calling From" Steven Schick leads La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in concerts promising "Dark Waves" by John Luther Adams, Mozart's "Sym-

Rhythms of India THE ART OF NANDALAL BOSE



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\*In all forms, ordinary or extraordinary, I seek that life rhythm (pranachhanda) of the reality whose vitality has generated the whole world and all its forms, actual and imaginary, and pulsates within them."

#### Nandalal Bose, 1944

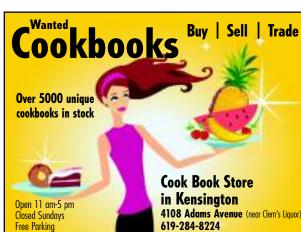
SDMA has organized the first exhibition outside of Asia to present the works of Nandalal Bose, India's father of modern art. View close to 100 of Bose's finest paintings, including pieces commissioned by Mahatma Gandhi.

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phony No. 38 (Prague)," and Dvořák's "Symphony No. 7." 858-534-4637. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 3, and 3 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (LA JOLLA)

Zukerman Chamber Players La Jolla Music Society closes this season's Revelle Series with concert by famed violinist, conductor, music director, three-time Grammy-winner Pinchas Zukerman, joined by four protégés from Canada's National Arts Centre Orchestra. Program boasts Kodály's "Duo for Violin and Cello," the Mendelssohn "String Quintet in Bflat Major," and "String Quintet in E-flat Major" by Dvořák. 858-459-3728. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 3. (LA JOLLA)

Hey, Who's Our Civic Organist? It's Carol Williams, planning another concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (BALBOA PARK)

USD End-of-Year Concert Performances by USD music faculty, students, ensembles. Donations requested for Anne Catherine Swanke Memorial Scholarship and Sister Rossi Music Scholarship. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (LINDA VISTA)

Spring Concert San Diego Festival Chorus, joined by featured pianists, Festival Percussion Ensemble, and Hillsdale Middle School Choir perform Carmina Burana by Carl Orff and concert version of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. 951-699-7478. College Avenue Baptist Church (4747 College Avenue), 3 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (COLLEGE AREA)

Sights and Sounds of Denmark Take "a visual and musical trip to some of Denmark's sacred and historic spaces with organist Janice Feher and photographer Bela Feher." Multimedia program includes Buxtehude and other Danish composers, cathedrals, organs. Offering. 619-232-7513. First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street), 7 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Youth Orchestra This vouth ensemble takes stage for Hidden Valley Community Concert Association. Space availability: 760-740-0619. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (ESCONDIDO)

Chamber Music Concert USD Chamber Music Ensembles in concert in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6. (LINDA VISTA)

## ART LISTINGS

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## GALLERIES

"Escape" Opening reception for annual student art show. View paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, digital art, photography, sculpture through Tuesday, May 13. 760-795-6657. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). 11 a.m., Thursday, May 1. (OCEANSIDE)

"Merrie Month of May" Opening reception for San Diego Watercolor Society's current exhibit. Jurors June Maxion and Kathy McChensey selected approximately 100 paintings for exhibition continuing through Friday, May 30. 619-876-4550. San Diego Watercolor Society (2825 Dewey Road #105). 5 p.m., Friday, May 2. (POINT LOMA)

"Drawing Across Time" Opening reception for exhibition of works by Manny Farber, who made over 60 drawings in his outdoor studio garden in Leucadia between November 12, 2006, and April 7, 2008. This exhibition, completing the series, closes Saturday, June 14. 858-454-3409. Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane). 6 p.m., Friday, May 2. (LA JOLLA)

"Ars Erotica" Opening reception for "exhibition that plays with notions of the physical and psychological components of eroticism." Closing reception: Friday, May 30. 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite F-109). 6 p.m., Friday, May 2. (LITTLE ITALY)

"April Showers Bring May Flowers" Meet artist Deborah Bigeleisen during champagne reception in celebration of Mother's Day. Through Thursday, June 12. 760-505-0063. Gallery Savarese (1034 North Coast Highway 101). 4 p.m., Friday, May 2. (LEUCADIA)

"Art Academy Student Art Exhibition" Brunch opening reception for exhibition and sale of student art, which may be viewed through Saturday, June 14. 619-231-3900. Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). 10 a.m., Saturday, May 3. (DOWNTOWN)

"Host" Opening reception for Laura Prieto-Velasco's master of fine arts thesis exhibition. Closes Thursday, May 8, 619-594-6511. Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive). 6 p.m., Saturday, May 3. (SDSU)

"A Woman's Spirit" Opening reception for Maura Harvey's exhibition of painting, poetry, and retablos. Closes Tuesday, May 27. 760-639-6164. Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (640 Alta Vista Drive). 2 p.m., Sunday, May 4. (VISTA)

#### 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 portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 5.

'American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition." Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 220);

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"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

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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

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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 largescale 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.

"Cerca Series: Nina Katchadourian" and "Cerca Series: Joshua Mosley," opening Saturday, May 3, presents video works cre-

ated in the past three years. Katchadourian exhibits the multichannel works Accent Elimination (2005) and Zoo; (2007) Mosley's mixed-media installation combines computer animation, stopmotion animation, digital sound, sculpture, the artist's music and dialogue. On view through Sunday, July 6.

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Haters "Things are bad enough with the cops and the drug gangs," a Tijuana emo fan savs while drinking beers with friends at the Nelson

"Shaggy-haired emo teenagers were harassed...by punks and rockabillys,' reports Wired. "A Mexican newspaper reported that metal heads and gangsters have warned Tijuana's emo kids to stay away from the town's fair.' On March 7, in the city of

Querétaro, a mob of nearly

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Hotel bar on the corner of Primera and Revolución. They are all dressed in jeans and T-shirts and wear no makeup. "I can't be me; I can't dress the way I always do." "None of us can,"

his female companion says. "We'll get our heads smashed in." Emo fans have

experienced violence throughout Mexico in March and April, and the threat of continued violence remains.



EMO FASHION FLOPS IN MEXICO 800 teenagers converged into the Plaza de Armas, seeking emo youths to beat up. As the area is a known emo ĥangout,

there were plenty of victims to find.

MTV.com reports that in Tijuana and Juárez, "members of other social cliques (primarily punkeros, cholos, and darketos, or goths)" got into deadly public brawls with the emos. "Emo kids responded by staging silent marches for peace and tolerance in each of the cities, but those demonstrations quickly turned violent as well, and police were forced to step in to keep the peace."

Anti-emo message boards and groups have popped up on the Internet, threatening further violence in Mexico. Videos documenting the violence are on YouTube and MySpace; they dub themselves the "Movimiento Anti-Emosexual."

Victor Mendoza, a youth worker in Mexico City, tells *Time* magazine, "This is not a battle between music styles at all. It is the conservative side of Mexican society fighting against something different."

Themonitor.com also suggests this is a class struggle: "Most Mexican Emo fans are young, upper-middle-class teens: whereas fans of hard core or punk often come from lower classes.'

Some blame celebrity VJ

Kristof, a host on the popular Mexico City TV channel Telehit, who denounced emo fans on air, calling them "prepubescent 15-yearold girls" and labeling their lifestyle and musical choices as "stupid and idiotic." After the wave of attacks, Kristof claimed his monologue was meant to be a joke, not a call to action, and suggested if people wanted to fight, to go after the *reggaetoneros*.

— Michael Hemmingson

When the Tattooed Lady Sings American Idol contestant and San Diegan Carly Smithson was eliminated from the show last week. Yet, sales of her failed 2001 album, Ultimate High, have never been better: last week. Amazon had it ranked at number 15 in MP3 album sales

According to a 2002 article in the Wall Street Journal, MCA Records invested \$2.2 million in *Ultimate High*; in the first three months, it sold 378 copies. After the flop and an eventual move from the L.A. area, she went to work as a waitress at the Field, where she's been for about three

vears. With her husband, Smithson is co-owner of the Nothing Sacred tattoo shop in



SMITHSON TO TAKE OFF AFTER AMERICAN IDOL?

the Gaslamp Quarter. *Votefortheworst.com* has pointed out some discrepancies in Carly's alleged past. She has stated that her record label "imploded," but MCA did not fall apart; it merged with Geffen in 2003. Under the Geffen banner, a number of former MCA acts including the Roots, blink-182, and Mary J. Blige continued to record. The website suggests Smithson may have made it onto the show through nepotism, as Idol cohost Randy Jackson was MCA's vice president of A&R in 2001. - Michael Hemmingson It's the Shirt "We moved to San Diego from El Centro," says Borrachos bassist Frank Rivera. "We started as a band, but we never got anywhere because every time we got together to practice we got too faded...

"We started setting up shows as Los Borrachos. Our first show was at the [Pacific Beach] American Legion Hall in September 2006. We made shirts for ourselves.... Spitting on Cops from Victorville came to one of my shows at Chasers. They liked our shirts and then asked us to design a shirt for them. It caught on from there."

Singer/guitarist Nick Apocalypse, who works at a



surfboard shop, designs all the "Our deal is we do the





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artwork and we make 30 T-shirts," says Rivera. "You just pay us \$5 a shirt, plus \$50 for the artwork. The bands sell them for, like, \$10 or \$12.'

To date, Los Borrachos have done shirts for local bands Chaotic Mess, the Lugers, D.E.A., Gross Negligence, and Deadeye's Revenge. They've also created merch for Lompoc's Public Defecation, Dirtbag and Set to Destroy, from Victorville.

The shirts are made in Rivera's Linda Vista garage. All business deals are done with a handshake. Part of

Los Borrachos keeps the rights of the original artwork, and they retain the rights to reprint any band's design they created.

"There's not a lot of money in it for us...maybe enough money to buy some beer and an extra set of shirts. It's all just punk rock. Punk pretty much never makes any financial sense."

– Ken Leighton

#### Rock Bottom The

Resentments, an I.B. punk band, was ready for their national TV debut last year. Producer David Milch (NYPD Blue, Deadwood) had discovered the group while looking for locals to flesh out his HBO series John from Cincinnati.

"They were going to give us some speaking parts," says guitarist Eric Dogol. "They even drove a limo to my house to pick us up and take us up to Paramount, where we saw the first two shows. An HBO film crew shot

the band playing live at the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos and Dogol's garage, but the program was canceled before the footage made it on the air (it is viewable on YouTube).

Dogol formed the Resentments two years ago with Gary Loftin, a friend from fifth grade who became the band's singer.

"We were doing real good," says Dogol. "We got some real good shows opening



the agreement is that DOGOL AND HARD TIMES PAIR UP OFTEN

for the Exploited, Dr. Know, and Battalion of Saints." The Resentments' success was a rebound for Loftin, who'd been in a car wreck.

"He hurt his back, and he was in a lot of pain. That's what led him to doing drugs." Loftin's alleged drug dependency became worse about five years ago, when both were in Society's Victim.

"He hit rock bottom. We actually had to kick him out of the band. He would forget words. It was hard to get him to do anything." Two years ago, Dogol took Loftin in. "Basically, he said he was

ready to turn his life around. I drove him to every meeting. He was clean and sober for a year." However, says Dogol, "He died a year ago, right here in my house.'

Dogol says he has more



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drama in his life now: "I'm fighting cancer. I had a tumor the size of a Nerf ball in my stomach. I don't have insurance either. I can't even get in to see a doctor."

The Resentments appear May 10 at Fanny's in La Mesa. - Ken Leighton

#### Hollywood Goes O.B. Winstons turned away

customers on April 14 and 15 to accommodate a Fox production crew, in town to shoot the pilot for a proposed series called *Mythological X*. The show is based around a cast of thirty-

something women, one of which is in pursuit of a rock front man named **Johnny Diamont** (played by Eric Balfour, who appeared in Six Feet Under).

Winstons was used to film a segment in which the lead character meets Diamont, whose band was

appearing at the club. "I thought it was a scam,"

says Sean Cox, the Social Green rhythm guitarist who was chosen to act in the scene. A Fox producer called him at 10 p.m. one night. "I told the lady she had the wrong

number. There are so many people out there who are trying to rip you off. But then she told me she heard about us from the San Diego Independent Music Festival, so I knew it was legit."

Besides Cox, Social Green bassist Jon Carter and drummer Emily O'Bannon (of local band Runhoney) were hired to act as backup musicians. Cox says they lipsynched their way through two prerecorded music tracks. "We happened to get

picked for our looks," says Carter. The Winstons shoot



COX AND CARTER PLAY THEIR ROLES

took 14 hours one day, 10 hours the next. "We pretended to play the same song, like, 100 times," says Cox.

Carter says he was treated well. (He would not disclose how much he earned.) His only complaint is how the

extras were treated.

"They were treated like shit, yet they were working harder than us," says Carter. He says members of local reggae band Vegitation were some of the 80 extras hired for the shoot.

"When we took a lunch break, this coordinator yelled out, 'Nobody eats till the band eats,' " says Cox. "Me and Jon yelled out and said, 'Hey, man, let them eat.'

Fox TV producer Jimmy Simons says CBS will decide by May 14 if they want to include the show in its fall schedule. He says O.B. will be used if the pilot becomes a series.

"Ocean Beach is the perfect place," says Simons. "It's a beach community with a small-town retro feel. You can't find a place like this in L.A.'

- Ken Leighton

Hungry Gal When Alicia Keys appears at the Sports Arena on Wednesday, May 7, promoters are advised that Alicia only eats fish and vegetables, no chicken, no beef, and no pork." Her dressing room requires a hummus and pita platter, a veggie platter ("carrots, celery, cucumber, broccoli"), a fruit platter ("strawberries, seedless

red grapes, bananas, mango, blueberries, cantaloupe, raspberries"), and a bowl of mixed nuts ("unsalted"). She also wants a jar of mayonnaise, a loaf of bread ("multi-grain or whole

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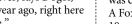
wheat"), three cans of tuna ("chunk white"), ten Nutri-Grain bars ("blueberry, cherry, apple, strawberry") and six packets of Quaker Oats instant oatmeal ("brown sugar and apple"). (from thesmokinggun.com) , — Jay Allen Sanford

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## Thursday

In 1978, Jake Burns of Stiff Little Fingers sent UK radioman John Peel a demo cassette of "Suspect Device" packaged as an explosive. Bad taste from bomb-blasted Belfast. But Peel put the high-octane punk anthem in heavy rotation, which led to the band's Rough Trade record deal. Thirty years later, Burns and the reconfigured Fingers are taking a maiden tour of Australia with a San Diego



WOGGLES AT CASBAH

pit stop. The Belfast bad boys will punk-rock House of Blues tonight, premiering material from disc-inthe-works Liars Club. Salton City thrashers Throw Rag open the sets, while the Slackers (NYC) skabeat HoB's Delta Room .... There must be something in the Atlanta water with the glut of garage acts putting the Southern city on the musical map. Before the Black Lips, it was the **Woggles**, who are out to tout last year's Rock and Roll Backlash, a collection of '60s-sounding rock 'n' soul. Check their Space samples for a greazy aperitif. Local hepcats the **Sess** and **Creepy Creeps** set the Casbah stage with trad SoCal surf-rock.... Soul Coughing's baritone beat boy Mike Doughty will rock the mic at Belly Up. The Brooklyn-based artist raps poetic. Recommend career-high Ruby Vroom before new solo set Golden Delicious. The Panderers up first.... Bar Pink Elephant sets the table for local gazers Focus Group and Book of Martyrs .... And Anthony Smith's soul-jam band Trunk Fulla Funk will land on Humphreys Backstage



O.C. surf-punk vets Agent Orange will hit the beach hard when they drop in at the 710 Beach Club in P.B. The trio and hometown heroes Circle Jerks have served the surf and skate scenes hardcore adrenaline for over 30 years. Check the takes from Old School Warped Again for a hit .... Dave

Wakeling and his English Beat settle in for two nights at the Belly Up behind You Just Can't Beat It: The Best of the Beat, this year's bop-solid retrospective collection. With Culver City Dub Collective on Friday and the Bonedaddys on Saturday. Don't know much about CCDC, but the Bonedaddys rattle it, if va like.... Will Plant and Page ever Zep again? Who knows, but the Jimmy Page-propped Led Zepagain ("It's amazing how much they sound like us...such attention to detail") will give you shows. Catch the L.A. trib act at House of Blues Friday night with ZZ Top apers La Grange .... Mexi rawk emigrates to Casbah when Manic Hispanic, MEX, and Cabron drop doo-wop with a side of guac on the Middletown stage .... Citizen Video bills "Cinema Dance Fest" with folk-pop quartet Vision of a Dying World and nupunks the Atoms live at Whistle Stop ... Mad Juanans Sami Yaffa and Karmen **Guy**, now of Ocean Beach, spin discs at the Pink Elephant.

## Saturday

This year's rootsy-bluesy-folk-nbluegrass stomp marks the 35th(!) anniversary of the Adams Avenue Roots & Folk Fest. which'll roll down Normal Heights Saturday and Sunday from 10a till 7p. List of players and amenities is too damn long - get to adamsaveonline.com/RootsFestival for the particulars. But don't not crunch kettle corn with Tomcat Courtney (Sat. at 2p), chug a coldie with Covote **Problem** (Sat. at 4p), and sup on a meatwich with Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi (Sun. at 2p).... Still standing after the festivalitities? Local punk-pop heroes Unwritten Law will be out at Viejas. The Powegians will post '07's best-of Hit List at the East County casing Riverside ska-punk vets Voodoo Glow Skulls will light up Soma.... Two Sheds and Ryan Ferguson'll pop-rock Pink Elephant .... While hardrockers Mother Mae I pound out Brick by Brick .... Else: Indie kids Red Pony Clock, Paddle Boat, and **Foot Foot** appear at Ché Café.... Hip-hop heavy E-40 brings 15 years of cred and dance-jam crew Jabberwockeez to 4th&B.... And Roses on Her Grave, Bloody Hollies, and Circa Now will circa '70s rawk the Casbah.

Sunday

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Sunday night, the self-proclaimed "King of Country Western Troubadors," Unknown Hinson, will take Target Practice at Casbah. Performance artist

## This Week In Music

Stu "Danny' Baker is the Unknown one, a sort of psychobilly vampire persona with a cold yelp

Special Sauce and Taleb Kweli play full court at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.... Aussie pop-rock litter **Sick Puppies** lay down at 'Canes.... **Lonely H** and Thunderbird Motel play the Ché. The Heavy workout at Casbah.... And it's "Reggae de Mayo" at Belly Up, featuring Cambridge, Mass, reggaeton electronicats John Brown's Body. International Farmers and Audible Mainframe share the bill

#### n Tuesday

Brooklyn band **Blood on the Wall** smear '90s indie rock (à la Pavement, Pixies, Sonics) but with, like, no production value, which worked well on '05 crit pick Awesomer, not so much on this year's effect-ed Liferz, Still, these Casbah sets of the week include SanFran Cali-pop band the Ohsees and Long Beach slop-pop foursome Deadly Finns. Go.

Wednesdav

Tapes 'n' Tapes' 2006 jangle-riff collection The Loon made the Minneapolis quartet Internet idols. This year's sophomore follow-up Walk It Off offers more o' that Fender jazz-pop but somehow pales and stales their time-sig sound. Too much of an "okay" thing? The Tapes will reel Wednesday night at Casbah with Austin's psych-rock anti-fashionablé White Denim .... NYC's sultry songstress Nina Nastasia is still glowing from Jim White (Dirty



Me. Get that in your collection and catch her when she soothes the Punk Elephant solo .... Round town Philly's psych folkies Ex-Reverie and Fern Knight head west to strum-n-hum at the Ché .... Tucson experimentalists Mostly Bears amble into Beauty Bar.... Hawaiian hellcats the Hell Caminos rock and roll over the Zombie And LA alt-rockers Lemon Sun entertain all-ages Epicentre with Rosewood Thieves, Red Feathers, and Satisfaction

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Friends, and a tour through 'Canes.

Monday

Adult Swim 'toon Squidbillies. Hinson's cult following includes Billy Bob Thornton, Matt Groenig, and

Undead. Local country benders Bartenders Bible

will serve up an opening set.... All I can say is my

life is pretty strange. Blind Melon resurfaces this

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## Which One's Steely, Which One's Dan?

"He takes a great song and makes it an incredible song, which is what a solo should do."

ank Easton is the guitarist for the Steely Damned, a local Steely Dan tribute band also featuring members of Rockola. The New York native began playing guitar at age five and was classically trained as a teen at the Cleveland Institute of Music. He moved

to Southern California after graduating from Ohio State University in 1985.

While best known for playing

jazz and blues, Easton has lately been nursing his inner rocker on the electric guitar. He says his playing is influenced by the likes of Hendrix, Beck, Clapton, Carlos Santana, Steve Howe, and even Peter Frampton. A highlight of Easton's Steely Damned set is a medley reproducing the guitar solos from several Steely Dan guitarists, including Larry Carlton, Denny Dias, Elliott Randall, Rick Derringer, and Jeff "Skunk" Baxter. Steely aficionados typically marvel at how Easton slips from one guitarist's signature riff to the next — the jaw-dropping medley frequently earns him standing ovations. The first time I viewed it on YouTube, I gave him one too, standing right there in front of my computer.

Easton released three CDs in 2007: Snapshots, Nylon and Steel, and Eleven. His albums feature some of San Diego's best-known singers, including Tony Davis, Keni Yarbro, Leonard Tucker, and John Toomey.

In addition to the Steely Damned, Easton performs around town solo — currently appearing at Trisler's Wine Bar in Mission Valley every Thursday — and with his four-piece fusion band, the Hank Easton Group.

#### WHO'S ON YOUR FAVORITE IPOD PLAYLISTS?

1. "James Taylor. Great writer and a great singer. I love the natural flow of his music and his productions. He's one of the few artists whose new

music is as good as his older work.' 2. "Steely Dan. All their music up

through Gaucho, including [Donald] Fagen's album The Nightfly,

studio musicians on every song and always perfectly produced."

3. "Stevie Wonder. Incredible voice, writing, and musicianship. One man shouldn't be allowed to have that much talent!'

4. "Elton John. All the old stuff — I love the songwriting and the productions. Especially on the earliest tunes, when his voice was still incredible.'

#### **DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?**

1. "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. Great story, with classic lack Nicholson at his best.'

2. "Spinal Tap. I get a good belly laugh every time I watch it. In fact, I named one of my CDs 11, after a gag in the movie about amps with a volume knob that goes higher than 10."

3. "The Sting. Lots of twists and turns in the plot and an all-star cast."

4. "Dirty Harry. I'll need at least one great Clint Eastwood film.'

#### **FAVORITE STEELY DAN GUITAR RIFF?**

"Larry Carlton's in 'Kid Charlemagne' is probably my favorite overall. The two solos are a perfect mix of jazz and rock: melodic and powerful, with incredible tone highlighting the chord changes perfectly and wowing the listener. He takes a great

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song and makes it an incredible song, which is what a solo should do." WALTER BECKER OR DONALD FAGEN?

"After listening to the respective solo works by both Steely Dan main men and seeing both of them at live shows, I'd have to say Fagen. Although I do love some of Becker's guitar solos, like 'Bad Sneakers' and 'Josie,' to name two. They work well together, though, that's for sure.

#### INSTRUMENT YOU WISH YOU PLAYED?

"I think I picked the right instrument, although I wish I were a great keyboardist. I would like to sit down at the piano and just play whatever I want, like I do on the guitar. Also, it would be a lot easier to lay keyboard parts in the studio."

#### YOUR WORST JOBS?

1. "Bus boy: Disgusting work, little pay, and you're treated like a lower life form."

2. "Dishwasher: Same as above."

3. "Cleaning boats: Really hard work with really bad pay. Plus, many people who own a yacht are fastidious, ungrateful, and cheap."

#### WHERE DO YOU HANG OUT?

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9pm- One Lonely Robot 10pm- Dapper Dans 11pm- Grins Edge

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10µm- Purple Haze Experience (Tribute to Jimmy Hendrix)

Thurs May 15th 9pm- Riversergo 10pm-Eclipse 79 11pm- The Lost

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Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Michael Burks. Blues. \$14-\$32. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Smokin' Joe Kubek & Benois King. Texas blues duo. \$12-\$27.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. - Bradley Leighton. CD-release party. Jazz. \$15.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Jason Reeves, Molly Jenson, Trevor Davis



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member ensemble has established a

collaborations with Linda Ronstadt.

Beach Grass Café: 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. *Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Kirk Ensor. *Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Sambajazz.

Brazilian and American jazz.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-0474. Friday, 9 p.m. — Mark Fisher and Friends. Covers/standards/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — John Bennett & the Benders. Covers/standards/surf.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746. Thursday — The Ringers and Hotel Saint George. With the Howls. Indie rock/pop. \$5. Friday - Long Live Logos. With Irradio and the Kneehighs. Pop/rock/indie. \$5.

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Mayo. With John Brown's Body, International Farmers and Audible Mainframe. Reggae/dub/hip-hop. \$16-\$18. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Manganista and Jalopy. Indie/ska/punk.

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Clairemont, 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Red Paintings and Linda Strawberry.

With Starline Theorie and Velvet Tongue. Indie rock. \$7. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Mother Mae I, Canobliss, Six Reasons. With Instinct of Aggression and Against the World. Hardcore/metal. \$10.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — FOOU, Behold, Spin. Rock. \$5.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave. Classic country and western. \$27. Wednesday - The Screamin' Primas. Louis Prima tribute band performs for Free First Wednesday Series. 800-988-4253.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-

632-8252. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Contemporary jazz/global music.

'Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Natural Vibrations. With Stone Senses and Love & Groove. Reggae/rock/soul. \$13-\$15.

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## Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island

Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Anthony Smith's Trunk Fulla Funk. R&B/funk. \$5. Friday, 6 p.m. — The West Coast Boogiemen. With Cash'd Out. \$5-\$12. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. - Viva

Santana. A tribute to Carlos Santana. \$12. Sunday, 8 p.m. — Patrick Yandall. Smooth-jazz guitarist. \$12. *Monday*, 6:30 p.m. — Candye Kane Benefit Show. With Anna Troy, Michele Lundeen, Sue Palmer Orchestra, and more. \$20. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Anna Troy. With Robin Henkel and Greg Douglass. Blues/roots/rock. \$5.

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

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m. — Backtrax. Classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Big Toe and Alice & the Cooper Gang.

Alternative rock. Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834.

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Normal Heights United Methodist Church: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. *Saturday*, 2 p.m. — David Grisman Bluegrass Experience. Mandolin virtuoso and company in concert for Adams Avenue Roots Festival.

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**Osetra:** 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. *Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge. *Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252. *Friday* — Sin Bandera. Latin poprock duo. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Original Kiss Army. A tribute to KISS in the Grand Cabaret.

Pasquale on Prospect: 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722. *Sundays*, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

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**Peter D's:** 5149 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-277-3217.

Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

**PianoSD.com:** 1233 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley. *Saturday*, 2 p.m. — "The Prince of Piano and Liberace's Piano." PianoSD.com hosts concert. 619-298-5313. \$20.

**Portugalia:** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — May Haze, the

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Ramada Inn: 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, Kearny Mesa, 619-596-9777. *Wednesday*, 6 p.m. — Keith Jacobson. Smooth-jazz saxophone.

**The Rhythm Lounge:** 3048 Midway Drive , Point Loma, 619-224-4835. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Acid Burn, A.K.

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Whiskey Girl: 600 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-1616. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. - Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. Thursday - One Block Radius and Destructo Bunny. With Kruse and the Fresh Commun. Alternative/hip-hop. Waste Band. \$7.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-263-7911 Saturday — Tribal Seeds. Roots/rock/reggae. \$12.

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When I tell Allison Russell that I think her band Po' Girl has a slightly sloppy feel to it, I am instantly sorry for not having chosen a better adjective. "We're much more driven by feel," she says via phone from Chicago. I tell her that I'm thinking sloppy in a good way, in terms of the Band or Bob Dylan. It's a groove that I like, I tell her. Russell laughs and says that the rough edges in their music aren't put there intentionally. She uses words like warm and organic to describe their studio vibe. "The problem with digital recording," she says, "is that it encourages musicians to make everything pristine, and that's not how people sound.

Po' Girl is a Canadian singer/songwriter group. Together since 2003, they

May 9 — Janis Siegel

Zydeco Playboys.

May 23 - Poco.

Landreth. June 5 — Metro.

May 10, May 11 - Kevin Eubanks.

May 18 — Brian Lynch. May 20 — The Midnight Ramblers.

May 13, May 14 — Les Nubians.

May 16, May 17 — Patti Austin.

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May 24 — Karla Bonoff.

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May 10 — John McEuen. May 17 - Prince Diabate. *Iune 13* — John Gorka. June 19 - Randy Kohrs and the Lite.

*Iune 20* — Roy Book Binder. July 11 - Chad & Jeremy. July 15 - John Keawe August 2 - Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave. September 21 — Willy Porter.

Across the Street: 4601 Park Boulevard, University Heights. May 9 - Lindsay White.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. May 8 — Marcus Miller.

are currently at work on their fourth album. Russell sings and plays clarinet, banjo, and guitar. "There's three to five members in the band. given the size of the tour budget," she tells me. The band revolves around three core members: herself, her partner Awna Teixeira (Awna shares in the singing and songwriting and plays everything from electric bass to accordion), and multiinstrumentalist Benny Sidelinger. "There will be four on this tour," Russell says

I ask her to define the Po' Girl sound. "I have such a hard time with that," Russell replies. When pressed, she comes up with urban roots. "Roots describes music that's written from a personal point of view." What I hear are vampy rags that, along with the instrumentation, lend a speakeasy, Orleansish feel. The vocals are gorgeous little infusions of desperation and soul. Russell

> Liebert and Luna Negra. July 12, July 13 - Howard Jones.

Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. May 10 — Betty Buckley. May 22 - Gerald Albright and Phil Perry.

Beach Grass Café: 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. May 8 — Kristi Murray. May 15 — Jimmy Patton. May 22 — Semisi & Fulabula. May 29 — Michael Tiernan. June 5 - Robert Parker.



says she got the bug to make this blend of music after hearing a collection of Smithsonian recordings of vintage blues artists. Otherwise, she says, her upbringing was on classical music. "In our house, anything written after 1850 was questionable.

PO' GIRL, AcousticSanDiego, Thursday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$15 to \$45.

> Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. May 8 - Sayvinyl and Reeve Oliver. May 9 — Skanic and the Devastators. May 10 — Buckfast Superbee and the Truckee Brothers. May 14 — Kathleen Edwards and the Last Town Chorus. May 15 - Blackout Party. May 18 — Bryan Adams May 19 — Murder by Death, Dios, Gasoline Heart. May 20 - The Proclaimers and Jeremy Fisher May 22 — Hal Ketchum.



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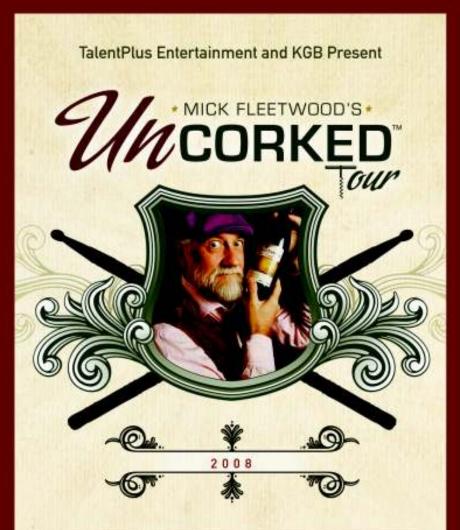
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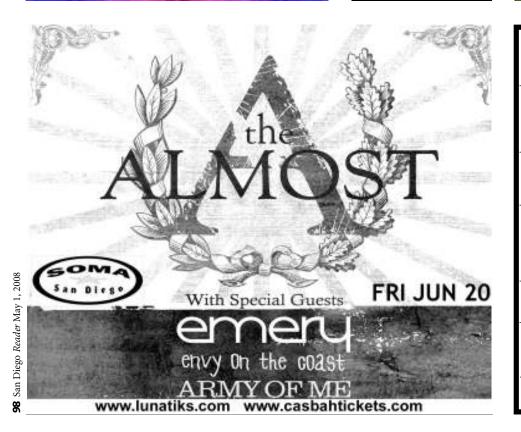
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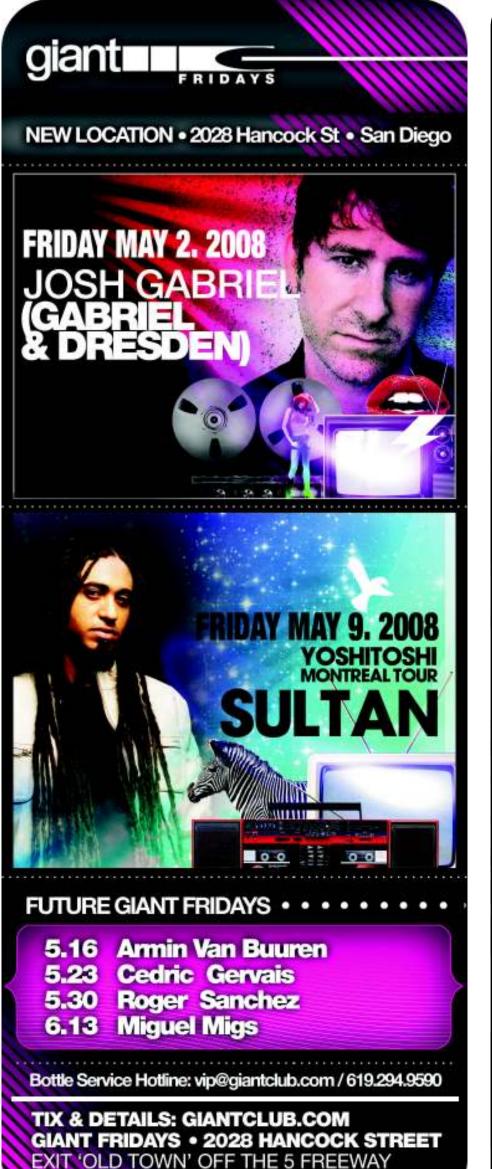


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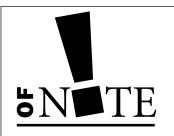
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#### BY WILLIAM CRAIN

"I went to school with 27 Jennifers/ 16 Jenns, 10 Jennies, and then there was her," sings Mike Doughty in the song "27 Jennifers" from the 2003 album Rockity Roll. The song itself is pretty simple, but if you're an American of a certain age you know exactly what he means with that opening line. (Maybe in 25 years, someone who's 2 years old now will grow up to write a song called '27 Lillys.") It's such a good lyric that Doughty rerecorded the song for his new album Golden Delicious, released by Dave Matthews' ATO Records.

If you remember Doughty only from his old band, Soul Coughing (he was just M.

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ally this: weird.

Since then, Doughty has kicked a nasty

drug addiction, fought bitter fights with his

old bandmates, and forged on as a solo

artist despite lack of interest from most

record labels. No one would begrudge him a

chance to mellow out for a while on the jam-

band circuit and sing cute songs about girls.

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under the surface. In another song on his new album, he sings: "I walked up to the accident/ And I chatted up the girl inside/ Will you be my friend?/ Will you be a friend of mine?"

MIKE DOUGHTY, Belly Up, Thursday, May 1, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$22.

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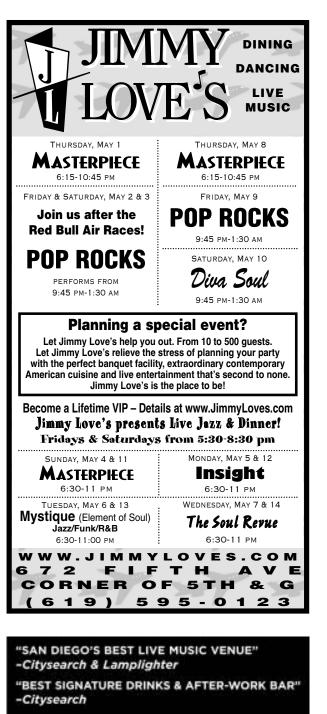




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#### Artist: The Night Marchers

Song: "Bad Bloods" (from the CD See You in Magic) Heard By: Jakob Rozema, Amsterdam, Netherlands



It's a nice song. When it started off, I thought it was an Iggy Pop clone a little bit - like the "Lust for Life" song. It has this drum that just goes on like a train. I liked it especially when they started the chorus. The song lasts for three and a half minutes, and I would sav after two and a half minutes you knew pretty much that there was a lot of "bad blood." The vocals were a little in the background; they sounded a little hollow every now and then. Contentwise maybe I didn't spend too much time listening to the lyrics, but they tried to make a message and I think they succeeded in that. It's not too difficult or academically profound, but it is music.

the Four Tops. August 14 — The Gipsy Kings. October 15 - Randy Travis

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## SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: Drunken Slumber Song: "Full Grown Pylephant March" (from the CD Bossa Nova / Chevv

Nova) Heard By: German Vaca, Chula Vista



It pretty much sounds like a carnival song. I picture myself in a merry-goround or something. It seemed to be progressing all the time like it was going to explode into something else, but it just came back to the same melody. It's perfect for a march down Third Street in Chula Vista. It's instrumental and all natural; it didn't seem to have any electronic sounds to it even though it was made on a computer. I heard trumpet, a lot of percussion, and some flutes in there. It could probably have a chance in a commercial - like if you turned on the TV and they're advertising the circus coming to town.

#### Artist: Firethorn

Song: "Enlightenment for One" (from the CD Pollution for the Fountain of Youth) Heard By: Jesse Fox, downtown



The delivery was good. I noticed the beat and the chorus coming in first. Overall, they seemed to be a strong outfit for what they're doing. The drummer I noticed in particular because he came in with a pretty big fill. There's kind of an old-school punk-rock breakdown at the end, and that was kind of refreshing. They remind me of a lot of stuff that's been emerging in the past few years. It reminds me of the Jimmy Eat World/Fall Out Boy, post-emo/pop-punk genre. He sounds like a trained vocalist. They don't make you listen to a pop song for three that's cool, too.

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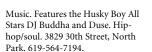
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## **C**rasher

## TITANIC II

#### by Josh Board

Yve had people tell me that I didn't give enough details from the James Cameron party I went to in Malibu on April 12. So, I wrote a part II. Hey, he's done a couple *Terminators* and sequels, why shouldn't I?

From the large spread of food catered, I ate chicken, corn, and a hamburger. The African-American guy serving was friendly and I joked about it being 90 degrees while he was grilling in the sun. He said, "I've had worse times with the weather. But, I wasn't even supposed to work this party. One of my workers couldn't make it."

When I finished eating, I saw Cameron's wife Suzy Amis, the actress I wanted to sign my DVD. My girlfriend said asking for an autograph would be cheesy at a swanky affair, so I tucked the DVD into my back pocket.

I told her how I loved the movie *Fandango* and that Kevin Costner often says it's the best movie he's done. She talked a little about it and her marriage to co-star Sam



dad, Jason. What a great actor." She replied, "Oh, yeah, he was just amazing."

She and Robards have a 6'5" son who likes to surf. My girlfriend asked, "Do you ever make it to San Diego?"

"The guys were talking tough on the set, but I was the only one who was hitting the cans off the fence."

She mentioned a time that she offered to take her son anywhere he wanted to go surfing. He said San Diego and they ended up at the Wavethe waves there, and he'd said, "You don't have to do that, Mom. It's probably expensive." She talked about being on the set of *Fandango* and how

house in Mission Beach. She

talked about how she'd paid

for him to have an hour riding

she could shoot a gun better than any of the guys. She said, "I grew up on a farm in Oklahoma. My sister and I learned how to shoot. The guys were talking tough on the set, but I was the only one who was hitting the cans off the fence. None of them could. They were shocked."

Usual Suspects DVD, signed by Suzy Amis

Top: James Cameron, third from left; Bottom left: Cameron, playing with his son,

in the pool; Bottom right: Strange Days DVD, signed by Cameron.

She talked a bit about raising her kids. "I figured one of us needed to be with the kids. And, he wasn't about to stop working," she said, pointing at Cameron.

I asked her how she got the part in Usual Suspects. She said, "Kevin Bacon called me and said his friend was directing this little film."

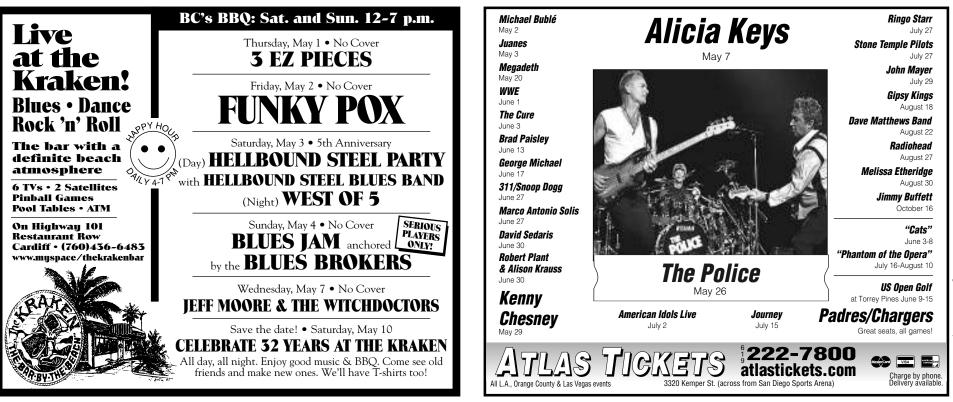
I said, "Did you know that little film would become so big?" She laughed and said, "No. We had it in festivals and we thought that would be that." I then said, "My girlfriend is going to kill me, but...would you mind signing the DVD for me?" She obliged.

James Cameron was behind us talking about movies with someone and said, "I only had six days off this year. I can't believe I'm still married." Amis smiled and said, "I'll always stay married to you," and kissed him.

I went back outside, and it was a weird coincidence that I walked by someone saying that Cameron had been married five times.

A few minutes later, I saw him playing in the pool with his four-year-old son.

There was a military-looking Hummer in the back yard. I





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thought it was used in the movie *True Lies*, but I wasn't sure. My stepdad and I went to look at it. It was filled with hoses and pool supplies.

When desserts were brought out, I grabbed a few brownies and headed back to my table. There were some people sitting there who are working on Cameron's new film, *Avatar*. I said, "I know what avatar is in relation to computers, but what else does it mean?"

One guy said, "Someone with great knowledge and intelligence." My girlfriend leaned in and whispered, "Clearly, neither of us."

He went on to tell us that it was a great script Cameron had written.

My girlfriend went into Cameron's "screening room," as everyone called it. I'd call it a movie theater because that's what it is, with comfortable couch-style seating. She watched *Ghosts of the Abyss*. Cameron was in the other room talking about the two model boats he had encased in glass. Soon, everyone ended up in the screening room. Cameron then showed us footage of the *Bismarck* that had never been seen.

My girlfriend joked, "Would he get mad if I took his Bismarck out of that glass and played with it in the pool? I'd do that Nazi march as I walked into the deep end with it, a finger over my lip like a mustache." We started laughing and couldn't stop. Even as Cameron explained the various scenes, it was a struggle to hold in the giggles. This gay guy at the party who had joked with me earlier ("Why do I keep saying I'm gay? It's not really relevant to what we're talking about.") told me he couldn't wear the 3-D glasses. I said, "Why, because they aren't cool?" He said, "No, I have a problem with my eyes."

#### After 45 minutes of footage, which included Gwen Stefani singing in 3-D, people asked Cameron questions. One was about the original *Titanic* movie in 3-D, but no studio wanted to pay the \$12 million it would cost. The guy said, "It would easily make that money back. Studios should know it has a built-in audience." Cameron said, "Yeah, well, they need to take their

heads out of their asses." After a few more questions about ships, I told Cameron I had heard someone was going to

someone was going to make a movie on the U.S.S. *Indianapolis* (the true story about a ship in World War II that lost over 500 men to sharks after it had been torpedoed). He said, "No, I don't think so. That subject matter is too dark."

After a few more questions were thrown at him, I said "Let's see some footage of *Avatar*." Everyone laughed, and Cameron said, "That's top secret."

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tes ofAs we were leavingudedthe screening room, I said,ng in 3-"This was like Inside themeronDirectors Studio withaboutJames Cameron'." No onemovielaughed.ioA few people snapped\$12photos of him. I said, "Youst. Themust hate the fact that

cell phones have cameras." He said, "Why would I?" "Because now everyone has a camera with them, and you have to constantly stop for pictures." He smiled and said,

"Yeah, that's true," I went over to a table that had shade. I got into a conversation with some filmmakers about the scariest villain in movies. I told them Siskel & Ebert debated whether Hal in 2001 could be considered a villain. As we all weighed in on that, one guy said, "Do you realize we sound like complete geeks?" I said, "No, not really. Unless we're talking about episode three of the first season of Star Trek."

He replied, "Maybe more so if we were talking about *Star Trek*. But we still sound like those geeks that debate these things online. Here we are at this great party and we're talking about movie villains."

Maybe he was right. ■

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## **Misplaced Menagerie**

Poor "crippled" Laura scrambles up the southwest steps on all fours, like a frightened cat.

JEFF SMITH

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he Old Globe Theatre's "Classics Up Close" series presents some of the great works of American theater on the small Cassius Carter Centre Stage. The theater-in-the-round offers an intimate look at plays usually seen many

rows away. And you'd think Tennessee Williams's haunted "memory" drama, *The Glass Menagerie*, would be a perfect choice for the series. But in almost

every frame, the show gives the distinct impression that it resents close inspection. In fact, I can't remember a production more obviously uncomfortable with its surroundings.

Joe Calarco ably directed *Lincolnesque* in the Carter two years ago. His cast did restrained, stately work. So Calarco's familiar with the space, knows the demands of playing to four walls of bleachered spectators. But his *Menagerie*'s another matter: it refuses to stand still. Someone makes an abrupt move every five beats. They bounce up or suddenly wheel and go, as if late for an appointment. These mannered movements consistently pull focus from the story. At one point, in possibly one of the strangest choices in the history of *Menagerie* stagings, poor "crippled" Laura scrambles up the southwest steps on all *fours*, like a frightened cat.

In Tom's monologues a herky-jerky, overly gestural Michael Simpson makes a quarter-turn, addresses some lines to one side of the audience, then makes another turn, addresses another side, then another. After a while he looks like a lighthouse beam, slowly spinning in place, shining on one-fourth of the room and leaving the rest in the dark (some of Tom's narrations are done in voiceover, which takes him outside the scene altogether). The actors' movements would be less irksome if the text motivated them, but many aren't. They simply reassemble and perform to a different wall.

Michael Fagin's abstract set contributes to the problem. The round "floor," a brown mesa centerstage, stands higher than the rooms around it (for reasons unclear, instead of the claustrophobic brick walls that surround the apartment, the floor's also displayed on three of the Carter's walls). When actors move from one room to the next, often they must drop down or rise over an entry runway, or, for the key scene, step up to the floor.

The acting, apart from the steeplechase upstaging it, is surprisingly reined in. Mare

Winningham plays Amanda the mother given to operatic extremes — in a contained fashion. Her voice rises and falls with musical precision, and her timing is

stopwatch precise, but her emotions rarely flare, her control-urges rarely grasp (even the "girlish frock" she wears, from her "jonquil" days, is muted). Michelle Federer's Laura, who sometimes forgets to limp, could use more introversion. And Kevin Isola plays the Gentleman Caller almost free from subtexts (his chat with Laura is both actual and a chance to practice what he's learning in a public speaking class: how to fit in with anyone).

In the play, Tom Wingfield returns, in his imagination, to the scene of his gravest crime: Depression-riddled St. Louis in the late 1930s a time, he says, "when the huge middle class of America was matriculating in a school for the blind." A budding poet working in a shoe factory, he wants to break free — as Tennessee Williams did from his helpless sister Rose. And Tom will, abandoning her in the process; "to escape from a trap," Williams writes, Tom has "to act without pity."

In *Our Town*, the deceased Emily wants to return to her family for one day, just to watch. Don't go on a good one, the narrator warns, it'll be too much to handle. In *Menagerie*, which has studied every innovative technique of *Our Town*, Tom chooses to revisit the greatest, and worst, day of his sister's life. Rejected by the Gentleman Caller, she loses forever "the long-delayed but always expected something that we live for" — and shatters like one of her glass figurines.

Laura's recognition, that the Gentleman Caller's spoken for, is the key moment in *Menagerie*. American theater has few as devastating. As the scene progresses, she rises toward the sun, then plunges, like an Icarus, into oblivion. In Calarco's staging, however, candlelit Laura and the Gentleman Caller face southeast, which





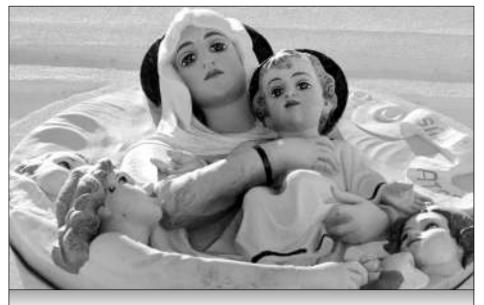
Michelle Federer, Kevin Isola in The Glass Menagerie

#### The Glass Menagerie, by Tennessee Williams

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park Directed by Joe Calarco; cast: Mare Winningham, Michael Simpson, Michelle Federer, Kevin Isola; scenic design, Michael Fagin; costumes, Anne Kennedy; lighting, Chris Lee; sound, Lindsay Jones Playing through May 18; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.

blocks her reaction to 80 percent of the audience.

In his production notes, Williams bemoans the state of realistic (he calls it "photographic") theater and asks for fluid, "plastic" representation. But, he adds, "When a play employs unconventional techniques, it is not, or certainly shouldn't be, trying to escape its responsibility of dealing with reality…but should be attempting to find a closer approach, a more penetrating and vivid expression of things as they are." The Old Globe's fitful, jumping-bean *Menagerie* is unconventional, true, but also unappealing. ■



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#### **Hysterical Blindness**

Is a rare psychological condition, now called "Conversion Disorder," caused by severe stress or trauma. A person goes blind, temporarily, but is unsure if it will ever end. In

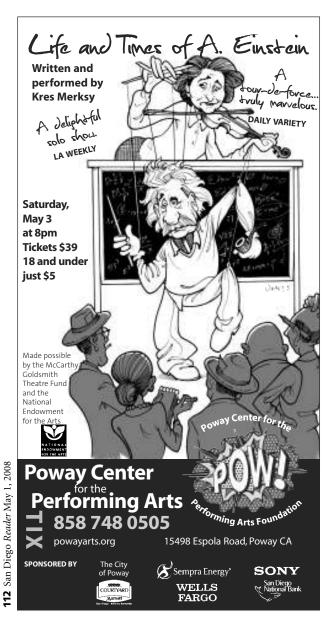
Laura Cahill's 80-minute character sketch, Debbie Miller experienced it once and now lives the metaphorical equivalent: she's so

desperate to find a mate she's blind to the obvious and envisions a new life, in her mind, from a one-night stand. In the end she gains a kind of (in)sight and rejects the urge to cruise Oliver's Bar in Bayonne, New Jersey. The piece is sketchy and may be more compelling to perform than to watch. The key is having the audience identify with characters who could easily become typed (as crude "Joisey Girls") or comical. In the early bar scenes, which recall David Mamet's Sexual Perversity in Chicago a lot, the Backyard Production's staging verges on the latter. But Cahill's textured, you-are-there dialogue and detailed performances - by Jessica John, Amanda Sitton, Jill Drexler, Dale Morris, Jonathan Sachs, and Dylan Seaton - create a believable, albeit brief slice of life. Eric Lotze's lighting exudes atmosphere, and M. Scott Grabau's excellent sound design evokes 1987 with a background score that's "Hungry Like the Wolf." I must admit the production left me a mite wanting, however. I'd love to see this cast and designers given more to chew on - say something by John Guare. Worth a try.

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They say you can see mirages in the subzero winds at the South Pole. Trees, ships, even recognizable friends or enemies materialize from the frozen void. Ted Talley's intense and intensely moving drama peoples Antarctica of 1911-1912 not only with two teams racing to reach the pole first (Norwegians, led by Roald Amundsen, and British, by Robert Falcon Scott) but also with Scott's wife, Kathleen, and a goading, gloating Amundsen. In the race, according to Scott, the cheaters won. Amundson used huge teams of sled dogs and ate them (each became "50 pounds of dinner"). Scott's team walked the 800 miles to the pole, arrived three weeks after Amundson, and met a tragic

end before reaching the base camp. The drama's all extremes: did Amundsen mistreat his dogs, or did Scott mistreat his men by having them pull a 1000-pound sledge? Which should rank higher: stiff upper lip rectitude or pragmatic lifesaving solutions? Scott's "sporting' ideals may have cost lives. Inukshuk Production Company's made an impressive San Diego debut. One could pick here and there (why, for example, does the Norwegian speak with a British accent?), but the positives far outweigh minor negatives. Marybeth Bielawski-DeLeo has found useful ways to serve the story in the small 6th@Penn Theatre space. Kelley Convery's excellent costumes range from polar-wear, circa 1912, to Kathleen's elegant springtime dresses. Mark Helmuth's spare set includes a white silk sheet, which could be a tent or a glacier and also a screen for Bonnie Breckenridge and Michael McKeon's slides from the historical event. Tom Andrew heads a crack ensemble cast as Scott who, as the play proceeds, slowly becomes a "man abandoned by hope."

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Kaufman's drama, "but they don't understand what it takes to make it." Beginning in 1819, Beethoven took a bass-heavy, two-part ditty, by publisher Anton Diabelli, and probed it as if seeking the meaning of life. Beethoven became so obsessed he wrote 33 variations. Next to the maestro's all-consuming odyssey, Kaufman devised a second plot, taking place today, that owes a major debt to Margaret Edson's *W;t* (in fact, if the scenes weren't combined with the Beethoven material, they'd play like a mere sketch of W;t). Katherine, a contemporary Beethoven scholar suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), becomes obsessed with Ludwig's obsession. Their lives, and declines, parallel (as he loses his hearing, for example, she loses her speech). This doubling — variations on a theme? - gives the play a nagging, coattails predictability (if X happens to Ludwig van, you know it'll happen, in some form, to Katherine). But the play soars with a mystery far greater than the Diabelli Variations: it explores the creative process of a genius. Zach Grenier, his hulking shoulders tilted forward, makes Beethoven a rogue grizzly. In the play's best scene, as slides show the revisions and blottings of a draft, Grenier puts us inside Beethoven's imagination: he storms, blares, wrestles, and shows us what it takes to struggle for "perfection in the work." Through out the evening, Diane Walsh performs the variations on a piano. stage right, to near perfection. Worth a try.

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#### Urinetown

"Power to the Pee-ple!" Different musicals define different eras. Greg Kotis and Mark Hollmann's Urinetown defines ours like few others. It's a savvy hoot, in which the villains are Nazi swine, but also have a point, and the heroes are shortsighted and ultimately selfish. A 20-year drought, "the stink years," has hit a "Gotham-like" city. The UGC Corporation ("Urine Good Company") now controls water and charges a fee for urination. Dissenters disappear. Inspired by the anthem "Run Freedom Run, the people revolt, win, and go back to living egocentric, "unsustainable" lives. The musical's both very funny and a tough love sermon on conditions today ("no one is innocent"). San Diego State's lively production (especially Act Two, when it flows at top speed) honors both extremes. Paula Kalustian's direction is sharp, and her choreography constitutes a history of musical theater dance styles (from Fiddler to West Side Story and beyond). The game cast has many standouts: among them Andrew J. Smith (heroic Bobby Strong), Maeve Martin (as Hope, who has plenty, some of it misguided), Charlie Reuter as Caldwell (totalitarian CEO with a flare for showbiz), and Brandon Joel Maier, as Officer Lockstock, in effect a comic Strom Trooper. The cast performs on Chris Allison's parched, nay arid, set and wear Jeannie Galioto's costumes, which range from Les Miz impoverished to penthouse posh. As he has done so capably at State since 1982, Terry O'Donnell's musical direction's first-rate, his performance on the keyboards indefatigable. O'Donnell retires this year. What a fine show to go out on!

Worth a try.

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#### The Voysey Inheritance

A legal firm's been absconding with trust funds for two genera tions, the senior Voysev tells his son and partner, who's inheriting the company. And when the family learns that it has been turning clients' pounds to pence and they are living a "sham happiness, they ask, What's the big deal? Nobody hurt (well, at least no one in the immediate family). Let's stay the course. Young Edward, however, decides otherwise. David Mamet's adaptation of Harley Granville-Barker's 1905 thesis play shows that times haven't changed. If anything greed, double standards, and entitlement have become more entrenched today. And euphemisms still reign (substituting "legal" and "illegal" for "right" and "wrong" to gloss over grave moral infractions, for example). Mamet, and Granville-Barker, make their key points early, and both have weak second acts that trail off in a long denouement. For Lamb's Players, Robert Smyth designed an expressive set: gorgeous, robin's egg blue rug, patterned with what looks like chaos theory's Mandelbrot Set, and a wall of empty gold picture frames. Jeanne Reith decked everyone in somber Edwardian finery. But the open-

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this polished company) felt underrehearsed. Except for Jim Chovick's fine cameo as Mr. Voysey (the corrupt patriarch who tells "no unnecessary lies"), Glynn Beddington's semi-senile Mrs. Voysey, and Jason Heil's often irate Major Booth, the acting was mannered and external, at times even indicated, rather than felt. Most characterizations were onedimensional, including Jon Lorenz's young Edward, who could benefit from a stronger arc and more crusading fervor. Act Two, in particular, became so stagey that key scenes drew laughs, not gasps, from the audience. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600, THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18

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## Wannabe Sexy Exy

The E in Exy is actually the Greek letter sigma (for S), so the restaurant's name really transliterates to something like "Sexy," and that's what it's trying to be. It calls itself "Chic Greek," and it doesn't look, sound, or cook like standard Greek eateries. The difference starts before you enter, on the little sidewalk patio, where one sweet section is an outdoor lounge with black-cushioned padded benches and small tables furnished with ashtrays (and thick Exy matchbooks). It's a fun place for an al fresco drink while you wait for the rest of your dinner posse or to sneak out for a puff before dessert. Inside, the bar area includes another lounge, and the white-tablecloth decor is urbane and opulent, with neutral shades and subtle lighting. The room doesn't sound classically Greek either: The air fills with a loop of disco-like lounge music, bouncy and empty, resembling the soundtrack (minus moans) of a cheap Euro-porn flick. Maybe that's supposed to make Exy sexy, too.

"I'd rather be listening to bouzouki," said Sam, as we settled in with Cheryl, Mary Jo, and Rebecca at a comfortable banquette in the dining room, hoping that the bad taste of the music wouldn't extend to the food. Sam's from Chicago, home to many excellent Greek restaurants, and he's been disappointed in the local crop. Greece is a group of islands, right? But when you eat at Greek restaurants here — where's the fish? There's so little of it that you wonder if it's all swum overland to Chicago. What drew us specifically to Exy was that the menu includes plenty of seafood, so we had hopes of authenticity.

Instead, however, the tilt is, if anything, antiauthentic. Although the chef is an enthusiast of San Francisco's renowned Kokkari Estiatorio (renowned for its real and rustic menu), the concept here isn't to reproduce traditional Greek cuisine, but to update and sophisticate it into something like a modern generic-Mediterranean cuisine. Exy's owner is George Katakalidis, who founded Daphne's Greek Cafe, the largest chain of Greek eateries in the U.S. He and chef Carter Shuffler discussed his childhood memories of family dinners in Greece, and Carter suggested modernizations and modifications of those dishes, and from that interplay, the menu evolved.

Obviously, the owner knows the restaurant business inside out, but Exy faces some special challenges — especially its location, a block east of



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the official boundary of the Gaslamp. Conventioneers and club kids still eat mainly on Fifth Avenue, so this has been a block where many fine restaurants (Vignola, Cafe 828, L&G Steakhouse) have come to die. (I'm glad to see that the ad-

mirable Chopahn is still open across the street. It's worth your consideration, too — if you enjoy Greek food, you'll almost surely like the oddly similar Afghan cui-

sine.) But with the opening of the Ivy next door (and the long-awaited end of the horrendous construction mess across F Street, which has finally given birth to a new building of utter, banal ugliness), Sixth Street is starting to gain some cachet of its own.

Like many of the cuisines from east of the Mediterranean (Armenian, Turkish, Middle Eastern, etc.), Hellenic food shines most in its appetizers and nibbles. Exy presents numerous choices but shuns the standards (stuffed grape leaves, stuffed eggplant, et al.) for a more creative (and generally less labor-intensive) array.

Our very pretty and adept server embodied a cultural oxymoron: she was a smart, well-spoken

blonde (probably waitressing her way toward a postgrad degree in rocket science). Dinner began with an amuse-bouche of warm pita triangles and a pleasant, coral-colored variant of aioli. (It tasted a bit "beany," like hummus, but smoother.) The

standout appetizer — best dish on the menu — offers small calamari stuffed with shrimp wrapped in prosciutto, with a light tomato sauce and a garnish of almost trans-

parently thin, lightly sugared, fried lemon slices, wonderfully crisp and sweet-sour against the saline prosciutto.

Grilled baby octopus was picturesque but rather vague — a single limb like a limp young garter snake was draped across the plate, its meat so thoroughly tender it had lost its octopussy feeling. It, too, was robed in a reddish sauce that on this menu is called "koki-nisto" (which I can't find in any of my Greek cookbooks, but at San Francisco's Kokkari, it's a braised lamb shank). It's served with a Cal-cuisine array of arugula, oranges, and red onion.

Saganaki (kefalotiri cheese melted in flaming brandy and lemon juice) included untraditional ca-

#### **Exy Chic Greek** ★★½ (Good to Very Good)

789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-238-0412, *exysandiego.com*.

**HOURS:** Monday–Saturday, 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.; till 10:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

PRICES: Appetizers, salads, flatbreads, \$6-\$15; entrées, \$16-\$30 (most about \$25); desserts, \$8-\$12. CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Greek-inspired

cooking, more seafood than usual, with a few traditional dishes, but mainly creative spin-offs based on Greek ingredients and flavors. Ample wine list with plenty by the glass, including some modern Greek whites. Full bar.

**PICK HITS:** Blue Zodiac ouzo-flavored martini; roasted shrimp-stuffed calamari; saganaki cheese; seared sea scallops; catch of the day (pan-roasted whole fish); berries in yogurt.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Website includes music resembling the restaurant's. Nonstandard Greek menu (e.g., no dolmas, kebabs, or baklava). Ten choices (appetizers and salads, one pasta) for lacto-vegetarians; a few can be vegan-adapted ("hold the cheese"). Inexpensive nearby parking at Park It on Market.

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pers, which added a nice, tart bite. Grilled Greek meatballs, dry and dense, with a light coat of tomato sauce, tasted just like my homemade version from a recipe I crumpled up and threw out after trying it once.

And the Greek "threesome" (just forget the sex jokes, okay?) consisted of a tart, spicy eggplant purée, an oddly fizzy-tasting light mousse based on codfish roe (taramasalata), and rather sludgy skordalia (potato-garlic spread), served with warm pita triangles for scooping. A Cretan bread salad (with toasted bread croutons, feta, and young greens) was pleasant and refreshing with its balsamic vinaigrette — and no, balsamic has no Greek roots.

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Any Cretan connection to these California flavors was lost to my cretinous brain.

If you look on a Greek dinner as a chance to eat grilled proteins, the appetizer list also offers souvlakia (both chicken and shrimp) and grilled lamb chops, along with traditional zucchini cakes with mizithra cheese, and lamb sliders garnished with lettuce, tomato, onions, and tzatziki (yogurt dressing). There are also a group of flatbreads (topped with vegetables, braised short rib, grilled chicken, or roast lamb) offering somewhat more substantial starters or light main dishes. It would be easy and pleasant to make a reasonably priced dinner here of mezethes (appetizers), salad, and possibly a flatbread — a foursome sharing grazes would face food costs of \$20 to \$30 each and would enjoy much of the best this menu has to offer.

While our group was gathering at the outdoor lounge, we tried a number of wines by the glass, including Amethystos Greek Meritage, a nice, normal white wine with no licorice flavor at all, if you're one of the many who have tasted a sip of retsina and never wanted another. Rebecca does like licorice, and her Blue Zodiac, a martini with a touch of ouzo, was the color of liquefied aquamarine gems and tasted delicately delicious. For our meze course, we lucked onto a perfect complement to the flavors: Bridlewood Reserve's sunny-tasting Santa Barbara-grown Viognier. Fruity and vibrant, it was absolutely right to drench the saltiness of the stuffed calamari and the saganaki. The list of reds here edges into serious price issues, and we stayed with affordable Bridlewood and moderately enjoyed their Syrah (but not as much as their Viognier).

This pause between courses — a deep sigh — was occasioned by the typical (of most restaurants) drop-off in flavor once we hit the entrées, which ranged from reasonably good-but-forgettable to notso-hot-at-all.

In the first category were seared sea scallops with saffron risotto and lobster tomato fumet. (There are no lobster dishes on this menu to furnish spare carapaces to make a really rich lobster stock.) The scallops were nicely cooked, the saffron risotto pleasant, with the correct texture, and any lobster flavor was subtle to the point of imperceptible.

The catch of the day is authentic Greek cooking: a pan-roasted whole small fish (currently loup de mer) garnished with baby field greens and light tomato sauce (which the menu calls "so-vou" - another word absent from the indexes of my Greek cookbooks). The skin is terrifically crispy, the meat tender. But we're not actually hanging out with Greek fishermen on a beach, sharing the literal catch of the day in its pristine state - we're in an urban restaurant eating fish caught a few days earlier. It needs a little something more. (At Chinese seafood restaurants, even when the fish is scooped live out of the tank and cooked on the spot, it still comes with flavor enhancers like ginger, garlic, scallions.) This would be a good dish to coat with a host of those caramelized lemon slices from the calamari, or perhaps to serve with avgolemono (egg-lemon sauce) alongside, or even a dip of lemon aioli. Simplicity is good, but it can be oversimplified.

Moussaka ravioli turns out to be ethnologically fascinating, although we found it disappointing in the eating. It consists of yogurt-dough pasta pockets with thick, chewy skins (there's the rub), containing a combination of minced roasted lamb and vegetables (e.g., eggplant), finished with an ouzo-tinged béchamel sauce. (Its theme song could be "Béchamel Mucho," but in fact it's not that thick a coating.)

This could be terrific were the faintly sour and flavorful pasta rolled out much thinner. The moment I tasted the dish, I recognized it as a far-flung relative of an Afghan dish called mantu. lamb-stuffed ravioli with yogurt sauce. (You can get a fine version of the latter at Chopahn, across the street. A spicier version called *chuchwara* is the national dish of Uzbekistan, just to the north.) Plunging into my Greek cookbooks, I discovered that Exy's chef has accidentally recreated and gussied-up an ancient Cretan dish called manti - lamb ravioli with garlic-tinged yogurt sauce. If there are any gastroanthropologists out there who can explain how, despite the huge geographical separation, Crete and Afghanistan could end up with nearly the same dish called by nearly the same name, I'd really love to hear from you.

A tender braised lamb shank had a nice mint orzo cake alongside and a Cabernet demiglace but was otherwise nothing special. It came with tough, bit-not Swiss chard, but one of those field greens that soul-food cooks simmer for hours with the smoked-pig product of their choice and finish off with lashes of vinegar and hot sauce. The soul-food cooks have a better formula than Exv. Roasted halloumi chicken was an airline breast with halloumi cheese stuffed under some of the very crispy skin, but the meat was overcooked and direly dry. It too came with those tough greens, along with some good moist rice. "Care to try some of tomorrow's chicken salad?" I asked as I passed the plate along to the next victim.

The menu also includes crispy codfish, an Atlantic (farm-raised and artificially colored) salmon dish, and those San Diego requisites for all local menus, a rib-eye and a filet mignon.

There are none of the ex-

pected Greek desserts here. Far as I'm concerned, that is probably a tactical error. Chic or not chic, when you think Greek, you start to yearn for those honey-dripping sweets, whether made of filo or fried pastry dough. Instead: halloumi cheesecake. It looks pretty, with a frizz on top of sweet preserved lemon, and comes with Mission figs, walnuts, and ouzo crème anglaise. It's a good try but thuddingly heavy. Pear Napoleon has crisp filo pieces for its layers, and honey-raspberry chantilly (whipped) cream, but somehow isn't very vibrant. Best dessert: fresh berries in sweetened yogurt. That, at least, embodies absolute clarity about what it is and what it's made from. When we first arrived and

gathered on the patio, an army of young males in ball caps was fiercely double-timing it down the street to Petco. When we were leaving, they were heading rapidly the other way. Padres must've lost; they looked teedoff. They never even looked at Exv. "Do you think belly dancing...?" Sam asked. Rebecca said, "Maybe that would work. It goes against what they're trying to do here, but maybe belly dancing and bouzouki would catch all these young guys." But we needn't have worried. When I phoned two nights later at opening time on a weekend night, in hopes of interviewing the chef, the kitchen was already slamming with a full house to feed. Given that prices are about half those at most restaurants a block to the west, and the atmosphere is so relaxed and comfortable, maybe Exy is plenty sexy enough.

#### **ABOUT THE CHEF**

Carter Shuffler is a local boy who's gone far — around the world and back, in the U.S. Navy, which also helped finance his cooking-school tuition at the CCA in San Francisco. "I've wanted to be a chef since I was a child. I was always in the kitchen with my mom and grandma. Starting in junior high school, I became interested in cooking. I started working in kitchens as a dishwasher, busboy, became a waiter. In high school, I wasn't really the brightest kid in the class. I had other things I wanted to do, and I thought, 'I really want to open a restaurant of my own someday. I really want to know about this. I started doing a little research and decided to join the Navy, see the world. It was the complete opposite - didn't cook at all, just scrubbed pots and pans for a few weeks, like everybody does. But I did have a chance to go into the marketplaces of Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states. Huge spice mounds, and they give you foods to taste for free, and you leave full - and then you go back the next day and buy the foods you tasted.

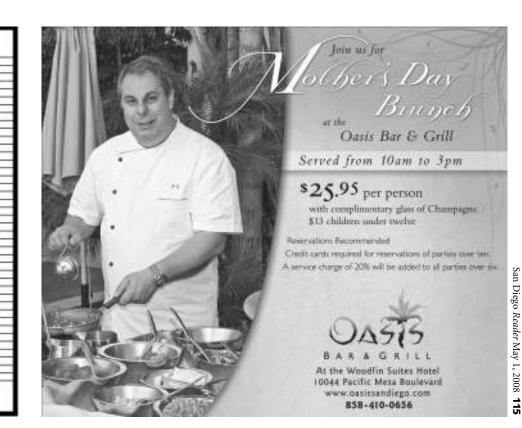
"After four years I got out and decided I wanted to go to culinary school and did very well. The GI Bill helped, and I also had a job and a half at restaurants there. I'd go to school for eight to ten hours a day, then I'd work a job in the evening, and then get up and work again in the morning. I was hired at the City Club as a prep cook, and in about a year and a half, I was executive souschef. I got to work there with one of my mentors, Robert Reash, who'd come over to work from the Mansion [Dean Fearing's famed Dallas restaurant]. I needed to expand my horizons, so I accepted a position as executive sous-chef at the Carnelian Room [a deluxe hotel restaurant] under my great mentor, James Chan, and then I was courted to go over to the Clift Hotel as executive sous-chef. I learned a lot about Asian and fusion cuisine from chef Maria Manso, and when she left I was promoted to executive chef.

"My wife and I talked about moving back to San Diego to

raise a family. I grew up in Point Loma, and I didn't want to raise a family in San Francisco. And she happened to accept a position at Blue Shield down here, and we moved, ready to start over. And George Katakalidis, owner of all the Daphne's, was opening a full-service Mediterranean restaurant. We courted each other back and forth, and in five months, we had enough information to start this restaurant, Exv. I'd had extensive training in Mediterranean cuisine, and I would go to the Greek restaurant, Kokkari, all the time when I was in San Francisco. To prepare for Exy, I would just immerse myself, talking with the owner. I'd say, 'Tell me about vour childhood, what you remember about eating in Greece.' We'd play ideas off each other, and I was getting firsthand knowledge of what he was wanting to do with the food - to contemporize it, without making it formal or stuffy. We didn't want to do traditional Greek dishes, we wanted to do contemporary Mediterranean cuisine. The conventioneers on expense accounts can maybe sustain some of the Gaslamp prices, but above all, we want to get the locals to come in and have a great meal that's very reasonably priced for downtown. I think we're succeeding in that. It's such a cool, loungy, sexy place. And as all the construction is going on east of Sixth, we become the new Fifth.

"I am having fun every day at work. I have a great crew, a great sous-chef, a great, supportive owner, a great general manager — and we're all on the same level field. There's no hierarchy, there's no temperament. I don't have a big ego. I don't find fault with everything anyone does, like some of the traditional French chefs do. I feel like I draw the best out of people I work with because I'm having fun, and I want them to have a good time at the job, too."







## **Hideaway Too Hidden**

"You'd expect Edith Piaf to be drinking a glass of absinthe and singing 'La Vie en Rose.'"

lock's ticking toward midnight down here in the deepest Stingaree. I'm heading for Ciro's, the pizzeria. Why? Because I've spent the last couple hours holding up the beautiful old (1885!) Tivoli bar, listening to a friend tell me every last one of his trou-

bles. Love the Tivoli, but boy, do I need a breather — and a nibble — before I head home.

I see Ciro's red-and-green sign in the distance, but by chance, right where the Park It on Market is, I glance right. Wha ...? Do a double take. All that construction,

all that walking through wooden tunnels they had here - gone. Instead, tucked into the Park It on Market is this little café-bistro. Lights blazing. Just what I need. Tables with classy, tall, darkwood chairs cluster under a cocoa-colored canopy, with more tables behind glass inside. I spot a cabinet loaded with pink pasta salads, bottles of beer and wine, croissants, and gâteaux. And behind that, a hotshot kind of Italian Gaggia coffee machine and a glass-fronted cabinet with bottles of Champagne inside.

Too good for me, but I step inside anyway. Straight off, you feel the healthy feng shui of the place. It has forest-green and mustard-yellow walls, a nicely angled blond wood counter with four stools. To the right of that, a golden-yellow curtain only half covers the window that looks onto one of the parking lot's entrance driveways. To contrast with that cold outside, a swoopy red velvet settee makes this whole inside feel über-cool, cozy, and warm. To the left they have a cigar humidor, an ATM, and a brand-new hookah pipe. And two flat-screen TVs on the wall deliver news in stereo.

"You know what?" I say to the guy behind the counter, a bright-looking gent with straight, strawblond hair. "This is like those bistro bars where

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you'd expect, like, Edith Piaf to be drinking a glass of absinthe and singing 'La Vie en Rose...

'Well, I guess you could say I'm a Europhile," the guy, Lee, says. "My dad was an airline pilot, so he'd take me to places like Italy, Paris, all the

time, and I grew to love those cafés there. That's what I am trying here. Can I get you anything?

Jeez, yes. If I can handle the prices.

"What do you have to eat?" I ask.

"I just made up this penne pasta in the bowl there. Or the broccoli pasta salad next to it?"

Behind him, a blackboard menu says he has sandwiches for \$5 to \$5.50, small frozen pizzas shipped in from Italy for \$6, or pasta salad from \$3 to \$4. Or just croissants for \$1.75.

Wow. Such low prices, such a classy little place. 'I can heat up the penne pasta and throw Parmesan on top," Lee says. "Four bucks." "Great," I say.

"Something to drink?" he asks. Man. I'm tempted by the bottle of Newcastle Brown in the cooler cabinet. It's only \$4. But, late as it is, I've still got work to do. Sigh. So I ask for a coffee. He says he can brew some. "Two dollars okay?"

Too late — 'cause he's started brewing — I see he has Coca-Cola, the original bottles, in the cooler.

"Yes, from Mexico. They still use cane sugar. After that, you can't drink our corn-syrup Coke anymore," he says.

He brings out my pasta. It's on a cardboard plate but comes hot and steaming from the microwave, with Parmesan melting on top. I mean, it's just a pile of ribbed, slant-cut pasta tubes mixed together with garlic and a tomato-andcream sauce. But simple, red, filling, and pretty darned delicious.

"So how come I haven't noticed you guys before?" I ask. "Are you new?"

'No, I've been here a year and a half. Except we've been closed off by construction, sidewalk tunnels, concrete trucks. We were invisible!" Turns out Lee is usually only here nights because he has a day job. He's a lawyer who's into securities. Stocks, bonds, all that kind of stuff.

But he'd always dreamed of running a Eurostyle bistro. "My wife calls it my midlife crisis," he says. "But she says it's better than me getting a faster car and a younger woman."

His hours here right now are...vague. If you were Raymond Chandler, you might call this "The Long Hello." And Lee's still not even sure about the name. On the canopy outside, it says "Ball Park Café." But on the menu blackboard, he's written "Sixth and Market."

Me, I can't help thinking something smoky, romantic might fit better. The Green Parrot? Café Mimi?

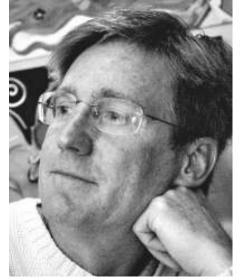
'Course now I want more. Keep staring at the plate of gâteaux he's got in the display cabinet. Blackboard says they're \$3.75 each, except for tarts, which are \$4.50. And hey, the raspberry tart has caught my heart. I've got to have her. Oh, Lord. So fruity, so good.

"I get them every morning at the French Gourmet in P.B., where I live," says Lee. "And their baguettes and croissants. I want people to come by in the morning, just like in Paris, and have their coffee and croissant and read a paper and head for work. Or nights. We'll have wireless soon.

He's not there yet. "But I'm always here Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, through till maybe 2:30 a.m.," he says.

While I'm chowing and chatting, this security guy comes in. Bill. He's in charge of the parking building tonight. "I come down, make sure Lee's

**The Place:** *Sixth and Market, 625 Sixth Avenue (no phone yet)* Type of Food: Euro-American



Lee

okay," he says. "He's on his own here. And also, he makes a mean latte."

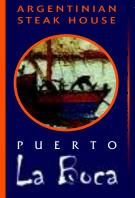
The screens have Letterman on. I just sit here wondering at my luck. The pizza line across the road at Ciro's curls around the corner now. It's getting noisy. Hey, suckers! No line over here! That's what I want to yell...On the other hand, bunch of rowdy barflies could ruin this beautiful little joint. I hold my tongue.

STOP PRESS! Can you believe it? More construction. The whole awning's off, so right now the place is hard to recognize. Lee says the next month could be messy, all in the cause of renovation. But he'll still definitely be open till late each Thursday through Saturday. The Long Hello continues.

Prices: baguette sandwiches, \$5–\$5.50; small frozen pizzas from Italy, \$6; pasta salad \$3–\$4; croissants, \$1.75 **Hours (during continuing soft opening):** "probably" most days (Monday–Friday) from around 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; "definitely" open from around 9:00 p.m. –2:30 a.m., Thursdays–Saturdays Buses: 3, 11

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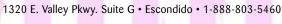
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"The orgies never started until everyone was in that state of joy that Champagne brings."

**S** an Diego's social status is ascendant. Of course, you knew that already — you live here. You've eaten in the new restaurants, drunk in the new nightclubs, partied in the new hotels. I mention it only because the word seems to have gone forth and found an

to have gone forth and found an ear in the upper echelons of the wine world. And so, recently, we got to play host to the national and international brand managers for Dom Perignon, who stopped by for lunch at the Ivy on their tour of the West Coast.

Brand managers are marketers,

and marketing is at the very heart of Champagne — always has been. One of the two extant letters written by Dom Pierre Perignon, the Father of Champagne, is addressed to the town manager of Epernay, and reads, "Monsieur, I have given you twenty-six bottles of the best wine in the world." I was delighted at the chance to watch these two professional brand managers as they plied their craft, playing the parts of passionate consumer, honored guest, savvy trendspotter, and Bearer of the Brand. (By this, I don't mean to imply any disingenuousness, only to admire their ability to wear many hats at one meal.)

The two left in their wake a sleek black envelope — the press kit for the Vintage '99 Dom Perignon. Inside the envelope was a sleek black folder, and inside the folder, sleek black pho-



tographs of Dom Perignon, both in and out of a sleek black box. There were other photos as well: Dom with caviar, Dom embraced by a langoustine, Dom with a fine cigar. And there was a written report: *The 7 Sensualities.* "How can it be

so powerful yet complex, so subtle yet mature?" asked *chef du cave* Richard Geoffroy in the opening quote, marveling at his latest creation. "That's the wonderful paradox of Dom Perignon Vintage 1999. We created the 7 sensualities to give this unique wine, full of light and darkness, the theatrical setting it deserves."

The light, in this case, was provided by "the luminous freshness of the fruit," its opposite by "the dark mineral character of the mature wine. The wine's relief, complexity, and chiaroscuro are worthy of Caravaggio." Fantastic. "In these seven intense, subtle experiences for the senses, pleasure leads to revelation and revelation brings further pleasure."

The sensualities: Deep: Caviar Dissolving: Three marine metamorphoses Pearlescent: Thai langoustine soup Bright: Grandilla Tactile: Culatello Intense: Black mole Complex: Cigar "As we journey through these seven stages, an arc of Dom Perignon Vintage 1999 flavors is defined...Beginning and ending with dark flavors, it peaks with bright tastes at midpoint. The '7 Sensualities' are not meant to compose a meal or an appetizer. They are components of an unforgettable ceremony, a unique experience befitting the theatricality of Dom Perignon Vintage 1999. They are the pure expression of luxury the Dom Perignon way."

Amazing, no? It's hard to imagine a more self-assured performance, and this is just a press kit. What fun to actually share in that "unique experience"! Sadly, it was not to be — I cannot report to you on the veracity of these claims. What I can do, though, is linger a moment over the report's opening grafs and shed a bit of gentle light on how your marketing gets made. As I said, I find it delightful to watch a master at work.

The opening gives a bit of history, an image of the days when Hautvillers was still an abbey run by Benedictine monks. "For 47 years," attests an early, stage-setting sentence, "Dom Perignon worked on creating, perfecting, and establishing the reputation of what would later be known as the 'Champagne' method."

See, that's true, but maybe not in the way that you think. You read " 'Champagne' method," and you think, naturally enough, "Methode Champenoise" — bubbly in the best sense. But that's not what Dom Perignon the man meant. According to Don and Petie Kladstrup's *Champagne: How the World's Most Glamorous Wine Triumphed Over War and Hard Times*, "Bubbles were considered a flaw" in



Perignon's day, "a vicious caprice of nature, and Dom Perignon worked assiduously to eliminate them from his wines." He never quite succeeded, because the Champagne region was cold enough to send the fermenting yeasts into hibernation before they'd finished eating all the sugar in the wine. When spring came and the yeasts woke up, *boom* — hello second fermentation, and hello bubbles.

However, the Kladstrups write "what he did accomplish was something much more important. He set down what some have called the 'golden rules of winemaking'...Use only the best grapes...prune vines hard in spring to avoid overproduction; harvest in the cool of the morning...Because of his gifts of observation, very sure taste, and assiduous work, Dom Perignon succeeded in making wine

that was better than anyone else's." *That* was the original Champagne method, and "if the few remaining documents are accurate," most of it was practiced on, of all things, red wine. It's a ridiculous amount to explain, however, and so the marketer lets you think what you will. This isn't Wine History 101.

The Perignon report continues: "A man endowed with amazing intuition and foresight, he divined the promise of hidden luxury in the grapes of Champagne."

Well, sort of. The abbey of Hautvillers had been sacked and burned again and again in the chaotic aftermath of the Crusades. Its vineyards had once made wine for kings (King Phillipe-August, Charles IV, Philippe VI). Perignon, the newly



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appointed business manager of Hautvillers, had the foresight (hindsight?) to realize that the restoration of the abbey's fortunes hinged on the restoration of its vineyards. Looking at ruined rows of grapevines and seeing a chance at financial rehabilitation — divining the promise of hidden luxury in the grapes of Champagne. I tip my hat.

And finally, this: "Père Perignon's wine became the iconic beverage of a new spirit of libertinage that took hold during the Regency and then under Louis XV. This lifestyle earned the 18th Century a reputation as the age of pleasure." (Note the definite article.) "A spirit of refinement, voluptuousness, delicacy, exuberance, and sensuality reigned in every sphere of life, from the salon to the boudoir."

"Libertinage" is a delightfully unusual word meaning "libertinism," which means "in the manner of a libertine," that is to say, "a person who is unrestrained by conventional morality; specifically, one leading a dissolute life." Well, they got that part spot-on. The regent was the Duc d'Orleans, in whom, according to old Louis XIV, "all the vices competed for first place," who exhibited "unbridled tastes of the flesh." The Duc liked his Champagne bubbly, and according to one of his drinking buddies, "The orgies never started until everyone was in that state of joy that Champagne brings."

As I say, I don't wish to be in any way construed as harshing on Dom Perignon, a truly fine Champagne house. They are, after all, carrying on a tradition of extraordinary marketing, and in far less bombastic terms than were once employed. Back in Louis XIV's day, a couple of royal doctors ignited an already-smoldering feud between Champagne and Burgundy (both were making red wine at the time). One blamed Champagne for the king's health troubles, including gout and an anal fistula. Burgundy was prescribed as a remedy. The dean of the Beaune medical school weighed in on behalf of Burgundy. The Faculty of Medicine in Reims argued that Champagne brought on greater longevity.

I'll turn it over to the Kladstrups for the rest: "In 1712, when a professor from a college in Champagne wrote an ode in Latin praising the local wines, the city of Reims rewarded him with huge quantities of Champagne, along with a pension...By the end of the year, Paris was awash in pamphlets, poems, theses, and other wine-quarrel-related polemics..." Now, we have the quiet elegance of *The 7 Sensualities*. Progress.

#### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 700 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a midrange entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$29; very expensive: more than \$30. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

#### BEACHES

**The Australian Pub** 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (halfpound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread—it's the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**California Modern** 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. With a new name and renovated for an even better ocean view, the former George"s at the Cove continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee"'s ambitious, healthful California cuisine based on prime, seasonal ingredients and emphasizing sustainable wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. The cooking style is a little lighter now, good for carb-counters, with only small amounts of starch on the entrées. The awardwinning wine list offers few bottles under \$50, but many by the half-bottle or glass, including serious dessert wines. Full bar, creative "?chef cocktails"? with fresh fruit. Wheelchair elevator available but hidden (ask valet parkers); disabled can use neighbor Pasquale"s mens" room on same floor. Vegetarians and vegans accommodated to order. Reserve well ahead. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Donovan's Steak and Chop **House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrinp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with housemade tartar sauce. The wet-aged Prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill pre-cisely to your order. Bleu cheese, bearnaise, and peppercorn sauces are avail-able at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the housemade desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheese cake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional crème brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. - N.W.

**Hancock Street Café** 3354 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jack's La Jolla 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. This sprawling, glitzy restaurant has several venues serving steaks, seafood, sushi, and pub grub. In the Dining Room, the most formal and serious choice, Chef Tony De Salvio prepares a menu of refined seasonal California-French cuisine fea-turing highly creative combinations of luxury ingredients and local products full of unexpected touches, e.g., a duck breast pairs delightfully with cocoa nibs. When you move on to sweets, dessert chef Jack Fisher is one of the town<sup>33</sup>s best and boldest. An international wine list offers plenty by the glass, although bottles run high. Full bar. Vegetarians accommodated by request—ask and ye shall receive. Ask valet parkers for directions to wheelchair lift and elevators. Reservations urged. Dinners only in Dining Room, Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. - N.W.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Caiun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous housemade fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is housemade, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro ''? La **Jolla** 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And—not that it's at all Chinese-the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. - E.B.

Portugalia 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. This spacious, informal room decorated with strings of Christmas lights resembles an ethnic community center—and in-deed, O.B. is home to a long-term Portuguese fishing community. The fasci-nating menu is split between the homeland and its former colony, Brazil, including several coconut-milkswathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia that are rarely found locally. The array of appetizers from both countries embraces addictive *bolinhos de bacal*hau (salt cod fritters) and rissóis de camarão (fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp). For entrées you can choose Portuguese specialties like the earthy gomes de sá (codfish with chick peas) or Brazil'''s bife apimentado (spicy beef) or even an African-inspired bife de moçambicana (beef with shellfish). There"'s also a rodizio option of skewered meats and/or seafood. Save room for the owner"'s mom"'s homemade desserts, especially pastéis de nata (delicate custard-filled pastries). Por-tuguese wines, full bar. Not all dishes always available. Service quality variable. Long stairway up to second-floor restaurant. Live music most nights af-

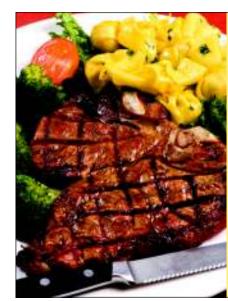


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**Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli** 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB' Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras *torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with gar-nishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your firstclass dinner-the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. -N.W.

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all as wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a påté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$15 all-inclusive for food; mimosas extra); closed Monday. Lowmoderate. — N.W.

**Umi Sushi** 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a Crazy Boy roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house featuring sparkling-fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local uni (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations: 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short stair case; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetar ian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper-moderate to expensive. - N.W.



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**El Arrecife** Calle Colima 2293, Baja, 664-200-2585. Think of it as a Mexican take on an American institution, the burger joint. In this settled, upper-mid-dle-class neighborhood, Daniel Ludim Gómez Vaca set up a hip little spot ("?The Reef"?) where he specializes in"?octopus burgers. Actually, octopus, shrimp, beef, or chicken burgers. Or mixes. One of the best is octopus and shrimp with cheese and bacon. The children of Tijuana"s elite come here to watch soccer, eat, and hang out, even though it"s cramped and half underground. The menu has healthier alternatives, such as chicken salad or shrimp salad, but it"s the octopus that has made him famous. Open noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. "? *E.B.* 

**El Cid** Lopez Mateos #993, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the Specialties section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed





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La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Baja, 664-634-1488. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: Borrego. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it were cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef—steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. Vegetarian upon request. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their espadanas (holes cut in the mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree—whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B.

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Baja, 664-685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexicanstyle hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high

burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of tortas, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Vegetarian upon request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Baja, 664-686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A parrillada-BBQ dish-gives you marinated beef rib carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Vegetarian upon request. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. - E.B.

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Baja, 664-686-1560, Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcantar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas—and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten—daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blueframed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the tartaleta vallarta, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, caldo *tlalpeno*, packed with cheese, rice, avo cado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeno. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus-if

you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. - E.B.

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210. Baja, 664-685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas*—nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("la vuelta") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a combinación mexicana (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or carne asada served in an olla de barro, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding filete mignon with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent ten-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B.

#### CENTRAL

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-220-0692. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines—Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl—with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, tlacogos cuitlacoche, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Reservations rec-ommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. —*N.W.* 

Aladdin's Café ''? Clairemont 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Clairemont, 858-573-0000. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tab-bouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Anthology** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. This spiffy, multi-level nightclub offers pleasant, userfriendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) conceived by consulting celebchef Bradley Ogden. But when good musicians are cookin" onstage, the eats are liable to become mere background music for the mouth. A great date venue for jazz lovers, \$15 minimum (easy to meet on beverages alone) or \$5 cover when there"'s live music. No cover charge Fuesdays and some Sundays—otherwise ticket prices (bought separately) vary, plus \$15 to \$20 minimums (easy to meet). Wine list is fine and wide ranging but starts high and escalates sharply, plus full bar with fruity cocktail creations as well as classics. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water. -N.W.

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French—with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of breadfresh, feathery, and very French-that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake andvoila! Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B.

**Big Kitchen** 3003 Grape Street, South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe—and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and

for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the veggie option: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they alwavs have this "out there" eclectic crowd. plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouthscalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their sag paneer-creamy, cheesy spinachdelivered a surprising punch). The buf-fet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu-say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, tikhi. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.* 

Brians' American Eatery "? Hillcrest 1451 Washington Street, Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffee-house/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gut-ting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' eight-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey

Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chiles, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special-it's always cheaper. Another good thing: coffee comes by the thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls-ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert—like the delicious pineapple pie available Mon-days—all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. E.B.

**Currant** 140 West Broadway (in the Sofia Hotel), Downtown, 619-702-6309. Big-time chef Jonathan Pflueger uses local produce, natural meats, nonendangered seafood to make fresh and interesting dishes on a seasonally changing menu. His cooking abounds in intelligence and wit; virtue is never boring in his hands. Try his radical revision of French escargot, or the charcuterie plate abounding in house-made items. The surroundings are a perfect fit for the food, a handsome modern brasserie with echoes of Deco that feels like a refuge for sophisticated grownups. Interesting in-ternational wines at every price point, ample choices by the glass, full bar. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Upper moderate. "? N.W.

**Dobson's** 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as



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brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. - M.N.

La Doña 1784 Newton (at Beardsley). Southeast San Diego, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-andwhite shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of longago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsait's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones, menudo,* and pozole. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar ''? Downtown 380 K Street, Downtown, 619-237-1155. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux-over 100 of the far-flung offerings are avail able by the glass, and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the key lime pie for dessert-custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. - A.M.

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Avenue Downtown, 619-702-7967, Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical panregional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won't find at the clones. Don't miss the distinctive appe-tizers, especially the crunchy sev poori (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh topping), the bel poori (India's favorite railway snack), or southern India's utta-pam, pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, ac-companied by a coconutty fresh chutney. Peshawari naan is a spectacular tan-door-cooked bread stuffed with cashews, raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce. Entrées include the rarely seen mirchi tikka, tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright, spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madrasi Fish in coconut milk is a delicious southern-style coconut milk curry, and the house specialty Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and ap-propriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers. You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. Lunch and dinner daily. (Parking not validated at Horton.) Moderate. — *N.W.* 

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown 619-232-3121. The hotel has reopened after its \$52-million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill too, is changed and freshened. In days of

yore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Cal-ifornian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local pro-duce, and artisanal products include housemade burrata mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amuse-bouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the "needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Impe rial Avenue, College Area, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous—check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two—and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mop-ping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Fri-day and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant in side Sweden's wildly successful home interiors chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy-beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. - E.B.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street (at Winder), Mission Hills, 619-299-0333 Eathere and you eat with the ghosts of presidents, politicians, and three generations of San Diegans. Ralph Pesqueira, the guy who started it in 1940 as a simple tortilla factory, invented taquitos ("?little tacos"?) as snacks for his customers. The deep-fried taquitos are still their number-one selling item. But also try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomatoand the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. While vou"re waiting (and it''s usually crowded), grab some of El Indio'''s huge, scrumptious homemade chips and a pot of their salsa ranchera. Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days. Inexpensive. "? *E.B.* 

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Drive #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An izakaya is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. Chuka kurage, superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (kaki), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and kara-age (spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. Kushi-age, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. Maguro yamakake, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine—a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner six nights. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* 

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise—great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crIpe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too—like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde

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(pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive — E.B.

Joe's Crab Shack "? Mission Valley 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbe cued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Oceanside, Pacific Beach, and downtown — NW

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, ba nana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ 4705-H Claire mont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-8227 Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles"

(more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomato sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

The Linkery 3386 30th Street, North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch prepara tions. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa*, Polynesian pork. Ven-turesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Dinner daily until 11 p.m. Moderate. - N.W.

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-andwhite movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table The USDA Prime steaks are flashroasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavor

ful—especially the Sicilian steak. But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often out-shine the proteins—the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W.* 

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main Street, Lo gan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tor tillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks—the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - N.W.

**RA Sushi** 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to cre-ate a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetiz-ers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious-old, pulpy edamame versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated katsu. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 1

a.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. -N.W.

**Ranchos Cocina** "? North Park 3910 30th Street, North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lob-ster or calamari steak—in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the housemade mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-283-1618. North Park is becoming a hotbed of ethical food culture, and Ritual is one of its proponents. At this cozy, civilized, Old World"?style pub where the music always plays softly enough for conversation you""II find classic pub dishes plus some more ex-otic forays, cooked with consistent care to emphasize the fine, natural flavors of humanely raised Niman meats, gourmet Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables. Want a burger? The ketchup is made in-house. The wildest dish is a tasty, mouth-filling, étouffé-thick "?Saddlebrush"? (Yankee) gumbo that""s not remotely Cajun or Creole (it"'s got carrots "? and no okra or filé!), served over long-grain wild rice instead of the sticky white stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. "? N.W.

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Lo-gan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple:

vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb*—closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Shakespeare Pub 3701 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pick led onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing)all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Breakfast weekends, lunch weekdays, and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. - N.W.

**Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Boule-vard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe)—it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the

rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes—an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spot-light-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary—a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good au-thentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

**El Zarape** 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-682-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. - M.N.

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Abbey's Real Texas BBQ ''? Kearny Mesa 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather

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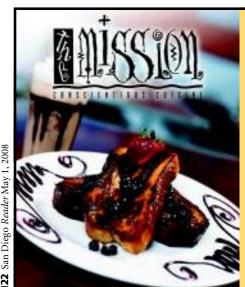
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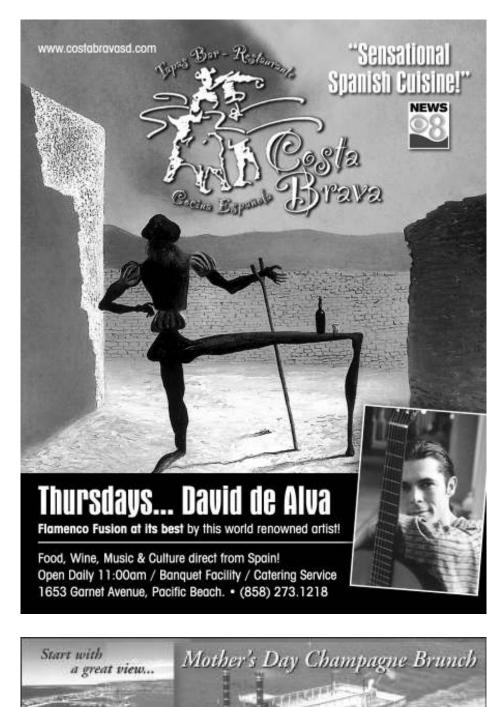
than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addi-tion to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Catering available seven days a week; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays. Inexpensive to low moderate.-N.W.

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chickenfried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bot tom prices, and early-bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining ter-race in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W.

China Max 4698 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authen-tic Hong Kong cooking—creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone-but even inexpensive. homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. -N.W.

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an oyster bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offer-ing international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are wellpriced cognacs and aged ports. Businesscasual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at oystar bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restau rant. — N.W.





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The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite #104, Carmel Valley, 858-587-7940. Sor-rento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neigh borhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect-standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, officelunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they're flexible. Want bacon, sausage, and ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference-or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Senora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown—not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavorthis is not the land of the bland. The Sundav all-vou-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and din-- N.W.

Pho Hoa Hiep ''? Mira Mesa 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard #A, Mira Mesa, 858-578-1468. This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an extra large bowl of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is French bread with beef juicy cube soup. They also have rice dishes And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bak-ery specializes in hearty, handcrafted slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in su-permarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place, Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn. potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompa-nying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and din ner. Inexpensive to moderate. - N.W

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convov Street. Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions and fresh garlic in the air. Try the Korear B.B.Q. marinated short ribs (tong galbi) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef gui). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunch seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — M.N.

Spices Thai Cafe ''? Rancho **Bernardo** 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck

and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W.

#### NORTH COASTAL

101 Café 631 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, ba-con, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken-fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: bis-cuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Cash only. No alcohol. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Boule vard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a loss leader featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) outstanding, as is her kashta lea dessert-an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great Armenian salad and a tasty dip for the meat, along with lessthan-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but cork-age fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. - N.W.

Blanca 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-792-0072. The opening of sleek, sophisticated Blanca marks the arrival of our first 21st-century restaurant. highlighting perfect seasonal ingredients so radiantly and originally prepared that diners must rouse to rapt attention. Chef Wade Hageman, a protégé of renowned SF/Vegas chef Michael Mina, has imported a similarly complex, labor-intensive style of cooking that appeals as much to the mind as to the senses. He's imported a major Mina stratagem-show casing an individual ingredient by pre-

senting it in several different incarnations within the same dish, like musical variations on a theme. Blanca's menu lists each item's pedigree and primary garnishes, but those details don't begin to describe the behind-the-scenes enhancements of marinades, brines, rubs, soaks, and infusions that play subtle roles in the multilayered flavors that come to the table. Appetizers are especially adventurous, the wine list is exceptional (if mainly very pricey), and the restaurant's decor is as modern and polished as the food. Dinner only. Reservations required. Very expensive. - N.W.

California Bistro 7100 Four Seaso Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Fri-day night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

California Pizza Kitchen ''? Solana Beach Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to ex-ploit "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 Orig-inal BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbe-cue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBO chicken, red onions and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. - E.B.

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-755-3183. This must be the last farmhouse standing in Sorrento Valley'''s glassy, glossy business park. Cor-ner House Café shares the nearly century-old, yellow, two-story clapboard house with Lily'''s Closet Café and Caliente Mexican Food. You eat outside in patios and gardens among flowers, fountains, farm carts. It feels like the country. Sandwiches reign. Try the Ironman sandwich (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento'''s Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Also ter-rific are the full meals. No fancy tableware, but dishes like chicken tequila fettuccini with its green pasta and sinful golden creamy sauce are sophisticated, delicious, and interesting. Open daily till

5 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday). Inexpensive. "? E.B.

Joev's Smokin' B-B-O ''? Carmel Valley 4645 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. Joey Mag-giore doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q"-more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself-but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "?O"? fashion, Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the "?suh-weet"? sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. Housemade hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan ''? Encinitas 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas—which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer"—it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-942-5642. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the side-walk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch"—two scoops of shortgrain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu cov-ers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "lo-cal food." While you're waiting, check

out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle. Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a nonkosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Ital-ian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crispskinned fat cheese blintzes, matzoh brei, hot brisket with latkes-or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels-ov!, so goy! Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including allday breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with ba-con, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vin-tage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom cappucini soup, and tarte Tatin. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Din-ner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — E.W.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burg-ers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: won-derfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine-that is. a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-

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**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encini-tas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps, Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people"—the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken lovers, the garlic chicken piz-zas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpe nsive -EB

Star of India ''? Del Mar 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora*—a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried—or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B.

When in Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three din-ing areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. E.W.

#### SOUTH BAY

Anthony's Fish Grotto ''? Chula Vista 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and runing for six decades now, with the buy-ing power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus-if you've got the bread—delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. -F.B

Café 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Since the place changed hands a couple of years back, the food has definitely gotten more interesting. Breakfast omelets, for starters. The Cortez has sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, Jack cheese, avocado, sour cream, plus fruit or sautéed potatoes. *Paninis* like the Tuscany come stuffed with roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles. They do a fine chicken pecan salad, too. But at heart this is still a Left Bank sort of coffee place for hanging out, talking, arguing, and having deep thoughts. Grab a joe or a large bottle of their hoppy Mermaid"'s Red Ale, take it outside, start a conversation. Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (kitchen 7 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.) daily. Inexpensive. "? *E.B.* 

La Costa Azul Mariscos 1037 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-691-9812. Great family-run hangout for traditional seafood from Sinaloa and Nayarit, Mex-ico's crackling-hot desert/coastal states. Their ancient Sinaloa dish *aguachile* (shrimp in spicy brine) is simple, mouthsizzlingly effective, *langostinos* are lush, but maybe most satisfying are whole-fish dishes like pescado Veracruzano.Truly



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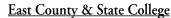
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traditional offerings come in giant threelegged molcajetes. Even their less-traditional signature dish, Camarones Costa Azul (crab and cheese-stuffed, baconwrapped shrimp) arrives in a burning hot *molcajete*. Also delicious: the sizzleplate fajitas mixtas, with shrimp, beef, chicken. Many customers come around sunset, just to sit with a cool drink un-der palm fronds on the patio. Even if you're actually on Chula Vista's Broadway, it feels strangely like Cabo. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate.

Crown Room 1500 Orange Avenue Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzving desserts, and even a chocolate fountain for large parties, available upon request. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or lukewarm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict—and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion-see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Open Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Expensive.— *E.B.* 

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585 1371, Also at 2260 Otay Lakes Road. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetable pizza where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And Mediterranean Chicken Salad works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. - E.B.

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Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits -National City 2210 East Plaza Boule-vard, National City, 619-470-3002. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird—flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Spiro's Gvros 1201 First Street #4. Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view-are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside outside Greek cafe is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their Californian), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicke marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. E.B.

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Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Av enue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling-Chianti-bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading senoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: you might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: great calzones and pizza by the slice. (Pizza-byslice portions stop at 6 p.m.) Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. - E.B.

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Ali Baba Restaurant 421 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-442-3622. First, the atmosphere: It''s a world of wispy drapes, pavilions, and blue velvet hangings. You think, "?sheikh"'s oasis en campment."? The lamb shank on bulgar wheat is probably the most popular with local Chaldeans. Lamb, fried fish, and chicken kabobs are staples. But try interesting alternatives like "?potato chop,"? a kind of potato pie, *kobba musilia*, a "?crushed wheat pie"? stuffed with beef and fried. Remember, everything is filling. Especially with the won

derful bread you get: the size of an ele-phant'''s foot, light as a butterfly, baked on the spot. Bring five friends and or-der the Feast for Three People. It''ll be enough. Open 10 a.m. to midnight daily. Inexpensive to moderate. "? E.B. Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the decor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous darkwood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams-all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station—such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting, the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liqueur in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender, shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Cham-

sive to low moderate. — A.M. Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers 2754 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-1264. Up here, Fred'''s it and that"'s that. You really get a bang for your burger buck, from the cheap junior burger to quarter-pounders and half-pounders to Fred"'s three-quarterpound "?monster burger."? Even the innocent-sounding BLT sandwich comes loaded with six slabs of bacon. Maybe the most delicious burger sandwich is a quarter-pound patty slithered between sautéed onions and oozing with cheese under grilled sourdough. Also good: the grilled chicken sandwich and the patty-melt special with fries and soft drink. Really hungry? Order Fred"'s Alpine Goliath, a two-pound burger that needs a ten-inch bun to support it. But, as they say, be careful what you wish for. Seven days, 10:30 a.m to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. "? *E.B.* 

pagne brunch on Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2

p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday. Inexpen-

Geno's Barbecue 291 W. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He'd won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today a new owner has continued the tradition. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sauteed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Sat-urday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — FR

The Kopper Kettle 12108 Woode. Lakeside, 619-561-0628. side Aven "?Early to bed, early to rise, sit at Kop-per Kettle, tell big lies."? The plaque says it all: the Kettle"'s Social Central for this part of Lakeside. But its other claim to fame is important, too: They broast. Think broiling and roasting. They pressure-cook their chicken and their potatoes in oil. The result is a tastier, crisperand less greasy chunk of chicken and wedges of potato that are crusty with light insides "? great for dipping in their homemade ranch sauce. The menu features many broasted items, plus dozens of big-plate breakfast and lunch items. Expect tons of friendliness, traditional fare, less for the nuts and twigs crowd. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpen-sive. "? *E.B.* 

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180. This is the neighborhood café this neighborhood lacked for years. Which explains why, since it opened in 2005, it''s been busy, mostly filled with locals. People come because the waitresses know them and know what they like, but also because the plates are usually overloaded. All the omelets are foureggers, with generous sides like biscuits and gravy. Portuguese sausage scramble is a bulky way to start the day. Evening meals include fish served Europeanstyle with the head still on. Other comfort foods include liver and onions, meat loaf, and pork chops with stuffing. Open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive, "? E.B.

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road, Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding—such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the sea-sons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. --- A.M.

Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, 619-441-0480. Here, 100 years ago, stagecoaches and gold miners from Julian would raise a ruckus at this very crossroads every morning. Today, what has to be the smallest counter-restaurant with the tiniest kitchen in El Cajon serves up decent, straightforward breakfasts, soups, and sandwiches, along with good con-versation that can'"t be a lot different from stagecoach days. Breakfast scrambles, burritos, and panini are filling. They have a little living room area packed with books and a cool deck out back. Coffee and a toasted bagel with tomato and avocado is delicious. But be good "? Maria, the owner, is an excop. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Sundays, Inexpensive, "? E.B.

Valley House Restaurant 17067 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast-it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef sim-mered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Ye Olde Bicycle Cafe 6792 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-582-4024. You"'re eating in a museum here. You can nibble your panini and check out ancient bikes like Rudge'''s penny far-thing or the three-seater bike the Three Stooges used. The little blackboard "s basically a list of toasted pani menu nis and cold sandwiches. Each sandwich gets its name from the bike world. The Tandem is a double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The Tour de France has ham and Swiss on a croissant; the Tour d'"Italia is salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and a pot of marinada. Add their rib-sticking chicken soup with wild rice and you"'ll have a cheap and enlightening lunch. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. "? E.B.



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Alexandra — Dreamlike narrative in monochrome, a stout, slow, ponderous old lady visiting her grandson at a dry and dusty military camp in Chechnya, questioning his mission: "You can destroy. When will you learn to rebuild?" A Russian art film from the dreaded Alexander Sokurov, challengingly dull, uneventful, amorphous. The lead actress, opera soprano Galina Vishnevskaya (widow of cellist Mstislav Rostropovich), has an undeniable presence. 2007. ★ (KEN, 5/2 THROUGH 8)

**Baby Mama** — *SNL* alumnae Tina Fey 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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The Bank Job — "Based on a true story,"

or anyway on a true bank job, the knockover of Lloyds Bank, Baker Street, London, 1971. The filmmakers, headed by the veteran Australian-born director Roger Donaldson and screenwriters Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais, have taken advantage of the cloak of mystery that still surrounds the case, to concoct a salacious hypothesis that can't be disproved, other than by common sense. The British Secret Service, by this scenario, was the prime mover behind the raid, desirous of getting their hands on

compromising pornographic photos of Princess Margaret - yes, Princess Margaret, cavorting with dark-skinned natives in the Caribbean — held in the safe-deposit box of a blackmailing Black Militant. But the way it goes down (as we say in the underworld), it is self-refuting. The notion that MI5, from a safe distance, and through a coerced middle-woman, would farm out the operation to an unknowing gang of petty criminals, novices at bank jobs, is ridiculous on the face of it. Ridiculous because of the high probability (assuming the novices could pull off the job in the first place) of its turning out exactly as it turns out on screen: the hot photos ending up in unpredictable hands. If a team of filmmakers can't find a true story that's any truer than this, they need to keep looking. Or better yet, start from scratch. The almost farcical complications, if taken with sufficient grains of salt, are diverting enough. And the Seventies period has its pleasures, not just the usual haircuts, bellbottoms, plaids, etc., but all that forgotten Black Power stuff, and most particularly the rolled-back level of technology: a simple jackhammer, a concrete-penetrating blowtorch, some walkie-talkies, and an amateur ham radio that chances to pick up the backand-forth between the robbers in mid-job. A refreshing change, all that, from the computer-age hocus-pocus of Ocean's Eleven, ... Twelve, ... Thirteen, and their ilk. Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows, Stephen Campbell Moore, James Faulkner. 2008. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Body of War** — Antiwar agitation by Phil Donahue and Ellen Spiro, centered around a young Missourian named Tomas Young, an Army vet paralyzed in Iraq, with an heroic supporting part for Robert Byrd (D.-W.Va.), seen in antebellum debate on the Senate floor and finally met in person. (Some remarkable effects are gotten from montages of legislative debaters parroting the party line, one after another, almost word for word.) Highly emotional in presentation, and highly physical, too, in the



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nasty details of the injury. 2008. ★★ (KEN, THROUGH 5/1; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/2)

Breakfast at Tiffany's — Howlingly miscast travesty of the Truman Capote novella: starting at the top with Audrey Hepburn as a backwoods waif turned bigtown party girl, down through George Peppard as the heterosexualized neighbor, all the way down to a squinting Mickey Rooney as the Japanese landlord — more Mr. Magoo than Mr. Moto. "Moon River" is just another spoonful of sugar in the candy coating. With Patricia Neal, Martin Balsam, Buddy Ebsen; directed by Blake Edwards. 1961. ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/1

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/1 THROUGH 3, 8:30 P.M.)

**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 en-ticing 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, making up lines to match the mood of the woman in the window: the star and director, Nadine Labaki. With Yasmine Elmasri, Joanna Moukarzel, Gisèle Aouad, and Adel Karam. 2007. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

A Clockwork Orange — Anthony Burgess's vision of the ultra-violent future (the novelist's linguistic inventions are carefully preserved and provide the movie with its strongest prop) becomes, in film form, wholly a pander to the youth market. Stanley Kubrick's frost-bitten, arm-waving, gimmicky direction seems very nearly distraught, willing to try almost anything, just so long as it's leering or lascivious and so long as it's certain not to go over anybody's head. With Malcolm McDowell. 1971. • (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 5/2 AND 3 MIDNIGHT)

**Deception** — Shaky suspense film premised on a mousy accountant tumbling into an exclusive Manhattan sex club, anonymous one-nighters with uniformly beautiful career women: "It's intimacy without intricacy." Shakier as it goes. With Ewan McGregor, Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Natasha Henstridge, and Charlotte Rampling; directed by Marcel Langenegger. 2008.

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88 Minutes — 102 minutes minus closing credits. A famous forensic psychiatrist (a puffy-haired 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 wildgoose 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

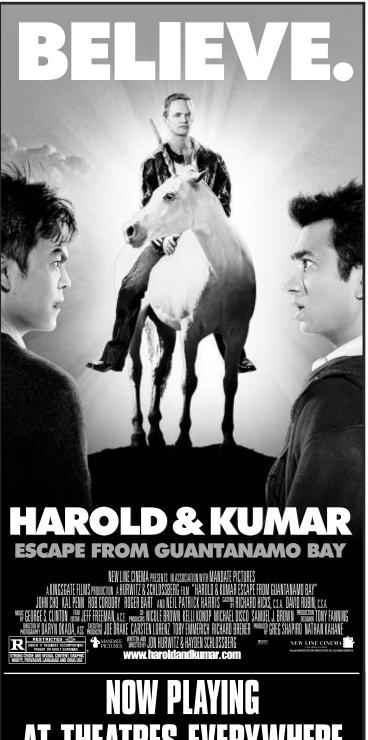


the purpose of the plotter is to secure a stay of execution, wouldn't it have been advisable to spring the plot a tad earlier? The full foolishness of the thing can't be appreciated till the final ah-ha. (Heh-heh, more like it.) Even in the ashen photography, Alicia Witt and Amy Brenneman, as two of the doctor's acolytes, are recognizable as among the most eye-appealing American actresses today. 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. With William Forsythe and Neal McDonough; directed by Jon Avnet. 2008. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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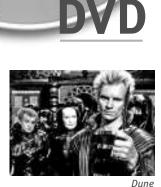
documentary by The Hennegan Brothers (as they bill themselves, like a trapeze act) about the run-up to, and the actual run-ning of, the 132nd Kentucky Derby. Their focus falls primarily on the trainers, although, a bit blindered, not on the actual training; and their assemblage of interviews and intimate 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 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, THROUGH 5/1)





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#### LADY BOTOX Film critic, soberingconclusion.com

The 2006 re-release of David Lynch's *Dune* contains both the extended version that you could previously only see on TV and the original theatrical release. This is an amazing movie staring Kyle McLaughlin, Sean Young, Patrick Stewart, and Sting, and written by Frank Herbert. The DVD also has good documentaries on special effects, miniature models, and wardrobe.

If you're in the mood for something more refined, try *Titus*. This modern-day take on Shakespeare's play is visually stunning and perfectly cast.

Finally, try the documentary series *Planet Earth*. The Discovery Channel took years to film this epic exploration of Earth; the result is stunning. From the beauty of underground caves and forests to the danger and excitement of watching a shark launch after a seal, this series is truly entertaining and far beyond educational.

DUNE (USA) 1984, Universal List price: \$27.98 TITUS (USA/England) 1999, 20th Century Fox List price: \$14.98 PLANET EARTH (England) 2007, BBC List price: \$79.98 (five discs)



Deep Blue Sea

HUNGRY HANK Founder and film critic, soberingconclusion.com

The Lookout, last year's most underrated film, combines excellent acting (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jeff Daniels, Matthew Goode), a smart script, and good direction. I wish more films would try that. Oh, and it has Isla Fisher as the beautiful Luvlee Lemons. Need I say more?

What do you get when Samuel L. Jackson delivers a killer monologue about ice, LL Cool J plays a chef, and the Punisher (Thomas Jane) is all that stands between you and three genetically altered, hyperintelligent sharks? *Deep Blue Sea*, that's what.

Leprechaun in the Hood is the fifth in the masterful film series that is the Leprechaun franchise. This one sets Warwick Davis loose on some wannabe rappers. There's also a cameo by Ice-T, which is never something to miss — especially if he's going to pull weapons out of his afro. And, yes...the Leprechaun does spit a few rhymes.

#### **THE LOOKOUT** (USA) 2007, Miramax List price: \$19.99

DEEP BLUE SEA (USA) 1999, Warner Home Video List price: \$14.98 LEPRECHAUN IN THE HOOD (USA) 2000, Lionsgate List price: \$9.98 Flanet Terror

POWER SURGEON

Film critic, soberingconclusion.com

Here's a Robert Rodriguez threepack. His films always have energy, action, and hot women — a perfect combination. *Desperado* brought him into the American cinema zeitgeist (since many had never heard of *El Mariachi*). The film solidified Antonio Banderas as a star (until he married Melanie Griffith). It also has Danny Trejo throwing knives and Salma Hayek in the buff, which is okay by me.

From Dusk Till Dawn combines many of my favorite elements: vampires, gore, and Salma Hayek. Somehow, Rodriguez managed to make a film with Juliette Lewis worth watching, and there's nothing like Fred Williamson announcing that he was once in 'Nam.

While I liked Tarantino's half of *Grindhouse* better, Rodriguez's *Planet Terror* has great elements. It's campy, bloody, and have I mentioned he likes to cast beautiful women? The only thing I might recommend is that you shouldn't be eating or have just eaten a large meal.

DESPERADO (USA) 1995, Sony Pictures List price: \$14.94 FROM DUSK TILL DAWN (USA) 1998, Dimension List price: \$14.99 PLANET TERROR (USA) 2007, Miramax List price: \$19.95 (two discs)

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#### To get an online version of this column, a **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,

Jet Li), while fulfilling a prophecy of re-

turning 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. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDID0 16; FASHION

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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 serious composer, cranking out mood music for a network crime drama when he would rather be devoting his time to a *Dracula* stage musical. (When, that is, he's not devoting his time to eating Fruit Loops out of a mixing bowl on the couch.) The 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 carried on living my life") and Paul Rudd's dopehead surfer ("When life gives you lemons, just say 'Fuck the lemons' and bail") are funny enough for skit-level comedy, but scarcely for comedy of character. Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Ionah 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 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay — Stoner comedy (the sequel), with delusions of political comment, possibly admissible as scientific evidence of brain damage. John Cho, Kal Penn, Neil Patrick Harris; co-written and co-directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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 SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

I'm Not There — Todd Havnes blows another cloud of mist into the mystique of Bob Dylan. The filmmaker, who once enlisted Barbie dolls to tell the Karen Carpenter story, now borrows a gimmick used by Todd Solondz in *Palindromes*, employing a rotation of dissimilar actors to play a single role, a multiplication of a gimmick used by Luis Buñuel in That Obscure Object of Desire. (Not a gimmick, in other words, exclusive to filmmakers named Todd.) The fact that Bob Dylan is a real person and a public figure, about whom we may have our own ideas, further complicates matters, and it is easy to lose track of the subject of the film when we are looking at a prepubescent black boy, Marcus Carl Franklin, hopping freight trains in Depression-period hobostyle, or looking at Richard Gere in granny glasses on horseback in the era of the model-T, and all the easier when they are masquerading under the aliases of Woody Guthrie and Billy the Kid, respectively. The songs in the film (sometimes sung by Dylan himself, sometimes by others) leave no doubt as to the protagonist's identity, and no doubt as to his uniqueness, but between the half-dozen different faces and pseudonyms, the film seems to be not so much about the "many lives of Bob Dylan" as about a half-dozen different lives altogether. The elusiveness of the man, the multifacetedness of him, would presumably be The Point, but that point could have been made more subtly: the dissimilarity of Marcus Carl Franklin and Richard Gere amounts to gross overstatement. Adding to the confusion is a visual patchwork stitched together out of grainy black-and-white, glossy black-and-white, jaundiced color, and peachy color (Edward Lachman, cinematographer), not even counting the diverse cinematic allusions, catch them if you

can, to Fellini, Godard, Peckinpah. With Christian Bale (who gets the speaking voice, the cadence, just right), Cate Blanchett (who additionally, cross-dressingly, gets the look just right), Ben Winshaw, Heath Ledger, and Charlotte Gainsbourg. 2007. ★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/2)

Iron Man — Superhero fantasy with Robert Downey, Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, and Gwyneth Paltrow, directed by Jon Farreau. (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 SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 5/2)

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; GASLAMP 15)

The Life before Her Eyes — Parallel plotlines framed 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 be tween 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. Adapted from a novel by Laura Kasischke; directed by the House of Sand and Fog man, Vadim Perelman; and sharply photographed by Pawel Edelman. 2008

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Made of Honor — Romantic comedy starring Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan, directed by Paul Weiland. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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; FROM 5/2)

My Blueberry Nights — The first American film of Wong Kar-wai and the acting debut of pop singer Norah Jones 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 white-trash accents of Rachel Weisz and Natalie Portman. 2008. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 5/1)

**My Brother Is an Only Child** — Italian coming-of-age tale, spanning the Sixties and Seventies, directed by Daniele Luchetti. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/2)

**Never Back Down** — A teenage Tom Cruise impersonator (Sean Faris) risks his pretty face in after-school Mixed Martial Arts, a self-labelled "quick learner" looking for retribution against the class bully. The filmmakers show their interest by continually changing the level of color saturation as if fiddling with the settings on a TV remote. With Amber Heard, Cam Gigandet, and Djimon Hounsou; directed by Jeff Wadlow. 2008.

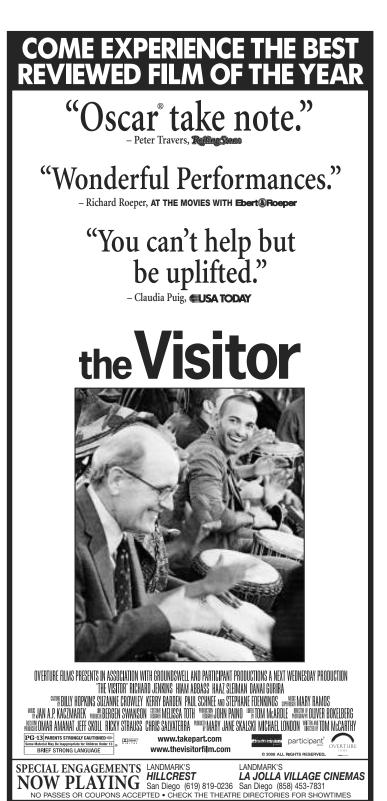
• (SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 5/2)

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; SAN MAR-COS 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. ★★ (HILCREST CINEMAS)



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**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. • (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Smart People — Dennis Quaid, Sarah Jessica Parker, Thomas Haden Church, and Ellen Page in an indie misfit comedy in an academic setting, which enables the viewer to feel more virtuous when not laughing than when not laughing at a low-brow Hollywood comedy: "My fun's just a little more cerebral than your fun." (Anyone not fed up with Ellen Page in *Juno* ought to have ample opportunity.) As well as in fewness of laughs, it can match most any mainstream comedy in manyness of pop songs. Noam Murro directed, Mark Jude Poirier wrote, first-timers both. 2008. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18:

FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Street Kings — Director David Ayer, from an original story by James Ellroy, stages a dirty-cop mud wrestle, strident, obvious, hyperbolic, and hypocritical, one cop dirtier than another, one actor badder than another, making Dirty Harry look, in relation, like new-fallen snow and making Clint Eastwood look like God. The 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 SION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

**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 blackiack. 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 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

88 Minutes

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.

(MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Visitor — Deep absorption, at the 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. 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, Muslims both. 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. The film takes a dire turn before the halfway point with an illustration of Racial Profiling and the incarceration of the happy-golucky street musician in a detention center for illegals: a bit of hot topicality to give the story Relevance, Significance, Importance. That notwithstanding, 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 affecting. 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. Written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2008 ★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/2; HILLCREST

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## **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

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#### CENTRAL

#### CLAIREMONT

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#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Baby Mama (PG-13); Deception (R); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R): Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Nim's Is-

Band (PG)

Gaslamp 15 701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

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Horton Plaza 14 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) The Bank Job (R); Deception (R); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Iron Man (PG-13); Nim's Island (PG); Prom Night (PG-13); The Ruins (R); Smart People (); 10,000 B.C. (PG-13)

#### LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30; Deception (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:35, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55 Sun. 2:35, 5:20, 8:05, 10:35; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:35, 10:20 Sun. 7:35, 10:15; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45; **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:25, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50 Sun. 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40; **Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 12:30, 2:15, 3:05, 4:55, 5:40, 7:30, 8:20, 10:10, 11:00 Sun. 12:30, 2:15, 3:05, 4:55, 5:40, 7:30, 8:20, 10:10; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:00) 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 11:00) 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:45; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; **Nim's Island** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05

#### La Jolla Village

AS79 Vila La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) A Clockwork Orange (R); Body of War (Not Rated); Caramel (PG); Smart People (); The Visitor (PG-13); Young @ Heart (PG)

#### MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18 10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

#### MISSION HILLS

**Cinema Under the Stars** 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Breakfast at Tiffany's; Casablanca

#### MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 Call theater for program information

**Mission Valley 7** 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Baby Mama (PG-13); Deception (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); **21** (Pg-13)

#### **Mission Valley 20**

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Call theater for program information

#### STATE UNIVERSITY

**Ken** 4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Alexandra** (Not Rated)

UPTOWN Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) 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, THROUGH 5/1)

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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.

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## **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; **My Brother Is an Only Child**

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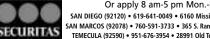
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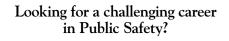
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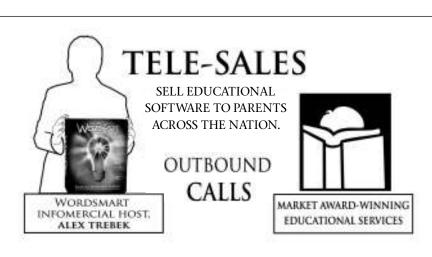
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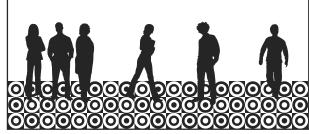
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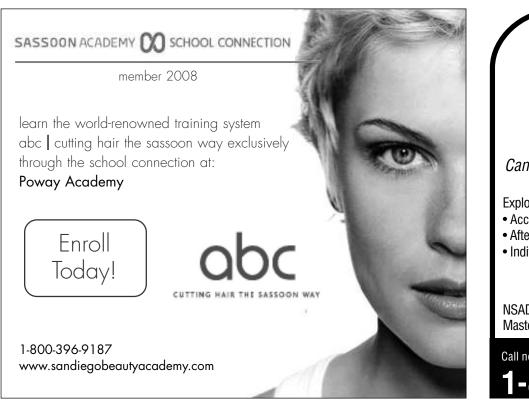
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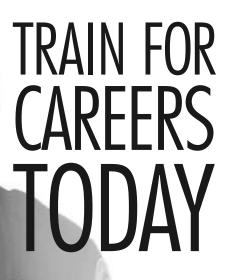
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46. "Family Ties" actress Meredith

51. 1993 Attorney General nominee

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42. Crew implement

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54. Lucas knight

58. Proof word

61. "The Company"

55. Style

62. Owns

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- 6. Pushover
- 10. Actress Grier
- 13. Anchor man?
- 15. WWII general Bradley
- 16. \_\_\_\_ carte 17. 1971 Beatty title role
- 18. Friendly
- 19. Write
- 20. Band with the 1983 hit "One Thing Leads to Another'
- 22. Spiral in space
- 24. Math subi
- 25. Weather Channel topic 28. Eat home cooking
- 30. Casual denials
- 34. 2005 Oscar winner for Best
- Actor 38. White house
- 39. Bakerv lures
- 40. King Minos, for one
- 41. 6
- 42. What most people believe 45. Object of devotion
- 46. Knock down, as a door
- 47. Loved by
- 49. Stately trees
- 53. Old Navy rival
- 56. Offerings from Dr. Ruth (or what to find at the ends of 20-,
- 22-, 34-, 42- and 53-Across)
- 59 \_ Speedwagon
- 60. Rash reaction?
- 63. Destiny 64. Contribute
- 65. 1977 silver screen princess
- 66. Not poisonous
- 67. Word after sweetie or cutie
- 68. Eventful times
- 69. Speak highly of

### Down

- 1. Cellar, in real estate ads
- 2. Marina sight
- 3. Kitchen gadget
- 4. 11th century Norwegian king
- 5. "Don't worry about it"6. "Man alive!"
- 7. Britney Spears' "
- 8. Place for doodles
- 9. Corp. image maker
- 10. Father
- 11. What the "A" stands for in

Slave 4 U"

- 35-Down
- 12. Umpteen
- 14. T. \_\_\_\_
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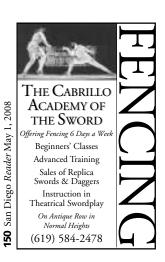
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spent the night in a frat house. It I spent the night in a nat notest. was at San Diego State. I don't know how it is now, but this was back when women weren't allowed to stay overnight. I didn't get caught. Well, not by school officials or anything. A few of the other guys did see me, though. It was only that one time that I can remember.



Stefano Fontana Student La Jolla

₹es. I have been to a gay club. I I didn't know what it was when I walked in. I think I realized right away and left within five seconds. There's also this beach in Bellagio. Not the Las Vegas one, the real one. George Clooney bought the house there, and now, nobody is allowed on it. We'll walk on the beach and security starts yelling at us, and we just tell them we're leaving.

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### Erica Sievert

Student El Cajon snuck into the movies once. I was I snuck into the movies once. dragged me in there. We had just gotten out of one show, and another one was starting. It was so many years ago that I don't remember the movie now. And I'll only admit this because she talked me into doing it.



 $M_{artin}\,W_{ierschin}$ Software Engineer Mira Mesa

was in Thailand getting a massage. I was in Thailand getting a muse of Nothing kinky. I was with my wife. I didn't know it was some thing for the blind. It was odd. They were yelling at children during the massage. I wasn't sure what a traditional Thailand massage should even be, but it was extremely awkward. It was super cheap. Everything there is. We had a bungalow on the beach for \$10 a night. But, during the massage, I just wanted to get out of there. I left after 30 minutes.



Ben Parcher Consultant Golden Triangle

Starbucks! Oh, and a bar mitzvah. Actually, there was a wedding that I really crashed. A girl caught my attention. I said I was serving. When I asked for a drink, the bartender asked me to pay. She eventually caught on. This was in Coronado City Hall. They have weddings there by the waterfront.

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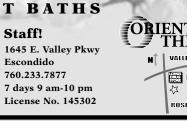
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visit WextordLiving.com. CHULA VISTA. \$775/month. \$250 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laun-dry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084. CHULA VISTA. \$825. All utilities included. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet and paint, on-site laundry and parking. 540 Flower Street #9. Call Krista at 619-425-5451 or Rachael at

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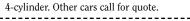
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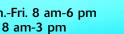
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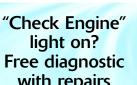
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### LEAD STORY

 Update: Experimental "natural orifice" surgery might be health care's next big thing following its U.S. introduction last year at Columbia University (as reported also in "News of the Weird"), where doctors removed a woman's diseased gall bladder not by an abdominal incision but through her vagina. In March, doctors at UC-San Diego Medical Center removed a woman's appendix through her vagina, and a man's through his mouth. (A microscopic camera must be inserted through the abdomen, however, to guide the surgeons.) Pain and healing time are usually less than half that of ordinary surgery, but the risk of internal infection is greater. The next step, doctors say, will be removing kidneys through the anus.

### **Government in Action!**

 A Maryland governmental fund created to assist "innocent" victims of violent crime has paid out nearly \$1.8 million since 2003 to injured (or deceased) "drug dealers, violent offenders and other criminals," according to an investigation by the

Baltimore Sun published in March. Burial expenses were awarded for a carjacker, a victim of an intergang killing and a sex offender who was fatally beaten in prison. The Maryland courts have ruled that as long as the applicant was not engaged in a crime at the time he was injured, he must be considered for an award.

The Associated Press reported in March that "dozens" of locked-up sexual predators are receiving federal aid to take mail-order college courses through Pell grants, even though prison inmates normally are ineligible. Sex offenders who have completed their sentences but are held for "treatment" are not technically "prisoners," and many have spent their stipends on "living expenses" such as DVD players, in that they have no "room and board" expenses.

### **Police Blotter**

- Latest Police Chases: In Ocala, Fla., in March, Bret Wass, 28, scrambling from police investigating a sexual battery, commandeered a tow truck and drove away, even though the truck had a car hooked onto it; during the chase, he hit the patrol car and was captured on foot nearby. Police in Osaka, Japan, mobilized in January to apprehend fugitive Hirofumi Fukuda, 27, who was wanted for assaulting an officer (which tends to get the attention of fellow officers). By the end of the two-hour episode, a helicopter and 460 patrol cars, involving 2240 law-enforcement officers, were on the case.

#### What Goes Around, Comes Around

- Thirty years ago, before Wal-Mart became an international giant, a small video company made a "handshake" deal to shoot promotional footage of the firm's executives and was given free rein within the company. It made 15,000 tapes, including many, inevitably, showing Wal-Mart leaders in awkward situations. In 2006, an incoming Wal-Mart executive decided to end the relationship, devastating Flagler Productions' bottom line, and to compensate, the company began offering to research its library for historians and, more notably, litigants suing Wal-Mart on product safety, employ-

### ment and union-busting issues. According to an April Wall Street Journal report, a treasure trove of embarrassing moments is available.

### **People Different From Us**

 Even though 20 states outlaw keeping monkeys as pets, the Humane Society of the U.S. estimates that there are 15,000 privately owned primates, with at least 200 Floridians licensed for pet capuchins, according to an April Orlando Sentinel report. Since experts warn that the animals are biters and scratchers and are very aggressive when agitated, the Sentinel asked what accounts for their popularity. Said the editor of Monkey Matters magazine, it's their humanlike features and owners' desire to dress them up. "Believe me," said the editor, "if people could get their cats [into] outfits, a lot of those cats would be wearing outfits."

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### **Thirty Years Ago**

Jack Ford, son of the former president, will soon make his home in San Diego. The 26year-old Ford, who first visited San Diego during vacation breaks from Utah State University, where he majored in forestry, says he would purchase a place of his own in the Encinitas area within a few months.

Young Ford has a share of the Del Mar-Rancho Santa Fe News-Press, a weekly paper owned by George Gorton, a GOP fundraiser. Co-publisher Ford says he's actively involved with the paper and spends his weekends supervising the News-Press staff. (He's still "dabbling" with Jann Wenner's Outside magazine, where he serves as "assistant to the publisher.")

-CITY LIGHTS: "FORD FINDS PARKING SPACE IN SAN DIEGO," Paul Krueger, May 4, 1978

### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

When Ms. Widmer described ("Three for Tijuana," April 7) the hills surrounding Tijuana as "romantic," we should have known better. If Ellie-baby thought that the dim lights shining out from the homes of the abjectly poor were charming, then it's only natural that she went gaga over her latest T.J. find.

The meal transcended what is commonly

called "bad food"; it became for us, at the very least, the archetype of Evil Cooking, something over which Plato would have gotten all misty-eyed, something of which Pythagoras would have been proud. It was all this, except it lacked the conviction of a truly Faustian malevolence and so remained merely benevolent dreck.

Eleanor, honey, get a *real* job.

-LETTERS: "THE GRIM WOOZIES," Randy Opincar and friends Scott, Tim, Nadine, Jay, Peter, and Bernard, May 5, 1983

### **Twenty Years Ago**

Richard Meltzer's contribution to "This Is San Diego" in the April 28 issue is a remembrance of youthful fun during a visit here in 1969. In it he recalls his elation in just having beaten the draft in the days of Vietnam.

Mr. Meltzer's gifted prose is reminiscent of what is described in a First World War poem by Wilfred Owen.

- Douglas Sharpe, May 5, 1988

### **Fifteen Years Ago**

Where Moore reveals her over-reaching theme of men-as-villains, though, is not only in her patronizing title and subtitle ("Men will be boys"), but in a paragraph that clarifies her

labored "ironies" concerning the death of Mary Jo Kopechne, the woman killed in a car accident while on her way to a one-night stand with Teddy Kennedy. Moore proposes this unlikely saint as a cautionary example to "women with scant experience of men," implying that no man should be trusted (all men get drunk, drive off bridges, and leave their dates to drown).

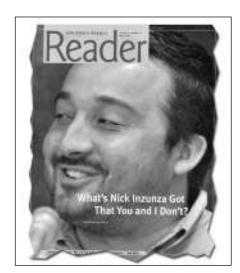
-LETTERS: "IS THERE ANY SELF-PITYING POSE TOO HYPOCRITICAL EVEN FOR CONTEMPORARY AMERI-CAN WOMEN?" Paul Johnston, May 6, 1993

#### **Ten Years Ago**

On July 2, Vice President Al Gore came to San Diego for my fundraiser, I raised over \$100,000, and I got to ride in a vice presidential motorcade. I got to watch Al Gore inhale a chocolate cake. It was a grand day and evening, but it did not come easy.

The Gore event almost didn't come off at all, because host Chuck Davenport nearly pulled the plug. If you guessed that the problem was with Congressman Bob Filner — the Grand Canyon of assholes — you win a free, one-way trip with Bob to the Aleutian Islands.

FROM THE POLITICAL CRYPT," Peter Navarro, May 7, 1998



San Diego Reader, May 1, 2003

#### **Five Years Ago**

Russell says he's been selling off his units to Nick Inzunza, offering him extremely favorable terms in the bargain. Since 1995, records show, Russell has deeded eight separate parcels of real estate scattered around Barrio Logan and environs to Inzunza, purchased by the National City mayor for a total of about \$2 million.

— "WHAT'S NICK INZUNZA GOT THAT YOU AND I DON'T?" Matt Potter, May 1, 2003

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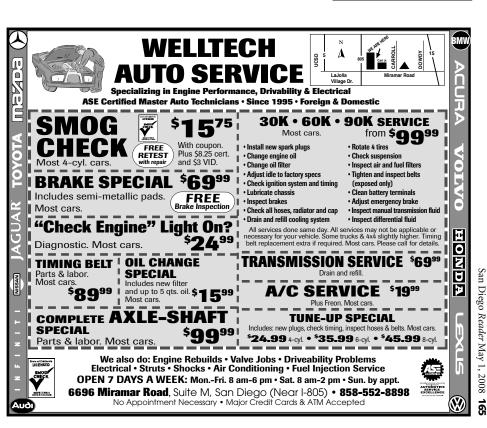
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weighs all of 70 pounds. He wears pretty much the same outfit every day: sandals caked in dust, an ill-fitting pair of brownish shorts, a faded yellow T-shirt with short sleeves running halfway down his skinny forearms, and occasionally he gussies himself up with a fashionably frayed Nike hat. He is daring, cunning, and cocky as hell. Oh, yeah, worst of all, he's bored; incredibly bored, all day, every day. There is no iPod, no Facebook, and no World of Warcraft (sadly, there is its nasty older brother, real war). But Simon makes do; kids can find entertainment just about anywhere.

He knows a veritable smorgasbord is harbored with the Marines stationed at a guard tower near his home. A roving sentry drops off food there pretty regularly while they are on duty, which is all the time. Simon also knows the guards tend to bore quickly when scanning the sleepy nearby town with binoculars. What does he have to do to snag some good food or something to drink? The answer is simple: merely out-wait his well-armed

### benefactor.

Simon begins by positioning himself a comfortable distance away from the perimeter; no sense tripping any of the sentinel's mental alarms. Better to play it cool at this point, otherwise he risks starting off on the wrong foot. He creeps cautiously up the only dirt road leading toward the tower and lets loose with his opening salvo: "Mister! How are you?" This comes out sounding something like "Mistah, how arra joo?" and — although perfectly understood by the guard — yields no response. The Marine knows not to respond quickly; if he does, then dozens of kids will pop out of the woodwork and swarm him, an unacceptable security risk. Instead, he waits, slightly more alert now to any other distractions.

Having made the first move, Simon sits back on his haunches and traces figures in the dust; he also knows not to expect much from the first round. This is a delicate dance, after all, and he is the one leading. After about two minutes or so without a response, Simon stands back up, shuffles a few feet forward, and shouts out the same question. Despite the Marine's silence, the cycle continues to repeat. After close to a half-hour of this game, Simon now stands within 30 meters (i.e., obvious earshot) of the post. Finally his juvenile patience begins to wear thin and he stays standing after each call, head cocked slightly to the right, left hand resting on his hip. That he doesn't leave after the initial dust-drawing phase lets the guard know this kid means business.

As the cyclic pathos unfolds, the Marine calculates a few factors in his head while ostensibly continuing to watch out for suspicious behavior. What is the status of his provisions? How many hours left does he have? Is he really that hungry or thirsty at this point? Is it hot enough that he will be later? These considerations are weighed against one another and then the current emotional state is factored in; an intense process, yet he betrays no sign of these machinations. On the surface, a stern countenance gazes outward and ignores the boy's shrill hail. After close to an hour,



Simon defiantly stands in the harsh haze of the mid-afternoon sun, repeating his call with flagging enthusiasm. The Marine is that much closer to getting off and all the happier for it; his perception of time speeds up as he rounds this shift's final mental corner and hits the home stretch. Soon he will be back with the other guys, no flak jacket on, maybe even in an air-conditioned building! His mind leaps from happy thought to happy thought, each one lightening his burden slightly. Even so, he is stiflingly hot, drenched in sweat, and very aware of his blood circulating, particularly through his armpits; something about the way the body armor sits. Slowly he shifts his body weight, feeling the soreness in his shoulders and lower back, and pauses

to exhale slowly. Behind dark sunglasses, his eyes swing toward the small table where the logbook and his gear are laid out. Simon's cry, now bereft of hope, echoes across the dead space between them.

A can launches out into the air, spinning end over end and flashing in the sunlight. Simon reacts without thinking, catching the prize in close to his body, almost caressing it for a moment before wiping off the condensation with his shirt. He moves to pop the top, thinks better of it, looks up at the impassive guard for a moment, and quickly turns around, sprinting off to a safer place. The Marine wipes the sweat off his forehead, picks the binoculars back up, and resumes scanning the horizon, the faintest hint of a smile on his face.

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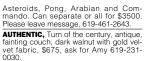
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### THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE ABC 8:00 P.M.

The Chronicles of Suck: Sucks Like Two Sucking Machines Operated by a Qualified Suck Technician from the Technical Institute of Suck.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 CNN NEWSROOM CNN 7:00 P.M.

I'm really torn on this whole presi-

dential campaign. On the one hand, I really want to know what a superdelegate is, but on the other hand, I don't want to listen to someone who knows what a superdelegate is. Anyone who knows what a superdelegate is must have an oily mustache with little droplets of milk on it. And it's probably a woman. And you know she's a total pervert. Only milkmustached pervert women would know what a superdelegate is, and

I don't have the strength. I just don't.

### MONDAY, MAY 5 BONES

FOX 8:00 P.M.

So, the guy who was Angel was at one time a taxi driver, then it was discovered that he was Angel. I wish he'd drive cabs again so I could hop in and say, "Angel! Take me to Fourth and Broadway, step on it, and spout lines from Buffy while we go! And NOT from the last season when they introduced Buffy's fake little sister, Dawn. Pronto, Angel! Pronto!"

### TUESDAY, MAY 6 HELL'S KITCHEN FOX 9:00 P.M.

It's my birthday! I'm not joking; it really is. I'm going to get loaded on barbiturates, smear my naked body with cake, rubber-band sparklers to my head, and see how far I can run before I'm arrested. My goal is to make it to the panda cage at the zoo. Here I come, Ping Ping, you fat, lazy, black-and-white fuzzy bastard!

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 FARMER WANTS A WIFE

### CW 9:00 P.M.

Oh, yeah, this is what we needed. Well, if it'll keep women from run-

Farmer Wants a Wife

### THURSDAY, MAY 8 CAN YOU DUET? CMT 8:00 P.M.

My new favorite thing to say for when someone cracks one off is, "Did my grandma just walk through here or did you open a treasure chest?"

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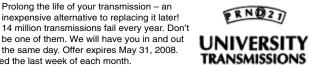
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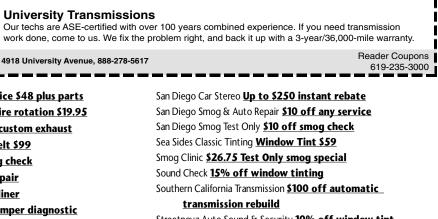


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I was again onstage at Like Young in Chicago's Old Town in 1967, wearing gold lamé bell-bottoms.

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

ZZ Top, those Southern Dukes of Riff Rock, will be at Harrah's Rincon Casino a week from this Saturday night, the tenth. I'd like to go, but it is a bit more bother for me to get there than it's worth. I always liked them, but they trigger memories of an unfortunate ex-brotherin-law; and while that isn't their fault, it makes me wonder who else I might boycott simply because of some random association.

A better and more convenient bet would be the following Wednesday at the Casbah. Steve Poltz, Joey Harris, and Mojo Nixon are a wacky triumvirate pretty much guaranteed to crack me up while I catch some excellent guitar playing under Nixon's incorrigible jackass antics. Nixon, a rudimentary and okay, mostly acoustic player, will, I imagine, be fronting two more accomplished musicians whom I know somewhat and like. I've met Mojo as well, and he seemed very much unlike his Don-Henley-Must-Die persona. More the kind of guy once referred to as "a swell gent." Yesiree, Bob, this trio spells entertainment! I hope the Casbah feels free to lift that quote and use it as a blurb for an ad. My tribute to Peter Travers.

I'm writing this on a Saturday morning and thinking, already nostalgically, about last night, hobbling around Hillcrest on only one crutch now. (Yes, yes, the whining; at least that will be coming to an end soon.) I'm not a nostalgic man usually, but the older one gets, the more difficult it is to avoid that indulgence. Nostalgia, not whining. After all, the brain cells — what are left — are largely occupied with what has happened, pretty much edging out, at any given moment, what is happening now and almost thoroughly eclipsing what's going to happen next.

My memory bank, like Paul McCartney's (oh, the parallels are endless), is almost full and contains a freaking lot of music and memories surrounding the listening to or the performance or creation of same. The jukebox at the City Delicatessen at Sixth Avenue and University was laying in wait for me last night; its contents a diabolically conceived minefield of music, each song selected like individual bits of shrapnel to be detonated in a chronologically primed memory bank. Here are just some of its contents waiting for a single quarter.

Satisfaction, Under My Thumb, and Jumpin' Jack Flash, the Stones: Green Onions, Booker T. and the MGs; Don't Be Cruel, Hard Headed Woman, Elvis; How High the Moon, Les Paul and Mary Ford; Mickey's Monkey, Tracks of My Tears, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Rebel Rouser, Duane Eddy; How Sweet It Is, Marvin Gaye; She's a Woman, the Beatles; Walk Right In, the Rooftop Singers; Sleepwalk, Santo and Johnny (I know, but stay with me); Boom Boom, the Animals; and Crystal Blue Persuasion, Tommy James and the Shondells.

The corned beef sandwiches aren't as thick as they used to be at City Deli, but it is still a damned good American menu. The jukebox (a modern reproduction of some beautiful art deco monstrosity with little booth installation satellites around the room) would have to be in the top three best of anywhere in San Diego. I did not have to sink a single quarter. The titles alone were Proustian madeleines, and other patrons were thoughtful enough to ply the jukebox for me. Without intending to, I was staring through my paperback copy of Joseph Conrad's Victory, not comprehending a word. Instead, I was in the backseat of a 1959 Rambler in an abandoned airfield outside of Antioch, Illinois, in 1966, reeking of gin, my face plastered with the transferred lipstick of Colleen Skow. Then, during Boom, I was again onstage at Like Young in Chicago's Old Town in 1967, wearing gold lamé bell-bottoms. During Jumpin' Jack Flash, I was experimenting (in my lab coat) with LSD at the Kinetic Playground, again in Chicago, in '68.

It was not long before I began to detect a personality behind the jukebox selections. One growing suspicion was that the author or editor of this electric (if not all that eclectic) anthology was a guitarist. The first clue was the inclusion of Les Paul. The suspicion grew to certainty by the quality of rock guitar work not necessarily solos - on so many of the offerings. Many of these singles were songs I imitated in my earliest guitar years.

I have written, here and elsewhere, about my lifelong love affair with the (mostly) electric guitar and my conclusion over the years that I was good, maybe very good, but not great. Accompanying that thought was the certainty that this was common among white men my age. I drew guitar configurations on my notebooks in grade school and high school. To lull myself to sleep, I imagine holding, say, a Gretsch Country Gentleman, focusing on the mere feel of it rather than any



riff or chord pattern specifically. This is often followed by dreams of trying to wrench music out of a melting, flawed, broken, or otherwise impossible instrument disintegrating in my hands. Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar, and I don't think these dreams have much to do with waning sexuality. I've had them for decades.

I wonder how many others share this syndrome. Once at Centre City Music I asked Saul, an owner, "Who pays several thousand dollars for those beautiful, double neck, ivory Les Paul SGs with 12- and 6-string necks, or the exact reproduction of Jimmy Page's guitar complete with pick scratches where Page's are?" His answer more or less was that they tended to be guys my age making a lot of money in law, real estate, software, etc. Not professional musicians.

It may be odd to write a column inspired by the jukebox in a regionally famous local diner, but I've written odder things. Here's a Friday night for middle-aged white guys who might have related to the preceding paragraphs: dinner at City Deli, then, if it's still playing at Landmark Hillcrest, see Young at Heart. On the free pass I picked up here in Hillcrest, there's a photo of two, age-gnarled hands knitting a wool sweater to fit snugly on a Fender Stratocaster. The sub-head reads, "Rock 'n Roll Will Never Die." I haven't seen the movie yet, but it piques my curiosity. I'm sure Peter Travers has good things to say about it. If it sucks, my apologies. Afterward, try the famous pastries at City Deli and a cup of coffee. While not absolutely necessary, and depending on how the movie leaves you feeling, you might want to bring a roll of quarters.

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