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BREAKING NEWS

Mystery meat Some San Diego city hall insiders are expecting the investigation announced



this week by mayor **Jerry Sanders** of that controversial Otay Mesa Blackwater training facility to be a whitewash. Exhibit number one, they argue, is the identity of one of Blackwater's long-time lobbyists: **Nikki Clay** of the downtown firm of Carpi & Clay, which she runs with her husband Ben, a

Jerry Sanders

well-known lobbyist for local government agencies, including the county and port of San Diego. According to city disclosure filings, Nikki Clay registered as a Blackwater lobbyist on July 14, 2006; she continued that status all through 2007, the statements say. In September of last year, Nicole Clay gave \$320 to the Sanders re-election bid. The year before, she gave \$250 to "San Diegans for City Hall Reform," a Sanders political committee. But Ben Clav savs that his wife's advocacy work was limited to Blackwater's nowabandoned plan to build a 700-acre training facility in Potrero, an unincorporated area of the county, and had nothing to do with the company's Otay Mesa project within the city limits. The city registration, Clay adds, was made "in the abundance of caution" because Blackwater trainees might have come from the San Diego Police Department. A source says that several so far unidentified lawyers were Blackwater's lobbyists for the Otay Mesa center, but as of early this week, no one has come forward to file a lobbying statement for that project.

Indian givers The long-running dispute between the Barona Indians and their neigh-



bors over pumping water for the tribe's golf course apparently demanded a recent firsthand inspection by county supervisor **Ron Roberts**. On February 20, according to recently filed lobbying reports, Roberts was treated to a \$120 round of golf at the Barona

Ron Roberts

Creek Golf Club. San Diego city councilman **Jim Madaffer** didn't make out as well; on March 13, he settled for a meal worth \$10.48 at the Barona Valley Ranch Sage Café. Political guests of the Viejas tribe did a lot better. On February 20, Assemblyman **Tony Mendoza** chowed down at Sacramento's Chops steak-

house to the tune of \$62.94. On March 10, Demo-

cratic state senator **Ron Calderon** and staffer **Rocky Rushing** each netted an \$87.67 dinner at Sacramento's posh Spataro Ristorante. On March 6, assembly speaker-elect **Karen Bass** partook of a \$56.47 dinner at the tribe's Grove Steakhouse, as did her staffer,



Lori Saldaña

Marcus McKinney. On March 26, six staffers to Democratic assemblywoman Lori Saldaña lunched together at the Grove for \$35.59 each. ... Meanwhile, Sempra Energy, which is busy lobbying for a controversial power line that would run smack through the middle of Anza-Borrego state park, isn't above spreading around a few gastronomical pleasures of its own, including \$199.23 in food and beverages at L.A.'s Staples Center on March 30 for **Sheila Futch**, a staffer to Assemblywoman **Wilmer Amina Carter**, and a \$160.94 ticket, food, and beverage package at Staples for **Ricardo Lara**, district director for outgoing speaker **Fabian Núñez**. And Senator **Christine Kehoe**, powerful chair of the Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee, continued her long love affair with Verizon, sitting down at Sacramento's Mason's Restaurant on March 12 for a dinner valued at \$40 by the big utility.

Rock and rip EdVoice, that controversial Sacramento lobbying organization, has already rolled out at least two mailers on behalf of 78th District Democratic assembly candidate **Marty Block**, chairman of the board of the San Diego Community College District. According to a disclosure statement filed last

week with the secretary of state, the group has spent about \$20,000 on printing, postage, and design, includ-

ing a \$4000 fee to a yet-to-be-identified political consultant. As recounted here a few weeks ago, EdVoice is a favorite political vehicle of Los Angeles billionaire **Eli Broad** and other hyperwealthy individuals who lean to privatizing public schools as a cure for all that ails them. The EdVoice mail piece is said to be intended, in political parlance, to "chase" absentee voters, who cast their ballots early. Meanwhile, Block's campaign has also picked up a little rock-and-roll star power in the form of \$1000 from New York City's **William Zysblat**, whose outfit, RZO, LLC, has managed U2, **David Bowie**, the Police, and the Rolling Stones, among countless others. He's also given \$3600 to **Hillary Clinton**.... If your title

were "director of council affairs" for San Diego Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, you'd probably be going out on the town thanks to some local special interests. Sure enough, **Jaymie Bradford** went to the annual "Alonzo Awards" dinner last

Bradford went to the annual "Alonzo Awards" dinner last November courtesy of West-

field, the Australian company that owns the city's biggest shopping malls. Tab: \$65. And Bearing Point, the business consulting giant, forked over a \$150 ticket for Bradford to go to the San Diego Chamber of Commerce award dinner. The mayor's "chief of protocol", **Lynn Hijar**, got free admission to 20 events, including a \$150 October reception at the World Trade Center and a \$200 ticket to the February 2007 "Illuminada Gala", sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

— Matt Potter

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Will Angelenos, Zonies Stay Put This Year?

By Don Bauder

t's always said that San Diego tourism, the county's third-largest industry, is insulated from — if not immune to —

the average room rate has

moved up 2 percent to

\$137.79, but that doesn't begin

to keep up with reported infla-

recessions and high gas prices. When the economy sags and/or gas prices zoom, Angelenos and Zonies, in particular, cancel long trips and drive to San Diego for a vacation. Year after year, almost 70 percent of tourists come to San Diego by auto, and this socalled drive market bolsters the local economy. This year, however, there are signs that the old axiom might be shedding a bit of relevance.

According to statistics from Smith Travel Research, San Diego hotel occupancy is down 3.1 percent this year through March, compared with the same period last year. It was down 2.8 percent in March and 6.3 percent in February. Over the past year,

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tion. La Jolla hotel guru Jerry

Morrison says that the actual

inflation rate is much higher

than what the government

tells us - perhaps running

10 percent now. That means

the room rate should have moved up much more just to keep up with costs.

Occupancy rates are lagging throughout the nation, and the decline seems to be accelerating. Nationwide, occupancy was down 4.6 percent in March, and it's down 2.7 percent for the year to date. For both the nation and San Diego, the visitor numbers were off slightly last year.

"For a city so used to doing better and better and better, this might be a problem for us, although it is a little early to tell," says Morrison. And the



Crowne Plaza, Mission Valley Resort

drive market? "That's the old rule of thumb that may have worked five or ten years ago. I'm not sure it's working anymore. People are worrying *continued on page 8* -

Little Pay, Big Deal

By Joe Deegan

n April 21, local attorney Bob Ottilie went to the city council meeting with a Personnel Department list of salaries made

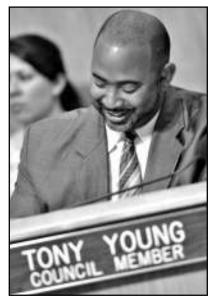
by city employees last year. That day the council would reverse a decision it had made the previous week to increase its members' total pay package by \$8499 to \$93,485, starting in January 2009.

According to the salary list, over 3200 city employees received pay (some amounts included overtime) in 2007 that was higher than the city council base salary of \$75,386. Pointing to the list, Ottilie observed that 1431 police officers, more than 80 percent of the force, received more than city council members' base pay. Councilmembers last year were also paid less than 746 firefighters, 31 lifeguards, and 16 librarians.

Councilmembers receive an additional car allowance of \$9600, bringing their total pay package to \$84,986, their taxable income. Even when the comparison is based on the higher figure, says Ottilie,

bers. This year, after three months of studying pay in other cities and the business world, as well as the city council's duties, the Salary Setting Commission proposed that the council add \$50,000 to its members' salaries over two years. Commission members reasoned in part that the increase is needed to attract highly qualified people from the private sector.

"This is not a pay raise," Ottilie said when he addressed the council. "When I worked on the Civil Service Commission, we used to call it a salary adjustment. What you do is, over time, when circumstances change and you determine that the position isn't being paid what it should be, you don't look at inflation or cost of living or other factors, you readjust the salary to the fact that now you're working 80 hours a week and you're making every significant deci-



Tony Young

when the mayor is calling for an increase in the budget of 13 percent."

Yet on April 15, the San Diego Union-Tribune ran a front-page story calling the increase a 24 percent raise. Writer Matthew Hall suggested that with the council's pay increase, two park supervisor positions could have been funded. The following day, a Union-Tribune editorial railed against the council's 24 percent increase.

Returning to Bob Ottilie's council address, however, the attorney noted that over 3000 is going to be demagogued, it's easily demagogued, and it's now been demagogued by the Union-Tribune in their news pages as well as their editorial pages. It's been misrepresented in the mayor's office as well."

The Union-Tribune's 24 percent story, Ottilie tells me later, "campaigned" against the city council pay increase. And that, he says, is allied with the paper's ongoing editorial attack on the body. "The fact that the city charter requires the salary issue to be brought to the city council is never



Bob Ottilie

story to a voluntary commis-

sion but never even mentions

the Salary Setting Commission's

name or role in the process.

council, 'Keep your car

allowance and add on \$50,000

over two years.' Then, when

the council met, [Council-

man] Ben Hueso said, 'Let's

do this instead. Let's get rid of

the car allowance but move it

over to salary.' They're not

making a dime more when

they do that, right? Then they

raised [the total package] 10

percent. That's how it was

phrased in the meeting -10

"Our commission told the



Ben Hueso

either that the commission said the council should not determine its own salaries, a recommendation never made by any previous commission. The council sent that recommendation back to the rules committee. There's no reference to that in the story," says Ottilie.

"But the thing that jumped out at me was that Hall said, by comparison, the raise would require the elimination of two park supervisors. How many times has the Union-Tribune reported that a fire department battalion chief knocking down over \$200,000 causes the elimination of a park supervisor? And it's not true of the council pay increase anyway. The increase will come out of established council money and won't affect the rest of the city's budget.

"But the story," Ottilie went on, "is a campaign piece against the increase. It could just as easily have said in the third paragraph, 'By comparison, the raise would still leave 1600 people in the city, including 2 librarians and 17 lifeguards, making more than the council.' Or it could have said, 'By comparison, similar management positions in the private sector pay between \$800,000 and \$1.3 million.' And then he says, 'Nobody else is getting raises.' Bullshit, nobody's getting raises. July 1, they're going to pay firefighters 5 pergoing to pay firefighters 5 per-cent more. And they just had continued on page 10 An archive of City Lights stories can now be searched on the Internet at SDReader.com



councilmembers earn less than 1600 city employees.

Ottilie is a member of the Salary Setting Commission. According to the city charter, the commission has the responsibility every even-numbered year of recommending by February 15 the salaries of the mayor and city council memsion in the city." In Ottilie's opinion, "We now have a strong city council form of government."

"The 10 percent increase you decided on last week," Ottilie continued, "was over four years, because you didn't get a raise two years ago. That's 2.5 percent per year at a time

of the employees who make more than city council members work under the mayor. "There is at a minimum," he said, "an appearance here that what the mayor wants is to keep his part of the city strong and weaken, year by year, your position relative to [his] office. [The city council salary] issue

mentioned in the article," says Ottilie. "Second, the initial salary recommendation came from a commission that looked at the subject over three months. We had more meetings and looked at more issues and more numbers than any commission in recent history. Hall makes a vague reference in his San Diego City Council meeting

percent. The motion passes five to three. Then Hall runs a story that says the council gave itself a 24 percent pay raise that was only slightly less than was recommended by a volunteer commission. But the amount was only [about \$8500].

"The story did not mention

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about losing their houses, their jobs; everything they touch costs more money. We could be in for interesting times in the hotel industry."

Employment in the local hotel/motel industry is holding up, but it's not holding up the entire economy, as in the past. Accommodation

jobs grew by only 0.6 percent between February and March, according to Employment Development Department figures. Over the past year, they were up only 1.9 percent.

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Hotel expert Bob Rauch is not so worried about 2008, because the government and Federal Reserve will pump things up in an election year, as they always do. But he is concerned about the following several years. He owns

the Homewood Suites by Hilton in San Diego–Del Mar and the Hilton Garden Inn in Torrey Hills. He is also chairman of the San Diego County Hotel-Motel Association and the San Diego North Convention & Visitors Bureau. And he teaches hospitality entrepreneurship at San Diego State. Rauch believes 32 million travelers will visit San Diego County this year, up from 31.4 million last year. Spending by those visitors will rise almost 4 percent to \$8.1 billion, but inflation should eat up that increase, and then some. The average room rate might rise only 3 or 4 percent — again, not keeping up with inflation. The U.S. Open golf tournament at Torrey Pines next month should bring some visitors, he says.

Year after year, attracting tourists is not San Diego's problem. Historically, "the

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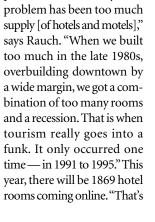
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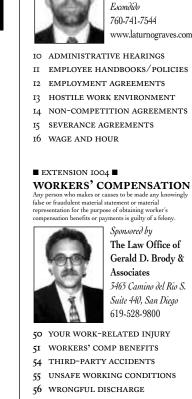
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only enough to drop occupancy [rates] by a couple of points."

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Election-year government spending and credit creation will bring a faux stability to the local and national economies this year, "but I do believe we will have a recession in 2009, and it might have impact for three years," says Rauch.

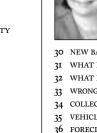
Skip Hull of CIC Research says this year should be "fairly flat with possibly some modest growth." One reason is that the drive market in Southern California alone holds a potential of 20 million visitors. The weak dollar makes it "more expensive to travel internationally. U.S. destinations for U.S. travelers look more inviting."

"Generally, we see a slight economic downturn. Not a lot," says Jack Giacomini, whose company operates the Crowne Plaza, Mission Valley Resort, and Hawthorn Suites, all in Mission Valley. "Our Crowne Plaza [formerly the Hanalei] is way ahead of last year and significantly ahead of budget." Overall, "It's too early to tell about next year, but advanced bookings are not slowing down. The airlines are not helping with all of their troubles, however. Where we are seeing cutbacks is in people not shopping as much or taking the lower-cost items in the restaurants. Premium wine sales are down a bit. Luxury amenities that go with a holiday or business trip are getting hit."

San Diego is not benefiting from the decline of the dollar against the euro. New York is getting that business. Says Morrison, "Europeans fly to New York for a couple or three days, go on a shopping trip. Everything they buy is so much cheaper. They fly home and are still ahead." Orlando might get some of that business, along with Los Angeles. "But there are no international flights to San Diego, so it's not happening so much here." The buck's decline against the Canadian dollar has not stimulated San Diego tourism that much either.

The strongest part of San Diego tourism is leisure travel. But the county is also a leading destination for business travel. "As the economy slows, and clearly the economy is slowing, one of the first things continued on page 10

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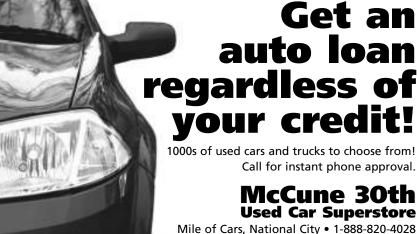
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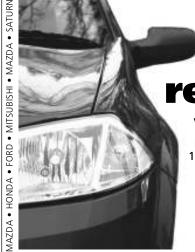
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University of Texas at San Antonio. Sanders is the author of a seminal 2005 study showing that convention centers are vastly overbuilt around the country. "Lots and lots of cities say, 'If we expand, we will get more business,' " thus exacerbating the glut, says

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Sanders. "San Diego and other cities are going to face a continuing level of very high competition and are likely to see their own attendance stall out or decline" in the economic recession or slowdown, he says. "San Diego is a prime destination and has been quite successful, but larger economic factors are going to impact everybody."

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Both Morrison and Sanders point out that San Diego's convention center puts out statistics that are often not credible. I, for one, have problems with the claim that the center's impact on the local economy was \$1.5 billion last year. (The multiplier effect gets stretched.) The impact is predicted to be \$1.6 billion this year. The center boasts that its activities filled 738,758 hotel rooms last year. "While the expansion was being discussed in the mid-1990s, the Convention Center Corporation put out a study that said that an expanded convention center would generate 980,000 nights a year," says Sanders. "That hasn't happened yet by their own numbers." Hull, however, says that the 738,758 number is low. Meeting planners are booking more rooms than their contracts specify. Since 600,000 attended events last year, and the average stay is three nights per delegate, the number "has to be well over a million room nights," he says.

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a raise three years ago. The police are going to get 6 percent."

During the April 21 council meeting, Fifth District councilman Tony Young picked up where Ottilie left off. Young has been the only councilmember to say forthrightly that he needs the salary increase. In commenting on the council's intention to reverse the increase of the week before, Young took aim at leadership. "Folks will look at this as a weak council," said Young. "If the media becomes a little disappointed or writes a nasty article about the council, then the council and its leadership seem to

acquiesce and bend that way. If the mayor decides that the increase is a bad idea and wants something that's in his interest, then it seems that the leadership of this council will bend

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to that will. "We should not be guided by what the mayor thinks is a bad idea. That's not how we should make our decision. The perception then is that the mayor says we can't do it, so we can't do it. That's absolutely contradictory to what we should be doing. We should be doing what we think is right.

"I think the [council's reversal] is not what's best for the city; it's what's best for individuals. We have people running for city attorney on this council. I won't be any part of it, and I won't reject the Salary Setting Commission's recommendation today," said Young.

"It's pretty clear the mayor understands the concept of paying individuals well for the job that they do. If you look at the leadership in that mayor's office right now, most of those people make much more than people here. It could be in the best interests of an incumbent mayor for our salaries to be low."

I take a look at the Personnel Department's employee salary list. Councilman Young seems to have a point. In the mayor's office, the city's chief operating officer earns \$207,309. His assistant earns \$152,315. Two deputy chief operating officers make \$150,010. The chief financial officer, \$150,010. ■

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Bones Everywhere

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Correction

In last week's "Surf Diego," the featured surfer's name was misspelled. The correct spelling is A.J. Bhowmik.

Correction

In Naomi Wise's April 24 review of the Farm House Cafe, chef Olivier Bioteau is quoted as saying that the owners of Cafe 2121 were evicted because they didn't pay the rent. According to them, that is not true.

It's Very Suspicious

Thank you, Matt Potter, for the info in "City Lights" ("Breaking News," May 1), but I wince when you say Francine Busby is a *failed* candidate. We in the Saver Vote coalition believe she won the election — she was polling 6 percent ahead of Bilbray — and it is telltale that the Republican House of Representatives swore him in before the election was certified, and Reep Registrar of Voters Mikel Haas delayed a recount. Val Sanfilippo

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Mission Hills Eroded

Good article on the continuing destruction of Mission Hills ("We Could End Up Looking Like Phoenix," Cover Story, April 17). Along with the Lark Street home, you could have included the corner of Arguello and Sunset, a "house" that resembles a medical center, and the monstrosity at the corner of Hawk and Barr Street, a white elephant that has totally destroyed the architectural integrity of the block. The destruction of a charming old shingle-sided Craftsman and the felling of a 100-year-old camphor tree, a community gathering place, accompanied the creation of this hideous structure. Rico Gardiner

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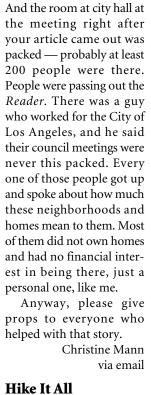
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Los Peñasquitos Canyon is nice, but don't stop at Black Mountain Road ("Roam-O-Rama," April 17). The canyon trail continues east. In another mile, you can come under the 15 bridge. On the right (south), you can see the road of an old stagecoach. The canyon is deep there. I think Kit Carson, his Indian, and Ned Beale hid there after the San Pasqual battle. They had to get to San Diego to tell of the bad battle. Kit went toward the mission, the Indian went down Peñasquitos to get to the Camino Real, and



Ned went straight toward Old Town. They all arrived and told of the disaster.

And the trail continues past Poway and on to the desert.

E. Dixon San Diego

Drop That Fig Leaf

Duncan Shepherd, in his review of the film Forgetting Sarah Marshall (April 17), asks why the penis is featured so prominently in the films of producer-director Judd Apatow. The reason is that Mr. Apatow has decided that the male member is one of the last unexplored frontiers in movies, and he is on a mission to explore that frontier, as revealed in a 2007 interview in (if memory serves) Time magazine. So if his mission is successful, it's only a matter of time before the fig leaf is dropped forever in Hollywood.

> Andrew Crane via email

Comments from Reader Website

Restaurant Review Published April 30

Posted by NW on May 1, 1:45 a.m.

A bit more research or first hand knowledge is usually needed if you're going to make educated statements as a journalist.

Being from Tashkent, please let me clear up a few things for you.

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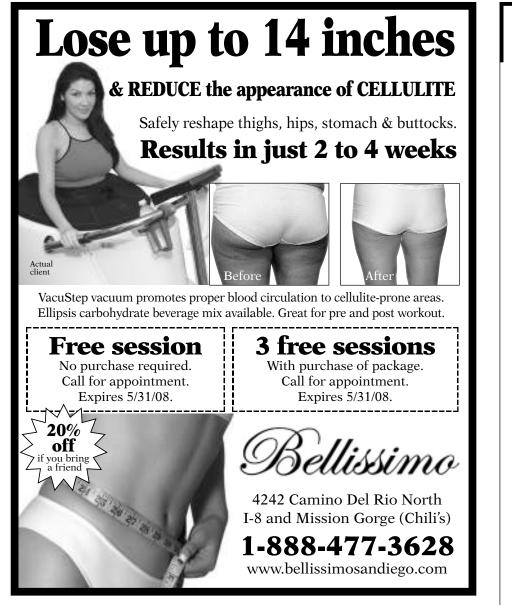
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



Dear Matt:

When I was a little girl, my mother always cut my hair in bangs, straight across my forehead. I was looking at some old pictures lately and suddenly wondered why that hairstyle is called bangs. I can't see that it has much to do with things blowing up.

— Ellen M, via email

Matthew:

Why are children's little banks always in the shape of pigs? I just bought a piggy bank, and it made me wonder. What does a pig have to do with saving money?

— Anonymous, San Diego

Matt:

I don't have flies in my fly, so why is the hole in the front of my pants called a fly? I won't dress again until you enlighten me.

— G. Andrews, via email

Thanks for the infestation report, G. Careful you're not arrested for appearing in flagrante nopantso. And while we were at it — approaching the Word Wonk Brigade — we figured we'd round up any others they might deal with. It's such a crafty, sly bunch and so generally disagreeable, we keep contacts to a minimum. Just slide the questions under their door and stand back until they shoot back their bizarre, vague, and/or useless answers.

Anyway, the scribblings we got back about the word *fly* are less cryptic than usual. They take the typical wander down definition-change lane, but this time they don't head off into the shrubbery as often as they have in the past. Seems the word *fly* is ancient and meant to float or drift about in the breeze. Later, wings were added to things that might fly, as in birds. Then all small airborne insects were called flies. Then it was broadened in the 19th Century to apply to anything (cloth, mainly) attached by one edge and left to whip around in the wind. Flags, f'rinstance. Tailors immediately picked up the term to apply to the flap of cloth modestly buttoned over the hole in the front on men's pants. The meaning's stuck.

While they were on the subject, the word nerds asked for a raise, which we'll carefully consider, then turn down. In fact, we were considering asking them to pay us for the luxury of having an office to go to every day. So, from flies to pigs. Not that big a leap, I guess. The Word Wonk word on piggy banks —or pygg jars or pig dishes, depending on how really, really old you are. The standard answer to this has to do with mud, of a sort. The orangey clay used by British potters to make household plates and containers. The stuff was called pygg. Okay, okay, you're way ahead of me now. Yes, people would put their spare pennies in a jug or bowl, which was commonly called a pygg jar or pygg bank. *Pygg* changed to *pig* around Shakespeare's time, and the household change-catcher became a pig bank. A British potter is credited with taking the term literally and creating a bank in the shape of a porker in the 19th Century. Piggy banks became popular in the U.S. after 1940, probably from cross-cultural contact during the war.

Asides and diversions: Maybe Britain shouldn't get all the credit. Centuries-old pigshaped banks have been found in the South Pacific. Germans made similar banks possibly because a pig stands for good luck and prosperity in that culture. Some too-free-thinkers say banks are shaped like pigs because you can feed pigs kitchen leftovers (like spare change), to fatten them is a good thing, and you have to slaughter them (smash open the bank) to reap the benefit. Not likely. These parallels undoubtedly came after the fact and weren't part of the first bank-maker's creative noodling before he had his light-bulb moment and grabbed a handful of pygg. So piggy banks don't really have anything at all to do with swine.

Someplace here I have pictures of the elves the day Grandma took them to the salon to have their hair cut in bangs. What a sideshow. Grandma figured if they got the hair out of their eyes, they'd be more helpful around the house, because they could see the trash and dirty dishes better. They looked like dozens of copies of Moe. What a hoot. They hid out and wore hats for weeks.

But anyway, bangs the haircut are related to bangs the noise firecrackers and slammed doors make. A tortured historical path, as you might imagine. Kind of like "fly," "bang" took on a looser and looser meaning as the decades rolled on. It's a word the Vikings brought to Britain, along with mayhem and bloodshed. It was the sound of a hammer or cudgel hitting wood. The Brits slowly flipped it to a verb as well as a noun, and it came to mean to strike violently and was most short, sharp, loud noises. The obviously handy word was stretched even thinner in the 1700s to accompany any other words that referred to a sudden and very final action. "He cut the horse's tail bang off." A popular action, especially in horse shows and racing, ergo, "bang-tails," horses with short-, blunt-cropped tails. Small leap to the dorky haircut.

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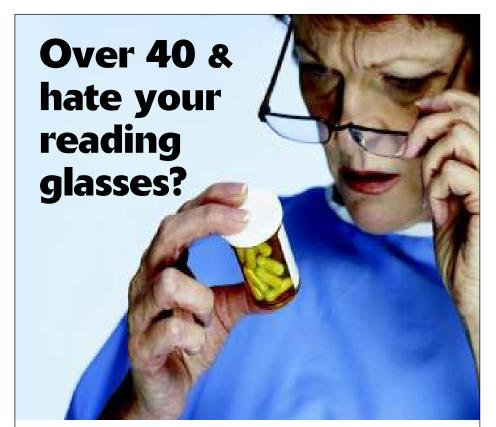
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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

White Crane Spreads Its Wings Four Years Later

began tai chi lessons in February 2004. Since there is nothing in my past that would foreshadow an interest in tai chi as opposed to, say, an interest in small-town bars, I decided this development was odd enough for a once-ayear column. To see what happens. This report is three months late, which fits nicely with last year's theme.

I still go to class Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Week in, week out, I am there. I've become habituated. There's a lot to be said for doing something whether you feel like it or not, because after that something is over, you get the good feeling of completing it and can claim whatever knowledge that trails along as bonus.

This year I have not practiced regularly on my own, and when I do I am not engaged. This has led to a separate and distinct practice, best described by a Lyle Lovett lyric: "What do you do when it quits being new?"

So, what happened? Follows is taken from the inaugural 2004 column: Yang style tai chi Chuan has three sections and 108

movements. Within one or two decades I should be able to demonstrate for you Grasp Sparrow's Tail, White Crane Spreads its Wings, Embrace Tiger Return to Mountain, Needle to the Bottom of the Sea, Wave Hands Through Clouds (9 times), and Snake Creeps Low. Please check back then.

Today's take: Prescient. One to two decades sounds right, although I'd bet the over.

From the 2004 column: At first, the movements seem pretty simple. I can't do them, but I can see, given time, how I could perform a passable facsimile."

Today: Perhaps the dumbest sentence I've ever written.

From 2005: It took ten months to get through section 1. Your mileage will vary. When I say, "get through," I mean able to slog my way from beginning to end in the grossest possible manner. I mean, rough cut, Hippo-In-Ballet-Shoes, lurching from one foot to the next, moving twice too fast, pushing, make that, *shoving* feet, arms and torso around in a cloddish approximation of my teacher.

Today: I can do section 1 on the right side. Not like a pro, but well enough so a practitioner would recognize what I'm doing. Section 2 is getting better, section 3 is a work in progress. On the left side, section 1 is okay. The rest is a mess.

From 2006: We've been working on the left side for the past six months. This goes slowly. We're spending more time on breathing, balance, and moving chi. We're beginning the practice of inner tai chi. I don't have a clue.

Today: Progress on inner tai chi is imperceptible to me. Probably because my moves have not reached automatic pilot stage. I try to remember three things. Moving my balance from ball of foot to heel to ball of opposing foot to heel and repeat. Reverse breathing. Bring your gut in when you breathe in, expand your belly when you breathe out. And thirdly, moving chi as you go along. Now put all

three together and in harmony. Every step.

I forget the order of the moves. Or, I do the moves, forget to move chi, or forget to shift my balance, or forget reverse breathing. But there was one victory this year. The first time I felt chi move. I felt the heat in the palm of my right hand, in a circle the size of a silver dollar. Incredible.

From 2006: In terms of physical health and well being, after a considerable investment of time and energy, I can say I feel better. Not much better, but I have more energy, more lightness, a happier mood, just enough to know it's real. An equivalent amount of time spent in a gym or on a track, on a bicycle, would have returned greater physical improvements.

Today: That continues to be true. tai chi is a slow gentle climb, but every few months I'll do something, walk up a hill, and realize I couldn't do that as easily two years ago. It's subtle, but it's real.

2007: Turns out the world of tai chi is like the other worlds humans create. I have listened to stories about great masters and their smoking, drinking, fornicating, power grabbing, money grubbing, back stabbing — acting *exactly* like the rest of us. Becoming an expert in tai chi Chaun doesn't make you a good person, or more precisely, for some it does, for some it doesn't. *Today*: Of course.

The story line above, unlikely candidate takes on tai chi and transforms into something new, are words, black dots on paper. Out here, it's real life. I have no idea what's going to happen next.

Although I will make class on Friday.

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23 Roommates

I was scraping by as a line cook in San Francisco in the mid-'80s when my landlord offered me the job of managing a 24-unit apartment building on Pine Street. It sounded like easy money: vacuum the hallways once a week, make sure the trash chutes emptied into the dumpsters, collect rent checks, and show empty apartments to prospective tenants. After deducting my salary from the rent, I'd owe \$100 for my studio apartment.

Since I worked in a restaurant at night, I'd had little contact with my neighbors. This changed after I became the apartment manager. It was as if I suddenly acquired 23 roommates. Tony, who lived in the studio directly below me, was my least favorite.

At first I knew Tony only from the angry screeds he slipped under my door complaining that my eight-pound cat and I disturbed the peace night and day. I bought a carpet and tiptoed barefoot to muffle my existence. I took away my cat's toys. The notes continued. He whacked the ceiling and cursed when I got home from work. According to Tony, I was so reckless that chunks of plaster rained down with every footstep I took. After becoming the building manager, I moved down the hall so I didn't live directly above him. He continued his feud with the new tenant and the one after that.

Every month an exterminator came by in an attempt to control the cockroach population. It was my job to post the time and date of the visit and unlock the apartments. Tony was usually home and screamed from behind the closed door for us to go away.

Without protective gear, I stood in the hallway outside each unit while the exterminator worked his black magic. One of the tenants, a feminist artist, insisted that I stand in her living room so that the bug-man's negative male energy wouldn't desecrate her artwork, mostly garish paintings of female genitals. In a mask that completely covered his face, the exterminator squirted poison in the kitchen and around the windows while I stood in the artist's Pepto-Bismol pink living room examining the paintings. After two poisonous viewings, I told my neighbor that she'd have to forgo the spraying if she wouldn't allow an unaccompanied male in her gallery. She chose to live with the insects.

Another apartment that the bug man never entered was the cat lady's unit. The cat lady was a grouchy older woman who looked as if she cut her hair with pruning shears. I suspected she had multiple disabilities - she scowled, mumbled to herself, and seldom made eye contact. Her gait was lopsided, and she became winded when she climbed the stairs to deliver the rent check. But not too winded to yell if I didn't open my door, no matter what time of the day or night. The cat lady explained that she knew the check would blow away or that I'd deny its existence if she didn't hand it directly to me. For

the first six months I opened the door because it was easier than arguing with her. But when she decided one month to pay her rent at 6 a.m., I decided I'd had enough. She knocked. From my futon I told her to slide the check through the crack. She demanded to see me. She leaned on the doorbell. She yelled. It was only after Twitchy Tony bellowed out his bathroom window to "Shut the %&# up!" that the cat lady slid the check under the door.

A foul odor came from the general area of her unit, so I knew she wasn't much of a housekeeper, but the smell that seeped under her door was nothing compared to the full force of the interior stink. When I unlocked the unit, I expected to find a rotting corpse. Over a dozen cats and kittens skittered behind the sparse, filthy furnishings and jumped through the partially opened ground-floor window. The walls and windowsills were brown where the animals had rubbed against them. Cat-food cans littered the kitchen counters and floor. Scrawny and flea bitten, the cats all bore a striking resemblance to each other. The odor inside the apartment was so repulsive that I could only take small doses without gagging. I opened every window to air the place out overnight before reentering to refill the litter boxes, vacuum, and take out the trash.

Shortly thereafter the cat lady limped home on crutches with her neck in a brace. I told her that she could keep two cats, but she'd have to find other homes for the rest. I expected a thank you for caring for her pets, but no gratitude was forthcoming. Forever after, the cat lady mumbled curses when she passed me on her crutches.

After Tony, pizza boxes were the bête noir of my managerial experience. In the back of the building, a round metal trash chute emptied into a dumpster on wheels. When the dumpster filled up, I switched it out with an empty one. As long as the chute wasn't clogged, I didn't have to become closely acquainted with my neighbors' garbage. But every weekend at least one moron would jam a big square pizza box

into the small round chute. Soggy, stinky sacks of trash piled up, three stories high behind the pizza box. When this happened, I was forced to snake and beat fermenting garbage into the dumpsters.

I became obsessed with rooting out the offending containers before they were saturated with grease of chicken and unidentified fluids. My apartment had windows facing the landing, so any real or imagined sound of folding cardboard would taunt me. I woke up in the middle of the night, sure I'd catch the imbecile committing crimes against my free time. How could anyone be that stupid? Big box, little hole. Was someone trying to piss me off? Did Rasputin eat pizza?

Sometimes the owner of the apartments sent me to a building he owned on Bush Street to pick up rent checks and water the manager's houseplants when she went on vacation. The Bush Street building was unimpressive on the outside, but the manager's apartment was a beautiful two bedroom with bay windows facing the east, gleaming hardwood floors, built-in bookcases, and sliding pocket doors between the rooms.

Although Tony and I no longer shared a ceiling, his bathroom and my bathroom shared a light well. Early one morning, his angry voice echoed up the shaft. "There's no *&% hot water. There are children in this building! %\$# children need hot water!" His screaming was accompanied by the sound of water splashing in his claw-foot tub. Tony's concern for the three children in the building was admirable, but as his rage grew in volume and intensity I'm sure he woke them and everyone else in the building. He blasted up the stairs and alternated between screaming and battering my door with his cowboy boots. By now his diatribe had become an explosive nonsensical loop about children, the legal system, and hot water. He left after I threatened to call the police, but curses randomly erupted from his unit for the rest of the day. The repairman arrived before noon, and Tony and the three children had hot water. The

door to my unit was marred by cowboy-boot prints.

Later, at work, I told the other cooks about having to wake up to a raving lunatic. One of the waiters interrupted. "Did you say this guy's name is Tony? Does he always wear a leather bomber jacket and cowboy boots?" I told him Tony's last name. The waiter said, "Wow. I can't believe that guy is still alive. He was the drug dealer for my college buddies and me. He used to hang around with us at our parties like he was one of our friends, but we couldn't stand him. He took so many drugs. He told me he took PCP when he was at home. That guy is a freak."

PCP? An animal tranquilizer was his drug of choice? That explained his bizarre behavior. That would also explain why the police had been snooping around the building and asking questions about Tony.

After two years, I was earning more money as a cook than I had when I'd first moved to San Francisco. I began to reevaluate whether the grief of managing the building was worth the \$350 deducted from my rent. On an errand to pick up checks at the owner's Bush Street apartment, I asked the manager how much she paid for her apartment. She looked at me like I was an idiot. "Nothing. I get free rent and \$500 a month." Wait. She lived in a beautiful two bedroom, and I lived in a studio that faced the dumpsters. Maybe she had more duties than I did. Nope. She didn't touch the dumpsters or clean. She collected the rent checks and showed apartments. That was it. And I watered her plants when she went on vacation.

I gave my 30-day notice for the job and the apartment. The next time the police came asking questions about Tony's activities, I spilled my guts.

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Things I took away from Sunday's service at Father's House Church International:

Israel and the Jews are important. An Israeli flag stood on one side of the stage. One

of the hymns, in the midst of raising the roof and shaking the foundations, slipped in a bit of Hebrew: "Let all of Zion sing/ Baruch haba b'shem/ Adonai, Adonai, every knee will bow to vou Lord most high ... " Pastor Greg Stephens invited congregants to join in a one-mile walk to raise funds for the rebuilding of a Jewish high school in Gaza. "They're under constant rocket attacks from the practitioners of the 'religion of peace,' just because they live there," he explained. He noted that he was trying to help a Hebrew school find a building and that he had offered to pay for the repair of the vandalized sign at the Ner Tamid Synagogue in Powav"because Christians don't act like that."

Religion, on the other hand, is not important. In fact, it's to be avoided. A woman offered testimony about having been saved years before but then mixing

it with "the rules and regulations of religion Part of me was never giving enough or loving enough I would actually feel distanced from the Lord.... A few weeks ago, I was praying, 'God, break down these religious walls inside me that I know are blocking me from a freer, fuller walk with Him." She described envisioning a coffin, "hammering shut the lid on religion."

'We are what I call a presence-driven church," added Stephens, "meaning that we desire the presence of God and not the approval of people.... We could care less about who you are or what you've done We care about God's word.... We care about you becoming everything He calls you to be We care about praise and worship.... We could care less about being religious, looking like all that. Jesus called those people whitewashed sepulchres. We're not religious. I talk about tipping sacred cows. I don't tip them anymore; we're gonna have a barbecue." Applause and cheers rose up to the point where Stephens was drowned out.

The problem with religion — at least, the

problem Stephens laid out in his sermon was that "Religious people - I call them Frankensteins — have a tough time receiving from God." And "faith is receiving. There is no self-effort. The only thing we're required to do is receive what has been done." Religious people were like the church Paul wrote to in Galatia, who had "nullified God's grace by mixing some law with it The law makes your faith void." The law, he said, "was given to prove that you can't do it on your own. You need help.

Later, he said, "There were only two people in the Bible where Jesus said they had great faith." The two? The centurion and the Phoenecian woman. The connection?"They were both Gentiles. Neither one was born under or influenced by the law of Moses. So they'd never learned to disqualify themselves for what God had freely given. Religious tradition had not taught them that they were not good enough I bless Israel and I bless the Jewish people because of my covenant

with Abraham; not the law of Moses." And, "How did Abraham become righteous? By faith You want to know why you haven't received? You have allowed the traditions of men to tell you you're not qualified, when Jesus came and qualified you, and said, 'It is finished,' and God accepted what He did!"

And with regard to receiving, prosperity is somehow tied up with spirituality. During the prayer before the offering, Stephens prayed, "Because I have a covenant with You, the covenant of Abraham is upon this house, upon my life, because I'm a doer of Your word in this area" — that is, the offering of first fruits. "I've accepted You, and the curse that You paid for with Your body. Therefore, because of what You did, the curse of poverty is broken upon my life. The kingdom of heaven shall be

expanded in my life "And later: "This is why I say I'll never be broke another day in my life! Why? Not because of the law of Moses. Because of the covenant of Abraham ratified in me! It's His grace and His mercy that will prosper! It's His grace and His mercy that got this house! It's His grace and His mercy that got this car! Grace is the finished work...and finished work qualifies me for everything that He's done."

What happens when we die?

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Stephens left before the service ended to light a candle for the righteous Gentiles at the Jewish Community Center's Holocaust Memorial. But there was this warning from the sermon: "You can't mix some of the law and grace together. It doesn't work. You can't do it; you'll die in your sins.'

- Matthew Lickona

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THE BORDER

BY WILLIAM TRESEDER

The paved road stops at Al Qaim, a military base in northwestern Al Anbar province. Another 40 kilometers further along muddy and half-formed paths is a small combat outpost near the Syrian border. Surrounded by concertina wire and rickety guard towers, it's a bleak place where everything is a shade of brown or gray and completely covered in dust. Looking in from the guarded perimeter reveals a strangely empty landscape with several small tent cities and a few hardened buildings. There's a fuel-supply point, armory, command post, parking for armored and commercial vehicles, and living quarters.

All the tents are the same; a few were recently replaced with spartan wooden buildings courtesy of the United States Navy Seabees, a huge step up and one the Marines here are grateful for. Between some of the living spaces, wooden planks serve as sidewalks, but for the most part, everything is just dirt when it's dry and mud when it's wet. Despite the stormy early spring weather (much colder than central Iraq), visibility is usually quite good; no one worries about being ambushed or about large surprise assaults when everything can be seen for miles in all directions.

Even with its isolation, certain creature comforts have been improvised on the outpost. One centrally located tent serves as the "café." They have gigantic stockpiles of nonperishable food, two ancient fridges chugging along at five or ten degrees cooler than the ambient temperature, and a freezer for long-term storage. Getting resupplied is always a crap shoot, so measures are in place to ensure at least frozen bread, canned vegetables, and beef jerky will always be plentiful. And, of course, there are always Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). The only problem with them is that while the food may be ready, the person dining on it is rarely so prepared.

Out the café to the left about 20 meters is the gym. Its existence on this tiny base betrays an interesting axiom of American military life: the availability of chow, sleep, and weights will keep most Marines happy for a long time. The ethos of "doing more with less" allows many to be content ---even thrive — with the bare minimum, and this gym is no exception. Jerry-rigged weights of tape, sandbags, boards, concrete, and rope are lined up neatly on the floor or on a handmade rack resting in one corner. There are also some actual dumbbells; recent additions marking the length of time the

base has been occupied now. A few motivational posters of spandexed women holding dumbbells and another with the Marine Corps emblem round out the decor.

Despite being miles away from the nearest hard phone line, communication is relatively consistent; they even have a satellite that gets AFN, plugging the unit into the world at large. An old 22inch TV runs pretty much

nonstop; there are always Marines up doing various jobs or supervising Iraqis as they train. As these men are constantly reminded, complacency kills. The most clichéd

piece of the whole base is a sign next to one of the sleeping tents. Running down it are names and distances to various locations representing hometowns of Marines stationed here. Driven deep into the ground and protected by some sand-filled barriers behind it, the sign is a sort of daily Mecca for many of the guys here, a place to remind them of loved ones back home. And here on one of Iraq's backwoods outposts, where everything is insulated from foreign influence, even a simple sign with English names reminds the men of development, of comfort, of America.

Sanitation is a huge problem: there is no running water or sewage collection. Marines use plastic bags; Marines also don't inquire too much about what the Iraqis do. Having only men around, the second hygienic

problem is answered in eloquent simplicity in the form of the aptly named piss tube. It's exactly what it sounds like and only does what a tube can do, but everyone agrees it's the best stop-gap measure until real facilities are built.

True to the finest traditions of America, there is a mascot, a young puppy brought in by one of the



Iraqis. Left alone after being dropped on the base, the dog was informally adopted by the Marines. She now spends her time harassing everyone and everything while avoiding playful retributive swipes by worn-out men at the end of every long day. No place in Iraq avoids dust, especially not a dog with a heavy coat of fur living at a desert outpost. Pet the dog (she remains anonymous because the argument over prospective names always turned physical) and clouds of dust jump off her coat and onto anything nearby; oddly enough, this doesn't seem to deter most of the guys from doing it.

The entire base is small and houses few people. The Marines here are set for a

seven-month rotation and are ready to leave once their time is up. Little fights flare up, stupid mistakes get repeated, and tempers get lost; training the Iraqis presents challenges daily that they can't train for and have to deal with as they come. From the senior leader to the most junior guy, valuable lessons are learned; each one of these Marines is also notable for picking up a sense of humor peculiar to those who have daily interaction with Iraqis. A different appreciation of time, a more skeptical approach to promises and business transactions, and the mandatory adoption of the mantra "trust, but verify." For the most part, they also reluctantly admit the superiority of the dishdasha ("man-dress") in the Iraqi climate.

There's a layer of irony overlaying everything about this outpost: the men are confined to this small area except for training missions and convoys, yet they have nothing but wide open space around them. It's a uniquely boring, annoying, dangerous, but totally necessary job these Marines fulfill here on the Iraqi border. Yet they managed to bring a little bit of America here, surrounded by a sea of sand stretching out into an infinite desert horizon.

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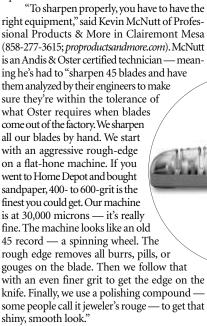
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Pride goeth... My best gal pal Bernice has a niece, newly engaged and eager to learn the secrets of domestic bliss. Bernice sent her to me for an introduction to the kitchen. I was pleased to be of service. "The first thing," I began, "is to have good tools. The most important thing is good knives." Then I set about a demonstration, and that's where things got sloppy.

Nothing performed quite the way I would have liked because all of the knives need sharpening. They're all good knives, but I'd neglected them too long. Every couple of months, my husband runs them through an electric sharpener, but I decided to see about getting a professional involved.



Serrated knives are a little trickier, said McNutt, because "you can't reapply serration. It's a very proprietary spacing. What we do is run an edge on the opposite side — you still have the serration for sawing, and the other side of the edge is sharpened."

How long a knife holds an edge "really depends on what you're cutting, how often you use it, and how you care for it. Do you throw it in the dishwasher, blade side down, so that it hits hard surfaces, or do you handwash? Do you throw it in a knife drawer or do you put it in a sleeve? It also depends on the steel. If it's an inexpensive knife made from porous steel, even if we put a nice edge on it, it will stav for only a relatively short time. If you spend the extra

money on a German or Japanese knife made from compact, 440C stainless steel, the blade will keep the edge longer."

Not surprisingly, McNutt was not overly impressed with my home sharpener. "I think, basically, that it can give you a rough edge. They can't come close to the microns, the super-polished edges that we can give you." As for mobile sharpening services, "there are some good ones, but I think the training on some of them can be hit or miss. And when you used fixed machines, as opposed to mobile ones, your performance is a little better. Ask if they have insurance, in case something happens to your knife during the



blade sharpening." McNutt charges **\$1** an inch to sharpen and offers a two- to three-day turnaround. He also sharpens scissors (some of which

"When you sharpen a knife, you

push a little bit of the metal to

the other side of the knife."

require a special technique) and clipper blades for both barbers and animal shearers. My next call was to someone at one of those mobile services — Fred Field at True Sharp Mobile Knife Sharpening (760-801-2600; *truesharp.com*). "I've been doing this for a year and a half on my own," said Field, "but before

that, I did it with my father, who's been a sharpener his whole life. We sharpen kitchen knives, pocket knives, garden tools, and scissors." Like McNutt, Field noted that "scissors are finicky. You have to have an exact angle. I match the edge, and then the blade gets dragged across a rotating stone disc."

"I use a belt sander with a very fine grit for the first edge," said Field. "Then I use a true hone for the final edge — it's a machine with a series of ceramic discs that rotate in opposite directions. When you sharpen a knife, you push a little bit of the metal to the other side of the knife. The true hone knocks that little bit off." On weekends, Field sets up outside Major Market in Escondido, where he charges \$2 for

knives up to five inches and \$3 after that. He also makes house calls. "They're free with a \$50 minimum order. If you have only kitchen knives, the job usually takes about an hour. Most jobs don't run more than two [hours]. The price range is usually \$50 to \$75." Other places

around town: Pro-Edge Knives in

San Carlos (619-265-0402) mainly sharpens knives for the restaurant industry, but they also offer a walk-in service for kitchen knives with a one-day turnaround (**\$4** a blade).

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Greg's Sharpening in La Mesa (619-469-9019) charges **\$3** per blade, **\$4.75** for serrated. There are mobile services outside Henry's

in Poway (858-486-7851) on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Henry's in North Park (619-291-8287) on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Windmill Farms in Del Cerro (619-287-1400) features a mobile service on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bristol Farms in La Jolla (858-558-4180) will sharpen your knives for free while you're shopping. "We have a machine here in the meat department," a representative told me. "Drop your knives off. It's free, and it comes with a smile."

Sur La Table in Carlsbad (760-635-1316) will sharpen two knives for free while you shop, using a Chef's Choice electric sharpener (**\$100** to **\$149** to purchase) — anything more than that is **\$1** an inch. In addition, saleslady Cheryl told me that the store has a waiting list for an inexpensive (**\$48**) home sharpener from Minosharp. "It's just a little plastic thing with two honing things in it. You put water in it and pull your knives through. People love it."

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he gestation period had only been three months — from the date I conceived my little

"I noticed you have a 'she'; that's nice. Is this her first bath, then?" I nodded, and the four of us turned to monitor the Minis as they passed slowly by the window.

one to the moment she was delivered. During that time, my friends, whom I'd infected with my excitement, would ask me to predict the exact delivery date. But, as those sorts of things go, even after numerous consultations with experts, I was unable to suggest anything more precise than a two-week window. "I'm thinking of

throwing you a shower," said my friend Jen, two months before the big day. Assuming she was kidding, I laughed it off. When she mentioned it again, I giggled at her continuing joke. But the fourth time she

offered, I realized she was serious, and why not? A shower is celebrationinspired consumerism at its least apologetic. An event that unabashedly declares, "A welcome addition will soon enter this woman's life; therefore, you must select and purchase for her an item from this list she has so kindly assisted in compiling!" Then it hit me — Jen had been joking; I had just been too obtuse to catch her more developed lead-up to an even grander punch line.

"I think I might take you up on the shower thing. I've even started to figure out what to register for," I said to Jen while hiking with her in Torrey Pines.

"Shh, David might

hear you, and that would be bad luck," she said.

Mirroring Jen's mock seriousness, I said, "Don't worry, he's behind me, my words are lost to the ocean breeze. Isn't that right, David?" I said, in a slightly raised voice

"What?" David huffed, more from frustration than exhaustion.

"Nothing, beh beh," I responded, flipping my head to flash my love an adoring smile. Facing forward to Jen, I said, "See? Now, what was I saying ... right, there's this catalog. I'm only thinking of the things I need, of course, things I couldn't possibly afford at this juncture, what with all the new financial responsibility I'm taking on. It's not like I'm simply being greedy, you know. It's just that I had no idea that a basic check up could cost so much. Oh, and I also came up with a few games we might play at the party."

Jen smirked, perhaps remembering our conversations about the banality of such games, and my countless rants against the myriad vulgarities of gift registration. The subject was dropped in the next moment, as Jen pointed out a slate-colored bunny munching on a blade of grass just ten feet away from us.

My decision to dispense with the child-rearing phase of life allows me to spend what, to those who have chosen to breed, may seem a disproportionate

amount of time and money on other subjects of my choosing, be it myself, my friends, or, most recently, my new car. Each day, after custom ordering my Mini Cooper Sport from England, I checked on its progress. I knew when it was being built, when it was placed on a ship to New York, when it was loaded onto a truck to be driven across the country, and when it was delivered to the dealership in Escondido. I picked it up and drove it home to meet its father, David, who was waiting to greet the new addition to our parking garage.

David pampers the car more than I do. He can hardly pass by the miniature machine without taking a soft cloth to some part of it, gently massaging away a fingerprint here, a black smudge there. I express my affection in other ways, like dressing my beloved new thing like me that is, in red and black, the dominant colors of my wardrobe. Regardless of our different ownership styles, the fact remains that David and I are both enamored with our new toy.

After two weeks of exploring the streets around its new home, the dust-covered Mini was in need of soap and water. David insisted on joining me for this momentous occasion. Just after we pulled into the carwash, a white Mini pulled up next to us. David and I got out of ours and a man and woman exited theirs. Smiles were exchanged and then each couple



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by Barbarella

noted the other's matching dealer plates. "Hey, no way, yours is new too?" I said, bridging the grinning gap of silence. I learned the cars had been purchased from the same dealer within a week of each other. The four of us made our way into the store, where cards and air fresheners are sold on one side, while on the other, people peer through windows to watch their vehicles go through the automated wash.

"So what's its name?" asked the woman.

"I'm Barbarella, and this is David," I said.

"Oh, yes, sorry, I'm Barbara, and this is Frazer. And there," she said, gesturing through the window at the cream-colored car, "is Pepe." She raised her brows in expectation.

"Oh, its name, right," I said. "We don't have a name for her." Her disappointed expression made me feel remiss. "I mean, not vet." I breathed a sigh of relief as the smile returned to her face.

"People at work think I'm crazy the way I talk about Pepe," she said. "But that's how I feel when they talk about their kids, so ... '

"I totally know what you mean," I said. I was beginning to like these people.

"I noticed you have a

first bath, then?" I nodded, and the four of us turned to monitor the Minis as they passed slowly by the window. David used his iPhone to take a picture of ours.

It's common for two adults to make each other's acquaintance because their children befriended each other at school or in the park. Without knowing a thing about each other, the parents socialize. Because of similar life circumstances. other commonalities are virtually assured and the two gravitate easily toward points of intersection. It's harder for people like David and me, with our tendencies toward counterculture pursuits, to find likeminded others to whom we can relate.

I was considering all of this when, as if reading my mind, Barbara said, "We should schedule a play date!"

"You mean like take them for a ride to Julian or something? That sounds lovely. It would be their first road trip," I said.

"Or," said my new friend and fellow Mini mother, "the four of us can go have dinner or wine, like normal people."

"I'm about as normal as I want to be," I said, and handed her my card. "Please, email me." I

learn something, anything about these people before setting off on a day trip. "I have an idea — why don't the two of you come over to our place? You like wine and cheese?"

"We love it," said Frazer, in a Scottish brogue I hadn't picked up on when he'd first said hello.

"Great, then. Shoot me an email and we'll set a date." The guy standing next to my car waved a blue towel in the air. "That's us," I said. "Better go before she suffers separation anxiety." When I reached my car, I turned and waved goodbye to our new friends, and, as we pulled away, I beeped byebye to Pepe.

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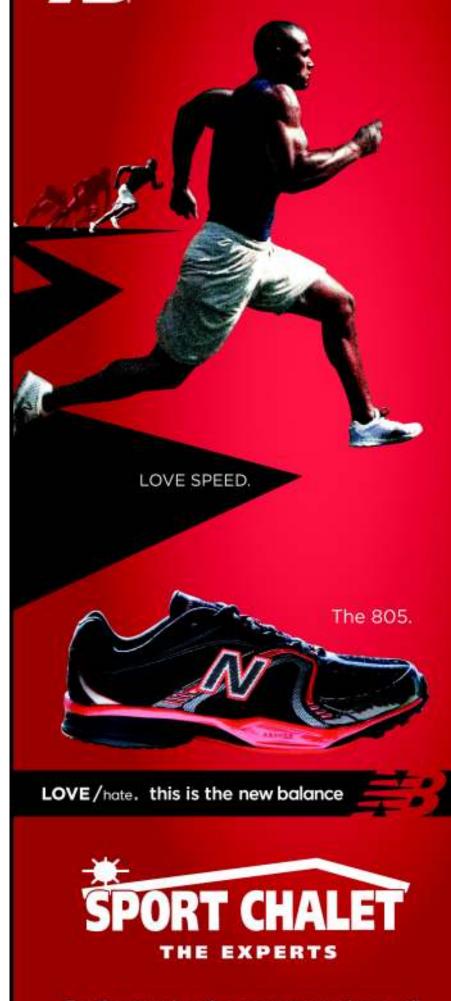
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Confessions of a phony Navy wife

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he ship's crew — mostly male — gets obliterated and goes wild in an unfamiliar land with unfamiliar women. We'd get off the boat, feeling like celebrities with 50 to 100 cab drivers waiting for us, charging only \$5 American to take us anywhere we pleased. I would be at a bar and see male shipmates with at least one Asian prostitute hanging on their arms.

"Six hundred baht," a pretty Thai girl would say. "Six hundred baht all night long."

Six hundred baht was about \$20 American, so for a minimum ATM withdrawal a man could have his way with a woman all night. I was 20, from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and shocked to see officers and gentlemen French-kissing prostitutes and using those same lips on their wives and children a few months later. I loved being the one to call them out.

"Dude, why are you kissing her?" I'd ask a guy with his Thai rental. "Do you know where her mouth's been today? You really think she brushed her teeth?"

With a mouth like mine, it wasn't long before I discovered how the Navy gets back at those who dare to cross the lines. What was bizarre to me when I first entered the Navy was how everyone was married, young and old. The oldest ones were usually on their second, third, and fourth marriages, but everyone was in love with someone. Sailors fell in love fast, married fast, and cheated fast. Divorce was not uncommon. Many sailors were married but never spoke of their spouses at all. In fact, you would never know they were married. When I finally looked at the pay charts, everything began to make sense.

Basic allowance for housing (BAH) is what members of the military receive if they have dependents, which includes nonmilitary spouses. It is tax-free money that provides couples with a place to live, along with the other comforts of home. Single sailors were forced to live on the ship. We slept in tiny beds where the mattress lifted up like a coffin lid and you stored your things inside, but the lids were heavy and could easily crush fingers or heads. It was bad enough that I worked long hours on the ship, but I lived there, too.

The ship was cold, uncomfortable, noisy, and had a musty stench that reminded me of my grandmother's moldy basement. I hated waking up in my coffin, unable to sit up, afraid to roll out because it was up high. Drowsy, I would jump down onto the cold hard deck, hoping that I'd land right. The constant echo of Navy terminology over the ship's intercom made sleeping in or napping nearly impossible. I still remember irritating

announcements: Reveille, reveille! All hands heave out! Muster Duty Section on the quarterdeck! Ship life drove me crazy.

I missed the little things, such as sitting on a couch, sleeping in a real bed, or being able to walk barefoot in my kitchen while eating cereal in my pajamas. I was unhappy. The Navy was suffocating me. It seemed that everyone around me was falling in love, getting married, and soon had a home. In a moment of intense frustration, I called my friend Will, who had just been discharged.

Will wasn't a fan of the Navy either. He had developed severe insomnia and depression during his last deployment and separated from the service for medical reasons. Will

and I were shipmates on the USS Higgins. We weren't close friends, but for my 19th birthday on May 28, 2004, I went to Rosarito with a group of friends, including Will. We had an odd love/hate relationship. I irritated him, he picked on me, but somehow we got along

"You're being accused of committing fraud."

that way. We ended up getting extremely intoxicated and started making out on the beach. The next thing I knew, we were in the back of a truck being sent to jail. Our friends rescued us, and we had that memory of being locked up in Mexico together.

As far as the makeout session went, it was an odd, drunken onetime thing of being young, stupid, and new to the military. The fact that we had no chemistry beyond friendship was the reason I wanted to marry him. I knew that a marriage for money

should be strictly platonic, and we kept it that

"We'll be roommates," I told Will. "I'll have a place off the ship to live, and you will live rent-free."

way.

"You know, I might be down with that." Will's response was typical. He

was tall, thin, with dark hair and drowsy eyes that never had an intense expression about anything. He came from a good home in Alabama and had a kind face and good heart, but this clashed with Will's twisted, cynical sense of humor.

"Okay, I'll do it," he said.

"Wow," I said. "Okay, I guess we're engaged." Sarcasm was my second language.

We giggled hysterically. We laughed about our marriage throughout its entire 31-month existence.

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Kissing my husband on the lips was the most awkward thing I've ever done.

I was quivering —

not out of passion or even love — but out of nervousness, thinking, "How am I going to pull this off?"

Will and I got married on January 5, 2005, the day before my first anniversary of joining the Navy. I wore a black blouse and a leopard skirt, trying to be especially tacky. Will was in a pair of casual jeans, flipflops, sporting his new chin piercing. We stood facing each other. I looked at Will, unshaven and mellow. I was jumpy and rushed. Our clerk at the downtown courthouse, a short, stocky, middle-aged woman, smiled at us sweetly. But I could see in her eyes that she knew we were full of it.

I was grateful, though. She was giving me one fabulous wedding

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gift — an extra \$1452 a month, tax-free, basically doubling my pay. Will and I held hands, she began reading wedding vows. That was when tears streamed down my face. That's how hard I was laughing. The vows were brief, but not brief enough. I could barely contain myself by the time I stuttered, "I-I d-d-d-o!" We kissed, a tight

We kissed, a tight peck on the lips. "No chemistry," I thought. Will and I agreed on

that one. My face was flushed

from laughter. "I can't believe I mar-

ried you," Will muttered, shaking his head.

As a little girl, I visualized my first wedding as a romantic experience, with me dressed in a beautiful white gown, reciting vows to the one I loved. I never would have imagined a 20-minute session for \$100. Then again, I never would have imagined that my job would consist of outdoor labor in the scorching summer of the Persian Gulf. I sanded rust, chipped paint, and repainted a U.S. Navy ship, kneeling on the burning, rough deck. I ended a work day with paint and dirt under my nails, my uniform drenched in sweat.

I recalled the theme from the Navy recruiting commercials: "Accelerate your life."

Accelerate your life! Yeah, right! Those backstabbers. What had I gotten myself into?

I shocked my family by joining the Navy. I shocked myself, but I was desperate. Born in South Carolina and raised in Tennessee, I was never a Southern girl at heart. I came from a great family, but something about me felt out of place. I was that typical teenage girl with problems: insecure, never cool enough, never pretty enough, anorexic at 12, and obsessively bulimic from 14 to 18.



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I was an experimental young partier and vicious toward my sweet mother. I moved in with my boyfriend Jerry when I was 17, living in a house I called the "box in the middle of nowhere." It was in Sale Creek, Tennessee, surrounded by run-down trailers, mangy chow dogs, neighbors with missing teeth, and all the crystal meth you could snort. One morning, I awoke from my love spell to see that Jerry

would never match my ambitions. My bulimia had become so bad that I was vomiting four times a day and bleeding from my ears. Something inside of me said, "Get out, Maggie. Get out of the box and leave everything, quick!" I made my decision

and never looked back. My recruiter was a big, husky African-American man who reminded me of a grizzly bear. I timidly walked into his office. "Hey, you!" the big guy shouted. "You ready to join the Navy?"

He caught me offguard.

"Well, yeah, but I need money first."

"No, you don't. The Navy pays you. You don't need nothin'!"

A month later, I was shipped off to Knoxville to take my military entry test and get every inch of my body poked and prodded to make sure I was ready. When it came to my job assignment, I wanted to be a Navy journalist. They told me no. I started to walk away. "No. Wait!" A masculing dark baired woman

line, dark-haired woman with a stack of paperwork in her hands stopped me. "You can enter the Navy undesignated, without a job. Then you can choose later. You can wait a few months to be a journalist."

Eight months later, on my knees chipping paint, I remembered her lies.

That was just the first time I got screwed over by the Navy. Everybody has a story about getting screwed over, every one of us.





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I endured boot camp in frigid, windy Great Lakes, Illinois. Four months after that, I was shipped to the USS *Higgins* in San Diego, a place with no Navy journalists aboard, where I would be doing what we called "slave work." I wanted out. I was broke and hard work meant nothing.

"If the government can utilize me, I can utilize the government," I decided.

My Navy honeymoon lasted 18 months, until I became a statistic in an unwinnable war. I'm not talking about Iraq. I'm talking about trading marriage for a decent paycheck. We didn't cheat the system, we used it. My pay went from \$1384.30

(not including taxes) to \$2836.30 a month, taxfree. This is not counting the extra \$250 a month of family-separation pay when I was on deployment. Sure, I wasn't in love. It wasn't your typical marriage, but what marriage is? We were buddies, we communicated and shared. I supported him, and we got along much better than the majority of Navy couples that I have known. Life was much more comfortable for the both of us, and finally I had an escape from the ship and the coffin rack. I gained a little bit of sanity and lost a little stress.

But low-stress life never lasts long in the Navy. On September 12, 2006, I walked into the NCIS office and sat down with Darnita Brown. She was a young, attractive, pregnant African-American woman. She looked sweet, maternal, not intimidating — at first. We began talking about her baby and other casual things that women talk of committing fraud," she said. I was terrified. My body grew weak, and my hands began to shake. I wanted to run, cry, scream, and throw up, all at once. I was interrogated for several hours. According to the documents she gave me, I had the basic

criminal rights. I could

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about. Then Brown told me that we were being recorded. I began to get nervous.

"Do you know why you're here?" she asked. "No," I said. I had an idea, but I was in complete denial. "You're being accused

mated myself. I tried to tell a false story of my marriage, but lies have never been my greatest skill.

"Okay!" I blurted out. "I was never in a relationship with my husband. We did it so we'd have the money to get an apartment! I can't lie anymore. I can't play this game."

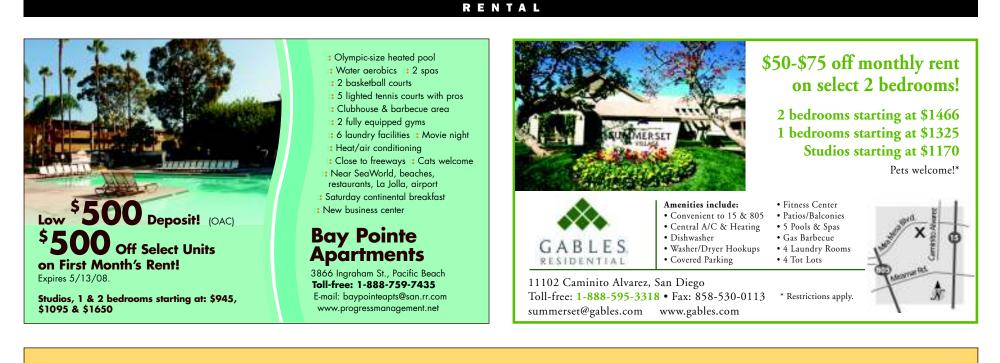
"You're not a good liar," Brown said, with a sympathetic smile.

I broke down in tears, feeling pathetic and weak. I spilled my guts about myself, my marriage, and my white-trash past. I was scared and naïve. I even answered overly personal questions, such as "Do you still believe that your marriage was legal when you never had sex with your husband?" I began telling them whatever they wanted to hear so I could escape that interrogation room.

"Girl, I'm not worried about you," Brown said, smiling again. "Yeah, you're in trouble. You're in big trouble. But look at how far you've come." She reminded me that I had my whole life ahead of me.

"From the path you were going, you should have been lying in a gutter somewhere, but here you are now, in the Navy and on track. You're going to be fine."

In a way, Darnita Brown broke me down and built me up. I can't say that I ever hated her or NCIS. We all had a job to do.



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They took my mug shot, got my fingerprints, and said that I was a criminal for embezzling \$31,025.10 with my "arranged marriage." For the next five months, I was under an extreme amount of stress. Before this, the most legal trouble I'd had was a speeding ticket. I developed migraines, and I became afraid of spending money. I hardly left my apartment. My old reality seemed like a distant memory. I felt backstabbed, unsure of who had begun this investigation. During those few months, I was constantly paranoid, jumping every time my phone rang. It seemed as if I was always being watched. I honestly felt that I had done nothing wrong. The only requirements for BAH were a valid marriage certificate and spousal support. I had all of that. I had everything.

I also had a raging resentment toward the Navy's hypocrisy. I thought about all the cheaters I saw on my ship. I remembered two officers that had been caught having sex during a deploy-

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ment. Their only punishment was transfer to another command. Both were married with children. Both were supposed to be leaders, examples for the enlisted. I even worked for a guy who raped a college girl. She had medical evidence of anal tearing, but the Navy never pursued the case, supposedly because there was no evidence of forced sex. Yet they could prove that I never loved my husband. I didn't hurt anyone, lie to anyone, and I followed the rules. There were no requirements to feel a certain emotion for





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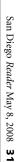
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Suzanne Lachelier is the Navy lawyer who handled my case. She has since moved to Washington D.C. In mid-January I called her to say I was finally out of the military.

"Good!" she said. "I'm glad it all worked out for you."

She was assigned to my case after my interrogation. I was skeptical about her at first because she was a Navy lawyer. It didn't make sense for the same system prosecuting me to be defending me, too. But I quickly liked her and felt comfortable around her. A dirty blonde, fair-skinned woman in her early 30s, she represents what I strive to be: successful with a career. She's an intelligent woman, who searched the Navy's rules and regulations for ways to help me escape. It

turned out that not everyone in the federal government was trying to screw me over.

She had dealt with two BAH fraud cases about ten years earlier, but both marriages had fake certificates. Mine was valid. Lachelier thought no one could be punished for marrying for a particular reason.

"I never thought the Navy would get into that," she said.

The military has never officially defined marriage. There are no written rules.

"If you had researched the Navy rules before you got married, it actually would have been more reason for you to get married for BAH," Lachelier said. "There were no rules to break." She told me that my

command initiated my case "Why do you think

they were pushing so hard to prosecute me?" I asked.

"Well, you being a woman may have something to do with it, because most women are more emotional toward marriage. Also, you're outspoken and articulate. That can be intimidating, especially in the military. But I think it was mostly for moralistic purposes.

They probably felt what you did was wrong and wanted your punishment to be an example to other military members."

The Navy will make an example of you when you mess up! I remembered officers constantly telling me that.

'They were trying to prosecute you for marrying for financial purposes, but they are the ones who are putting a price on marriage," Lachelier said.

Lachelier got my fraud charges dropped. I walked away with reduction in rank and had to pay a fine of about \$4000, plus get lectured about committing fraud. My life was not ruined. Although my superiors did not treat me as if my charges were dropped, I left the Navy with an honorable discharge at the end of my enlistment.

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With the war in Iraq, military members are faced with incredible stress. I witnessed a lot of broken marriages. I decided to speak with an expert on these problems: a Navy marriage counselor. I called the Fleet and Family Service Center. A man answered the phone in a friendly voice.

"Hi. I'm writing a

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paper on Navy marriages, and I was wondering if I could speak to a counselor."

"Sure!" he said enthusiastically. "I'm a marriage counselor. I could talk to you over the phone if you'd like."

His voice was warm, and I liked how cooperative he was. He provided me with great information. He told me that when military members have family issues, it can take concentration away from doing their jobs. He added that the majority of couples with marital problems are under the age of 24. Marriages are often rushed, because the military provides financial support and because it's more likely for spouses to be stationed close to one another.

Just as I expected, he said that the majority of marital issues come from infidelity. He also told me that couples usually get married primarily for the BAH.

Once we finished the interview, I mentioned that there was a possibility of having my paper published. I wanted to send him a copy to get his approval on everything. His warm tone

turned cold. "You didn't tell me

this was going to be published," he said.

Wait a second. I recognized that tone. It was the same tone I'd heard throughout my enlistment from men old enough to be my father but cold and suspicious. The message was, You're not one of us.

"I — I don't know if it's getting published," I said, shaken.

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I remember that too. Everywhere on base, if I broke some stupid rule I'd hear, "What's your name, shipmate?"

The last conversation I had with my grandfather before he died ended with an officer saying, "No talking on the phone in uniform, shipmate! Hang that up! What's your name?"

The marriage counselor didn't want the Fleet and Family Service Center to be misrepresented, which was not my intention. He insisted that he receive a copy of my story when it was finished.

I aim to please, so here's your copy, Uncle Sam!

But that counselor was right about a lot of things. Navy couples do rush into marriage, due to a combination of love, youth, getting orders close to each other, and BAH. Many other couples have a marriage without a relationship at all. A woman I'll call Kristy Austin, who didn't want her name used in order to protect her spouse, is a civilian who has been married to her friend for about a year. He is in the Navy.

"So, why did you marry him?" I asked.

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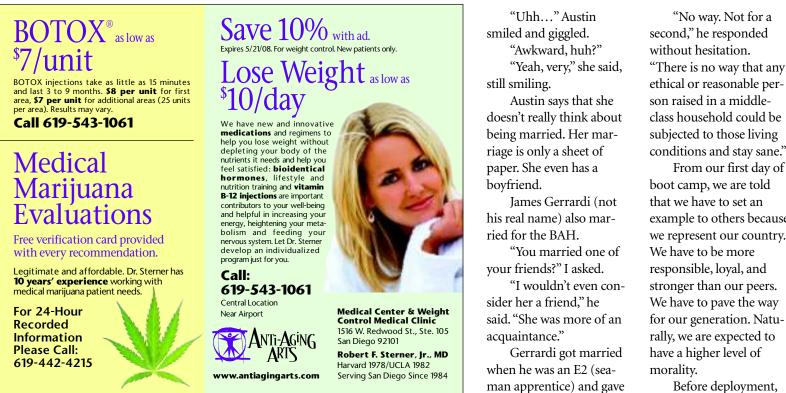
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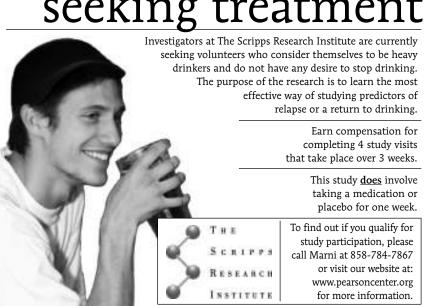
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riage seemed to be simply a sheet of paper, and the rules were, What happens on deployment, stays on deployment.

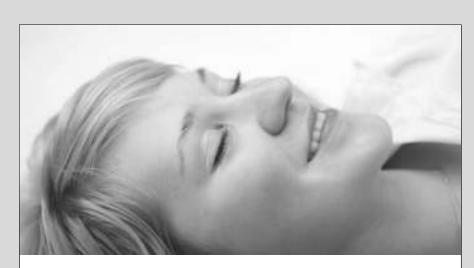
When I was accused of fraud, I took another look at myself. I went through with getting married to someone I had no intimacy with in order to collect money. I knew I was raised better than that. The numerous others I knew in these marriages were raised better as well. There was a time when I was ashamed to be in the Navy. I thought that all the men were lying cheaters and all the women were sluts. I laughed at the thought of marriage and love. I was bitter with the things I had witnessed and bitter with myself. I see things clearly now. Bad people are not in the military. The military brings out the bad in them. — Maggie Young

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DOWN IN THE DRAINS:

It's on the first sunny day after a string of rainstorms when Robert

R. slides his blue SUV to the side of the road somewhere in UTC. In

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"Right here," he says, pointing.

Just visible from under a thicket of tall grass is the opening to a storm drain. This is their destination.

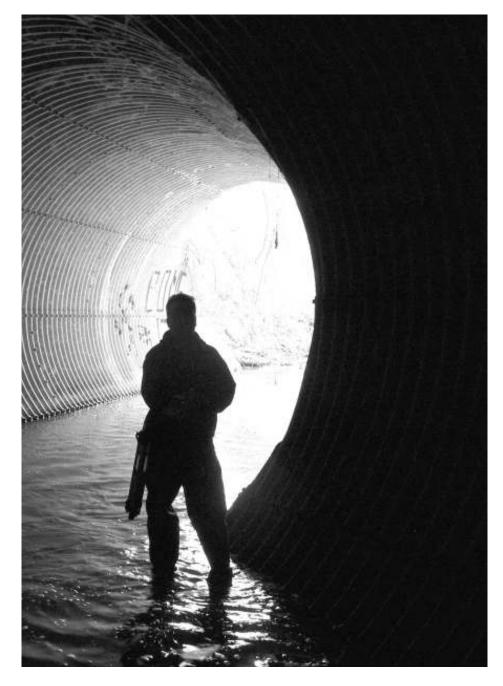
The drain is about six feet in diameter, its mouth almost completely obscured from view by a curtain of hanging ice plant. Inside, graffiti splashes across the rounded walls, incomprehensible letters followed by cartoony, grimacing faces. Messages pop out from the mass of colors under the partial illumination the outside sunlight provides: "I was here." "Now entering twilight."

Both Dan-oh, 45, and Robert R., 31, are "urban explorers," adventure seekers who find abandoned, forgotten, or forbidden structures to examine, photograph, and otherwise document. Their mission for the day is to enter and explore the storm drain — a practice known as "draining."

"[Urban exploring] is visiting or exploring places that people don't pay attention to," Dan-oh, who works in the construction industry, explains. "Sometimes they're abandoned places or places people don't want to go to or [places] people don't think they should go to. We're looking at the underbelly, the forgotten areas."

While there isn't a true "profile" of an urban explorer, according to Dan-oh, most are men, though there are some women as well. They're usually adults, not younger folks.

"Most people are going to be too timid or too scared of getting dirty or getting



wet," says Dan-oh."[An urban explorer] might be someone that's slightly more adventuresome, but other than that I think it's pretty wide

open."

While many urban explorers keep to themselves, there is some internetworking. For interested San Die-

gans, there is Meetup.com, a popular social-networking site. Some urban explorers opt to go in small groups of three or four; but even with that

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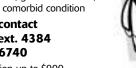
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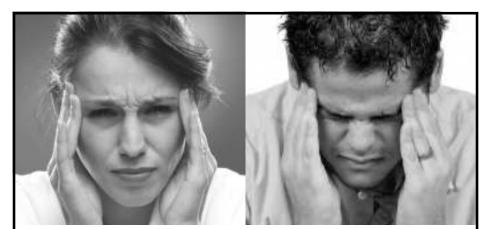
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loose kind of community there are certain rules; urban exploring is not, as Dan-oh explains, without limits or stipulations. Two things, he tays, are important to premember.

"Don't deface or destroy the location and don't take anything from it, don't cause change or harm," he says. "[The second rule] is be cautious about who you share information with. That's probably more along the lines of maybe the way surfers behave, they want to keep a spot for themselves, or they don't want too much attention to a location [in case] the property owner or authorities clamp down."

Dan-oh has been draining since he was a kid, when he first began exploring culverts with his friends, "swearing on a stack of comic books" not to tell his parents. His true draining experiences, however, came as an adult. "I can remember going short distances into a drain with a friend of mine and just having the pants scared off me, thinking it was the most terrorizing thing I'd ever done in mylife," he says. "And then you get out and you realize afterward — it's a little like riding a roller coaster or going into the haunted house — 'Hey, I survived and that was actually kind of fun.' That might have been the very first thing that

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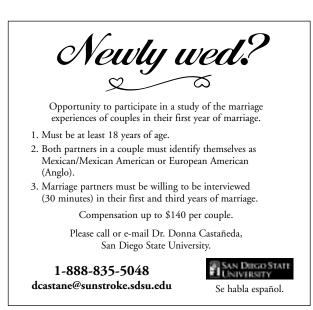
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attracted me [to it]."

Robert R., who works in IT as a computer hardware manager, is newer to draining. He got into it after joining an online group for San Diego photographers on *Meetup.com*. The leader of the group also happened to be the manager of one for urban explorers.

"I think as a kid I always wanted to explore storm drains but never had anybody willing to explore them with me," he says. "[There's] something about checking out a place that not many people go, or at least haven't documented."

Even before discovering the Meetup group, Robert R. had done some exploring, both on his own and with close friend and fellow photographer Josh B.

"The first adventure before the Meetup group was, I believe, the Loveland Reservoir dam," he says. "[Josh B. and I] had read an article in the newspaper about them letting water out of the dam, sending the water about 25 miles downstream to Sweetwater Reservoir. The picture in the newspaper was spectacular. We began looking for ways to get to it on Google Earth."

Robert R. has since started his own group, San Diego Venturous Urban Explorers, which has its own website, *SDVUE.com*. The group formed after Robert R. and a friend took a trip up to Mt. Miguel, the top of procession, the bright mouth of the opening a smaller and smaller circle behind them. The graffiti ceases, leaving blank, gray walls in its wake. The air, which is cool, has a musty undertone of wet concrete and old water and dirt. Sound reverberates through the tunnel, voices mixed with the sloshing of water and a thudding *pat pat pat* of

"I THINK PEOPLE LIKE TO GO PLACES THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T VENTURE," HE SAYS. "THAT'S WHY, I GUESS, THEY WENT TO THE MOON."

which is off limits to the public. The group, which has a handful of members, started with the website.

"I know this sounds nerdy," Robert R. says, "but we registered the domain name from my laptop hooked up to my cell phone, on top of Mt. Miguel."

Back in the drain, Danoh and Robert R. begin their

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footsteps.

All that is visible under the light from Robert R. and Dan-oh's headlamps is a short stretch of tunnel, which eventually drops off into a circle of blackness. Robert R.'s GPS device, attached to his belt, gets no signal.

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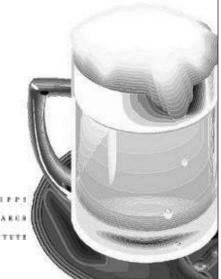


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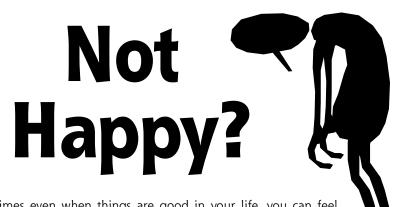
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that drains are considered public property.

"There are some areas that are a little gray," Danoh says, "like draining and exploring places that are actually public infrastructure, and you shouldn't be down there — at least it's implied and sometimes it's posted and then there are other times where very explicitly you're forbidden to be there."

Even illegal urban exploring, which can involve blatantly ignoring No Trespassing signs or other such markers, has gray areas.

"It's the concept of a victimless crime, who's really being hurt here," Dan-oh says. "Are you just trying to protect me from myself, or you don't want me to see what's going on, or are you protecting yourself from a lawsuit?"

Robert R. adds, "I hate to say it, but it's definitely less fun if you're not trespassing. But that's kind of my dividing line too. If I am not trespassing, I feel it's not really urban exploring."

Neither Dan-oh nor Robert R. has ever been hurt urban exploring, despite a slew of dangers: unstable structures, unknown terrain, and in the case of draining, an increase in water flow that could, if the levels got high enough, cause drowning. Dan-oh has slipped and fallen a few times, while Robert R.

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"I think he was hallucinating and everything," Robert R. says. "He wanted me to climb out for help and bring a helicopter back down to pick him up. Of course, because we were trespassing, that was kind of a lastresort option."

The duo, however, made it out of the reservoir relatively unscathed. Since then, they always bring extra water on their exploring trips.

Soon, the draining expedition slows; mineral formations are appearing against the sides of the drain, ringing the circumference with ruddy, solid deposits. Small stalactites hang like teeth, casting eerie shadows in the dim light. The formations below look not unlike spent candle wax, piled in hard puddles against the concrete.

Typically, before they enter a location, urban explorers will go on scouting exhibitions, sometimes doing intensive research before and after discovering a new site. Dan-oh both scouts in the field and scours the Internet for available information once he has discovered a drain of interest.

"I don't know how many times I've climbed down an embankment full of brush and [gotten] scraped and gotten to the bottom of a canyon to find that that pipe isn't an eight- or ten-foot pipe, but it's three [feet]," he says. "For every drain that you find that's good, there [are] 20 that aren't. So it takes a lot of research."

For online research, Danoh and Robert R. both use the popular mapping tool Google Maps, which gives an aerial view of almost anywhere in the world, including, in some cases, street names and specific sites. Danoh also uses the Thomas Brothers street guide and has, in the past, tracked down topographical maps to track streams and creeks that may provide good draining sites.

Dan-oh and Robert R. have another drain on their agenda, a much larger one hidden by a thicket of trees. It's made of corrugated iron and, after a sludgy pool of shin-deep water, leads to a large, boxy landing, a convenient resting and picture-taking spot. Dan-oh and Robert R. estimate that the drain is 40 or so feet under ground, judging from a ladder that stretches from the floor of the drain all the way up into the blackness. Aside from the ladder, the walls are uniform, yards and yards of corrugated iron that lead to the unknown.

For Dan-oh, this is part of what makes draining so appealing: the element of mystery. Framed against the gaping mouth of the drain, he looks tiny.

"There's [that] line from

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Dan C., like Dan-oh, began urban exploring casu-

ally as a kid.

"It kind of grew into hanging with my friends and exploring old abandoned hospitals and whatever we could find," he says. "Anything that looked interesting and a little bit dangerous, or not so much dangerous but different."

He's been exploring, he estimates, for the past 40 years, a pastime he considers a "product of the inner city."

"If you're an investiga-



tive type of person, your curiosity gets the best of you when you see a building with a door open and it looks like nobody owns it," he says.

Dan C., who is 55 and maintains properties, in addition to working as a photographer, is the moderator of the *Meetup.com* urban explorers group, the same one that Robert R. joined. According to Dan C., there are nearly 400 members, 50–100 of whom are active.

"I just...built it up by running events, finding places to explore,"he says."[I] invited a few people I knew to come on as co-organizers, and it's just kind of snowballed. It's pretty much done its own thing on Google and [with] word of mouth."

Nathan T., who is 39 and currently between jobs, also started exploring in high school. A fan of the roleplaying game *Dungeons and Dragons*, he and his friends would often reenact game battles in a local storm drain.

"Friends of mine used to talk about these storm drains down below Cal State L.A. and steam tunnels, and for some reason they always intrigued me," he says. "I

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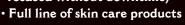
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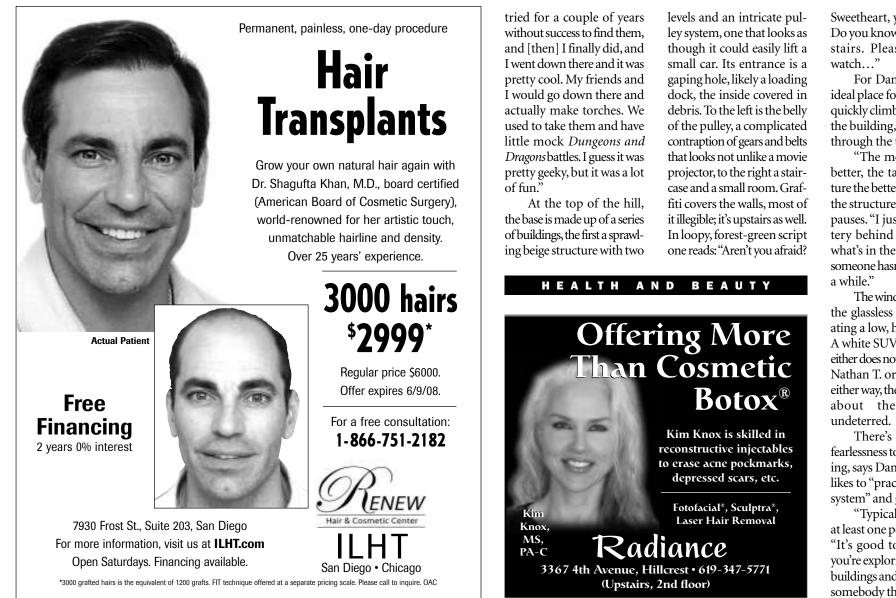
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For Dan C., this is the ideal place for exploring; he quickly climbs to the roof of the building, peering down through the trapdoor.

"The more rooms the better, the taller the structure the better, and the older the structure the better." He pauses. "I just like the mystery behind doors. Seeing what's in there, especially if someone hasn't been there in

The wind whips through the glassless windows, creating a low, haunting howl. A white SUV passes by and either does not see Dan C. and Nathan T. or ignores them; either way, the men continue about their business,

There's an element of fearlessness to urban exploring, says Dan C. Even so, he likes to "practice the buddy system" and go in groups.

"Typically, I'll go with at least one person," he says. "It's good to, especially if you're exploring abandoned buildings and things, to have somebody there just in case



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Nathan, while he often does his initial exploring alone, will usually make a group trip after he's scoped out an area.

"I find places when I'm out driving around, so it's just me and the dogs," he savs. "Once I find something I'll share it with my friends, and more often than not, since most of my friends really aren't into exploring, I'll set something up with the urban explorers group."

The path to the next building is snowy and treacherous, discarded metal and crumbled concrete hidden underfoot. It is almost completely demolished; sun pours down through massive gaps where the ceiling has been stripped right down to the frame. A sign, painted poorly on the outside wall, warns DO NOT ENTER: ASBESTOS in both English and Spanish.

In case he gets caught exploring where he technically shouldn't be, Dan C. always has a cover story.

"[I say] I'm there to document a particular place for a possible article or photo story, and of course if they don't want me there I'd be happy to leave," he says. "I've been asked to leave when I've been photographing some sites, but it's usually done in a pleasant way, and I explain that I'm just there to document with the camera and not to steal anything or do any damage or put any graffiti up, which is basically what they're trying to keep out."

His experiences with authorities have largely been pleasant ones.

"If you're nice to them, sometimes they're nice to you," he says simply.

As for Nathan, he says he's largely been ignored when he's come into contact with others while exploring.

"Maybe that's because I've been pushing middle age since I've been doing most of my exploring, and if I do run into somebody, they see me and just keep right on going," he says. "They don't seem to care."

His first time at the base, he came across a ranger parked right next to his car.

"I made up this whole elaborate story of how I was hiking along the Pacific Crest Trail and saw this off to the side and decided to check it out...but once I got down there, he didn't really care. He said, 'You really should-

n't be there,' and I said, 'Yeah, I know,' and that was pretty much it."

Outside, in the wind, it's cold enough to numb. The buildings cast large shadows of shade, patches of sun the only real warmth.

Nathan T. and Dan C.

enter another building that warns of asbestos, one that is covered in electrical boxes, each door opened to reveal dangling wires and cables. The place is massive, ceilings ballroom-high, a bank of windows on the left side letting in streams of sunlight.

It is here that Nathan T. mentions he met a pair of tweakers the first time he visited the base in the warmer weather. They were, Nathan T. speculates, hunting for copper wire remnants that might be worth some money. "They looked kind of

seedy, but one of the group members gave them water and they gave us the 411 on some of the features of the area," Nathan says. "So they turned out to be helpful."

Dan C. has also encountered transients and drug addicts in his travels.



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"They're usually just setting up their temporary shelter[s] in the abandoned place, and usually they just get out of your way," he says. "The ones I've met [were] not hostile. You don't show them any fear, and they just kind of move aside; I haven't been attacked or yelled at or anything. It helps to have the gift of gab. Being able to talk your way out of a situation is definitely a plus."

The uncertainty of a given site's structural stability is, for Nathan, the biggest danger of urban exploring. "Ideally, you're explor-

ing in a run-down, decrepit

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structure of some sort, so you need to use a little common sense," he says. "If you're going to climb down something, you need to make sure that what you're climbing

He cites the first build-

and conceivably the steel beams could have been weakened and come crashing down on us," he says. "But it looked pretty sturdy to me, so I didn't think there was a

The duo presses on, walking along the main road,

"That was burned out,

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can support your weight."

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right. The last - and largest -

building in the compound is entirely made of concrete, little rooms extending out from the main structure. On the ground floor is a room for basic equipment, a spot for each tool housed there marked clearly on the wall. The other, labeled "Communications," is empty.

Upstairs is a series of hallways and overlooks, all cast in eerie darkness. The sunlight, which is beginning to wane, peeps through the windows, which are small and located high, high up on the walls.

Dan C. pauses to take a self-portrait.

"I think people like to go places that most people don't venture," he says. "That's why, I guess, they went to the moon."

He chuckles.

"[There's] not a lot of urban exploring up there, but it's all curiosity, man's curiosity about things," he says. "You never know what you're going to see, and that's what makes it interesting. It's not like walking into the supermarket."

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Having lived in San Diego since 1980, one would think that I would have long ago gravitated to residence in the northern portion of the county. It seems, by consensus, to be more generally livable an area than other locations in a county (I have recently heard, but not confirmed this) that is roughly equal in size to the entire state of Connecticut. Surely this can't be, and maybe it isn't, but I do not reject the notion out of hand, especially when the phrase "North County" follows the idea.



The dreams North County inspires are not limited to novelists or even real estate developers but abide in the hearts of the residents of Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, Escondido, and San Marcos, to name some of what is included in the twoword phrase. "People who own horses gravitate here," said one resident of San Marcos, "or people who think about owning horses."

Not long after moving to this province from New York, I began research on a novel that would be published in 1987.

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The setting stretched from Tijuana to climactic scenes set in a fictional North County San Diego that, like Africa in the 19th Century, seemed a place so vast that anything might happen there and no one could say for sure it had not. The years and familiarity have rendered this fancy less realistic, though I'm glad it was not before I committed the fantasy, more or less convincingly, I believe, to the page.

Though I am more urban by nature, this northern part of the county struck me happily,

back in 1983, as the Wild West if not darkest Africa. And so I set a contemporary and epically scaled gunfight at the O.K. Corral in an unnamed area the novel references only as being within view (from high ground) of the Lake Henshaw basin. Were I to set the same action (describing a small war) in the 21st Century, I wonder if it would fly unquestioned, for one of the accelerating (and more abiding by the day) bywords of this extreme southwestern corner of the country is development. The

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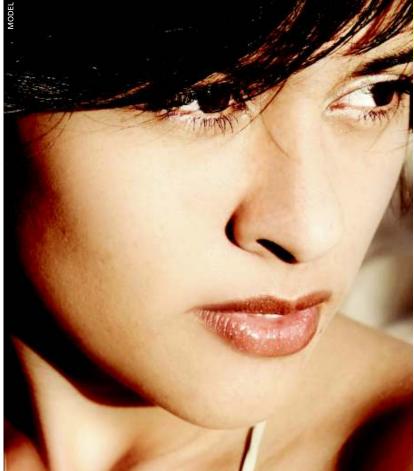
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If anything, movers

have noted, many of those

who have moved out of

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tions for those headed

(among the top destina-

out) have, in fact, moved

back. Mihailovich quotes

real estate agent Anna-

marie Dawber: "I had a

couple who returned after

living in Memphis. They

mosquitoes and the mug-

giness. They said, 'Let's be

complained about the

honest; once you see

much to do."

Graceland, there's not

North County San Diego to Texas, Virginia, North

The article reads, "More residents are leaving California than moving in, according to a 2007 residential migration study by United Van Lines.

"...One local moving agent said outbound residential moves from the county in 2007 were down a full 20 percent from 2006. Of those who left, most were from the south and east parts of the county, while North County remained fairly

> Tourist destinations are likely far less of a priority in North San Diego County — though to north and south, both SeaWorld and the zoo or, say, Disneyland in Orange County, are within a painless drive. Legoland is right there, of course. Much of North County is, in fact, a long-term tourist destination. That is, an area of the continental U.S. where immigrants, largely having sampled other attempts at long-

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* * * Evelyn Crowell moved to Vista, California, in 1995 from the Mission Hills/Hillcrest area. Crowell looks back fondly at more urban days but not terribly often. She writes: "Road kill count on

the Creek Road this morning - one blackand-white spaniel, one possum, and one baby

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raccoon. The spaniel had just ate it, its blood was still bright red and oozing, I wonder if that really loud, really fast car that

myself when just as I was coming to the turn after the spanking-new, not graffitied yet, Sprinter station when a blue bullet

"Housing — which is cheaper, with more land and a newer construction — drove me to North County."

was squealing around the hairpin curves was the deus ex machina for the little guy's soul. Last week, I was almost road kill



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while I called the cops. The car was totaled, she was fine; luckily, [considering] the sherry she had obviously drunk in excess

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house 'in the country' [is quiet]. That is to say [that] Vista is an old herb farm; for years trucks ran in and out at 2 a.m. And my street is a little dead-end ribbon of asphalt, not a major artery from Hillcrest to Little Italy. By and large it's quiet up here, less dense, more malls, fewer homeless, more sky."

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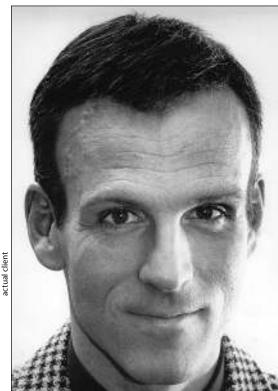
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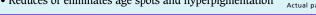
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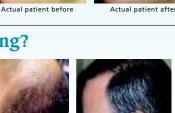
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other place in San Diego. That's because there are so many evil people. Just kidding! I've lived here ten years," — he shakes his short ponytail — "and don't even know my neighbors. It's that isolated up here."

Litany of the "North County Blues," as Bob sees it:

"This is the Sahara of the Beaux Arts. No fivestar restaurants. Skinny ghosts - you know, eternal and wrinkled adolescents riding their bikes around town with beards, big floppy hats, and empty

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faces. It's extremely quiet. Too quiet sometimes."

The following, he notes, are the area's saving graces:

"The surf. The beaches. The hills. The birds; more of them and more interesting kinds. The Sprinter, at last. Carlsbad and three-car garages. The quiet."

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six feet tall with blue eyes. He is in his 30s. Born in Coronado, raised in Imperial Beach and along the Silver Strand, Thompson

Darren Thompson is over

construction — drove me to North County. But the beach and the surf, the space, and the clean air keep me here. With six kids and three dogs, that's a gimme."

Do you still relate to anything downtown? What about, say, the Padres?

gradually moved north to

Oceanside. When asked

what drove him to make

point out that there were

practical reasons, such as

"housing — which is cheaper, with more land

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this move, he was quick to

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"Season tickets — go to all the home games." Do you feel like a stranger when you go downtown to see them play?

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Reflecting on his childhood, Thompson remembers the drive-in movies and the Del Coronado where he saw little

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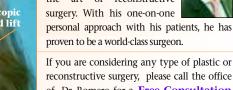
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* * * Kali O., a self-described "nature girl," wears her blonde hair to her waist. Given her first name, and having, like Thompson, Nordic blue eyes, she might be taken by anyone back East as a native Southern Californian. She

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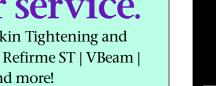
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is not. She moved to San Diego "about six years ago" and "was surprised that San Diego had 'more of a city feel with businesses and lots of traffic.' " When did you come

to North County?

"About five months ago. Solana Beach. This feels like I imagined San Diego would be like: lots of little beach towns dotting the coast. It's easier to ride bikes up here, and I noticed that the people are more active; everywhere you go you see runners, walkers, and cyclists - a real 'small community'

feel about it. Plenty of vegan restaurants.

"North County is removed from a lot of things that are more available to you in San Diego. I miss my friends in North Park, browsing the shops there, especially the Adams Avenue bookstores.

"It's a little culturally monolithic up here. San Diego is more culturally diverse. I identify with the North Park people; they seem more real, less status-conscious."

David Gordon is in his mid-50s, a Vietnam veteran with dark brown hair with a minimum of gray. Though we did not set out to interview solely blueeyed residents of North County, he is also blueeyed and an original son of San Diego. The elusive native. He is a current resident of Vista — "the foothills," he specifies.

"I moved there some 12 years ago after pretty much a lifetime in either downtown, Normal Heights, North Park, Hillcrest, what have you. I lived mostly downtown

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and worked downtown [and] was pretty much a part of the culture downtown. I was born at Mercy and grew up in North Park. North County is different. It's not a very friendly place. In the years I've lived up here, no one has invited me into his or her house. I don't really know anybody except the people I've thrust myself on. I used to know a couple of the old guys down the street from my house. We would meet out on the road at the edge of one or another of our properties. We would talk. But they died."

Gordon several times makes use of the word "insular" when describing his community. "Insular maybe because it's an old Mormon area," he ven-

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tures. "Vista is nice, it's pretty, but it's a funny place. It is chaotic; you've got ultra-mansions up the hill from working-class homes — it's one of the few places left in the county where workingclass people can afford to buy homes. A working guy can buy a decent amount of land. I think the ethos here is laissezfaire.

"All of the streets wind around up here because of the land. There are no grid neighborhoods. The terrain doesn't lend itself to grid solutions, so these pocket neighborhoods are maintained — which have a character of their own." He seems to be talking to himself here, as if weighing the pros and cons of

his decision to move years ago. "We can see horses close up from our back yard, we have room to garden...I have a fairly long commute, but the farthest south I get is Del Mar. I go to San Diego for medical stuff. My world is like that old New Yorker cover, you know the one?" He means the cover and poster of Manhattan, which occupies 90 percent of the foreground, with California, almost an afterthought, stuffed in the far corner of the picture. I assume he means North County as the foreground of his world and San Diego the after-

thought in the distance. I do not bother to ask Gordon if he considers himself a San Diegan as he most readily admits that

he is. Not so with other residents of the North County.

* * * Do you consider yourself

a San Diegan? Carla, waitress, 26: "Not really. I live and work here in Escondido. I haven't been to San Diego in about two years. I went to the museums. My life is pretty much right here."

Don, customer service representative for Target, 34: "I guess. I moved here from Michigan, but in the three years I've been here, I've only been downtown a few times. I've been to, like, P.B. and Mission Beach more often, but I party in Carlsbad these days and I live in Vista. To me, North County is San Diego, so I

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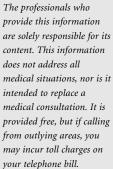
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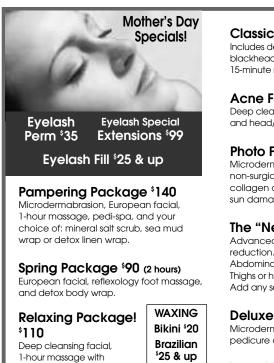


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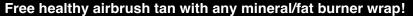
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cook in Oceanside, resident of Vista, 41: "Yes and no. I couldn't tell you what the city council in San Diego is up to. I don't care. But, like, if I go back to New Mexico, I feel like I represent San Diego, and I'm proud of it and everything. But when I'm home, I stay up here. I don't really go down there for anything."

Jack, 55, a cab driver for Yellow Cab and a San Marcos resident, spoke for several minutes as he drove along San Marcos Boulevard:

"No. It's a whole different deal. I haven't been back to North Park for nine years. The answer is definitely 'Not really.' It's more laid-back up here. People are more trusting. You almost don't have to lock your doors. We don't have the gangs or the drugs. We've only had one cab driver murdered up here in the past 30 years. I don't think you can say that for San Diego. People watch your back. We want to keep it nice. People in San Diego don't give a fuck. It's way safer [here]. There's tougher law enforcement up here. Bunch of people gathered around on a street corner for no reason? Cops come by and say, 'What the fuck are you doin'?' The handcuffs come out. Notice there's no cages in the taxicabs. We had one driver, years back, had a cage in his cab." He means a Plexiglas partition separating passenger from driver. "The guy had to get rid of it. It creeped people out. You can feel safe up here; the cops are definitely on it. I do go downtown for Padres games once in a while; I'm a fan. I am always glad to be back here, though. This is where you want to be."

* * * Unlike the United Van Lines migration study cited above, the March 20 Union-Tribune declared on its front page:

> COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE STAYING PUT By Lori Weisberg STAFF WRITER "The sharp downturn in the real estate market appears to be persuad

ing more residents to stay put, as thousands fewer people moved out of San Diego County last year than in years past. "New census num-

bers show that while

the county continues to see more people leave the area than move in, outbound migration throughout coastal California has significantly slowed since mid-2006 when the

housing bubble began to burst in San Diego County.

"Between July 2006 and July 2007, 14,365 more people moved out of the county than moved in. That's a 60

percent decrease from a year earlier, when the net domestic migration out of the county was 36,282, according to population estimates released today by the Census Bureau."

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If a conclusion is to be drawn, it might well be that San Diegans come and go but North County San Diegans have perhaps dug in a tad deeper. — John Brizzolara and Diane Clark

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continued from page 12 and cumin)All Uzbeks will tell you of how it was served to Alexander the Great. Other typical Uzbek dishes are lagman, dimlama, shurpa and samsa.

Palm sized manti are a close second as a national dish. They are usually eaten with the hands and topped with yogurt. Afghans, Uyghurs, Tajiks, Dungans and Armenians have a similar dish.

As for the connection between Greek and Afghan food. Not at all a stretch nor an oddity that they resemble each other in some way. The Greek presence in what is now Afghanistan following the conquests of Alexander the Great, both country's position either in or as trading partners of the Ottoman and Persian empires would have led to an exchange of cooking methods.

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More than likely, the paramount reason would have been the Silk Road. In many ways, modern Greece is a patchwork of Greeks who, as recently as the first half of the 20th century, resided in Anatolia, Constantinople, Abkhazia, Georgia, Armenia etc. The contact they would have had with cooking methods and spices flowing in from Central Asia would have led to some cross polinization.

City Lights, by Don Bauder **Published April 30**

Posted by Anon92107 on *May* 1, 1:21 *a.m.* Right on Professor Bauder, one of your best reality checks ever.

Keep educating your readers up close and personal because our elected officials are worst-case scenario examples of our failed education system that has been destroyed by politicians who sell out everything they may have learned in school as soon they become politicians.

We are drowning in tsunami of B.S. and the democrats running for election are proving daily that they are totally unprepared to deal with republican betrayals of Democracy and the Land of Opportunity.

Considering the world that Bush-Cheney created so far in this new century, it's a wonder that anyone wants to be the next president. And I don't hear anyone

yet in this war of personal attacks-counterattacks who appears to be capable of even beginning to deal with actual problems.

Posted by dbauder on May 1, 6:50 a.m.

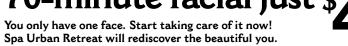
I had to chuckle yesterday. The government reported that gross domestic product (GDP), or total economic output, rose 0.6 percent in the first quarter. Some exulted, saying this refutes the idea that we are in a recession. The economy is still growing, albeit slowly, they rejoiced. Ha Ha Ha. The devil was in the details. GDP is inflation-adjusted. The government uses a broad measure of inflation called the deflator to adjust GDP. Do you know what the reported deflator was in the first quarter? 2.6 percent. Yes, 2.6 percent. Raise

your hand if you think inflation is only running at 2.6 percent. And according to the deflator, consumer inflation was only 3.5 percent despite food and fuel prices soaring. So by this bit of prestidigitation, the GDP rose slightly. I didn't see anybody commenting on that in the printed or electronic media. Posted by Ponzi on May 3, 2:23 p.m.

My water bill just arrived with a notice it was increasing 8% this year. I've noticed that a hamburger now costs \$10 in most restaurants and a cocktail is \$12. I don't go out very often, but I was shocked to take some out of town guests out to dinner for some sandwiches and drinks and spend \$70 on four people. That was 4 cheeseburgers with fries, and 4 drinks.

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Maybe other people have seen 5% inflation, but I have kept a budget on Quicken for 10 years and this year my costs have increased about 25% over-all. I have cancelled a vacation because I have no room in my budget. The money has been moved to gasoline and food. My investment income has also dropped because the yields on my long term investments have dropped. So I'm being squeezed at both ends. It also it cutting into my ability to save money. Due to some recent medical bills (also very high) I had to reduce my 401K contribution 3% to help pay the bills.

Diary of a Diva Published April 30

Posted by jim87vette on May 1, 4:59 p.m.

Darn I missed your last column-better check it out eh? Simple pleasures are the spice of life.Why are we always in a hurry lol?And yes I watch the video and read your column lol.

Posted by barbarella on May 4, 10:50 a.m.

So true, Jim, so true. I'm not a religious woman, but I abide by the adage, "God is in the details."

Blurt Published April 30

Posted by pete69 on May 4, 4:53 p.m.

Maybe the emo kids should just stop being emo kids.

Posted by EncititasFTW on May 4, 5:16 p.m.

People should worry less of other's actions and more about their own.

Posted by towelheadedcameljockey on May 4, 9:48 p.m.

800 kids traveled to Plaza De Armas to seek out people to fight? 800 people? You'd think that type of number would make the news.....

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The word 'zydeco' comes from the Cajun-French song 'Les haricots san pa sale,''' says Peter Oliver, musician and co-promoter of the Gator by the Bay Festival. "In French that means 'the snap beans aren't salty,' and if you couldn't afford salt it means you're poorer than dirt. Zydeco is a word that was made up — it's a manufactured word from that song, because when you sang ['les haricots'] it sounded like 'layzedico.''' Zydeco developed in the early 1900s when French-speaking Canadians migrated to Louisiana. The language of the area eventually morphed

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into the Cajun French dialect. The seventh annual Gator by the Bay Festival will be held at Spanish

Landing Park on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11. Twenty five bands will play blues and zydeco music. Like French folk music, zydeco often includes a piano accordion along with a guitar and a corrugated aluminum rubboard, also known as a *vest frottoir*, which hangs from a player's shoulders on the chest and is used as a percussion instrument. The tempo of zydeco is fast, and the songs tend toward minor keys and syncopated rhythms.

"Zydeco is like oysters," says Oliver. "People are never middle-of-the-road about oysters — you love it or hate it." As with other musical genres, zydeco has its own style of dance. "Zydeco dance is really close in; you hold on to each other really tight. You've got your knees bent a little bit, and you're moving up and down ever so slightly." The standard zydeco stance is a half crouch, with the feet shifting quickly from left to right.

"Typically, in zydeco dancing, you have your hand around your partner's body," says Oliver. "You know how you do a waltz? For a woman, she puts a hand on her partner's shoulder. In zydeco the woman will frequently have her right hand down at the man's waist level, and he'll have his hand around the small of her back, holding her close in, and you do a lot of really close turns. It's a passionate dance."

Oliver describes the dance as "anarchistic." Unlike most structured social dancing, such as the waltz or two-step — where dancers move counterclockwise around the dance floor — zydeco dancers tend to pick a spot and stay there. "I can dance in two square feet," says Oliver. "You just sit there, hold on to your partner, and groove out to the music."

"Zydeco dance is like a slower-paced salsa," says Amariyah Israel, who teaches zydeco moves to festival attendees. "But with zydeco the man and woman do almost identical footwork. They don't do a lot of spinning or twirling — they're just in a groove."

Just as zydeco musicians have begun to incorporate drop beats and rap riffs, Israel has begun adding hip-hop moves to his routine. "Not to brag, but I'm the only one I know to do stuff like that," says Israel. "I add the latest, like, 'Crank That (Soulja Boy)."

In addition to zydeco dance lessons and music, the festival will host a crawfish boil in the traditional Louisiana manner. Mitch



Photos from previous festivals

Olivier of Opelousas, Louisiana, is bringing 8000 pounds of live crawfish packed on ice to Spanish Landing. "That's a big-ass truck," says Oliver.

Oliver stresses that crawfish are "tiny, freshwater lobsters — not shrimp, not cockroaches, but little lobsters." The crawfish will be slathered in Zatarain's, a Creole spice rub, and then tossed into a 50-gallon tank set atop a gas cooker. Crawfish-eating lessons will take place every hour. "There's a saying, 'Pinch me, squeeze me, suck my head, and eat me," says Oliver. "Once you get the knack of it, you can get quite a bit of meat out of them. It's like learning how to use chopsticks."

Oliver suggests holding the body of the crawfish in one hand and the tail in the other and twisting in opposite directions. "Then you can take the body [the head portion] up to your mouth and suck the juice out. Then you drop that down on newspaper — everybody eats crawfish on newspaper — and now at the bottom of the tail, in the skinniest part, if you pinch just above where the fan is and hold on, you grab the meat with your teeth and gently pull it out. After about eight of those you have to have some potatoes and some corn, which are also in the boil. And beer...you've got to drink beer."

— Barbarella

Gator by the Bay Festival Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Spanish Landing Park North Harbor Drive Harbor Island Cost: \$20 (under 17 free) Info: 619-234-8612 or gatorbythebay.com

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"The California Touring Project" Culture's Edge and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego present contemporary performance and dance by the Hybrid Authorship Project, Cid Pearlman, and casebolt and smith. Support these "independent dance artists facing limited resources." 858-454-3541. Saturday, May 10, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Don Quixote" City Ballet of San Diego presents this classic ballet in its three-act entirety. "This ballet has it all - emotion, humor, romance, and brilliant dancing." 858-272-8663. Friday, May 9, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 11, 2 p.m.; \$29-\$59. Ages 5 and up. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

"Soulos...Green" Eveoke Dance Theatre presents dance theater performances by emerging choreographers Ericka Aisha Moore and Yvonne Hernandez, May 8-June 1. "When someone has taken great care to love, grow, and nurture something that means the world to them and then presents it as a gift to you, what will you do with it?" Understudy cast performs Thursdays, May 15 and May 22. Walk-up tickets are pay-what-youcan one hour before showtime. 619-238-1153. Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday,

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

INTO THE WILD For Cinema Society of Carlsbad, Saturday, May 10.

(SEE FILM)

June 1, 2008, \$12-\$20. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN

Belly Dance Show and concert Lucia joined by international vocalist Moayed and the Dreams Band for night of Arabian dance. No cover. 619-405-2308. Friday, May 9, 8 p.m.; Al Bustan, 801 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Country-Western Dance Rock-Step hosts LGBTQ community and their friends and families with free country-western dance; evening will include short dance exhibitions including East and West Coast swing, cha cha cha, and nightclub two-step. 619-491-0400. Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m.; Urban Mo's Bar and Grill, 308 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Edgy, Diverse, Physical "Voices of San Diego Dance Theater" presented by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater, with work by choreographers Jean Isaacs, Keith Johnson, Sadie Weinberg/Greg Lane, Bradley Lundberg, Wendy Rogers, Joe Goode. Reception with dancers follows each performance. 619-225-1803. Saturday, May 10, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 11, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$25.



Don Powell Theatre at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Get Hustling! Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers led by Raul Ante for San Diego Hustle Club, 7-8 p.m. \$15. Hustle Club dance party follows 8 p.m.midnight \$7, with beginner lesson 8-8:30 p.m. (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Greek Dance Workshop Joe Graziosi leads workshop with dances from Macedonia, Island, and Pontiac in Greece (\$10), followed by local musicians performing live music for dancing (\$6). Pay \$14 for the whole shebang. 619-281-5656. Saturday, May 10, 5:30 p.m.; \$10-\$14. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Hip-Hop Don't Stop! Latest dance steps taught by instructor/dancer Prince on every Thursday. 858-635-1211. Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.; \$10. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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Social Fusion Dance Party DJ plays swing, Latin, ballroom, and nightclub for singles and couples of all ages. Rumba lesson: 8 p.m. First time free, 619-275-3533, Saturday, May 10, 8 p.m.; \$4-\$7. Pattie Wells? Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard, (LINDA VISTA)

The More the Merrier The community band returns - plan to sit in with them — and guest caller Jeremy Korr calls for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners dance workshop 7:30; dances taught and called to live music 8-11 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

"From Surreal to Abstract" Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films provides live music and sounds for classic short films showcased during UCSD's ArtPower series. Program includes Tit for Tat (1900), El Espectro Rojo (1903), Dream of a Rarebit Fiend (1906), Symphonie Diagonal (1921), others. Screening offered in Porter's Pub at UCSD. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, May 8, 8 p.m.; \$10. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Catch the PG-13-rated Great Yokai War at 5:30 p.m. in ACD-102 and at 7:30 in Markstein Hall 125. Donations accepted. 760-845-0565. Thursday, May 8, 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Vallev Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Cinema Paradiso" Award-winning film screens for Italian Film Festival. Director Giuseppe Tornatore explores role of cinema in social and religious life of postwar Sicilian villagers. In Italian with English subtitles. 858-456-1735. Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Into the Wild" Sean Penn's 2007 film examining the life of seeker Chris McCandless is showcased when Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes. Cinema chat begins at 1:30 p.m.; discussion led by Ann Zivotsky follows screening. 760-602-2026. Saturday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Lynch" Documentary directed by a filmmaker who goes by pseudonym blackANDwhite offers an insider's perspective of Lynch's creative process. Film was shot during making of Lynch's experimental film Inland Empire. 858-454-3541. Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"The Violin" Mexican film evoking "the struggle between peasants and government" by Francisco Vargas screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. Monday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Volver" Pedro Almodóvar's 2006 film showcased for International Film Series in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus; film repeats at 7 p.m. on Oceanside campus. 760-795-6612. In Spanish with English subtitles. Friday, May 9, 1 p.m.; MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Ray's Greatest Film? Satyajit Ray's 1968 film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne/The Adventures of Goopy and Bagha screens for Indian Film Festival. 619-696-1969. Tuesday, May 13, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK

"ReVolver" Pedro Almodóvar's 2006 film Volver screens for International Film Series in room 3601. In Spanish with English subtitles. 760-795-6612. Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

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"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)

"Peppers Favorites II" Puppet Express presents handpuppet show through Sunday, May 11. Next: Sleeping Beauty by Weaver's Tales, May 14-18. 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 8, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 9, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, May 14, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sunday Stories" Celebrate Water Awareness Month during water and water-conservation-themed story times. 619-702-4200. Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, May 25, 2008, Borders Books and Music — Gaslamp, 668 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, May 10, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 11, 12:30 p.m.; Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Children's Book Week celebration. Charlotte Kandel, author of new children's book The Scarlet Stockings: The Enchanted Riddle, will read from her book, discuss her background in the movie industry, and how she came up with idea for this story. 619-533-3902. Tuesday, May 13, 3:30 p.m.; College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

More Water Awareness stories. Celebrate Water Awareness Month



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

To get to the visitor center

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he Laguna Mountain range, just east (and squarely in the "rain shadow") of the nearby Cuyamaca Mountains, snags just enough moisture from passing Pacific storms to support a forest of scattered live oaks, black oaks, and Jeffrev pines. Here and there, a rounded summit or two pokes above the trees. unobstructed views of distant horizons are offered. The trivially short Kwaaymii Trail, originating at the Mount Laguna visitor center, will take you to one of those summits: Piñon Point (or Pinyon

Point)

Long view from Piñon Point

to the Mount Laguna visitor center, on the left at mile 23.5, and park there. Be sure to post a National Forest Adventure Pass (available for purchase in the visitor center if you don't have one) on your parked car.

On the Kwaaymii Trail — the interpretive trail looping over Piñon Point you'll learn about Indian uses of native plants for food, shelter, clothing, and medicine. Bedrock morteros (deep holes) and metates (shallow depressions) used for grinding acorns can be seen along the way. The Kwaaymii, the most recent Native American inhabitants of the Laguna Mountains, were a subtribe of the Kumeyaay Indians.

The large pinyon pine on Piñon Point is a Sierra Juarez pinyon, with needles in clusters of five. Nearby is another smaller pinyon of the four-leafed variety. Pinyon pines with one, four, and five needles are distributed throughout the desert-facing slopes of San Diego and Riverside counties and the Sierra Juarez range of Baja California, but they are relatively rare here in the Lagunas.

with educational story time. 619-220-0175. Saturday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Hazard Center, 7610 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

Morphing with the Frizz Experience power of metamorphosis with Ms. Frizzle; munch some leaves, spin a pupa, and grow some wings. Fee does not include museum admission. For those four to six years old. 619-255-0203. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; \$12-\$15. Ages 4 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Space Day Celebration Engage in activities and meet local aerospace professionals during family science day. Sessions lasting 45 minutes are included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, May 10, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.; \$6-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Magic Carpet Ride! Christian Youth Theatre presents the musical Aladdin. 619-588-

0206. Friday, May 9, 2 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 11, 7 p.m.; \$9-\$13. East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Talented Puppies! J*Company Youth Theatre wraps up the current season with the comedy Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids, May 8-18. Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 11, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; \$12-\$16. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Water Awareness Month Story Times "Fun, educational" story time with water or waterconservation-themed stories read. 858-618-1814. Wednesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.; Borders Books and Music - Carmel Mountain, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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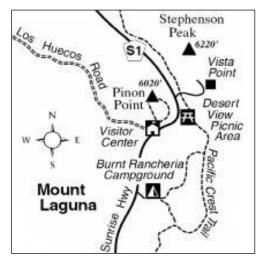
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"S Is for S'mores: A Camping Alphabet" Author Helen F. James, who is also writer of E Is for Enchantment: A New Mexico Alphabet, reads from her work, answers questions, signs autographs. 619-463-3006. Wednesday, May 14, 3 p.m.; Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Teacher Laura Preble discusses and signs The Queen Geek Social Club. 858-538-8165. Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.; Mira Mesa Library, 8405 New Salem Street. (MIRA MESA)

Kathy Griffin entertains. 619-220-TIXS. Friday, May 9, 9 p.m.; Friday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.; \$70. Humphrey's by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (POINT LOMA)

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Investigative Reporter, Author

Caitlin Rother discusses and signs Twisted Triangle: A Famous Crime Writer, a Lesbian Love Affair, and the FBI Husband's Violent Rage. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

New Writing Series Historian and performer Camille F. Forbes reads for series in Visual Arts Facility, Performance Space. Forbes is author of Introducing Bert Williams: Burnt Cork, Broadway, and the Story of America's First Black Star and her "ever-evolving one-woman stage piece," Tales of Suburban Squalor. 858-534-4618. Wednesday, May 14, 4:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, (LA JOLLA)

Poet and Novelist Critically acclaimed Stephen Dobyns reads from Mystery, So Long and other works. 858-456-1800. Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

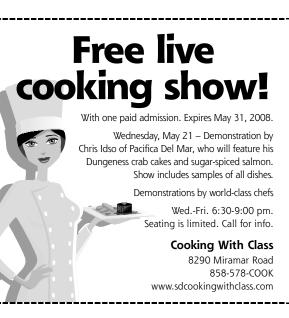
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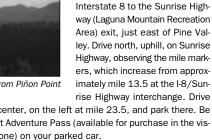
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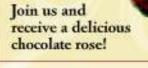
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The Last Renaissance Man? Guitar expert, player, photojournalist Robb Lawrence discusses his new book, The Early Years of the Les Paul Legacy: 1915-1963, Foreword by Les Paul. 858-456-1800. Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

What's It Mean to Be Human? Carlsbad author Mary Pearson set her young adult novel The Adoration of Jenna Fox in a dystopian near-future. Pearson signs, discusses her book. 858-538-8163. Monday, May 12, 6 p.m.; Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RAN-CHO BERNARDO

LECTURES

"Violence and Votes in India: The 2002 Riots and Elections and After" University of Chicago professor Steven Wilkinson speaks for IICAS South Asian Studies program in UCSD's Social Sciences Building (SSB) room 107. 858-822-8297. Thursday, May 8, 4 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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"Designs from Down Under" Fallbrook floral designer Pauline Sachi demonstrates abstract floral designs using Australian plant material and items found in local gardens for Point Loma Garden Club. 619-223-3315. Wednesday, May 14, 10 a.m.; Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

"Ed Ruscha: Paintings, Pho-

"Finding Marriage in Your As-trological Chart" "Wedding astrology" specialist April Elliott Kent shares "observations about astrologers' most-requested task: finding marriage in the birth chart." When Kent speaks for San Diego Astrological Society she'll focus on what "your natal chart reveals about the kind of marriage that will make you truly happy" in lecture hall room G-102. 619-654-1265. Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.; \$12. Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Buhler Lynes, curator of Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe speaks for "SDMA in the 21st Century" themed "Guest Lecture Series." 619-696-1953. Friday, May 9, 10 a.m.; \$7-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)



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tographs, Prints, and Influences" "Looking at the Athenaeum's Artists' Books Collection" lecture presented by Cornelia Feve and Kathi Bower Peterson. Guests may look at the valuable artists' books themselves (under supervision of the head librarian). 858-454-5872. Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Georgia O'Keeffe" Barbara



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"Voices of San Diego Dance Theater,' Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11, Don Powell Theatre.

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George Gershwin are subject on

May 20; series concludes with con-

sideration of Ernest Bloch and

Darius Milhaud on May 27. 858-

362-1348. Tuesday, May 13, 7:30

p.m.; \$9-\$12. Lawrence Family

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"Making More Plants: Ad-

ventures in Horticulture!" Au-

thor Ken Druse discusses his prop-

agation research and new

discoveries for San Diego Horti-

cultural Society. Druse is author of

16 books on gardening, including

The Natural Shade Garden, The

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Passion for Gardening. Reservations suggested: 760-295-7089. Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Making and Marketing Invisible Children" During this event for filmmakers, Invisible Children co-director Jason Russell talks about challenges of shooting a documentary in Uganda and how he used a grassroots, viral marketing campaign to create worldwide awareness of his film. 858-356-0203. Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m.; Groovy Like a Movie, 5205 Kearny Villa Way. (KEARNY MESA)

"Methane Hydrates: Natural Hazard or Natural Resource?" Scripps Oceanography geochemist Miriam Kastner studies the naturally occurring "enormous methane reservoirs" and their potential impact on global warming. Get the skinny when Kastner speaks for Perspectives on Ocean Science lecture series. Required reservations: 858-534-5771. Monday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Powering the Planet with Solar Energy" Professor Harry Gray from California Institute of Technology examines efficient and economical storage of solar energy in form of chemical bonds (lecture is aimed at non-specialist audience). Professor Gray is described as "a world-renowned chemist." Reception at 3 p.m., lecture at 4 p.m. 619-260-4682. Friday, May 9, 3 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Searching through Order" Visual artist Iana Quesnell discusses her work — pencil and charcoal drawings depicting her temporary living situations in Tijuana and San Diego - for Friends of San Diego Architecture. 619-235-4100. Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.; NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sports at Lunch" U.S. Open golf champions Billy Casper (1959, 1966) and Scott Simpson (1987) reminisce about their championships and upcoming U.S. Open; Torrey Pines golf operations manager Mark Woodward discusses preparing the course for the tournament. Reservations: 619-699-2309. Thursday, May 8, 11:30 a.m.; \$25-\$30. San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Art of Ancient Greece and Rome" Art historian James Grebl presents 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. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; through Thursday, May 22, 2008, \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Wildlife Responses to Climate Change" Terry Root of Stanford University discusses "the synergistic effect between rapid global warming and habitat modification...probably the most important problem facing species today" for "Global Climate Change: Species and Places" series. 619-232-3821. Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

(A Timely) Revelle Forum Economic journalist, author Roger Lowenstein shares his views on economy and discusses his new book, While America Aged: How Pension Debts Ruined General Motors, Stopped the NYC Subwavs. Bankrupted San Diego, and Loom as the Next Financial Crisis. Registration: 858-882-8000. Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.; \$35. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Create a Woven Mini-Sachet Nadine Spier leads Mother's Day class. Fee includes Weavette loom, two needles, dried lavender, yarns, embellishments. Registration: 760-742-1489. Sunday, May 11, noon; \$55. The Lavender Fields, 12460 Kevs Creek Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Cat Training secrets, cat behavior, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with cat. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. For humans only. Monday, May 12, 6 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society

and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Takin' Care of (Plumeria) Business Irene Jones focuses on fertilizing, Pat Fisher covers potting and culture of plumerias; Carl Herzog, Frank Zotter, and Danny Kashou demonstrate grafting techniques when Southern California Plumeria Society gathers. 619-461-5942. Sunday, May 11, 1 p.m.; War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Vital Records The importance of these records in research discussed when San Diego Genealogical Society gathers (10 a.m.). Speaker Franklin Gaylis, whose research specialty is with Jewish community and Baltic region, speaks at noon. 619-588-0065. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 8350 Lake Murray Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

OUTDOORS

Wild Oats, Foxtails, and other nonnative grasses growing around San Diego have mostly turned gold, but other varieties of wild grass such as rye remain green in some areas. Yellow waves of wild mustard continue to put on a good show here and there, especially on the steep slopes and road cuts overlooking several of the local freeways.

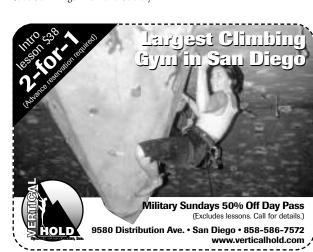
Land Bird Migration is in full swing this month in San Diego County, with warblers and flycatchers among those most commonly seen. Warblers crawl along trees limbs and branches to dine on their favorite insects, while flycatchers, as the name suggests, catch their meals on the wing. Riparian areas such as the San Diego River through Mission Gorge and Marian Bear Park in San Clemente Canyon are favored by both birds and birdwatchers.

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-growing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blueblossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and backyard tree in the older residential areas.

The Planet Mercury reaches its most favorable eastern elongation from the sun from early May to mid-May. This is 2008's best opportunity to spot Mercury with the naked eve. Look for this star-like planet hovering over the western horizon at dusk.



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Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Astronomy Day Celebration Festivities begin at 3 p.m., "culminate in a big star party once the sun goes down." Family friendly activities throughout day, including solar observing through special telescopes, a tour of solar system, seminars. 760-737-2698. Saturday, May 10, 3 p.m.; San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Del Mar Beach Cleanup Beach cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper starts in grassy area on south side of Powerhouse. Wear close-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.; Powerhouse Community Center, 1658 Coast Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Fried Eggs Over Easy! White Matilija poppies with yellow "yolks" are easily seen near Old Mission Dam during guided walk in Mission Trails Regional Park. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 10, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Get Out and Walk Enjoy open space, native plants, animals during guided walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 14, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

International Migratory Bird Day Celebrate the incredible jour-

neys of migratory birds during "festive day of all things birds" for family. 619-575-3613. Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitors' Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Know the Chinese District? Explore what remains of Asian Pacific Historic District with Walkabout walkers during casual- to moderately paced outing. Participants will tour Chinese Historical Museum (11 a.m.) following walk. 619-231-7463. Saturday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.; Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds of urban wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.; Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

North Park Urban Safari Explore renaissance of North Park during three-mile Urban Safari walking tour. Required reservations: 619-944-9255. Saturday. May 10, 9:30 a.m.; \$10. Caffe Calabria Coffee Roasters, 3933 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking

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water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Stargazing Party Search for a shooting star or Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) in MiraCosta College's baseball field. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, May 9, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, 8 p.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Sweetwater River Native Plant Walk Explore native plants in Rancho San Diego; walk features riparian plants with a transition to coastal sage scrub. Focus is nontechnical with common names and uses of the plants explored. Meet in parking lot of Edward's Cinema, in front of Rubio's. 619-501-3789. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; Rancho San Diego 15, 2951 Jamacha Road. (EL CAJON)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone, starting at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments. 858-484-3219. Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m.; Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Trail Repair Work Continuing in Paso Picacho Campground area. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 858-566-7399. Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.; Paso Picacho campground, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Highway 79, five miles north of I-8. (JULIAN)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"Spirituality" Lecture by René Mey and music by Aleia. 011-52-664-687-2604. Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m.: \$4. Casa de la Cultura de Tijuana, Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira, (BAJA)

Composer, Producer, Arranger, Singer! Latin artist Diego Verdaguer is joined in concert by Amanda Miguel, an Argentine-born Mexican singer famous for her powerful voice. 011-52-664-681-7000. Friday, May 9, 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.; Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

Concert of Mexican Music The AUCA String Ouartet, composed of students from UABC School of Arts, performs music by contemporary Mexican composers. 011-52-646-173-4307 or 011-52-646-173-4308. Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.; Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

Dirty Reggae! The Aggrolites in concert in Box Underground at El Foro. 619-734-2333. Friday, May 9, 8 p.m.; \$12. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA

More Reggae! Concert by Cafres, Gondwana, Cultura Profética, and Yumanos. 619-734-2333. Saturday, May 10, 5 p.m.; \$30-\$50. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown.

Put 25 Candles on the Cake Ensenada Jazz ensemble celebrates 25th anniversary with concert. 011-52-646-176-3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. Friday, May 9, 7:30



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"Allan Kaprow — Art as Life: Reinvented Happenings" Experience "the re-invention of two 1969 Kaprow Happenings — Pose and Giveaway." Open to public, re-staging of these "Happenings" led by a group of local university students and artists, 858-454-3541. Saturday, May 10, noon; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"Life Is Too Short to Be Bitter" Ryan Bros. coffee tasting with Tom Sr., Helena, Tom, Harry, and Carmine Rvan, Learn about roasting and brewing coffee, coffee bean varietals and their taste differences. flavored coffees, coffee blends, more. Coffee tastings promised. RSVP: 888-424-3663. Saturday, May 10, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"On Alienation" Nathaniel Branden's treatise discussed by San Diego Objectivist discussion group. Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. Sunday, May 11, 6 p.m.; Heaven Sent Desserts, 3001 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"The Mind of Krishnamurti" SDSU Library hosts the traveling exhibit "The Mind of Krishnamurti: World Citizen, World Teacher" in reference services area on first floor of library addition. 619-594-4303. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays; Mondays; Tuesdays; Wednesdays; through Friday, May 23, 2008, San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

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Art Glass Guild Show and Sale Over 30 glass artists show off their work at event in studio 25, featuring all types of glass: blown, fused, torch worked, stained, cast, etched, mosaic. 619-702-8006. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m.; Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Art in the Valley Carmel Valley Artists host 45th annual spring show and sale with work in variety of media by many artists. 760-945-6922. Saturday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.; Karl Strauss Brewing Company, Sorrento Mesa, 9675 Scranton Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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

Beach-to-Brewery Beer and Music Fest Surfrider Foundation benefits from party with music by Louis XIV, the Shys, Stranger, Hotel St. George. Ten beers on tap, small-batch specialty beers. Tickets include five beer tastings, concert. Shuttles from Pacific Beach Library and Dusty Rhodes Park in Ocean Beach.

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

LAST RENAISSANCE MAN? Robb Lawrence on The Early Years of the Les Paul Legacy, Saturday, May 10, D.G. Wills Books.

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San Diego Bicycle Club hosts noncompetitive bike ride to encourage people to bike to event (starts at Pacific Beach Library, ends at brewery). 858-273-2739. Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Ages 21 and up. Karl Strauss Brewery — Pacific Beach, 5985 Santa Fe Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Busker Festival Celebration of busking street performers (those who play for tips), with numerous professional performers including musicians, jugglers, circus acts. Donations accepted. 619-235-4014. Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.; Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Chinese Tea Presentation Presentation on tea, health, diet includes a tea tasting led by Tantan Huang, an instructor and clinic supervisor at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. Huang will outline history of tea, its status in Chinese culture and medicine, its value in maintaining general health and supporting longevity. Space availability, reservations: 619-239-2001. Saturday, May 10, 1 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk Self-guided tour of 20



restaurants. Day-of-event tickets available at Crystal Pier in front of 710 Club. Tickets, locations: 858-273-3303. Tuesday, May 13, 5 p.m.; \$20. 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Neo-Slave Narrative Series of book discussions on novels written by contemporary African-American writers revisiting and revising the "slave narrative" genre and addressing authors with history, race, and identity in contemporary America. Conclusion of series promises discussion of Sherley Anne Williams's Dessa Rose with author and UCSD literature professor Camille F. Forbes. 619-236-5821. Monday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Coronado Mother's Day Home Tour Six historic homes demonstrating diversity of architecture making up Coronado's "legendary landscape" may be explored during self-guided tour beginning at Coronado Museum of History and Art. Docents on hand to answer questions, share legend of each historic structure. 619-435-7242. Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)





Del Mar Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival Variety of supplies, notions, techniques for sewing, quilting, needle arts, embossing, more. Workshops, seminars, demonstrations. 858-793-5555. Thursday, May 8, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 9, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Escondido Fashion Week Downtown Business Association Where Interiors and Art Come Alive," May 8. Downtown artists, interior designers, home fashion boutiques create a runway show and vignettes.

Among the many other events: a fashion show featuring recycled materials, Friday, May 9. Fashions created by multi-media artists with recycled materials and/or elements. 760-745-8877. Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.; Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.; \$20. H. Johnson Building, 131 South Broadway, (ESCONDIDO)

Game On Board game benefit for Heifer International with variety of board games "ranging from serious to hilarious." Donation. 619-204-8834. Friday, May 9, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Gator by the Bay Festival Seventh annual Louisiana music, dance, crawfish festival boasting performances by more than 25 bands on five stages, dance lessons, 8000 pounds of Louisiana crawfish, Mardi Gras-style parades, kids' activities. 619-234-8612. Saturday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.; Spanish Landing Park, off North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Home Sweet Home? San Diego Association of Realtors and Building Industry Association present Consumer Homebuyers' Expo. Speakers on variety of topics in both English and Spanish including "How to Qualify for a Home Loan," "Do's and Don'ts of Home Buying," others; more than 200 industry vendors offering wares. Registration: 858-715-8072. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Home and Garden Tour See two Ramona homes, an "estate condo," and historic Verlaque House during event hosted by San Vicente Valley Club tour, along with arts and crafts fair, fashion show (12:30 p.m.). Home tours: from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 760-788-9552. Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.; \$10. San Vicente Inn and Golf Course, 24157 San Vicente Road. (RAMONA)

House of Italy Enjoy lawn program at International Cottages with dance, music, cultural cos-

tumes. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 11, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Is Al-Qaeda Losing? P&R Discussion Group meets to ask, "Did we exaggerate the threat?" 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.; the Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street, (NORTH PARK)

Julian Wildflower Show Julian Woman's Club has presented show for over 90 years. Club members travel within a 15-air-mile radius of Julian to gather wildflowers, which are then identified and displayed. Lecture on Anza-Borrego's flora and fauna by photojournalist Ernie Cowan at 1 p.m. Donations welcome. 760-765-1276, 760-765-0535. Thursday, May 8, 10 a.m.: Friday, May 9, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m.; Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

Mangia Bene! Taste of Little Italy with over 25 restaurants participating. Tickets: \$35 per person, \$60 for two in advance; \$40 each, \$70 for pair at event. Ticket outlets: 619-615-1093. Wednesday, May 14, 5 p.m.; \$35-\$70. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Marston House Tea and Fashion Extravaganza Partake of "elegant mid-morning tea on the terrace" with spring fashion accessory trunk shows. House tours offered at completion of tea seating. Reservations: 619-232-6203. Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.; \$20-\$25. Marston House Museum, 3525 Seventh Avenue. (HILLCREST

Mother's Day Brunch at the Center Specialty dishes from around the world, traditional brunch items, flowers for all moms in attendance, educational craft activity for children. Musical entertainment by Adrienne Nims. Reservations: 800-988-4253. Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.; \$8-\$36. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Mother's Day Chocolate Festival. Chocolate lovers invited to enjoy dozens of chocolate tastings, cooking demonstrations, chocolate fountain, entertainment, food, plant sales, more. "Tasting tickets" sell for as little as 50 cents apiece: cost of chocolate tastings is dependent on individual vendor. Seeds of Wonder Garden activities for children (additional \$1). 760-436-3036. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Ouail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Mother's Day Weekend Artist Studio and Garden Tour San Dieguito Art Guild's annual selfguided tour boasts five studio homes and a "secret garden" in Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, with



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art in many media for sale at sites. Purchase tickets beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Off Track Gallery. 760-942-3636. Saturday, May 10, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 8:30 a.m.; \$20. Off Track Gallery, 500 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

Mother's Day Weekend Author Retreat Four author events "of special appeal to mothers," poolside luncheon, goodie bag. Authors include Jean Haner (The Wisdom of Your Face), Taylor Wilshire (The Book of Mom), Laurel Blossom (Degrees of Latitude), and Za Choeje Rinpoche (The Backdoor to Enlightenment). Reservations: 858-454-0347. Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.; \$50. Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Old Escondido Mother's Day Home Tour Four historic homes open for public tours. Refreshments served "in a lovely garden." 760-735-8072. Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m.: \$12-\$15. Old Escondido Historic District, 146 West 10th Avenue, (ESCONDIDO)

One Fine Day in Mission Hills Mission Hills Garden Club hosts tenth anniversary self-guided garden walking tour. Tour begins at Mission Hills Nurserv (buy tickets there), with trollevs transporting participants to area near first gardens. Rain or shine. 619-923-3624. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; Mission Hills Nursery, 1525 Fort Stockton Drive. (MISSION HILLS)

Out of This World! Astronomy Day celebrations include "walk

through the solar system" walking tour led by Fleet astronomer David Devine; astronomy activities, live interactive virtual exploration of Palomar Observatory, meet NASA Ambassador Jay Lavine, learn why astronomers use telescopes and the electromagnetic spectrum to observe universe. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 10, noon; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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. Mother's Day celebration on May 11. 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.; through Sunday, May 11, 2008, The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo Del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego American Indian Cultural Days Dancing, drumming, bird singing, powwow activities, storytelling, and more. Over 40 juried artisan booths offering wares. American Indian food for sale. 619-281-5964. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way, (BALBOA PARK)

Showpark Ranch and Coast Classic Horse show runs May 6-11. The \$50,000 Grand Prix of California, with 25-30 riders, is Saturday, May 10, 4 p.m. 858-481-9085. Thursday, May 8, 8 a.m.: Friday, May 9, 8 a.m.; Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 11, 8 a.m.; Del

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TALES OF FRIENDSHIP AND DUTY -THE PEARL FISHERS San Diego Opera, May 9–11.

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Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Space Day Hands-on demonstrations, activities and talks by local and national space experts. Space galleries will be open for viewing throughout event. 619-234-8291. Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.; \$6-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK

Taste of Thailand Toys for Thailand fundraiser with food samplings from North County Thai restaurants, Thai wine and beer, classical dance and music performed by Thai Art Culture and Entertainment Services, Thai foot and hand massages, fortune telling, more. 760-529-3739, 760-801-5073. Saturday, May 10, 6 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Carlsbad Senior Center, 499 Pine Street. (CARLSBAD)

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2008 Wondergirl 5K Girls on the Run San Diego host event for all runners starting at corner of El Prado (at beginning of bridge) and lawn bowling green (1549 El Prado). 619-794-0231. Sunday, May 11, 8 a.m.; \$30. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK

California Liver Walk Participants select 5k walk/run or 1.5k "turtle brigade" walk through San Diego Zoo. Registration at 6:30 a.m., walk at 7:30 a.m. 619-291-5483. Saturday, May 10, 6:30 a.m.; \$25-\$35. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive, (BALBOA PARK)

Let's Go, Padres! San Diego Padres host Colorado Rockies. Game broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784, Friday, May 9, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, May 11, 1:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

Ride the Fallbrook Hills With San Diego Bicycle Society riders. The 75-miler starts in the upper parking lot at Third and C. Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. Sunday, May 11, 8:45 a.m.; Moonlight Beach, Third and C Streets. (ENCINITAS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum Permanent exhibits include displays depicting

science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Drive, 800-421-7250, (CARLSBAD)

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

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, Children Around the World videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

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

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

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

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

San Diego Automotive Museum "Motocross America: The Early Years," continuing through Wednesday, June 25, showcases history of motocross, traces evolution of the sport with memorabilia and over 60 off-road machines owned and raced by legends of the sport. A BMW R-1200 GS Adventure bike is on display in lobby. "Hall of Heroes" pays tribute to decades of American racing champions.

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riages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

"San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written

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

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

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

San Diego Museum of Man "People, Prints, and Politics: China 1920-1980" features work by Chinese artist and scholar Xian Rang Yong from Shandong Province. Yong utilizes Chinese art of woodblock printing to create compelling portraits, landscapes, depictions of cultural activities, political posters. Closes Sunday, October 19.

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

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

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

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

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

Valley Center History Museum

The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. 29200 Cole Grade Road, 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum Is said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego. The house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home, shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850, 410 Island Avenue, 619-233-4692. (DOWNTOWN)

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Student Performance Recital USD music students present selections from their semester repertoire. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Thursday, May 8. (LINDA VISTA)

Spring Fest Showcase of new and experimental music from UCSD music department performers and composers. Concerts take place in UCSD's CalIT2 Theatre on Thursday and Sunday, May 8 and 11; and in Warren Lecture Hall Studio A on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10. 858-534-3229. University of California San Diego (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, May 8, through Sunday, May 11. (LA JOLLA)

"How About the Pied Piper Fantasy?" San Diego Symphony performs this piece by Corigliano, along with Mozart's "Symphony No. 40" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas. Michael Christie conducts, Demarre McGill performs on flute. 800-988-4253. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 8 p.m., Thursday, May 8. (ESCONDIDO)

Solo Piano Concert CSU Fullerton faculty artist Serge Martinchuck performs Mozart's "Sonata in D Major" and the Rachmaninoff "Sonata in B-Minor" 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 8. (SAN MARCOS)

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), 8 p.m., Friday, May 9, and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 11. (DOWNTOWN)

Moscow Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra Orchestra led by renowned violinist and conductor



VIOLIST RICHARD O'NEILL Sunday, May 11, Neurosciences Institute.

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Vladimir Spivakov celebrates its 30th anniversary with concert including Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 2 in D," the "Chamber Symphony" by Shostakovich, and Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for String Orchestra in C." 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, May 9. (DOWNTOWN)

Choral Concert USD Choral Scholars and Concert Choir plan concerts. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, May 9. (LINDA VISTA)

President's Concerts Annual recitals presented by Palomar Symphony and Palomar Chorale. Program includes "Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny)" by Johannes Brahms, other titles. 760-744-1150 x2453. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), 8 p.m., Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice" San Diego Symphony performs this piece by Dukas, along with Corigliano's "Pied Piper Fantasy" and Mozart's "Symphony No. 40," led by Michael Christie, with Demarre McGill on flute. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 10. (DOWNTOWN)

Senior Voice Recital Soprano Victoria Lund takes stage in French Parlor of Founders Hall to perform pieces by Schubert, Bizet, Handel, Hoiby. 619-260-4171. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 10. (LINDA VISTA)

Young and Talented! San Diego Young Artists Symphony performs works by Wagner, Haydn, Lalo, and Mussorgsky at 2 p.m. Training ensembles of this symphony perform at 1 p.m. 619-235-8067. Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue), 1 p.m., Sunday, May 11. (COLLEGE AREA)

Organ Concert Civic organist emeritus Robert Plimpton mans the organ. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 11. (BALBOA PARK)

Violist Richard O'Neill Awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant, O'Neill is joined by pianist Warren Jones and Maestro Chamber Academy for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Program includes Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B-flat Major, "Viola Sonata" by Clarke, Britten's "Lachrymae, reflections on a Song of John Dowland, for Viola and String Orchestra," and the "Sinfonietta in B-flat Minor for Viola and String Orchestra (arrangement of the String Quartet No. 13)" by Shostakovich. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, May 11. (LA JOLLA)

"Jewish Composers/Jewish Music in the 20th Century" UCSD professor Steven Cassedy presents three conversations from the piano for San Diego Jewish Music Festival. Each of Cassedy's lecture-recitals includes emphasis on music written for piano and include both demonstration and performance at piano. Focus falls on Arnold Schoenberg on Tuesday, May 13. Jerome Kern and George Gershwin are subject on May 20; series concludes with consideration of Ernest Bloch and Darius Milhaud on May 27. 858-362-1348. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13. (LA JOLLA)

red fish blue fish UCSD's resident percussion ensemble presents its spring concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD

(9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 13. (LA JOLLA)

"Unnatural Elements: Digital Audio Art and Electronic Music" Contemporary music concert by USD students. 619-260-4171. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 14. (USD)

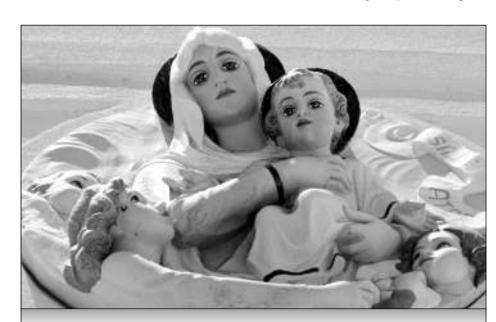
"Historia del Mandolino" Classical mandolin virtuoso Chris Acquavella and guitarist Alexander Meyers promise concert "tracing the history of the mandolin from the baroque and classical periods up to today," with compositions by Domenico Scarlatti, Johann Nepomuk Hummel, Raffaele Calace, Astor Piazzolla, and Stephen Funk Pearson. 858-522-1668. Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive), 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 14. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Fleet Fingered! UCSD guitarist Paul Bowman steers his nylonstring acoustic through a variety of his favorite music. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 14. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"The Magic of Pearls" Exhibit opens with reception for the ten participating jewelry artists. 619-692-0099. Closes Friday, June 20. Taboo Studio (1615 West Lewis Street). 6 p.m., Friday, May 9. (HILLCREST)

"Selected Personal Sketchbooks and Quick Sketch Figure Studies" Opening reception for exhibition of these books. Also opening: "Sixth Annual SDSU Art Council Scholarship Exhibition" and "Selections from the Erika and Fred Torri Artists' Book Collection: Allan Kaprow." All close on Saturday, June 14. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 9. (LA JOLLA)

"Todd Carpenter: Black-and-White Photographs and Color Photographs" Opening reception for Carpenter, whose work "examines the significance of different types of light." Closes Wednesday, July 9. 619-501-0879. 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, May 10. (NORTH PARK)

"The Show of Shows" "A Retrospective of Show Posters by Bill Pierce, 2000-2008" opens with Ray at Night reception. Exhibit curated by Gustaf Rooth closes Friday, June 6. 619-297-9663. Planet Rooth (3811 Ray Street). 7 p.m., Saturday, May 10. (NORTH PARK)

"It's Only Natural" Opening reception for exhibition of wildlife watercolors by Joe Garcia. Artist's favorite subject matters are wildlife, habitat, and landscape. Through Sunday, June 15. 760-765-1676. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78c). 4 p.m., Saturday, May 10. (JULIAN)

"Grossmont College Art Student Exhibition 2008" Opening reception for annual exhibition of ceramics, digital media, painting, drawing, jewelry, photography, sculpture, more. Closes Saturday, May 24. 619-644-7299. Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College). 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 13. (EL CAJON)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum "Innocence Is Questionable" is composed of work by six renowned San Diego-based artists: Jean Lowe, Ernest Silva, Raul Guerrero, Iana Quesnell, May-ling Martinez, and Yvonne Venegas. Each artist is recipient of 2006/2007 San Diego Art Prize. Through May. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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

Masterworks from permanent collection are gathered in "The Beauty of Use - Mingei International Museum at 30," showcasing significant objects from many cultures shown in relationships highlighting similarities and differences among them. Museum has formed a collection of mingei now comprising 17,000 objects from 141 countries such as collection of 19th-Century African tribal currency, group of masks including example of Amazonian feather work, ritual objects, selection of monumental containers. Closes Sunday, May 11. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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

"Art of Play: Kinetic Toys of the World" — closing Sunday, June 29 — features objects that move when manipulated. See kites

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

"Cerca Series: Nina Katchadourian" and "Cerca Series: Joshua Mosley" presents video works created in the past three years. Katchadourian exhibits the multi-channel works Accent Elimination (2005) and Zoo(2007); Mosley's mixed-media installation combines computer animation, stop-motion animation, digital sound, sculpture, the artist's music and dialogue. On view through Sunday, July 6.

Find the museum directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla Selections from "Skeet McAulev: The Garden of Golf" showcases six large-scale photographs of golf course landscapes in San Diego region. McAuley has used photography to study the relationship between today's consumer-driven culture and the natural environment. Closes Sunday, June 22. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

on "an evolution of the early history of photography." Exhibition including photographic works ranging in date from mid-19th to early 20th Century closes Sunday, July 6. In "Humanitas: Images of In-

dia by Fredric Roberts," the artist pictures people in India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Bhutan, Thailand, China as they go about their lives, selling water or herding camels. Through Sunday, September 7. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art "Masterpieces of San Diego Painting: Fifty Works from Fifty Years, 1900-1950" focuses on "museum's mission to promote and foster an appreciation for the art and artists of the San Diego region." Guest curator Bram Dijkstra assembled selection of paintings from private collections and museums including celebrated "plein air" painters such as Maurice Braun, Charles Fries, and Charles Reiffel, as well as neo-surrealist Ethel Greene and accomplished group of early modernists including Belle Baranceanu. Closes Sunday, June 29.

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

San Diego Museum of Art "Rhythms of India: The Art of Nandalal Bose (1882-1966)" is described as the "first comprehensive traveling exhibition outside of Asia to survey the expansive repertoire of Bose...the father of modern art in India." Exhibit boasts close to 100 of Bose's finest paintings, executed in variety of styles and media, revealing how Bose contributed to success of India's nonviolent struggle for indepen-

dence from colonial rule through his association with Mahatma Gandhi. Closes Sunday, May 18.

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

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

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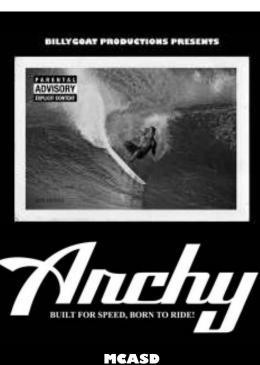
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He Would Steal from a King? The Four Kings played a local battle-of-the-bands show at the House of Blues last August.

acoustic - all of which belonged to his father, who'd passed away the year before were left behind. Bent made calls to everyone connected with the show, filed a police report, and visited pawn shops.

"After seven months, I basically gave up hope. I thought some tweaker took it to L.A.'



"At the end of the show the four of us were taking different trips up and down the loading elevator," says singer Drew Bent about their postshow equipment load-out. "Every band had all their gear stacked in this [one] pile. I ended up leaving early, and I left the other guys in the band to load up. No one was aware of what was accounted for. Nicky, our drummer, made the last trip down. He couldn't find any more of our gear so they left."

Bent's Gibson Les Paul, a Marshall amp, and a Takamine

Three weeks ago, Bent, who is a full-time student, says he was looking on craigslist for

replacement gear. "I was about to go to sleep, and all of a sudden I see this Gibson Les Paul for \$750. I say, 'That's a pretty good deal,' so I click on it.' "

What came up was his guitar. "I look at the seller's name

and phone number. It struck a nerve, but I couldn't remember who it was at first."

It took Bent a while to make the connection: he says the guy selling his guitar was the organizer of the battle-ofthe-bands event.

"I had tried to call the guy back after the show, but he never called me back. I never put two and two together.



BENT SQUEEZES JUSTICE FROM PROMOTER

Then it all came together.... My friend Marco lent me his gear the whole time. He knew where this guy lived. He drove me to this dude's house. I called the guy on Marco's phone so he wouldn't know it was me. I said, 'What's up, dude? This is Drew from the Four Kings, and I'm right outside your house.' I told him that I wasn't there to start any problems but that I was there

to get my guitar back. He let me in, and I grabbed my guitar. He said, 'Oh, man, are you sure this is your guitar?' He said it was left behind."

Bent says the night he got his Les Paul back, "All I could think of is 'Where is my Marshall amp and my other guitar?' I asked him where it was, and he was saying things like his partner put it in storage and that he would call me back when he checked to see if it was there. Of course, he didn't call. The next day I shot him a text and I told him I didn't want to get the law involved in this. I said, 'Let's keep it simple: You give me my gear back, we'll wash our hands of it.' He starts calling me a cop-calling kook. I told him, 'Look, I promise if I get all my stuff back I will not publicly defame you and tell the world who you are and what was going down.' I'm not a fighter, but I was about to do something crazy." Then Bent got some help

from his friends. "I called some common

friends, and they gave him a little talking to. The guy calls me back a couple days later with a different tune. He said. 'Hey, you must have an angel over your shoulder because I found your stuff.''

The Four Kings appear June 10 at Humphrey's Backstage. — Ken Leighton

Neptune's Harvest When

an abandoned 18-foot boat loaded with marijuana washed ashore April 21 at Sunset Cliffs, a KUSI News reporter interviewed one damp, longhaired, shirtless witness who called the huge stash "the harvest of Neptune." The report failed to note that the witness was Turbonegro bassist Happy Tom Seltzer.



HAPPY TOM SELTZER LAMENTS WASTED WEED

told the reporter as police and

Coast Guard officials stacked

dozens of waterlogged weed

bricks nearby.



"[Authorities] were stripping up the [boat] seats and, uh, putting big bricks of marijuana in a plastic bag.... It might have been a decoy for a bigger [pot distribution] operation further north.

A policeman on the scene estimated "several hundred pounds" had been seized from the boat

Seltzer's best-known stage costume is a sailor's uniform, which he often pairs with effeminate makeup. Turbonegro's recent European and U.S. tours were canceled due to what the band called a "serious illness" involving guitarist Knut "Euroboy" Schreiner.

— Jay Allen Sanford

On His Own Although a March 25 San Diego Union-Tribune article announced that "Street Scene is poised to reclaim the streets that inspired its name," founder Rob Hagey has taken out a special-events permit to hold it in the Petco Park parking lot on September 19 and 20.

"He said it was going to be a toned-down, more low-key event," says Betty Hale, staffer with the City of San Diego's Special Events office. "He said there were not going to be as many major artists.'



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In 2004, Petco's parking lot was used for the largest Street Scene ever; an estimated 105,000 turned out to see headliners AFI, Foo Fighters, and Social Distortion. It is now up to the San

Diego Padres and the Centre City Development



AFI WON'T PLAY "TONED DOWN" STREET SCENE

Corporation as to whether the event will be held in the parking lot. The approval process takes six to eight weeks.

One longtime production contractor says the lack of a major backer may not bode well for Hagey as he sets out to hire sound, light, and staging contractors. The source says that in 2006, Hagey settled outstanding bills with many of his production contractors, paying them 60 cents on the dollar.

Another promoter savs Hagey intended to align with a larger promoter who would help back the event. "He couldn't find any

takers," says the promoter. "He's in it on his own." Regarding payment to production contractors for the 2006 event, Hagey says, "Everybody has been paid. It was agreed on when we did it. I have years of working with these people, some since 1979. As an independent promoter, I did the best I could do under the circumstances I was in." He says that just because

the permit application spells out the Petco parking lot, it doesn't mean that the event ...would be exclusively pegged to that area." He says getting the site is an "ebb and flow process. It is a work in progress. We are working dilligently to create an event that is very urban and very cool."

— Ken Leighton

Pimps and Farm Tools "Chasers is the new Scolari's. singer Vv Morgue says of the North Park bar. "Scolari's no longer has bands, so their crew all moved on over to Chasers to pick up the pieces."

Last year, Morgue posted notices online telling locals, "Fuck Chasers" and "Never go to Chasers" after witnessing what she called a "skinhead brawl" during a Ghost Ship concert.

"So when I heard Chasers was being taken over by the Scolari's group, I was still apprehensive. But I've had several friends play the new Chasers, and they say it's better than Scolari's because they have more room and a stage."

Former Scolari's booker and bartender T-Bone - now at Chasers — says, "I'm kinda surprised at how Scolari's is long gone. Donny has worked out a deal with the owner of Chasers to become the new bar manager. As of right now, we also have Chris James, Chandra, [and] all the nighttime bartenders and doormen from Scolari's working at Chasers. We know Chasers has a bad rep.... Only one nighttime bartender from Chasers remains, and she only works on Monday nights, and



she's actually very nice." Recent Yelp posts about the "new" Chasers are mixed. Lol L. says, "Bad neighborhood.... Lots of shady folk, some pimps and hoes

wandering around." According to Nichole S., "I don't like one of the bartenders, and I don't like the bros that always flock to me for some reason.... I don't like how I left with some random creeper hipster boy the other night, when I was too drunk to



VV MORGUE HAS CHANGE OF HEART

know the difference." Sebastian Ulloa of Batwings posted, "[Chasers] is even scummier with even more shady regulars than Scolari's, but it's still my best

guess for a replacement [venue]. They've got a great layout, so that the strictly sitdown-and-drink contingent can still see what's going on onstage, without necessarily having to be as bothered by it if they don't want to be.'

The old MySpace page for Scolari's was recently renamed Scolari's is now Chasers. "Scolari's was an amazing place that I will miss dearly,' says T-Bone of the club that opened in August 1983. "It had its downsides and drawbacks, but it touched a lot of lives.'

Batwings appears at Chasers tomorrow, May 9; Vv Morgue performs on Friday, May 16.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Band Bar Last month, Disco Pimps front man Eric Alexander opened the Stage Saloon downtown. Formerly the Heat Supper Club, the 300-seat room at 762 Fifth Avenue becomes one more

county nightspot at least partially owned by an area musician. Here's the list: Bar Pink Elephant (John Reis/Night Marchers, etc.), the Starlite Lounge (Steve Poltz), and Hensley's Flying Elephant (Matt Hensley/ Flogging Molly).

Alexander has fronted the Disco Pimps for a decade. He relocated to San Diego eight years ago after being based in Phoenix. Already a part owner of the Gaslamp Tavern, he says he jumped at the chance to open a "band bar" on his own when the location became available. According to Alexander, having a musician run a club does make a difference.

"Musicians are a separate breed," says Alexander. "And they generally don't mix with business types. Those are the sort of room owners that will point to an area, move a table, and say, 'That's the stage.' But here we built everything from the ground up for the best sound and sight lines.

Artist amenities at the Stage Saloon include a drum riser, green room, and full backline (drums, bass amplifier, and two guitar amps). The latter feature is attractive to performers who'd prefer not to haul their heaviest gear. For now, Alexander plans to book all types of music, including Americana and hip-hop, with promoter Peggy Calhoun helping bring in the local talent

Although the economy is in a downturn, Alexander feels the Stage Saloon can ride out this rough patch.

"I talk to other bar owners

and everyone says this is the

worst quarter ever, so maybe I got into this at the wrong time. I put my house on the line and everything. But my bar is



ALEXANDER TO OPERATE ON ROCK 'N' ROLL ENERGY

different than the typical corporate places down here, with more of a rock 'n' roll energy.

Alexander says he'll be performing on Fridays with his heavy metal cover band Train Wreck and on Saturdays with the Disco Pimps. – Bart Mendoza

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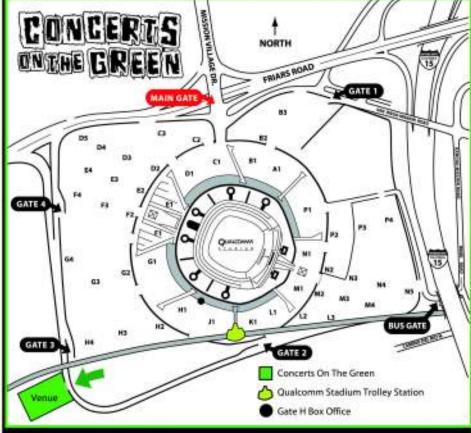
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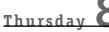
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SanFran boho band Vetiver roll a freak-folk caravan into Casbah tonight. Andy Cabic and co., which may or may not include genre luminary and Vetiver part-timer Devendra Banhart, have just released their third Fat Cat disc, Thing of the Past, a collection that describes Cabic's tendency to '60s and '70s folk pop. The gypsy wagon train draws

North Carolina acousticat Johnathan Wilson, L.A. ambients Winter



and homegrown folks ASTRA. Sets t'beat this week.... Hungry like the wolf? Channel 4's Mark "Mud" Grant suggests Valley View Casino's allvou-can-eat buffet. (Have you seen the pile on that man's plate?!) You may bump into Simon Le Bon round the ambrosia bowl, as '80s pop-wavers **Duran Duran** get in on gaming gigs. They'll play the big, new outdoor do. Get up to speed with the UK quintet's '07 comeback Red Carpet Massacre. The pride of Orem, Utah, **The Used**, will NOT rock the RIMAC at UCSD. The gig's been moved to Soma. The boys're touring in support of last year's monster Lies for the Liars and new b-sides collection Shallow Believer. Raise a brow, but everything the emo-core outfit spins turns gold or platinum. Straylight Run and Army of Me on the bill.... Itty bits: sizzling pop rocks at Belly Up with **Say Vinyl, Reeve Oliver**, and **Irradio**; L.A. indies **Everest** deliver Ghost Notes to Pink Elephant; while Chasers catches up with Portland progs Unit Breed. Rumor is Donny of Scolaris' crew took over the bar and booking at Chasers.

Friday

Waitin' to Inhale? Go 'head, as Houston hip-hopper Devin the Dude Copeland delivers that new oint to 'Canes. The Dude's been at it for going on 20 years and has rocked the mic alongside rap royalty Too Short, Dr. Dre, and D-o-double-g. NY Times: "[Dude's] a brilliant oddball with a spacedout flow," yo! Angelino duo People Under the Stairs split the beachside bill.... The Whistle Stop's got your tropicalia fix Friday night with Red Pony

Clock. The big band's '07 grower God Made Dirt jams horns in your indie hole. Check it out and catch 'em this month, as they're haulin' brass over seas this summer. Go Ponys! Frantic Romantic shares the South Park stage, er, floor. J.C.-approved (Johnny, not Jesus) **Cash'd Out** exhumes the Man in Black at Casbah. Local hollow-body slinger Todd Stedman of Fat Tones fame in support.

Saturday

Wait's almost over, as fave rave-ups the Sess prop a CD release party at Casbah for their punk'd R&B debut Agendumb, due this week. It's another rocksolid release for up-and-coming Single Screen Records. Fellow Single

Screeners Red Feathers and



Vision of a Dying World on the bill and merch table's on the patio.... Pop punks **Be Your Own Pet** visit House of Blues. The Nashville act's out to tout shiny new Ecstatic Peace release Get Awkward, a frenetic follow-up to their '06 juvy debut. Check out the vid for single "The Kelly Affair" for a prevue. This *Nylon* fashion mag tour features She Wants Revenge, the Virgins, and Switches. Should be a fun one.... With 2007's Power of Eternity, Brit prog-rockers Wishbone Ash rise from the, well, ash. Catch the twin-guit assault at Humphreys Backstage Philly born and bred and lured to L.A., contempo-jazz axe man **Kevin Eubanks** checks in at Anthology for two nights.... Another local showcase at Belly Up

This Week In Music

Saturday night. The sonic smorgasbord stages Buckfast Superbee, Truckee Brothers, Scarlet Symphony, and Emery Byrd.... College club Ché Café books Weatherbox, Alex Kent (of Say Anything), BoomSnake, and Snuffaluffagus Emergenza Fest, a worldwide collective for unsigned bands, checks in and pounds out Brick by Brick with **Canobliss**, Societal Decay, Caustic Felon, and Echo Revolution Garagerock gang the **Wongs** haul it from Yuma to Tower Bar. With Imperial Valley punks Slab City.

Sunday

You there, steppin' out, it's Mother's Day and Joe Jackson cracks the seal on Humphrey's '08 outdoor season. Mom loves the piano-pop star ("Is She really Going Out with Him?" "Sunday Papers"). Hook her up with tix and JJ's latest, Rain a surprisingly lively collection that harks back to the swing of the UK songsmith's Night and Day/Look Sharp heyday. In fact, Jackson beckoned that clean old quartet to his new Berlin digs to record the return-to-form. Philly soulman **Mutlu** opens the show Whistle Stop hosts 'n' toasts yer mom with Night of the Cookers DJs spinning hard bop. According to the club's site, Mom's first round is on the house.... It's Mom's day, but there's lots more Pop: Someone Still Loves You, Boris Yeltsin, a baroque-y quartet from

Springfield. MO, has a new Polyvinyl disc in the bins, Pershing. Shins lite (which looks like an oxymoron from here). They appear at Beauty Bar Sunday night with Port O'Brien and Royal Campaign.... Northern State, the Dolly Rots, and **MC Flow** kick it at Casbah.... **Palms** and Colossal Yes play Ché.... And Air Traffic and Republic of Letters land Soma.

Monday

After a Left Coast swing, SD's hard-rocking trio Sirhan Sirhan brings home the Blood, their fulllength debut due to drop end of May. They'll spill it at Zombie Monday night with Family Curse and **Batwings**.... Austin girl group the **Carrots** doo-wop an Anti-Monday meet-up with our Nuggetslovin' Muslims, who've got a new seven-song 12" out on Brooklyn's 1928 Recordings. Space takes sound swell. Odd folkies Fantastic Magic also on the bill.... Omaha's electro-glam band The Show Is the Rainbow appears over Bar Pink Elephant.

Cain't stop New York folk-rock troubador Langhorne Slim, who plays Casbah Tuesday night. The singer/songwriter's s/t debut slathers hopeful lyrics ("...you've gotta learn to get happy!") with soulful vox and blues-rock riffage. Slim shares hattrick bill with jubilant trio Smart Brothers and Elliot Smith-v soloist **Ferraby** Lionheart.... Afrobeat soul sisters Hèléne and Cèlia Faussart, Les Nubians, grace Anthology Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The French duo were nominated for Best Urban/ Alternative Performance Grammy behind 2003's , One Step Forward, one fine primer.. . Denver's "Southern punk" quintet Forth Yeer

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LANGHORNE SLIM AT CASBAH

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Tuesday

There's a **Candye Kane** bene at Casbah. The blues diva's battling the big C and needs some relief. Show features alt-rockers Years Around the Sun, whose Inva de Siva is out on Manaloft Records, SanDago stalwart **Mojo Nixon**, and fire-walkin' rockers the **Truckee Bros**.... Belly Up books Canadian new-folk crooner Kathleen Edwards. Her heart-string plucker Asking for Flowers dropped last month. Lap-steel lady Last Town Chorus splits the Solana Beach bill. NorPark nightspot U-31 stages local ghettotech rockers Silent Armada with L.A. bands Wall Burds and the Pacific.

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"There were 500 or 600 people and you could see them start to cheer. Everyone knows it."

hat San Diego musician can claim the title of Most Local Airplay? Pinback? P.O.D.? Jewel?

The honor goes to Leonard Tucker. You many not recognize the name, but odds are you know the voice. Here's why: "Mossy Nis-

san! Mossy Nissan moves you!" Love it or hate it, but the Mossy Nissan jingle — and Tucker's distinctive yell at the end of the

spot — is well known to most San Diegans. The 20-year-old song, in various incarnations, is broadcast locally approximately 2000 times a month on both radio and television. According to FM 94.9 music director Mike Halloran, a current Top 40 radio hit gets about 10,000 plays a month nationwide.

The song was recorded in either 1988 or 1989 details about the recording are a bit fuzzy and Tucker credits San Diego songwriter Dove Linkhorn at Powerhouse Recording Studios for writing the song.

"His jingles have a fun rhythm," says Tucker. "He gave me the melody of what they were looking for and just kinda let me go for it.'

As for the yell at the end of the tune, Tucker says he went with his gut. "It just kind of came out. I don't think it was a direction from anybody; it just kind of happened at the end."

Singing commercial spots is a tough way to make a living, but Tucker has a successful career

as a session singer and has performed on a number of well-known jingles. His voice can still be heard crooning the tag for Smooth Jazz 98.1, and radio listeners might remember his vocals on a radio spot for Bill Howe Plumbing and a jingle for the San Diego trolley.

"I also sang the San Diego Chargers song," says Tucker.

They played mine for years, and then more recently — with the Chargers having such a phenomenal season — they went back to

The original "Super Chargers" was recorded in 1979 by a group of session musicians under the name of Captain Q.B. and the Big Boys. Tucker's rendition has since been retired.

Diego songs under his belt, Tucker, a former employee of NASSCO (National Steel and Shipyard Company), also sings with '60s R&B soul legends the Fifth Dimension.

Marketing, the agency that handles advertising for Mossy, said he was looking for something with a Latin beat back in 1988 to catch the ear of the young, urban car buyer.

segment, and we decided to come up with a musical signature," says Tindaro. "At the time I knew kind of what I wanted to accomplish - I'm a for-



mer musician myself - and I knew what kind of sound would resonate. At the time it was all Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine. That was the thought process. I went to the creative people and said, 'This is what I am envisioning for this turne'." for this tune."

Dove Linkhorn isn't surprised at the jingle's longevity. "Mossy Nissan is Jingles 101. The essence of jingle writing is all there. If you want to know how to write a jingle, listen to that one, and you've got it. It has to have a hook, and you've got to get the name out there clearly - get it out there so

Leonard Tucker

people are not only listening, but singing. It's really not much different than trying to write a hit song. For proof that the jingle has become a piece of

local music history, look no further than Rookie Card's front man Adam Gimbel. The song is such a San Diego institution that at one point the band incorporated the jingle into their set list.

"Everyone knows it," says Gimbel. "We opened up for ABC at the House of Blues and opened up with [Mossy Nissan], and I swear, there were 500 or 600 people and you could see them start to cheer. Everyone knows it."



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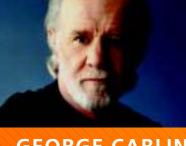
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Friday, May 30	Craig Ferguson with special guest Randy Kagan	8:00
Saturday, June 7	Beach Boys with special guest Russ T. Nailz	7:30
Tuesday, June 10	Erykah Badu/The Roots	7:00
Thursday, June 12	KEM with special guest N'dambi	8:00
Friday, June 13	Jonny Lang with special guest Dave Barnes	7:30
Saturday, June 14	Wanda Sykes with special guest Keith Robinson	8:00
Tuesday, June 17	Crosby, Stills & Nash SOLD OUT	8:00
Wednesday, June 18	Keb' Mo'/Taj Mahal	7:00
Thursday, June 19	Indigo Girls with special guest Brandi Carlile	7:30
Friday, June 20	Idina Menzel	7:30
Wednesday, June 25	Ani DiFranco with special guest Martyn Joseph	7:30
Thurs & Fri, June 26 & 2		7:00
Monday, June 30	Robert Plant and Alison Krauss featuring T Bone Burnett	7.00
	with special guest Sharon Little SOLD OUT	7:00
Tues & Wed, July 1 & 2	Bob Weir & RatDog/Gov't Mule	6:00
Wednesday, July 16	Chris Isaak with special guest Nicole Atkins	6:00 7:30
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Sunday, July 20	George Carlin	6:30 & 9:00
Tuesday, July 22	Feist	8:00
Wednesday, July 23	Doobie Brothers	7:30
Friday, July 25	Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons	8:00
Sunday, July 27	Ringo Starr & his All Starr Band	7:30
	featuring Colin Hay, Billy Squier, Hamish Stuart,	
	Edgar Winter, Gary Wright & Gregg Bissonette	
Monday, July 28	Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi	7:00
	Soul Stew Revival with special guest Scrapomatic	
Wednesday, July 30	Dana Carvey	8:00
Thursday, July 31	Emmylou Harris with special guests Jimmy Gaudreau	7:30
	and Moondi Klein	
Friday, August 1	Dolly Parton SOLD OUT	8:00
Sunday, August 3	Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	7:30
Monday, August 4	Huey Lewis & The News	7:30
Tuesday, August 5	Lyle Lovett	7:30
Wednesday, August 6	Boz Scaggs with special guest David Jacobs-Strain	7:30
Friday, August 8	'60s Invasion featuring Peter & Gordon/Gerry & The Pacema	
	Gary Lewis & The Playboys	
Sunday, August 10	UB40	8:00
Monday, August 11	David Sanborn/Lee Ritenour	7:30
Tuesday, August 12	Paolo Nutini	8:00
Wednesday, August 13	Michael McDonald	7:30
Thursday, August 14	Joe Cocker	7:30
Friday, August 15	Tower of Power	8:00
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Sunday, 6 p.m. - Willovealot. Jazz.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Marcus Miller. Jazz/R&B. Friday - Janis Siegel. Of the Manhattan Transfer. \$15-\$41. Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. -Kevin Eubanks. Jazz. \$15-\$63. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Les Nubians. Pop/R&B. \$16-\$48.

Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Broadway vocalist Betty Buckley brings "unique style, voice, and charm" to program devoted to Broadway classics, selected standards, \$30-\$75.

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\$5. Friday — Buddy Akai. Electro/rock/indie. \$5. Sunday - Someone Still Loves You, Boris Yeltsin. With Royal Campaign. Pop/rock/alternative. \$5

Wednesday — Diana Death and Conrad Ford. Garage/indie/folk. \$5.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858 481-8140. Thursday, 9 p.m. - Sayvinyl and Reeve Oliver, With Irradio Pop/rock/indie. \$8-\$10. Friday, 9 p.m. — Skanic and the Devastators. With the Amalgamated, Rock/reggae/ska, \$9-\$11.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Buckfast Superbee and the Truckee Brothers. With Scarlet Symphony and Emery Byrd. Alternative rock/indie. \$11-\$13 *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Kathleen Edwards and the Last Town

Chorus. Folk rock/pop. \$15-\$17. The Bitter End: 770 Fifth

Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — One Lonely Robot and the Dapper Dans. With Grin's Edge. Alternative rock. Sunday, 9 p.m. — The Crash Engine and Steve Harris. Indie/rock. Tuesday — The Purple Haze Experience. A tribute to Jimi

Hendrix. Blue Agave Nightclub: 6608 Mission Gorge Road, Grantville, 619-521-3194.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Oscar D'leon. Latin/salsa. \$40. Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos

Avenue, Clairemont, 619-275-LIVE. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Jupiter One and Shrewd Lucy. With Wasting June. Indie pop/electronic. \$8. *Friday*, 8:30 p.m. — Dead Serial Killers and Aizen. With One Theory and Under the Stone. Metal/hardcore. \$10. Saturday - Canobliss, Societal Decay, Caustic Felon, With Echo Evolution. Metal/hardcore. Wednesday, 8 p.m. - New Age

Heroes and Plane Without a Pilot. With the Jupiter Sound Clash. Rock. \$5.

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Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. -The Sandy Chappel Quartet. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Hank Young Standards/jazz/blues. Sundays, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Robert Sebastian and Scott Wallingford. Jazz/standards/blues

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Michael Tiernan Trio. Bluegrass/soul/pop.

'Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk. Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m. — War Stories, the Softlightes, Crash Encore. Rock for Africa Benefit with Tim Myers and Jay Nash. Alternative rock/indie. \$15. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Devin the Dude. With People Under the Stairs. Hiphop. \$20. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra. With Delta Nove and Delsoniq. Funk/rock/jazz. \$12. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Walking the Darkness and Counter Launch. With After School Special. Alternative/hip-hop. \$10.

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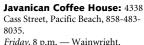
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Barnard Drive, Oceanside. 760-795-6815. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — "Surfing Guitars." The 20-member MiraCosta College GuitOrchestra plays beach-inspired music, including Handel's "Water Music," surf classics such as "Pipeline" and "Miserlou" in Studio A at the Creative Arts Complex. \$8-\$10. Saturday, 2 p.m. — "Spring Concert." Windjammers Community Concert Band performs standards from concert band literature by Gustav Holst, Charles Carter, and Robert Russell Bennett in Studio A of Creative Arts Complex.

MiraCosta College Theatre: One Barnard Drive, Oceanside,

760-795-6815. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m., *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. – "Off to Costa Rica." Spring vocal jazz concert by Frequency, promising classic and contemporary vocal jazz literature.

\$8-\$10. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. — "Sing into Spring." North Coast Concert Chorale and Chamber Chorale present classical, contemporary, and popular music in many styles. \$8-\$10. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — "Latin Jazz Experience." The Latin Jazz Ensemble and guest (author) Victor Villaseñor perform. \$8-\$10.



BY DAVE GOOD

New Orleans drummer **Stanton Moore**'s jazz has more to do with the rowdiness of rock than with free-form intellectual explorations of melody. That's not to say that Moore is a failed rocker turned jazzman or vice versa. This is an observation of how Moore's music translates through the filters of his varied side projects.

Moore is at the top of his game at present. His drum work is detailed and funk-meticulous, and he performs and records with several groups. He is that kind of musician who is equally comfortable sitting in with Rage Against the Machine's Tom Morello as with any Orleans jazz group. What I like best about Moore's style is the way he

Mission Valley Library: 2123 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 858-573-5007. *Wednesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Secret Samurai. Surf/indie.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Surreal Time. Covers reggae music. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — American Rock Experience. Southern rock.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5. chases after the lead with his drum kit rather than bashing out a standard downbeat for all to follow. If I had to give a name to the overall genre of his trio, I'd call it "groove that is grounded in the Hammond B3 organ-combo tradition," a very stylized, bumpy, old drum-guitar-keyboard sound that saw its best days during the '70s in clubs on the East Coast.

There's been some revival of the organ trio in recent years. Of them, I find Moore the most entertaining. Moore has the old Jersey club sound down cold like any good student of the form, but he doesn't stop there. With influences like Wu Tang, Sabbath, and Led Zeppelin, it's not hard for his trio to slip in a classic rock or gospel cover now and then, and the thing is, they make it work

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Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Metro. Performance in the Grand Cabaret. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Montgomery

Gentry. In the Palomar Starlight

Theater. \$45-\$65. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Hotel California. The Grand Cabaret hosts a tribute to the Eagles.

Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-

Performance Lab (room D-10): 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — "Ladies' Night Out." Palomar College women perform show tunes from *Chicago*, selections by Gershwin, others. 760-744-1150 x2453. \$5.

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RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.

Thursday, 10 p.m. — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute. \$5.

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

Rancho Bernardo Inn: 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. *Fridays*, 5:30 p.m., *Saturdays*, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Jazz/variety.

Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635. Saturdays — Live bands every Saturday night. Wednesdays, 9 p.m. — Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

Rock Bottom - La Jolla: 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-9277.

Saturday, 10 p.m. — Live reggae. **Rosie O'Grady's:** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666. *Tuesdays*, 9:30 p.m. — Bdub's Jazz

Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards every Tuesday, with Bryan Whelan, Doug Walker, Laurel Grinnell, and friends.

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

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Jamie Laval and Ashley Broder. Classically trained musicians unwind Celtic and roots musical arrangements, sometimes employing mandolin and fiddle, sometimes twin fiddle for San Diego Folk Heritage. 858-566-4040. \$15-\$18.

Saville Theatre at San Diego City College: 14th and C Street, Downtown, 619-388-3676. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Distinctive Trombone Stylings. Jazz trombonist Curtis Fuller and his quintet bring bop beats to stage for Jazz Live. Concert may be heard broadcast live on KSDS, 88.3 FM. 619-388-3037. \$10.

Seaside Center for Spiritual Living: 1613 Lake Drive, Encinitas, 760-944-9226. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — "Old-Time Religion with New Thought." San Diego native, preacher, writer Carlton Pearson and his accompanist David Smith "promise a rockin" good time, anchored in truth" based on his new book, *The Gospel of Inclusion.* 760-753-5786 x848. \$25-\$30.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. *Thursday* — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. *Mondays*, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. — The Used. With Straylight Run and Army of Me. Punk/hardcore. \$26. Friday, 7 p.m. — Lorene Drive and Secret & Whisper. With Jet Lag Gemini, So Long Davey, and Shenanigans. Pop/rock/alternative. \$10.

SIU. Saturday, 7 p.m. — Discord. CDrelease show with Mother Mae I, Canobliss, Etched in Red, and Sicarus. Metal/hardcore. \$8. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Air Traffic and Republic of Letters. With War Stories. Alternative rock/pop. \$12. *Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — American Me and Unite & Conquer. With Terrorspell, of Hearts & Shadows, and Ration the Truth. Hardcore. \$10.

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

Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam. *Fridays*, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz. *Saturdays*, 8:30 p.m. — Open blues jam. With Will Jackson. Sundays, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

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Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: 1221 Broadway, El Cajon, 619-447-5665. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. *Friday* — Shock-A-Tuna. *Saturday* — Fab Lushes and Mississippi Mudsharks. Blues/punk/rockabilly.

Tio Leo's Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Clairemont, 619-542-1462. *Thursdays*, 7 p.m. — Cajun and Zydeco Dancing. Zydeco dance every Thursday night, with lessons by Gator Boy. 619-857-8409. \$5. Ages 21 and up. *Friday* — The Fremonts. Blues. *Saturday* — Blue Largo. Blues/soul/swing.





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Thursday - Oh! Ridge.

V Lounge: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400. Friday, 5 p.m. — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.

VFW Post 5179: 1116 South 43rd Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-262-0566. Friday, 7 p.m. — Willovealot. Jazz.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Duran Duran. Pop rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Trace Adkins. Expect his new single, "You're Gonna Miss This," from country crooner Trace Adkins.

Waterfront Bar & Grill: 2044 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks, Blues/soul.

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 - Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations. Reggae/ska/rock. Friday — The Stanton Moore Trio. Jazz/funk. Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Whiskey Dicks and OAKS. With Drunkin Punkin Idiots and Hell Caminos. Punk/country/psychobilly. *Mondays*, 9 p.m. — The Electric Waste Band. \$7.

UPCOMING SHOWS

4th & B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. June 22 — Billy Idol. June 28 — Montecristo. September 16 - Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal

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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. May 16, May 17 — Patti Austin. May 18 — Brian Lynch. May 20 - The Midnight Ramblers. May 21 - Rosie Ledet & the Zvdeco Plavbovs. May 23 — Poco. May 24 — Karla Bonoff. May 25 - Rickie Lee Jones. May 26 — Jack Costanzo. May 28 — Sacha Boutros. May 30, May 31 — Sonny Landreth. June 5 — Metro. June 8 — Jamie. June 13, June 14 — Ivan Lins. June 18 — Hiromi. June 20 — James Cotton. June 24 — Janiva Magness



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

There's a song called "Oil Man's War" on Canadian alt-country singer-songwriter Kathleen Edwards's new album Asking for Flowers, but it's not about you-know-who or you-know-where. No, it's the story of a young American couple, Bobby and Annabel, who got married in a rush and are driving to Canada because Bobby doesn't want to go to war. Most likely it's the Vietnam War. but it's hard to say. "Bobby wished he was from the past," Edwards sings. "He said those cars they used to drive were the best." So, it could be 1968, it could be 2008, it could be Edwards, and it could be Bruce Springsteen.

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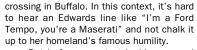
Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872. May 19 — Reggae for Lunch.

Avo Playhouse: 303 Main Street, Vista, 760-724-2110. May 18, May 18 — "Memories." July 11 — Ferron/Bitch Concert.

Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. May 17 — "The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show. May 22 — Gerald Albright and Phil

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Except for one thing: lf Springsteen's classic songs are all about the romance of the road. Edwards is more concerned with what happens when the drive is over: "When we get up north/ We'll buy us a store/ live upstairs after the kids are born." In fact. the album is full of people fleeing north. "Goodnight, California" is the title of one song. "Scared at Night" finds her flying to Winnipeg to see a relative on his deathbed. Another song finds Edwards desperate to get home at a snowy border



But before you start looking up real estate prices in Vancouver, Edwards throws in "Oh, Canada" in which she sees news cov-

> Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. May 15 — Blackout Party. May 16 - Goldfish and ¡Society! May 17 — Blackalicious. May 19 — Murder by Death, Dios, Gasoline Heart. May 20 — The Proclaimers and Jeremy Fisher. May 22 — Hal Ketchum. May 23 — Capleton. May 24 - Dynamite Walls and Stripes & Lines. May 25 — Don Carlos. May 29 — Poncho Sanchez. May 30 — Final Warning. May 31 - Ladytron. Iune 1 - The Fierv Furnaces. June 4 — Shooter Jennings. June 5 - Dave Alvin & the Guilty



erage about a teenage girl being shot and sings, "There are no headlines/ When a black girl dies.

KATHLEEN EDWARDS, Belly Un, Wednesdav. May 14, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140, \$15 or \$17.

> Men. June 6 — Common Sense. June 9 - Junior Brown and Rosie Flores. June 12 — The Wailing Souls. June 13 — The Young Dubliners. June 14 - Cash'd Out. Iune 20 — The Drive-By Truckers. June 21 — Dead Man's Party. June 25 — Gary Hoey. *June* 26 — The Album Leaf June 28 — Atomic Punks. June 29 — Dilated Peoples, Aceyalone, 88-Keys. *Iulv 5* — The Cured and I-90. July 6, July 7 — Israel Vibration and Outlaw Nation. July 12 - Stepping Feet. July 24 — Venice.

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Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836. *June 21* — The Kenny Burrell Quartet. August 2 — Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio. October 18 - Tin Whistle, Bagpipes, Fiddle, Accordion!

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Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Clairemont, 619-275-LIVE. May 15 - Action Andy & His Haunted Honky Tonkers. May 16 — South. May 17 — My Middle Finger, FM Revolver, Hydrovibe. May 18 — Sweet Joyce Ann and Mary Dolan. May 20 — Arm the Angels, Paper Mache, Mury. May 22 — Graveyard BBO and Genghis Con-Job. May 23 - Floater. May 24 — Teitur and Jessie Baylin. May 25 — Foals and the Crocodiles. May 28 — DropJoy, Caca Fuerte, the Prism May 31 - Unset and the Shot-Out Hoods. June 6 - 2MEX, the Resonators, L.C.A. Iune 7 — Mad Sin.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253. May 17 — Aunt Kizzy'z Boys and Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. May 18 — The Kingston Trio.

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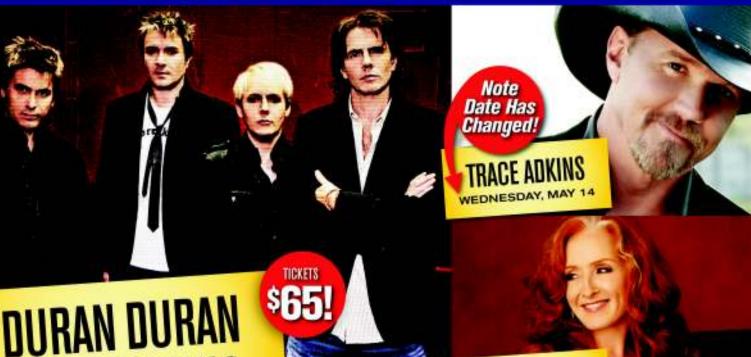
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Chula Vista Civic Center Library: 365 F Street, Chula Vista, 619-691-5069. May 18 - Jazz Concert.

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Single: Don't Wake the Sun (2008) Artist: Writer Label: self-released Where available/price: At live shows, Lou's Records (Encinitas), Off the Record (North Park), M Theory (Mission Hills), and Spin Records (Carlsbad) for \$5. Online at writertheband.com for \$5. Songs: 1) Don't Wake the Sun (side A)

2) I Think She Died (side B)

Band: Andy Ralph (vocals, guitar), Jayme Ralph (drums, bass, synth, guitar), Eli Bowser (guitar), Kelli Noflte (vocals) Website: writertheband co

Cover Your Tracks (2006),

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lost-love lamentations. This

year's offering beats with a

robust heart - even if it's

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In the past two years, Writer must've been locked in a garage and threatened with beatings unless they developed greatness. It worked. Their last album.

June 27 — Fergie. June 27 - Wild Child. June 28 - Tye Tribbett & G.A. and Byron Cage. June 28 — Invictus. *June 29*—Intocable and Los Horóscopos de Durango. June 29 — Bayadera. June 30 - Weird Al Yankovic. *Iune 30* — Fleetwood MAX. July 1 — Sugarland. July 1 — The North County Cowboys. July 2 — Little Big Town. July 2 — Mursic. July 3 — Charo.

only two songs.

Side A, "Don't Wake the Sun," effuses garage rock. A girthy guitar line drives the rhythm and adds an almost English rock grit. Andy Ralph's voice rings with angst. As grubby and powerful as side A is, side B is equally soft and sad. Kelli Noflte lends her tender voice to this piano tune. The harmony is touching. Kelli delivers the song's lyrics of death and disaster with a tone of grief tempered with perseverance.

Writer went with seveninch vinyl to record this twosong record. Each copy of the 500 records pressed is handnumbered. This medium fits with the band's new dedication to authenticity and craft. It's a great project.

But... Two songs in two years? Consider that the track

from side B ("I Think She Died") was already written and performed on their last CD, that really makes it one song in two years. I hope for their fans' sake the band speeds it up a bit, or the next LPrelease party will be held at the Lawrence Welk retirement community.

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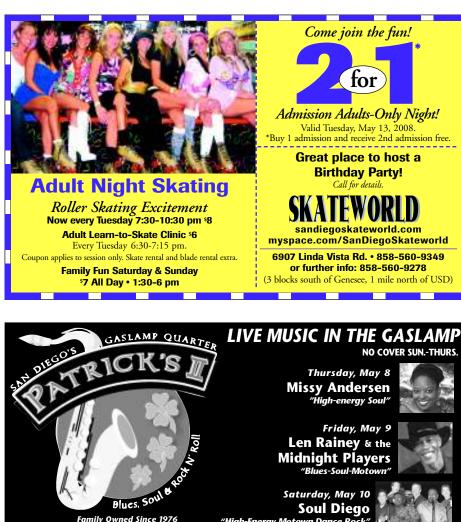
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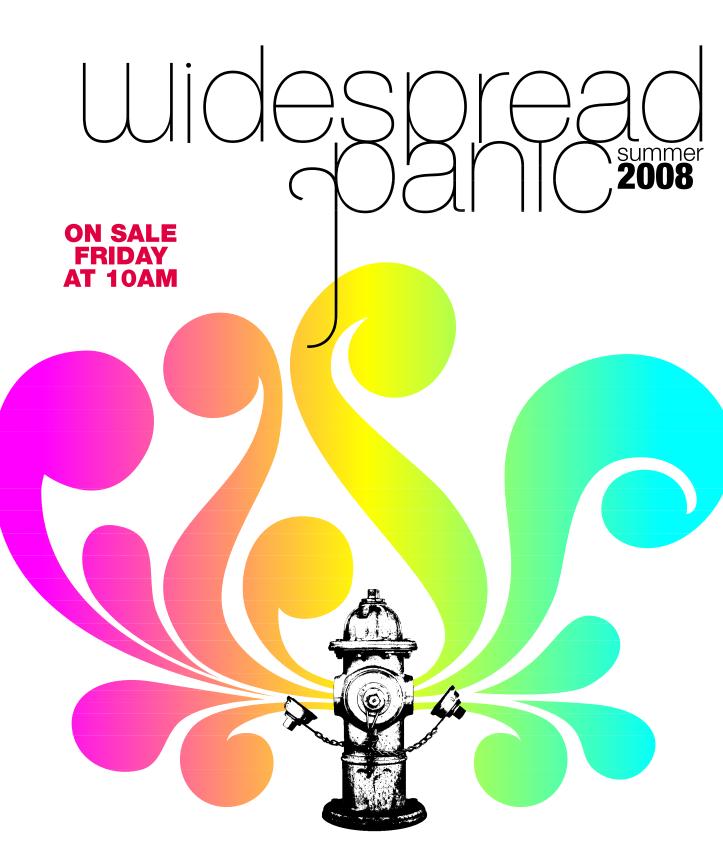
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Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *May 15* — Shawn Ponder. *May 16* — Carlos Olmeda and Gregory Page. *May 17* — Allison Lonsdale and Jonathan Coulton. *May 18* — Terami Hirsch.



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MiraCosta College Theatre: One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, 760-795-6815.

May 15, May 16 — "Latin Jazz Experience. Mission Valley Library: 2123 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley,

858-573-5007. May 15 - The Bayou Brothers.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550. May 24 - Joey & the Sting Rays.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-438-5996. June 7 - Rack of Bones Trombone Choir.

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as i hear it

Artist: Archways Song: "Jinx" (from the CD Lest We Forget)

Heard By: Dan Watman, Stockton



I liked it a lot. The guitar riff was catchy and original. I liked the style of music it was a little bit like "ska." I would compare them to Dave Matthews a little bit but more "ska." It had a pop feel but a little bit of an indie feel, too. It didn't seem like it was a song where any particular musician had to really "show their stuff" as far as being excellent musicians, but they seemed pretty clean, in general. In the lyrics, it seemed like he convinced himself he could forget something like maybe an ex, and throughout the whole song he was, like, "I don't have to think about it - I don't have to analyze it." But at the end, he says, "What if it's too late?" It showed that he really was still thinking about it.

Artist: Mike Pinto Song: "Surf Tune" (from his self-titled CD)

Heard By: Thomas Crow, Mission Valley



It was very clean, down-to-life music. I like that stuff because reggae is what I listen to on the weekends or chillin after school. It's very soothing, and it reminds me of a lot of reggae bands classics like Bob Marley — but they have their own take on it. I'd definitely go to their show. I'm more into the drum parts because I'm a drummer. I was listening to the beats and I was, like, "Oh, that sounds awesome." [The musicians] all had their own moments. I liked how the vocals changed it up a little bit. It kind of has a mainstream feel to it. I could definitely see that playing on the radio. Maybe satellite radio for right now, but someday on big radio.

Artist: Don Lee Song: "Seasons" (from the CD In the Dark) Heard By: Greg Harward, Hillcrest



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It had a little bit of a Dwight Yoakam feel to it. He seemed pretty good. The sound quality wasn't that great. I imagine it would be a better song if it was recorded a little bit better. It almost came across mono rather than stereo I'd put it in the country or Southern [genre]. It had a honky-tonk feel, too. You could definitely hear the bass and the guitar. He seemed to be fairly talented. It wasn't a really complicated piece, but it was well done. It seemed a little dark in that he kept referencing summer being short and winter being long — the good times being short and the bad times stretching out a bit longer. It would be a good song for drinking...having a whiskey or a beer.

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PianoSD.com: 1233 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley. June 21 — "Pianotarium: Piano Tribute to Metallica." Iune 21 — Piano Tribute to Metallica

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May 15 — The Duree. May 29 — Breman Court.

Second Wind (Navaio): 8515 Navajo Road, Santee, 619-465-1730 May 22 — The Burnsville Band.

Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego: 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-3541. May 31 - Eve Selis.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226 SOMA.

May 16 - I Am Ghost and Love Hate Hero. May 17 — Emmure.

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Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500. *June 7* — The Fab Faux. *June 12* — Mick Fleetwood.

St. John's Episcopal Church: 760 First Avenue, Chula Vista. *May 18* — Harps and Crystal Bowls Benefit Concert.

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park: 14134 Midland Road, Poway. July 12 — The Bluegrass Ramblers.

Thrusters Lounge: 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-483-6334. *May 16, May 30* — Modern Day Moonshine.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. May 15 — Shrewd Lucy. May 16 — Tim & the 23s. May 17 — Agave. May 21 — Pushin Rope.

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June 21 — Colin Clyne. **Tio Leo's Mira Mesa:** 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa, 858-695-1461.

May 17 — Electric Soul.

Turquoise Coffee: 841 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4778. *May 24* — Sharon Hazel Township.

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

June 26 — Paul Ingram Quartet. Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center,

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May 17 — Bonnie Raitt.June 18 — Bruce in the U.S.A.June 23 — Billy Idol.July 15 — Chris Isaak.July 15 — Styx.August 3 — The Temptations andthe Four Tops.August 14 — The Gipsy Kings.October 15 — Randy Travis.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road Alpine, 619-445-5400. May 15 — Rilo Kiley. May 23 — The Cult. May 31 — Keith Sweat, Bell Biv DeVoe, En Vogue. June 4 - Gary Allan. June 7 — Day 26 and Danity Kane. June 27 — Cyndi Lauper, B-52s, Joan Jett & the Blackhearts. July 3 --- Cinderella and Warrant. July 12 — Boy George. July 26 - Los Lonely Boys. August 3 — George Thorogood and Buddy Guy. August 4 — The Regeneration Tour. August 20 — Donna Summer. August 30 — Melissa Etheridge. September 12 — Jaguares.

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Vision Center for Spiritual Living: 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 619-303-6609. *May 17* — The Electrocarpathians.

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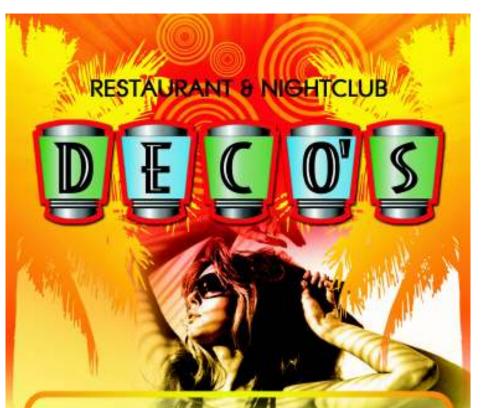
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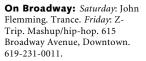
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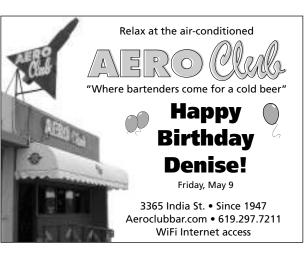
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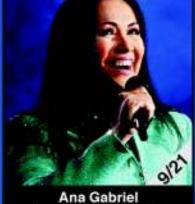
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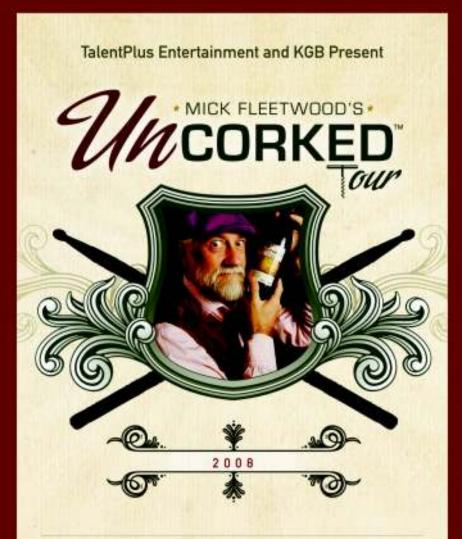


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WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

by Josh Board

usually dress up for theme parties, but when I hit *The Wiz*ard of Oz theme party in North Park, I didn't have anything to wear. I wasn't about to make myself look like a scarecrow.

Then I had an idea. I looked through my rock Tshirts, and my girlfriend and I both wore Pink Floyd shirts to the event. I figured this was close enough, as years ago it was rumored that you could play *Dark Side of the Moon* while watching *Wizard of Oz* and the music and movie synced up.

It was raining when we got there, and I saw a few people in costume getting soaked as we piled into the elevator of an old condo complex. The elevator didn't have a light, and you had to manually close the gate before it would go up. One guy was trying to stuff straw back into his scarecrow outfit and was having trouble doing it in the dark.

I felt guilty with just my umbrella and Floyd tee. When we walked in, they

had Oz on the TV. The lights



were out, but they had candles glowing. A yellow brick road had been painted on paper and spread over the hardwood floors.

There were some yellow slippers near the fireplace and a number of photos from the movie.

"You better keep your distance or you'll go up in flames."

There was a table set up with chips and desserts. I grabbed a cupcake. There were about 200 Jell-O shots set up like a giant rainbow. They had a fence all around, with cornstalks and crows on it. Everything indoors looked like the set of *The Wizard of Oz*.

The bathroom had lollipops all over it. When I asked one of the women at the party what the significance of that was, she told me about the lollipop guild and the flying monkeys. I didn't remember any of that because I hadn't seen the movie since I was little.

demonstrations.

Top right: A Scarecrow and a Dorothy; Bottom right: The Tinman, who did the fire

I saw a guy in a chicken costume standing next to a wall that had a *Wizard* lunch box. I asked him about it, but he never gave me a straight answer. He sounded as if he had had a bit to drink. He said something about how he wore it to a Christmas party where you had to dress as anything but a character related to Christmas. He mentioned something about "the good witch" living here before walking away.

One guy looked uncomfortable in his costume, but it was clearly the best. He made a detailed Tinman outfit. As I was checking it out, someone said, "You should see him light his head on fire." He was reluctant to do it, as he said he'd been doing that all night.

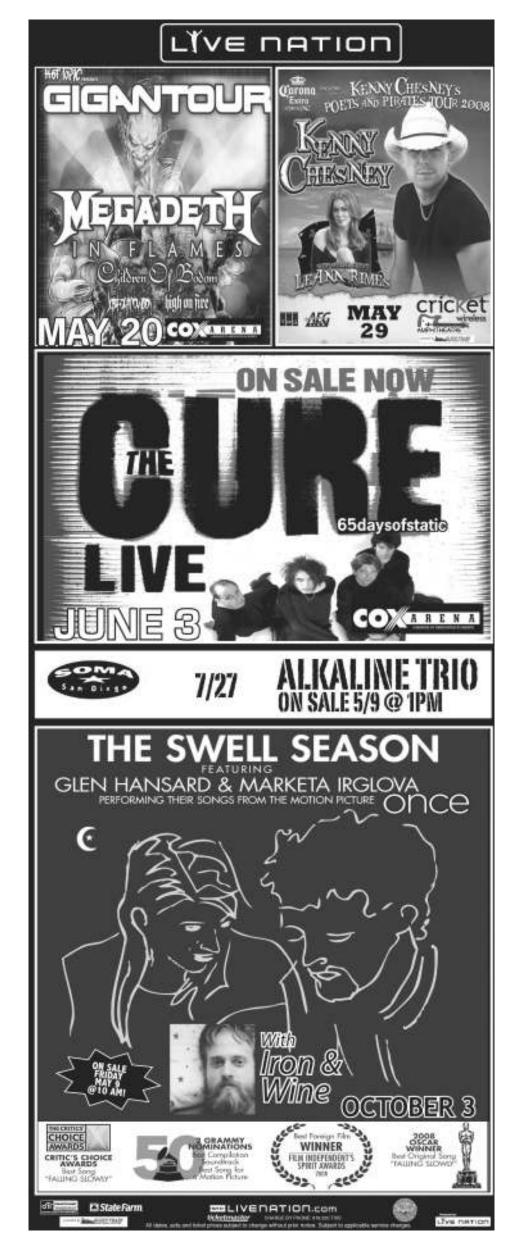
We all went out onto the balcony, and he showed me how it was designed to have flames come out of the top part. I said to one of the scarecrows, "You better keep your distance or you'll go up in flames."

When he was done with the fire demonstration, he walked back inside and almost fell. Somebody said, "Imagine if he did that with the fire going. This whole place would burn down."

I saw a female dressed in a tin outfit and asked about it. Her friend said, "She's the tin whore."

The party was being hosted by guys named Sam and Joe. But I found out it was Kali who loved *The Wizard of Oz* and

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orchestrated this. She told me it was one of her favorite movies and how she's seen it hundreds of times. She said, "And we love to throw theme parties. We had an *Alice in Wonderland* one once."

There were a couple of Dorothys walking around and four flying monkeys, which were funny. They were seldom together, though.

I was talking sports with a couple of guys and noticed that there were a



few women by the TV set reciting all the words the characters were saying. One of them looked at me and said, "After the second time watching this, I knew all the dialogue."

A few people approached the Tinman while he was on the couch. They wanted a fire demonstration. He tried to get up a few times and couldn't. Someone else mentioned that he was tired of doing it. I asked him how long it took to build the costume. He never told me, but he said that it was fun to make. He told me he works on Ferraris and that it's always fun to work on something other than a car.

As the other people prodded him for fire, one sounded like Beavis: "Fire, fire, fire!" Tinman stumbled to his feet and walked into a wall and said, "This costume has the worst peripheral vision."

There was a big guy in a baseball shirt who was drunk and kept bumping into people. I overheard someone say, "That's how fights start at clubs, people acting like that."

Another guy kept eating Jell-O shots but didn't seem to be drunk. He'd occasionally sing out, "Somewhere, over the rainbow..." before downing one.

I heard two people debating lines from the movie. One said, "The 'We're not in Kansas anymore' has got to be the most popular line from the movie." His friend contended, "I think the one about the man behind the curtain is more popular."

The response? "You can't even remember that line to quote it accurately!"

They asked me, and I said I thought the Kansas line was a bit more popular, but the premise of a man behind the curtain was still talked about. One said, "There is not a more popular movie line than 'We're not in Kansas anymore.'" I said, "I dunno. I think 'I see dead people,' and 'I think we need a bigger boat' are on par." Someone else in a Tinman costume then said in a deep voice, "What about, 'Luke, I am your father?"

One woman was trying to explain the story to her friend about the actor cast as the Scarecrow and how he switched with the Tinman because he was allergic to the aluminum powder. It wasn't until I left the party that I remembered it was Buddy Ebsen who dropped out of the film.

I overheard a few guys talking about the girls who had organized the party. They said they were party planners and that's why it turned out so well.

Another guy, smelling pot in the air, said, "Who planned that? And why didn't they tell me?" He then ran off in search of it.

Someone approached me and asked if I'd ever watched The Wizard of Oz with Pink Floyd playing. I told them I didn't but that it's just a weird coincidence. I said, "Look, Pink Floyd has lots of songs with heartbeats, screams, and weird sound effects. You could probably line any album up with any movie and some of the things will match up. Do you really think they watched the movie while recording the album in Abbey Road Studios?"

The guy then said, "My friends and I did it two times. It's amazing. The heartbeat, while Dorothy listens to the man's chest. When they sing about a lunatic on the grass, the lion is on the grass."

I wanted to say, "Are you the one that was smoking the pot?"

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The Tao of Dough

Over the door is the "dough" — the Chinese ideogram for the Tao (pronounced "doe"), meaning "the way" in general, and in Taoism, the way of the universe. (George Lucas calls it "The Force," and Einstein called it the "Unified Field Theory," and yes, old Lao-tzu was onto that cosmology scheme six centuries before Christ.) It's a pretty heavy ideogram for a glitzy restaurant/lounge. I recognized it because, at 21, I tucked an enface edition of the Tao Te Ching into the saddlebag of my new husband's BMW-R60 and spray-painted the tao ideogram in Day-Glo fuchsia on my helmet (along with the ideogram for "the Wanderer" on the back of my black leather jacket). Ride a motorcycle and you hope your particular little ego-incarnation will live long and prosper, but you also know, every minute, that you're prone to the whim of The Way. Painting its sign on your helmet is both a statement of fact and a heartfelt good-luck prayer.

So I'm not sure how I feel about slick restaurants flashing Asian religious symbols. Thai restaurants with "spirit houses" are fine — they're sincere — but, for instance, the giant Buddha statue dominating the decor at Isabel's Cantina in P.B. has always set my teeth a bit on edge. It itches me like a TV ad saying, "Nine out of ten Buddhas eat at Food Girl's."

In Jade's basement is an underground ersatz dungeon of pseudo-sin (decorated like a fantasy Shanghai opium den of the '30s, offering bottle service but no dope) called Buddha Ultra-Lounge, complete with a life-size statue of the Buddha, in real life an ascetic teetotaler who didn't lounge although perhaps he may have accepted an icy-cold donated sip of Kingfisher after an especially scorching day meditating under the bo tree. How would a Christian feel about a "Jesus Saloon"? Might be okay if the bartender could turn water into wine. And would Orthodox Israelis frequent a "Yahweh Falafel Bar"? There's been some stir lately about using exotic ethnicities and spiritualities as logos, e.g., for sports teams with names or mascots based on Native American tribes. Would vou root for the Cleveland Vicars, the New York Rabbis, the Boston Popes? Do you wear Samsara perfume (Sanskrit for "total mess")?

Metaphysical comedy aside, you probably want to know about the food and scene at Jade Theater. Okay.



REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

The entry level of Jade is a cool, spiffy bar-lounge (where you can also eat), but we didn't see much of it, as we were swiftly spirited upstairs to the main dining room. Like the lounge, it's coolly handsome, with pale blues and bamboo, subdivided into smaller

units with banquettes for foursomes and two-tops along a center aisle overlooking the lounge. The cheesy Euro-lounge music downstairs didn't bother us until, at the magic

hour of 8:00 p.m., the DJ cranked up the volume.

Many waiters, dressed in black cotton, have tattoos peeking out from their collars. Then there are the pretty young women — runners? bussers? mobile scenery? They wear scarlet blouses and black short-shorts. They are obviously allowed to adjust the costumes to their personal modesty levels, ranging from Minnesota-church-summer-camp to bellydancer-in-her-skivvies, with large tattoos on view. On a Friday night, most of the female patrons wore low-cut vampy black dresses. Most of the men wore clean but slightly wrinkled longsleeved shirts. In our species, the sex-linked plumage of birds is reversed.

The chef is James Montejano, educated at CCA

in San Francisco, a seasoned veteran of the famed Aqua and best known here for his stint at Cafe Japengo. If you like the food at Japengo, odds are you will like it here (although there's no sushi bar at Jade). And you won't have to fight the hordes of

professional women to get a table. The Japengo pedigree emerges most clearly in the fabulous, flashy, fusion-y appetizers. This is where sushi went when it

hit chic La Jolla — forget the rice and seaweed, go with the glow. The Japanese influences are skindeep; the chef really thinks in Southeast-Asian flavorings. There are two sections of starters, "Tease" and "Taste." The "teases" are essentially hors d'oeuvres sized for one, the "tastes" large enough to share as group grazes.

The star "tease" is the Hokkaido seared scallop, pristine and perfect on a bed of rice flour–kim chi scallion pancake. Gooey and crisp textures mingle happily, with a coral-colored spicy hollandaise sauce flecked with tiny black Masago caviar.

From this section, a bowl of spicy edamame with honey ponzu is just \$4. Accustomed to firmer

Jade Theater ★★★½ (Very Good to Excellent)

701 C Street (at Seventh Street), downtown, 619-814-5125, *jadetheater.com.*

HOURS: Sunday–Wednesday 4:00–10:00 p.m., Thursday–Saturday until midnight; lunch 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Monday–Friday.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$4–\$20; entrées, \$16–\$65 (most about \$35).

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Asian fusion, mingling flavors from all over Asia. Full bar. International wine list, few bottles under \$40, many choices by the glass. Sake list under construction, currently includes Takara Nigori (\$20 for fifth-size bottle).

PICK HITS: Hokkaido scallop appetizer; Jade shiitake bites; spicy calamari; lobster trilogy; miso-glazed mero; surf and turf (lobster/rib-eye). "Mercy of the Chef" private dinners for up to ten available at a price to be negotiated.

NEED TO KNOW: Reserve if eating is your goal. Dining room (and restrooms) upstairs, with elevator access. One vegan/vegetarian entrée, several veggie appetizers. Room gets loud around 8:00 p.m. Party spaces can accommodate up to 200 guests. Business or resort casual for men, mostly date dresses for dating-age women.

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sushi-bar renditions, I found the beans badly overcooked and, despite the dusting of chili powder, rather boring. Jim and Fred both liked them; Jonathan was skeptical. "At least they're not as overcooked as my mom's," said Jim.

"Tastes" is probably the best section of the menu, with interesting and varied dishes that offer the sheer fun of eating. The killer app is called Jade Shiitake Bites — large, thin, perfect shiitake mushrooms, tempura-style, with a layered filling of spicy ahi, sesame, chive, and genuine crabmeat, with a touch of cream cheese and furikake seasoning, plated over "Yin-Yang" sauces — one a







Thai chile vinaigrette, the other based on sweet soy. Light, flavorful, unexpected, it's everybody's favorite, and the restaurant's signature dish. In the center of the plate is a bright and lively little salad of julienned carrots, cabbage, and baby greens.

Spicy calamari are fried into airy puffs and coated with a spicy Thai-style seasoning mix. They are swell with no dip at all but come with two sauces: a smooth, soothing, greenish tobikoflecked aioli with a touch of nam pla fish sauce, colored with nori (seaweed) powder, and a sweetspicy red Malaysian chile sauce with diced mango in the mix. The flavors aren't pure Thai, but they indicate an intuitive understanding of Thai flavors. "I think I love these even more than the calamari at Kensington Grill," said Jim, and that's saying a lot.

A lobster trilogy offers three variations on the crustacean theme: miso-glazed lobster meat with diced mango; lobster salad with avocado and pink grapefruit; and, most strikingly, a depth-bomb lobster-coconut milk bisque, which is sweet, deep, complex. The bisque includes the normal tomato paste, brandy, and rich lobster stock made from the carapaces but also has hints of Kaffir lime, ginger, and shallots, with a light undertone of Thai red curry that keeps giving and giving, each sip a slightly different flavor. It dwarfs its partners on the plate — they are nice, but the bisque is brilliant.

Were I to go back to Jade, I'd probably make a full graz-

ing meal of appetizers: There are more to choose from, and they all sound magnetic: arrays of sashimi, tempura, clav-pot clams, tandoori mini lamb chops. This is the territory of four-star dishes, and you could make a spectacular meal from them and still have room (and budget) for some of the creative desserts.

The entrées are huge in quantity and feature terrific, generous vegetable garnishes. The problem is sweetness — too many sugary tastes, and they are not subtle but straight-out sweet, like you find in bad local Thai restaurants pandering to farang palates. The sweetness comes from brown sugar (which tastes closer to Thailand's palm sugar than does white sugar), but it's still more than I like.

Entrée portions are ginormous. Order the duck and you get half a big bird (probably a Moulard, judging by size), minus backbone. Order the lobster and you get a two-and-a-halfpound bruiser. The Char Siu duck glazed in pomegranate sauce offers a big breast and legthigh piece with a load of delightful veggies - long beans, mushrooms, asparagus. The bird was a tad overdone, a tad tough, and more than a tad oversweet. In fact, after a single bite, I started planning for the fate of the doggie-bag contents, because I guessed that the flavors would be too cloying to sustain the posse's interest for long. After the second bite, I passed the plate along.

Wok-fried lobster is served in two layers: On top, lobster in a sweet (far too sweet) housecreated Thai red-chile glaze, and below it, a crisp chow mein noodle basket cradling a wealth of yummy stir-fried mixed veggies - sugar snaps, baby carrots, asparagus, water chestnuts, bean

sprouts, and more. So generous, so fine - so sugary. Lobster may be my favorite foodstuff of all (vving with *uni* and foie gras), but it's the last food that needs to be sugar-coated. Three bites to boredom. It's "market price" (\$50), but you can also enjoy it in an even more exorbitant surfand-turf (\$65) with a Brandt beef naturally raised rib-eye center-cut medallion, pan-seared in clarified butter and served in black bean sauce. It's a great, thick piece of meat. I suspect that the surf-and-turf is a better deal in terms of pleasure, offering a salty, earthy flavor to contrast with the sweet. (The rib-eye is also available on its own.)

Our best entrée was misoglazed mero - not another imitation of Nobu's miso black cod, but a quite different invention. Mero is a Japanese fish similar to Chilean sea bass, and here it's cooked to utter tenderness, glazed with salty, earthy miso, and submerged in a gentle fish-broth consommé seasoned with Southeast-Asian seasonings (Kaffir lime, galanga, ginger) with udon noodles and veggies. It's delicate and deeply pleasing.

The cheapest entrée balanced my budget for the lobster: the \$16 "What the Pho?," Vietnamese beef-noodle soup. Once you say it out loud, you'll never again mispronounce "pho" as "foe" — "fuh" has the sound down. (The dish arose in French-occupied Indochina, especially the chillier parts of North Vietnam, as a local stab at pot-au-feu, aka Gallic pot roast.) I liked it a lot, if not quite as well as the \$6 pho you can get anywhere on El Caion Boulevard in the 40s. The beef broth was hearty from long cooking, and the garnishes were a reasonably authentic array,

including Asian mint sprigs, bean sprouts, and sliced green jalapeños. The meat, billed as Wagyu beef, is American Kobe flatiron in long, thin, well-done slices. On the side of the bowl are two dips, Sriracha chile sauce (a standard garnish at Vietnamese restaurants) and hoisin sauce (sweet-spicy Chinese barbecue sauce), which you can use as dips for beef lifted out of the soup on chopsticks. That night, really --- needed more star anise or Chinese five-spice blend. (Apparently, it varies from night to night.) Without that, it isn't quite right - but I liked it anyway, because it was cheap and (again) not sweet.

The website mentions a sake list, but that's actually a future plan. By quizzing our waiter, we discovered that the current infantile incarnation includes a full-size bottle of Takara Nigori (fizzy unfiltered sake) for a relative bargain price of \$20 (on a wine list that starts at \$40). So we chose that for the appetizers. The regular wine list has something for every taste, if you can afford it. For our second round, we decided to order by the glass to go with specific entrées and to pass them around (most choices \$11-\$14), which worked out pretty well. A fruity Santa Barbara-grown Marsanne-Rousanne white blend seemed the best overall complement to the various flavors.

There are serious temptations for dessert — housemade banana fritters, coconut-passionfruit cake, etc. But the sugar in the entrées had used up our table's appetite for sweets. Not one of us could face the possibility of more. To live in harmony with the Tao, you don't stuff yourself on sweets

when your body tells you you've already consumed more than enough. Ignore those inner clues and you risk a clash with The Way - not to mention a jaded palate.

ABOUT THE CHEF

James Montejano is a local guy from Escondido, and he didn't start out to become a chef-he began as a high schooler working part-time as a dishwasher and busser in neighborhood restaurants. Cooking just snuck up on him. "I got a job at the Brigantine in Escondido...and when they needed help in the kitchen, I started prepping, and as I worked my way up, I became a cook. I wasn't planning to become a cook or a chef. I was just trying to make money. I kind of fell into it; I guess I had a knack.

"I worked for Brigantine for over 11 years...opened up the Oyster Bar in Del Mar, and then I decided it was time to do something with my career, so I went to the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. I'd just gotten divorced and owned some property, and my ex-wife and I split the equity. That financed my tuition there, and of course I worked when I was up there. I lived in the Tenderloin and ate cheap and worked while I was in school. I got a job at the famous Trader Vic's...it was just awesome to work there. The staff had so much experience...The school and the city really opened my eyes - just being in San Francisco, in a town with so much culture and so much food, I just engulfed myself, and at school, I just engulfed myself in the craft....

"The big experience I had there was at Aqua in its heyday, from 1993 to 1998, under George Morrone and then Michael Mina. It was one of the

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top three San Francisco restaurants at the time, along with Fleur de Lys and Masa. If you messed up, they'd just throw you off the line. There was some harsh learning there, but I had the time of my life. It was the top experience of my life. The guys I worked with are executive chefs all over the country now.

"The reason I left San Francisco was that my wife couldn't take care of my eight-year-old son anymore, so I had to put my career on hold — if not for that, I'd probably be in New York or in San Francisco. He was a great kid, very independent, very social. He's 19 now, up in San Francisco majoring in pre-law - he wants to get into politics.

"I opened up Vivace in Carlsbad and then became executive chef at Pamplemousse. I worked for Jeffrey Strauss, worked at Pacifica Del Mar, then came back to Pamplemousse...I worked as executive chef at Brigantine, went back to Aqua for a bit, and then came back here again

"I heard that Japengo was looking for a chef, and I faxed them my résumé seven times until I got the job. I worked there three years and then went to Valley View Casino, but after the food and beverage director who hired me left, nothing was the same. Riko Bartolomei [formerly at Asia-Vous, now moved to Maui] called me and told me there was a new restaurant with an opening downtown. Jason Seibert [of Café Cerise] was going to cook there, but he went to work for Spago instead. So I went to work at Jade.

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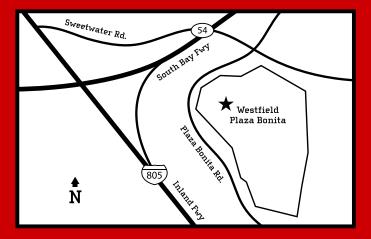






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That's me. Winning the wrestling match. And that is Saddam's governor of Basra

province, presenting the medal. I represented Iraq in the Olympics. And this is my friend Latif Yahia. He was forced to be a double for Uday Hussein, Saddam's son. They tried to kill him 11 times, thinking he was Uday.

Wow. I look at the pictures. Najem as a young wrestler fighting a much bigger man, then standing in front of a small crowd, with a military governor handing him a medal. Then him and his friend. I've heard about how scary it was to be a sports star in Iraq under Saddam and his son Uday. But to have to be his double, whoa.

Nearly nine, closing time, and it's just Najem and me and Tayeb, his Iranian cook, in the restaurant. I'm here because of Russell, a buddy who lives in El Cajon. He'd stopped in the other day and loved the beef kabobs, plus the whole Iraqi atmosphere thing. So tonight, on my way back from Santee, I'd jumped off the trolley and tramped down the empty streets of El Cajon, looking for "Babylon."

Rusty was right about the atmosphere. It's small, with classy maroon wood tables and black chairs and green-and-blue drapes looping across the acoustic ceiling to give it a tented feel. A giant plasma screen shows TV from the Gulf States. Two walls are filled with Koranic art, holy Arabic messages written in gold.

But it's the back wall that catches your eye.

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Those shelves loaded with Iraqi flags for sale and hookah pipes and, 'specially, a bunch of exotic golden bottles of "Attar Mubakhar Arabian Perfume Oil." Just as well Carla didn't come. They're about \$20 a bottle.

I sit down after the long talk with Najem. What a guy. What a life. Now he's getting a bit of peace in his retirement. He says this is actually his son Faras's business. I pull the menu out. It has the Iraqi flag and a photo of a statue. A lion stands over a man flat on his back on the ground. Doesn't look good

for the man.

"That," says Najem, "is the Lion of Babylon, in Basra. In southern Iraq. I come from Basra. Evervbody knew me. I was their wrestling champion. But guess what? I am Shia Muslim. After I spoke out against Saddam, I couldn't survive there. See?

He lifts up his shirt. "I was shot through the back.3

Wow. I can see the big scar on his back, and a kind of red welt sticking out in front, just below the ribs on his right side.

"That's why I have been 16 years in San Diego. What would you like to eat?"

'Course, the first thing I see on the back is that for \$225 you can order a whole cow. Man, wouldn't I love to throw a party for 50 of my closest friends here, let them have at the biggest kabob ever?

More in my price range are appetizers like hummus for \$5 or \$7, or Iraqi or Arabic salad, also in \$5 and \$7 sizes. I'm scratching my brain to remember what the difference is between these two. Oh, yeah. Think Iraqi salad has lots of sumac.

Entrées seem to be all around the \$10 mark, but sandwiches are \$5.50. Beef or chicken kabob, or shawarma (Arab version of the Greek gyro). They all have the meat wrapped in a bread they make right here in their "tannoor" (tandoor in India), a clay-lined oven. It's a big, round, genuine, wild-looking bread (from the mighty discs I see Tayeb flicking hot from the oven walls) that makes vou wanna just tear it apart and chow it down as a meal in itself.

So I'm trying to decide which sandwich, when I do a quick under-the-table count of ye olde

dinero. Hey. I have 14 buckeroos. Should be enough for a full-blown entrée. Now we're choosing between a plate of four beef kabobs, with a big 14-inch round bread and bits of veggies (\$9.50), or four chicken kabobs (\$9.50), or chicken or beef tikka, meaning marinated chunks, for \$9.99. A kousi, lamb shank, is \$11, and a kuba mosul (dumplings, Mosul-style) is \$12. Half a chicken with rice is \$9.99, and they have a rice with stew for \$8, and a grilled fish — masgoof (\$11). Najem says you could call masgoof Iraq's national dish. Masgoof is actually the style of cooking. Ideally, the fish should come from the Tigris River, split open, and gradually smoked 'n' grilled on an open fire.

Tempted, but figure the price is going to put me near the cliff, so opt for the beef kabob.

And guess what? The four kabobs are a lot, and the meat is, just as Russell said, rich-flavored, with garlic and paprika and, says Najem, sumac,

The Place: Babylon Halal Meat and Restaurant, 550 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-588-5374 Type of Food: Iraqi

Prices: Hummus appetizer dish, \$5 or \$7; Iraqi or Arabic salad, \$5 or \$7; beef or chicken kabob sandwich, \$5.50. Shawarma (think gyro), \$5.50; beef kabob entrée (four kabobs), \$9.50; chicken kabob entrée, \$9.50; chicken breast tikka (marinated chicken), \$9.99; half chicken with rice, \$9.99; kousi, lamb shank, \$11; kuba mosul (meatballs using bulgur wheat), \$12; half chicken with rice, \$9.99; rice with stew, \$8; masgoof, \$11; whole cow (feeds 50), \$225



Faras-Al-Ekabi

along with onion. The meat, he says, is halal. That means killed humanely, facing Mecca and drained of blood, up in Escondido. So I just nibble away, first a piece of meat, then a chunk of the tandoori bread. Najem talks of his glory days as Iraq's most beloved wrestler. It's quite a night.

It's only when I'm paying the bill that I see the deal of deals for future reference: to-go meat. A beef or chicken kabob skewer costs...\$1.25. Chicken or beef tikka is \$3.75. It's only when Najem has trouble translating - he tells me he's had a stroke — that I realize this old lion is struggling.

I'm coming back, to try that national fish dish, but also because of Naiem. We have a hero in our midst! I want to hear more. Must bring Carla next time.

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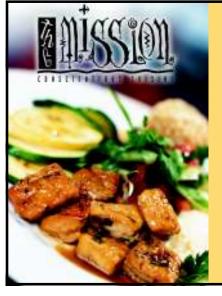
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BEACHES

A.R. Valentien 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season pro-duce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a *country inn* on a golf course) is beau-tiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-price cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. N.W.

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," served until noon—the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent). Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego internationaleclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. N.W.

California Pizza Kitchen — La Jolla 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is goot 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.*

Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy cafe is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the footlong. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B.*

The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Shingle Lane, La Jolla, 858-456-1640. Pretend you're going to Tapenade, then veer off up Shingle Lane. You come to a sunny brick patio with mosaic tables, trees, plants, and a little Curiosity Shoppe-looking place. Ask for Joan, the Cookie Lady. Think Hermione Gingold ("There's no business like show..."). She's so bursting with life you'll almost forget to eat. Yes, this is soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half turkey sandwich (and it's real turkey, roasted here each morning) and Italian wedding soup will overstuff you. Best of all: your total here is about what you'd pay for the tip next door. Open daily except Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, foodfriendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla—rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners-could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Ioan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns qui etly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgianstyle waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world-influenced by Arab cuisines, but nore intense and sheerly hedonistic. At this Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, bastilla (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany al-mond baklava perfumed with orangeflower water. The setting and service are dramatic-tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables. belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. If this is a chain, then tie me up, tie me down! Piatti started in the Bay Area and retains that foodie ethos, giving chefs at the local branches freedom to produce splen-did, classic Italian menus including multiregional starters, interesting pastas, and thin-crust pizzas. The quality of ingredients and cooking is beyond suspicion. You are almost guaranteed a tasty meal. This is one of a few local eateries to offer sweetbreads to those who love them. Ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled ro-maine, and key lime-raspberry tart are among the favorites. Californian-Italian wine list, full bar. Plenty for vegetarians, plus some vegan dishes (varving seasonally). Reservations essential—beg for pa tio seating in good weather to avoid the indoor din. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate to expensive. - N.W.

Ranchos Cocina — Ocean Beach 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard #H, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. 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 fullflavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak—infact, 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 Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here—for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you

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at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? This renowned sushi bar offers seafood of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, such as the aii sashimi, a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. These joys don't come easily. First, reserve. Then find the place, tucked into the corner of a minimal mini-mall on the east side of the street, marked with the large 7-Eleven sign (opposite Rubio's). Don't waste your time with the California roll ilk; instead, snoop on your neighbors' choices (particularly those of Japanese customers), watching for off-menu extrav-aganzas. A printed Omakasa menu at the tables (the equivalent of a lavish chef's tasting dinner) of either sashimi or sushi will feed one person royally or two lightly for under \$30. Cooked dishes are dull except for seafood miso soups and chawan mushi (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play, so best bet is to go late in the week, when the master's most likely to be present and keeping an eye out. To be served at the counter by Otasan himself, reserve one month ahead. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Moderate. - N.W.

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple

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Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Ital-ian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted interna-tional influences. The food can be divine-or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired vegg Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. - N.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Baja, 664-634-3039. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including trop ical fruits, nuts, and above all, a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms

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steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, posole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mescal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Vegetarian on request. Reservations strongly advised; ask for di-rections. Moderate.— *N.W.*

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131, Baja. -685-8494. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrian Pedrin Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass—the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E Ř

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59, Baia. 646-155-0307. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"). which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Vegetarian upon request. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Bajagrown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Baja, 664-686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like Star Wars creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill charro food for well-to-do charros. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-andturf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexicantheir hamburger is darned tasty. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TI we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — $\dot{E.B.}$ Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez

Mateo), Baja, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. Vegetarian upon request. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. - N.W.

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CENTRAL

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask

for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits—their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B.

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice-where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination pause to sniff

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Anthony's Fish Grotto — Down-town 1360 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-5103. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the sim-plest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari. shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus-if you've got the breaddelicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. - E.B.

Athens Market 109 West F Street, Downtown, 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy—white table cloths, linen nap-kins—but you can fill up on just a bowl

of fakee, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter—all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inex-pensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Be sure to ask about daily specials. Desserts are all house-made, including baked fromage blanc, a charming cheesecake. The ad-venturous international wine list is loaded with interesting bottles at low markups. Full bar. Extremely loud when crowded. Reservations urged. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. -NW

Bambu Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian fusion cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least 20 breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black-olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-



Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumb-ing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with

N.W.

add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry-luscious marinated sautéed ovsters scrambled in eggs. Three meals daily, with break 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Line at door on Sunday.)— ΕB

sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are

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Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made onpremises—it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled carne asada is splendid, the carnitas out standing. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get— burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas—and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. - N.W.

Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-269-9209. If you want to taste your way through Asia and you're looking for economy fare, this could be your one-stop destination with no reservations needed. Renowned Thai restaurateur Alex Thao (Celadon, Rama) set his sights lower, wider, and cheaper here, serving noodle dishes and rice bowls of China, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam in cool, airy, black-and-white surroundings. It sure ain't Chinatown, Jake, but it's kind of fun and very filling. The best dishes (e.g., pot-stickers, tom yum soup) are equivalent to those at good restaurants specializing in these specific cuisines. But mostly they seem "gringofied" to appeal to less-traveled American palates. Oddly, Thai dishes suffer most, from severe reductions in hot spice and heavy doses of sugar in many sauces, with few veggies to lighten their weight. (It's not Rama either, Jake.) Good desserts, smart wine and sake list. Inexpensive. Open daily, 11 to 11.— *N.W.*

Cilantro Live! 3807 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-325-1949. Founder Christina Guzman believes raw is beautiful. "The secret is in the enzymes," she says. Cook food and you kill them. "There is so much more life in [live, uncooked] food, you need eat less of it." Maybe just as well, because these raw dishes don't come cheap. So, how to eat vegan, raw, and not gag? Start with the surprisingly strong-tasting "heavenly taco." The tor-tillas (made out of dehydrated veggies) are filled with nut "meat" (almonds, wal nuts) plus sun-dried tomato, chipotle,



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and avocado. Has a bit of molasses taste Now try the Fortuna sunflower-pumpkin påté wrap. You're on your way. Open daily, midday to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate -EB

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving oldfashioned Mexican food here for three generations—seventy years. Rice, beans pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs-that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. -E B

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market Street, Downtown, 619-677-2695. "Tavern" says it all. This is a big, rowdy but not brawly, street-open, multiscreen sports bar. Half drink, half food, half bowling alley. East Villagers are making it their local because the kitchen's open late, plus, on a date, rolling those balls helps break the ice. The food's surprisingly good. List topper: steak sliders. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. A perfect strike. Then there's the pretty good Don't Mess With Texas burger, a *Panino Cubano*, and even chicken wings brined in salt, water, and herbs that have their own taste. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends, breakfast from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered— like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-theroad faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful-this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive .- N.W.

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-281-1355. This bright, über-cool eatery offers dishes from the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, where lamb eating is a tradition. In dishes like the Lamb Special (lamb taco, quesadilla, cactus salad, rice) the rich taste of lamb cooked in maguey leaves comes through beautifully. Lamb mixiote (a spicier, smokier variation, with the lamb cooked inside the thin maguey skin) is also a must-eat. Or, just to get hooked on the whole lamb thing, slurp their luscious broth (with lamb, gar banzo beans, rice). If you're feeling adventurous, try lamb pancita (lamb's organs cooked inside its own sewn-up stomach). Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Fachada 20 25th Street, Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. This restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too-maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great Caldo Siete Mares and Vuelva a la Vida, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. (Friday and Saturday open 24 hours). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway, Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked ver mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire fla-



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Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5478. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu-these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball in-serted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner Monday through Friday. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. N.W.

Golden Dragon Asian Bistro 414 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a onetime Chinese "dive." Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors—the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef "Miss Songsri" (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss "Atomic Hog's Wings" (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named "Jumping Jarvis." The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — *N.W.*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the cafe outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad, with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrees like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B*

Joe's Crab Shack — Downtown 525 East Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-7391. Joe's is silly with crab-shadambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and Pacific Beach. — N.W.

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek



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(Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli)—both with lively yogurt sauces—and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Lotus Thai — Hillcrest 3761 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-8272, This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more au-thentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thai-land, and something in their cooking hints of their region-a certain zestines a love of strong citruses and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on soju (Asian lowerproof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. — N.W.

Marie's Café 3016 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-0142. One of the last old-time diners in town. Marie and son Erik took over in 2002. It had already been operating for 50 years as Johnny's They kept the tradition but created a sparkling kitchen and a reputation for generous servings. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. And forget fries. Go for the "side" salad, a huge dish of romaine, with tomatoes, red onions, cheese, croutons, and bleu cheese dressing. Go ahead. Mess yourself up. Open 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday; from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday; till 8 p.m. Tuesday. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-515-2233. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha*—water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim cafe. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini*—veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sauteed pepers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pho Hoa Hiep — Linda Vista 6947 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-8406. 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



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drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits -Clairemont 1737 Euclid Avenue, Clairemont, 619-527-6565. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wher-ever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some fla-vors 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 jam-balaya 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.*

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork-a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Mod-erate.

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Southeast San Diego, 619-231-0716. Smaller

branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's Caldo 7 Mares (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called Vuelva a la vida: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoa can dish is *carnitas*—pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. E.B.

Sadaf — Downtown 828 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0008. You worry—those formal fixtures and blacktux waiters, the gold-encrusted paint-ings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachioand-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B.

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: pho, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noo-dle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. -N.W.

St. Tropez — Downtown/Horton Plaza 926 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-696-8695. If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croque monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediter ranean flavors-try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is Mexican sushi from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain nigiri-the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037.

Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or peo-ple-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Gener-ously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featur-ing barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the sum-mer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. - N.W.

Trieu Chau 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai* coffay dok ko"—fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broc-coli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao—and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, wellmarinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad—not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. -N.W.

Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, Downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate Hotel and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items of-fered, the best deal is the soup and halfsandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive.

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ — Mira

Mesa 6904 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. -N.W.

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golfand-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambiance. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expen-sive.—N.W.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-inthe-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a lit-tle revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient lo mein (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish saladcrunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too)-vou'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — Ê.B.

Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. This opu





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www.zorbasgreekbuffet.com 100 Broadway at D Street - Chula Vista - 619-422-8853 lent-feeling, great-value place (especially for lunch), is housed in an ex-Taco Bell restaurant, but you'd never know it. It has a small rose garden outside and ferns and plants inside. Nearly two dozen lunch specials include curries, soups, rice, and noodle dishes. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the massaman, the potato curry. They set the spice heater-meter at low but respect heat requests. Check out the chef's specials a couple of dollars more but usually interesting, like ho mok (shrimp, greenshell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Open for lunch and din-ner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

El Galeón 503 West Mission, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). -N.W.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties-including the extraordinary Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). - N.W.

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nes-tled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's

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dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people—actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entree of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M.

Spices Thai Cafe — Mira Mesa 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa 858-552-8845. 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.

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too—included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Innsive -EB

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill - Escondido 890 West Valley Parkway, Es-condido, 760-480-8667. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's betterknown exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes faiitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the sta-ple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and din-

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Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine in gredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie-save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — N.W.

NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Café 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and "Beach Benedict" with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Mo-roccan crabcakes" and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. - N.W.

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a fam-ily operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous lo-cally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Buca di Beppo — Carlsbad 1921 Calle Barcelona , Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Bucca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain-but it works. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck-vou're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes run-ning with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Bully's 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley)-just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. - E.B.

Café Zinc 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parme



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san cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive.-E.B.

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb—the authentic Mexico Citystyle chicken soup is laden with avoca-dos, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood en-trées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Firefly 251 North El Camino Real, Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mus-tard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes fre-quently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much

come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. expensive.— N.W. Moderate to

Il Fornaio — Del Mar 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed-the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing—but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. *"Il fornaio"* means "the baker," after all, Beyond bread, we're talking rus tic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from sfilatino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22ounce bistecca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne alla sorrentinapasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce-is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish 'n' chips, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its backpatio walls, and the fare is casual Ja-maican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers, which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are downtuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open weekday nights until 8 p.m. and weekend nights until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive.—N.W.

Pacifica Del Mar 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ California-fusion cuisine centering on

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seafood and organic, locally grown pro-

duce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its

own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's ca-

pacities, not to mention diners' tender

ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve

for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun

list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus

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after church on Sunday and then to Whole Foods for fish. I cook a ton of fish and chicken because the boys just grind it.

What I cook depends on the mood of the day and how it's feeling. Is it going to be a white wine and tomato salad or is it going to be soup? It all usually starts in a cast iron pan because it cooks food

so perfectly. And I have to have some kind of garlicky mayonnaise. I'm an aioli whore.

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thyme and butter. When the onions start to show some color add the blanched potato coins. Sauté until hash is nice and crispy. At the last minute add the crab,

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street, Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building—a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from the Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3-mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a \$1 shuttle tram, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "'40s diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Ari-zona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings, too-try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided

he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been per-petually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlight-ing seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and mod-est corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager's approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N. Ŵ.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come

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chives, and parsley. Sauté the fish over medium-high heat with a little bit of olive oil. In order for everything to come out at the same time, start searing the halibut when the onions are starting to look transparent. The hash really wants to be buttery, crispy, and herby! This dish serves four and is excellent with a bot-

here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained-glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is de-licious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Iacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

SOUTH BAY

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155 For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to en-tertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days. —N.W.

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix—hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu-a hole in the ground—it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the haupia cake—it may cause serious ad-diction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-O East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including adobo pork, pancit, and lumpia *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconutcorn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multi-colored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. - E.B.

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway cafe is a standby with locals, especially the high tle of Grüner Veltliner and a simple salad of butter lettuce, radishes, and croutons.

INGREDIENTS

Fish 1lb of Alaskan Halibut cut into $5^{1}/_{2}$ oz portions Hash ¹/₂ lb of picked crab 1 T chopped parsley 1 tsp chopped thyme

school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You al-ways get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jimmy's — Chula Vista 1198 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all—forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown' (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. -EB

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' pa tio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices sur rounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) In-expensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they

don't just open cans. Nick and Rose mary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. ___ F B

1 T chopped chives

into rings

quarters

Salt and pepper to taste

small

1 tsp chopped parsley

1 T butter

Relish

1lb fingerling potatoes sliced

¹/₂ lb cipollini onions cut into

1 lb roasted red peppers diced

1 lb roma tomatoes dried out in

the oven and diced

Peohe's 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-en-dowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with in-door waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sun-

¹/₂ tsp chopped thyme 2 T extra virgin olive oil 1 T sherry vinegar Salt and pepper

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Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering-and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lipsmacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham—all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Monday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jimmys - Mission Gorge 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this fam-ily-friendly restaurant with good, oldfashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all—forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B.

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crispshelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive -ΕB

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of standalone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed struc-ture behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Sav Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or Ameri-

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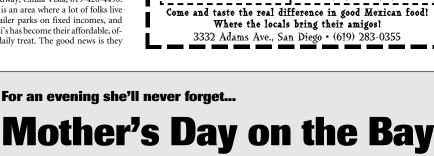
can), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek fam-ily has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties plus gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Julian, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytimebreakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chickenfried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. ("With syrup" breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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His eye rarely, if ever, fails him.

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all me an ingrate, but I cannot suppress the comment that Landmark Theatres have finally found a slot for Hou Hsiao-hsien only after the Taiwanese filmmaker made

a film in France and in French, and long after he made such masterpieces as Goodbye South, Goodbye and A City of

Sadness. It seems par for the course that by this time he would no longer be making masterpieces. Flight of the Red Balloon, opening Friday at the La Jolla Village, evokes Albert Lamorisse's fey little half-hour fantasy of 1956 (revived just last Christmastime at Landmark's Ken), not merely evoked in the last three words of the title, but in very intermittent and unintegrated appearances of an actual red balloon, the size and strength of a beach ball, every bit as autonomous as Lamorisse's, albeit less active and mischievous, more of a voyeur, a watcher, a guardian angel, a ghostly spirit. A Chinese film student in Paris, employed part-time as a nanny to a boy about the same age as the hero of The Red Balloon, overtly references the Lamorisse film by name, and currently happens to be making her own film about balloons. (She herself never sees the autonomous balloon; only the boy does.) Not even this, however, elevates

the motif much above irrelevance. The boy's mother has her hands full of more down-to-earth matters: an absent husband in Montreal, a daughter (by a previous husband) overdue for a visit

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from Brussels, a troublesome downstairs tenant, a new produc-DUNCAN SHEPHERD tion at the puppet theater where she voices

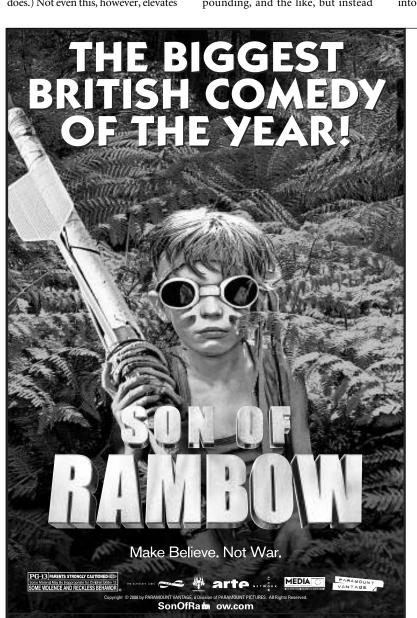
the characters, in addition to her son's new nanny. All in all, she's a bit of a mess; and Juliette Binoche, under a tumbleweed of dyed blond hair, sometimes comes across as overlarge alongside the serenity of the nanny, Song Fang, and inside the placid picture frames of Hou's regular cinematographer, Mark Lee Ping-bing, a/k/a Ping-bin, a/k/a Pin-bing.

The ingredient of fantasy is, if memory serves, something new for Hou, and just as well it's no more than a pinch or two. The Parisian setting is of course something new too, but it doesn't disturb the Eastern eye or the Eastern pace. Hou will remain Hou, wherever he may go. (He also went somewhere new in *Café Lumière*. Tokyo. An hommage to Ozu in a greater degree than this one is to Lamorisse.) Pacing, it scarcely bears saying, is crucial to him, though not what's usually meant by that: not fast, breathless, heartpounding, and the like, but instead



commandingly and compellingly slow, so that you become aware of time ticking by, conscious of the immediate moment, undistracted by where you're headed. The pace of contemplation. And his eye rarely, if ever, fails him. Although the color here might be a shade jaundiced, the camera is forever wandering casually, as if by chance, into the most exquisite compositions, patched together on a vertical plane out of shop windows, doors, street signs, posters, polygons of peeled plaster, etc., or receding in space down the crevasse of a pedestrian passageway. And it can hardly go wrong amid the clutter of the mother's cramped and lived-in apartment, the mounted masks, the bookshelves, the stacks of CDs and videos, the vases, the wall Flight of the Red Balloon

calendar, the kitchen doorframe, and on and on. Anywhere the camera turns in this place, it will find a Bonnard-like bonanza. There is endless ingenuity in these discoveries, and there's even a certain type of suspense in the anticipation of the next eye-grabber, an alertness to the unrolling panorama of life. Can this be considered an adequate substitute for action, incident,





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plot twist, character revelation? Without question it can. More than adequate. That a film engage your interest, one way or another, is a modest enough request, often enough unmet. Outside of the infrequent flights of the red balloon, this one engaged mine continuously.

Redbelt, also at Landmark's La Jolla Village (and elsewhere) this Friday, disburses David Mamet's two cents on the Mixed Martial Arts craze. His first film since Spartan, four years ago, again brims with Spartan machismo. "Control your emotions." "A man distracted is a man defeated." "Conquer your fear and you conquer your opponent." These directives, and others out of the same playbook, issue from a disciple of Brazilian jiu-jitsu (the protean Chiwetel Ejiofor, a crinkle of vulnerability scoring his stoical countenance) in an unadorned storefront gym in South Los Angeles, a man "too pure" to make money, as his busi-

ness-minded wife grumbles, "too pure" in specific to dirty his hands in the pay-per-view fight racket. "Competition," he elucidates, "is weakening." Promotion, he might have added, is demeaning. (The filmmaker, seeking only the honest dollar at the box-office, stands squarely behind him.) An apparently fortuitous intervention in a barroom brawl, saving the bacon of a slumming Hollywood action star (Tim Allen, doing for Mamet what Steve Martin did for him, and vice versa, in The Spanish Prisoner), brings about an upturn in his prospects, an offer of a cushy position as co-producer on a big-budget Iraq War movie. Anyone familiar with Mamet, however, will be on the lookout for the hidden motive, the invisible pattern, the controlling intelligence. Even when there's none there.

To enter a Mamet film is to enter a world. And, despite the many points of connection to other martial-arts films, it's no different here: the cleareyed, level, steady, arm's-length point of view, the clipped cadences, the outof-sync dialogues, the Pinter-esque repetitions, the lurking sense of the unsaid, the pervading subtle stylization. His well-drilled cast - blending

Mamet regulars like Joe Mantegna, Ricky Jay, and Rebecca Pidgeon together with new recruits like Alice Braga, Emily Mortimer, and Max Martini, plus card-carrying martial artists like Randy Couture, Ray Mancini, and John Machado — maintains a discipline analogous to, if not quite equal to, that of the ascetic hero. (Owing in part to the heterogeneity, they never sound, like so many Woody Allen casts, as if they're speaking with one voice.) You can almost believe that the writer-director, himself a purple belt in jiu-jitsu, came to the subject through life rather than through movies, and that he had never seen and studied his countless predecessors and competitors. Almost. There is nothing slack, formulaic, on-autopilot about the unfoldment of the plot; it is unflaggingly focussed, intense, and intriguing. All the way to, but not through, the end. However artfully maneuvered, the climax falls into the corniest convention of the nonviolent hero forced at last, against all his principles, to fight. And the fight itself is a bit of a letdown, not just in the staging (Ejiofor, though he put up a pugilistic good show at the end of Four Brothers, is no martial-arts

master), but also in the unfortunate similarity, right down to the outsidethe-ring venue, to the recent Never Back Down, bad company indeed. And the reverent hush of the onlooking crowd is preposterous: a committed practitioner might sometimes, somewhere, be so devout, but never, ever, the bloodthirsty paying customer. The risk of silliness — all this solemnity about "the code of the warrior," honor, morality, fealty, etc. — has been pres-ent and palpable all along. But until the end, Mamet had borne it with the mesmeric deadpan of a Jean-Pierre Melville gangster pastiche. By then, his two cents had accrued to more like two bucks.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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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, THROUGH 5/8)

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 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 SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Big Lebowski — There are actually two Lebowskis, a big one and a little one, a multimillionaire philanthropist and a lazy, laid-back bowler, both christened Jeffrey; and when the latter - who prefers to be addressed as "the Dude" — is mistaken for the other by a pair of dim-bulb thugs, he is pulled into an apparent kidnapping plot of rapidly deepening complexity: "a lot of ins, a lot of outs, a lot of what-have-yous." The Coen brothers, writer-director Joel and writer-producer Ethan, are here having fun with, among other things, complexity per se. Fun with the very idea of complexity. Fun with the concrete and mountainous evidence of complexity. And one of the richest sources of fun, played off in the sharpest contrast to complexity, is the glorious spectrum of stupidity on exhibit: the dope-addled but gropingly rational Dude (Jeff Bridges); the big lug who is always absolutely sure he is right in spite of the fact that he has never been right yet (John Goodman); the woolgatherer who falls behind in the slowest of conversations (Steve Buscemi); the several teams of hired "muscle" (all brawn, no brains), one team of which are self-styled Nihilists; the nympho bimbo; the adolescent joyrider who afterwards forgets his corrected homework ("Use a dictionary," "Spelling") in the abandoned car. The complexity is no illusion. It is right there in front of us in frightening and multiplying detail. It brutally illuminates the stupidity. And at the same time it forms the philosophical foundation for a broad and accepting, if aloof and frosty, view of humankind. The Coenswho better? who else? - are able to make wonderful sport of deadbeats and boneheads from the high ground of diligence and ingenuity. They never play "down" to the audience. They demand effort and intelligence, and they reward these by the truckload: lively characterizations, flavorful dialogue, dense atmosphere, clever and convoluted plotting, rich and well-developed themes, abundant allusions, "in' jokes, grace notes, and red herrings, each element teamed with the others in common purpose. Julianne Moore, David Huddleston, Sam Elliott, Peter Stormare, Ben Gazzara, John Turturro, Jimmie Dale Gilmore. 1998

★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 5/9 AND 10 MID NIGHT)

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. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 5/8)

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 encom passes professional intimacies, such as the Lebanese lesbian washing the hair of an enticing customer, or the Other Woman giving a facial wax job to an admiring policeman; and, although never heavy, it also encompasses larger sociological observations, such as the beat-cop harassment of the engaged couple parked after dark, or the difficulty of a woman without identification booking a decent hotel for an assignation, finally settling for a fleabag and cleaning the bathroom herself. Those are all fine scenes, but they're excelled by the scene - comic, romantic, keenly psychological — of the sympathetic policeman having an imaginary phone conversation from the café opposite the beauty parlor, 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, THROUGH 5/8)

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The Counterfeiters — Stefan Ruzowit-

sky's Holocaust survival tale, loosely based on fact, tells how "the world's best counterfeiter" (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, theoretically affecting the outcome of the war. It is a passably interesting tale to tell, a new path through old territory, but the interest is rather in the tale than in the telling. At any number of stopping points along the path, the sights are liable to seem all too familiar (the bullet in the head, etc.), never mind the refreshing route that led there. And the coarse, raw, desaturated image, whether a chosen cliché or an imposed hardship, is at no point much to look at, a harsh thing to say about a motion picture. 2007.

★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/9)

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. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12)

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 would n'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. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Flight of the Red Balloon - Reviewed this issue. With Juliette Binoche, Simon Iteanu, and Song Fang; directed by Hou Hsiao-hsien. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/9)

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 returning a magic golden staff to Five Elements Mountain, freeing the immortal Monkey King from bondage, and overthrowing the wicked Jade Warlord. Just your average modern adolescent fantasy.

The film, which begins with a literal dream, really doesn't feel so much like a dream as like a prelude to a dream. Or in another word, a soporific. Directed by Rob Minkoff. 2008.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-CONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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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, Jonah Hill. 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 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; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.

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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 den-



tist misses the mark with the novocaine needle, hits the patient in the shoulder, and turns his arm into a strand of spaghetti); and the lessons on tolerance and 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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Irina Palm — Marianne Faitfull as a middle-aged grandmother who finds employment in the sex industry. (KEN, 5/9 THROUGH 15)

Iron Man — Marvel Comics superhero (vintage 1963) rerouted through presentday Afghanistan. Weapons manufacturer Tony Stark, alias "The Merchant of Death." learns first-hand that his products sometimes land in the laps of America's enemies, and to combat this he devises a personal suit of flying armor (a gold titanium alloy,

actually, not iron), transforming himself into a sort of airborne Robocop to police the world. The current-events tie-in is fairly tasteless, given the conventional jokiness of the approach, aggravated by the couldn'tgive-a-shit affectation of Robert Downey. Jr., in the title role. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Terrence Howard, and Shaun Toub; directed by Jon Favreau. 2008. CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Kiss the Bride — Comedy of sexual identity with Tori Spelling, Philipp Karnet, and James O'Shea, directed by C. Jay Cox. (KEN, 5/9 THROUGH 15)

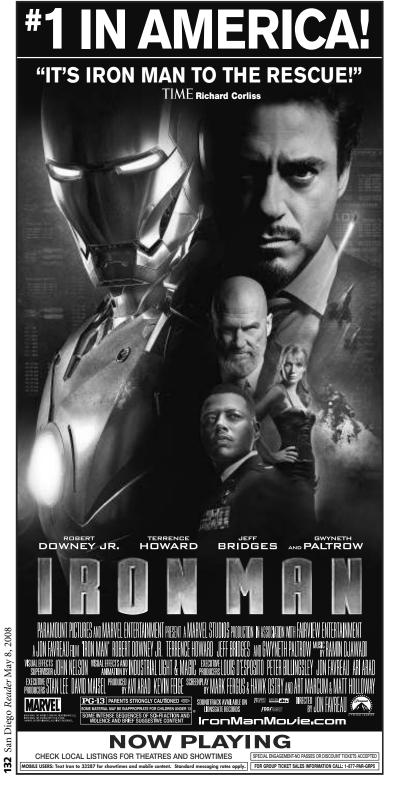
The Life before Her Eyes — Parallel plotlines framed inside a machine-gun high-school massacre, unveiling in flashback the events leading up to it as well as jumping ahead fifteen years to reveal the life of a guilty survivor, now a teacher herself at the school, with a husband and daughter at home. 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 between them. And the opening massacre makes the backwards and forwards mundanities more, not less, boring, especially once we've been teased with a Sophie's Choice dilemma in the girls' restroom and, returning to it time and again, we await and await its result. The trick ending is a revelation of nothing so much as teenage pessimism and perhaps lack of imagination. This trick may well be a legitimate and interesting rhetorical device, but it's always a bad idea for a movie to save up its interest for the very end. 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, THROUGH 5/8)

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Made of Honor - A pathological playboy, busy collecting royalties on his invention of the cardboard "coffee collar," realizes he's in love when his platonic girlfriend of ten years goes off on a business trip to Scotland and comes home engaged to a duke. (The perfect man if he weren't a Scot.) A couple of attractive players, Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan, in monstrously off-putting roles. With Kevin







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McKidd, Sydney Pollack, and Kathleen Quinlan; directed by Paul Weiland. 2008. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ES-CONDIDO 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)

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 odyssev 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.) Iones, 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.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/9)

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)

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; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

Priceless — Pierre Salvadori's Gallic romantic comedy tarries a long time in mercenary amorality before succumbing, not too persuasively, to sentiment. Well-paced all the way, well-constructed most of the way, very well-played by stick-thin Audrey Tautou and liquid-eyed Gad Elmaleh, and scrumptiously photographed on the Côte d'Azur. 2007. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Redbelt --- Reviewed this issue. With Chiwetel Ejiofor, Emily Mortimer, Alice Braga, and Tim Allen; written and directed by David Mamet.

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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. • (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Speed Racer - Live-action version of the Sixties cartoon series, starring Emile Hirsch and Christina Ricci, written and directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/9)

Standard Operating Procedure —

Errol Morris's documentary on the abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/9)

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

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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. (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: PALM PROME-NADE 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Then She Found Me — Helen Hunt, who also directed, plays a woman in midlife crisis, with Colin Firth, Matthew Broderick, and Bette Midler. (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 5/9)

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 week-ends to beat the house at blackjack. The film is not able to make the frowned-upon practice of "card counting" comprehensible, much less cinematic (unless you consider fast-shuffle editing to be cinematic),

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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 Fish-burne as an old-school casino watchdog who's being phased out by computer software. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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. (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.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

What Happens in Vegas — Romantic comedy with Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher, Lake Bell, and Oueen Latifah, directed by Tom Vaughan. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/9)

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 interiects 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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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Baby Mama (PG-13); 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); Redbelt (R); Speed Racer (PG); What Happens in Vegas $(PG\mathbf{PG}\mathchar`13)$

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15 701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Call theater for program information

Horton Plaza 14

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Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri. (10:05, 12:55, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 12:55) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Forgetting Sarah Mar**shall** (R) Fri. (10:05, 1:05, 4:20) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 1:05) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30) Reader 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 4; **Prom Night** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 12:50, 3:00, 5:10) 7:20, 9:40 Sat. Sun. (10:35, 12:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:20, 9:40; Redbelt (R) Fri. (10:40, 12:55, 3:20, 5:40) 8:10, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:10, San 10:40; Smart People () Fri. (10:50, 1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:20; Speed Racer (PG) Fri.

(10:15, 10:45, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. Sun. (10:15, 10:45, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45; **10,000 B.C.** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 12:35, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; When Love Begins (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)

Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:30; **Deception** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:50, 10:35 Sun. 7:50, 10:20; The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45 Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50 Sun, 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guan**tanamo Bay** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:20, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:55 Sun. 12:20, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:35; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 12:50, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 7:45, 10:05, 11:00 Sun. (10:45) 12:50, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 7:45, 10:05; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50 Sun. 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; Nim's Island (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 2:50, 5:20; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 12:10, 1:10, 3:20, 4:15, 6:30, 7:25, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (10:30) 12:10, 1:10, 3:20, 4:15, 6:30, 7:25, 9:40; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:05 Sun. 12:05, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Redbelt (R) Fri. 1:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Big Lebowski** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:55p.m.; **The**

Flight of the Red Balloon (Le Voyage du **ballon rouge)** (NR) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Then She Found** Me (R) Fri 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 Sat -Sun 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri, 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

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) Casablanca ()

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00; **Deception** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 7:20; **88 Minutes** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50) 4:30, 10:20; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:55, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 2:20, 5:05, 8:05, 10:45 Sun. (11:20) 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55 Sun, 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:05, 10:35, 11:05) 12:20, 1:00, 1:45, 2:05, 3:20, 4:10, 4:45, 5:10, 6:35, 7:10, 7:40, 8:15, 9:30, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10 Fri.-Sat. (10:05) 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun. (10:05, 10:35, 11:05) 12:20, 1:00 1:45, 2:05, 3:20, 4:10, 4:45, 5:10, 6:35; Made of **Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 11:30) 1:35, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:05, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50 Sun. (10:55, 11:30) 1:35, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:05, 8:00, 9:50; Redbelt (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:40, 5:20,

7:55, 10:35 Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Speed Racer (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:00, 12:45, 1:15, 3:15, 4:05, 4:35, 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30, 11:00 Sun. (10:00) 12:00, 12:45, 1:15, 3:15, 4:05, 4:35, 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15: 21 (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 1:05, 3:55. 6:55, 10:05; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 12:30, 2:10, 3:05, 4:50, 5:45, 7:30, 8:30, 10:15, 11:05 Sun. (11:40) 12:30, 2:10, 3:05, 4:50, 5:45, 7:30, 8:10, 10:15

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00; Made of Honor (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Sesame Street: Dinosaurs (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13); 88 Minutes (R); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Es-cape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Prom Night (PG-13); Redbelt (R); Speed Racer (PG); **21** (Pg-13); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Irina Palm (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 9:15; Kiss the Bride (R) Fri. 7:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 2:20, 7:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Priceless** (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55 Sat. 11:25, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. 11:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; **Standard Operating Proce-dure** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Then She Found Me** (R) Fri. 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **Young @ Heart** (PG) Fri. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Dolphins (Not Rated) Fri, 3:00p.m. Sat.-Sun, 11:00, 3:00; Grand Canyon Adventure: River **at Risk 3D** (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; The Human Body () Fri. 6:00p.m.; Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure (No Rating) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 5:00; Whales (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Pompeii: The Last Day (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) Baby Mama (PG-13); The Forbidden King-dom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guan-tanamo Bay (R); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Redbelt (R); Speed Racer (PG); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Iamacha Road Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Never Back Down (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Speed Racer (PG) Fri.-Sun.; 10,000 B.C. (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 7:15: Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 10:30, 11:15, 1:15, 1:30, 2:15) 4:15, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45: Made of Honor (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Prom Night (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:00, 10:00; Redbelt (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sesame Street: Dinosaurs (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); Speed Racer (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13); 88 Minutes (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); Speed Racer (PG); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13); 88 Minutes (R); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Prom Night (PG-13); Redbelt (R); Speed Racer (PG); Street Kings (R); Superhero Movie (PG-13); 21 (Pg-13); Under the Same Moon (PG-13); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive-In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program informatic

NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Baby Mama (PG-13); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Horton Hears a Who! (G); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Nim's Island (PG); Redbelt (R); Speed Racer (PG); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16 350 W. Vallev Parkwav (760-291-0119) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:55, 10:05; The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 10:15; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:55) 7:05, 9:55; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:55, 10:35; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:00, 6:30,

7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00) 4:30, 5:00, 6:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:25, 3:25, 4:50) 6:50, 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:25, 3:25) 4:50, 6:50, 7:35, 10:00; Nim's Island (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:55) 6:45, 9:35; Prom Night (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:25, 9:45; **Redbelt** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:50, 4:40) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:20; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri. (10:00, 11:45, 1:10, 3:15, 4:20) 7:00, 7:40, 10:10, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 11:45, 1:10, 3:15) 4:20, 7:00, 7:40, 10:10, 10:45; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 3:50, 5:20) 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 3:50) 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25

FALLBROOK

River Village 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:15; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Speed Racer (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00; What Hap pens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sun, (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45

POWAY

Poway 10 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 235) 5367 739; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15): Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00; Made of Honor (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Redbelt** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; Speed Racer (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00) 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

VISTA

Vista Village Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:35; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guan-tanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:10, 5:40) 8:10, 10:45; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; Made of Honor (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10) 7:05, 7:50, 9:40, 10:25; Speed Race (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:35, 3:00, 3:50, 4:40) 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:20, 10:05, 10:50; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:50, 12:30, 1:15, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:50, 5:25) 6:10, 7:15, 7:55, 8:30, 9:40, 10:20, 10:50

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The All Night Strut

The Welk Resort Theatre presents this "sassy musical celebration" of music from the 1930s and '40s, including jazz, blues, bebop, and classic song standards. Lance Roberts directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO 888-802-7469. THURSDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. TUESDAYS, 1:45 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 1:45 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18.

Barefoot in the Park

Poway Performing Arts Company presents Neil Simon's comedy about young newlyweds in a fiveflight NYC walk-up. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THE ATER, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY. 858-679-8085. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18

Betty Buckley in Concert

For one evening only, the Balboa Theatre hosts an evening devoted to show tunes and selected standards, sung by Broadway mainstay Betty Buckley. BALBOA THEATRE, 854 FOURTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN. 619-570-1100. SAT-URDAY, 8 P.M.

Blithe Spirit

Coronado Playhouse presents Noel Coward's "improbable farce." Charles Condomine hires Madame Arcati to conduct a séance, gets more than he bargained for. Pete Shaner directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 1.

Corpus Christi Diversionary Theatre presents Ter-

rence McNally's controversial passion play, a contemporary retelling of the life of Jesus as if he were a gay man in 1950s Texas. Nic Arnzen directed DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 1.

The Glass Menagerie

The Old Globe's "Classics Up Close" series offers an intimate, inthe-round-look at plays usually seen many rows away. And you'd think Tennessee Williams's haunted memory drama would be a perfect choice for the series. But in almost every frame, the Joe Calarco-directed production gives the distinct impression it resents close inspection. I can't remember a staging more obviously uncomfortable with its surroundings. It refuses to stand still. Someone makes an abrupt move every five beats. They bounce up or suddenly address a different wall. These mannered movements consistently pull focus from the story. At one point, in one of the strangest choices of all, poor "crippled" Laura scrambles up the southwest steps of the Cassius Carter on all fours, like a frightened cat. 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, but her emotions rarely flare (even the "girlish frock" she wears, from her "jonquil" days, is muted). As Tom. Michael Simpson's herky-jerky, overly gestural; Michelle Federer's Laura could use more introversion; and Kevin Isola plays the Gentleman Caller almost free of subtexts. Michael Fagin's abstract set contributes to the problem. The round "floor," a brown mesa center stage, stands higher than the rooms around it. When actors move from one room to the next, they must drop down or rise over an entry runway. In his original production notes, Williams advocated an unconventional staging for Menagerie; The Old Globe's fitful, jumpingbean production is unconven tional, true, but also unappealing.



OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, 619-234-5623 THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNES-DAYS. 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18.

Groucho: A Life in Revue

OnStage Playhouse stages Arthur Marx and Robert Fisher's tribute to the legendary comedian. Bob Christiansen directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 7.

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

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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 - sav something by John Guare. Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA, 619-337-1525, THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 11

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents the popular "mating game" musical about "the joys of dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives,



dialogue with too many ideas and images and in the future could concentrate more on compressing speeches. That said, he's one of San Diego's finest playwrights and, although longish and at times talky, La Gaviota ("seagull" in Spanish) has an impressive sweep and intricate emotional complexity: love triangles, requited and un-, hang in the air like the star jasmine wreath above the casa's blue door. Gaviota is, and is not, The Seagull (and would best be appreciated on its, not Chekhov's, terms). In her longawaited return to a local stage, Linda Castro triumphs as Irene, making the actress at times fire, at others, ice, blazing and, beneath the mask, blazingly vulnerable. As Irene's son, the aspiring filmmaker Nicholas, Steven Lone exudes ferocity that can't conceal a deepseated insecurity that will be his undoing. Sara Beth Morgan's a terrific Nina, the young, impressionable actress. Bernard Baldan heads the supporting cast with a touching, detailed performance as Pedro, infirm patriarch of Hacienda Murrietta.

Worth <u>a try.</u>

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Claudio Raygoza's reimagination

of The Seagull by Chekhov takes

place at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in

1910 and 1914. The backdrop

could use more emphasis in the

piece: Porfiro Díaz, the dictator,

The people, denied rights, espe-

cially to land, revolt against the

gentry, many of whom, it turns

out, are characters in Raygoza's

and behave - so very

version. They live on a plantation

Chekhovian — as if nothing will,

ever, became known as the "Year of

such a prolific writer he often loads

or even can, change (1915, how-

throughout Mexico). Ravgoza's

Hunger" as people starved

rigs elections and jails opponents.

DAYS, 2 AND 7:45 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2

AND 7:45 P.M. THROUGH MAY 11.

La Gaviota

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THROUGH JUNE 14

The Injured Party

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A Little Night Music

For its inaugural show at the Old Town Theatre, Cygnet chose Stephen Sondheim's difficult musical "masque." Night Music requires a top performance from every participant - and they deliver! Part of the thrill of opening night came from watching local talent excel in a theater heretofore occupied by commercial touring shows. The musical's based on Ingmar Bergman's 1956 movie, Smiles of a Summer Night. These come in three kinds, says Madame Armfelt: smiles of the young, who know nothing; of fools, who know too little; and of the very old, who know too much. Actually Mme Armfelt, who has #3, oversimplifies: Night Music looks at the whole zodiac of love, almost every possible combination, in fact, except a happy couple. Like the mismatched lovers in A Midsummer Night's Dream they wander, stumble, and shed illusions. In the end they not only fall into a potentially abiding love, they all grow up a little. One could quibble that Cygnet's music is piped in, though Don LeMaster's musical direction is clean and precise, and the singers are splendid, from the chorus (who behave a bit like Titania's fairies) to Sean Murray and Marci Anne Wuebben's 'Send in the Clowns," to Randall Dodge's booming Carl-Magnus, and Sandy Campbell and Courtney Evans's "Every Day a Little Death." Sporting some of Jeanne Reith's most elegant costumes ever, the cast performs on Sean Fanning's spare, gaslit stage, a forest of white birch tree trunks behind the scrim; an apt locale for unstable lovers to get lost and, owing to the alchemy of a summer night, quite possibly find longings fulfilled.

Critic's pick.

OLD TOWN THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 11.

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North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Paul Osborn's comedy about two houses, in a small Midwestern town, with an adjoining backyard. A change, for once, might happen when Homer might marry his fiancée of seven years. Tracy Williams directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 11.

National Comedy Theatre Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if gone competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), Hysterical Blindness

resembles an athletic event more

than an improve. Teams wear uni-

forms and compete on ActroTurf.

Using suggestions from the audi-

ence, they play "Emotional Sym-

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Prelude to a Kiss

So you fall in love, finally, and time suddenly speeds up, really speeds up so whirlwind you're engaged and married in a jiff. Then at your wedding this old dude, like a modern Ancient Mariner, shows up, asks to kiss the bride, and-WHAT THE?? Everything's different. But look: you said those vows about in sickness and in health. right? And you vowed you'd love your mate after age has taken its toll on the teeth, the hair, and the brain. And you've heard that, once married, people can become someone else entirely, right? But this different? Craig Lucas turns truisms into fantasy in his mystical-wise comedy about the absolute promise of "for better or worse" getting put to a severe test - and, at the same time, about someone facing last things

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from the frozen void. Ted Talley's

drama peoples Antarctica of 1911-

1912 not only with two teams rac-

ing to reach the pole first (Norwe-

gians, led by Roald Amundsen, and

British, by Robert Falcon Scott) but

and a goading, gloating Amundsen.

In the race, according to Scott, the

them (each became "50 pounds of

dinner"). Scott's team walked the

800 miles to the pole, arrived three

weeks after Amundsen, 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

stiff upper lip rectitude or prag-

sledge? Which should rank higher:

matic life-saving solutions? Scott's

"sporting" ideals may have cost

lives. Inukshuk Production Com-

Diego debut. One could pick here

and there (why, for example, does

the Norwegian speak with a British

accent?), but the positives far out-

weigh minor negatives. Marybeth

Bielawski-DeLeo has found useful

ways to serve the story in the small

Convery's excellent costumes range

6th@Penn Theatre space. Kelley

from polar-wear, circa 1912, to

dresses. Mark Helmuth's spare set

includes a white silk sheet, which

a screen for Bonnie Breckenridge

and Michael McKeon's slides from

the historical event. Tom Andrew

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Scott who, as the play proceeds,

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Kathleen's elegant springtime

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also with Scott's wife, Kathleen

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A legal firm's been absconding with trust funds for two generations, the senior Voysey tells his son and partner, who's inheriting the company. And when the family learns that it has been turning clients' pounds to pence and they are living a "sham happiness," they ask, What's the big deal? Nobody hurt (well, at least no one in the immediate family). Let's stay the course. Young Edward, how ever, decides otherwise. David Mamet's adaptation of Harley Granville-Barker's 1905 thesis play shows that times haven't changed. If anything greed, double standards, and entitlement have become more entrenched today. And euphemisms still reign (substituting "legal" and "illegal" for "right" and "wrong" to gloss over grave moral infractions, for example). Mamet, and Granville-Barker, make their key points early, and both have weak second acts that trail off in a long denouement. For Lamb's Players, Robert Smyth designed an expressive set: gorgeous, robin's egg blue rug, patterned with what looks like chaos theory's Mandelbrot Set, and a wall of empty gold picture frames. Jeanne Reith decked everyone in somber Edwardian finery. But the opening-night performance (rare for this polished company) felt 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 one-dimensional, including Ion 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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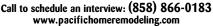
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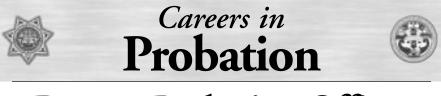
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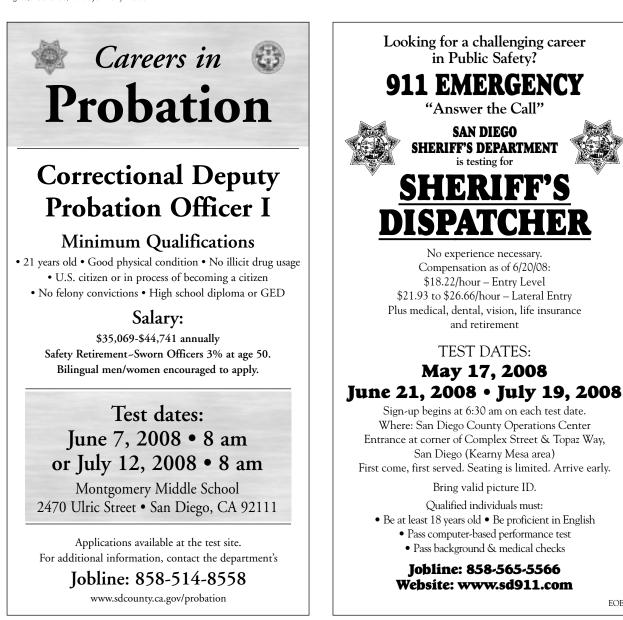
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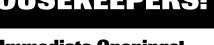
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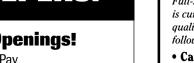
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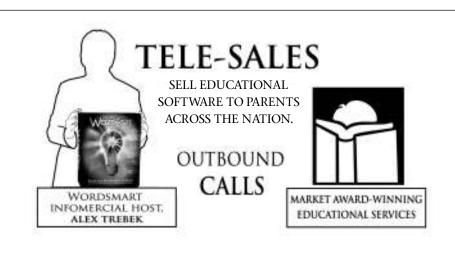
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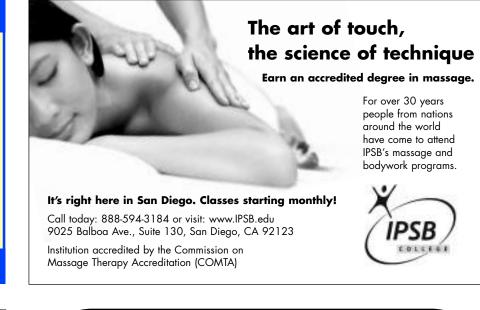
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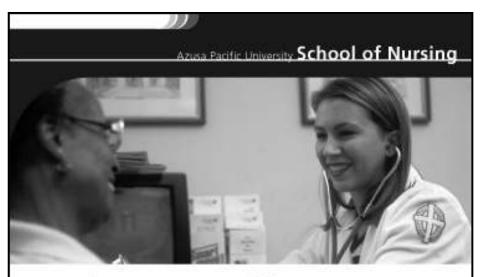
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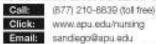
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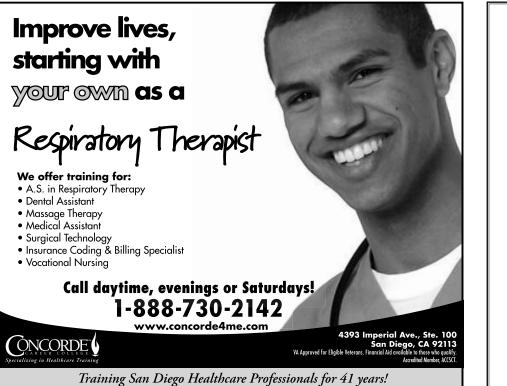
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- 16. "Say Anything ..." actress Skye 17. Eyewear favored by commuters?
- 20. Mystique
- 21. Arrange, as hair
- 22. Idle thoughts about having split
- ends and a cowlick? Game with Skip and Reverse
- cards
- 30. Rhythm instrument 31. DI doubled
- 32. Musical themes
- 36. "And so on ...'
- 39. Beach house property, perhaps ... or this puzzle's theme
- Michael who sang the #1 1986 41. hit "On My Own" with Patti
- Labelle
- 44. Seasonal mall employees 48. Constellation near Scorpius
- 49. TV actress Perlman
- 51. Inventor Whitney
- 52. What an orange juice lover has in the fridge once the Tropicana and Sunny Delight are both gone?
- 58. Came out with
- 59. It may be a stretch60. Students' keepsakes that out shine those given to past classes?
- 67. Cut for a column
- 68. An Osmond
- 69. Expires
- 70. 1979 Roman Polanski film 71. Alphabetizes, say
- 72. Heavy-duty cleanser
- Down
- 1. Neither's partner 2. Manjula's husband on "The Simpsons"
- 3. Commuting option
- 4. Native New Zealander
- 5. Georgia's Shevardnadze
- 6. Sully 7. Farly bird?
- 8. Faith: Abbr.
- 9. Golfer's headwear
- 10. "Big deal...I was wrong"
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- 38. Hamilton's bill
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- 42. More than a cause
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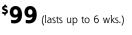
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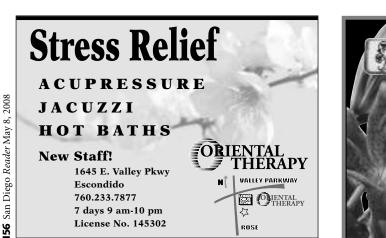
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Vaibhav Dhawan Consultant

San Francisco aybe one or two in my life. It's Maybe one of two in my though. I'll just avoid them after that. Personalities are so complex. I work hard, and there are others that do. They take pride in their work. If you come across someone that is just there for the paycheck and they don't work very hard or put in a good effort, I don't particularly like that.



Rachel MacCratic Law Student

North Park 7eah, with men I've dated. Somef 1 times, even the guy I'm currently dating. There was a guy in high school I had a crush on. He was racist. This was in the San Bernardino area. He was working class, a punk-rock type. We had a computer club together, and he'd walk me to the bus stop. More recently, clashing with a guy because I'm a socialist libertarian. He'll be preparing for a forum, and I'll tell him all these things I think he should say.



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San Diego have them on a daily basis. I own La property management company. And, the area I work near SDSU...if I have to tow someone's car, they aren't usually happy about it. I try to explain to them that there are signs, but they don't care. They're just so mad, they end up arguing. I work in the Hillcrest and Point Loma areas, too. But in the College Area, it's probably the worst. I just accept it and deal with it.



Susan Johnson City Schools

Clairemont I had a Turkish student come to live in my house. Oh, wait, Arabic. Anyway, they are not allowed to drink. He started drinking. He brought a 24-case of beers and was smoking. I told him not to. I'd take a shower and smell smoke when I got out. He'd deny it when I asked. One time at 2:00 a.m. I heard him drinking. I got up, and he had a cigarette on my sofa. I grabbed his arm and pushed him outside. After that, I had him move out.



Tom Michaels Construction Santee

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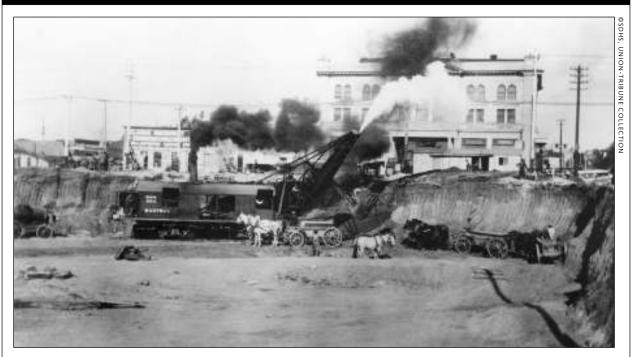
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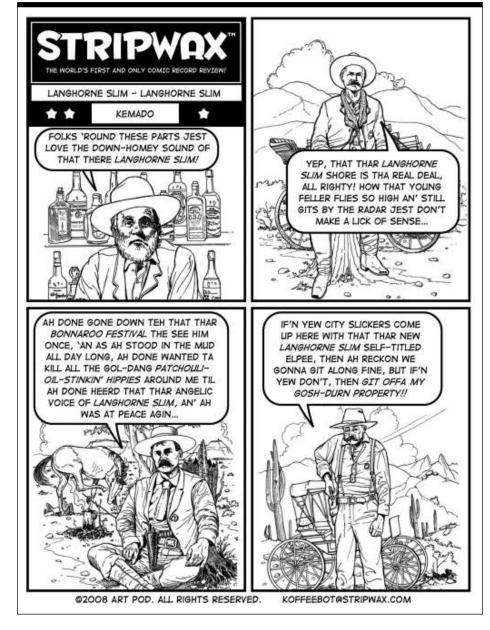
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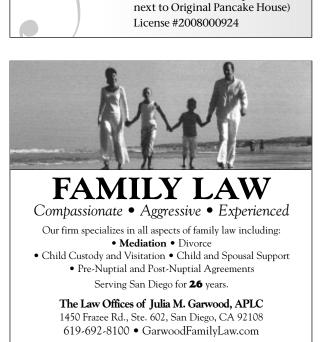
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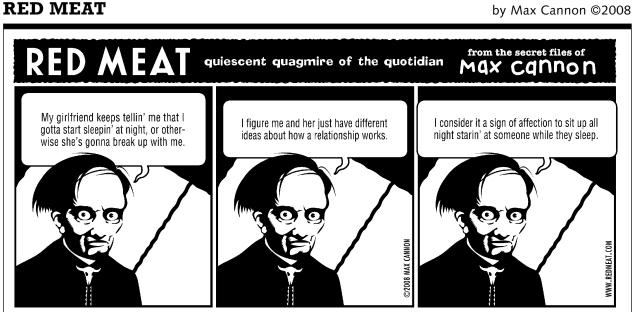
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Chutzpah!

- Gulfport, Miss., resident Michael Petro pleaded to a documentary filmmaker (in a clip later uploaded with his permission to the Internet) for help in recovering from his shattering loss during Hurricane Katrina, when his 115-year-old house was destroyed. Since then, he said on the video (reported by WLOX-TV in April): "Church groups have not come through, the government has not come through, insurance has not come through like was promised," and "[S]omebody has to fight to get these things back and going." According to WLOX-TV, the house that stockbroker Petro lost was 2500 square feet, and the replacement he's pleading for help with is 6000 square feet. Said Petro to the station, "I'm not too proud to ask ... - Jerome Kerviel told reporters in April that he is planning to sue Societe Generale bank in Paris for unfair dismissal, even though he is the "rogue" derivatives trader the bank says cost it the equivalent of about \$7.5 billion by making risky, unauthorized deals that came to light in January and for which he is under indictment for fraud. Kerviel pointed to an independent investigator's conclusion that SocGen management had ignored 75 warning signs about Kerviel's trades and continued to support him, but SocGen said Kerviel doctored paperwork to disguise trades.

Ironies

- Cumberland County (Pa.) commissioner Bruce Barclay resigned in April after disclosure that he had built a hidden video system in his home and recorded as many as 500 sexual episodes with unknowing men. While the videos may have violated state law (investigation is under way), one of them has exonerated Barclay of a separate rape charge filed by a 20-year-old man, in that the video evidenced a consensual relationship. (The young man has been charged with making a false police report.)

Instant Karma: (1) In March in Leesburg, Va., driver's license test-taker Nita Sureka was told by the examiner to park beside the Department of Motor Vehicles building, but she accidentally crashed into it, tearing a hole in the wall and forcing the department to close for the day. (2) The Manitoba (Canada) Bar Association, which was hoping to file a brief in a controversial police investigation case in Winnipeg in March, announced it would have to forgo participation because it lacked sufficient funds to hire a lawyer.

Compelling Explanations

- World's Greatest Lawyer: Oregon public defender Ethan Levi agreed to represent Eric Kincaid, 29, who had been identified by DNA as the man (in a miniskirt, wig, and fishnet stock-

ings) who one night last year had hidden in the closet of a woman he did not know before fleeing. Kincaid denied that he meant the woman any harm, maintaining that he had been invited by a mysterious second woman, whom he also did not know, to have sex with but had realized after seeing the first woman that he was in the wrong apartment, and he left. In April, Levi convinced the jury to accept Kincaid's explanation and acquit him of all charges.

 Well, That Explains That!: (1) Gene Morrill, 57, hoping for a shorter sentence after his conviction for soliciting sex from teenage boys over the Internet, told a court in Fredericksburg, Va., in March about his rough life as a child, beginning with the time he was sexually molested by Bigfoot. (2) A 26-year-old driver was arrested in Bay County, Fla., in April after being spotted on the side of a road masturbating. According to the police report, the man said "he had just left work and explained that he needed some personal time with himself that he could not have at home."

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Marvin says his career as a screamer took off last summer, however, when the KGB chicken one day horned in on his dancing (Marvin performs a blend of ballet, modern jazz, and mime). When Marvin called the station to complain about the chicken pestering him, he was invited to release "Weird Marvin's Professional Concert Inhaling Scream" upon the local airwaves, exposure which brought him an invitation to act as mascot for the Mariners.

-CITY LIGHTS: "I COULD HAVE JUST SCREAMED." Jeannette De Wyze, May 11, 1978

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-CITY LIGHTS: "CHOP ME OUT A LINE OF THAT VITAMIN C," Paul Krueger, May 12, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

Larry Ritt is a pseudonym for a 41-year-old mail carrier who likes to spend his lunch hour in Presidio Park. Ritt wants to keep his identity under wraps because someone wrote "Kill the mailman. He's a snitch" on a restroom wall. Ritt met Ingrid Wynia, age 47, along his mail route one day. They had a lot in common; both had seen men having sex with each other in Presidio Park. Wynia came across a pair while walking her dog, and Ritt encountered a male couple engaged in a sex act in an open bathroom stall.

-CITY LIGHTS: "PRESIDIO PATROL," Brae Canlen, May 12, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

The six years between my sister and me exempted me from feeling as she did about the Beatles: by the time I got interested in rock music, they were nearly all solo artists. Yet that didn't stop me from having a similar revelation about the band. While browsing through a junk store recently, I unearthed a copy of The Chipmunks Sing the Beatles Hits, recorded in 1964. It was sandwiched between old Herb Alpert records, a scratched soundtrack to Peter Pan, and an old Herman's Hermits: happy music, I thought to myself, but I splurged 50 cents on the Chipmunks relic.

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Five Years Ago

The L.A. Weekly reports that San Diego D.A. Bonnie Dumanis was a big hit during the convention of the state's Log Cabin Republicans two weeks ago at the Riviera Resort in Palm Springs. Jeff Bisiri, new state president of the gay GOP group, hailed Dumanis as "our Sheila Kuehl," referring to the senate Democrat from L.A.'s west side.

-CITY LIGHTS: "RICH AND INFAMOUS," Matt Potter, May 8, 2003

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her flip-flop high, she'll shout, "I'm

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What the ...? Are you joking? I've

never heard of this, and thank my

lucky stars and garters I haven't.

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Nobody say it."

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PBS 8:30 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MAY 9

FOX 8:00 P.M.

MAN OF THE HOUSE (2005)

HOLD ON TO YOUR BUTTS, KIDS! Here comes another installment of...The Underparts Tablecloth-Caped Avenger!

Disguised as my nebbish alter ego, Johan Awesome, I patrolled an enclave of Kensington. Ol' Black Betty, the Six-Speed Bicycle of Wonder and Truth, jolted with nerves. I quieted her, petting her handlebars and murmuring, "Shhh... Easy, girl, easy. I know we're in strange territory, but they need us here. Shhh."

Suddenly! Hark! From a mansion lot, a woman cried out for help!

"Ah. dammit."

A rose bush had snagged her khaki shorts, obviously an evil rosebush bent on eating her from the middle and working its way outward, as though she were a delicious cream-filled donut.

"I'll save you, Madam!"

Ol' Black Betty bucked, dug in her rear tire, and rocketed us up the driveway of doom. At the top of the drive, Black Betty fearlessly pitched me over her handlebars and I landed directly in the gaping mouth of the beast.

"Take that! Hiii-ya!" My karate chop hand made quick work of the snag.

Blushing, the rescued damsel gushed at my heroism and sacrifice: "What are you doing, weirdo?" "T'was nothing, ma'am. You see, as the Underpants Tablecloth..." But, wait. I wasn't in costume. "Nothing. I didn't say anything. I was just getting on my normal, not-super-powered, everyday bicycle and leaving."

"Good. My husband, Mayor Jerry Sanders, would not appreciate this intrusion."

So that was it! She was a brainwashed captive of my arch nemesis. Without further endangering our very lives, I mounted OI' Black Betty, the Bicycle of Fantasticness and Honor, and sped from the scene.

Yes, dear reader, I worried about her safety, trapped in that mansion of terror, but I planned to return later in my Underpants and Tablecloth of Glory to break her from her spell and marry her and possibly "do it" on the mayor's lawn

That night, Blackie and I circled the Mayor of Idiocy and Evil's street, waiting to strike, seeking opportunity to liberate the maiden from her bonds. Inside, the woman sat with her tormentor in front of the TV, watching America's Biggest Moron. I sensed restlessness.

Ol' Black Betty and I circled, plotting our daring incursion.

Just then, a police cruiser rolled up and the capable officer politely took over the mop-up job. "Get out of here, retard. We told you to leave the mayor alone. And put some pants on."

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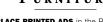
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WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 8

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UGLY BETTY ABC 8:00 P.M.

This poor girl will be typecast as Ugly Betty her whole life. When she's 35, she'll stand outside of a 99 Cent store and take her glasses off and say, "See, I'm really pretty. It was all a clever ruse." The shop owner will give her a jelly flip-flop from the lost-and-found box if she puts her

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Ladies in the Face and I still wouldn't watch. I'd know it was PBS trickery and really a special on retired UC Berkeley literature professors who build matchstick ships in bottles.

SATURDAY, MAY 10 SNOW DOGS

ABC 9:00 P.M.

USA channel is playing Raiders of the Lost Ark and this is what ABC offers: Snow Dogs. Hero to the special-needs community, Cuba Gooding Jr., and "Thong Song" artiste and diacritical-mark-abuser, Sisqó, team up to race sleds across Alaska. Hmm... Raiders of the Lost Ark or Snow Dogs? Raiders? Snow Dogs? Just as the way I choose the exact wrong line at the grocery store, I'll probably end up watching Snow Dogs.

SUNDAY, MAY 11 JON AND KATE PLUS 8 TLC 9:00 P.M.

Damn, this show is hilarious. The woman who treated her birth canal as if it were a clown car continually harangues her imprisoned husband. "Isn't it special, honey? Isn't it special that we have 9,000 gaping mouths to feed? It's truly a miracle." Meanwhile he stares into the camera, points to his coffee and mouths, "Cyanide. Please. Anyone. Cyanide."

HANNITY'S AMERICA FOX NEWS 9:00 P.M.

In high school, Ollie's America slapped the books from the hands of Hannity's America. Hannity's America adjusted its glasses and yelled, "Thanks a lot. My retainer's in that Trapper Keeper. If it's broke, your mom's gonna pay for it." And Ollie's America said, "Your mom paid for it last night."

MONDAY, MAY 12 **BEST DAMN 2006 HOOTER'S PAGEANT** FOX SPORTS 9:00 P.M.

At a party of all the other TV shows, this one tries to cartwheel and keeps landing on the beanbag chair and yelling, "Oh, I used to be able to do it. I'm so drunk right now, though. I am wasted. And I do mean wasted. I'm looking in your direction, Alec Baldwin. I'm so wasted. Pay attention to me, Alec Baldwin!"

TUESDAY, MAY 13 WOMEN'S MURDER CLUB ABC 10:00 P.M.

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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

"He had become a public figure, as no composer had done before. Unlike composers of the preceding generation, he had never been a purveyor of music to the nobility he had lived into the age indeed helped create it — of the artist as hero and the property of mankind at large."

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These are the last lines in the dictionary's entry on Beethoven. Not a lengthy biography, by any means — a couple of pages, no more. Still, it is enough to indicate to me how little I really know about him, despite my childhood association with him. My mother, a pianist (though she would only allow herself, "A piano player") encouraged that association. Mom probably misinformed me by telling me, as I sat at the wonkily detuned family upright, that Ludwig Van and I shared the same birthday, December 11. The Grove Dictionary only informs us of his baptism on December 17. Mom knew everything; I cannot for the life of me recall her using the phrase, "I don't know," ever.

The occasion to test my knowledge of Beethoven was seeing the online listing for the Old Globe Theatre's production of Hershey Felder's *Beethoven as I Knew Him*, which opened May 3. Not a Friday but a Saturday, though the production will be available for audiences on subsequent Fridays through June 8. Just seeing the title brought a Proustian flood of childhood memories via a laptop screen in lieu of a madeleine. On the heels of these memories came the realization that most of them were not memories at all but confabulation, much like my supposed knowledge of Beethoven. I had ascribed his famous scowl to issues identical to those from which my own unhappiness stemmed (Freudian mother sorts of things, unbridled and misunderstood genius and sensitivity, frustrated musical abilities). Staring at the Old Globe notice and the name Beethoven, I became certain I was wrong about at least two out of three assumptions regarding the composer. I also resolved to see the play but to set expectations aside. I had, after all, no desire to reduce any mystery surrounding the famous genius, just ignorance or wrong-headedness.

"As a pianist, it was reported, he had fire, brilliance, and fantasy as well as depth of feeling." — *Grove*

Well, that was me, maybe minus the brilliance; and my "depth of feeling" usually amounted to maudlin, saccharine, and pretentious passages barely suitable for a third-rate rock opera. "He pursued his studies, first with Haydn, but there was some clash of temperaments and Beethoven studied too with Schenk, Albrechtsberger, and Salieri." Something else I didn't know, that he had studied under the recently much maligned Antonio Salieri. I do not blame F. Murray Abraham for this, but those who took his interpretation and dramatic license as gospel and will forevermore, after the film *Amadeus*, link the name Salieri with the mediocre; the venal, even, possibly the murderously envious. *Grove* helps out here too, on another page. "There is little evidence of any intrigues against Mozart, still less of the charge of poisoning." Salieri is, in fact, not mentioned at all in *Grove's* entry on Mozart.

One paragraph fragment about the opera *Fidelio* struck me as hilarious. "Here the heroic theme is made explicit by the story, in which (in the post–French Revolution 'rescue opera' tradition) a wife saves her imprisoned husband from murder at the hands of his oppressive political enemy. The three string quartets of this period,)Op. 59, are similarly heroic in scale: the first, lasting some 45 minutes, is conceived with great breadth, and it too embodies a sense of triumph as the intense f Minor Adagio gives way to a jubilant finale in the major embodying (at the request of the dedicatee, Count Razumovsky) a Russian folk melody."

I could all too well see a Woody Allen opera parody entitled *Infidelio*, in which the heroic theme is undermined by both tuba and accordion passages. In *Infidelio*, the wife of the mayor smuggles deodorant to Armenian terrorists, all depicted instrumentally in the Latvian Klezmer mode....

"Fidelio, unsuccessful at its premiere, was twice revised by Beethoven and his librettists and successful in its final version of 1814. Here there is more emphasis on the moral force of the story. It deals not only with freedom and justice, and heroism, but also with married love, and in the character of the heroine Leonore, Beethoven's lofty,



idealized image of womanhood is to be seen. He did not find it in real life; he fell in love several times, usually with aristocratic pupils (some of them married), and each time was either rejected or saw that the woman did not match his ideals. In 1812, however, he wrote a passionate love-letter to an 'Eternally Beloved' (probably Antonie Brentano, a Viennese married to a Frankfurt businessman), but probably the letter was never sent."

I am pretty thoroughly unfamiliar with *Fidelio*, that is to say, ignorant. But the deal with Beethoven and women is so very familiar. While I may not personally relate (I've never had a thing for married aristocrats, and I've never had much in the way of "ideals" when it comes to women...happy, pretty much, with what I could get), I certainly have known my share of wildly deranged and presumptuous men who have hypocritically rigorous standards for the behavior of women. That Beethoven may have been much like a long-ago roommate of mine struck me as sobering and sad. I wondered if Ludwig also considered all women whom he found attractive but who did not return his interest to be lesbians.

I am very keen on seeing this play, even assuming it will be ineluctably, to some extent, a musical; it at least will be Beethoven's music. Another assumption. *Beethoven as I Knew Him* is bound to be wildly different from the Beethoven as I knew him, since, in the end, I never really did.

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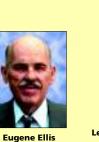
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