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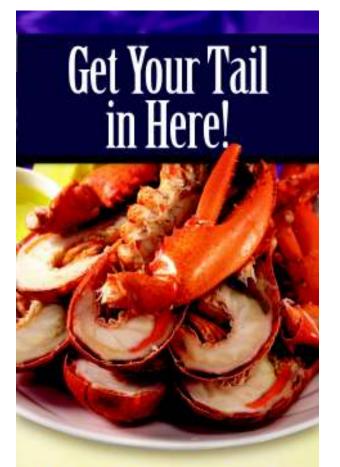
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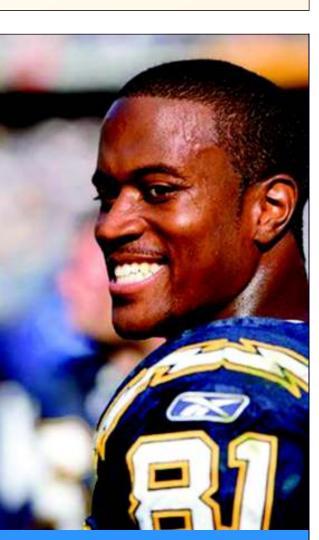
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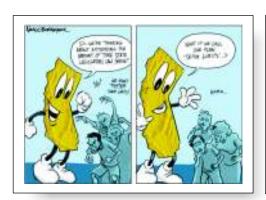
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#### **BREAKING NEWS**

Copping tickets In his latest annual financial disclosure statement, filed last month, San Diego police captain

Bob Kanaski reported receiving four tickets to the Chargers-Colts game in November of last year worth a total

of \$900. Kanaski wrote on his disclosure form that the tickets were "provided by a fundraising event. I do not have details of the event as I received the tickets from [Assistant] Chief [William] Maheu." Maheu was once in line to become chief of police but abruptly left the department in January of this year to go work

for cell phone giant Qualcomm; he did not report getting any tickets on his own financial disclosure statement.

The rub for Kanaski is that state law places a \$390 limit on gifts from a single source made to public officials during a calendar year which would seemingly place



William Maheu

the police captain's \$900 worth of football tickets seriously over the line. In years past, an exception to the \$390 limit has been made for gifts of tickets from nonprofit organizations such as Pasadena's Tournament of Roses, sponsor of the Rose Bowl. But now the state's Fair Political Practices Commission, which enforces the rules, is considering doing away with even that

Reached by phone this week, Maheu said he had obtained the tickets from Patti Roscoe, a convention and meeting planner with close ties to the local Republican Party and the chamber of commerce. She is also a major backer of the reelection bid of Mayor Jerry Sanders. Maheu said Roscoe had purchased the tickets at a charity fund-raiser and had given them to him to be distributed to police officers as a reward for their work during the autumn fires. Maheu, who said he was not aware of the state's \$390 per individual gift limitation, said Kanaski was picked because he had managed the Qualcomm Stadium evacuation center during the fires. Kanaski did not respond to messages, and Stacev Fulhorst, executive director of the City's Ethics Commission, said she couldn't comment on the matter.

Money talking Average San Diego citizens who have a hard time getting through to



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Mayor Jerry Sanders and the city council might be amazed at how easy it is for high-powered city lobbyists to get their feet in the door and well beyond - or at least make a lot of money trying. Take the case of Allen Matkins John Davies Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis, a big law firm that dou-

bles as an influence peddler for a host of highspending developers, as well as the Port of San Diego. Among the Allen Matkins attorneys is John Davies, an intimate to former San Diego mayor and ex-governor Pete Wilson and a top GOP fund-raiser, whose latest public service was chairing the so-called citizens' panel that boosted plans to further strengthen Jerry

Sanders's already considerable mayoral powers. During the first quarter of this year, the firm's clients included Westfield Corporation, the giant Australian shopping mall operator that owns the Horton Plaza, UTC, and Mission Valley shopping malls. Westfield paid \$114,000 for



Jay Goldstone

lobbying services related to unidentified "approval of land-use entitlements." If contact with public officials is any measure, the money was well spent. Among those lobbied by Allen Matkins attorneys, according to the disclosure, were Sanders, his top aide Jay Goldstone, and city council members Kevin Faulconer, Toni Atkins, Tony Young, Brian Maienschein, Scott Peters, Jim Madaffer, **Ben Hueso**, and **Donna Frve** — in other words, the entire council.

Ms. in-the-chips San Diego State University has been getting more than its share of bad ink lately, what with the campus drug raid last week. But at least one top SDSU executive has good news to report: a bunch of lucrative gigs on corporate boards. Of course, that may be a mixed blessing, considering the criticism



Marye Anne Fox

leveled at UCSD chancellor Marye Anne Fox, who last December was forced to resign from the board of a North Carolina drug company after UC regents adopted a limit of three paid board seats for each campus head. The resignation left Fox still on the boards of Boston Scientific

Corporation, chemical giant W.R. Grace and Co., and open-source software developer Red Hat Inc., along with six nonpaying nonprofits. Now comes San Diego State business school

dean Gail Naughton, who reports getting paid between \$10,000 and \$100,000 from each of three outside positions: Aderans Research Institute of Georgia's scientific advisory board, C.R. Bard of New Jersey's board of directors, and the board of San Diego-based Sys Technolo-



Gail Naughton

gies. Naughton's unpaid board seats, according to her annual disclosure report, include Ackerman Foundation of San Diego, DermTech International of San Diego, and L.A.'s City of Hope medical center.

— Matt Potter

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## **Prop. C: Ticket To Tyranny**

By Don Bauder

**L** characterized that administration as 'form over substance.' They were more concerned with how their guy looked than

to do the right thing." That is John Torell, who was San Diego city auditor from 2005 to 2007, speaking in an interview. He tried to teach the administration of Mayor Jerry Sanders ("their guy") that an auditor should be independent of the entity being audited, a basic accounting concept. "They didn't quite get the role of an independent auditor in an organization. They did not nurture or foster or encourage contrary opinions. It was an oppressive environment."

The end came early last year when Torell was preparing a report on internal controls. He prepared a statement showing how the City's internal controls "ARE MIN-IMALLY ADEQUATE TO ASSURE" timely and accurate financial statements. That "was not acceptable to the Mayor's Office," says Torell. His boss, Jay Goldstone, told him so. The report was changed to read that the controls "HAVE BEEN IMPROVED TO PERMIT" timely and

This is how San Diego got in trouble in the first place. People knew the financial statements were not adequate, but they were afraid to say so."

LIGH

Nonetheless, the real estate development industry, which has Sanders and his team in its pocket, has maneuvered a noxious antihonesty measure onto the ballot for June 3, Proposition C. Incredibly, it would permit the mayor to play a major role in the selection of the official who audits city departments, which the mayor himself runs.

Torell is now back in Santa



Iohn Torell

accurate financial statements. Torell was told to state something he knew was not true. "They perceive the auditor's role as one of a team player.

Barbara. But he is so disturbed by Proposition C that he has prepared a message for San Diegans. Torell's statement

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## Make \$ in a Pyramid: **Bet Against It**

By Don Bauder

which sells weight-loss and energy n April 25, the stock of Herbalife Ltd., products through multi-level marketing,

plunged by 9 percent to \$40.08. On that day, San Diego fraud sleuth Barry Minkow had revealed that Herbalife's president, Gregory Probert, did not have the MBA degree he claimed to have. Minkow, who had been betting Herbalife stock would go down, made \$50,000 on the stock's plunge.

It was legitimate: Minkow

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Contact Don Bauder at 619-546-8529 or don.bauder@mac.com had publicly revealed he was betting on the stock's dive, "and the FBI and SEC had access directly to the trading account in advance," he says, referring to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Securities and Exchange Commission, federal agencies to which he regularly gives scam information dug up by his Fraud Discovery

On May 1, Probert resigned from Herbalife under pressure. That day, the stock dropped only 1.85 percent.

Herbalife's address is Los Angeles. But the company is officially based in the taxand-secrecy haven of the Cayman Islands. Astutely,

Minkow is suspicious of multi-level marketing companies, because they are basically pyramid schemes, he says. He is also suspicious of offshore pirate coves. In February of last year, he exposed Salt Lake City-based Usana Health Sciences, another multi-level marketer of weight-loss and energy products. The founder of that company holds 52.4 percent of the shares, and almost all of them are tucked away in the hush-hush tax haven of the Isle of Man.

When Minkow went on the attack, Usana's stock was selling for \$61.19. Now it is a bit above \$20. Minkow made \$60,000 on that one, but the proceeds didn't cover the cost of the Usana investigation, which unearthed two San Diegans at the top of the company with phony bios. They resigned. Usana has sued Minkow and his institute; the case is still in court, but Minkow seems to have the upper hand, even though

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#### **Boards Go Green**

By Dorian Hargrove

n the afternoon of April 3, barefoot surfers ran down the concrete steps

at Swami's in Encinitas toward ideal surf

conditions. The waves were chest high and clean, with not even the slightest breeze present. To add to the near-perfect conditions, only a dozen



Wade Koniakowsky

surfers were in the water.

**Neal Obermeyer** 

As serene as the conditions appeared down below, the vibe in the parking lot was intense. Surfers opened trunks,

hatchbacks, and tailgates and ransacked through gear for surf accessories. While some hopped about, shoving a foot through their wet suits, others applied sunscreen to their tanned faces.

Eventually, all grabbed a scented bar of wax and rubbed it across the top of their surfboards. They applied the wax in a circular motion, the better to get bumps to form. The more bumps of surf wax, the better the traction for the surfer.

Artist Wade Koniakowsky, 53 years old, was waxing his 7-foot, 6-inch old-school tri-fin.

"When I first started surfing, 40 years ago, we used straight paraffin wax," he says. "It was made by the oil company Gulf. Now I use..." he sifted through a backpack he'd taken from the rear of his gold Lexus SUV, "now I use this."

The wrapper read "Sticky Bumps." That bar of surf wax was made on the other side of I-5, less than ten miles away, at Sticky Bumps headquarters in Carlsbad. John Dahl owns Sticky Bumps and its parent company, Wax Research. Dahl has been making surf

CRITICS REACT TO SDSU'S DECISION TO ALLOW AN UNDERCOVER DEA INVESTIGATION ON CAMPUS.

wax since 1972, when he set up a makeshift factory in the back yard of an old house next to Swami's surf break.

Sticky Bumps is now one of the largest surf wax manufacturers in the world. According to Dahl, depending on the time of year, anywhere from 12,000 to 20,000 bars of wax are produced each day at the Carlsbad facility. The company's main competitor is Mr. Zogs Sex Wax, based in Santa Barbara. The two companies vie for the top spot in the \$20 million-per-year industry.

"It's like a tennis match it goes back and forth, but probably it's about neck-andneck right now," says Dahl.

But the surf wax industry is in the midst of a sea change. Regular bars of surf wax are petroleum based and contain synthetic rubbers with heavy alcohol agents, or tackifiers, for extra stickiness. A new type of surf wax, called "organic," is flowing onto the market. The organic wax is 100 percent natural, nonpetroleum based, and made from a combination of beeswax, soy, and vegetable waxes. Even the packaging is made from 100 percent recycled paper, and the ink used is made from soy.

The first company to make an organic wax brand, Matunas, is owned by Matt Mattoon. The company is based in Sunset Beach, California. Mattoon began distributing his organic wax to stores in 1998, and his is the largest organic brand on the market.



Sticky Bumps cooler

"Every time you need to wax up your surfboard, there really is no need to put a glob of chemicals and oil on the top of your board for traction when abundant natural products exist that naturally biodegrade within 24 hours," Mattoon claims. "Most paraffinbased waxes are the byproduct of crude oil, and the tackifiers and agents used for stickiness in the mainstream waxes tend to be harsh chemicals and agents that may irritate the skin."

Torrey Trust, a 23-year-old environmental activist and founder of Surf eCo, a surf school devoted to using green products, is happy to see the movement toward more ecofriendly surf wax. "Most people do not check what ingredients are in regular wax and, therefore, do not realize that the wax is made from petrochemicals and other toxins that can be very dangerous when they rub off a surfboard and end up polluting the ocean and drowning coral reefs."

The harm, however, that petroleum-based surf wax does to the environment has yet to be proven. "There are not any studies that I am aware of that show a surfer's impact on the ocean," Trust says. "Therefore, people just don't know.

Bill Hickman is the chapter coordinator of the San Diego Surfrider Foundation, a nonprofit environmental organization. "Just like plastic and most petroleum-based products, most wax does not biodegrade," he says. "It just

breaks into smaller and smaller pieces, which can then be ingested by marine life. A little wax usually comes off your board when you surf, and sometimes discarded bars can make it into the water."

According to Dahl of Sticky Bumps, the biggest potential for damage to the environment comes from manufacturing the traditional surf wax. "We've always had environmental concerns and basically made a big effort in the materials used as well as in the process itself," he says. "The way you heat petroleum products and not let vapors out is important, and we use an extensive

says. "The biggest plus of doing a surf wax organically is that it lessens our dependence on foreign oil, and because of that there's a huge demand out

Despite the dispute about





Hot wax at Sticky Bumps

system to control that. It's all steam-jacketed boilers, where we never overheat anything and put emissions out. Being green is not only the product you use but also the process."

Sam Sciortino, the 32-yearold co-owner of Famous Surf Accessories Company, based in Oceanside, believes that the switch over to organic surf wax is not only about the environment but is a social choice as well. "The amount of pollution that surf wax puts on this world doesn't exist," he the benefits, surf companies are riding the environmental swell toward a more ecofriendly surf wax.

Famous Surf Accessories released its natural, 100 percent petroleum-free surf wax ∞ in January at the Action Sports Discrete Retailer trade show at the San &

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#### Ticket to tyranny

reads in part: "As the former San Diego city auditor, my statutory responsibilities included rendering an annual opinion on the adequacy of the City controls over financial reporting. My ability to express that opinion was severely curtailed after the 'strong mayor' form of gov-

As the auditor, I now worked for the mayor and was told I needed to be a 'team player.' The conflict between this concept and the auditor's code of professional ethics was the reason I resigned from City employment. The objectivity, honesty, and the openness that results from the city auditor being free from the fear of retaliation by the mayor's office serves not

ernment was implemented.

only to benefit the City organization, but ultimately serves the best interests of the taxpayers."

Under Prop. C, the city auditor would report to a new audit committee made up of two councilmembers and three "public members." A screening committee would recommend candidates for those public-member posts; the Mayor's Office would play a role in that screening.

Not surprisingly, the downtown business establishment and Union-Tribune favor this rigged system. Councilmember Donna Frye knows what happens in San Diego when so-called outside experts get named to such posts: those experts are usually tied to the establishment.

That's exactly how San Diego got Prop. C. Sanders named a bunch of real estate lawyers and lobbyists, along with establishment lackeys, to the Charter Review Committee. Hardly surprisingly, it recommended that the mayor get more power, including the ability to play a major role in naming the auditor. Prop. C"allows the mayor to be involved in the selection directly of the auditor," as well as the firing of that auditor, says Frye. "It would be like Duke Cunningham appointing the person who audits his IRS returns."

Says Torell, "Don't be fooled by Proposition C. It is a veiled attempt by the Mayor's Office to maintain control over the selection and supervision of the city auditor. Only an auditor free from the political pressures of the Mayor's Office can serve the City and its citizens."

The auditor should be elected or named by the council. But that would be democratic. ■

the case is being tried in Utah.

charges, the Securities and

Exchange Commission probed

Usana, eventually dropping

the matter. The agency began

investigating Herbalife last

year, and that probe is still

Herbalife's business is

seemingly booming. But the

company makes its money

recruiting salespeople; actual

product sales are not as

important, says Minkow. He

says the same of Usana. That's

what makes both of them

endless chain schemes, he

Herbalife is the high level of

regulatory scrutiny to which

it is subjected, particularly in

foreign markets where its

multi-level marketing approach

is not widely accepted," says

Morningstar, the stock-rat-

ing firm. "We give the firm

an F for stewardship," partly

because of the Cayman Islands

in newspapers such as the

Wall Street Journal and

appears on TV shows such

as 60 Minutes, is both world-

famous and world-infamous.

In 1987 he was sentenced to

25 years in the slammer for

perpetrating a fraud in which

he inflated sales by 90 per-

cent. He has written books

on the experience. While in

prison, he got religion and

was sprung in 7 years. He is

now senior pastor for Com-

munity Bible Church in Mira

Mesa. He splits his time

between saving souls and

chasing crooks. But "sadly,

no trade [bet on a stock

receding] has ever come close

to covering the cost of any

investigation," so the church has not reaped any of the

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Minkow, who is quoted

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Diego Convention Center. "We debuted the wax at the trade show, and we've already sold a thousand cases since that time," says Sciortino. "It took about two years of trying to perfect the wax to get it to a point where it lasts longer and the quality is better. Now people are surfing three or four times without waxing again."

Organic surf waxes have been around for a number of years, yet until recently, they never had a big impact on the surf wax market. One reason was the difficulty of making a high-quality organic wax.

'We just couldn't get it to bead up the right way and stick the right way, because organic waxes are really oily and are totally different from petroleum-based wax," explains

Sciortino. "And really, a lot of the other organic waxes out there just aren't that good. But we kept working at it, and after a lot of hard work we finally got it down. We made sure that ours is performance-based and just, well, gnarly."

The problem was finding the right combination of beeswax, soy, and other vegetable oils and making them sticky enough. For one thing, the ingredients being all-natural, the batches of soy and beeswax vary in consistency and in compatibility with other ingredients. "You know, soy wax is a really greasy wax, and it didn't really work that well," says Sciortino, "so we had to start using combinations of soy wax, vegetable wax, and beeswax and start mixing everything together."

The additional time and effort drives up the cost. A regular bar of wax sells at most surf shops for around one dollar and is typically applied each time before surfing. Most eco-friendly bars of wax sell for nearly three times more and are usually applied with the same frequency.

"This wax will go in the shops for retail at about three bucks, because it costs about 80 cents to make it, and then we have to package it and ship it," Sciortino says.

While most of the companies producing organic brands of surf wax, such as Famous, are newer and smaller businesses, industry giant Sticky Bumps is also hopping on board. In March, the company shipped over 94,000 bars of its no-hydrocarbon, soybased surf wax overseas. The new wax will be in San Diego surf shops in the summer.

"To really do this no-hydrocarbon wax sincerely, which is how we are going to do it, there's a learning curve," says Dahl."I think it probably won't be as good as our original formula, and it will cost a lot more, but it will be better on the environment. It will leave no carbon footprint — the buzz word for the day."

Dahl, however, is not trying to compete with his own brand. His company's soy product is for surfers willing to pay the extra price. He expects that the majority of wax sold will be the original, petroleum-based wax.

"People really have to make a conscientious choice about whether they would like to help the environment or save money," says Trust of Surf eCo. "More people now are realizing their impacts on the environment and are choosing eco-friendly alternatives. Less than five years ago, I doubt that very many people would have paid almost double the price of surf wax for an option that protects the environment and the ocean."

Matunas wax is the cheapest of the all-natural waxes on the market. Bars sell for around \$1.50, barely higher than the price for petroleum-based surf wax. "With the volume we're putting out," says Mattoon, "we got the price down to where it is almost cheaper than any regular wax."

Both Dahl and Sciortino, however, are skeptical. "I know what goes into making the organic wax," says Sciortino, "and if you do it like we do, the right way, printing on 100 percent recycled paper and using all-natural products, there's just no way. It's not possible."

According to Mattoon it's a matter of finding the right connections and using the right ingredients. "We've been doing this wax for almost ten years. We don't have any cost for packaging, all of our labels are from wind-powered factories up north, plus proba-

bly about 40 percent of the ingredients used in our wax comes from my family's farm. At the end of the day, I'm paying way less than any of the other brands out there, and that's why I can sell the bars for \$1.50."

Despite the high price of some organic brands, surfers appear open to using them. Artist and surfer Koniakowsky likes the changing tide of ecofriendly consumerism. "Surfers haven't been that great about creating products with a sustainable type of vision," he says. "Just look at surfboards and the foam they use. But I'd be into using an organic wax. There's a lot of hype though, and I think you should do some research to make sure it really is green. I'm in graphic design, and sometimes it takes more work and exhausts more energy to recycle a single sheet of paper than it does to chop down a tree." ■









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#### **Blood Boil**

I'll be the first to admit that the Reader has published



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some pretty asinine stories in the past, but the one you not only decided to print but also give the cover was enough to make my blood boil ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," May 8).

It is bad enough you chose to glorify this disgusting, fetid, foul skank of a leech, but to have her further this insult by degrading the uniform I proudly wore for over 20 years of my life makes me physically ill.

How dare you publish an article that glorifies much that is wrong about the narcissistic, me-first element of today's society? How dare you insult the honor of all who have worn that uniform with the mindless drivel of this selfabsorbed dreck of human debris?

What I would give to wipe the smile off the face of that two-legged, whoring garbage can.

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#### **Woman With** Confidence

"Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife" (Cover Story, May 8) is a wonderfully vivid story told by a woman with confidence. I commend you as the editor and the Reader as a whole for having the strength and vision to publish such a controversial story.

> Vincent J. Wainwright via email

#### **Tubby Loser**

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#### **Lost My Respect**

I read your cover story "Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife" (May 8) with interest since I am planning on becoming a real Navy wife in the future. I moved to San Diego to do my medical residency and subsequently met my boyfriend/ future fiancé, who is completing his medical residency with the Navy. We are anticipating his deployment in a year and struggling ourselves with the pressure of whether to get married before his deployment or wait until we could be together permanently after he returns.

Obviously the financial benefits of being married are much better than staying single, as Ms. Young points out, not to mention the privileges provided from being a Navy wife, but we are lucky enough to not have to worry as much about financial difficulties, given our future careers in the medical profession.

I thought she did a good job of pointing out how single people are punished and military marriages in general undergo more stress due to the demands of the Navy. However, I firmly disagree with her sweeping statement that ended the article: "The military brings out the bad in them." While the military may put people in uncomfortable positions with difficult personal life decisions, I believe that every person in the military owes it to themselves and the people they are serving to do the right thing, and they have not lost their free will to make ethically correct decisions. She lost my respect by implying that people can use the military as an excuse to "do bad things" just because things didn't turn out the way they thought they would.

> Name Withheld by Request

#### **Stooped Low**

That was a poor article to place on the front of the

Reader ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," May 8). It was tasteless and inaccurate

The article was poorly researched, poorly written, praised fraudulent activity, and bashed the very institute that is responsible for her having the ability to talk in public.

She falsely attacked a constituency that is part of San Diego's economy and who has many family members that live here.

For a paper that has been a solid part of San Diego's eclectic corner, it is sad that the Reader decided to follow the path of other nolonger-relevant papers. There has been a growing rumor that the Reader is losing readership — apparently the rumor must be true for this paper to stoop to substandard tactics.

How sad the Reader stooped low rather than reaching up.

> Dana Pacifica Cardiff-by-the-Sea

#### **Navy Not So Bad**

I read the Reader not often.





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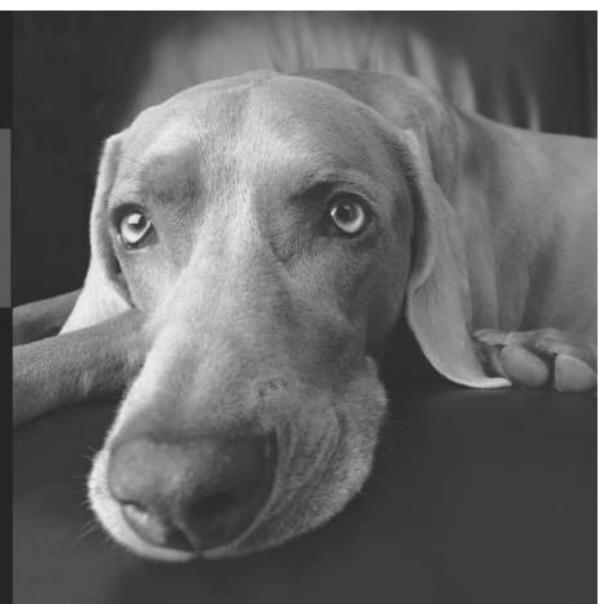
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but I do read it. I just finished the lead story of the May 8 issue, "Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," and while it gave some good information, I felt that it was just way over the top on the fact that everyone in the Navy hates the Navy and that the Navy screws over everyone they possibly can. I've been out of the Navy for approximately 30 years, and my experience was nothing like hers. I know a lot of married people that were in the military had absolutely no relationship like she says we had. I just think that this article was below the Reader and you're a better paper than to publish stuff like this.

> Dave Barker Chula Vista

#### **Refund Request**

Maggie Young should request a refund of her journalism class tuition ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8). I was amazed at the narrative from this apparent piece of white trash (a picture is worth a thousand words) regarding her part in the conspiracy against the federal government and the Navy to commit fraud for economic gain, right up until page 30. There the story jumps the track, and without any preliminaries, she does the right thing and confesses to NCIS agent Darnita Brown that she had committed a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ.) She later tries to offer the specious argument that if some sailors choose to break their marriage vows by having sex with people other than their spouses, why shouldn't she be paid to have an exclusive platonic relationship with her coconspirator?

Perhaps she made the fortunate error of being indiscreet while shooting her mouth off to shipmates about successfully gaming the system, and they dropped a dime on her, which led to her successful prosecution. Unfortunately, the American taxpayers are still out the \$31,025.10 she stole while receiving the unauthorized BAH payments (minus the \$4000 fine).

Hari Seldon via email

#### Credit Cardspeak

I'm writing in response to May 8's cover story, "Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife." While I understand this young woman's position, mine is quite simple: What she did was not only wrong; it ruins the sanctity of marriage, especially in the military.

A big difference between her and those fellow sailors she mentioned in her story was her conscious decision to marry for money. As a veteran and a Navy wife, I've seen both sides. But in a country where the divorce rate is almost half, we all have to make the conscious choice to stand by our decisions, whether it is joining the military or getting married, no matter how grim the results may be. This is the very right she was serv-

ors ing her country to defend.
Furthermore, I wonder

Furthermore, I wonder if she ever took a moment to step outside the box and explore other options. Did she ever consider finding roommates and living off base? Did she use every resource the Navy had to offer to her advantage, such as free education and training? Did she bother to think how advantageous her military experience would be for her once she got out and applied for a civilian job? No. She decided free food and a roof over her head wasn't enough and the Navy "owed" her. She did the unhonorable thing in a community where honor can sometimes be the only thing you have left at the end of the day. Let this be a lesson to those service members who try to defy the core values their branch tried to instill in them.

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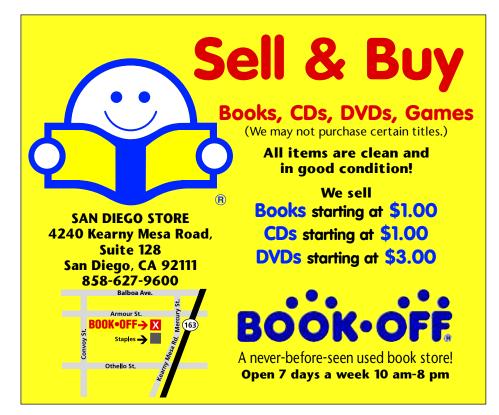
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It was with interest I read your story about the University House at Black's Beach ("How UCSD Spent Over \$500,000 on a Home Remodel That Never Happened," Cover Story, May 1). As a teen growing up in continued on page 62





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# One Last Look

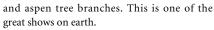
hree o'clock in the morning. Looking out a second-story bedroom window. This is the Charlie Simmons/Sheree Dohner once-abandoned barn, now, after more work than I care to think about, transformed into an honest-to-god estate, 15 miles west of Fairbanks, Alaska. It's May 6 and never gets dark. That diffused all-night light (you can read a book off it) is what I've missed most.

It's been 19 years since I lived in Fairbanks, and I'm back on a two-week farewell tour. I loved Alaska and that has stayed with me, but like everything else, love fades. There is no chance I'll ever return here to live and very little chance I'll be back for another visit.

So, I want to soak it in this time. I've acquired a \$49 RCA Small Wonder camcorder as witness. The beast takes shockingly good video and records equally good sound. Imports directly into iDVD. The idea is to

video everything.

I planned on arriving May 6. Wanted snow on the ground, barren trees, no tourists, and no mosquitoes. Over the next seven days, spring will explode, snow will melt, buds and then leaves will rocket outward from abeyant birch, poplar, alder, willow,



As I hoped, the day after I arrived the temperature popped up to 65 degrees and sunshine. That was Wednesday. By Friday, tiny green buds appeared on one million tree limbs. By Saturday, those buds are tiny green leaves. On Sunday, the fetus leaves, still small, are ten times bigger than they were a day previous. That's three days. Three more days and Fairbanks will be transformed.

I drive around in the cheapest Alaska-Airlines/Hertz Rent-a-Car deal I could find. I've agreed not to drive on unpaved roads, which is like going to Maui and promising not to look at the ocean. My Hertz vow lasted less than ten minutes once I left their parking lot. I don't know anyone who lives on a paved road.

I lived here for 25 years, and every mile, corner, and back-road rut coughs up memories. Many local monuments are as they were. A long list of saloons, schools, churches, grocery stores, Laundromats, diners, junk yards remain in place. There are blocks of woodheated 1920s log cabins, right out of Robert Service, still serving as somebody's home, in downtown Fairbanks. Most of Second Avenue

(notorious during pipeline days), is as it was. Although I must note the sad demise of the Flame Lounge, the Polaris Building, Cottage Bar, Tommy's Elbow Room, and the legendary Savoy Bar.

But, these are memories of a kind you would have if you returned to Des Moines after a quarter century. Here is the house where you first had sex, over there is where you smoked your first joint, and there your first drunk, first job, first car, first serious fistfight...in other words, this is where I was young, much like the place where you were young.

What's different about Fairbanks is that so much of it happened in the dark, at 40 below, and far from America.

Frontier is different things to different people. If you were brought up like my host and friend, Charlie Simmons, who is third generation

Alaskan, raised on homestead land, 14 miles out from Fairbanks, when Fairbanks had a population of 9,000 and 14 miles was a far, far way to go, when living in a tent with mom/dad/brother/sister through Arctic winters was real, I don't think romance of frontier would be in your working vocabulary.



Oil pipeline outside Fairbanks

But, for those of us

(none born here, by the way, and most raised middle-class white) who came up in the 1960s and '70s from San Diego or New York or Boston or Buffalo, Fairbanks was like no other place under American jurisdiction.

Unless you've been here or one of the few places in the world like it, you can't imagine the scale of wilderness. How close it is to you, how far it goes on once you've stepped into it, and what it does to you when you live nearby.

But, that was then and those times are as dead as 40-cent-a-gallon gas. Now, I arrive at Fairbanks International Airport wearing tan khakis, a close haircut, dragging a packed-to-the-tits doublewide Samsonite suitcase, a twice-too-big computer briefcase stuffed with cameras, prescriptions, tape recorders, iBook, polo shirts, and socks. Plus, one Sherpa nylon pet carrier holding Margaret Rose, my miniature Dachshund. If I had a pair of Bermuda shorts and a beach ball I would have need of nothing.

There is no way back and only a fool would look for one. I drive to old haunts and video, play with Chas and Sheree, then do what I do at home: Tai chi, sit, look at birds. After that I watch leaves being born.

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**Founded locally:** following Aimee Semple McPherson's visit to San Diego in 1935

Senior pastor: Mark Slomka

Congregation size: about 450 on a given Sunday

**Staff size:** 15, including school

**Sunday school enrollment:** about 100

Weekly giving: n/a

Annual budget: n/a

Singles program: small groups

Dress: casual to semiformal

Diversity: mostly Caucasian, but mixed

Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 40 minutes

Website: faithsandiego.org

Mothers got more than just a mention at Faith Community's Sunday service, but they weren't the main attraction. The music leader paused in the midst of the opening 30 minutes of hymns

to ask "a special blessing" on the mothers present. "There's no one like a mother," he prayed. "Thank you for my own mother - a fine Christian woman." Pastor Mark Slomka showed a couple of Mom-ish YouTube videos—"The Mom Song" and a twoyear-old belting out a sung "Our Father" and talked about healing within strained mother-child relationships: "No one ever gave birth and thought, 'I want to bring someone into the world that I can screw up.' It's important that we extend grace. Because something broke along the way."

That was the real focus of the service — healing. I got a taste of it before things even got started. "It's a sweet church," said the kindly woman sitting next to me. "My husband is the church's counselor. People can go to him, and the church pays him — though, he has a private practice. He's a licensed

marriage and family counselor. I think it's wonderful that people can be healed in the embrace of their community." She paused, then added a modest qualification: "Not deep pathology just if somebody's...stuck."

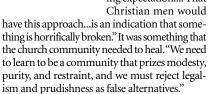
We are a community of groups," said Slomka at the outset. "We have activity groups, growth groups, and ministry groups." He talked about upcoming group activities, including homebuilding in Ensenada. And he invited a congregant to talk about the upcoming Christian Principles of Freedom seminar, which would focus on "His Dwelling Place: A Teaching and Healing Ministry for God's People." The seminar would offer "insights about the spiritual roots of disease affecting the Christian spirit, soul, and body." Last year's attendees had included two neurologists, one of whom had just emailed to say that "for the past six months, I have been consistently praying with many of my patients regarding issues of pain, bitterness, fear, rejection, and other negative thoughts and emotions commonly used by the enemy to separate us from ourselves, each other, and from God. It has

been my experience that these thoughts have a significant negative effect on our bodies and our health. I personally have seen healing of a chronic neck pain that I had for over 15 years after dealing with my own anger and bitterness."

"I've put down that this is an unusual Mother's Day message because it is, to me, rated PG-13," explained Slomka as he began his preaching. "But I thought it was an appropriate time to visit on these themes." The Scripture he chose-Genesis 38 — did involve a mother, but hardly one in the mold of the "fine Christian woman" mentioned earlier. Tamar, deprived of her rights as a widow by her father-in-law Judah, disguises herself as a prostitute and gets pregnant with Judah's twin children. Judah, upon learning she is pregnant, is all set to have her burned for immorality. But then Tamar, defrauded and then sexually used, reveals that he is the father of the children in her womb, and Judah repents. "God's prevailing grace in the story is that there are no unwanted pregnancies in God's eyes," concluded

Slomka. The first-born twin, Perez, "is the great-to-the-seventh grand-father of David...and, of course, it is through David's line that we trace the human lineage of lesus."

The theme Slomka took up was the community's role in creating a culture that honored "the dignity and the nobility and the beauty with which God has crowned everyone" — in particular, women who were not yet mothers - indeed, not yet married. He quoted a writer who argued that "there is incredible pressure upon Christian women to be what she calls 'virginwhores. A Christian man who engages with a Christian woman is looking for her to have all the innocence, purity, and virtue of a virgin, and yet be as sexually active and adventurous as what you find in pornography. It's a crushing expectation.... That



Among other things, Slomka praised the intergenerational mixing in other cultures — "setting the example to each succeeding generation on how relationships are done. There is something healthy about that."

What happens when we die?

"I believe every human being will appear before God," said Slomka, "and God will judge the hearts of men and women as to faith and the extent to which we have responded by faith. And if we want to be on our own, then we will be."

— Matthew Lickona

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toys towered in the corner. Laundry sat abandoned in the bathroom, and papers were everywhere. I felt I was failing my children when it came to instilling in them habits to keep a clean home.

I grew up in a home of mixed parent modeling. Mom was clean but messy; bathrooms and kitchen were always immaculate, but piles of reading material and knickknacks were scattered everywhere. Dad, on the other hand, kept his stuff tidy; undies were folded and stacked in his dresser, his workshop had not one tool out of place. The outcome for the kids half are tidy, half live a bit more, shall I say, free-spirited. I am the latter. But last week I set out to change that, and I turned to my information go-to girls.

"A place for everything and everything in its place," is my mother-in-law's motto.

"Two bags come in, two bags go out," stated Cathy, who is a fan of rummage sales. "That way you don't end up with overflowing drawers of clothes."

When in doubt, throw it out," chimed Margaret, "assuming the thing doesn't have sentimental significance, of course." I was beginning to get into the one-liners. Maybe the Kelly household should post them around the house for inspiration.

"Kids' clothes are always a trial, changing seasons and sizes," Marg continued. "You can assign yourself a drawer a week to go through. And clear storage bins are a must. I store outof-season clothes in the office closet. I don't like to spend money on storage items, so I buy them from Big Lots or Wal-Mart.

'Certain things are out of reach for my kids, such as pens. I have a drawer that I put pens in periodically, but the real source of them is somewhere else. Because

they will just rape a drawer full of pens in less than a week. They won't ever hold on to the ones that they take out. Having the surplus there makes them inconsiderate and not thoughtful about it."

Meg shared her clutter-combat motto, "If you haven't used it in a year, toss it. I can get quite wild with throwing stuff away. Just get rid

Paper items are Bernice's clutter problem. "I've become rather mercenary with note cards that people send. I enjoy them and then get rid of them immediately, unless it's someone who is going to die soon," she added. "For bills, I have a box under my desk where bills get saved until the end of the year. Then the kids and I have a bonfire at the beach with them. The kids enjoy throwing the bills into the fire pit."

She added one other solution for stuff. "I

"The kids enjoy throwing the bills into the fire pit."

have made specific locations for items so that when kids help me clean, they are not moving things from one surface to another. Employing kids to put things back where they belong is what really helps with clutter."

Sarah echoed the "place for everything" motto and added a tip for CDs and DVDs. "I just took all of them out of their cases and put them into albums and, wow, did that make a difference. Now that whole mess is contained in two books.

'I also try to once a day clean off the tops of bookshelves and other places that seem to be a catch-all for clutter. If you do a little each day, it doesn't end up being so overwhelming."

Overwhelmed used to be Shawn's word for her closets. "But now, every time I go to my closet, I put away five things. That has made a huge difference in the mess.

"Ruthless is the word I would use," Erica explained about her decluttering techniques

with the kids' rooms. "About three times a year, I go into their

rooms with two bags one for trash, one for give-away items. For tovs such as stuffed animals, I'll lay them all out on the floor and have each child pick their two favorite ones.

"But my real downfall is papers," moaned Erica. "If company is coming over, I'll throw all the papers on my desk and that will be the

one area of the house that is messy." Nancy employs some of the techniques of the cleaning guru FlyLady. "I really do feel centered if my kitchen sink is clean and shiny twice a day. All the main events of the day happen in the kitchen; everyone is always hanging out there, so if I have that sink cleaned, then everything else falls into place.

"When I wake up before the kids," she continued, "my day goes more smoothly. I unload the dishwasher, throw in a load of laundry, and shower. The key is to get up without waking my toddler," she laughed. "I try to do one or two loads of laundry each day so that my laundry doesn't build up too much."

Nancy also works in a thrift-shop stop among her errands. "I have a Goodwill box that I add to throughout the month, and whenever I'm driving by the shop, I donate the items." For toys, "we have vacation toys at our home," she touted. "I'll take about two-thirds of my kids' toys and send them on vacation by packing them up into my closet. After half a year, I'll take them out again, and they are like new for the kids."

Margaret added one final gem from her friend Cynthia: "Even if an item is good and useful, you might give it to somebody who has less than you do. Cynthia thinks it's a moral fault to hoard things that she isn't really using that other people could use. Having that mindset of doing a charitable act and practicing a little detachment made it easier for her to declutter."

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by Barbarella

## **Heaven and Hell**

Life is divided into the horrible and the miserable.

— Woody Allen

led David to the nose of the ferry — it was a gusty day and the sea was choppy, so the ride was sure to be thrilling, and I didn't want to miss a bump. The only other people who chose to sit in the bow were two older couples traveling together. When the boat pulled out of the Los Angeles Port and reached full speed, anyone attempting to stand was tossed about like jeans in the dryer. The two men and two women chatted and laughed about the tumultuous ride for a bit until one of the women grew quiet. Complaining of motion-sickness, she fixed her eyes on the horizon with laserlike intensity. When the novelty of the real-life roller coaster wore off, I turned my gaze to the book in my hands,

silently thanking the fates that I'm not one of those people who gets ill from reading on planes, trains, cars, or, in this case, boats.

The passengers settled into their seats for the hour-long ride to Catalina Island. All, that is, but one.

He appeared to be the oldest among them (like, 80-something). To overcome the constant roar of

the motor (and his probable impaired hearing), the man spoke in a near shout that was impossible to tune out. He and the seasick woman sat in the very front row, their backs to the prow, facing the rest of us. Evidently uncomfortable with silence, the man never let more than three beats go by before he continued his bellowing thread about his days during The War. He was a loud and annoying encyclopedia of facts — the total number of troops sent to Saipan, the number of Marines lost on Iwo Jima, and how many Japs were killed. Yes, he called them "Japs."

For 55 minutes, I wanted nothing more than for the man to fall mute. Even the people traveling with him seemed fatigued by his clamorous monologue. But having been

inculcated with the adage "respect your elders," my brain would not allow my mouth to tell an old man to shut his goddamn yap. So, instead, I did what any respectful young woman would do in my position — I glared at him. It was my hope that his spectacle-free eyes could focus as far away as my face and that, noting my displeasure, he would shut his goddamn yap. I could have sworn that, on a few occasions, he looked right at me, but either he was numb to the daggers I was blasting at him from over my book or he reveled in their sting, because he never let up.

I've always considered myself a direct person. But despite my willingness to speak my mind in most situations, I shy away from unpleasant confrontations, even if I end up suffering further as consequence of my reticence. It wouldn't be so bad if I could actually brush things off and simply shy away, instead of fester and stew and grow increasingly resentful of whomever it is I find irritating. I guess I experience with my boiling bitterness what Buddha meant when he said, "Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned." In situations where confrontation would mean upsetting some old guy who's trying to relive his glory days, I'd rather clutch the hot coal in my hand than use it to burn him.

When it comes to younger — and, in

my eyes — less innocent offenders of my peace, I wish I could be more like my friend Ollie. Ollie doesn't hesitate to voice his frustration with those who tread on his tranquility. Once, as we were sharing coffee and a muffin inside Bread & Cie, a guy started digging through the trash bin a few feet away from us. He was up to his elbows in slop and I was dying to say something to make him stop because I was about to lose a blackberry, but the moment Ollie opened his mouth to tell the guy to knock it off, I begged him to let it go, and he graciously complied. Even indirectly, even though I wanted nothing more than for that guy to go away, I cringed at the discomforting idea of someone asking him to leave. Everyone, however, has her limit.

The first two evenings at Two Harbors on Catalina Island were quiet and blissful. David had planned the trip to be just that — he wanted to take me away from all the hullabaloo of home, to a place without Internet, TV, or phones, where we could hike through the hills spotting bison, stand watching the waves lap at the sand, or just sit in our room overlooking the sapphire-blue harbor, sipping wine we'd purchased from our favorite seller in L.A. a few days before. For two days, we walked and lounged and romanced — it was a taste of heaven.

If I have learned anything from dualism, it is that for every heaven there is a cor-

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responding hell. On the third day, as if in punishment for our scandalously selfish and corporeal activities, David and I were cast into our own personal Hades. On that day, the harbors were besieged with children, as there was a regionwide Little League championship being held there over the weekend. A few groups of boys and their male parents (mothers were conspicuously absent) were staying at the same bed-and-breakfast as David and me. Though we feared the worst of them, the children turned out to be harmless, shrieking imps that were easy enough to avoid or intimidate into silence. The worst came in the form of one of the chaperones, a man who was Satan incarnate, evil lord and premier antagonist. He and at least a half-dozen feral boys shared with us a wall that

vellum. I could hear them breathing.

We did not suffer much the night they arrived — they were tuckered by the time they got in at 11 p.m. The torment began the following morning when, at 6:30 a.m., Lucifer began yelling at the children. Not the usual kind of parental yelling one might overhear, but really mean shit, like, "You're a moron; you're not even supposed to be here!" to a kid I assumed was not his blood, and "You idiot, why are you wearing those socks!? Stupid moron!" The yelling didn't stop. David and I sighed heavily and complained to each other, and still, the assault continued unabated. I stood and stomped around, thinking that since their footsteps vibrated in our room, mine might give the man pause. But here's the

stop to think that screaming at dawn might offend neighboring guests, or to consider whether spitting such vile things at kids who couldn't have been more than seven years old might be unnecessary and/or damaging, he sure as hell is not going to have some kind of epiphany prompted by the sound of a few footsteps. After all, this was the Beast of the Underworld I was dealing

I wanted to rail into him, to humiliate and emasculate him in front of the children. I could tell from the brutish and juvenile things he was shouting at kids that it would be easy for an adult with a substantial vocabulary and a shred of psychological insight to make short work of him. But I didn't want a scene, and from what I had

heard so far, it was probable that Beelzebub would end up taking out his embarrassment on those poor wretches, demonstrating his strength in order to compensate for his weakness. So I muttered, "Jesus!" under my breath and continued stomping, to no avail. David, lying on the bed, looked as exasperated as I felt. I needed to be more direct.

I stepped up to the wall and slammed my fist against it in three deliberate thumps. The Prince of Darkness scrambled across the floor, and his voice fell, but I could still hear every word: "Shush, shh, I said be quiet, dammit!" When he was finished shushing and I was sure I had his complete attention, I spoke in a forceful tone, emphasizing every word so as to

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be sure he realized just how thin that wall was, "Can you *please* keep it down." It was not a question. As I suspected, the devil turned out to be no more than a dog, and the yelling ceased. I climbed back into bed beside a grateful David, and real-

ized, with relief, that my proverbial hand had finally stopped burning.

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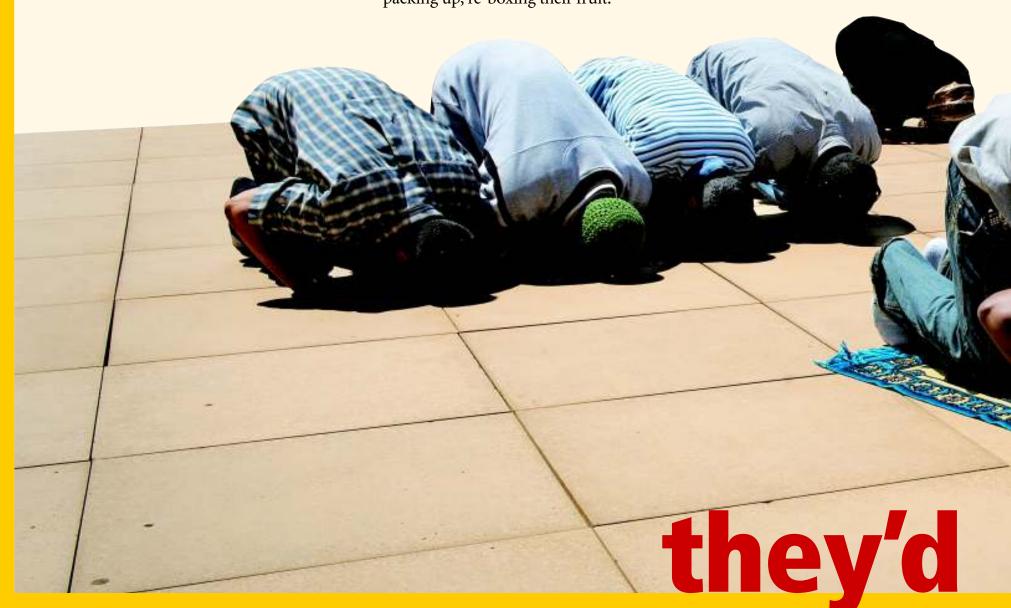
# "If I did that over

Muslims from
Iran, Iraq, Turkey
the Philippines,
Pakistan, Somalia,
Guyana, and
Eritrea



The question arose for me earlier this year when I decided to hit Ocean Beach on maybe the worst night of the winter. It was Wednesday, the end of market day.

Rainstorms exploding in off the Pacific, marquees flapping, most market folks packing up, re-boxing their fruit.



# there,

But not the guys in the black tent near where Bacon crosses Newport. From inside the gust-wrenched canvas, half a dozen men shouted to scurrying passersby to come on in for the ultimate handwarmer. Guled and Mohammed and Abdi and Hamza and a bunch of other young Somali men were selling the thing I'd weathered the storm to find: samosas, the Middle East and India's great snack gift to the world. Aah, yes. Down in three gulps. A beef, a vegetarian, and a Californian adaptation (cream cheese and pineapple), all enclosed in hot, golden, flaky pastry.

We got to talking. These laughing guys were all students. All Muslim. All living a double life. Studying by night, selling samosas by day at the various farmers' markets around town, including here and at UCSD. I'd always known the Somalis were an outgoing group. Somalia embraces the longest seaboard in Africa. They're coastal people who have survived strangers with different cultures landing on their shores for millennia.

"I mean," I say to Hamza, "you study, you take this business up hill and down dale six days a week, you go to class, you pray five times every day, and you still manage to get to a mosque on Fridays?"

"Oh sure," said Hamza. "Why don't you come? We have good food there...54th Street."

#### This Veil Is My Liberation

There are maybe 100,000 Muslims living in San Diego County (many in North County), mostly Arab, according to, well, the FBI, as quoted by the *Union-Tribune*. More than many identifiable demographic groups, they're a prosperous, businesslike bunch, people like Charles G. Abdelnour, the long-time city clerk. But many of the

more recent Muslim immigrants have come from hard times in the Horn of Africa: Somalia, Eritrea, Tigre, Sudan. They tend, like immigrants from Mexico and Central America, to be from the poorer levels of society who take on the jobs that require doing rather than communicating. Saudis, Iranians, Palestinians, Pakistanis, and Indians have penetrated the larger San Diego business and professional world. Somalis and Eritreans, meanwhile, seem to have cornered the taxi driving market.

chose
to carry
the
passport
of this
country."



If anywhere seems like Little Mogadishu, it's up on El Cajon around 54th Street. Women in long robes, some with their faces covered, form part of the scenery. You get used to it. Somali restaurants may not be a dime a dozen, but if you know where to look, places pop up with odd names like Coffee Time Daily or Taste of African Cuisine. Inside, it's mostly young men with their taxis parked outside, or old men with magnificent creamy-white beards and beautifully carved walking sticks. Mainly, it seems these eateries service single men who have come here without their families or who have lost them. Which means they are just the tip of the Muslim iceberg,



Duali Karie says converting to Islam gave him hope and a sense of community

because most family-oriented Muslims are at home living the life you never see on the street. But Fridays, at

lunchtime, mosque brings everybody out, older men, often in their white cotton robes, veiled women in their finest patterned red

and gold and black and blue ankle-length dresses. Even though they'll be worshipping in separate parts of the mosque, this is when society congregates, does its bonding.

So on Friday I turn up at the 54th Street Somali community center, in the Safari Market, part of a shopping plaza just off El Cajon Boulevard. What must have once been a supermarket has now become a collection of Somali shops selling everything from traditional women's clothing to cell phones and includes a Somali restaurant called African Spice, which the samosa guys also run. At the other end, a whitewashed hall has become the "Masjid Al Huda" ("Mosque of Guidance"). This is 1 of at least 16 mosques in San Diego, including the impressive main, domed *masjid* at the Islamic Center of San

Diego on Eckstrom. Plus one in Tijuana.

I shake hands with Guled and Mohammed and Abdi and Hamza, and oh my...a gal dressed in robes, not just with a scarf covering her hair, but a blue silk veil covering her entire face and forehead, except for a slit for her eyes. At first you think Thousand and One Nights, then you think, What kind of religion believes God would want to shut off the beauty of youth with this sheath? Plus, you think, Hasn't she broken some social contract here? Everybody else has exposed their faces, their identities, their vulnerabilities, but she doesn't have to? She can hide behind the anonymity of a mask, in the name of God? Such



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a simple act can provoke complex emotions.

Then you think, Isn't all this your typical Westerner's rush to judgment?

"This is my sister, Hamdi," says Hamza. "Would you like to sit with us, talk?"

We go find a table in an area set aside for African Spice, the restaurant. The walls are orange and white with washed green. Beyond the white trellis protecting this section, I notice a couple of middle-aged Somali ladies at Barrako Fashion Shop. One of them chatters into a cell phone she has wedged in her hijab — her headscarf — beside her ear, while both hands caress a silky sheet of blue cloth. Huh. Hands-free. Score one for Muslim hijabs.

Hamdi sits opposite me, those two eyes glowing out through the slit. Their other brother

Mohammed brings us drinks. I have a delicious mango mix. Hamdi has tea. Of course I have to ask the obvious question about the severe veil, the hidden face, so shocking to unwary San Diegans: Why wear it?

"I came here [to the U.S.] when I was in sixth grade," Hamdi says. "From the Ogaden, outside present-day Somalia. I wasn't very knowledgeable about Islamic religion. So, hamdalila ["Thank the Lord"], when I was a freshman in college, I started practicing. One of Islam's main purposes is to try to do as many good deeds as possible. In Islam we say a smile to a person is charity. It's considered a good deed. This [veil] is called the niqab, and it's something that's considered as a good deed if a person wears it for the sake of Allah. And that's why I decided to wear it, to do good deeds, and to please my creator."

But...Hamdi is 20 years old, beautiful, if those eyes are any indication, and, well...I appeal to her brother Hamza.

"Do you agree with

"Yes, of course," he says, protective as any brother would be. "When she put it on, I knew she was going to get a lot of stares, and people looked at us funny, and it comes with it. [But] it's something that will benefit her more than bring her harm, in my hopes. The protection is with her Lord. So we really didn't have much to say about the problems because it was her choice. Some of the elders were against it since we are in the West. But you don't always have to assimilate to the new place you come to. You can keep your culture. [Though] this is not even our [Somali] culture. It's more religious. Pious women wear this, ones









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with a higher [calling]."

Hamdi is studying nursing at Grossmont, and no, she doesn't wear the veil while she is working.

"The two years since I first put it on have been interesting," she says. "Going to the supermarket or schools, at first it worries them. It's a little bit more shocking. I was in a supermarket, and a woman was appalled. She looked at me and said, 'Why are you wearing this? You're not in your country anymore. You don't have to.' And I explained to her, 'This is my liberation, because I see this as a symbol. I've grown up here, and I've seen how the media is, and I've seen how [Western] women are treated. And I



Mohamed Ali

felt that society can pressure a woman to dress a certain way, to look a certain way. So by me wearing [robes and veil], I feel I'm not subjected to the laws of any fashion or [to please] any man. This is the greatest liberation."

But didn't her parents

"At first my mom was hesitant, because she felt that maybe somebody

might take it the wrong way and try to harm me or say foul words to me. But I think over time now she's becoming accustomed to it."

That's when a kind of

rustle goes through the place. I hear a call.

"Allahu Akhbar."

"Juma," says Hamza. "The holy service. Juma means the 'group,' the gettogether."

"Will you please excuse me," Hamdi says.

Oh yes. Women pray separately from men. Another thing I need to ask her about.

#### Issa Means Jesus. Musa Means Moses.

It's around one o'clock. "Follow us," says Mohammed. We walk down past the Waamo Wireless store to a little station where dozens of guys are taking their shoes off. "Don't forget your gift to Masjid Al-Huda," says a sign near a big box with a slit in it for donations. I

take my shoes off. Amazing how intimate that one gesture makes the experience feel.

I follow Guled into this large white hall where rows and rows of men, some in shirt and trousers, others in white caftans, line up facing a bearded imam in white garb who stands at a lectern beside a kind of hooped sentry box. I discover that this is a mihrab, a sanctuary, set in the *qibla*, the wall that always faces Mecca. And it turns out that in some branches of Judaism, the same word, mihrab, is used to describe "a room for private worship." In fact, the closeness of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity starts hitting me now, left, right, and center. I stand between Guled and

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a guy named Issa, which, it turns out, means "Jesus" in Arabic. His neighbor is named Musa, which means "Moses." Now we start the ritual prayers affirming that Allah is the one God, and Mohammed is his final, but not his only, messenger. Jesus, Islam believes, was a messenger too. And Moses. We go down on our knees, touch our foreheads to the rolled-out mat for the longest time, pray, and then set back on our heels. At the end of each sequence we sit crosslegged.

Then the imam, Saad El-Degwy, launches into a sermon. He has a powerful voice and switches from Somali to classical Arabic — Islam's equivalent of Latin in the Roman Catholic Church — and then into patches of English.

"The feast of Al Muharram, which we call Ashura: This is a very special day for all Muslims. Before Islam, Jews and Christians, especially Jews, showed respect to Ashura and considered it as a day of festivities..."

I had had no idea that Ashura ("tenth" in Arabic, also called "the Little Fast") is the day on which the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali, Mohammed's grandson, is marked, especially by Shiite Muslims, but also, according to Sunni Muslim tradition, the day Mohammed fasted with neighboring Jewish communities to express gratitude to God for the

liberation of Moses and the Israelites from pharaoh.

The imam heads his sermon further into surprisingly familiar territory, like Noah and his ark landing on Mount Judi (the same, many say, as Mount Ararat). It turns out Ashura also celebrates the day Noah set foot outside the ark. I shouldn't be surprised at the commonalities, but I am. Islam, Christianity, and Judaism are closer relatives than I ever imagined.

Before we troop out at the end, I ask Hamza where his sister Hamdi has spent the service. He points up to a walled-off upper-level room within the hall. Its white walls are peppered with small openings, big enough, apparently, for sound but not sight to penetrate.

"The women's area," he

#### We Don't Know a Lot about Our Religion

For Hamdi, being sectioned off from men to pray is not a problem. "The definition of a Muslim in the Arabic terminology," she says afterwards, "is one who submits. And in Islam, it is the person who is submitting to the will of the one who created him or her."

How committed is Hamdi to Islam? Very. "One of my goals is to memorize the Koran, and the Koran is composed of more than 6000 verses. I read classical Arabic. There are millions and millions of *hafiz* people who have memorized the Koran. I have memorized more than 100 pages. I still have 25 chapters to go. I

think one of the greatest phenomena of Islam is that you can take a reciter from China, a reciter from Indonesia, a reciter from Pakistan, a reciter from Africa, and they will all be reciting the same Koran, without any changes."

So are there other San Diego Muslim women like

"Yes. Because there is so much negative perception of Muslim women in the media, a lot of them are starting to realize, 'Hey, we don't know a lot about our religion. We need to know about it in order to see, is this really true, what the media are saying?' And that's how I felt. When I was in high school in Minnesota, I used to wonder all these things about the Islamic religion, like, 'the women are oppressed'...encouraged me to learn about my faith."

Did all this make her resent her adopted country?

"Growing up in this country, facing prejudices was a challenge, but I see myself as a bridgebuilder," she says. "Loving this country and meeting some of the greatest people I have ever met in my life, I want to not exclude myself. In order for people

to respect each other, they don't necessarily have to believe in the same things, but at least to be informed about one another's beliefs and to respect those beliefs. I think that's one of my major goals."

We're just out from a meeting of the Ogaden Student Youth group that Hamza invited me to. They're trying to make the

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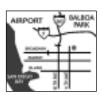




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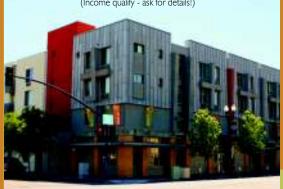
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world aware that Christian Ethiopia is attacking their people back in the Ogaden plateau in northeastern Africa. "Sixty thousand are suffering," says Graen, one of the organizers. "Everybody hears about Darfur. Nobody hears about the Ogaden." The people of the Ogaden are Somali Muslims forced out of their own land years ago. They made a new life in the empty Ogaden. Now, it seems, oil discoveries are changing all that, and close relatives of Hamza, Mohammed, and others in the samosa crew are in desperate need of help. They're trying to send everything they can, from money to secondhand textbooks.

In between the speeches, I asked a group

of girl students about dating. They burst into giggles. They had names like Farhiya ("Happy"); Iddo (after the celebration of Eid's first day, marking the end of Ramadan); Faiza ("Gain, Strengthen"); and Ifrah ("Giving Happiness"). "Dating is not allowed in Muslim families," says Farhiya. She's studying for a BA in teaching. "If you're going to try dating," says Faiza, "you would have to be secretive." "I have talked to my mom," says Ifrah. "I asked her, 'Will you make me marry?' At 23 you're usually married. So rather than finish my education, I'll marry. And I know who. We grew up together. He's my age. He's Muslim. He has to be Muslim."

She will expect a typi-

cal wedding. Read: huge. "On the first day, only the men have to be there," Ifrah says. "Your father signs the papers, gives you away. I don't have to be there. On the second day it's traditional dancing, with old women leading the way. On the third day it's men and women dancing to everything from traditional music with accordion and drum to Somali rap."

"I'm Gonna Teach You to Eat Muslim-Style..." says Duali Karie. Duali's African American and a "revert." That actually means "convert," but he's called "revert" because Muslims believe we're all born into the family of God, which is the Muslim family, and then some

leave for other religions and beliefs. I'm sitting with Duali here in African Spice, trying to learn how to make everything happen with four right fingers and a thumb. "This is the first rule," Duali says, leaning into his meal. "Eat with your hands. The feel, the touch is almost as important as the taste. Eating with knives and forks divorces you from the feel of the food. But only bring it to your mouth with your right hand. Your left is reserved for unclean things, even though we wash our hands before every meal, of course."

He has ordered me up a combo plate of baked goat meat, roasted chicken breast, salad with ranch dressing, a pile of

spaghetti, and another of basmati rice. Spaghetti has been a Somali staple since Italy's fascist dictator Mussolini invaded and occupied Somalia. Basmati rice echoes Somalia's monsoon trade with India. And the goat tells you these guys' families lived in the hills of the interior plateau, where either goat or camel was the delicacy du jour. Oh, and the banana that comes with the meal? You squash it into everything. That's as Somalia as you can get. Somalis say U.S. bananas have nowhere near the sweet taste of theirs, from the legendary land of Punt.

"And when it's time to take a drink," Duali says, "don't worry if your right hand is wet or covered in rice. Guide your drink

with your left hand, but lift it with the knuckles of your right, eating hand."

Duali says he became

a Muslim almost by chance. "I was friends with Mohammed in Minneapolis. My family was big on Christianity. Mom made sure we went to the **Evangelical Mighty** Fortress Tabernacle every Sunday and every Wednesday. But I was confused about Jesus being the Son of God. The Holy Trinity. Then one day, it was January 25, 2003, it happened. I was at home, eating pepperoni pizza. My brother and a Muslim guy came to my house to pick me up. One thing that attracted me about the religion was they only believed in one God, the same God that I believe in, except I believed that Jesus was also the Son of God. And they [answered] my question that I'd always had and no one could answer, about this Trinity in Jesus. They said He was only a messenger of God. The things that He did were true, but He wasn't the Son of God. That day me and my brother became Muslims together. We went to the [mosque] and the imam. But I didn't know anything about the Prophet Mohammed. So I was saying, 'Y'all worship Mohammed like we worship Jesus.' And they said,

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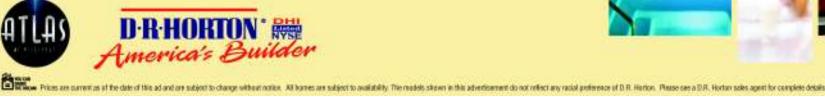
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'But [Mohammed's] just the messenger of God.'

"And then he asked me, 'Do you believe there is just one God?'

"And I go, 'Yeah. I believe there's one God.'

" 'And what about the Prophet Mohammed? Do you believe he's a prophet?'

" 'I could believe he's a prophet.' It made sense.

"And he said, Well, right there, you've become Muslim.'

Duali says converting has given him hope and a new sense of community. "I used to go to church a lot. I don't know how many times I went up there when they said, 'Who wants to be saved?' And I'd go up there and I'd be saved, but once I'd leave, it was like I don't

feel nothing. I didn't know anything about Islam, [feel] I've found truth in my heart.

"I telephoned my mom. I wasn't going to tell her. She cried. But now it's my fifth year. She's learned a lot. Like, we [Muslims] don't believe Iesus was crucified. But He was raised to the heavens and He will come back. Mohammed died and will not come back."

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really, when I took it, but I

There's no minaret, no muezzin, no loudspeaker. Just a student, with three more behind him, their backpacks and running shoes scattered around the mat they've rolled out as he calls, "God is great!" For this moment, up here, the year is 1429 AH (Anno Hegirae, 1429 years since the prophet Mohammed's Hegira flight — from Mecca to Medina). The first student stands at the carpet's edge, making the call. There's something moving about these four guys up here,

"Allahu Akhbar!"

calling out to an unseen entity, with just the strength of one human voice and the belief that it's being heard. Right now, though, the forces are against them. A Huey helicopter batters in overhead, its rotor-wash bouncing between the campus buildings. Seagulls scatter loudly. Crows caw in trees. Then, after a long, raucous minute, silence returns, except for the breeze sifting in the palm fronds.

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A couple of other students eating a wrapped lunch nearby, a Latino boy and girl, look up from their bench, then return to their sandwiches and

Shaybah Abdullah, a biology student, repeats the call "Allahu Akhbar!" two more times. In front of him, beyond the fronds of young queen palms planted 20 feet below, the glass dome of the library forms an amazingly appropriate scenario between him and what he's really facing: Mecca, 8395 miles to the eastsoutheast.

Then he falls in with the three other students, Ahmed Abdi, Ahmed Mumi, and Dannesh Kassamali. Ahmed Abdi takes a little blue carpet, lays it out in front of the main green-and-white mat, and starts the actual prayers while the others follow his lead in the ritual they repeat five times a day, leaning forward with hands on knees, then going down to the mat and pressing their foreheads on it.

"Ash-hadu anna Muhammadar Rasulullah."

"I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

You notice that when they stand again, two of the students cross their arms in front of them, hands on opposite shoulders. The other two place their hands straight down against their thighs. That

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Dannesh Kassamali, the modest, 21-year-old fourth-year international business major at State, is, it turns out, a Hajji. He tells me this casually after he and his three friends have made their lunchtime prayers on the deck of SDSU's Manchester Hall.

"My mom made it happen," Dannesh says. "It was incredible. In Mecca, there were so many different types of people, from every country in the

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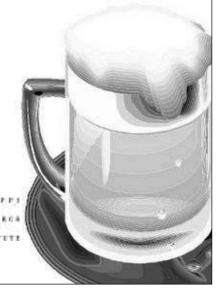
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world, making their pilgrimage. But all of us were in unison. We had one common goal, which was to fulfill one of the pillars of our religion, and to try to purify ourselves."

He felt especially close to those who spoke English or Urdu — his family comes from Pakistan. "They're the ones you can talk to and share those moments with. But I had experiences where I was sitting next to somebody in front of the Ka'bah (the black cube-shaped shrine near the center of the Great Mosque in Mecca).



We didn't share the same language but shared the same smiles and shook hands and tried to [indicate] where we were from. You bond with them because you are all there for one purpose.

"I was 20 at the time — I felt like, wow. Why am I so lucky to be out here? You see these old people, so skinny and so old, and their beards down to their chest

almost. I looked at them and I saw, this was their first and last opportunity to be here. And they looked so fulfilled. And this was probably one of the last things they were hoping all their lives to do before they died. And here I was, barely starting a life."

Dannesh says returning to San Diego was like landing on Earth after a trip into space. "One of

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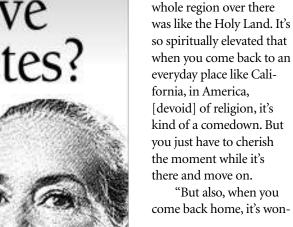
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So how did San Diego

feel, after such a peak religious experience?

"I mean, San Diego is definitely home. I love it. My philosophy personally is that within everything there is good and there is bad, and you embrace the good and you try to refrain from the bad. There is so much good out here in this society. Like, we've just started practicing our prayers right here on campus. And that's

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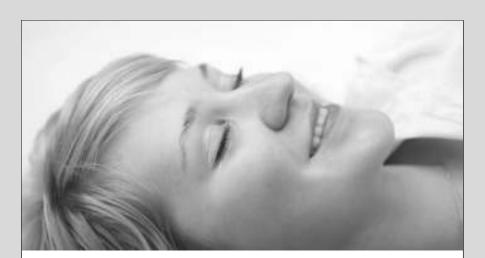
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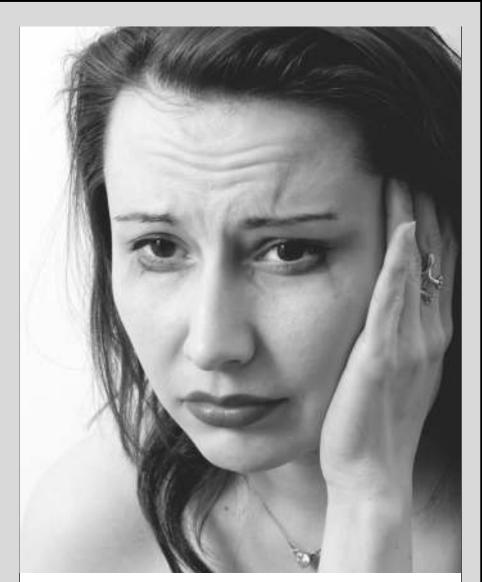
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such a good thing, because nobody's going to say that we're not allowed to do that."

Dannesh's future? "I have to study abroad in order to graduate. I'll study in Syria, study some Arabic in September. After I come back [and graduate], I might [get into] international business, emphasizing finance, and since hopefully I'll be fluent in three languages -English, Urdu, and Arabic — I may look into some kind of financial institutions that do business both here and in places like the Gulf, like

Dubai."

Does he feel there's any real philosophical difference between the three Middle Eastern religions? "I'd say fundamentally no, but in practice yes. We

prophets [who] finished the delivery of God's sending His messengers upon Earth."

One thing he finds hard to deal with is the evident prejudice Holly-

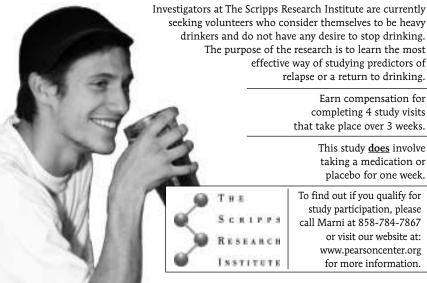
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[all] believe in one God, judgment, this life being temporary, the next life being the permanent one. The Prophet is the major difference. We believe that he was the last of the

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talking to a good friend of mine, a freshman, an American, a white kid. We were talking about the movie, and he told me how it made him upset to see the Americans get killed. He really, really said this. He said, 'Now, I know that people over there are like this in Saudi Arabia.' And I was just, like... 'It's only a movie, that's not the way it is.' But it's hard..."

# Before You Kill the Animal, You Face It toward Mecca

Dannesh says he went through a party phase,

when he busted out, "traveling a little bit here and there," staying at the houses of friends who were involved in "all sorts of crazy things, living that lifestyle for just a couple of days, weeks," till he came to the realization that "that was not how I wanted to be."

So what do he and other Muslim friends do on a Saturday night?

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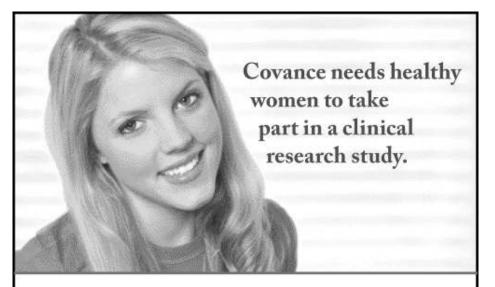


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ing to have work to do. I go to the gym and tire myself out, doing schoolwork and gym."

Would that socializing be boys and girls together? "It depends who you're with, if you like women, how strict the people you hang out with are. I hang out with different groups. Sometimes I'll be with Muslim guys who won't hang out with girls. Or sometimes, with people who are a little more

laid back, there'll be some girls there, you know? And I like going to the hookah places. [Islam doesn't approve of smoking, but hookahs have traditionally been tolerated.] I love the flavor, and it's just so peaceful. Sometimes we discuss each other's experiences to help each other."

Music is also a delicate issue. "I'm a hip-hop fan, but the religion is touchy about music. In some circles, anything

beyond the single beat of a drum is not permitted.

The worst is if it's made for gathering and drinking or making you want to dance with females."

And if it's food, he tries to go to a suitable

place. "You know halal? There are only so many places where they have meat that was killed the proper way, so that it becomes permissible for us to eat it. Like kosher for the Jews. These types of places attract Muslims, because then they feel they can eat the meat. If they go to McDonald's, Rubio's, or any other place, they'll usually choose vegetarian or seafood."

What does halal involve?

"Basically, before you kill the animal, you have to face it towards Mecca — that's probably the hardest thing — and then you have to say, 'In the name of Allah,' and then when you kill it, you have to cut a certain vein, so it carries out the most blood from the animal. It makes for cleaner meat. There's a website which shows where you can eat halal. It's zabihah.com. You enter the zip code of any place in America, and it'll show you restaurants, markets, and ratings. Like 'This place claims to be halal, but it might not actually be halal."

So how tough is it, I ask, being Muslim in San Diego, with all its different requirements, and in the face of a national wariness?

"I don't think it's tough anymore," Dannesh says. "Because once you get over yourself, and you don't think that everybody's looking at you, staring at you, once you get over that little hump, that little hump that's insecurity, then all of a sudden nothing's hard. You rise and fall between you and the guy up there who is watching over you."

But doesn't the religious law of Islam, the Sharía, frighten him? "When I was in Saudi Arabia, I was thinking back when I used to be a kid and how sometimes I'd go into the grocery store and steal candy bars. And there, over in Saudi, I was thinking about that... 'If I did that over here, they'd

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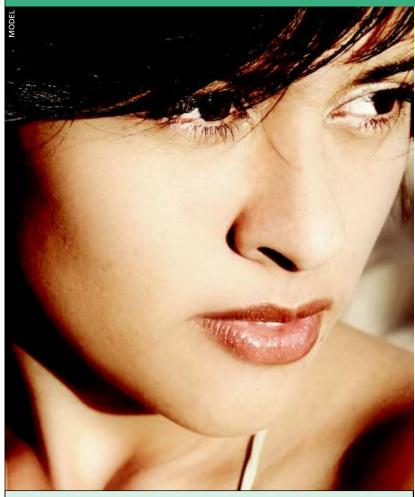


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cut my hands off."

So that's the way to go? "Not completely, but at the same time it's their laws. You don't totally think that their way is stupid either."

What about treatment of women in some Muslim countries? No vote, kept behind walls, behind veils, subject to "honor killings"?

"I worry that people might think that [women are not treated well] and therefore reject Islam because of that. We treat our women with immense respect and hold them so dear in our societies and our families and within our circle of friendship. They are so strong, the sisters and the mothers in our community who have maintained a strong faith and wear their hijab properly. I just have so much respect for them. More so than for any man with a nice beard."

But...honor killings?

"It does...worry me," says Dannesh. "I don't know sometimes what to make of it. I think it goes both ways, for men and women. Because if a man is known to [commit] adultery, he has to endure the punishment as well. But we live here in America, so we don't have to worry about that too

much."

Of course, honor killings are definitely not sanctioned by Islamic law. They have tribal cultural roots but occur most notably in Muslim-majority countries. According to the United Nations Population Fund, perhaps 5000 occur worldwide every year, some even among immigrant families in Europe and the U.S. Relatives may kill a woman who "dishonors" the family by, for instance, refusing an arranged marriage, being the victim of a sexual assault, seeking a divorce, committing adultery, or becoming pregnant out of wedlock.

Will he raise future kids as Muslims? "Definitely. Because I feel like this life here is like a temporary adobe mud hut. I want them to have this foundation, so that they can keep going with it and be the best person that they can be."

So, big breath: Did he ever talk about 9/11 and Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Midhar, the two hijackers who spent time here in San Diego?

"I never talked to anybody about that. I would hope that we would not advocate it and be against it, because I don't think it was the right way to go. Killing an innocent person doesn't resolve somebody else's [bad] actions."

It's an awkward subject. Al-Hazmi and al-Midhar, 2 of the 19 hijackers, who lived here in the Parkwood Apartment

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complex in Clairemont for a while, were apparently introduced to mosquegoing members of the Muslim community, at least to some of those who attended the main mosque at the Islamic Center of San Diego on Eckstrom. But not, of course, as "future hijackers."

Dannesh would have been around 14, 15 at the time and living elsewhere in Southern California. Does he remember that day?

"Oh yes. I remember

eating breakfast with my father, watching ESPN SportsCenter, and they interrupted SportsCenter to make a little [announcement] about the building, and I was out of it. It was so early in the morning. My father was 'Change the channel!' We watched the news, and in awe. Then you go to school and...I do remember one person coming up to me. Like, he was a friend of mine, because I was friends with most of the football team. This was high school in Irvine. He

was the biggest guy in the team and he came up to me and it was just, like, 'Look what you people did!' And then the people around us were laughing it off, and he was kind of laughing about it too. He didn't mean anything, he didn't want to hurt me, but it was a statement made. After, it was cool. There have been a few things, like somebody saying, 'Go bomb something,' but you try to let them go."

Dannesh hasn't stood idle on this, though. He decided to do something to build bridges. He has created a website: salaamtohumanity.com. "I've been trying to do something like this to help make a difference, help spread Islam. We did some relief work when we originally started. Some money we raised we sent over to orphans in Iraq. Now I want to work on restoring the words 'Islam' and 'Muslim,' so when somebody in the West hears it

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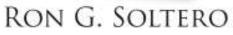
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leaves his genitals exposed. As the women run away screaming, the rabbi and the priest turn to the imam. 'What were you thinking?!' 'Well, I don't know about you guys,' replies the imam. 'But my congregation knows me by my face...'

Cevdet Ugur's telling the tale. He's Turkish-American, Muslim, and has a big laugh. In other words, he's saying, let's not always be so heavy when we're into talking religion. "This is not disrespect," he says. "It's just having fun." Ugur is developing a business here in San Diego making Turkish-style baklavas — more like baked desserts than the honey-dripping Greekstyle treats. We're sitting with his wife Sarka in their dining room, sampling baklavas, some sweet, some savory, with spinach and meats, for lunch.

"When 9/11 happened," Cevdet (pro-

nounced "Jeffdet") says, "I was totally shocked. My initial reaction was not from the point of view of being a Muslim but rather from the point of view of being an American. I was deeply offended as an American that over 3000 of my compatriots lost their lives in such a heartless attack. After the initial shock, I realized my Muslim reaction [was] of deep disappointment and serious concern for what might come as a reaction to the Muslim world from the U.S. and E.U. And I was worried for my family and myself from the potential harassment, though I am grateful that nothing bad happened."

Cevdet, a one-time karate champion in New Jersey, comes from a prosperous Istanbul family whose house overlooks the Bosporus. Here, in his La Mesa condo living room, a huge plasma screen scrolls through

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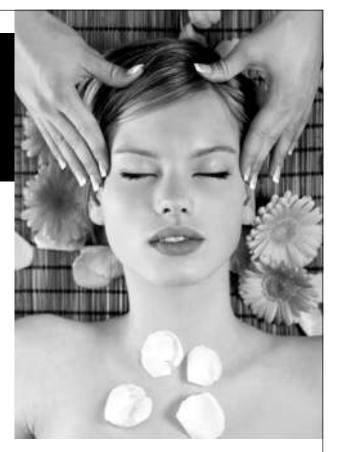
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color pictures of the Turkish seaway busy with ships. They slide past churches and mosques, such as the Hagia Sophia. A big decorated Turkish brass tray hangs on one wall, and beautiful blueand-white-decorated Turkish plates are dotted around the tables.

"My baklava is lighter and more refreshing than others," Cevdet says, as Sarka proffers a plate of puffy-pastry savory-flavored ones. I nab one stuffed with beef, peppers, parsley, and cumin. "And we have a far greater variety than, say, Greek baklavas."

Cevdet makes it clear that with Turkey, a determinedly secular state, the Islam practiced there is less strict than elsewhere. "It is a great thing if you do your prayers five times a day," Cevdet says. "But in modern life sometimes you don't have the time for it. You don't become an infidel just because you didn't do your [prayers]. You can be a modern man and be a Muslim."

That's what he's doing with his baklava too, it seems. The last one Sarka handed me, Mozzarella Delight, is his invention: "Turkish-Italian fusion." On the other hand, your basic baklava predates Islam by more than 1000 years. "They're 3000 years old," says Cevdet.

Sarka is another "revert." She converted to Islam shortly after the two were married, here in California. She's originally from the Czech Republic but met Cevdet on vacation in Turkey.

A few months and many emails later, they were both in San Francisco and Cevdet proposed on the Golden Gate Bridge.

What about the religion problem? "I didn't really convert like 'I want to be like my husband,' " says Sarka. "I had already become a born-again Christian in Prague. But then I met Cevdet, and I didn't have a plan. He believed in God. That was

most important to me. And he didn't have a problem with me being a Christian. He didn't think, 'Oh, you will go to hell, because you are a Christian,' because he knew from the Koran that's not true. "So then I started reading, and the more I read, the more I believed this [the Koran]. I saw that I couldn't call myself Christian [anymore] because that's not what I believe. So once you

believe this, you become a Muslim, which means 'a believer.' And I believe in God."

But that didn't mean dropping out of mainstream American society. "We have two boys now, three and five, and we can't deny them the fun part of celebrating occasions like Christmas."

They married in 2001, before 9/11. "When 9/11 happened, I was an American citizen," says Cevdet. "People who proclaimed themselves Muslim should not have ever done anything like this. But even before that, I was in New Jersey during the first attack on the World Trade Center, and one of

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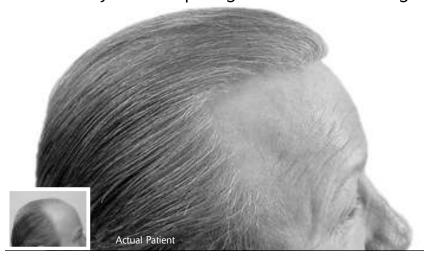
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By the end, Cevdet is quite emotional. But, both in the U.S.'s sometimes bellicose liberal democracy and Islam's allenveloping embrace, he sees an underlying harmony of values.

"The Koran indicates that time spent on productive thinking is the best form of worship. In Islam, the ink of a thinker is one thousand times better than the blood of the martyr."

# The Mental Leap from Muslim Majority to **Muslim Minority**

Dr. Khaleel Mohammed is an associate professor in SDSU's Department of Religious Studies. He stands beside his paperpacked desk in his office at the College of Arts and Letters. His window looks over the leafy-shaded winding trails of campus that lead right up the hill to the amphitheater. He's dapper, casual in long jean shorts and shirt but intellectually intense.

Dr. Mohammed worries about the bedrock values of all three "Abrahamic religions."

"The fact of the matter is these three religions share the same inherent aura of violence," he says. "Jesus is the most peaceful of all the prophets. But the office that Jesus was supposed to fulfill was not a

peaceful one. He was supposed to be the Messiah, the one to fulfill the [work of ] David by repelling the Romans. So because he rejected that role, the Jews rejected him."

Violent religions? Look at the historical record, Mohammed says. "God gives Israel to Abraham [and commands the killing of] all the Canaanites. Then Mohammed comes, and his thing is the battle against the disbelievers of Arabia: Kill them wherever you find them after war has been declared. And look at the legacy of the Crusades, look at the legacy of colonialism, justified by false claims of Christianity."

But Dr. Mohammed comes from a different Muslim background than most. He grew up at the farthest limits of Islam's reach, in non-Muslim Guyana, the only Englishspeaking nation in South America. "My family was

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Muslim," he says, "but a Muslim in Guyana is quite different from one in, say, Pakistan. My ancestors came from India, so at some point there were Hindus in our family. Now I have Christian, Hindu, and Muslim kin. It's a society where there's a lot of intermarriage."

Mohammed went to Canada when he was 17, then in 1982 got a scholarship to Saudi Arabia to pursue Islamic law, where he studied original texts in classical Arabic, then returned to Canada to do his master's and doctorate in religion, to Brandeis near Boston for Jewish and Islamic studies, and finally here to San Diego State to teach Islamic studies.

The guy, in other words, is super-qualified on the subject. Especially since, in Saudi Arabia, he got to read the actual original text of the Koran. "Most Western Muslims...learn the Koran through translation or through exegesis [interpretation]. When you are in Saudi Arabia you get to read the text itself," he says. Significance? All those interpretations that have layered, one upon the other, over 14 centuries, are cleared away. The severity and inflexibility regarding such issues as clothing, women's rights, and punishment, he says, largely evaporate.

An unwillingness of Islam to adapt, particularly in the West, worries Mohammed. "Having been brought up in Guyana, the way that we practiced Islam then, I saw no problem between the religion and a Western lifestyle. And even now, as I practice Islam — my family and I are observant Muslims — we still see no disjoint between our lifestyle and American lifestyles. The problem is that in America, the image of Islam has changed radically from the '60s to now. Before 1966, when the borders were sort of open, Islam in America was defined by a purely American expression, with people like Malcolm X, Elijah Mohammed. Whether one agreed with his view of Islam or not, the point is that Islam was viewed through American lenses. After the '60s, when Mid-

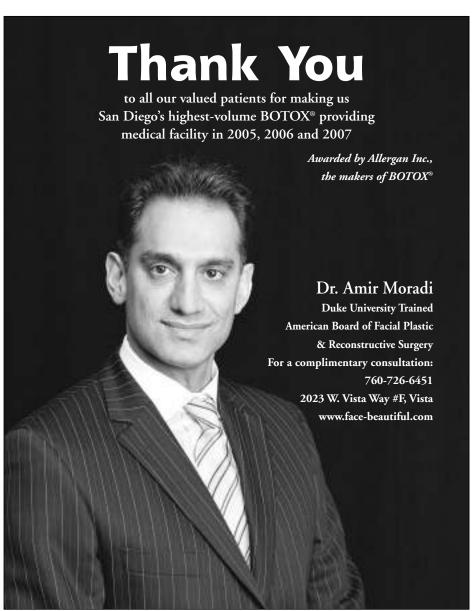
dle Easterners and Pakistanis started coming in large numbers, Islam comes to be defined by immigrants. They're coming from places where there is political upheaval, such as Pakistan, such as the Middle East. And so when they come here, they have this radical outlook that pits their religion against the West. And it's a politicized Islam we see for the most part.

"Strangely, the Ameri-

can concept of human rights plays into this problem, because in Pakistan, for example, one can be prosecuted for simply saying something against Mohammed. One comes to the United States and sees freedom of speech to the point that now you can dress however you wish, say whatever you wish, and you have rights for religious minorities, and things that they were not even allowed [to do]

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in their own Muslim countries, in the name of Islam, they're allowed to do. In the United States, which is amazing, that makes them say, 'Oh well. We have absolute freedom now.' And since they have not been accustomed to living as a minority, they cannot make that change. So they try to bring their so-called 'Islamic norms' and impose them on American beliefs. They cannot make this mental leap from Muslim majority to Muslim minority. You have Muslim taxi drivers, I think it's in Michigan or Chicago, saying they will not pick up fares now who have whiskey in them or [other] alcohol. That is absolutely nonsensical. We have Muslim women saying that if they join the police force they still want to wear the hijab."

These are strong critiques of his religion. So what of those accusations by fellow Muslims that he is too liberal?

"Yes, I get accused of working for the CIA, of working for the Mossad. This is an accusation that I will get among certain Muslims. I'm prepared for it, because...I went to Israel. I argued with many Israelis. So I'm not worried about it, although there are elements among

the sort of hostile, anti-Jewish, anti-American rhetoric at a level that might invite American security surveillance. A nation in a state of war has the right to survey every person whom it deems to be of interest. I don't wish to invite such things."

Ironically, he also feels this is a good time to be a Muslim academic in

# "We have to show people who we are."

the Muslims who portray me as an Israeli stooge. Some of them don't wish to speak to me."

Strangely, he prefers

"It's because those people who keep away from me [might otherwise] be frequenting my home. I have little children at home. I do not wish [them] to be listening to

America. "What I can tell you is that America happens to be not only the most powerful country in the world but that right now, in America, you have the top Islamic scholars also living here. Scholarship on Islam has been happening in America since long before the Gulf War and coming up with books and concepts that

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are being [instrumental] in the reform of Islam. You have such a wealth of Muslim scholarship right now, [scholars] who feel, at various levels, reformminded. Some are conservative, but they still recognize the need for reform and are working towards it."

But in this troubling era for Islam, doesn't he also see a growing retreat into conservatism?

"Well, certainly, you find on campus right now, there are some women who cover their faces. The funny thing about it is the Koran never expresses that sentiment. It tells the Muslim women...to wear a certain form of outer garment to [identify] themselves as part of the Ibrahamic culture. When you dressed a certain way which was following the Jewish norm, actually your head was [covered] and the breasts were covered. You were basically

sending a message: 'I'm not a promiscuous person.' The Koran adds this legislation 'so that they might be known and not molested.' It was a *social* [admonition]. It has nothing to do with personal piety. And yet [a student like Hamdi covers her face] and comes up with this wonderful [spiritual] interpretation, which is nonetheless not Koranic."

# I Can't Wear Shorts Like Bill Clinton Used to Wear.

"Dr. Mohammed does not represent the main-stream," says Edgar Hopida, a Filipino American who once considered entering the Catholic priesthood but who instead converted to Islam. He's now the San Diego-based public relations director of the Washington DC—headquartered Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). "Dr. Mohammed wants to

secularize Islam, make it palatable for the American audience. [Yet] mainstream Muslims practice their religion, pray five times a day, go to Friday prayers, fast during Ramadan month, go to the pilgrimage [to Mecca] when able, and they don't eat pork."

These are rules, he says, unchanging, from Saudi Arabia to San Diego.

But one thing has changed for American Muslims: From being self-contained communities, "kind of like with the early Jewish communities [in the U.S.], keeping to themselves, very isolated," post-9/11 Muslim America has started reaching out to the majority. "We realized that we have to show people who we are. If not, others will define us," says Hopida.

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now-vibrant, socially involved Muslim community. "We actually exceed the national average as far as people obtaining a bachelor's degree or higher," he says. "Sixty-two percent have [done so]. That's double the overall population's figure. About 50 percent of our community is professional, 43 percent have a household income of \$50,000 or higher, 89 percent vote regularly, 86 percent said they celebrate July 4, 64 percent say they fly the U.S. flag, and 42 percent say they volunteer for institutions serving the public (versus 29 percent of the population at large). These are 2005 national figures. So we're very much integrated into the society."

Yet, Hopida believes, integration doesn't mean American Muslims should water down their Muslimness, such as women not wearing the headscarf.

"Men also have a dress code. We can't wear very short shorts that expose our thighs. Our area of nakedness is between the navel and the knees. I can't wear shorts like Bill Clinton used to wear. So we have a dress code as well."

But come on. Women only allowed to show faces and hands? Sometimes not even the face? What ancient tyranny dictates such mind-sets?

Au contraire, says Hopida. He believes it's women of Western culture who are being tyrannized by societal norms. "In a society where women are objectified as sex objects — the less clothing the better — and the pressure on teens to look like these very chiseled, manufactured women [celebrated in popular culture, we have all the eating disorders and obsession of looking beautiful, according to the Hollywood standard. Whereas in Islam, the reason women cover is not so much oppression. This is basically a sign saying, 'Keep out. This is my personal

property. My body. I want you to appreciate me for my mind and what I can give to society, rather than my physical attributes.' The beauty of a woman should be reserved for [those] whom she considers should look at her for her beauty, like her husband, or immediate family. Not strange men who could gawk at her and look at her and do the whistling and all that stuff. Her body's her private property."

# A Muslim Feminist

Dr. Huma Ahmed-Ghosh is waiting for her teaching assistant, Dalal Alfares, the young feminist from Kuwait. Ahmed-Ghosh teaches a groundbreaking course called "Women in Muslim Society," the first ever that deals with Muslim women, here at SDSU's women's studies program, the oldest in the country. Oddly enough, no Muslim women are

among her first 25 students. Quite a few came here from another course on "Women and Violence."

"It did not surprise me too much," Dr. Ahmed-Ghosh says, "but it still depressed me, because here is this stereotype. Muslim women: Honor killings and so

family. Her husband is Hindu. But after 9/11 they suffered the same backlash as many. "My son got called insults like 'camel breath' and was told to 'go home!' - in his soccer league. I'm lucky to be in an academic institution. I'm somewhat insulated from that kind of thing."

When I ask about face-covering she says,

# "My son got called insults like 'camel breath."

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I can't resist mentioning how, talking with Hamdi, I became riveted by the only part of her face I could see: her eyes. Ahmed-Ghosh lifts her

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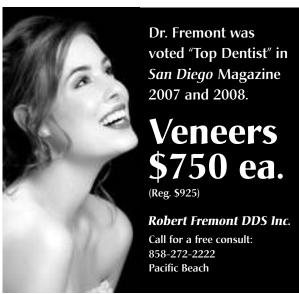
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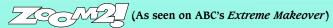
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She calls around to see if Dalal Alfares is in the building. "She's a very interesting girl," Ahmed-Ghosh says. "And proof that one size doesn't fit all in feminism. Culture counts, too."

Half an hour later,
Dalal Alfares and I are
walking down the Avenue
of Arts, heading toward
the library. She wears the
long green-and-brown
dress and headscarf, but
she says that doesn't prevent her from being feminist. "Yes," she says. "When
I heard the call to prayer
from up there on the balcony, it was so unexpected,
here, at San Diego State, I
got goose bumps."

We talk about growing up asking questions in conservative Kuwait.
Surely, being a feminist in the Middle East could be a hazardous occupation?

She hesitates a moment. "I feel so embarrassed telling you these things. I'm caught in a position where, as a Muslim woman, do I raise the conflicts in my community, or do I defend them? I'm always caught in this bind."

But, she says, she couldn't help questioning things growing up.

"I questioned why my father preferred my brothers over me. Like, 'If I'm older and smarter, why does my younger brother get to go to mosque and I stay at home?' Or why were women not able to vote in Kuwait (until they gained the right in 2005)? And I would get the stare, like 'Are you crazy? This is the way things are.'

So does she think Islam, the religion, supports the relegation of women to secondary status? "Yes. Most religious and political leaders would go back to religion to reinforce their power. And those [religious] texts will always perpetuate patriarchal meanings and goals. And so would the fathers of the tribe and the families. Arab families tend to [favor] the males."

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Her dad is a tougher sell. "He and I have come to a truce. But we are a diverse family. We have the very liberal and the very conservative. So we're used to having these arguments and then respecting [each other] at the end of the day. I'm going to have my own feminist interpretation, and you're going to stick to your so-called objections."

At school she stuck out, too. "Other kids know [the status thing] from the age of nine, and they would come up to you and say, 'Which family do

you come from? Are you Sunni or [Shia]?' I'd go, 'We don't have to talk about tribes and origins and who is higher than who.' And then I would question gender, and then I would want to talk about race and class, and they would give me the eye and say, 'Well, Dalal, it's just [the way things are]."

Here at State she's doing a master's in women's studies. "Supposedly, my thesis is going to be on postcolonial literature and feminists in the Middle East. You have to be careful. Changes you [might] bring about that you would think were beneficial to the [majority] women in a country might harm certain women in minorities. And — you have to know that I'm still coming to terms with my own feminism and how I should be dealing with it. It's just a very complicated thing. I struggle with it every day."

But one thing she won't abandon: her headscarf. "It's an identity, here. Because the minute I walk out of my apartment, it's on my head whether I want it or not. It tells everybody in the street that I'm a Muslim. So in the West I have to acknowledge this fact and accept that people might come up to me and say, 'Why do you wear it?' I know some people would like to say these [clothes] make me look more religious. I don't think it affects the way I think. And I have to go back to Kuwait. This is how I was when I left, and I don't want to be different when I get back."

# **Snapshots of Islam** in San Diego

So here's the thing in a nutshell. Scene One: I'm sitting at the Café Madrid on Orange Avenue in Coronado, watching the world go by. The usual

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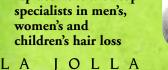
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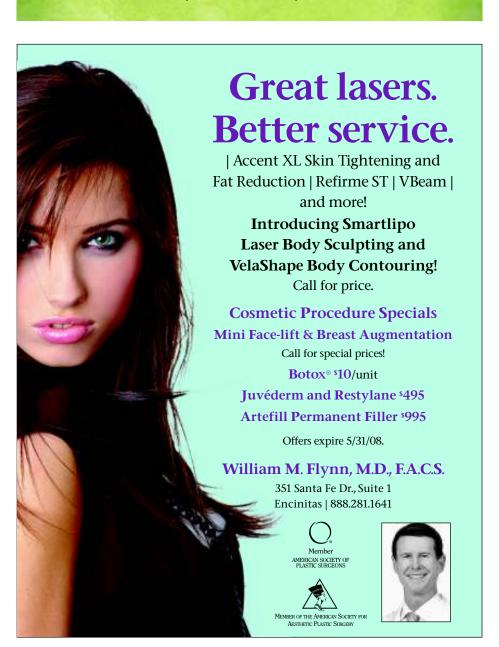
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It does clang, here at the beach. But one thing you can understand: Part of the problem for communities like San Diego is future shock. Identity, culture, a sense of a coherent community — challenges to all of these things are just, it seems, coming at us too fast. You wonder if the fabric of society can handle all the strains.

Scene Two: I'm hurrying out of America Plaza, trying to catch up with a trolley at the Santa Fe depot, when, right by the giant, glossy Luis Jiménez sculpture *Border Crossing*, I spot a tourist grabbing her camera and clicking away. The scene she's shooting is a pair of cabdrivers, side by side, on their knees, on a piece of cardboard by a blue plywood construction wall. Praying. They lean onto their foreheads, quietly vocalizing the prayer.

"Interesting," the lady says. She turns to me. "I'm a radio journalist from Germany. We have the same phenomenon. Now I see it's starting here. In Germany we have issues with Muslim teachers and pupils wanting to wear the headscarf. I have written and broadcast pieces saying we should ban that. I think if they come to the West, they must be prepared to learn the language and dress appropriately. We don't want societies within societies. Europe wants to remain

Europe."

Hmm. But I thought in Europe — and in both Americas — women wore head coverings in Roman Catholic churches. The Pope himself wears a skullcap. Should we ban turbaned Sikh teachers? Kilted Scottish pipers? It may be unfair to point out, but Germany has a past in which, in the worst imaginable way, the state tried to eliminate an entire minority culture that was "different." How far do you go in the cause of sameness? John Stuart Mill, Alexis de Tocqueville, and Thomas Jefferson have all warned of the "tyranny of the majority."

The cross-light turns green. The German journalist, her friend, and I hurry across. As I enter under the arches of the Santa Fe Depot, I can just hear a faint voice from behind the taxicabs.

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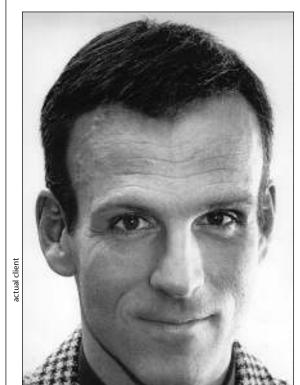
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the Indian-burial-grounds problem as well as the clifflocation problem. They traditionally work with local architects, planning commissions, etc. They could perhaps find common ground with the La Jolla Historical Society, UCSD, etc. The project would have national TV and magazine coverage and be great publicity for the university and the city. I have tried contacting the university and was politely brushed off. The La Jolla Historical Society was interested but not willing to help me contact This Old House. Perhaps you or your readers can help.

> Alan M. Blank via email

# Fish Mill

I enjoyed the article about San Diego's aquarists; however, there was one part of it that was a little disturbing ("No One's Ever Told Me That I Look Like a Fish," Cover Story, April 24). If a person raises a warmblooded animal in a sparse environment for the sole purpose of producing offspring, they're usually referred to as being the owner of a mill — puppy mill, kitsomeone think it was fine to keep fish in a deprived environment for that purpose? It's clear that many of the aquarists believe that in their homes, their fish deserve as natural a habitat as possible. Why then would they obtain their fish from someone who keeps their breeding stock massed in bare aquariums? This didn't make much sense to me, and as I said, I did find it a little disturbing. It sounds to me like that guy is operating a fish mill, for want of a better term, and I hope that he seriously considers

ten mill. Why then would

the hypocrisy of that.

Tamara Jessup Downtown

# **God's Clubs**

I appreciate your efforts in enlightening the readers on the different denominations/practices/sects ("Sheep and Goats"), but after all your efforts, do you truly believe religion is "unifying" and not just "all about me"? It is the nature of humankind to "fear" and be suspicious of "others" not in their immediate cultural and/or mind-set, so as long as there are different religious "clubs," there will never be "peace," because "clubs" require "power leaders" who "interpret God's will" but engulf the masses in arbitrary perceptions of "others."

> Rob Hudnall via email

# **False Nectar**

I know why the bee colonies are collapsing (Local Events, January 17). It's because of all the soda, energy drink containers, etc., that are littered all over the place and then picked up by scavengers who then drain the liquid into the soil. This is the false nectar that is screwing up the bees.

Thomas Smirnoff via email

# **Comments from Reader** Website

# **Cover Story Published May 7**

Posted by mbolivar on May 8, 1:34 a.m.

Excellent story depicting a reality that needs to be uncovered. We cannot allow for criticism to be absent from our lives just for the sake of institutions. It should be the other way around: Institutions modified to meet the demands and expectations of critical, engaged citizens...

I loved the mastery that puts together irony, fine prose and self in the sort

of Journalism that inspires the reader.

Ironically, the Navy did help you to become a Journalist!

My congratulations to the Editors for having three

great cover stories in a row. Way to go Reader!

Maria Bolivar

Posted by NovemberMan on May 8, 2:44 a.m.

As ex-Army, I always thought Barracks living was bad enough (musical-chair roommates, communal living, "Hey You" details, etc)...

I almost feel kind of sorry for those on ships.

Barracks may suck, but it doesn't drive as many to marriage (there's like a whole percent or two less guys getting married for Army BAH. maybe.)

Posted by whogasa on May 8, 7:10 a.m.

Good story about how the military works in regards to marriage and how to "use the system". I am

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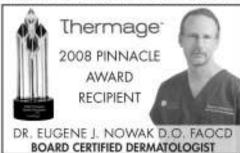
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ex-Navy got out in late '87 after getting married for real (still married to the gal) I knew back then that Navy and marriage didn't go together. What I take exception to is the very last sentence of this story. Too much bitterness from the writer. You chose to join, your test must not have been high enough if you went in as a BM. What you left out of the article was what you did or did not do to try and get to be a JO, appears as if you gave up and became bitter because you did not get your way right away. The military does not bring out the bad in people they do through the choices they make.

Posted by surfinmike on May 8, 9:05 a.m.

Whogasa, I don't think it's fair to comment about the test scores not being high enough. Everyone knows how they try to eff

you over regardless of your ASVAB scores. They tried to push me into an apprenticeship program until I was clued in by my cousin who was already in. Fortunately I hadn't shipped and was able to get into another program (computers) and now have a pretty decent career thanks to the Navy. However, they did try to screw me over as they try to do all the nave young people trying to pull themselves out of (usually) poverty and the mid-west hell many of us grew up in. As with many people the military can bring out the best or worst in us. I had a decent 4 years on a carrier but you aren't expected to have a life and young sailor. The thing I think about is that I would accept money to take the family guy's watch or duty day. Was this any more wrong than what she did? The military frauds

you and lies to you and then they expect you to not walk a fine line to help yourself? The lie to you to get you in and then give deserving people very crappy jobs and you only stay so you don't end up in the brig. I don't think what she did was fraud. People get married for many reasons and money is just one in the long list of things. The military has Article 134 (if memory serves me right) that is the catch-all for anything they think you've done wrong but they can't find anything in the previous 133. It's basically a way to get you on charges but not knowing what to charge you with. That's high standards?

Posted by epearcy on

May 8, 9:18 a.m.

Kudos to you, my dear!!! As a military wife, who married for love (not money), I am aware of the attitude of What happens on deployment, stays on deployment. In addition to the dozens of births postdeployment, there are also dozens of divorces, caused infidelity of both civilians and service members. That is to say, that the military is not concerned with the how or why of a situation, but what it looks like to the public. As a USMC spouse, it seems like everything is classified information. If that is the case, my relationship is too. Stop focusing on my home, and pay attention to the so-called

Posted by cpagirl30 on May 8, 12:17 p.m.

I say BULL. This is a matter of ethics. The "everone else is doing it so why shouldn't I?" defense doesn't fly.

Posted by jingjing on May 8, 2:36 p.m.

well, technically she didn't break any rules. who is anyone to say what she did was morally wrong? marriage is a legal thing and nobody can tell her why she has to get married. nobody said it had to be love. you can't make her feel an emotion. i myself was in the navy and i saw a lot of marriages, a ton of divorces, and nearly everyone cheated. the majority of the time, the driving force for people to get married was money.

she called the navy right out. at least she didn't rape or cheat on anyone. so many horrible crimes are pushed under the rug and ingnored. sometimes the truth pisses people off. everything she said is real and happens all the time. those who haven't been what she's been through can't judge her until they've been through it as well. fantastic story! don't be so ignorant, people!

Posted by repub4lyf on May 8, 3:08 p.m.

There are reasons that certain military things are supposed to remain unspoken.

Inability to keep things quiet is why women were not allowed in the military for so long, God forbid we

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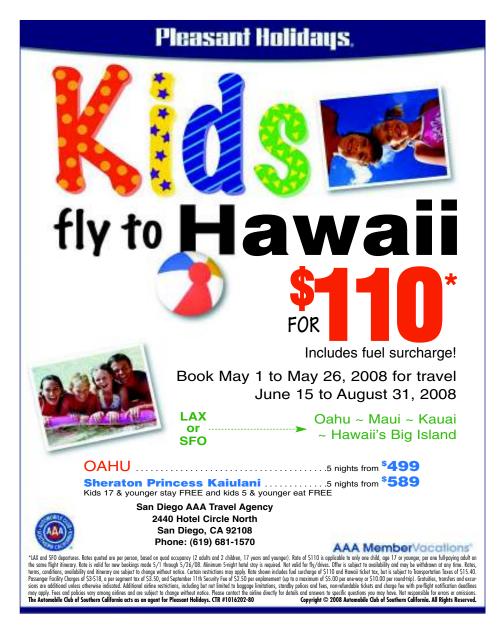
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end up with one as a president...

Posted by socalsocalsocal on May 8, 7:36 p.m.

AD NAUSEUM. It is a disgrace that this would get published, let alone get a cover story. The piece is whiny, and (at best) show cases her caliber as a sordid opportunistic person in uniform. Many military marriages fail; however, the author was never in a legitimate marriage, so she could never understand the pressures that exist in that situation. She complains about the Navy not paying her enough, however she fails to mention that she would have been compensated had she MADE RANK. Rank has its privileges, single BAH (one that doesn't require a marriage) is one of them. Don't blame the Navy for your lack of information at the time of enlistment. Don't blame the Navy for your lack of discipline and the fact YOU COULDN'T CUT IT in the military. Don't be upset that you got caught. Had you pulled this stunt at any other job you would have been charged with FRAUD ( a felony in most cases). I can go on and on. Thanks "MAG-GIE" for perpetuating the myths that the good people in the military work hard to counteract. They already are faced with a severe antiwar sentiment, and to top it off, people out there think they give their lives in Service simply because they are

"I don't want to sound like an ad, a public service ad on TV, but the fact is if you can read, you can walk into a job later on. If you don't, then you've got, the Army, Iraq, I don't know, something like that. It's, it's not as bright. So, that's my little commercial for that."

too STUPID to do anything

else. As author Stephen

King recently put it:

To add insult to injury, it is also very poorly written. Go figure.

Posted by smela07 on May 8, 8:02 p.m.

It's interesting that no one has picked up on the idea that the government puts a price on marriage (and discriminates against single people) by paying married military personnel more than single personnel. At what other government agency does a

married woman make more than a single woman, just because she's married? At what company does a married man make more than a single man, just because he's married?

The government should get out of the business of valuing a marriage. Just pay all personnel the same wage, by rank and years in service. Of course, you won't see many married military personnel or spouses arguing for this point...The benefits are sometimes even more insidious than BAH: many married military personnel are easily allowed to use the excuse of familial obligations (school play, kid's t-ball game, wife's girls' night out) to regularly skirt out of work early, to avoid week-end watches that are too frequently dumped on single people, etc...

Good story Maggie. And it IS well written. After all, it must be a good story if it has so many people talking. Ignore the resentful tone of some of the comments, and keep plugging away.

Posted by jcsuperstar on May 8, 8:59 p.m.

Plenty of people have, in the past and present, gotten married for financial reasons. Some don't marry similarly out of financial concerns. Divorce too. Marriage to the government is a legal contract. They entered into such a contract and it should have been respected by the military. Marriage as an emotional and procreative bond is for the churches and similar, which have zero standing in government and military affairs. Yes, they took advantage of the system but so do many taxpayers who choose to either file separately or jointly based on the bottom line.

Posted by kwn73 on May 9, 5:41 p.m.

smela07 - Very good point of view. I think that your idea would solve a lot of the people getting married for the wrong reasons. I agree that people should be financially set before they get themselves into a marriage, but it is that extra BAH money that tempts a lot of the young people out there today. Your idea would take that out of the equation and I bet that we would see less people getting married and we would

see people concentrating on what is more important, like getting promoted. Doing it the way that we are now gives people in the service the easy way out to earn extra money. Great idea, you should send it to a congressman to take back to congress.

Posted by miketango on May 10, 2:00 a.m.

so it's so surprising how you didn't mention that the command that started the investigation on you wasn't the USS HIGGINS, in fact it was you shore command. since you did become a corpsman and get away from your "slave work" as a deck seamen. you also failed to mention that you, yourself had an affair with a married man before you were "married" and that the reason that you didn't have any chemistry with your husband is because he was gay. it's amamzing how so many people can talk so much crap about the navy, what did you do while you were in? nothing... you didn't go to school while you were in. never heard you talk about wanting to be a JO.

true some people do get married for money, true people cheat. but who are you to judge? when you're away from home a lot people do a lot of things that they wouldn't normally do. and that's right, "what happens on deployment, stays on deployment". why would you go back and tell someone's spouse bad things about their husband or wife? for what? what does that get you? a peace of mind knowing that you just made someone's homelife that much worse?

as far as living on the ship... you could've have easily got an apartment with other single sailors onboard. just like college students do. hell, you should be happy to live onboard and not in a box with a man that thought it was okay for you to puke up your dinner.

so, all this boils down to...if you're going to tell the truth, tell the whole truth and not something that's completely biased.

# True Lagoon

# Celebrity Fishing at Agua Hedionda

n June 2000, the highly invasive Caulerpa taxifolia — the aggressive algae which has destroyed thousands of acres of the Mediterranean Sea — was discovered [in the Agua Hedionda Lagoon], most likely dumped into the lagoon from a household aquarium," says David Mirisch, who produces celebrity fund-raising events. "The eradication of the algae from the lagoon is an ongoing project. It has been curtailed, but they have to keep having divers go down to be sure that it has not grown back.

Mirisch is producing the First Annual

# LOCAL **EVENTS**

Celebrity Fishing Tournament at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon in Carlsbad on Saturday, May 17. "We're raising

money to keep that Caulerpa down where it should be and to help the Discovery Center, where kids can come up and take tours," he says. For \$100, contestants can fish from one of 15 privately owned boats alongside a participating celebrity. After the tournament, a VIP luncheon will be held at the Discovery Center for people to meet and greet the celebrities (including Christopher Knight of The Brady Bunch, Christopher Atkins from The Blue Lagoon, and Adrianne Curry from America's Next Top Model).

Caulerpa taxifolia was declared eradicated on July 12, 2006," says Eric Munoz, president of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. The eradication, says Munoz, cost "over a million dollars a year." The seaweed is more harmful than other inva-

sives because, as Munoz explains, "it is an aquarium version of a natural plant" and thus has no natural predators. "It's like Frankenstein — it was genetically engineered in the '70s — and they made it to be a plant that's easy to take care of." To eliminate this "killer seaweed," divers covered the colonies at the base of the lagoon with plastic tarps and injected chlorine underneath.

The species that felt the brunt of the infestation were the eel grass beds. "Those eel grass beds are very important habitats for nursery grounds, lobster and bass — all kinds of fish and critters that live in the lagoon," says biologist Steve Le Page. "When those beds were affected and being taken over by Caulerpa taxifolia, we were losing all those habitats." Fishing was temporarily banned to protect eradication efforts. "They didn't want people to put anchors down or hooks that might snag the tarps," says Le Page. "The beds are coming back strong, and the latest surveys have shown most of the eel grass is back where it should be.

Though gray smooth-hound sharks and leopard sharks frequently enter the lagoon in search of food, Le Page says their presence does not necessarily indicate that the lagoon is healthy. "Sharks are very opportunistic. They'll come into an unhealthy lagoon because there's a lot of things dying that they can eat."

Le Page says that Agua Hedionda is

now "a very healthy lagoon" with a wide range of fish and invertebrates. Seals and sea lions will make their way into the lagoon. "We actually had a little baby seal come in and grow up in the outer lagoon," says Le Page. "He took a real liking

to me. He would follow me around and tug

at my fins — he almost became like a pet.'

According to the lagoon foundation, invasive species are not the greatest threat to the well-being of the ecosystem. "The greatest threat that the lagoon faces right now is the steward of the lagoon leaving — not having anyone capable of maintaining the tidal prism [or volume of water] in the lagoon," says Le Page. Prior to 1952, the lagoon was no more than a foul-smelling mudflat. "That's how it got its name agua hedionda means 'stinky water.'" The lagoon was built for the use of the Encina Power Station, which first dredged the area and has taken responsibility for maintenance dredging every two years since. "When the power plant came, they needed to build an intake structure," says Le Page. "They needed to have a reservoir of water and enough tidal flushing to keep the

Now that the plant is scheduled to begin decommissioning some of its units, Le Page fears that without a private entity to take an

lagoon mouth open.'

interest in dredging, the lagoon will disappear. He, like other members of the foundation, hopes to see plans for a Carlsbad desalination project go through. "Having a private entity being the steward of the lagoon is far better than having local, state, or federal government being steward," says Le Page. When the Caulerpa outbreak was discovered, \$300,000 was needed immediately in order to save the lagoon. "The only way that was going to happen was if a private entity was taking control of the lagoon. If you had state, local, or federal government, it would have taken months to get the money.'

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"Revolutions" Students from department of dance and theater present dance pieces created in response to the video pieces in this University Art Gallery exhibition. Directed by Yolanda Snaith. 858-534-2107. Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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Marmulak (Lizard) Heritage Language Film Festival showcases controversial 2004 film by Iranian director Kamal Tabrizi in room 4301 of Applied Physics and Math Building of Muir College, UCSD. "Banned in Iran, it tells the farcical story of a thief who escapes from prison and is mistaken as a cleric by the people of a small town. Free parking available in lots 206, 207, 208. In Farsi with English subtitles. 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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# **FOR KIDS**

**"Breathing in** a Changing Climate" Uncover link between air pollution, climate change, and our lungs during family day activities. Scripps researchers will set up realtime experiments. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"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 Mussic — Gaslamp, 668 Sixth Avenue.

**Sleeping Beauty** Weaver's Tales presents hand-puppet show through

Sunday, May 18. Explore The Wonderful World of Puppets Around the World with Big Joe Productions, May 21-25. 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 15, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Friday, May 16, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 21, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

The B.R.A.T.T. Patrol Author Jennifer Hall reads from and signs her young readers' book "about a group of neighborhood children who...create a detective agency." 619-441-0480. Saturday, May 17, 1 p.m.; Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore, 330 North Magnolia Avenue. (EL CAJON)

**Animal Tales Story Time** Enjoy animal stories, crafts, and of

course, animals. 619-243-3432. Sunday, May 18, 1 p.m.; \$3. Ages 4 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**Saturday Storytelling** Professional storyteller Harlynne Geisler weaves "fanciful tales around museum masterpieces." 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m.; ages 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Sound** It's topic for family science day; participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 17, noon; 66-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 Fl Prado, (RAI BOA PARK)

**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 15, 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 18, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; \$12-\$16.









David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

#### **IN PERSON**

**"Beautiful"** Comic Margaret Cho entertains with her current "honest and personal material." 619-220-TIXS. Friday, May 16, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, 8:30 p.m.; \$30-\$40. Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, 5005 Willows Road.

"Departure" Technomania Circus presents "an intergalactic voyage to planets and places unknown" with cast of "Technomaniacs" including "musical guest stars, hyperbaric robots, UFOs, and rocket ships." Warm clothing recommended. 619-231-1950. Saturday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.; \$15. Ages 5 and up. The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Ghosts of El Grullo" Local author Patricia Santana discusses and signs her new book, sequel to her first novel, Motorcycle Ride on the Sea of Tranquility. 619-216-0182. Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Chula Vista, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

"Impossible Visions Magic Show" Stage, sleight-of-hand, and close-up magic performed by Sebastian, with guest performer Charles Arlington. 619-220-8663. Friday, May 16, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m.; \$20. Ages 7 and up. North Park Vaudeville, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard (NORTH PARK)

Falcon Fever Tim Gallagher illuminates powerful, mysterious allure of falconry. His book is an amalgam of memoir, history, and travelogue. Book signing follows. 619-255-0203. Thursday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.; \$12-\$16. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

My Goodness: My Kids Nesta Aharoni plans a book launch party with signing, reading, discussion for her book, subtitled Cultivating Decency in a Dangerous World. Aharoni is also "creating and organizing a National Goodness Movement to encourage parents/fami." 619-291-8221. Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m.; Bamboo Lounge, 1475 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

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

ROAM-()-RAMA

A liso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park consists of over 4200 acres of shallow canyons, sandstone rock formations, narrow strips of oak and riparian woodland, and hillsides draped with aromatic sage-scrub vegetation. Subdivisions press against the park's long, narrow boundary, so this "wilderness" is wild only in a relative sense. A grand, looping ten-mile tour of the park can be fashioned mainly out of trails that reach deeply into Wood Canyon and travel along its rim, featuring a view of the Pacific Ocean.

You may start at the park's primary trailhead, a large parking lot alongside the AMWA (Aliso Water Management Agency) Road, just west of Alicia Parkway



Struggling up the Mathis Canyon Trail

in the city of Laguna Niguel. Adjacent to this lot, the Orange County Natural History Museum offers visitors a modest introduction to the area's plants, wildlife, and geology.

The sole trail departing the parking lot takes you subtly downhill along the wide floodplain of Aliso Canyon. You follow the shoulder of the AWMA access

road for about 0.7 mile, then diverge on a trail that stays within a short distance of the road. The glimpses you get of weathered outcrops of 15-million-year-old sandstone on hillsides to the north are intriguing. You'll see more of that type of sandstone later at close range.

At 1.4 miles you arrive at a major junction, with restrooms and benches, where the two canyons — Aliso and Wood — join. Head north on Wood Canyon Trail and you soon spy, on the left, Cave Rock, a series of "wind caves" pocking a sandstone ledge. Check that out, then continue north on the Wood Canyon Trail until, at 2.2 miles, you find and follow the side trail on the left leading to Dripping Cave. This impressive overhang, tucked into a narrow ravine, was the supposed hideout of 19th-century stagecoach and livestock thieves. Holes bored into the cave's walls once held pegs used to hang supplies, and the black color of the cave's ceiling is evidence of past campfires.

Retrace your steps for a few paces and veer left on the narrow trail going northwest. You contour across a steep hillside, pass some elaborately sculpted sandstone formations on the far side of a ravine, and drop precariously onto the flat floor of shallow Mathis Canyon. Turn left on the Mathis Canyon Trail and stay right at the next split. A 500-foot, no-nonsense climb atop a narrow ridge ensues. This may be eased by the pauses you take to admire the ever-widening views of Wood Canyon — an island of green and gold amid an endless suburban tapestry spreading inland.

At 3.8 miles, the sweaty ascent ends as you reach the West Ridge Trail, a wide, graded fire road coming down from Laguna Beach's "Top of the World" neighborhood. Turn right (north) and enjoy fine views of the sharp gash of Laguna Canyon to the left and the more gentle watershed of Wood Canyon on the right. At 5.2 miles, find and follow the narrow Lynx Trail on the right (very steep in a couple of spots) down a ridge and into upper Wood Canyon.

At the bottom of the Lynx Trail, turn right on the Wood Canyon Trail. Close

ahead, veer right on the Oaks Trail, a parallel trail down the canyon for hiking-only traffic (if you are on a mountain bike, stay on Wood Canyon Trail). Following a narrow strip of oak woodland along the Oaks Trail, and later the Covote Run Trail, you reach after nearly two miles of travel in shady Wood Canyon -Mathis Canyon Trail. Veer left to cross Wood Canyon's tiny creek and to hook up with the Wood Canyon Trail again. Continue south to the

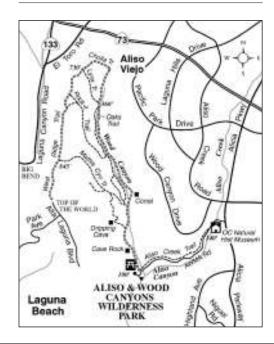
Aliso-Wood canyon confluence, and from there return to the Alicia Parkway trail-head the way you came.

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

#### **ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS**

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**Poison Pen** Handwriting expert and author Sheila Lowe discusses her new book, which features a handwriting expert as protagonist. 858-268-4747. Monday, May 19, 5 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard,

**Twisted Triangle** Local author and former *Union-Tribune* investigative reporter Caitlin Rother discusses and signs her latest book and *Naked Addiction*, her first

suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

novel. 858-268-4747. Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

A Bold Chinese Cookbook! Cooks/authors Jeffrey Alford and Naomi Duguid discuss and sign their new cookbook, *Beyond the Great Wall: Recipes and Travels in the Other China.* 858-454-0347. Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA) **Breakfast and Books** Warwick's Bookstore hosts book signing, fundraising event for Alzheimer's Association with CBS sports commentator Jim Nantz. Tickets include signed copy of Nantz's book, *Always by My Side: A Father's Grace and a Sports Journey Unlike Any Other*, breakfast. Reservations: 858-454-0347. Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 a.m.; \$75. La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Just Say Yes? Local author Mike Sager discusses, signs his first work of fiction, *Deviant Behavior: A Novel of Sex, Drugs, Fatherhood, and Crystal Skulls.* 858-454-0347. Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Listen to a Legend** Sunset Poets feature readings by Bruce Stater and renowned poet Jerome Rothenberg, author and editor of more than 70 books of poetry, in-

cluding anthologies, translations from other languages, original poetry. Open reading follows. 760-758-2410. Sunday, May 18, 3 p.m.; the Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Local Author Appearance Taylor Wilshire discusses her second novel, *The Book of Mom.* 858-552-1657. Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.; La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue.

Philospher, Musician, Author David Rothenberg signs, discusses his new book, *Thousand Mile Song:* Whale Music in a Sea of Sound, in which he "provides a new exploration of animal song." 858-454-0347. Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812

Suspense Author John Sandford signs *Phantom Prey.* 858-268-4747. Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

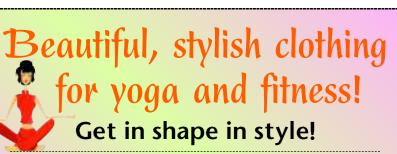
Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

Understand the True Lure of Golf Bestselling author Carl Hiaasen signs and discusses *The Downhill Lie: A Hacker's Return to a Ruinous Sport.* 858-454-0347. Friday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

#### **LECTURES**

"Border Field State Park: The Human Side" State archaeologist Therese Muranaka discusses how a gardener's trowel, carbon 14, and an 1851 article in the San Diego Herald newspaper contributed to knowledge of the area known today as Border Field State Park. During this Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series talk, learn how archaeologists and historians have struggled to trace the human footprints in the story. 619-575-3613. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitors' Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Discovering Genealogical Treasures in Attics, Yard Sales, Swap Meets, and Internet **Auctions"** Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets to hear Michael Kratzer focus on "unexpected places to find ancestral heirlooms, memorabilia, books, photographs, and more that can enrich your personal family history." Meeting begins with user groups for Family Tree Maker, Macintosh, Roots Magic. 858-278-4519. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.; Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)



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"Dynamic Diva Millionaire Weekend" Elon Bomani, described as a "self-made millionaire, natural living mentor and inspirational speaker," speaks and signs books. 619-819-7838. Friday, May 16, 5:30 p.m.; Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"English Wills and Probates"
June Hanson speaks for England/Wales Interest Class sponsored by British Isles Genealogical Research Association. Nonmembers welcome. 619-583-8352. Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.; LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Evolution in Action: Bugs and Bytes" Richard E. Lenski, professor of microbial ecology at Michigan State University, conducts research exploring genetic mechanisms and ecological processes that underlie evolution. Lenski speaks in Sumner Auditorium at SIO (one-half block south of Naga Way). 858-534-3624. Thursday, May 15, 3 p.m.; Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Identification Protection" Learn to take control of your personal information and how not to fall victim to identity theft. 619-278-5724. Thursday, May 15, 11:30 a.m.; San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union, 9212 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

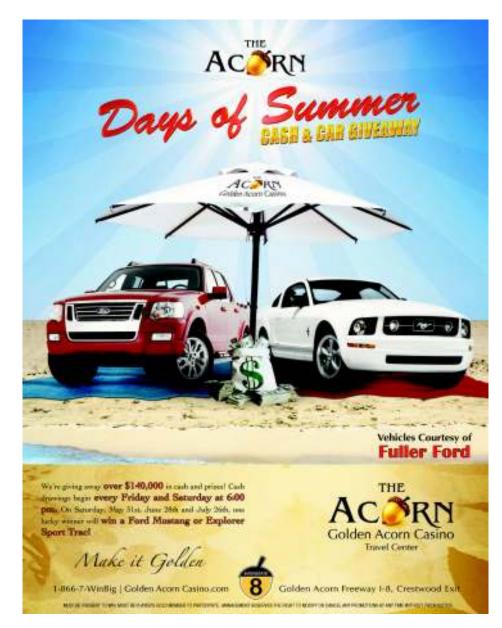
"Intermediate Floral Arranging: Table Design" San Diego Floral Association hosts class for those with basic background in floral design led by Kathy Taylor de Murillo in Casa del Prado room 104. "Learn to make a functional table design for a breakfast tray." Bring lunch, clippers. Reservations, supply list: 619-232-5762. Tuesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m.; \$25-\$35. Casa del Prado, Fl Prado (BALBOA PARK)

"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. 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. Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.; \$9-\$12. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Luxury and Power in the Seaside Villas of Stabiae" Thomas Noble Howe of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, focuses on the "wealth and ostentation of the spectacular seaside resorts near Pompeii" for the "Day in Pompeii" lecture series. 619-255-0203. Monday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.; \$12-\$16. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

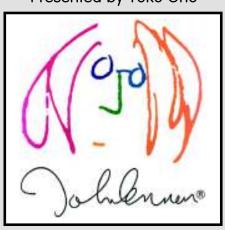
**"Parallel Visions"** San Diego Museum of Art docent Mary Kay Gardner discusses how the works of painters and photographers have influenced each other over time for North County chapter of SDMA. Free for first-time guests. 619-232-7931. Monday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 334 14th Street. (DEL MAR)

"Polar Bears of Churchill, Manitoba" Lecture and slide show by world traveler Christa McReynolds for Sierra Club. 619-299-1743. Friday, May 16, 7:30



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"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated when Rover won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"San Diego's Future as a World Class City" Friends of San Diego Architecture sponsor panel discussion with architect Mike Stepner, Mary Lydon (executive director of Urban Land Institute San Diego/Tijuana), Kim Kilkenny (executive vice president of Otay Lakes Ranch Company, CCDC member), Frank Wolden (principal of Carrier/Johnson). Donation. 619-224-8584. Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.; NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Solve the Art Business Puzzle" Professional Artist Lecture Series hosts artist consultant and agent James Patino. Want to grow your art business? Learn to achieve your art career goals. 619-236-0011. Wednesday, May 21, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sports at Lunch" Legendary Chargers and SDSU football coach Don Coryell speaks with Dan Fouts and Brian Sipe during conversation moderated by Fred Dryer for series. Reservations: 619-699-2309. Tuesday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.; \$30. San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Art and Mystery of San **Diego County Cemeteries**" Seth Mallios, chair of SDSU anthropology and director of San Diego Gravestone Project, focuses on artistic trends and anomalies in mortuary symbolism at local cemeteries for "Meet the Masters" series, 619-696-1969, Monday, May 19, 6 p.m.; \$7-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado.

(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

"The Flora of San Diego County: What's New?" Jon Rebman, San Diego Natural History Museum's curator of botany, and Mary Ann Hawke, project director of San Diego County Plant Atlas, present update on discoveries made by San Diego County Plant Atlas project when California Native Plant Society meets in Casa del Prado, room 101. 619-282-3645. Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Study of Bromeliads" Gain general introduction to bromeliads, followed by tillandsias terrestrials and epiphytic tank type bromeliads during four classes, May 15, 22, 29, 31. During Saturday class, expect a tour of bromeliads, followed by a session on propagation. Advance registration required. Please call (760) 436-3036 x206. Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.; \$80-\$100. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive.

"UFOs and Nuclear Weapons: The 1967 Missile/UFO Incidents" Robert Salas, author of Faded Giant, addresses Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), 760-753-2456. Sunday, May 18, 6 p.m.; Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MIS-SION VALLEY)

"Wood 'n Clay: Pine Needles on Ceramic Base Create an unusual pine needle basket attached to a ceramic base during class led by Carol Lang. "Explore pine needle techniques with a unique twist," Materials fee: \$10, Registration: 760-721-2787. Equipment list: 760-431-1645. Sunday, May 18, noon; \$55-\$80. Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

You Don't Have to Be Wrong for Me to Be Right Rabbi Brad Hirschfield's book is subtitled Finding Faith Without Fanaticism, which he'll discuss for Distinguished Author Series. Required RSVP: 858-362-1141. Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive.

Another Serving of "Sports at Lunch" Padres' announcer Jerry Coleman discusses his life and new book for series; moderator is Ted Leitner. Book signing follows. Fee for copy of book plus lunch: \$45 general. Reservations: 619-699-2309. Wednesday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.; \$25-\$30. San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Bids and Rates Katie Spiller and Preston Hathaway share their approach to bidding on editing jobs when SD/PEN Editors Network meets. 858-451-3266. Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.; Clairemont Community Room, 4731 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Core Shamanic Practices Christina Allen plans workshop on "healing practices employed for more than 10,000 years by the shamans of the Americas." 760-510-6880. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; \$100. Blue Raven Yoga and Healing Center, 1001 West San Marcos Boulevard. (SAN MARCOS)

Inquire About Ikebana! Teruko Hansen demonstrates ikebana flower arranging using plant cuttings for MiraCosta College Horticulture Club, meeting in Building 7000. 760-729-8172. Saturday, May 17, 12:45 p.m.; MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Living More Humanely Professor, writer, activist Robert Jensen professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin seeks "to engage people in critical analysis of the way in which we all live, working toward a more humane and ecologically sustainable world." 858-569-5343. Thursday, May 15, 6 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Ultralight Backpacking Clinic** Glen Van Peski, founder of Gossamer Gear, shows "how to bring your total pack weight down to less than 20 pounds." 858-279-4400. Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m.; REI San Diego, 5556 Copley Drive.

Water Conservation Sue Mosburn of Sweetwater Authority presents ideas for conserving water when Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meets. 619-425-5771. Monday, May 19, 6:45 p.m.; MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

#### **OUTDOORS**

Wild Hyacinths and Mariposa Lilies have popped out on hillsides

within the burn area of last October's Witch Creek Fire. Both flowers arise from underground bulbs, considered delicacies by the California Indians, Burned areas around Lake Hodges and Lake Powav are still exhibiting these wildflower species, along with a number of others.

Chamise and Buckwheat, two

of the most common native flowering plants in San Diego County's sage-scrub and chaparral plant communities, are in flower this month through June. Chamise, also known as greasewood, readily sprouts from root crowns after fire. Since 2003's Cedar Fire, much of the foothill and mountain regions of the county are again being smothered by this upstart, dominant type of drought-resistant vegetation. The stems of both chamise and buckwheat are tipped by clusters of small white or cream-colored flowers, fading to russet-brown by July. Near the coast look for flat-top buckwheat, common on south-facing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing sage-scrub plants like as black sage and California sagebrush.

Wild Lilac (ceanothus) is currently blooming mostly at elevations higher than 4000 feet in San Diego County. Blossom colors range from pure white to various shades of blue or lavender. Some fine examples may be seen along the upper Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area atop Mt. La-

The Full Moon Rises impressively from the east horizon at around 8 p.m. on Monday (May 19), some 20 minutes after the time of sunset. The moon then spends the whole night arcing from east to west across the sky, and finally sets over the ocean near dawn on Tuesday. Only during full phase does the moon truly "rule the night." Some folk names for May full moons are

merry moon," "flower moon," "planting moon," and "moon when ponies shed."

Bird Walk Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough starts at first bench on Famosa Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Saturday, May 17, 1 p.m.; Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

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

**Explore Mission Trails Day** Special themed nature walks with trail guides offered all day, 619-668-3281, Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Explore Silverwood Sanctuary** Canvoneers lead hike in Audubon Society's preserve. 619-255-0203. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Get Outside! Trail repair work continues. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack; meet at Paso Picacho. Registration: 858-278-3280. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.; ages 16 and up. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 40 miles east of San Diego. (JULIAN)

Go Wild Look for wildlife amidst wild roses and other wildflowers during guided nature walks. 619-668-3281. Sunday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park,







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Hellhole Hike A San Diego County Parks docent plans "an invigorating two-hour hike." Bring sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, water. 760-749-5320. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.; Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve, 19324 Santee Lane. (VALLEY CENTER)

Miner's Loop Trail Naturalist-led walk along trail on north face of Black Mountain Park. See flowers, great views, and learn about historic arsenic mine. Meet in parking-staging area. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-484-3219. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.; Carmel Valley staging area, Carmel Valley Road (1/4 mile east of intersection with Black Mountain Road). (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Native Plant Walk Last native plant walk of season offered by California Native Plant Society Learn about local native plants from plant and wildlife experts Dave Flietner and Paul Hormick. To reach trailhead: from I-5 drive west on La Jolla Parkway, continue onto Torrey Pines Road (past Prospect), left on Exchange Place, right on Country Club, left on Romero, left on Brodiaea Way, left on Encelia Drive. Park near gate at end of street. 619-501-3789. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; La Jolla Natural Park, Encelia Drive at Brodiaea Way. (LA JOLLA)

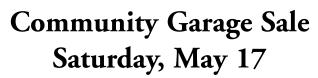
San Diego River Walk Join Walkabout adventurers for walk at moderate pace over flat, paved surfaces with views of river. Meet leader Gracie at trolley stop behind Sammy's. Bring water. 619-231-

7463. Sunday, May 18, 4 p.m.; Sammy's Woodfired Pizza — Mission Valley, 1620 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

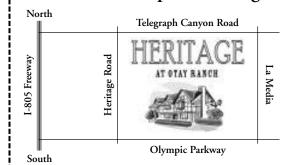
**Tree Time** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 17; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

# SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**"Brain Show"** Hypnotic entertainment by Gerardo Navarro and Elizabeth Cazessüs. 011-52-664-684-8609. Friday, May 16, 8 p.m.; \$10. Multiforo ICBC, Avenida Centenario #10151, in Zona Río. (BAJA)



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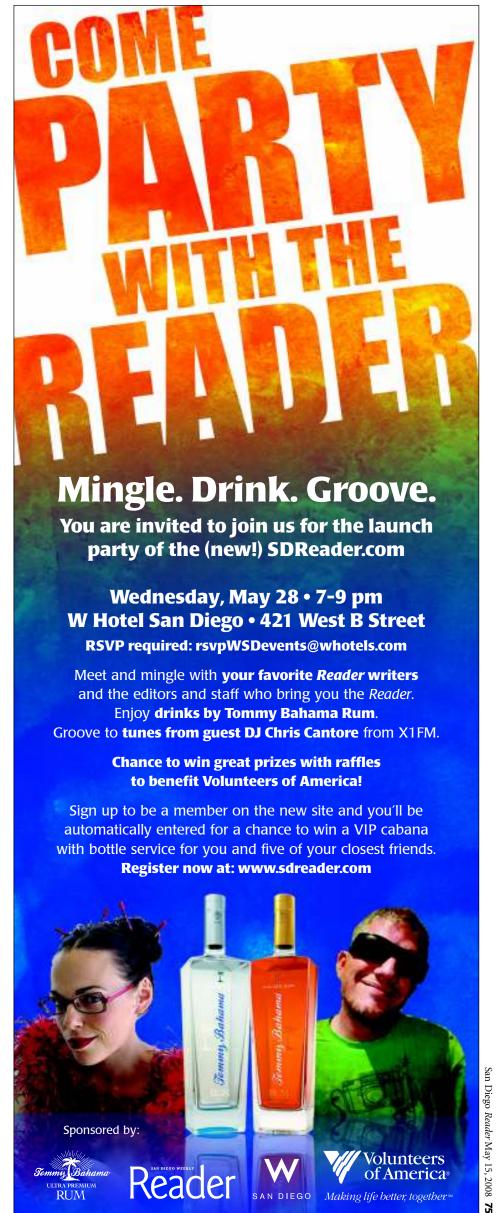


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"Homage to Ensenada" In honor of city's 126th anniversary, local composers and writers present Ensenada-themed music and poetry in Sala Ernesto Muñoz Acosta. 011-52-646-173-4307 or 011-52-646-173-4308. Saturday, May 17, 5 p.m.; Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

The Phantom of the Opera Singers include Norma Navarrete, Ana Rojas, Marco Antonio Labastida, Miguel Rivera, and Carlos María. 011-52-664-633-9174. Monday, May 19, 8 p.m.; \$15. Antigua Bodega de Papel, 11th Street, between Avenida Revolución and Madero Street. (BAJA)

Comedy! Comic Teo González entertains. 011-52-664-681-7000. Saturday, May 17, 9 p.m.; Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

Elan Band plans rock concert. 011-52-664-634-2404. Thursday, May 15, 10 p.m.; the Rock, Paseo de los Héroes, Zona Río. (BAJA)

**Electronica Music** Fussible-Bostitch (of Nortec Collective) presents new CD, Tijuana Sound Machine. 011-52-664-688-3272. Saturday, May 17, 8 p.m.; Planeta Tijuana at Multikulti, at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street. (BAJA)

Hypnosis Shows Niko performs. 011-52-664-687-9650. Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Friday, May 16, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

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Reel Them In! Tom Gatch Fishing Tournament. 011-52-661-612-0200. Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; Rosarito Beach Hotel, Boulevard Benito Juarez #31. (BAJA)

Sin Bandera Pop music concert. 011-52-664-608-4692. Saturday, May 17, 8 p.m.; Auditorio Municipal, Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

#### **SPECIAL**

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"Daydreams and Dandelions: Making a Wish for Our World" Art auction benefiting Kids for Peace features works by "established and emerging artists of all ages," pay-to-paint station, music, more. Live auction (5 p.m.). For all ages. 760-730-3320. Saturday, May 17, 3 p.m.; Planet Rooth, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"I Don't Believe in Atheists" Writings of journalist Chris Hedges examined when Humanist Association of San Diego gathers. 760-445-8112. Sunday, May 18, 1 p.m.; ages 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Imagine" Exhibition of artwork by John Lennon on lower level of Flower Hill Promenade, Exhibit includes more than 120 serigraphs, signed lithographs, song lyrics by the legendary Beatle. 800-477-5630. Friday, May 16, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle.

"Masterworks of Body Art" Live tattoo runway show featuring work by five leading San Diego tattoo artists in conjunction with exhibition "Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking." Guest curator Chris Winn has arranged for "the live canvases to strut their stuff." 760-435-3720. Saturday, May 17, 5 p.m.; \$25-\$45. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Permanent Tourist" Reception for photography exhibition examining concept of the "permanent tourist" featuring work by 27 PhotoArts Group artists from around San Diego County. Show closes Saturday, May 24. 858-668-4693. Saturday, May 17, 1:30 p.m.; Powav Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

"Plug-in Hybrids and Flex-fuel Cars" Pros and cons of alternate fuel vehicles discussed by North County Agnostics. 760-445-8112 Monday, May 19, 7 p.m.; Oceanside Mission Library, 3861-B Mission Avenue, (OCEANSIDE)

"Simple and Sustainable Seafood" Danny Bannister, chef de cuisine of Red Marlin, demonstrates recipes including panseared halibut with spring vegetable ragout. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, May 17, noon: \$15. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"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)

"Urban Blight to Urban Bright" San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

2008 Spring Art Festival Over 30 regional artists exhibit their fine crafts and art; live music, artist demonstrations, mural painting for kids with Santos. 619-384-5161. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Meno Discuss this work by Plato with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

A Rose by Any Other Name... San Diego Rose Society hosts 81st annual rose show, promising arrangements, bouquets, more. "Education and delight will be order of the day." 619-602-7641. Saturday, May 17, 1 p.m.; Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.: Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Ahoy, Matey! Sea Chantey Festival co-hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on board Star of India includes performances by the Jackstraws, Bill Dempsey, Holdstock and MacLeod, Westlin Weavers, Gilman Carver: shipboard activity demonstrations, raising of sails. 619-234-9153 x101. Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.; San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Art with Heart Fair Festival benefiting Dress for Success San Diego promises displays by local artists, live music by jazz vocalist Karin Carson and Mozart's Ghost, food and wine, "Creative Kids' Corner. 619-236-8397. Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.; \$10. Kensington, Adams Avenue and North Talmadge Drive. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Arts and Tea Celebration Home of Guiding Hands' third annual fundraiser includes an array of traditional tea fare, art by local artisans for sale. Reservations: 619-938-2854. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; \$25-\$35. Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 East Douglas. (EL CAJON)

Banner Day! 101 fine-art banners have been on display along Coast Highway since February. Arts Alive Banner Project 2008 culminates in live auction. Minimum bid: \$150. 760-944-6027. Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m.; Cardiff Town Center, at San Elijo Avenue and Birmingham Drive. (CARDIFF)

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 eves. Included in aquarium admission. 858-534-4109. Saturdays, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; through Sunday, June 15, 2008, Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School Bring your drawing implements for sketching of "jungle girl Miss Brown

Drawing on offer for three hours, interspersed with "silly contests" (best left-handed drawing?). 619-756-7891. Saturday, May 17, 3 p.m.; \$10. Bluefoot Bar and Lounge, 3404 30th Street, (NORTH PARK) **Escondido Street Faire Enjoy** 

Betty of Sultry Savage Burlesque."

classic car show, over 700 vendors selling wares, international food, live entertainment, children's rides, animal demonstrations, all on Grand Avenue (between Centre City Parkway and Ivy Street), 760-745-8877, Sunday, May 18, 9 a.m.: Downtown Escondido, Grand Avenue at Centre City. (ESCONDIDO)

Festa Siciliana Fifteenth annual festival takes place on India Street between Date and Ash Streets. Eniov authentic music (Roman Holiday, Aaron Caruso, Damon Lanza), dance, art, cuisine. Lots of food for sale. 619-542-0425. Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; La Pensione Hotel, 606 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Fight Hunger and Find Beauty During the "Empty Bowls Lunch, guests select individually handcrafted pottery bowls donated by local potters, which are then filled with soup and bread from "some of the best restaurants in town." You keep the bowl, your donation goes to Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO), a group dedicated to feeding homeless. 619-235-9445. Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m.; \$20. United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Golden Scissors Fashion Show San Diego Mesa College hosts 27th annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show; the student-run event is organized by fashion design and fashion merchandising programs. Reception (6 p.m.), followed by show (7:30 p.m.). 619-388-2206. Friday, May 16, 6 p.m.; \$15-\$40. Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Green Day at the Fleet Last year the Fleet became the first building in Balboa Park to install rooftop solar panels. Become a "greengineer" during family day focusing on renewable energy and conservation. Build a solar-powered car, calculate a carbon footprint, more. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 17, noon; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Indian Fair and Market The 25th annual event promises art by more than 50 Native American artists, demonstrations, musicians, dancing, storytellers, children's ac-

bad and Karlovy Vary" The Carlsbad Sister City program award-winning photographs showing life through eyes of European and American teens from May 19-30. Exhibition is result of competitions in which teens in Carlsbad and sister city Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, submitted photos based on "A Day in the Life" of their hometowns, 760-434-2904. Mondays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Friday, May 30, 2008, Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Vil-

Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)







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tivities, food (for sale). 619-239-2001. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

It's C-Note Time! Summer "C-Note Event" and sale begins with preview days, May 15-17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. "C-Note Night" is May 17, 5 p.m., when original artwork is available for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Pieces are replaced as they're sold. 619-236-0011. Thursday, May 15, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 16, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Landmarked Homes of Kensington Tour Step inside five historically designated, conserved homes in Kensington area, including one by architect Richard Requa. Docents on hand in each home to provide information and directions to next house. Also on tap: lectures by historian Ron V. May of Legacy 106 (11 a.m.) and preservation architect David Marshall (1 p.m.). 619-866-4422. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; \$40-\$45. Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

**Lux at Night** Explore artist Julie Heffernan's exhibit and her newly finished work, *Self-Portrait as Another Growth*, completed while in residency at Lux. Also on offer: music, cocktails, merriment. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m.; Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Mad Hatter's Tea Party Moores UCSD Cancer Center hosts healthy high tea provided by Healing Foods Kitchen, visit from the White Rabbit, hat decorating, silent auction. Whimsical high tea attire suggested. Space availability and reservations: 858-822-6829. Sunday, May 18, 2:30 p.m.; \$25. Moores UCSD Cancer Center, 3855 Health Sciences Drive. (IA JOLLA)

North Park Festival of the Arts Twelfth annual juried art event on University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets) with an artists' village, Kids' Art Beat, live music, dance performances, vendor booths. 619-294-2501. Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; North Park, University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets). (NORTH PARK)

Patriot's Day Parade Time! TierraFest activities include parade (10 a.m.), arts and crafts fair, barbecue dinner (4-9 p.m.), fireworks (dusk). 858-573-2648. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.; Tierrasanta Town Center, 10633 Tierrasanta Boulevard.

Pet Rescue Day on the Bay Bring your dog and donate a new or "gently used blanket or towel," then receive pass for free one-hour harbor cruise on Hornblower Cruises. Pass is good for humans anytime in 2008; dogs may cruise only on May 15. 619-686-8700. Thursday, May 15, 10 a.m.; Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Platinum Wedding Extravaganza Runway fashion show of wedding gowns from top designers kicks off event, with wedding industry vendors showcasing their products and services. 858-336-3410. Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$20. Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

**Santa Ysabel Art Festival** Sixteenth annual festival promises juried fine art and fine craft; continu-

ous live music; dance performances; poetry fair hosted by Julian's poet, teacher, storyteller Lance Moles and his puppet friend Leory. Poets will read from their work on Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 760-765-1676. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78c. (ULLIAN)

**Stamp-Collecting Show** Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

**Sunset Soirée** Del Mar Rotary Club hosts event on upstairs patio with beverage tastings and food samplings from many local restaurants. 858-755-7263. Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.; \$50-\$60. Ages 21 and up. Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

**Syttende Mai Celebrations!** House of Norway hosts Norwegian Constitution Day celebration with music and flag raising at 10 a.m.; children's parade at 1:30 p.m. Lawn program promises ethnic dancing and music at International Cottages (2 p.m.). 619-417-6300. Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Taste of North County** Home-Aid San Diego hosts event with array of cuisine and wine from Donovan's, Sbicca, Fallbrook Winery, many others; live jazz. 858-646-4752. Thursday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.; \$50. Derby Hills model homes, 10766 Heather Ridge Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

What is the North American Union All About? P&R Discussion Group ponders the answer. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.; the Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Wine, Brews, and Blues Music by Aunt Kizzy's Boyz, Michele Lundeen and Blue Streak, Fuzzy, Nathan James and Ben Hernandez, Coastal Edy; wines from California, microbrewery beer, and food from local restaurants benefit North County Boys and Girls Club, Fallbrook Food Pantry, Reins, other organizations. 800-249-2024. Saturday, May 17, 4 p.m.; \$50. Ages 21 and up. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**Zine Picnic!** Share your zines, skills, art, collaborate, be creative, find and create community during Grrrl Zines A-Go-Go event planned at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Supplies provided. All ages. 619-944-6957. Sunday, May

18, 1 p.m.; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BAL-BOA PARK)

#### **SPORTS**

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Fishing Tournament Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation sponsors celebrity tournament starting at 7 a.m. Participants may fish from celebrity boats and from banks of lagoon. Prizes awarded in three categories of competition: bass, spotfin croaker, California halibut. Fifteen movie and television actors from Hollywood expected to participate. Fish with a celebrity in a boat (\$100)! Proceeds benefit United Anglers of Southern California and Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute. Event-day registration: 6 a.m. Registration: 760-632-7770. Saturday, May 17, 6 a.m.; \$35-\$100. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

**Celebrate 41 Years** with a 41 km Join Knickerbikers leaders Stogs and Susie on bicycle ride celebrating their 41st anniversary, starting near Chicken Pie Diner. Meander around Rancho Bernardo and Poway. Bring money for lunch at diner following ride. 858-451-3173. Sunday, May 18, 9 a.m.; Twin Peaks Plaza, 14823 Pomerado

Cycle EastLake 18-Mile Mountain Bike and Poker Ride At five points along course, cycling card sharks will collect playing cards to discover who holds the best hand at finish line; a sixth, bonus card will be handed out at finish line. Eventday registration: 7:30 a.m.; riding starts at 8:30 a.m. 619-397-1015. Saturday, May 17, 7:30 a.m.; \$40; REI Chula Vista, 2015 Birch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

Cycle EastLake 5K Family Roll and Stroll Enjoy the 100k, 25-mile, 12-mile cycling tours or 5K Roll and Stroll (run, walk, bike, or skate). Event-day registration: 6:30 a.m. 619-397-1015. Sunday, May 18, 6:30 a.m.; \$25-\$50. EastLake Middle School, 900 Duncan Ranch Road. (CHULA VISTA)

**Encinitas Sports and Fitness Festival** Take part in 1-mile open-water swim race starting at 8:30 a.m. 760-634-4100 x104. Sunday, May 18, 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.; \$30. Moonlight Beach, Third and C Streets. (ENCINITAS)

**How About Lunch in Bonsall?** San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 84-mile ride. Bring money for food. 619-4738513. Sunday, May 18, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Moonlight Beach Paddle Encinitas Sports and Fitness Festival event includes 11-mile paddle board race starting at Oceanside Pier at 8:30 a.m. and finishing at Moonlight Beach. Race-day entry: 7 a.m. 760-634-4100 x104. Saturday, May 17, 7 a.m.; \$45. Oceanside Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

Navy's 22nd Original Bay Bridge Run/Walk 2008 Be one of 8000 participants to cross the Coronado Bridge during 4-mile run/walk, starting at Fifth Avenue and Harbor Drive. No race-day registration. Finishes in Coronado's Tidelands Park. 619-556-7455. Sunday, May 18, 8 a.m.; \$20-\$40. Gaslamp Quarter. (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)

Padres Baseball San Diego Padres host St. Louis Cardinals, May 12-21. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, May 19, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, May 20, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, May 21, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Roller Derby Double Header! San Diego All Stars meet up with Arizona Roller Derby for bout one (6 p.m.); Rocky Mountain Roller Girls take on Diego Rollers for bout two (7 p.m.). Proceeds benefit Multiple Sclerosis Society. Tickets: 858-560-9278. Saturday, May 17, 6 p.m.; \$20. Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Road. (LINDA VISTA)

Run for the San Diego River Lakeside's River Park Conservancy hosts second annual 5k trail run/walk. Registration: 7 a.m.; racing at 8 a.m. Park opens its trail for walkers, runners, bicyclists, and equestrians at noon (after the 5k). 619-443-4770. Saturday, May 17, 7 a.m.; \$25. Lakeside River Park, Mapleview Street and Channel Road. (LAKESIDE)

Run in Moonlight City of Encinitas 5k and 1k run/walk begins at Moonlight Beach. Race-day registration: 6:45-7:45 a.m. The 5k starts at 8 a.m.; the 1k steps off at 9 a.m. 760-633-2740. Saturday, May 17, 6:45 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Moonlight Beach, Third and C Streets. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Century Tour 2008

This bike tour is not a race and is open to all cyclists. Three courses up and down hills and coast of North County San Diego. The Del Dios course is 37 miles long, moderate with hills; the Del Sur course is 66 miles long (moderate/difficult); and the Dos Picos course is a difficult 103 miles. Day-of registration: 6 a.m. 760-634-4100 x104. Saturday, May 17, 6 a.m.; \$75-\$90. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**Sun and Surf Quarterhorse Show** Competition runs May 15-18. 858-354-4069. Thursday, May 15, 8 a.m.; Friday, May 16, 8 a.m.; Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 18, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

#### MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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#### CLASSICAL

"Symphony Exposed" San Diego Symphony and host Nuvi Mehta focus on Antonin Dvořák 's "New World Symphony" for this series. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15. (DOWNTOWN)

**Spring Fest** Showcase of new and experimental music from UCSD music department performers and composers.

Closing weekend opens with concert in CallT2 Theatre, May 15. Festival moves to Warren Lecture Hall Studio A on Friday, May 16. Series concludes with music in Warren Lecture Hall Studio A on Saturday, May 17. 858-534-3229. University of California San Diego

(9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, May 15; Friday, May 16; and Saturday, May 17. (LA JOLLA)

Palomar Music Student Honors Recital Performances for season finale of Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15. (SAN MARCOS)

"From the New World" Jacobs' Masterworks season finales promise San Diego Symphony, conductor Jahja Ling, and guest artist Horacio Gutierrez (piano) performing Dvořák's "Symphony No. 9 From the New World." Also on tap: Sheng's "The Nightingale and the Rose" and "Piano Concerto No. 1" by Tchaikovsky. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, May 16; 8 p.m., Saturday, May 17; and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (DOWNTOWN)

Pianist Garrick Ohlsson La Jolla Music Society closes season with Ohlsson performing Prokofiev's "Piano Sonata No. 2 in D Minor," Rachmaninoff's "Variations on a Theme of Corelli," selected works of Scriabin including "Poème in F-Sharp Major for Piano No. 1" and "Three Études for Piano." 858-459-3728. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Friday, May 16. (LA JOLLA)

"Solo Time" MiraCosta College's North Coast Symphony Orchestra and local musicians showcase their talents. Soloists include pianist Randi Rudolph, who will play first movement of Kabalevsky's "Piano Concerto No. 3"; vocalist Katrina Aguilar, who will perform Dvořák's "Song to the Moon"

from *Rusalka*; and trumpeter Jonathan Ingber, who will present Neruda's "Trumpet Concerto in E-Flat Major." Also on tap: "Scheherazade" by Rimsky-Korsakov. 760-724-7189 or 760-795-6815. MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17, and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (OCEANSIDE)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams plans concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pleasure of Your Company"
Violinist Ondrej Lewit and pianist
Irina Bendetsky perform for
chamber music series. Program
features works by Handel,
Beethoven, Brahms. Reception follows. 858-538-8158. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps
Lake Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday,
May 18. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Flamenco Fire" Camarada performs for music series, with Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), Fred Benedetti (guitar), and Gloria Lanuza dancing. Offering. 619-297-4366. First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino Del Rio South), 4 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Spring Ring** Sacred and secular selections promised when handbell and hand-chime performers entertain. 858-273-1480. St. Mark's Episcopal Church (4227 Fairmount Avenue), 6 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**"By the Great Harry!"** La Jolla Renaissance Singers re-create music, sacred and secular, composed by and for King Henry VIII. Program includes "Mass for Four

Voices" by Thomas Tallis. 760-224-8223. St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way), 3 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (OCEANSIDE)

Concert for a Cure Music by Gerald Finzi, Ralph Von Williams, Hugo Wolf, and others may be heard when Sergeant Paul Beaulieu (baritone) is accompanied by Sheldon Rosenbaum in concert benefiting Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Donation. 760-753-1026 x10. Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour Drive), 4 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (ENCINITAS)

Mozart! Cherylyn Larson (soprano), Janelle De Stefano (mezzo soprano), Aleksandr Agamirzov (tenor), William Nolan (baritone), and Ruth Lopez-Yanez (piano) perform for California Foundation for International Global Arts. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-677-0367. Unitarian Universalist Church (1036 Solana Drive), 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 18. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Seshadri's Students** Students of UCSD sitar master Kartik Seshadri perform classical Indian music. 858-534-3230. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Monday, May 19. (LA JOLLA)

"Art of Elan: The Red Series"
Series concludes with an all-Asian program inspired by Masami Teraoka's Los Angeles Sushi Series — Tai and Red Sky (1982). Program includes "Three Songs for Pipa and Cello" by Bright Sheng, "Air" by Toru Takemitsu for solo flute, "China Song" arranged by Yi-Wen Jiang, and a Korean folk song by Chinary Ung written for voice, flute, and strings. 619-696-1969. San Diego Museum of Art

(1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 20. (BALBOA PARK)

"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. 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 20. (LA JOLLA)

Dresser's Bass Students in Recital Contrabassists at UCSD "show why their big instrument is meant for bigger, better things than in the old days of jazz and classical music." 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 21. (LA JOLLA)

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#### GALLERIES

"Surroundings" Opening reception for collection of new artwork by Nicole Strasburg, David Ruddell, and Jenny Wunderly. "Each artist approaches their surroundings through different mediums and techniques to create a refined statement about time, place, and environment." Closes Friday, July 12. 858-793-4442. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue #160). 6 p.m., Thursday, May 15. (SOLANA BEACH)

"5 from San Francisco" Opening reception for Alan Disparte, Nanda Palmieri, Michael Gavish, Anthony Record, and Amy Wilson Faville. Exhibition of all new work may be seen through Saturday, June 21. 858-459-3917. R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, Suite 201). 5 p.m., Friday, May 16. (LA JOLLA)

It's C-Note Time! Summer "C-Note Event" and sale. Original artwork is available for \$100, \$200, or \$300; pieces are replaced as they're sold. Through May. 619-236-0011. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 5 p.m., Saturday, May 17. (BALBOA PARK)

"The World at Large/Love Without Borders" Exhibition opens with reception for more than 18 artists; proceeds benefit International Humanity Foundation helping "kids on the fringes." Admission to reception: \$10. Show closes Sunday, June 1. 619-316-2239. Limbo Fine Arts Gallery (1432 University Avenue). 7 p.m., Saturday, May 17. (HILLCREST)

What's a "Molecular Artist"? Opening reception for exhibit of original pieces and giclees by Paul Dollins, described as a "California surf and molecular artist." 858-272-7760. Aztec Graphics Gallery (1439 Garnet Avenue). 7 p.m., Saturday, May 17. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Coastal Color" Reception for more than 40 works of art by members of San Dieguito Art Guild, exhibiting works in variety of media. 760-633-2600. Civic Center Art Gallery (505 South Vulcan Avenue). 2 p.m., Saturday, May 17. (ENCINITAS)

#### 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.

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1	2:00	Lunch
1	:00	Degrees of participation
1	:30	Learning chant hymns
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To place your aд in the Weддing Guiдe, call 619-235-8200. "American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition." Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 220); "Scholar's Rocks" is English name most commonly used for these items. American viewing stone collecting began with first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and suiseki.

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

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

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

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

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

tectural projects. Through June.

"Cerca Series: Nina
Katchadourian" and "Cerca Series:
Joshua Mosley" presents video
works created in the past three
years. Katchadourian exhibits the
multichannel 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 McAuley: 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 his-

tory of photography." Exhibition including photographic works ranging in date from mid-19th to early 20th Century closes Sunday, July 6.

In "Humanitas: Images of India 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 independence from colonial rule through his association with Mahatma

Gandhi. Closes Sunday, May 18. "Inside the Wave: Six San Diego/Tijuana Artists Construct Social Art," closing on Sunday, June 22, features six artists from San Diego/Tijuana region working within alternative cultures to produce thought-provoking works engaging issues of everyday life and materialism. Artists bulbo, Brian Dick, Adriene Jenik, particle group, Zlatan Vukosavljevic, and Allison Weise produce works including sculptures made of found industrial objects, photographs, documentary videos, and interactive digital media. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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



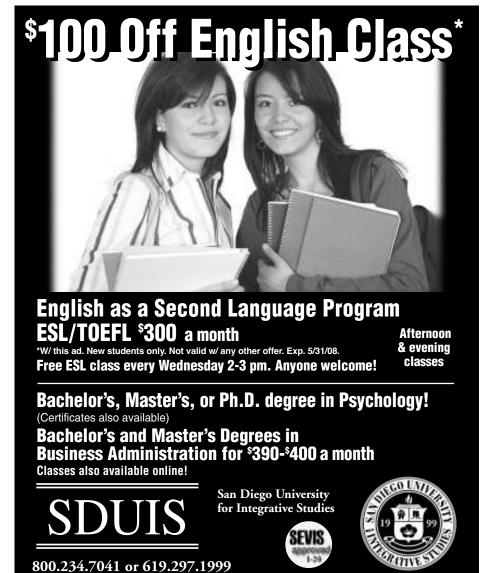
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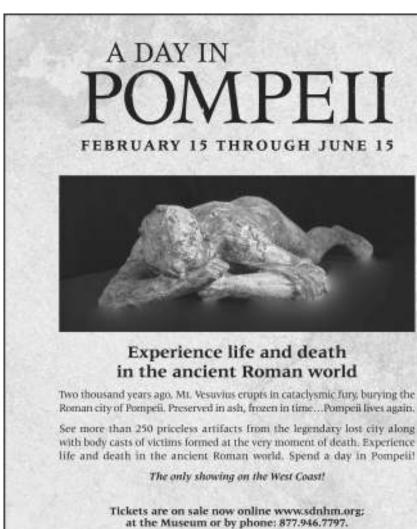


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Popped Last week, Defamation League cofounder MC Chas Lomack, 22, who performs as Khemical Ali, was one of the

and released last Saturday. — Ken Leighton

Yer Mom! Kiss bassist Gene Simmons came to town on April 23. He showed up at six different 7-Elevens to sign autographs and promote a new energy drink called Frank's.

A crowd of almost 100

the inside track

people arrested in SDSU's federal drug sting. Lomack was charged with selling cocaine and having marijuana plants and ecstasy in his home.

"He got a lot of charges dismissed," says Def League singer/rapper Dune Murderous. "The bail was \$253,000; now it's down to

\$35,000.... The raid happened at the house in Clairemont that we all used to live at.'

Defamation League was scheduled to play tomorrow at UCSD's annual Sun

God Festival "I'm confident they

are not playing it now," says a person close to the band. "Chas needs to get his legal issues taken care of before they play any more shows.3 Lomack was bailed out of jail

waited for his first appearance on College Avenue. Everyone was told, "If vou don't buv a can of Frank's, Gene will just say hi to you. If you want his autograph, buy some cans of

A few people brought guitars to have signed (no basses...one was acoustic).



KEEP IT GANGSTER" (LOMACK, 2006)

One person had a Simmons mask; others had posters, albums, and CDs.

When Simmons arrived, a bunch of blonde women exited his Hummer limo. A

spokesman yelled into a bullhorn, "If anyone wants to go into the limo with Gene before this starts, you can buy a case of Frank's." The can cost me \$2.68. I was



GENE SIMMONS WHAT HAPPENED?

wondering what a case would cost.

A guy named Greg bought a case. He told me, "It cost \$70, but I thought it would be worth it." Greg took a guitar into the limo. He said Simmons took the guitar out of its case, played it, and asked if it was for him. It wasn't; Greg asked Simmons if he'd like to invest in his company, Rock Star Guitars. Simmons told him, "I'm a receiver, not a giver."

After a few minutes of small talk, Simmons asked Greg if he wanted him to sign the guitar. Greg said no and started to leave. Simmons then invited him to a party to be held later that night, saying, "Don't bring a woman with you. You'll be in the VIP area with me.

When Greg got out of the car and photos were taken, the spokesman for Frank's told him he wouldn't be getting a VIP ticket.

A woman in front of me

John Mayer

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got Simmons's autograph. He looked at her chest and said, Wow, those are nice.

I walked up and told Simmons, "I loved the movie Runaway. You should do more films." He said, "I will be. Tonight, back at the hotel.

I asked him to sign a CD and then I said, "My mom is insane. She insists your tongue is fake and that you had some kind of implant or extension. What can I tell her regarding that crazy notion?'

Simmons said, "What's vour mom's name?"

"Indi."

"Oh, yeah, yeah," he smiled and said, "I remember

- Iosh Board

**Cult Bandleader on** the Roof "We played on the rooftop of the venue," says local '70s cult bandleader Gary Wilson of an April 26 gig at Sunset Boulevard's Eighteen-Thirty club. "We went on about 12:45 a.m. I'm

Wilson's return to the spotlight comes over 30 years after the release of his best-

surprised the cops didn't stop

known record, 1977's homemade You Think You Really Know Me.

us, but that's good.'

"I originally pressed 300 copies in 1977 and then pressed another 300 in 1979," says Wilson. "I only have one copy left." A reissue of around 1000 copies was later released by Philadelphiabased Cry Baby Records.

Copies of the original LP editions sell online for \$200 and up.

Now considered an indiepunk pioneer, Wilson's followers and fans include Beck (who mentions his name in "Where It's At"), the



GARY WILSON AND SOME GIRLFRIENDS

Roots, and Questlove.

A documentary film (You Think You Really Know Me: The Gary Wilson Story) hits DVD in June, with a release party planned for the Knitting Factory in NYC. Wilson's new CD, Lisa Wants to Talk to You, comes out July

"It's all-new material," he says, "recorded in my home studio...no computer."

Rarely seen live and almost never photographed without masks of plastic and duct tape, Wilson still works the night shift at a local adult bookstore. Asked about the recent media

attention, he recalls his equally eccentric and reclusive mentor, John Cage.

"After going over my

scores and talking with Mr. Cage about my ideas, he looked me in the eye and said, 'Gary, I wasn't able to afford to live off of my music till I was 50 years old. I think the same will happen to you.' He was right.'

— Jay Allen Sanford

On a Kick Gringos Cantina in Pacific Beach advertised a Cinco de Mayo party for weeks; the restaurant intended to hold it in their parking lot — very close to the beach — on Saturday, May 3. Because they held a similar event last year, bar management proceeded with contracting for fencing, a stage, and a PA system in order to host local reggae band High Tide. Two days before the party, the police department said it wouldn't be happening.

SDPD Lt. Dan Christman of special event operations says, "We canceled the permit because they did not get their application before the respective community groups to allow the community to give input as to whether the event should proceed."



HIGH TIDE PROTESTS LOCKDOWN

Jennifer Perkins, who handles promotions for Gringos, did not return a request for comment.

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High Tide manager Chris Behar says, "They had this exact same event last year. It's right across the street from the 710 Club, so it's a pretty rowdy neighborhood to begin with. But the city is on a kick to really crack down on anything alcohol-related on the beach.

Since the beach booze ban took effect in January, High Tide bass player Chris Murray was cited for having an open Heineken on the beach (he paid the \$250 fine). The band subsequently recorded "Ban the Ban," and last week they started giving away free copies at

shows.
"They have a real agenda to dry up the beach," says Murray. "Now they are pushing into the establishments near the beach. Come on. We have beaches and colleges and universities here. This is a young people's town, but they are responding to the wealthy people who are moving in down here. It seems like the city government and police want a lockdown on the whole neighborhood."

High Tide appears at a 'Canes daytime show on May 25.

— Ken Leighton

True Idols Guitarist Stevie Salas appeared last Wednesday at the Sports Arena, fulfilling his role as

musical director for American Idol finalist Jordin Sparks (on tour opening for Alicia Keys).

Salas first appeared on the scene in a North County new-wave band called This Kids. Founded in 1980, the band broke up when Salas moved to L.A. Since then he's toured with Rod Stewart, Mick Jagger, and worked as guitarist/musical director for Terence Trent D'Arby and Soul II Soul lead singer Lamya. The Lamya gig drew the attention of 19 Entertainment, the management company that controls American Idol.

"I got a call from [19



FRIEND, AGENT, VIRTUOSO

Entertainment founder Simon Fuller. He wanted me to work with Chris Daughtry as musical director." Salas was asked to help select Daughtry's backup band two years ago. He recruited Carlsbad guitarist Josh Steely for the gig, but Salas says it almost didn't happen.

"I've known Josh for 15 years. He used to play in this

#### **OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO:** HOUSE NEAR SDSU JAY ALLEN SANFORD



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band called Sandjacket. He is an amazing guitarist, but I could never get him to audition for anything.... Finally, when I told him about Daughtry, he said, 'I love that kid,' so I got him to come up to audition.

Salas says other guitarists trying out included musicians who had played in Everlast and Suicidal Tendencies. They were all told to play their version of Zeppelin's "D'yer Mak'er."

"So Josh shows up barefoot, with his guitar but no pick. He plays this hippie Grateful Dead stoner music. It was not Josh's best moment.... I pulled Chris [Daughtry] aside, and I told him Josh is kind of weird and different but he's cool. I didn't tell him he was my friend from Carlsbad.'

Salas says because Daughtry warmed up to Steely, Steely was asked back the next day as one of the three finalists.

"I told him, 'You gotta play it Midwest rock style.' He came back the next day with his guns loaded: he wore shoes and he didn't bring his piece-of-shit Japanese guitar."

But then Salas got a call from 19 Entertainment's point man, Stirling McIlwaine.

"He called up and said, 'Your fucking friend is 37 years old,' click. I was told to only have people between 22 and 26 audition. Josh looks 25, but he was 37 at the time. One guy was kicked out because he lied about his age.

Stirling told him, 'I hate liars. Pack your shit and leave.'

Salas says that Steely wrote his true age on a sheet that all the tryout musicians filled

"For some reason they missed his age. If they had discovered it, he would have never been allowed to audition. But by then it was too late. Daughtry wanted him in the band.'

Of the five musicians backing Jordin Sparks last week, three are locals, including Salas, drummer Mike Bedard, and bassist Jara Harris.

— Ken Leighton

#### **Those Days Are Over**

Twenty-nine years ago tomorrow — 5/16/79 — the Police played the long-gone Roxy club on Cass Street in

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Pacific Beach. Broadcast live on 101.5/KGB-FM, the performance was widely bootlegged, the most common version being San Diego d'Amour.

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Several websites offer the entire bootleg, including



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dime a dozen.org, jimihendrixforever.blogspot.com, and rapidshare.com. One site, fisica.unlp.edu.ar/materias/ FG1/tradelist/19790516a.txt, claims to have the firstgeneration radio-station reels. "This is from station tapes, logo on them and all, given to me by a station

employee in 1998 [and] taken directly from their reel-to-

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CHECKBOOK FIRST?

Two songs into a 13-song set, just before "So Lonely," Sting tells the crowd, "Nice to be in San Diego. I thought it would be warm. It's too cold for us." Near the end of the night, during "Roxanne," he announces, "You know we are live on the radio on KGB-FM 101.5, which makes it even more important that you sing and show all the folks out there what they missed." The ensuing cheers peg the volume meters into distortion.

After the approximately one-hour set, Roxy operators were reportedly dismayed to find graffiti on the theater's wall murals that included Marilyn Monroe and W.C. Fields. A brief article in the San Diego Union didn't specify the nature of the messages, other than to say they were "amorous." A theater worker was quoted saying, "We cleaned a lot of lipstick off Marilyn.'

— Jay Allen Sanford

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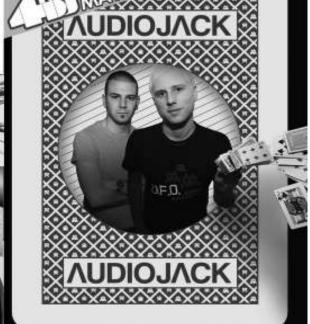
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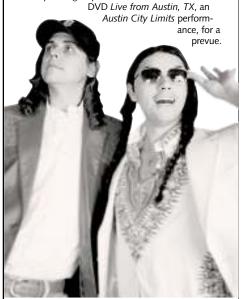




#### This Week In Music

Thursday

"Like a robot making love to a tree," says odd-pop duo Ghostland Observatory about dousing dance-y funk jams with electronica and pop hooks. But the pair's known more for their unusual pose in pigtails and vampire cape. Shame, that, as hometown Austin named 'em band of the year last year. Sample Space hits from '08 Trashy Moped disc Robotique Magistique or have a look at debut



Ghostland haunts House of Blues tonight and the Joshua Tree Music Fest Friday night.... Mark Eitzel's SanFran slowcore band American Music Club headlines a 94/9 "It's about the music" thing at Belly Up. It appears Eitzel and mainstay guitarist Vudi have reconvened the Club permanent-like with the release of this year's Merge disc The Golden Age — a breezy, SoCal pop record by AMC's 25-year-old standard. San Diego big band Blackout Party sets the stage.... Viejas is calling kids to the casino by staging alterna-pop band **Rilo Kiley**. Fronted by former child actors Jenny Lewis (Troop Beverly Hills) and Blake Sennet (Boy Meets World), the Kilevs get indie props through side projects (The Elected, Postal Service, Jenny Lewis and the Watson Twins) and pop cred through TV (The O.C. Conan SNI.) After three independent releases (on Barsuk and Saddle Creek), the L.A.based group signed to Warner for last year's Under the Blacklight, a disc of melody-rich sunshine

pop — a departure from their usual sardonics.. Jazzcat Jesse Davis will croon till you swoon at the Manhattan in La Jolla's Empress Hotel, And check in at groovinu.com Saturday mornings t'hear the SD institution spin from his eclectic collection Hard-rocking hometowners  $\boldsymbol{\text{Long}}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\text{Short}}$  of  $\boldsymbol{\text{It}}$ launch Flight of the Mallard at Bar Pink Elephant Copenhagen experimentalists Efterklang and Slaraffenland join forces at Casbah for the Danish Dynamite Tour

Friday

The legal team of Santos, Sanfillipo, & Ware re-lives their '90s heyday as alterna-rock outfit Lucy's Fur Coat ("Treasure Hands") this weekend. The local might've-beens reappear at Casbah Friday and Saturday nights. Santos's **Coolest Band in** America opens Friday, Thin Man on Saturday. Both nights've been sold.... Lots more live love round town, though: Soul sister Patti Austin arrives at Anthology for two nights. The singer won a Grammy this year for hit jazz disc Avant Gershwin. The Harlem songstress first hit the stage at the Apollo in 1952 at age four. The Grammy is her first.... Qualcomm opens up the yard for a "Concert on the Green," featuring radio hits Offspring, Pennywise, and Jimmy Eat World.... Rapper Flo Rida of Opa-locka, Floreeda, delivers Mail on Sunday to 4th&B. Long Beach punks I Am Ghost will animate at Soma with a long list of like bands.... Tyler, TX, boy-girl band **Eisley** plays pop at House of Blues. Last year's Combinations suggests the babies are teething.... The "official" Eisley afterparty is at Beauty Bar with electronica trios XrayOK (L.A.) and Aerodrone (Eugene, OR).... Miami madmen Blowfly funk up the Zombie with Antiseen and Homeless Sexuals.... Price of Dope players Pocket groove Whistle Stop.... And it's Josh Tree times three, as Barnet and Chris host their annual high desert hijinks Friday through Sunday. Check Web address joshuatreemusicfestival.com for performers and particulars.

Saturday

Gift of Gab and Chief Xcel are **Blackalicious**, a back Bay hip-hop duo that helped put Oakland on the rap map. Check out last year's vid 4/20 Live in Seattle t'get the down-low on the duo. Inglewood's indie MC Pigeon John kicks off the Belly Up bill and DJ Gar Gar spins round sets. N'awlins party band **Cowboy Mouth** joins local Johnny Cash cats Cash'd Out and barroom rockers Dirty Sweet at Mariner's Point on the beach... Prepare for Armageddon, as Dutch punks Fleas and Lice play Che. Mouth Sewn Shut,

Inhaste, and Doomsday Hour in support. SanFran beats band **Von Iva** coif at Beauty Bar with the **Stereotypes**.... Zombie hosts a Joey Ramone birthday bash, featuring the **Tabones**, Rich White Males, and Idiot Box.

Sunday

'Summer of '69" is long gone, but 48-year-old Canuck Bryan Adams will bring it back to a crowded Belly Up during a solo set in support of his eleventh disc, 11 (!), which dropped last month "Customers who bought this also bought Whitesnake, Madonna, Asia." Ouch. Your broker's got the pricey book on this one, as this "very spe cial evening" has sold out.... UK indie kids the Kooks visit House of Blues behind their Virgin Records virgin record Konk. Berkeley pop pups Morning Benders open. The Benders' debut Talking through Tin Cans smacks of Paul Simon's good years a little bit. Woulda been a good show to see IF IT WASN'T SOLD OUT.... Good thing Motor City garage greats the Dirtbombs will be kicking it up at Casbah. Go get We Have You Surrounded glued in yer carousel, like, now, and book a sitter — the Terrible Twos and Dan Sartain share the Middletown stage. Pant Hoots play Atari.... Lotsa live punk rock at Ché Café. The campus collective's staging Brit bad boys Leatherface up top, with Paint it Black, Dead to Me, Loser Life, and Northern Towns in

Monday The Kills' new hit disc Midnight Boom is out on Domino. It's no No Wow, but go see the London



BLACKALICIOUS AT BELLY UP

couple's Anti-Monday set at Casbah anyway, or

Tuesday

Songsmith Dan Bejar has spread spotty Brit-pop gems through New Pornos, playing Ray Davies to Carl Newman's Paul McCartney. But the lustre lasts longer in the artist's guise as **Destroyer**. Though grounded in Bejar's tonal Bowie-isms and heady pop poetry, his catalogue's a shapeshifter of style. Recommend 2001's

Streethawk: A Seduction as the artist's jumping-off (-in?) point. DESTROYER AT CASBAH Destroyer's latest Merge disc. this year's Trouble in Dreams, has the critics creaming. Destroyer will kill at Casbah with Chainsaw Guts F\*cked leader **Devon Williams**. That's your ticket.... Else: you got metal mayhem "Gigantour" at Cox with Megadeath, In Flames, Children of Bodom, High on Fire, and Job for a Cow**boy**.... Punk-rawk throwbacks the **Adicts**, the Dickies, and the Diffs at House of Blues.... And Scottish folk-pop lads the Proclaimers at Belly Up.

Wednesday

As the quietest crew to ever come out West Hollywood, it's weird to say the  ${\bf Radar\ Bros.}$  have mellowed since their eponymous debut Singing Hatchet (1999), but there it is. Stillandall, Jim Putnam pens pretty thought-pop that holds your attention. ("Musical ketchup?") The trio's out to tout this year's Floyd-y crit-pick *Auditorium*. The Radars roll into Casbah with L.A. acousticat Aaron Kyle, aka Le Switch.... Quebecois punkers CPC Gangbangs shared a bill with John Reis's Night Marchers in Boston a couple weeks back. Reis musta dug their din because the Canadian crew's haulin it all to his Pink Elephant Wednesday night. Their Space samples four-on-the-floor scrape and thrum with blown haunt vox. Rocket from the Great White North?

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"I actually buy them as opposed to pirating them like everybody else. I don't pirate."

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ory Oliver lives in Pacific Beach and attends High Tech High Media Arts in Point Loma. He is 16 and plays guitar in Oden's Fist, a band he formed with school friends a few months ago. They are a metal band and have thus far played at a few school

Oliver owns an iPod Touch. "I definitely listen to it every day. I listen for about 15 minutes in the

morning on my way to school and then again after school. They cost about \$200." His is an eight-gig model. "It doesn't have a camera or phone capability." He says he has owned it since December. "I painted my grandma's fence. I got \$300 bucks for that. I said, 'I'm gonna have to buy myself a new iPod.'

Oliver demonstrates how it works. "Here's the album that's currently playing." He points to the video display, which is currently displaying a picture of an album cover. "You flip it sideways [as he does, the album art animates as if the album cover is opening], and you can see all the track listings.'

He has previously owned an iPod Nano and a Zune. Of the Zune, he says that it "wasn't really user friendly."

Downloads? "I actually buy them as opposed to pirating them like everybody else. I don't pirate because as a musician and an artist, I believe in artist integrity. You can download someone's

music for free, but where would that get both of

It gets you free music, I say.

'Yes, it gets you free music, but there are inherent risks, like, people could attach viruses to

songs that can screw up your computer. And usually you won't get the best sound quality as if you were downloading from the source."

Preferences? "I listen to a lot of stuff," Oliver writes in an email, "a lot of metal (power metal, nu-metal, alternative, grunge, hardcore, industrial, metalcore), techno, trance, electro, ambient, EBM, trip-hop, power noise, rock, screamo, emo those are the terms, I guess. A lot of stuff."

Oliver later tells me that his favorite genre is metalcore. "It's a mix of hardcore metal, but there's a lot more rhythm and a lot more harmonics." I ask for the names of some of his favorite bands. "All That Remains, August Burns Red, Parkway Drive. One of the most prominent things about metalcore songs is their lyrics. Their songs tell stories, and their lyrics have meaning. Not like old metal. How metal started out, how it used to be in the '80s and '90s, was, like, soundtracks for B-grade slasher films — not that I minded it. But metalcore has a way more set tempo."

Oliver says he found metalcore in the tenth grade. "I was 15. My friend Justin got me into strictly hardcore bands. I thought, 'This is really



Cory Oliver

cool. If I had to listen to just one genre for the rest of my life, this is the music I would listen to.'

I ask if his life would be harder without the iPod. "To be honest, I could live without it. I didn't really learn about this stuff until I got older, so I haven't exactly based my life around it. I asked my friend that same question — 'If you didn't have your iPod, what would you do?' She said it'd be the end of the world. I said, 'It's just an iPod.'

"Music is my life. I don't think I could live without that, but I could live without my iPod. I know people who listen 24-7. They never take their earbuds out.

Top Ten on Cory Oliver's iPod Touch:

- 1. All That Remains, "We Stand"
  2. August Burns Red, "Composure"
- 3. Parkway Drive, "Romance Is Dead" 4. Skillet, "Whispers in the Dark"

- 5. Sabrepulse, "Horizons" (remix)
  6. Funeral for a Friend, "Walk Away"
- 7. Lostprophets, "Rooftops"
- 8. 2Times Terror, "Forever Mine"
- 9. The Juke Bottle Casino, "Shadow Hop"
- 10. Aphex Twin, "Avril 14th" ■











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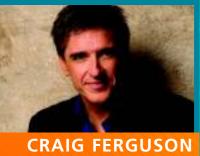




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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Patti Austin. R&B. \$15-\$68.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Brian Lynch. Jazz. \$12-\$35. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — The Midnight Ramblers. A Rolling Stones tribute, \$10. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Rosie Ledet & the Zydeco Playboys. Zydeco/blues. \$12-\$24.

**Athenaeum Music and Arts** Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Iolla, 858-454-5872. Monday, noon — Reggae for Lunch. Shame and Scandal take stage for Athenaeum's mini-concert

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Friday — XrayOK and Femme Fatality, With Aerodrone, Electro/rock/new wave. \$5. Saturday — Von Iva and the Stereotypes. Electro/rock/pop. \$5. Sunday — The Backsliders. Rock/power pop. \$5. Monday — Fkenal and Dead Wasps. Electro/pop/rock. \$5. Tuesday — Band of Annuals and River City. Folk rock/country. \$5. Wednesday — Robot Devil and Monday's Alibi. Rock/electro/alternative, \$5.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Blackout Party. Bluegrass/country/rock. \$6. Friday, 9 p.m. — Goldfish and ¡Society! Covers/standards/funk \$10-\$12.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Blackalicious and Pigeon John. Hip-hop. \$22-\$24.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Murder by Death, Dios, Gasoline Heart. Indie/rock/acoustic. \$10-\$12. Tuesday, 8 p.m. — The Proclaimers and Jeremy Fisher. Acoustic/rock/folk. \$19-\$21. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Soul Serenade. With Steph Johnson, Ernest Lane, and the Kings of Rhythm. Soul/blues/jazz. \$10-\$12.

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Rock/pop/punk. Sunday, 9 p.m. — Jesse LaMonaca and Sven-Erik Seaholm. With Jesse Nova. Alternative/acoustic/soul. Tuesday, 10 p.m. — Dust N' Bones. A tribute to Guns N' Roses.

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Friday, 8:30 p.m. — Lucy's Fur Coat and CBA. Alternative rock/pop. \$20.

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Chula Vista Civic Center Library: 365 F Street, Chula Vista, 619-691-5069. Sunday, 2 p.m. — Jazz Concert. Local jazz guitarist Peter Sprague performs.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Fleas and Lice, Mouth Sewn Shut. Inhaste and Doomsday Hour perform. Hardcore punk. \$8.

Coronado Island Marriott Resort: 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet.

Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. — Megadeth.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.

Friday, Saturday — TNT.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Dayna Caroll. CD-release show with Sue Palmer, Peter Harrison, Sharon Shufelt, and Scott Paulson. \$20. Friday, 8 p.m. — Orquesta Binacional de Mambo. \$10-\$15. Saturday, 8 p.m. — BowMeRuffa. A tribute to Bob Minzter and Russell Ferrante \$10

**Dublin Square:** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. Monday, 9 p.m. — Astra Kelly and Brett Harris. With Charlie Recksieck and Brandon Rice. Acoustic/blues/surf.









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**El Cajon Library:** 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon, 619-588-3718.

Wednesday, 5 p.m. — Music at Library. Adrienne Nims and Raggle-Taggle perform.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.

*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Life or Death and Wages of War. With Uprising A.D., the Homefront, and Five Victims Four Graves. Hardcore punk. \$7-\$9.

Friday, 7 p.m. — Heaven is for Sinners and Children of Nova. With Lost Ocean and Misc. Ailments Foundation. Alternative rock/soul. \$7-\$9.

**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. — Cory Wilkins. Alternative/rock/blues. Friday — Stehm. Rock. Saturday — Mike Henry. Features punk and metal bands.

**The Flying Bridge:** 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Lounge Butchers.

Friendly Grounds Coffee House: 9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard, Santee, 619-249-0519 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Tony Tara. Jazz guitarist.

**Grace Chapel of the Coast:** 

102 North Freeman Street, Oceanside. Saturday, 7 p.m. — Love, Love, Love. Singer-songwriter Steven Ybarra CD-release show. 760-754-2974. The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Lisa Sanders, the Flimz, Podunk Nowhere. Acoustic.

Friday, 8 p.m. — The Christopher Dale Trio. Acoustic/pop/rock.

Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Christopher Dale and Friends. With Astra Kelly. Acoustic/pop/rock.

Hennessey's Tavern -Carlsbad: 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-6951. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — The Band in Black. A tribute to Johnny Cash.

Hennessey's Tavern -Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994. Sundays, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve Duo. Jazz.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Skelpin. Irish folk jam band. Friday, 7 p.m. — Ben Hernandez.

Roots/acoustic/blues. Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Bad Blokes. Rowdy Celtic, bluegrass, and surf.

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Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Nathan James &

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715. Friday, 7 p.m. — Cool Fever. Blues/soul/rock. \$66.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Ghostland Observatory. An electro rock/funk duo.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Eisley. Pop/alternative. \$12-\$20. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — The Kooks. Pop. \$17-\$22.

Tuesday — The Adicts. British punk band formed in '75.

Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College: 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos, 760-744-1150.

744-1150. Monday, 8 p.m. — Palomar Jazz Ensembles. Four O'clock and Seven O'clock Ensembles present bigband jazz, directed by Gunnar Biggs. 760-744-1150 x2453. \$8-\$12.

Humphrey's Backstage

Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9 p.m. — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock. \$5. Friday, 6 p.m. — Electric Soul and Rising Star. Soul/R&B/disco. \$5-\$12.

Saturday, 6 p.m. — Lindsay White. Acoustic. \$5.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Matt Marshak. Smooth jazz. \$12.

Monday, 7 p.m. — Chet Cannon. With Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue. Blues/funk/rock. \$8. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — 52nd Street. A tribute to Billy Joel. \$5.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk. \$5.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241

Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Jesse Cook.
Flamenco/Latin/jazz. \$36.

**In Cahoots:** 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley, 619-291-8635.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. — KSON Night. Country western dance bar.

**Jimmy Love's:** 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123.



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Mondays — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. Friday - Syndicate and the Vibrants. With the Focus Group Alternative rock/indie. Saturday — Circa Now, UBUV,

Non-Prophet.
Psychedelic/rock/hardcore.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-

Friday — The Salt Lickers. Saturday — Blue Heat. Sundays, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock. Wednesday - Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Down-home Americana blues rock.

#### Lafayette Hotel & Suites:

2223 El Cajon Blvd, University Heights, 619-296-2101. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band. In the Mississippi Ballroom

**Lestat's Coffee House:** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

Thursday - Shawn Ponder and Jordan Reimer. Acoustic. Friday - Carlos Olmeda and Gregory Page, Acoustic/folk. Saturday, 6 p.m. — Allison Lonsdale and Jonathan Coulton. Sunday — Terami Hirsch. Pop/jazz. Wednesday - Lil' T Man.

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

McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. Thursday, 9 p.m. — Big City

Shaman. Friday, 9 p.m. — Elevators. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Harmony

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Jim Moore. Monday, 8 p.m. — Steve Brewer. A one-man band.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — 2 Guys Will Move U! Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Tommy

Price. Lead singer of the Stilettos.

MiraCosta College Theatre: One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, 760-795-6815.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 7:30 p.m. — "Latin Jazz Experience." The Latin Jazz Ensemble and guest (author) Victor Villaseñor perform

Mission Valley Library: 2123 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 858-573-5007.

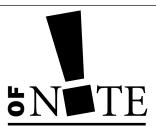
Saturday, noon - Riverfest Concert, Caiun and zvdeco music by Bayou Brothers

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m. — Wild Rumour. Covers/standards/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. - Radiostar. '80s new wave rock.

#### **Neurosciences Institute:**

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Sunday, 6 p.m. — Legacy Concert. Raag and Taal Academy hosts a four-member Hindustani classical ensemble. Take in a dual-sitar and dual-tabla musical dialogue between Sri Partha Chatteriee and son Purbayan Chatterjee (both on



BY DAVE GOOD

The best of the **Kooks**' material has teenage lust and drama written all over it. Singer Luke Pritchard wrote some of the songs that ended up on their debut recording Inside In/Inside Out when he was 15 or 16. "Me and my girl/ Are going out for some air/ And I will do my best/ Just to get under her dress." The Kooks' message has resonated with many, maybe because most of Pritchard's material on that first CD centered on one of rock's favored subjects, that of

The Kooks are British and they are young, and those are significant terms of endearment to a body of fans that has

caused sales of the band's two CDs to hit multiplatinum level. The Kooks came together as an artschool project and took their name from an old David Bowie song. Their videos are as rife with iconic rock images as their song structures are with iconic rock sounds trademarked eons ago by the Kinks, U2, and Duran Duran. As rock ages, distinctions blur. Power chords as old as dirt ring behind images of the Kooks walking in a crosswalk or the band performing live on a

rooftop. If the Kooks are a hit machine, then Pritchard is the new mayen of the threeminute pop song even though he writes in the road-tested style of the blues, meaning that verses repeat over 12 bars. It does not hurt that the Kooks have cultivated a look (post-mod-rocker) tailor made for paparazzi.

Will the Kooks saga last? The odds are

KOOKS

not in their favor. Even though their songs are monumental hits at present, they also suggest impermanence. Best to take note of their supernova as it passes and enjoy it while it lasts.

THE KOOKS, House of Blues, Sunday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$17.50.

sitar), accompanied on tabla by Pandit Anindo Chatterjee and son Anubrata Chatterjee. 858-750-5355.

#### O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-276-

Friday, 9 p.m. — The Kneehighs and Avitia. Hip-hop/indie. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Unwynd and MinusOne. With Operation Human Shield and Drownswerve. Rock/alternative/metal. Mondays, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam. Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Cactus Bob, Grizzly Circus, Hula Guns. With Contact Solutions. Rock/country/punk.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — C.D.M. and the Experiments. With Noisegod and the Bedpost Buzzards. Rock/punk/metal.

#### O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Road, Poway,

858-486-7422. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat. Classic rock.

#### Old Time Music: 2852

University Avenue, North Park, 619-280-9035. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Organ Trio Jazz and the Dan Papaila Trio. Blues/funk/jazz. \$15.

Osetra: 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. Thursdays, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge.

Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Dave Matthews Tribute Band. Find the tribute at the Grand Cabaret. Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Greatest

Hitmakers. In the Palomar Starlight Theater. Featuring Rico Puno, Hajji Alejandro, Rey Valera, and Marco Sis. \$49-\$79.

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Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077 Thursday - Shelle Blue, Rhythm and blues. Friday — The Fremonts. Blues. Saturday — Laurie Morvan. Blues/rock.

Sunday - Chet Cannon & the Committee. Blues.

Monday - The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B. Tuesday — Blue Largo. Blues/soul/swing.

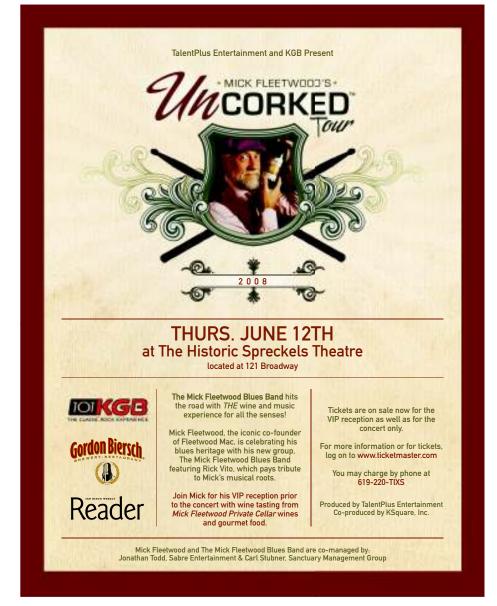
Wednesday — Michele Lundeen &

Blues Streak. Blues/soul.

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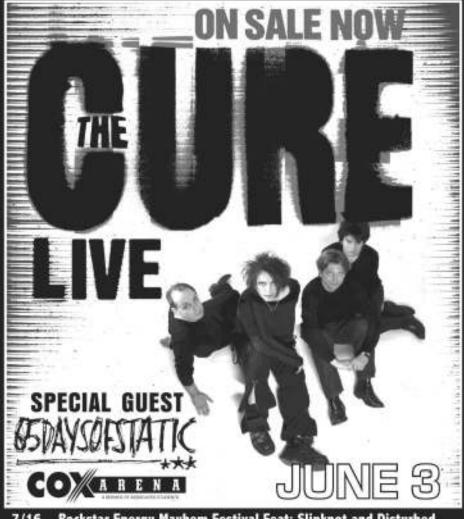












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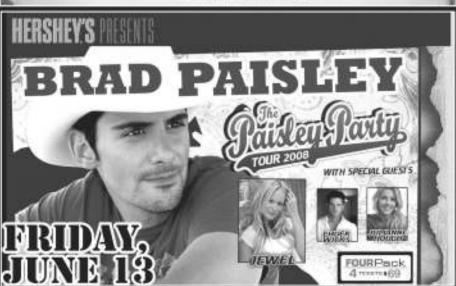




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Friday, 4 p.m. — X-Fest, With the Offspring, Pennywise, Jimmy Eat World, and more. \$45.

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.

Rancho Santa Fe Library: 17040 Avenida de Acacias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-2512.

Thursday, 3:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims. Acoustic

Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635. Saturday — Live bands. Saturdays - Rock Forever Entertainment. Features live bands every Saturday night. Sunday - Live blues. Wednesdays, 9 p.m. — 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-

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.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775

Dove Lane, Carlsbad. Thursday, 7 p.m. — The Duree. Group joins One Hot Minute when "Rock the Library" family concert series continues. 760-602-2058.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. Thursday - Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano. Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

**Sews and Shows Community** Theatre: 7860 Golden Avenue

Lemon Grove. Sunday, 6 p.m. - Saxophonist and Singer Jason Brown. Master of ten instruments performs blues, soul, gospel, and jazz. 619-460-7469.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.

Friday, 7 p.m. — I Am Ghost and Love Hate Hero. With this is the Hospital, No Bragging Rights, and Radio Suicide. Punk rock/pop. \$12. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — Emmure. With On Broken Wings, Recon, Ligeia, After the Burial, and Rediflight. Deathcore.

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Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz

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#### >hometown CDs

Album: Love Love Love (2007)

Artist: Steven Ybarra Label: self-released

Where available/price: iTunes for \$9.

Songs: 1) Love Love Love 2) All I Am 3) The Beauty of Your Love 4) Please Please 5) The Perfect Song 6) Can't Live Without You 7) Lifetime Valentine 8) Good Thing 9) Who You Are to Me 10) No More Lonely Days 11) Lay It Down

Band: Steven Ybarra (vocals, guitar), Debbie Galan (vocals), Mark Hattersley (vocals, keyboard), Brian Darnell (keyboard, guitar, vocals), Evan Hesse (guitar), James Hood (guitar), Chris Wilson (guitar), Kirk Cumming (guitar), Brandon O'Connell (keyboard), Alex De Pue (violin)

**Extra info:** Steven Ybarra's CD-release show — free! — will be at Grace Chapel of the Coast in Oceanside (102 N. Freeman St.) on Saturday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m.

A lot of music produced in San Diego drifts away from being an expression of humanity and relies on formula to be pleasing rather than evocative. Steven Ybarra's new disc also smacks of standards instead of creativity. And while Love Love Love lyrics strive for consensus rather than confrontation, who among us would argue against "love"?

Ybarra's unclouded devotion to a single motif (check the title for a hint) and pat phrases (thanking the Lord for love, staring into the eyes of a loved one, and hearts oh, so many hearts) obstructs his guitar work, which is topshelf. While his voice carries a bit of soul and sass, those qualities seem manufactured, as is the tradition of too many San Diego acts. (Jason Mraz, I'm looking in your direction.)

Even in the love-gonewrong song "Please, Please," Ybarra's delivery lacks ferocity and pain; his voice tends toward the tepid and regulated. (It's certainly not Big



Steven Yharra

Joe Williams begging his woman, "Baby, Please Don't Go.") Ybarra's project handles that tumultuous and dangerous emotion - love with the most surface of treatments and the safest skillful playing.

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Friday, 7:45 p.m. — L.A. Jones. Blues, \$10.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: 1221 Broadway, El Cajon, 619-447-5665. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Loss of

Control. Covers/standards.

**Thrusters Lounge:** 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-483-6334. Friday, 8 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday - Shrewd Lucy. Alternative rock. Friday - Tim & the 23s. Pop/rock/folk. Saturday — Agave. Jazz/Latin/rock. Wednesday - Pushin Rope. Country/punk/bluegrass.

Tio Leo's Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Clairemont, 619-542-1462. Thursdays, 7 p.m. — Cajun and Zydeco Dancing. Zydeco dance



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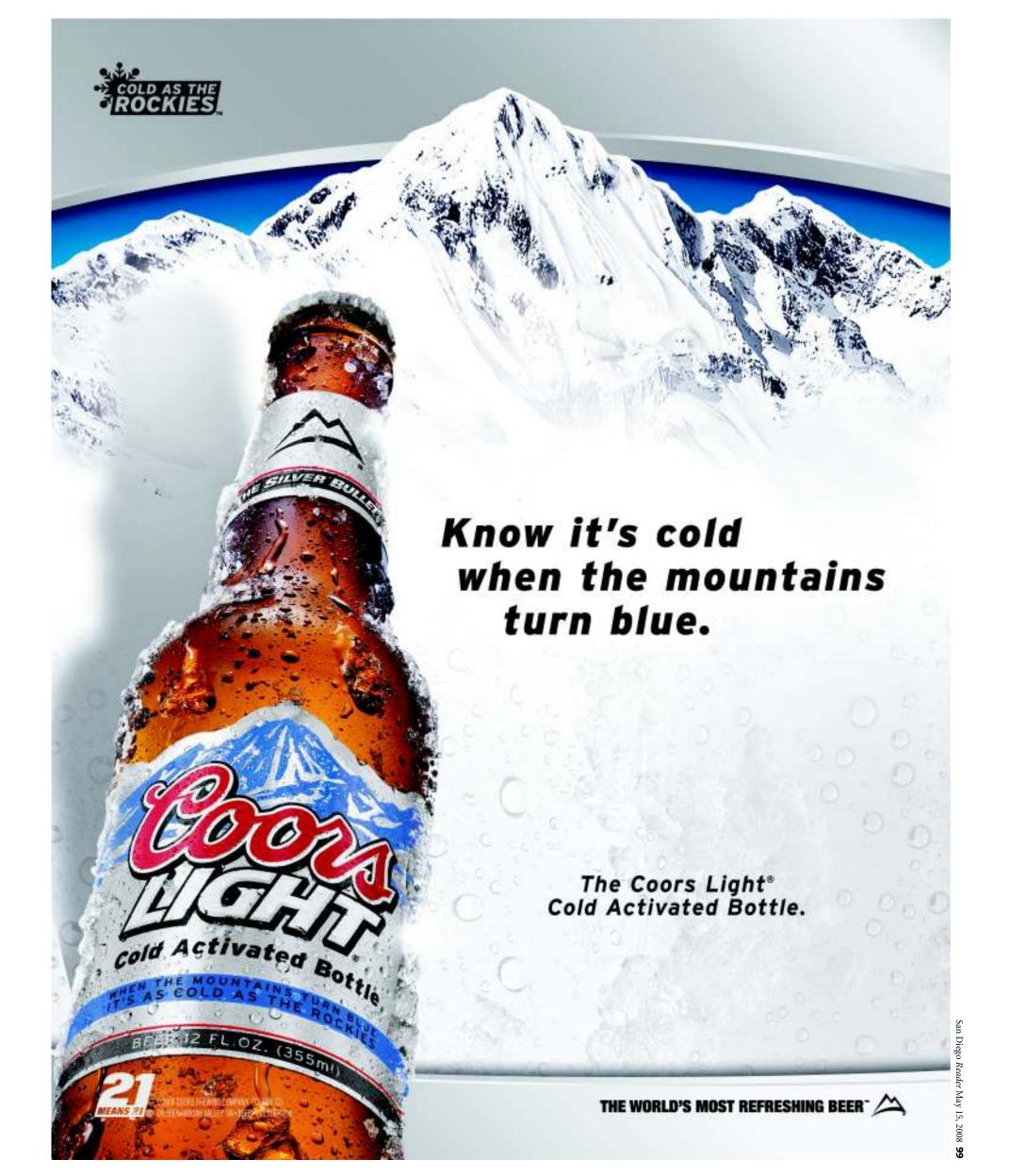




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9:30 pm • Smokin' Blues

Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers



Sunday, May 18 8 pm • Smooth Jazz

Matt Marshak



Monday, May 19

7 pm • Blues Chet Cannon 8:30 pm • Blues

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue

Wednesday, May 21 8 pm • Chicago Blues

145th Street Blues

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7 pm • Rock

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V Lounge: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400. Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Jaime Valle Jazz Ouartet.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Bonnie Raitt. The legendary songstress tours in promotion of her Souls Alike

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400. Thursday — Rilo Kiley. Indie rock band from Los Angeles.

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Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Electrocarpathians, CD-release show. Slavic folk rock. \$15.

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WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-263-7911.

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**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-

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Heights, 619-303-8176. May 24 — Cris Williamson June 13 — John Gorka. June 20 — Roy Book Binder.

July 11 — Chad & Jeremy. July 15 — John Keawe. August 2 — Belinda Gail and Curly

Musgrave. September 21 — Willy Porter. October 5 — David LaFlamme and It's a Beautiful Day.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *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 1 — The Ernie Watts Quartet.

June 4 — K.J. Denhert. Iune 5 — Metro.

*Iune* 6 — Jefferson Starship.

June 8 — Jamie. June 10 — The Cedar Walton Quartet

June 11 — Nadro John. June 13, June 14 — Ivan Lins. Iune 15 — The Diva Band.

June 16, June 17 - Kurt Elling. June 18 — Hiromi.

June 20 — James Cotton.

*Iune 21* — The Smithereens.

June 22 — The Eve Selis Band.

June 24 — Janiva Magness.

June 25 — Transfer and Fast

Computers. June 26, June 27, June 28 — Keiko

Matsui. July 2 — Les Dudek.

July 3, July 4, July 5 — Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra. July 12 — Howard Jones. July 13 — Cindy Blackman. July 18, July 19 — Rita Coolidge. July 23 — Rachel Price. July 26 — Sophie Millman.

July 31, August 1 — Stanley Jordan. August 6 — Dabe Toure. August 16 — Strunz & Farah. August 20, August 21, August 22, August 23 — Steve Tyrell.

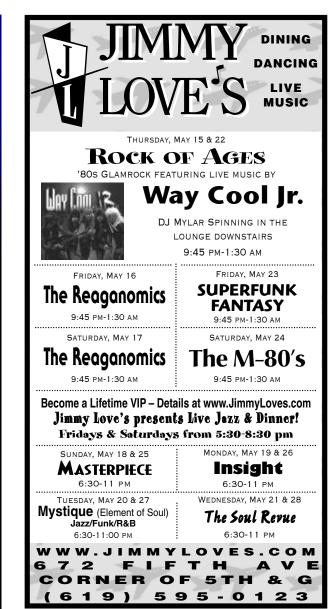
August 29, August 30 — Dave

Mason.

Avo Playhouse: 303 Main Street, Vista, 760-724-2110. Iulv 11 — Ferron/Bitch Concert.

Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. May 22 — Benefit Jazz Concert. May 22 — Gerald Albright and Phil







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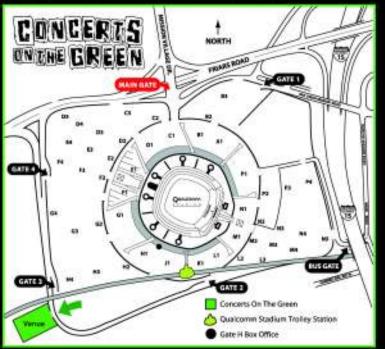








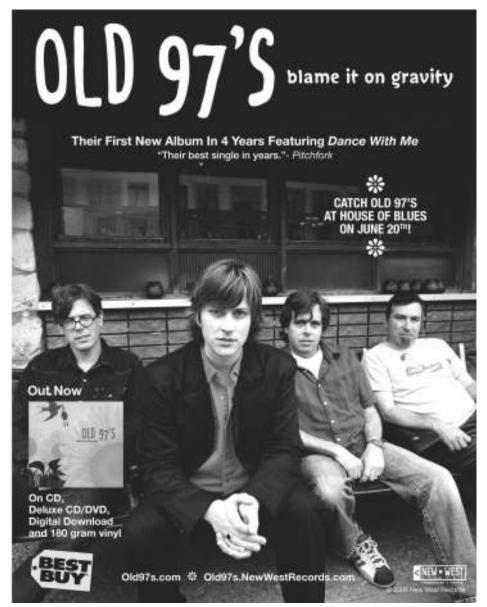
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May 23 — Black Seven. May 24 — Illicit Behavior.

May 30 — Custard Pie. May 31 — Red Handed

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May 22 - Semisi & Fulabula. May 29 — Michael Tiernan. June 5 — Robert Parker.

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May 22 — Hal Ketchum.

May 23 — Capleton. May 24 — Dynamite Walls and

Stripes & Lines. May 28 — The Swingin' Kings.

May 29 — Poncho Sanchez.

May 30 — Final Warning.

May 31 — Ladytron.

June 1 — The Fiery Furnaces. June 4 — Shooter Jennings.

June 5 — Dave Alvin & the Guilty Men.

— Common Sense. June 6 June 7 — Switchfoot.

Iune 9 - Junior Brown and Rosie Flores.

June 12 — The Wailing Souls

June 13 — The Young Dubliners. June 14 - Cash'd Out.

June 20 — The Drive-By Truckers. June 21 — Dead Man's Party.

June 25 — Gary Hoey.

June 26 — The Album Leaf. June 27 — Everlast.

June 28 — Atomic Punks.

*Iune 29* — Dilated Peoples, Aceyalone, 88-Keys.

June 30 — Abigail Washburn & the

Sparrow Quartet. Iuly 5 — The Cured and I-90.

July 6, July 7 — Israel Vibration and Outlaw Nation. July 11 — Elijah Emanuel & the

Revelations. July 12 — Stepping Feet.

July 13 — Hieroglyphics.

July 24 — Venice.

September 23 — Railroad Earth. September 30 — Johnny Winter.

October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick. October 24 — Stereolab and

Monade.

**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.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth

Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. May 22 — Soundbone and Lessons from Zeke.

May 25 — Cody Marks and Donovan Nugent. May 27 — The Cash Kings.

Borders Books and Music -**Mission Valley:** 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-295-2201.

June 6 — Jacqueline Grace.

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May 22 — Graveyard BBQ 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.

*Iune 6* — 2MEX, the Resonators, L.C.A. June 7 - Mad Sin.

'Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. May 22 — Jen Knight and One

Lonely Robot. May 23 — Buck-O-Nine and Sprung Monkey.

May 24 — Cash'd Out and Grizzly Circus May 25 — Atomic Punks.

May 28 — Sound Escape and Vanity Affair. May 29 — A Shattered Hope and

the Boneyard. May 30 — On the One and Blue

Turtle Seduction. May 31 — One Drop.

June 5 — Living Legends and Murs.

June 7 — The Rebirth Brass Band. June 12 — Project: Out of Bounds

and the Skaflaws.

June 13 - Andre Nickatina and Yuckmouth. June 20 — 40 Oz. to Freedom and

Stepping Feet. June 26 — U-Roy and Cornell Campbell.

June 27 — Metal Snake. July 3 — Cash'd Out.

July 4 — Stranger. July 5 — Pivit and Agent 51. Reggae Angels.

July 26 — Wild Child. Capri Blu: 10436 Craftsman Way,

July 25 — Junior Reid and the

Suite 120, Rancho Bernardo, 858-673-5100.

May 22 - Keith Jacobson.

*Iulv* 12 — Tainted Love.

July 20 — Wolf Parade.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.

May 30 — Kicks. May 31 — The Ideas. June 6, June 7 — The Hype. June 13, June 14 — Nite Hawk. June 20, June 21 — Laguna. June 27, June 28 — Crossroads. July 4, July 5 — The Elevators.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355. May 22 — The Von Bondies and

Die! Die! Die!

May 23 — French Kicks and the Weather Underground.

Jamuel Saxon. May 26 — Margot & the Nuclear So and So's May 27 — Ariel Pink and Fantastic Magic. May 28 — Ladyhawk and Neva Dinova. May 29 — Vagabond Opera and Max Fields. May 30 — Swervedriver and Film School. May 31 — Neil Hamburger.

May 24 — Donita Sparks. May 25 — Bedford Grove, Maystar,



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Los Lonely Boys - Jul. 26

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June 4 — Local H, the Photo Atlas, Firethorn.

June 6 — Calico Horse.

June 7 — The Ting Tings.

June 8 — Firewater.

June 9 — The Queers, Lemuria,

Bomb the Music Industry. June 10 — Detroit Cobras and Les

Sans Culottes.

June 11 — Dax Riggs.
June 12 — Crystal Castles and

dd/mm/yyyy. June 13 — Andre Legacy, Dirt

Nasty, Beardo.

*Iune 14* — Bartenders Bible.

June 15 — New Bloods and

Crocodiles. Iune 16 - Russian Circles, the

Daughters, Young Widows. June 17 — Times New Viking and Psychedelic Horseshit.

June 18 — Hayden and Haley Bonar.

June 20 — Sea Wolf and the Jealous Girlfriends.

June 23 — Frightened Rabbit and

Oxford Collapse. June 24 — Boris and Torche.

June 26 - Grand Archives and Sera Cahoone.

June 29 — The Napoleon Complex and a Beautiful Noise.

June 30 — Swim Party and the

Henry Clay People.

July 1 — The Modey Lemon.

*July 4* — The Constantines. July 5 — The Creepy Creeps and

July 6 — Retribution Gospel Choir. July 20 — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson.

July 23 — Rocky Votolato. July 31 — Jay Reatard.

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May 29 — Miss Massive Snowflake.

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Painfully Alone. May 27 — Parenthetical Girls.

Pwrful Power, Au. May 31 — Tragedy, Blowback,

Crime Desire. Iune 1 — Graf Orlock and Wait in

June 8 — Frog Eyes, Ramona Cordova, François Virot.

June 9 — Joan of Arc and 31 Knots.

June 13 — The Sess, Atoms, the Power Chords. June 14 — Resist & Exist, Ok?,

June 19 - Citizen Fish. Bumbklaatt, Intro5pect. June 20 — The Vision of a Dying World and Crocodiles. June 23 — Bird Names and Lilith

Velkor. June 28 — Japandi and

BoomSnake

July 11 — Die Young and Lie &

July 16 — Ghost Mice and Heathers. July 26 — 7 Generations and This

Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947. June 3 — The Cure. June 27 — Marco Antonio Solis.

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Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

May 24 — Vicente Fernandez. May 26 — The Police and Elvis Costello.

May 29 — Kenny Chesney and Leann Rimes.

June 13 — Brad Paisley.

June 27 — 311 and Snoop Dogg.

July 15 — Journey.

July 16 — Mayhem Festival. July 29 — John Mayer.

August 14 — Vans Warped Tour. August 22 — The Dave Matthews

August 27 — Radiohead. October 16 - Jimmy Buffet.

**Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260** Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del

Mar, 858-755-1161. June 14 — Steel Pulse and Pato Banton.

June 14 — Tribal Seeds. June 15 — The Hype.

June 15 — La Arrolladora Banda el Limón.

June 17 — Grand Funk Railroad

and the Guess Who.

June 17 - Keltik Kharma. Iune 18 — Unsteady.

June 19 — Micky Dolenz.

June 19 — The Clay Colton Band.

Iune 20 - Earth, Wind, & Fire.

June 20 - Satisfaction.

June 21 — The Doodlebops.

June 21 - In Color.

June 22 - Los Huracanes del

Norte.

June 22 - Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

June 24 — The Band in Black. June 25 — Cartel.

June 25 — The Hank Show.

June 26 - Pat Boone

June 26 - B.B. King.

as i hear it

Artist: Three Day Old Beaver

Song: "TMNT" (from

myspace.com/threedayoldbeaver) Heard By: Tad Wuertz, College Area



I thought the music was really good. The guy could play guitar and sing really well. I could imagine if he were to sing a "normal" song it would be great. The lyrics were fun, though; I think he was just singing the theme song for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles cartoon show. The music was totally different than what's on the theme song. I'm really into acoustic music like Jack Johnson and John Mayer, but what it really reminded me of was open-mic night. I go to a lot of open-mic nights. It was an original sound. You have to acquire the taste for acoustic music. I can definitely see him coming up with original songs or even doing covers and becoming mainstream.

#### SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: The Upstarts

Song: "Time's Right" (from the CD The

Know How)

Heard By: Rex Brookhart, Pacific Beach



I thought it was a perfect example of how the San Diego hip-hop scene is growing. Basically, we've been seeing refreshing new things off of the backstreets and it's been pretty exciting, actually. You see bands like the Upstarts coming to form here and bringing some really good beats and rhymes — putting San Diego on the map. They have a little bit of a jazz thing going. It's real smooth; maybe like a mixture between Crazy Town and Tha Alkaholiks. It seemed like the song was just about having a good time — going out, partying a little bit...kicking back and not letting things stress you out. These guys seem pretty down-to-earth.

Artist: Jason Mraz

Song: "Make it Mine" (from the CD We Sing, We Dance, We Steal Things) Heard By: Jennifer Mitchell, National City



He has a nice voice, but it sounds too. [adult] contemporary to me. I like bands more like Nada Surf, Arcade Fire, and Wolf Parade. I can't think of anybody to compare him to off the top of my head. It's like something I would hear on a soft-rock radio station while I'm at the dentist. I didn't really understand what he was singing about. I was listening more to the music in the background. There were a lot of horns — I think I heard a saxophone. If it's played on MTV or the local radio stations a lot, maybe it would have a chance to [be popular]. It was kind of like a relaxed. happy song. I would give it a four or five out of ten.

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June 27 — Fergie.

Iune 27 — Wild Child.

June 28 — Invictus.

June 28 — Tye Tribbett & G.A. and

Byron Cage. *Iune 29* — Intocable and Los

Horóscopos de Durango.

June 29 — Bayadera.

June 30 — Weird Al Yankovic.

June 30 — Fleetwood MAX.

July 1 — Sugarland. July 1 — The North County

Cowboys.

July 2 — Little Big Town.

July 2 — Mursic.

July 3 — Charo.

July 3 — Boston.

July 3 — The Iron Maidens. July 4 — Led Zepagain.

July 4 - KC & the Sunshine Band

July 5 — Joe Lara & Slider Blue. July 6 — Under a Blood Red Sky.

**Devore Stadium Field -**Southwestern College: 900 Otay Lakes Road, Southwestern

College, 619-482-6367. June 8 — Miller Lite Independence Jam.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-

6344. May 23, May 24 — Full Xposure. May 30, May 31 — Phat Daddy.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. May 24 — Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda.

May 25 — The San Diego Youth

Symphony Stage Band.

May 26 — Miles Davis Tribute. May 30 — Four Sides of Bob Dylan. June 1 — The Double Bass Summit. August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.

**Dublin Square:** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. May 22 — Astra Kelly and Scott Wilson

Iune 18 — Colin Clyne. Embarcadero: Harbor Drive, Downtown June 14 — Dionne Warwick and

Kool & the Gang. **Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000

May 23 — Out of My League and One Hot Minute. May 25 — We Shot the Moon and Everybody Else. May 31 — The Howls and

Longstay.

June 7 — Stereo Summer and a Dull Science.

June 19 — Islands and Sebastien Grainger.

*June 29* — End the Century. July 14 — Harry & the Potters and Jason Anderson

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido. June 5 — Luna Llena.

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May 24 — Benchmark.

May 30 — Stehm. May 31 — One Thread.

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June 27 — Lounge Butchers

Gaslamp Quarter: , Downtown. May 24 - Smooth Jazz 98.1 Gaslamp Festival.

Giant: 2028 Hancock Street, Mission Hills.

June 13 — Miguel Migs.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North,

Mission Valley, 619-298-0511. May 23 — Barbara Nesbitt.

May 28 — Christopher Dale and

May 30 — The Christopher Dale Trio.

Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living: 331 East Elder Street, Fallbrook.

May 25 — Harpist Peter Sterling

**Hornblower Cruises: 1066** North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.

May 23, May 30 — Cool Fever. *Iune 6* — Z-Bop! July 4 — The Bayou Brothers.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. May 22 — Modern Day Moonshine

May 22 — The Dresden Dolls. May 23 — Nightwish.

May 28 — The National. May 29 — Modern Day Moonshine.

May 30 — The Kottonmouth Kings.

June 4 — Peter Murphy.

June 6 — Cubensis.

*Iune 7* — The Dead Kennedys. Iune 8 - Dethklok.

June 10 — Ted Nugent.

June 12 — Augustana.

June 13 - Which One's Pink?. June 20 — The Old 97's.

Iune 21 - Marc Cohn.

June 25 — Ingrid Michaelson.

June 28 — O.A.R.

June 29 — The Casualties.

July 5 — Natasha Bedingfield. Iuly 7 - Dark Lotus.

Iuly 9 - Rooney.

July 10 — Rusted Root and Pete Francis.

July 18 — The Dan Band July 25 — The Aquabats.

July 29 — Less Than Jake and Goldfinger.



Rilo Kiley, May 15, Viejas Concerts in the Park

July 31 — Chromeo. August 2 - Richard Cheese.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

May 22 — Ruby & the Red Hots.

May 23 — Viva Santana.

May 24 — Detroit Underground. May 26 — The Robin Henkel Band.

May 27 — Cool Band Luke.

May 28 — The Soul Persuaders

May 29 - Fish & the Seaweeds.

May 30 — Crush.

May 31 — Rockola.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

*Iune 7* — The Beach Boys. June 10 — Erykah Badu and the

June 12 - Kem

June 13 — Johnny Lang.

June 17 — Crosby, Stills, & Nash.

June 18 — Keb' Mo' and Taj Mahal.

*Iune 19* — The Indigo Girls. June 20 — Idina Menzel.

June 25 — Ani DiFranco June 26, June 27 — One Hawaii

Tour. June 30 — Robert Plant & Alison

July 1, July 2 — Bob Weir &

RatDog.

July 16 — Chris Isaak. July 17, July 18 — Hippiefest.

July 23 — The Doobie Brothers.

Seasons. July 27 — Ringo Starr & His All

July 28 — Derek Trucks & Susan

Tedeschi. July 31 — Emmylou Harris.

August 11 — David Sanborn and

August 14 — Joe Cocker.

August 18 — The Gipsy Kings.

July 22 — Feist.

July 25 — Frankie Valli & the Four

Starr Band.

August 1 — Dolly Parton.

August 3 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.

August 4 — Huey Lewis & the

August 6 — Boz Scaggs. August 8 — Peter & Gordon.

August 10 — UB40.

Lee Ritenour.

August 12 — Paolo Nutini.

August 13 — Michael McDonald.

August 15 — Tower of Power.

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August 4 — "The Prince of Kosher

Executive Drive, La Jolla.

September 4 — Lucinda Williams.

September 12 — The Alan Parsons

September 13 — Air Supply and

September 28 — Etta James & the

October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono.

October 19 - Gordon Lightfoot.

Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-

June 27 — Red Light Behavior.

Adams Avenue, Kensington-

Talmadge, 619-284-2848.

The Kraken: 2531 South

Ink, Derek Papa.

Funk Natra Band.

Witchdoctors.

May 23 — Live Wire.

May 29 — 3 EZ Pieces. June 7 — The Farmers.

The Kensington Club: 4079

May 23 — The Donkeys, Pen &

Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-

May 22 — Frankie Dee and the

May 23s — The Blues Brokers.

May 24 — King Fish Turner Band. May 28 — Jeff Moore & the

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September 25 — Kenny G.

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October 3 — America.

May 28 - Freefall.

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May 24 — Ari Hest, Jake Newton,

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May 28 - Burgandy Brown and Sharif.

May 29 -- Aaron Bowen and Matt Haeck.













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May 31 — Gayle Skidmore and Greg Laswell.

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May 27 — UCSD Gospel Choir. McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

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May 23 — The Taylor Harvey

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel:

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May 24 - Joey & the Sting Rays.

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May 23 — Kindle to Ember. May 24 — Motus, Fight the Fear,

Starline Theorie. May 26s - Mystery Train. May 27 — Close Talker and the

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May 28 — Shrewd Lucy and

May 30 — The Drowning Men and the Good Lords. May 31 — Lonely Mattress

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May 23 — Tyght Ship. May 24 — Smokin.

May 30 — Makai.

May 31 — Anthem. June 13 — Superfunk.

June 14 — Skynnyn Lynnyrd.

June 20 — Boogie Knights.

June 21 — David Brighton. June 27 — Superfunk.

June 28 — Belladonna.

July 12 — Arrival.
July 18 — The Spazmatics.

July 25 — Platinum Groove.

July 29 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.

July 31 — Engelbert Humperdinck.

August 5 — Steely Dan. August 11 — UB40. August 28 — Poison.

September 21 — Ana Gabriel. October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

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Hernandez. May 27 — Blue Four.

PianoSD.com: 1233 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley. June 21 — "Pianotarium: Piano

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Morehouse Drive, Mira Mesa, 858-June 8 — "Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim."

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-

283-0460. July 27 — Stone Temple Pilots. August 21 — Sheryl Crow.

Ramada Inn: 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, Kearny Mesa, 619-596-9777. May 28 — Keith Jacobson.

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

May 24, May 31 — Live reggae. **Round Table Pizza:** 1161 East Washington Street, Escondido, 760-489-0191.

*June 3* — The Bladerunners. July 5 — Mill Creek Boys.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown, 858-570-1100 June 24 — Widespread Panic.

San Diego Sports Arena:

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San Diego Harley-Davidson:

September 6 - Hugh Gaskins & the

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3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171. June 17 — George Michael. July 5 — Raven-Symone. October 7 — Neil Diamond.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. May 23 — Bill Staines.

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. May 29 - Breman Court.

Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Road, Santee, 619-465-1730. May 22 — The Burnsville Band.

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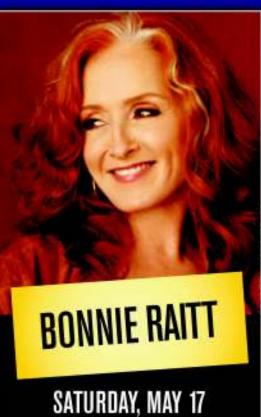
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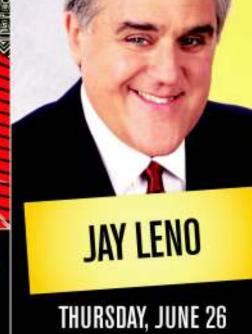
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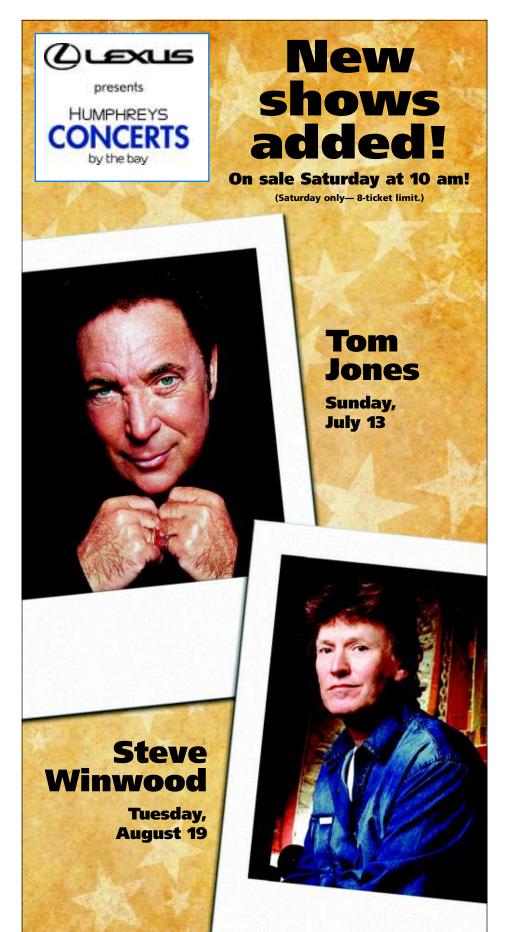
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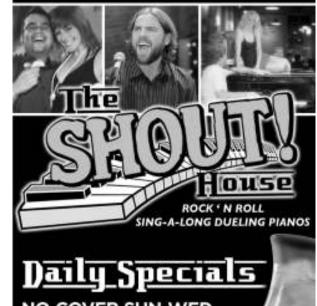
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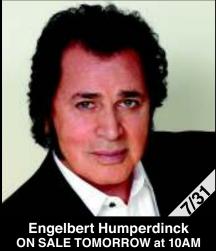
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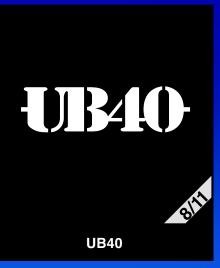


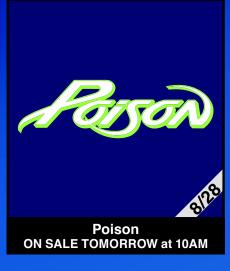
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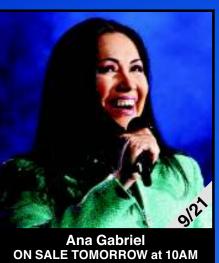


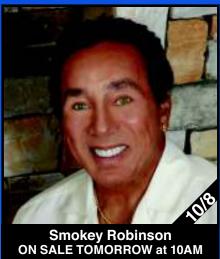
















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## Crasher

## DARTH VERA

by Josh Board

went up to Fallbrook a while back for a Fallbrook Film Factory event called the Comic and Animation Filmfest. I had met Dean LeCrone at a previous party, and he had made a documentary called *Dean LeCrone vs.* the *Mutants of Comic-Con*, which satirized the people who attend Comic-Con.

I brought my friend Bonnie. We were both dressed up, and as we approached the Mission Theater, we saw a couple dressed as Batman and Robin. She said, "They're going to look at us and be able to tell we're city folk."

We then saw a couple of Stormtroopers acting as security quards.

There was red carpet leading into the entrance of the theater. I overheard a lady say, "They didn't splurge on this thing. It looks like it's just a red cloth."

A few nice sports cars drove up. I asked Bonnie if one was a Viper. "All I know is it's red and sporty." A limo rolled up and a kid got out of it wearing sunglasses and looking cool as he waved to the crowd. The boy was Dean's son.

Listening to people around the theater was interesting. The guy in the Robin costume told a Stormtrooper, "You have to try and look menacing." I'm not







Top left: Stormtrooper outside the Mission Theater; Top right: Dean LeCrone (middle).

His singer and date on the left; Bottom left: Artist working on a caricature;

Bottom right: Tahnee Gehm (left)

entire head is covered by a mask. Holding the gun helped, though.

I heard a tall woman say to

sure how you do that when your

I heard a tall woman say to her friend, "...but we're still best friends." Her friend responded, "I've never been friends with a guy after a rela-

laughed and said, "There should be a designated place people go for divorces the way they go to thru. Matt said, "I think it sounds more like Charlie Brown's teacher."

There was a 14-year-old kid I talked to named Daniel. He had won two awards at the Temecula Film Festival. We talked about scholarships that director Steven Spielberg offers young filmmakers

The first short film shown was titled *Turn Off Your Cell Phone*. It was cute. Then there was one called *When Bananas Go Bad 2: Yellow Fever*, which was very funny. The closing credits said, "No bananas were harmed in the filming. Okay, maybe a few."

When Tahnee Gehm's

movies started, a guy behind me had his cell phone go off. I wanted to turn around and say, "Didn't you pay attention to the first film we saw?"

Tahnee's films were funny. She draws cartoon creatures. In one of the animated films called *The DVD and Sock Stealing Gremlins*, she has them stealing DVDs, CDs, and socks that you lose and can never find.

The sound effects she made with her mouth were hysterical and added to the animation.

Tahnee is in her first year of college and already her film was better than the ones I see at the annual Festival of Animation in La Jolla.

The main feature was
Dean's film about Comic-Con. In
the film, he walked around
interviewing costumed geeks
who attend the convention. A lot
of it was funny. There were the
usual jokes about guys in their
40s living in their parents'
basements.

One older guy went into his entire life story and how he worked on airplanes. There were clever edits in that segment that showed Dean falling asleep as he held the mic. Then it cut to Dean at home going to bed and the guy was still talking.

An older lady who was interviewed in Dean's film was

# "No bananas were harmed in the filming. Okay, maybe a few."

tionship ended. I don't care about some jerk wanting to maintain a friendship." The tall woman didn't reply.

I overheard one couple talk about how they got engaged in Julian. I said to Bonnie, "Everyone proposes in Julian or some beach in Del Mar. I wonder if anyone has ever proposed in Fallbrook." She replied, "Yeah, probably Fallbrook residents." I nice places to get engaged." She replied, "They do. They're called courthouses."

As we walked in, I ran into a Marvel Comics artist named Matt Lawrence. He also does illustrations for No Fear. We had met at a previous party and chatted a bit. A Stormtrooper walked by us and I mentioned his voice sounding like someone working the Burger King drive-





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wearing a nametag that read "Darth Vera." She said she was Darth Vader's grandmother. Her voice was raspy, and I leaned into Bonnie and said, "I wonder if she talks through a hole in her throat from too many Pall Malls. It certainly gives her more of a Darth Vader

As we shuffled out of the theater and into a library nearby for a reception, Bonnie looked at a few guys in costumes. She said in a robotic voice, "Are we nerds? Yes, that is affirmative."

I grabbed some punch and cookies and talked to Donna, one of the people who run the Fallbrook Film Factory. I didn't realize how many small films they make and how elaborate the pro-

I was introduced to the blonde that Dean was with. I found out she sang the songs in his movie, which included "Fever," "My Heart

Will Go On," and my personal favorite, "Mutant

Dean told me about his car catching fire and how everything he had in it burned. He said, "That's why I don't have a cell phone now." I told him, "The last two times someone told me their cell phone was broken it was because it dropped in a toilet."

There were a few pieces of art on the walls. A drinking fountain had a \$500 price tag on it. I wondered if it was a piece of art and then someone told me that's how much money they needed to raise to put a fountain there.

Cartoonists were drawing caricatures of people. Tahnee was showing her portfolio and we talked about her characters. I told her I liked their eyes and then wondered if that sounded like a line.

Bonnie and I got tired of the cookies and decided to go to the pub down the street for some food. A guy in the parking lot came up

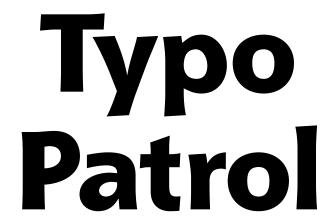
to me and introduced himself. He told me that he was a songwriter and asked me to come to his car. He took a guitar out of the trunk and started playing a few tunes. He said it wasn't tuned and then stuck his CD into the

He went through each track of the CD and talked about screenplays he'd written. He said he often doesn't get a writer's credit. I didn't realize that you could have a career writing movies and TV shows without your name appearing anywhere. I wondered if that enabled screenwriters to stretch the truth in their récumés

After 30 minutes, I could tell Bonnie wanted to leave, and this guy was going on and on. I said, "Well, we have to get to that pub before it closes." And he threw more stories at me about the various celebrities he'd worked with. He mentioned Dolly Parton, Robert Duvall...then Bonnie stuck her hand out and said, "It was really a pleasure to meet you. We enjoyed talking with you." We started to walk away when he said, "I can give you this CD if you want it." I said, "No, that's cool." ■

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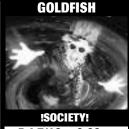


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## **That Breathless Charm**

A few days before the grand opening of the splashy new Dish restaurant-nightclub in Hillcrest, I decided to check out one of its forerunners. Dish had been bombarding my email with publicity releases that glittered with Tinkerbell sparkles about how this would be a pioneering venue where gays and straights would (gasp) mix and mingle.

That's new? Puh-*leeze*. Top of my head, I flashed on the "Dish" of Manhattan in the late 1960s, Max's Kansas City (where my cousin Peg waitressed), a Warhol-crowd favorite where every conceivable earthly gender (and possibly some extraterrestrial life forms) trouped in for dinner. (Afterwards: dancing to the juke at the Broome Street Expressway, or maybe the newest Charles Ludlam play from the Ridiculous Theatrical Company.) At least in big cities, there probably have always been a few all-inclusive bohemian venues where everybody mixes it up.

One of our own long-term institutions of comfortable mixing and mingling is Hillcrest's Inn at the Park dinner house in the Park Manor, a charming old Hillcrest hotel. (A rooftop venue called Top of the Park serves lunches on weekdays.) About a year ago, chef Anthony Wilhelm was promoted to executive chef, and his upgrades to the menu afforded another good reason to check it out.

The attractive, well-populated bar faces the dining room across a wide aisle. The bar includes a piano, with live musicians every night after 7:00 p.m., solos or duos, bathing the area with the ironic-tinged sentimentalities of classic Broadway show tunes. The dining room has dim lighting, white tablecloths, plushy banquettes, and ornately framed reproductions of sun-dappled Impressionist eye-candy (Renoir, oui; Van Gogh, maybe no).

Jim hadn't eaten here in years but does drop in regularly for drinks. ("The piano bar is a cool date spot midweek," he said, "although you'd better warn your readers that the Friday night scene is a little different — it's nicknamed 'Boy's Night.' ") Arriving with Jim, James, and Jonathan (we should form a jug band called "the Jay Birds"), I looked around the room and was doubly surprised: by the number of Gen-Y heteros (maybe 15 percent) and by the many faces that looked like people I'd like to know. People are



**NAOMI WISE** 

having a good time here, and enjoyment lights up their features.

Service was attentive, competent, smart. Food? Well...It's not "foodie" food to astonish or thrill

mango here and chipotle there, it's an update of the faintly Continental comfort food that you might have eaten, pre-1970 (or in

Sacramento even today), at the "nice" collegetown restaurant when your parents came to visit. The regular crowd at the Inn is conservative in its tastes, meat-and-potatoes guys, and they don't take too readily to innovation. I'd have to call the style Log Cabin Republican Cuisine.

The bread was crusty and good and also included skinny breadsticks. The kitchen was all out of frog's legs that evening, and when we learned that the charcuterie plate items are purchasedout, we skipped it. The most satisfying appetizer was calamari fritto misto — tender, crusty fried squid, delicate zucchini rounds, and just-right

crisp-tender broccoli clusters, with two dips a smooth pink chipotle aioli with a little sting of heat, and a thick, Kaffir-lime avocado sauce with a lash of spice.

That evening, though, there were several

odd glitches in kitchen performance. A steamed artichoke filled with a spinach-lemon-Stilton fondue was a surprising slip-up: The artichoke was dras-

tically undercooked. The leaves were stiffly resistant to leaving the nest, and the heart was harder than Dick Cheney's. The sauce, although vaguely pleasant, was blander than a morning

A crab-and-avocado tower and a grilled prawn and mango salad were nearly identical: Both had spring greens, mango, and avocado, although one or the other also had pink, cottony wedges of underripe tomato. They were supposed to sport two distinctly different dressings, but evidently there was another slip-up. I wasn't certain in the dim lighting, but both salads appeared and tasted not

#### Inn at the Park

Park Manor Suites, 3615 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-291-0999; 800-874-2649.

HOURS: Sunday-Thursday 5:00-10:00 p.m., weekends until 11:00. Lunch at rooftop Top of the Park, weekdays 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**PRICES:** Soups, \$5–\$6; appetizers and salads, \$9–\$14; entrées, \$19–\$27; desserts about \$8. CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: American-Conti-

nental comfort cuisine with trendy tropical touches. Modest international wine list, mainly of affordable, well-known bottlings. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Calamari fritto misto, duck breast,

scallops with white truffle oil, coconut-lime crème

**NEED TO KNOW:** Ambience sophisticated but informal, with mixed gay-straight crowd (très gai on Fridays). Piano bar nightly, starting at 7:00 p.m. One vegan pasta entrée. Hotel guests have dibs on tables, so reservations strongly advised for

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merely underdressed, but stark naked. (This was confirmed by the doggy bags later that night.) It was a very busy evening — but surely not so busy that the salads didn't have time to dress before they came out in public. The first salad had plenty of good crabmeat, while the other had precisely two medium, garlic-broiled shrimps, cooked tough. I don't know why they'd skimp on shrimp, since this size isn't expensive. Perhaps it was another plating mishap.

Entrées come with either the soup du jour or a house salad, with options for other soups or salads at a slight surcharge. We all opted for the evening's mushroom bisque. I've had some mushroom bisques that knocked my socks off (e.g., at nearby Seasons), but this wasn't one of them. It was just nice soup.

or impress, more like background music for the piano tunes. With a little added



An entrée special featured beef tenderloin, chipotle béarnaise, soft-shell crab, spicy mashed potatoes, and veggies (which I've already forgotten). The beef, properly rare, was a tad tough for a tenderloin. The other ingredients seemed incoherent, a bunch of good stuff flung together almost at random - more like a bad imitation of John Cage than the artfully complex melodies of Cole Porter.

Seeing white truffle seared sea scallops on the menu led Jim and Jonathan to quiz me about the difference between black and white truffles. (No, I don't have 800 free words to go into it right now — there are meatier issues ahead.) The dish itself didn't help to illuminate the distinction, as there wasn't enough white truffle flavor (from oil) to even notice. The scallops, though, were sweet and tender, complemented by fava beans and applewood-smoked bacon. Their starch was "forbidden black rice," which looked like a shorter-grained wild rice but proved hard and grainy, as though reverting to the raw state. (Needed more cooking or, especially, more liquid.)

The same rice also came with seared duck breast, so it seems the mysterious taboo has been lifted by the ghost of the Last Empress, the High Pooh-Bah, whoever. The duck was tender and enjoyable, flattered by a cherry-rhubarb coulis.

Cabernet-braised, balsamic-glazed short ribs were tender, too, but oddly dim in flavor — which goes against the grain, since this is usually a meaty-tasting cut, and the Cabernet and balsamic should have deepened its allure. Instead, this rendition seemed more like Mom's, if Mom had bought the short ribs only because they were on sale.

The house specialty (fittingly enough, given the Log Cabin food ethos) is old-fashioned prime rib roast beef, for a bargain price of \$23 — a rarity on current restaurant menus, and usually much more costly if you do find it. It's the most popular dish of all with the regulars at the Inn. Back in December or wet January, we'd probably have jumped on it in a New York minute.

Instead, I quizzed the waiter and learned that the grade of the roast beef is middling choice - a necessary compromise to keep the price reasonable. Jim and Jonathan asked me what the question was all about, so I figure you might also like to know: prime rib is a *cut* of meat (the center rib roast), whereas USDA Prime is a grade — so "prime" has two very different meanings. The USDA meat grades are determined according to how much fat-marbling there is in the meat — the fat makes it tender and adds deep meat flavor (what the Japanese call umami). Japanese Wagyu, as fatty as foie gras, can be cut with a fork. USDA Prime has the most marbling of American standard beef. Two grades lower, USDA Select is your typical supermarket beef, with little fat and a tendency toward toughness. Choice grade covers a wide range between Prime and Select — the higher realms of Choice are terrific, rivaling Prime, but lower Choice is only a bit tastier and tenderer than supermarket beef. The restaurant's cooking method is dead-on right for middle-Choice: It's roasted slow, low, and long at 225 degrees to emerge rare and juicy. Wish we'd ordered it - but we were more attracted to other dishes.

Desserts cover the waterfront between American comfort, Continental, and newfangled. Skipping the chocolate extravaganzas, we gravitated to the simple American blueberry crumble and the fusion-y key lime coconut crème brûlée. The crumble had a few blueberries and a whole lot of mushy granola. No, just no. The crème brûlée was highly acidic and lively with a strong lime flavor and a fine hard slick of caramelized topping. It's a wake-up call at the end of dinner.

So, okay, the food's nice (but for those weird glitches), if nothing to write home about. But the scene is sweeter than a hot cornet. The show tunes bring people together — the crowd around the piano sometimes singing along with classic lyrics of wonderfully jaded irony and lechery (Cole Porter, Lorenz Hart), or of romanticism so intense, it grows campy at the edges (Oscar Hammerstein, et al.). Even diners hum along when they're not chewing. There's nothing like it for creating a spontaneous community spirit, a fundamental harmony amid the diverse individuals in the crowd. Reminds me of Ned Kelly's, the legendary Aussie dive piano bar in downtown Kowloon possibly the happiest piano bar on the planet. Never tried eating there (what, with all of Hong Kong to choose from?), and I hate to imagine the Aussie-expat pub grub they may serve — Marmite on white toast? Liver spread? But you don't go to Ned Kelly's for cuisine, you go for a whoppin' good time, mate, and you don't need to be Aussie to feel welcome - they take all comers, recognizing that sentient beings want, above all, to have music, fellowship, fun. Joyous, inclusive places like these are worth cherishing for their own virtues, anywhere on earth. It's a treat to find one right here in

#### **ABOUT THE CHEF**

Executive chef Anthony Wilhelm slid into his profession via a high school dishwashing job. "I was about 17, and I was working in a place in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was kind of an upscale bar-pub, and I was just very, very intrigued by the kitchen. I was intrigued by the food. I went to the culinary

program at Cincinnati State University, and then I worked in La Maisonette in Cincinnati, which was the longest five-star-rated restaurant in U.S. history.

"My ex-wife was in the Navy, and that's what brought me to San Diego. She ended up moving back to Chicago, while I stayed here, working at the Inn at the Park for about four and a half years. I was here for almost three years as a sous-chef and then was promoted to executive chef.

I asked how bound he was to the proverbial gay taste for comfort food. "I like to take each menu progressively," he says. "But I also have a clientele here that I have to appease. So I have to take baby steps to introduce new flavors — they like their steak and mashed potatoes and their roast beef. But I'm starting to do some special wine dinners upstairs with pretty innovative menus, although we're still sticking mainly to the meat, the filet but we are actually having some fun here. I spend a lot of my time upstairs doing banquets." (Note: The hotel is a prime venue for weddings and other special occasions. Chef Anthony oversees the food at all those functions, as well as lunches at Top of the Park, often working seven days a week, 12 hours a day.)

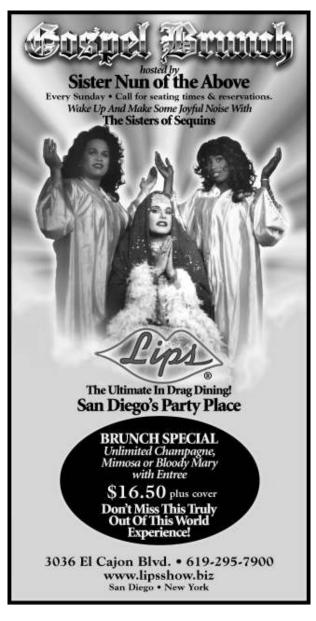
Asked his philosophy of cuisine, he says, "I love to use the best ingredients I can afford. Farm-to-table, preferably. It's the new hot thing. I do have a limit here as to what I can spend, being a hotel restaurant, but I love to use the freshest ingredients that I can get and put love into it." After five years in San Diego, he has a certain yearning to move to the burgeoning food scenes of Vancouver or Seattle, but meanwhile, he's a fan of the farm-to-table cuisine of Market Restaurant, Bianca, and the Better Half.

"I think San Diego is definitely improving. It's trying to find itself. I know a lot of restaurants in San Diego are still mediocre at best — it's not even near the caliber of restaurants vou find in New York, Chicago, even San Francisco. But San Diego is definitely on the right track." ■









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## **Burgers and Carousels**

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"These are some of the greatest animals vou'll ever ride, dead or alive."

ank had been on about this for the longest time. He's a carpenter and wannabe carver, and he reckons the carving of the horses in the carousel at Seaport Village is the best. In the world. Period.

And tonight, when we're on the orange line trolley heading for 12th and Imperial, he suddenly jumps up. "Seaport Village, pal. The carousel. Let's go look. Now."

I mean, yes. I jump off with him. But I'm gonna admit this up front. I always have trouble with set-piece places like Seaport Vil-

lage or Disneyland. Everything's designed to hit your cute button.

We walked around the Hyatt Hotel's grand entrance and up into Seaport Village's West Plaza. And suddenly, all you're hearing is voices, the burble of conversation, kids laughing, one or two restaurant exhaust fans rattling. That's about it. The amazing thing is, you're in a car-free environment. Rare in this town. Amazing how all the tensions fall away.

Not with Hank, of course. He's all fired up. "Aha!" he cries. He's spotted the carousel. It's even turning. Has kids and grown-ups riding the

" 'Charles I.D. Looff,' " says Hank, reading off a plaque, like he was discovering his own grandfather. "A pioneer. Danish. Do you realize there are 54 animals in here? Not all horses either. Guy was a master. And catch their expressions. These are some of the greatest animals you'll ever ride, dead or alive. He carved them. And they've been whirling round since 1895!"

He goes on. He wants to wait for it to slow down so he can look at individual horses, or giraffes, or dragons, or lions. He wants to take the \$2 ride.

"Look," I say. "This is your thing. My thing's grub. I'm hongry.'

Fact is, I only have about ten bucks on me right now. There's no shortage of food around here, but mostly it's beyond my sorry excuse for

"Seven-five-four, 754? Chicken fillet burger and fries? 754."

> The amplified voice comes from behind an arch up in this little pink-tiled plaza behind us. The plaza's dotted with big ol' ficus trees and a couple of palms and Caribbean-looking brown-andcream-tiled houses with outside stairs and stuccoed walls and

arches. One has a sign painted on it: Burger Lovers This Wav!

Over the arch, another says, San Diego Burger Company.

Beside it, a bunch of pictures show the choices. I see the standard 1/3 lb. burger is \$4.50, the cheeseburger's \$5.50, the double-patty "burger burger," \$6.99, and a delicious-looking avocadobacon cheeseburger with guacamole oozing from every patty corner goes for \$6.99. The most expensive thing is the \$7.99 double bacon cheeseburger (single's \$5.99). Then they have variations on the theme, like the vegetarian gardenburger (\$5.99), turkey burger (\$5.99), and chicken fillet burger (\$5.99).

The place is basically an orange Mexican-tiled counter alongside a yellow-painted courtyard with tables and a protective wall with a mural of a sea vista.

'I'm gonna get me a burger," I say to Hank. 'Sure, be my guest. If you want to turn into a laardvark --- hey! Laardvark. That's good." "Whatever."

So now I pass under the arch, through the courtyard, between the blue mosaic-topped concrete tables, and up to the counter where this guy Gabriel is taking orders. He leans in to a big mike.

"755, your double bacon cheese-

burger is ready."
"I'll take a number seven," I say. That's the avocado-bacon cheeseburger.

"Anything with that?" Gabriel asks.

And that's when I realize I have a problem. I look again at the menu board. Burger's \$6.99, but...aaargh! French fries don't come with it. A tiny little cardboard tray of 'em costs \$3.50. Drinks cost about that again. Before you can say "tourist trap,' you've doubled your outlay.

"Fries?"

"Uh, no," I say.

"Something to drink?"

"Uh, no."

When my avo-bacon cheeseburger comes, in its little cardboard tray, it doesn't look anywhere near as high-piled or colorful as in the picture. (But when does it ever?) I check under the lid. It does have everything they promised, including grilled onions, lettuce, bacon, and lots of oozing guacamole. And it's definitely juicy. Which is just as well, because I don't have a danged thing to drink, and I'm too embarrassed to ask for water. Very stupid. Very male. Carla wouldn't give it a second thought.

But what I find is, it provides its own liquids. It's a juicy piece of meat with good slippery onions. I down it sitting at one of the tables in the ficus plaza, resisting ye olde gut's calls for a drink to slurp. I look about me. Okay, this place is cute, 'specially at night. I see the inky bay waters through a gap in the buildings, and beyond, a sweeping light beam that has to be North Is-

land's naval lighthouse. I'm starting to like this place

"For Chrissakes," says Hank. He's just come up from the carousel. "Would you stop feeding your face and come look at this?'

He points out the life in the horses' faces and their body movement. "And see? They were designed for adults to ride, not kids.

Of course we end up riding the danged things. Hank keeps up the commentary. "Looff carved these in his middle period, his most intricate. Look at this detail. Charles I.D. Looff, man. The Picasso of the carousels! Are you listening to me?"

Actually, I'm thinking of all who've ridden these ponies before us over the 113 years since their first spin, in Fairpark, Texas, Hank says. Plus, as our horses swoop up and down, I've gotta concentrate on keeping my avocado-bacon cheeseburger where it belongs. ■

The Place: San Diego Burger Co., 879 West Harbor Drive, Suite G, Seaport Village, 619-239-7901

Type of Food: American

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#### **BEACHES**

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-theoven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crepe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily.

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafes, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except

for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate.—

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W.

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar — La Jolla 8970 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls'" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass, and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe preshow dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks

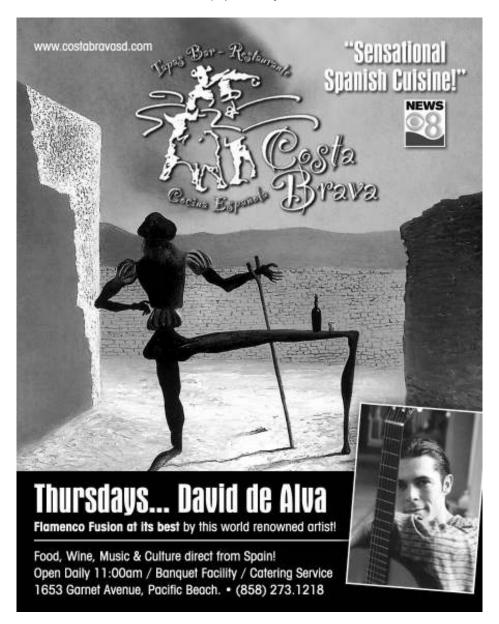
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with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Preshow prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — N.W.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the for-saken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sortahealth food to the beach. A self-con-fessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* 





# Grand Opening!



## Calendar Restaurants

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

**The Marine Room** 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Midweek specials, \$40. No corkage fee any night. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Noisy when crowded. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spin drift. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — N.W.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing "market fresh" local produce

(much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not just the food that's fresh — the ideas are, too, and the flavor matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.* 

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive Point Loma, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky water side pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W.

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W.

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twentysomething crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with

sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts, and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and tobiko wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — N.W.

#### BAJA

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Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388, Baja, 664-685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), bacalao (cod fish) à la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

La Diferencia Avenida Sanchez Taboada 10611-A, Baja, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Vegetarian upon request. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* 

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Baja, 664-681-4458. This hidden ("escondida") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden over-looking the Tijuana River Valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (cacerola de mariscos); the tambor (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat ("cabrito tatemado"). Desserts include the house especial, mango and ice cream with rompope (Mexican eggnog), and crepas de cajeta con nieve, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. Vegetarian on request. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rey del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* 

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third), Baja. Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until midafternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (borrego) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (birria de chivo), to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hot-cakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors

speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W.* 

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67. Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (codorniz al mojo de ajo), or venison, especially the savory machaca de venado (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. Vegetarian upon request. The restaurant's name means "the nest," and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W.

**Los Pelicanos** Calle Del Cedro 115 #45, Baja, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and lessgifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less-careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Vegetarian upon request. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W.* 

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and Third, Baja. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a peoplebulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to milanesa, steak ranchero, carne asada, chile relleno, and pescado (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

#### CENTRAL

**Alex's Brown Bag** 2550 Fifth Avenue #171, Hillcrest, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich' (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. -

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suri-name, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha* koong (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing soto ayam (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy sambal goring (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. -

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Ban-





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dar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Beach City Market 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Is this the nearest thing to an actual café downtown? Where you can sit outside and slurp coffee or have a full meal and watch the world pass by? It tries hard to be, even though it's fast deli food. Your sandwich comes in butcher paper. Soup pots are cardboard. You can buy wine, but you can't drink it here. Why? Other Horton Plaza tenants won't allow it. Still, soup and sandwich deals give good, generous portions, like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices, or the Deluxe, roast beef with horseradish. Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint 4577 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-483-9500. Aussie food? Nope. The Boomerang idea is that "you' all always come back for more." Although maybe they are thinking Aussie with their extensive create-your-own-burger options, which include fixings like horseradish, artichoke hearts, carrots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Their bright idea: chop and tuck these items into your raw burger meat, like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Add imaginative sauces (Thai peanut, chipotle pepper, citrus, others). Result: great-tasting burgers. They're a bit pricey, maybe because they use only "100-percent Angus hormone-free beef." But that means they can safely cook your burger rare. Rare! That's enough to boomerang any-

one back. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

**Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220** Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! - downtown's answer to a European sidewalk cafe. Place has a gener ous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B.* 

Extraordinary Desserts — Little Italy 1430 Union Street, Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary to eat on-site or to take home. Chefowner Karen Krasne incorporates fla-vors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. - N.W.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew,

or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W.

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue, Down town, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50 but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth ordeaux, super Tuscans, and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher priced choices. Patrons are mainly suits" with deep expense-account pock ets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W.

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's fauxrustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, etouffee, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door, Full bar, Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, din ner nightly (early closing Sunday), Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street, Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixedethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-9449, Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian decor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry vood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially splotted with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singa-pore-syle rice noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tanged with curry, and excellent, as is the kung pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan erican Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. One way or another they have been serving Japanese food here since 1915. Yes, it's usually crowded, and most go for the cliché item, terivaki rice bowl with beef skewers. But the teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish udon soba noodle soup with tofu kitsune, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab' meat are good and feel Japanese, especially out on the restaurant deck over a canyon. With Japanese flute music playing, the trees, and the noodles, you really feel in a Japanese space. Try konacha green tea for the nearest taste to tea ceremony tea. Open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Joe's New York-Style Deli** 3401 First Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: a cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, paté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — E.B.

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are over-wrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if our wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — N.W.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro — Mission Valley 7077 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea

shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

The Palm 615 J Street, Downtown, 619-702-6500. This upmarket chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-table-cloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the Slater Special, which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean macchinettas make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive.— N.W.

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-fa miliar dishes of semi-Americanized "Mandarin" cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99cent joints). Tofu with eggplant and "Mongolian Hotpot," a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in



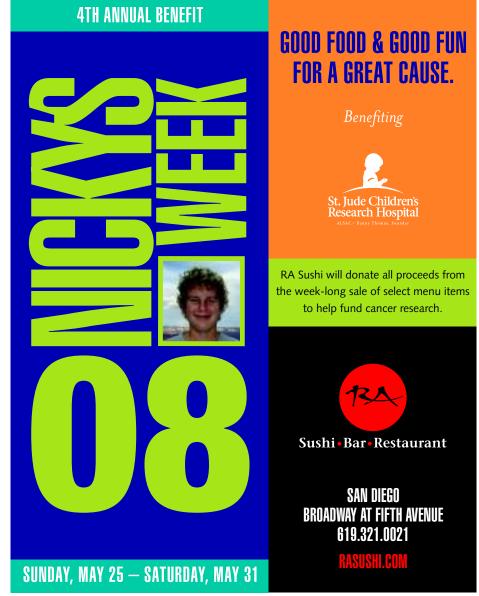


















## Calendar Restaurants

Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — *N.W.* 

Phil's BBQ - Point Loma 3750 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma 619-226-6333. Check the lines around Phil's any lunchtime. Although Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kidfriendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Re-member: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner closed Monday. New location at 3750 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena, 619-226-6333. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana tres leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a mu-seum crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.* 

**Quarter Kitchen** 600 F Street, Downtown, 619-814-2000. Don't be intimidated by the chic reputation of this high-end hotel restaurant. Normal people can eat here, too, dressed not to the nines but to the high-fives on weeknights, keeping in mind that the best appetizers can be so exquisite that entrées may be superfluous. The menu attempts to please all tastes, from haute cuisine down to publicity-grabbing high-end pub grub (Wagyu sliders, oversized Kobe hot dogs, et al.) . Among the best tastes: Caviar "tacos" (in paper-thin potato shells with crème fra?che) are amazing even with nonendangered paddlefish roe. (Ossetra is also available.) Salmon tartare and spicy crab soup also thrill the senses. The entrées include both delicate "chef" fare and steakhouse fare, including an irresistible side of truffled fries (forget the steak, buy the fries). You can eat fabulously here without bankruptcy if you're picky and go for light and superb rather than heavy and conventional. Three meals daily, until midnight on weekends. Very expensive. — N.W.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza — Mission Valley 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's... San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau's extravagant multivenue sports pub is major-league fun—a real-life reincarnation of some 1960's McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and

Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street, Downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-style" meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinder blocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Super Cocina 3627 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-584-6244. If you're looking for authentic, rustic Mexican home cooking, this simple, bright cafeteria is the place. There's no chef; instead, local Mexican housewives from many regions prepare their specialties for the restaurant. They're mainly fascinating, complex meat or poultry stews, made without border compromises — it a dish should be spicy, it is spicy. The arrav of about a dozen entrées changes daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. The counter people will give you tastes of any entrée before you choose the two you want, which come in generous dollops with rice, lively ranchero beans, and tortillas. For breakfast, the chilaquiles are renowned. Free parking, family atmosphere, no alcohol, cash only. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

**Woodstock's Pizza** 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey wholemilk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M.

#### **NORTH INLAND**

**94th Aero Squadron** 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (stuffed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features chicken kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of anight outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, Carmel Valley, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the saganaki, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with mezedakia, a big oval sampler of dolnades (stuffed grape leaves), lokaniko (a delicious Greek sausage), spanakopita (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cu-cumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Inexpensive to moderate.

**Bamboo Hut** 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll

find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrees (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

**Bistro 221** 221 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best. — *N.W.* 

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565 "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, offers zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in several "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Break fast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W.

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were

available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entree includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — S.M.

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. Most of their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Com**pany** 3904 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions, and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive.

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a creampainted metal shed with a gazebo in









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front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foothigh pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s, You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — N.W.

**Wayside Café** 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station, You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

#### **NORTH COASTAL**

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet) but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as

Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex - no cumininfused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -S.M.

Joe's Crab Shack — Oceanside 314 Harbor Drive, Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Pacific Beach, Mission Vallev, and downtown. - N.W.

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q — Carls bad 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Joey Maggiore doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions; sweet ribs glazed with the "suh-weet" sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. Housemade hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* 

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green- white-and red-tiled place because it's such good value Most dishes are Mexican There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is muy popular, but then so is J.M.'s Great

All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include torta alla nna, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine in-gredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroonand-gilt restaurant of 1960's Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lob-ster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — S.M.

Sbicca American Bistro 215 Fifth Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Chefowner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine at both of her restaurants, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce on a menu that changes with the seasons. The irresistible lobstercrabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. Some simpler dishes cleverly complete them-selves as you eat them: Salmon served with peas and mushrooms to one side, a creamy sauce on the other, creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to



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**Tomiko** 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh uni, worldbeating silky toro. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrees. Reserve for

weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp, (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays Best bets are the daily specials, which of fer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate.

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatos-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings

best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W.

#### SOUTH BAY

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar, Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The papa relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *can*cha, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies - but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Il Fornaio — Coronado 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. 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 rustic-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 mesquitegrilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne alla sorrentina — pasta 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 mindblowingly knowledgeable. Moderate.

**Island Pasta** 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-thepremises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the verdure pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive.

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Av-National City, 619-477-6645. Mary I and her cafe have been around for 40 years, and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big-board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheese-burgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Miguel's Cocina — Chula Vista 970 EastLake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare atures fish — fried, grilled, chowdered,

or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the park-ing lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

#### **EAST COUNTY**

Anthony's Fish Grotto — La **Mesa** 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best, Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buy ing power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

**La Casa del Zorro** 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrees with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the den-tures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

Greek Town Buffet 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708, Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, dolmades. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speak-

ing languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this allyou-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't for-get salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inex-

**Grossmont Student Center Cafe**teria 8800 Grossmont College Drive. Grossmont College, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumbcoated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the menudo) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the carnitas rojas, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dryroasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M.

**Owl Cafe** 674 Main Street, Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full - include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 





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To the 12-year-old Gerhard, scruffy Beethoven looked like a "vagrant."

he La Jolla Playhouse's 33 Variations, about Ludwig van Beethoven's obsession with a paltry theme by Diabelli, concluded its run in early May. San Diego theater's homage to the maestro continues at the Old Globe, where Her-

shey Felder's Beethoven, As I Knew Him is having its world premiere. Variations explored the creative process; As I Knew Him looks at Beethoven through the eyes of

Gerhard von Breuning, his last living friend.

It's 1870, 100th anniversary of Ludwig van's birth. Gerhard, whose father was one of Beethoven's few trusted friends, prepares for a tribute to the genius. He recalls his first sight of the composer (to the 12-year-old Gerhard, scruffy Beethoven looked like a "vagrant"). He performs the miraculous "Sonata in C Sharp Minor" and the Hegelian "Sonata Pathetique" on the piano and describes incidents from the life: unrequited loves, a controlling relationship with nephew Karl, encroaching deafness, appalling living conditions — including an unemptied chamber pot.

In print, Beethoven has proved larger than any single biography. To grasp the life, the mind, and the music, one should read Alexander Thayer's two volumes, Maynard Solomon's psychological study, Lewis Lockwood's recent opus, and throw in J.W.N. Sullivan's Beethoven, His Spiritual Development, which T.S. Eliot read and then wrote "The Four Quartets" for good measure.

Beethoven also proves to be much larger than Felder's sketchy piece, which gives the symphonies short shrift — we hear snatches at best — and highlights the oddities of the life. Except for the famous letter to his brothers, in which Beethoven wrote from the heart about deafness, the piece offers little about how he made immortal music in spite of his infirmities.

Felder scored a hit with his George Gershwin, Alone at the Old Globe, in part because Gershwin composed short, easily recognized, unforgettable music. Felder could encapsulate Gershwin. His trying to encapsulate Beethoven is like playing only the first four notes of the Fifth Symphony and saying, "That's pretty much it."

The opening-night audience gave Felder a stand-

ing ovation. And he earned one, not so much for his acting — he makes von Breuning and Beethoven more one-note attitudes than developed characters — but for his performance on the piano, which, on occasion, can spellbind, and for the tour de force

> combination of doing characters with precise German accents, narrating a 90-minute show, and playing swaths of difficult Beethoven (the left hand always

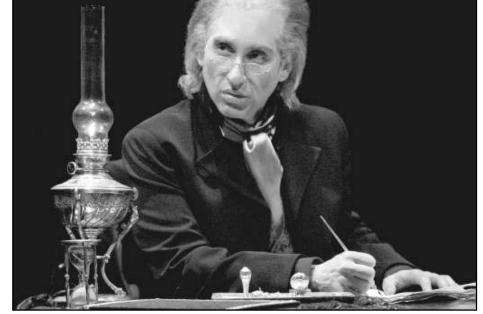
gets a workout from the maestro) with few mistakes.

François-Pierre Couture's dark, spare set includes a large open book, or piece of sheet music, a gold ribbon bookmark down the middle, on which projections depict half-real, half-glimpsed, ghostly figures. At first they resemble white ink Rorschachs — what you see is what you get — but they work well, giving the eye something to scan while the music fills the heart. Spare, shiny props and Felder's long gray hair and stiff, black Victorian outfit also enhance the look. The design values, and Joel Zwick's unfussy direction, serve the show, which needs major rethinking, however. Right now it showcases Felder's many impressive skills far more than it does Beethoven's.

When it opened in 1998, Terrence McNally's Corpus Christi raised as much of a ruckus as when Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice produced Iesus Christ Superstar as a double record album in 1970. McNally overlaps the traditional story of the Nazarene — or Nasarean Essene, if current scholarship is correct — with the rise and fall of Joshua, a gay man from McNally's home town (named for the "body of Christ").

The ruckus aside, Corpus Christi's a kind of gay Godspell, without music, a story theater version of the traditional tale bilocated in 1950s Texas. The first act combines satires of pageants ("boy, did we party!") with horrific homophobic cruelty. In Act Two, Joshua abandons his sexuality altogether. What follows is the predictable sequence of events; the only questions concern how the show will stage Gethsemane, Pilate's hand-washing, the Crucifixion.

The play moves from scattered eagerness to ultimate seriousness, which explains why the Di-



Hershey Felder as Beethoven

Beethoven, As I Knew Him, by Hershey Felder

**Old Globe Theatre,** Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Joel Zwick; cast: Felder; scenic design, François-Pierre Couture; costumes, Carole Boue; lighting, Richard Norwood; sound, Erik Carstensen; projection design, Andrew Wilder, Christopher Ash Playing through June 8; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at

**Corpus Christi,** by Terrence McNally

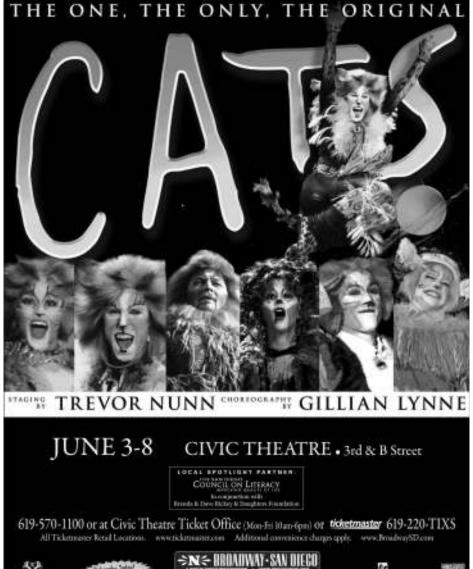
Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights

8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.

Directed by Nic Arnzen; cast: Rachael Van Wormer, Brian Mackey, Jesse Allen Moore, Zachary Bryant, Anna Rebek, Kate Hewitt, Jessica Parsell, Scott Andrew Amiotte, Keifla, Tom Doyle, John Whitley, Trevor Bowles, Rich Carrillo; scenic and sound design, Nic Arnzen; lighting, Stephen Siercks

Playing through June 1; Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-220-0097.





versionary cast begins with such broad, chipper smiles and relentless bear-hugs and why they have no curtain call. Dressed in khakis and white shirts and performing barefoot, the group grows into a tight ensemble. Standouts include Trevor Bowles's Joshua, sincere without being sanctimonious (no mean feat); Rich Carillo's cokesnorting Judas, a sexual predator with a major comeuppance; and Rachael Van Wormer's sharp, funny performances in several roles.

Corpus Christi, among other things, is about persecution. The original cast was all male. Director Nic Arnzen got the playwright's permission to include women, which expands the theme exponentially. In a note Arnzen points out the parallels between the play and the story of Matthew Shepard, a gay man murdered crucifixionstyle in Laramie, Wyoming. Shepard died the day before Corpus Christi opened. ■

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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. THROUGH MAY 18.

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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 Terrence 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. FRI-DAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUN-

#### The Glass Menagerie

The Old Globe's "Classics Up Close" series offers an intimate, in-the

DAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 1.

Prelude to a Kiss

poor "crippled" Laura scrambles up

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 man nered movements consistently pull focus from the story. At one point, in one of the strangest choices of all,

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, jumping-bean production is unconventional, 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.

In this sequel to Michael Wulffhart's Crazy Love it's visitor's day at the clinic. Patients tell Dr. Anderson about problematic relationships, and the comedy takes "a laughing look at the difference between men and women." Openended run. CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE 2808

version. They live on a plantation and behave — so very Chekhovian — as if nothing will, or

even can, change (1915, however, be-

Hunger" as people starved through-

out Mexico). Raygoza's such a pro-

lific writer he often loads dialogue

with too many ideas and images and

in the future could concentrate more

on compressing speeches. That said,

wrights and, although longish and at

times talky, La Gaviota ("seagull" in

Spanish) has an impressive sweep

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

Linda Castro triumphs as Irene,

mask, blazingly vulnerable. As

making the actress at times fire, at

others, ice, blazing and, beneath the

Irene's son, the aspiring filmmaker

Nicholas, Steven Lone exudes feroc-

ity that can't conceal a deep-seated

insecurity that will be his undoing.

Sara Beth Morgan's a terrific Nina,

the young, impressionable actress.

Bernard Baldan heads the support-

performance as Pedro, infirm patri-

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**National Comedy Theatre** Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if gone competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improve. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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

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## THROUGH JUNE 7

**Holy Ghosts** The Sullivan Players present Romulus Linney's drama about a cult of snake handlers determined to experience the "thrill of eternity." D.J. Sullivan directed. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AV-ENUE, HILLCREST. FRIDAYS, 7 P.M. SAT-URDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 25

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#### La Gaviota

THROUGH JUNE 14.

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, rigs elections and jails opponents. The people, denied rights, especially to land, revolt against the gentry, many of whom, it turns out, are characters in Ravgoza's

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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 mysticalwise comedy about the absolute promise of "for better or worse" getting put to a severe test — and, at the same time, about someone facing last things and yearning for a reprieve. New Village Arts, under Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's gifted direction, offers a spare, often delightful staging of the piece. Backed by Esther Emery's scenic design, metallic curlicues, like stems of plants that reconfigure into ocotillolike question marks or the shape of a

heart, the production grows from the special chemistry between Joshua Everett Johnson and Kristianne Kurner. They play Peter and Rita lovers-marrieds-separates, and give them, in the play's two acts, just about every conceivable emotion (in a comedy, mind you). Their tandem work's as inspired as their characters' relationship is splooey. The supporting casts's a mite uneven, but the principals carry the torch, literally and figuratively. Worth a try. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B

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The Funhouse A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud, The Funhouse combines improv with competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show," on Fridays, is a kick. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (improv is tough: I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group has more hits than misses, and their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've read about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art.'

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

#### **Surf Orpheus**

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents a musical reimagining of the Orpheus myth — book and lyrics by Corey Madden, music by Bruno Louchouarn - that tells the "ancient love story through the lens of California's surf culture. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, UCSD. 858-534-2230. FRIDAY, 8 P.M. THURSDAY, 8 P.M. SATURDAY, 2 AND 8 P.M.

#### The Voysey Inheritance

A legal firm's been absconding with trust funds for two generations, the senior Voysey tells his son and partner, who's inheriting the company. And when the family learns that it has been turning clients' pounds to pence and they are living a "sham happiness," they ask, What's the big deal? Nobody hurt (well, at least no one in the immediate family). Let's stay the course. Young Edward, however, decides otherwise. David Mamet's adaptation of Harley Granville-Barker's 1905 thesis play shows that times haven't changed. If anything greed, double standards, and entitlement have become more entrenched today. And euphemisms still reign (substituting "legal" and "illegal" for "right" and "wrong" to gloss over grave moral infractions.

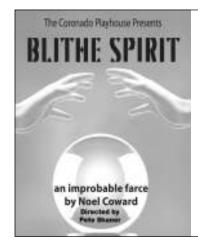
for example). Mamet, and Granville-Barker, make their key points early, and both have weak second acts that trail off in a long denouement. For Lamb's Players, Robert Smyth designed an expressive set: gorgeous, robin's egg blue rug, patterned with what looks like chaos theory's Mandelbrot Set, and a wall of empty gold picture frames. Jeanne Reith decked everyone in somber Edwardian finery. But the opening-night performance (rare for this polished company) felt 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 Jon Lorenz's young Edward, who could benefit from a stronger arc and more crusading fervor. Act Two, in particular, became so stagey that key scenes drew laughs, not gasps, from the audience.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, 619-437-0600, THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS. 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 18

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

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

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## **Mixed Bag**

## No idea is so puny that it cannot be put over with a pumped-up budget.

**DUNCAN SHEPHERD** 

o say the least, *Speed Racer* is colorful. Color-overflowing, to say a little more. Color-engulfed. The live-action version of the late-Sixties made-in-Japan TV cartoon (which

I never saw) is of course, in our day and age, only partly live-action: real people like Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John

Goodman, and Susan Sarandon inserted into a world of total artifice, a world of Madison Avenue utopianism, pop color, ping-pong nonsequential editing, CGI landscapes, video-game action - although "action" sounds a little precise for the mere motion into which they, and we, are plunged, an Osterizer in smoothie mode. (The auto races possess no more materiality than those in the completely computer-animated Cars, and a lot less clarity.) The Wachowski Brothers, Andy and Larry, have undeniably given the movie a look, and no more deniably given the moviegoer eyestrain. While the thing might to some degree be original in its details (e.g., cut-out figures gliding laterally across the screen, superimposed at the dimension of giants), or anyway original in the new heights to which these details have been piled (even shaving off an inch or two for every "comical" chimpanzee reaction shot), it is not to any degree original in its basic strategy: to wit, no idea is so puny or puerile — an existential racecar driver born and

bred for no other purpose, surname Racer, forename Speed that it cannot be put over with a pumped-

up budget, a protracted running time, a surfeit of special effects. Or in other words, no idea so puny or puerile that it cannot be sold, sold, sold. If they were honest, the Wachowskis would surely have to identify not with their individualistic hero but with the villainous corporate manipulator: "People like you," the hero lets him know, "have way too much money." People like the Wachowskis.

Coming from a very different place — France, to be literal about it — is OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies, a démodé Bond spoof set appropriately in the mid-Fifties and shot scrupulously in the style of the period. What Hollywood production today would impose such self-discipline? Would deny itself a computer and rely on its wits? Director Michel Hazanavicius, a new name over here, evinces a fond remembrance of an era,



Speed Racer

a screen archetype, and a cinematic vocabulary, and he keeps up a mood of geniality that can blossom into an occasional chuckle, nothing more. The casual, complacent, innocent chauvinism of the Gallic superspy — a Bond, *Jacques* Bond, if you please — constitutes a legitimate and logical extension of the character, and constitutes at the same time effortless and pain-

less political comment, not so démodé after all. Jean Dujardin, a paragon of self-regard, barely able to sustain forward momentum without freezing into a pose, neither overplays it nor underplays it. He plays it just right.

What Happens in Vegas, what passes these days as a "rom-com" (the very term drips with derision: not fully romantic, not fully comic), pairs per-

fect strangers in a drunken impulse wedding in Sin City, whence they return to Manhattan with \$3 million in disputed winnings (a contrivance copied from Larry David's *Sour Grapes*), and are sentenced to six months of working at the marriage before an unsympathetic judge will grant a divorce or unfreeze their assets. What ensues, under director Tom



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Vaughan, is a belly-crawl to a foregone conclusion. It showcases in a secondary role Lake Bell, to whom I was delightedly introduced in the female lead of Over Her Dead Body, possibly the year's most underrated movie, not because it was any great shakes but because it was the most overreviled. (I couldn't figure out why, could only guess that people had felt misled to believe that Eva Longoria was the star of it and had failed to believe their good luck.) I remember mentioning at the time that Bell seemed the sort of actress normally consigned to the bosom-buddy part, the heroine's confidante, the Joan Cusack, the Judy Greer, and now here she is, in exactly that part. She's funny three or four times, all the chances she gets. The two principals, selected from the A-list, Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher, are, between them, funny never. They both look as though they were left too long in the oven.

With Then She Found Me, first-time director, co-writer, and co-producer Helen Hunt confers a nice big fat role on Oscar-winning actress Helen Hunt, at an age when roles of any size are fast drying up. (A do-it-yourself movie.) The forty-four-year-old leading lady

portrays a thirty-nine-year-old teacher whose biological clock has started ticking loudly. In rapid succession, her new husband abandons her, a potential replacement heaves into view the next morning, her adoptive mother dies, and her unknown birth mother contacts her out of the blue. Oh, and she passes a home pregnancy test, bringing her namby-pamby husband back into the picture. Most of this, a girl-talk toot, is played for dish-the-dirt titters. Bette Midler, as the biological mother, will tend to turn anything into shtick, and the reliable Matthew Broderick and Colin Firth, as the old and new prospects respectively, are pretty much limited to one note apiece. (Salman Rushdie, wildly out of his element, sees the light of day as an obstetrician.) Hunt, however, with her drawn face, downturned mouth, roadmap of worry lines, and courage in displaying all this, appears more like a figure of Greek tragedy, an Electra maybe, even a Medea. A purging outburst of anger at her mendacious

way to say that the preceding had prepared us for less.

Son of Rambow, written and directed by Garth Jennings of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, is a sweet nothing, acutely cloying, about the bonding of dissimilar English schoolboys, devil and angel, plus a slightly less adhesive French exchange student with two-toned hair and trendsetting wardrobe, all collaborating together on a video sequel to First Blood for entry in a Young Filmmakers Competition. Cartoon slapstick and tender sentiment coexist unpeacefully, if not mutually destructively.

#### MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at

Baby Mama — SNL alumnae Tina Fey and Amy Poehler form a babymaking pact across the class divide, the barren career woman and the fertile prole. Broad, predictable, and pallidly photographed, yet an agile and energetic playing of the angles. Strong supporting part for Steve Martin,

plus ponytail, as a self-mythologizing health-food tycoon: "I was swimming this morning with dolphins in Costa Rica.. With Greg Kinnear and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Michael McCullers. 2008.

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Before the Rains — Interracial, extramarital love in unsettled India of 1937.

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Things take a tragic turn fairly early, and then grind on taking melodramatic ones. Capably directed (as well as photographed) by Santosh Sivan, but heavy-handedly With Linus Roache, Nandita Das, Rahul Bose, and Jennifer Ehle. 2008.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/16)

#### The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince

Caspian — Andrew Adamson's fantasy sequel, from the C.S. Lewis novels, with Ben Barnes, Georgie Henley, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell. (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 MARKETPI ACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/16)

The Counterfeiters — Stefan Ruzowitsky's Holocaust survival tale, loosely based on fact, tells how "the world's best counterfeiter" (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, theoretically affecting the outcome of the war.



Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay

Red Balloon, overtly references the Lamor-

be making her own film about balloons.

loon; only the boy does.) Not even this,

isse film by name, and currently happens to

(She herself never sees the autonomous bal-

however, elevates the motif much above ir-

relevance. The boy's mother has her hands

full of more down-to-earth matters: an ab-

sent husband in Montreal, a daughter (by a

previous husband) overdue for a visit from

Brussels, a troublesome downstairs tenant,

where she voices the characters, in addition

to her son's new nanny. The ingredient of

fantasy is something new for Hou, and just

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

though not what's usually meant by that:

not fast, breathless, heart-pounding, but in-

scarcely bears saying, is crucial to him,

as well it's no more than a pinch or two.

a new production at the puppet theater

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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

ing credits. A famous forensic psychiatrist (a puffy-haired Al Pacino), on the scheduled day of execution of a sadistic killer against whom he testified, receives a distorted-voice cellphone threat, "You have 88 minutes to live." Once the countdown begins, not a single minute is remotely credible. How could the plotter count on the doctor returning to his car, after a wildgoose chase in pursuit of a suspicious leather jacket, just in time to read "72 Minutes" scrawled in the coat of dust? How could the plotter be sure the doctor wouldn't be blown up too soon by the car bomb or cut down by the sprayed bullets? And if the purpose of the plotter is to secure a stay of execution, wouldn't it have been advisable to spring the plot a tad earlier? The full foolishness of the thing can't be appreciated till the final ah-ha. (Heh-heh, more like it.) Even in the ashen photography, Alicia Witt and Amy Brenneman, as two of the doctor's acolytes, are recognizable as among the most eye-appealing American actresses today. True, the creaseless wax-museum visage of the former might, in other company, give a bit of a chill. But not in the company of the almost airbrushed Leelee Sobieski, Like everything else, waxiness is relative. With William Forsythe and Neal McDonough; directed by Jon Avnet. 2008.

even a certain type of suspense in the anticipation of the next eye-grabber. Juliette Binoche, Simon Iteanu, Song Fang. 2007. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE) 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, let Li), while fulfilling a prophecy of re-Flight of the Red Balloon — Taiwanturning a magic golden staff to Five Eleese filmmaker Hou Hsiao-hsien evokes Alments Mountain, freeing the immortal bert Lamorisse's fey little half-hour fantasy Monkey King from bondage, and overof 1956, not merely in the last three words throwing the wicked Jade Warlord. Just of the title, but in very intermittent and unyour average modern adolescent fantasy. integrated appearances of an actual red bal-The film, which begins with a literal dream, loon, the size and strength of a beach ball, really doesn't feel so much like a dream as every bit as autonomous as Lamorisse's, allike a prelude to a dream. Or in another beit less active and mischievous, more of a word, a soporific. Directed by Rob Minkoff. voyeur, a watcher, a guardian angel, a ghostly spirit. A Chinese film student in 2008. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; Paris, employed part-time as a nanny to a LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISboy about the same age as the hero of The

SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

stead 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 cam-

era is forever wandering casually, as if by

chance, into the most exquisite composi-

tions, patched together on a vertical plane

out of shop windows, doors, street signs,

receding in space down the crevasse of a

pedestrian passageway. And it can hardly go wrong amid the clutter of the mother's

mounted masks, the bookshelves, the stacks

of CDs and videos, the vases, the wall calen-

dar, the kitchen doorframe. Anywhere the

Bonnard-like bonanza. There's endless in-

camera turns in this place, it will find a

genuity in these discoveries, and there's

cramped and lived-in apartment, the

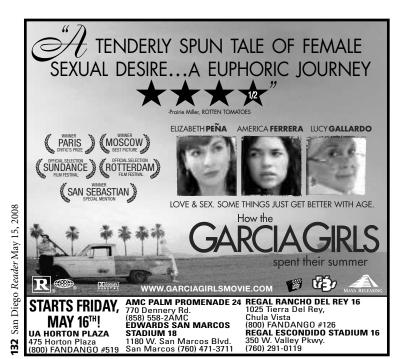
posters, polygons of peeled plaster, etc., or

Forgetting Sarah Marshall — Comedy of heartbreak and heartmend, under the imprimatur of producer Judd Apatow, but directed by newcomer Nicholas Stoller, and written by its star, Jason Segel, who envisions for himself the role of a would-be serious composer, cranking out mood music for a network crime drama when he would rather be devoting his time to a Dracula stage musical. (When, that is, he's not devoting his time to eating Fruit Loops out of a mixing bowl on the couch.) The vocational aspect of the role, in any case, straightaway gets put on the back burner in favor of the personal aspect: the dumped boyfriend of the lead actress on the aforementioned crime drama. The main point of interest in the movie, fractional though it may be, is Segel's penis, a raising of stakes over the old reliable tush shot. ("Would you take a look at my penis?" is an actual line of dialogue he has written for himself. It could just as well have been the advertising slogan.) For the rest, the movie gives the game away early when the schlumpy protagonist accidentally-on-purpose runs into his ex-girlfriend at her preferred Hawaiian resort, where she's cavorting with a lavishly tattooed British rocker, and where the copper-toned hostess at the check-in desk immediately jumps out at us as (a) a ready and willing shoulder for the schlump to cry on and (b) a couple of miles prettier than the ice-sculpture Hollywood girlfriend. Russell Brand's self-absorbed rock star ("Yeah," he responds to the fan who had slipped him a demo tape, "I was going to listen to that, but then I just carried on living my life") and Paul Rudd's dopehead surfer ("When life gives you lemons, just say 'Fuck the lemons' and bail") are funny enough for skit-level comedy, but scarcely for comedy of character. Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Jonah Hill, 2008. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: POWAY 10: TOWN SOUARE 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

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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 dentist misses the mark with the novocaine needle, hits the patient in the shoulder, and turns his arm into a strand of spaghetti); and the lessons on tolerance and coexistence aren't lost in the grandiosity. With the voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, and Carol Burnett; directed by Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino. 2008.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

#### **How the Garcia Girls Spent Their**

Summer — First-time filmmaker Georgina Garcia Riedel's portrait of a Mexican-American family, with Elizabeth Peña, America Ferrera, Lucy Gallardo. (ESCONDIDO 16: HORTON PLAZA 14: PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18: FROM 5/16)

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 Ion 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; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 McKidd, Sydney Pollack, and Kathleen

REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

Meet Bill — Relationship comedy with Aaron Eckhart, Jessica Alba, Elizabeth Banks, and Logan Lerman, co-directed by Bernie Goldmann and Melisa Wallack. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/16)

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 Dry-burgh. With Abigail Breslin and Gerard Butler; directed by Mark Levin and Jennifer Flackett. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; LA JOLLA 12; PLAZA BONITA 14)

#### OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies

Reviewed this issue. With Jean Dujardin, Bérénice Bejo, Aure Atika, and Philippe Lefebyre: directed by Michel Hazanavicius.

★★ (KEN, 5/16 THROUGH 22)

Priceless — Pierre Salvadori's Gallic romantic comedy tarries a long time in mercenary amorality before succumbing, not too persuasively, to sentiment. Well-paced all the way, well-constructed most of the way, very well-played by stick-thin Audrey Tautou and liquid-eyed Gad Elmaleh, and scrumptiously photographed on the Côte d'Azur. 2007.

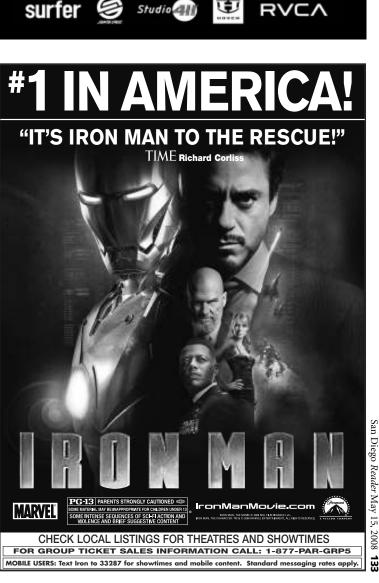
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Princess Bride — Rob Reiner, who's said to have been wanting to make a movie of the William Goldman novel for many more years than he'd actually been a

moviemaker, is not at this point a good enough director to cover up for a not good enough idea: he's still tied too tightly to the TV sitcom sensibility (acquired no doubt in his years as an actor on All in the Family), all the way down to the clunking closeup of whoever happens to be talking at the moment. In fairness he does seem to keep on trying to do something a little different, only he is doing something less different here than he seems to think. The possibilities of the tongue-in-cheek swashbuckling adventure have been pretty thoroughly







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mapped out in such things as, coming for wards in time, The Great Race, Richard Lester's The Three (and Four) Musketeers, Richard Quine's The Prisoner of Zenda, Flash Gordon, and the Indiana Jones films. And the Errol Flynn-Douglas Fairbanks prototypes never had their tongues far from their cheeks in the first place. But forget all that now, if you possibly can, as you are guided again to The Shrieking Eels and The Cliffs of Insanity and The Fire Swamp, with its St. Bernard-sized rats, and The Pit of Despair and so on (only the names are different), to be regaled not so much by the actual spectacle of any of these sights as by the choking facetiousness of your tourguide. This attitude of indulgent superiority is evidently supposed to coat the thing with a layer of "adultness." And for a second coat into the bargain, there is a present-day framing device whereby a horribly madeup and costumed granddad (Peter Falk) "reads" the story we are seeing to a preco-cious sitcom kid in his sickbed: a soft-sell pitch for literature (the television of yore) that had been done before, and better, in The Neverending Story. Winks and eye-rolls notwithstanding, however, The Princess Bride remains obstinately a movie for children. There is no harm in that. But there is not a lot else in it either. With Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon, 1987.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/15 THROUGH 17, 8:30 P.M.)

**Pulp Fiction** — A title as self-conscious although not as accurate as Samuel Beckett's Film. Yes, Quentin Tarantino's cast of



characters accommodates some staple figures of the form: the small-time heisters, the mob torpedoes, Mr. Big's sex-bomb mate, the boxer bribed to throw a fight. But the writer-director borrows his narrative devices from a more "experimental" stripe

of novelist: the nonlinear storyline (the unattuned spectator might suspect a reel out of order when a dead character resurfaces near movie's end, and an earlier plot thread is picked up right where it was left); no single focal character or situation, but

instead an idle shuffle of them; the leapingover of a climactic bit of action. (Maybe Meta-Pulp Fiction would be more accurate, without being a lot more self-conscious.) And the first and foremost thing to be said about his dialogue would be that it is

"bookish": Elmore Leonard-ish tangents of doubtful relevance. Tarantino is, so to speak, a man who loves to hear himself write. One of the inherent perils of this verbal exhibitionism, though, is the tendency to fall into the sentimentality of the "colorful" character (the mystical hitman, the human pincushion with eighteen ring-holes from ear to nose to tongue to clitoris), such that Tarantino seems at times to be cultivating a new idiom, a new milieu, in which to transplant the term "Runyon-esque": more colorful, more florid, more lurid. And hence more sentimental, inverted and twisted though the sentiment may be. There are plenty of things to snicker and cackle at (nothing heartier) along the way, especially in the long interlude subtitled "Vincent Vega and Marcellus Wallace's Wife." There are plenty of other things merely to wince and grimace at. John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman, Bruce Willis 1994

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 5/15 AND 16 MID-

Redbelt - David Mamet's two cents on the Mixed Martial Arts craze. His first film since Spartan, four years before, 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 business-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

## MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

#### **CENTRAL CLAIREMONT**

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) Baby Mama (PG-13); The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); 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-13)

#### **DOWNTOWN**

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Baby Mama (PG-13); The Counterfeiters (R); 88 Minutes (R); Expelled (PG); Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Meet Bill (R); Shine a Light (PG-13); Street Kings (R); 21 (Pg-13); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri. (9:45, 1:00, 4:15) 7:30, 10:45 Fri. (9:15, 10:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:15, 3:45, 4:45) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 11:15 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 1:00) 4:15, 7:30, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (9:15, 10:15, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:15, 3:45) 4:45, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **The Forbidden Kingdom** (Not Rated) Fri. (10:25, 1:25, 4:30) 7:25, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 1:25) 4:30, 7:25, 10:25; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri. (9:25, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (9:25, 12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer (R) Fri. (10:20, 1:15, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, is 1:15) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:35, 10:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 3:30) 4:00, 4:30, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:35, 10:05, 10:35; Redbelt (R) Fri. (9:20, 12:05, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (9:20, 12:05, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (9:20, 12:05, 2:30) 4:50, 9:7:10, 9:30; **Smart People** Fri. (10:25, 12:35, 3:00, 5:15) 7:35, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 12:35, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.

(9:35, 10:05, 12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 4:25) 6:50, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (9:35, 10:05, 12:40, 1:10,

3:50) 4:25, 6:50, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40

#### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **The** Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 12:15, 1:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:15) 12:15, 1:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10:00; **The Forbidden** Kingdom (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 4:00, 6:50, 9:40; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:25; **Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50 Sun. 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 12:45, 2:00, 4:05, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00 Sun. (11:00) 1:10, 2:00, 4:05, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:35; Nim's Island (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:35; Speed Racer (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 12:30, 1:20, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 10:10 Sun (10:30) 12:30, 1:20, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 10:05; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:40, 10:30 Sun. 7:40, 10:20; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55 Sun. 12:05, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Iolla Drive (619-819-0236) Before the Rains (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; Pulp Fiction (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:55p.m.; Redbelt (R) Fri. 4:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 4:20, 9:40; The Flight of the Red Balloon (NR) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 7:00; Then She Found Me (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

#### MIRA MESA

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri. (9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. (9:15, 9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45) 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. (9:15, 9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45) 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45) 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15

#### MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) The Princess Bride (PG)

#### **MISSION VALLEY**

**Fashion Valley 18** *7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)* **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:25, 4:55, 7:55, 10:30; The Chronicles of Narnia: **Prince Caspian** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (9:45, 10:15) 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:10 Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 11:10 Sun. (10:15) 1:30, 4:45, 8:00 Sun. (9:45, 10:15) 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:15, 3:45, 4:; **The For**bidden Kingdom (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:55 Sun. (11:30) 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guan**tanamo Bay** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 11:00 Sun. 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:35; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:10, 10:30, 11:35) 12:20, 1:05, 1:45, 2:45, 3:30, 4:05, 4:40,  $6{:}15, 6{:}45, 7{:}10, 7{:}45, 9{:}05, 9{:}50, 10{:}25, 10{:}40$ Sun. (10:10, 10:30, 11:35) 12:20, 1:05, 1:45, 2:45, 3:30, 4:05, 4:40, 6:15, 6:45, 7:10, 7:30, 9:05, 9:35, 10:05, 10:30; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 2:30, 5:10, 7:05, 8:05, 9:25, 10:35; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 12:45, 1:15, 3:10, 3:50, 4:20, 6:35, 7:40, 9:35, 10:50 Sun. (11:50) 12:45, 1:15, 3:10, 3:50, 4:20, 6:35, 7:40, 9:35; **21** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:10p.m.; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 12:35, 2:10, 3:00, 4:50, 5:35, 7:35, 8:15, 10:20, 11:05 Sun. (11:40) 12:35, 2:10, 3:00, 4:50, 5:35, 7:35, 8:15, 10:20

**Mission Valley 7** 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:45, 7:45; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:00, 1:30, 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 1:30, 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00; Made of Honor (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:30) 7:30; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

#### STATE UNIVERSITY

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies (NR) Fri. 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

#### UPTOWN

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Priceless** (PG-13) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; **Son of Rambow** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:00, 4:30, 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) Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00; **Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk 3D** (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure (NR) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 5:00; **Wolves** (Not Rated) Fri.

#### San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 10:00. 12:00; Pompeii: The Last Day (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

vav Plaza (619-401-3456) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri. (9:15, 9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (9:15, 9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45) 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Call theater for program information

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center 10**

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) Baby Mama (PG-13); The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Speed Racer (PG); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:40, 4:20) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:40) 4:20, 7:25, 10:00; **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG) Fri. 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, (9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45) 11:15, 11:45, (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15) 3:45 Sat. (9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15) 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00,; **The Forbidden King**dom (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:05) 7:25; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:40) 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:40, 10:10; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 Sat. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45) 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 Sun. (9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45) 4:00, 4:: Made of **Honor** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 1:25, 4:25) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 1:25) 4:25, 7:50, 10:35; Redbelt (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:50p.m.; Speed Racer (PG) Fri. (9:20, 9:50, 12:20, 12:50, 3:35, 4:05) 7:05, 7:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (9:20, 9:50, 12:20 12:50, 3:35) 4:05, 7:05, 7:35, 10:20; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:25, 9: 12:15, 12:40, 3:25, 3:55) 6:45, 7:20, 9:55, 10:25

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun.; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.;

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian G) Fri. (10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:45 7:45, 9:00, 10:45 Sat. (8:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:15,

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. 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, albeit outside the ring. 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 present 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. With Alice Braga, Emily Mortimer, Max Martini, Joe Mantegna, Ricky Jay, Rebecca Pidgeon. 2008. ★★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; HOR-TON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MISSION MAR-

Then She Found Me

Shine a Light — Entrée to a Rolling Stones benefit concert at the intimate Beacon Theatre in New York City. If Martin Scorsese weren't visible in several minutes of Raging Bull-ish black-and-white footage

pre-event, you'd never imagine he was behind the cut-cut-cut hackwork. Old, old interspersed interviews of young, young Mick stimulate meditation and mirth. With Jack White, Buddy Guy, and Christina Aguilera.

2008 ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 main-stream comedy in manyness of pop songs. Noam Murro directed, Mark Jude Poirier wrote, first-timers both. 2008.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Son of Rambow** — Reviewed this issue. With Bill Milner, Will Poulter, and Jules Sitruk; written and directed by Garth Jen-

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/16)

Speed Racer — Reviewed this issue. With Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, and Matthew Fox; 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: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

#### Standard Operating Procedure —

Documentarist Errol Morris takes a crack at the Abu Ghraib scandal, not long after Alex Gibney took a crack at it (among other things) in Taxi to the Dark Side. Morris's talking heads are unusually well-lit, and they speak revealingly from the inside, sometimes in ways they might not intend. But the filmmaker also hokes up the presentation with dramatic re-enactments,

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REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-

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#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Call theater for program information

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 3:45) 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Call theater for program information

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

#### South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

#### **NATIONAL CITY**

#### Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Baby Mama (PG-13): The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); The Forbidden Kingdom (Not Rated): Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Nim's Island (PG); Speed Racer (PG); What Happens in Vegas (PG-13)

#### **NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Baby Mama (PG-13); The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R); Iron Man (PG-13); Made of Honor (PG-13); Nim's Island (PG); Speed Racer  $(\mathrm{PG});$  What Happens in Vegas  $(\mathrm{PG}\text{-}13)$ 

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 6:55, 10:05: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri. (9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sat. (9:45, 10:45, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30,; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:05, 9:55; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bav (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:35p.m.; How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:20, 10:20; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:30, 12:40, 1:50, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05) 6:40, 7:40, 8:45, 9:40, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 12:40, 1:50, 3:05) 4:05, 5:05, 6:40, 7:40, 8:45, 9:40, 10:40; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 6:50, 10:00; **Nim's Is**land (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:50); Speed Racer (PG) Fri. (11:45, 1:10, 2:55, 4:20) 6:35, 7:25, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 1:10, 2:55) 4:20, 6:35, 7:25, 10:10; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 12:15, 1:40, 2:45, 4:30, 5:20) 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 12:15, 1:40, 2:45) 4:30, 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:50,

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45, 10:45 ın. (10:00, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:15, 7:00, 8:15; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:15, 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** Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30

#### **POWAY**

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00,

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#### **SAN MARCOS**

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri. (9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45) 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Call theater for program information

#### **VISTA**

**Vista Village** Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

**Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50; The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:25, 1:10, 1:55, 2:40, 3:35, 4:20, 5:05, 5:50) 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:55, 10:40, 11:25 Sun. (9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:25, 1:10, 1:55, 2:40, 3:35, 4:20, 5:05, 5:50) 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:55, 10:40; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:20, 10:10; Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:15, 10:45; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:35; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 1:45, 2:20, 4:35, 5:20) 7:05, 7:40, 10:35; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:25, 12:20, 1:40, 2:50, 4:05, 4:40, 5:15) 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:00, 10:35

#### **NORTH COASTAL**

#### **CARLSBAD**

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:55, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:20, 4:05) 6:50, 9:35; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 10:05; **What Happens in Ve**gas (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:35, 9:45

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

**Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:30) Sat. (12:30) 5:15 Sun. (12:30p.m.); The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:15, 2:15) 4:30, 5:45, 7:45, 9:00; Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) Fri. (2:45) 10:00 Sat. (2:45) 7:30, 10:00 Sun (2:45p.m.); Iron Man (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sat. (11:15 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45; What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:00, 12:45, 1:30, 3:00) 4:15, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 12:45, 1:30, 3:00) 4:15, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Made of Honor (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; **The Visitor** (PG-13) 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; **Where in** the World Is Osama bin Laden? (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00; **Young @ Heart** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15 Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00,

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Call theater for program information

#### **LA COSTA**

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221) **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:15) 5:15, 10:00 Sat. (12:15) 5:15, 10:00 Sun. (12:15) 5:15; The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 1:15) 4:30, 7:45; **Forgetting Sarah** Marshall (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 7:30; Iron Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **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 Happens in Vegas (PG-13) 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

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790) **Baby Mama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 4:45) 7:30;

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#### Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:15, 9:45, 12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45 Call theater for program information

## Calendar Movies

touches of fantasy, miles of slow-motion, and not least, Danny Elfman's spooky music, suitable for a Tim Burton tale of the bizarre. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/15)

Street Kings — Director David Ayer, from an original story by James Ellroy, stages a dirty-cop mud wrestle, strident, obvious, hyperbolic, and hypocritical, one cop dirtier than another, one actor badder than another, making Dirty Harry look, in relation, like new-fallen snow and making Clint Eastwood look like God. The vodkaswigging, trigger-happy Keanu Reeves, in the lead, proves to be one of the least dirty policers and least bad performers. With Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Chris Evans, John Corbett, Jay Mohr, Cedric the Entertainer, The Game, and Common. 2008.

• (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Then She Found Me** — Reviewed this issue. With Helen Hunt, Colin Firth, Matthew Broderick, and Bette Midler; directed by Hunt

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**21** — Takeoff from a true story, presumably far, far off, about a team of MIT math whizzes who, drilled by a Mephistophelean mentor on the faculty, visit Vegas on weekends to beat the house at blackjack. The film is not able to make the frowned-upon practice of "card counting" comprehensi-

What Happens in Vegas

ble, much less cinematic (unless you consider fast-shuffle editing to be cinematic), but then it's not really interested in mental acumen and application, only in the rewards and perks: a run-of-the-mill Sin City fantasy (dazzling montage of casino neon, top-of-the-world luxury suite, strip club, stacks and stacks of hoarded chips) in which the natural-born nerd can forget who his friends are, become somebody different, go around acting like a cross between Richard Gere in *Pretty Woman* and Michael Douglas in *Wall Street*. Director

Robert Luketic, whose lightweight credits consist of Legally Blonde, Win a Date with Tad Hamilton, and Monster-in-Law, permits himself to be entranced by the fantasy, serving more as press agent than reporter, greasing the wheels for a smooth ride, picking compatible pop songs for tempo. Jim Sturgess is Young Paul McCartney cute as the whizziest math whiz, or in other words a fantasy figure from the get-go. (If he's so bright, why is he piling up hundreds of thousands of dollars in the ceiling of his dorm room instead of in a bank?) Kate Bosworth is a still more distorted fantasy of the Smart Girl. And Kevin Spacey, who gets all the snappiest dialogue, puts his innate repellence to good use as the manipulative mentor, the adult authority figure who, in order to complete the fantasy, must finally be overthrown. The most sympathetic figure, even when (perhaps especially when) he's slipping rings onto his fingers for a brass-knuckle work-over, is Laurence Fishburne as an old-school casino watchdog who's being phased out by computer software. 2008

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; 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)

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 eve 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;

What Happens in Vegas — Reviewed this issue. With Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Lake Bell, and Queen 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; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

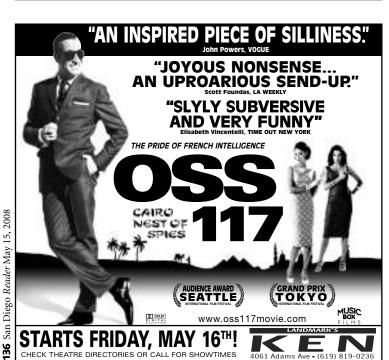
#### Where in the World Is Osama bin

Laden? — With his wife pregnant ostensible premise for wanting a safer world - Morgan Spurlock takes his camera on a quixotic quest for the world's Most Wanted man, or more ambitiously a quest for peaceful coexistence. As in Super Size Me, he strives for a tone of Michael Mooreish impudence, but in spite of the cartoon segment, the video-game parody, the mock baseball cards, and the silly musical selections, the tone is hard to maintain through man-on-the-street interviews from Morocco to Pakistan (the rudest subjects are orthodox Jews in the Holy Land), and particularly hard because of the filmmaker's own contentment with platitudes. 2008. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/16)

Young @ Heart — Documentary on a Massachusetts touring chorus of very senior citizens who perform a repertoire of punk and rock: the Ramones, the Clash, the Bee Gees, Talking Heads, Sonic Youth, James Brown, that ilk. It looks like fun for them, and a fair amount of that fun trickles down to the audience. British director Stephen Walker, also the narrator, follows them through a seven-week rehearsal period for a new tour, and along the way he picks up bits of geriatric good humor ("We went from continent to continent till I became incontinent") and interjects several full-blown music videos made by the film's producer, Sally George. It isn't all fun, however. Two of the members die within a week of each other, and the tribute songs to them, Dylan's "Forever Young" and Coldplay's "Fix You," the first sung to a captive audience of prison inmates and the second on opening night of the tour, demonstrate convincingly that the act is more than just a

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)







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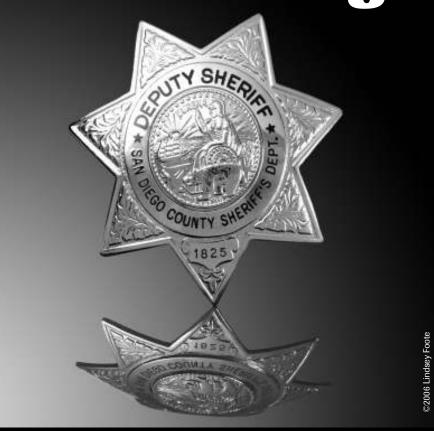
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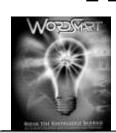
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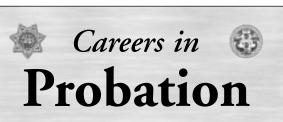
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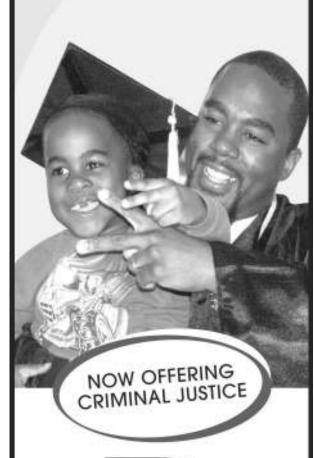
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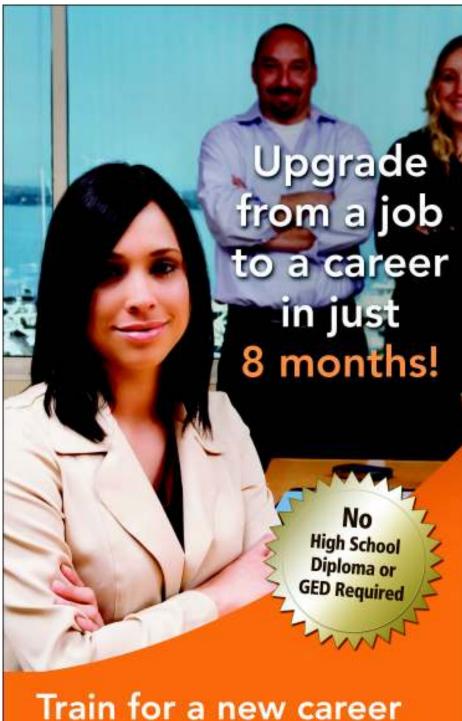
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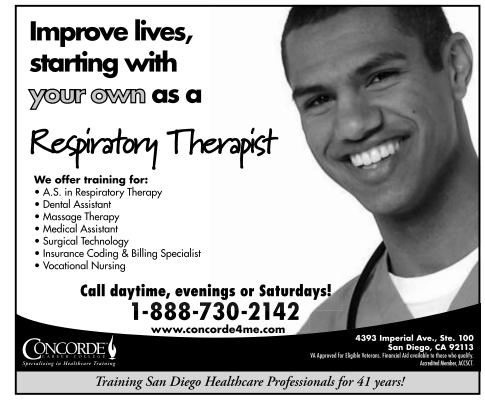
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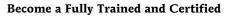
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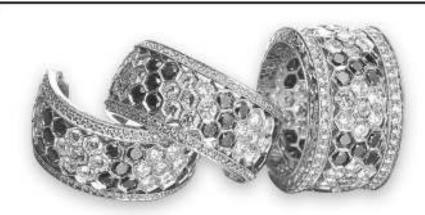
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- 47. Fa follower
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- 52. It may be herbal
- 54. Subject of this puzzle
- 58. Lots of land
- 59. Like some games
- 60. Year in old Rome 61. Actress Thomas
- 62. Neighbor of Okla. 63. Sammy Davis Jr.'s "\_\_\_\_ Can"
- 64. Drag one's feet

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- 29. Celtic sea god
- 30. Kind of ray 31. Julius Caesar's first name
- 33. Castle protector \_ Ado About Nothing"
- 35. "Inebriate \_\_\_\_ am I / And debauchee of dew": Dickinson
- 36. Giants and Titans, e.g.
- 37. Buddhism, e.g.: Abbr.
- 38. 1051 on monuments
- 41. Come from behind 42. Noted 1998 initial public offering
- 43. Lillehammer's country
- 44. Olden
- 47. Sculptor Richard
- 48. Scott who wrote "Island of the Blue Dolphins"
- 49. Popular disinfectant
- 51. Geological spans 53. Exam for a doc-to-be
- 54. Magician's prop
- 55. Need to pay
- 56. Not tight
- 57. "What \_\_ care?"

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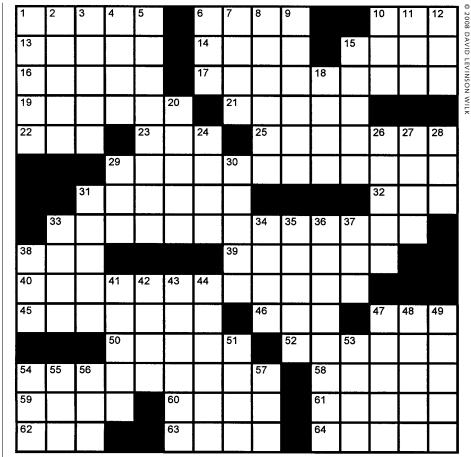
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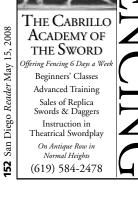
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It really depends why I'm drinking it. It would be different for different occasions. In the morning or early in the day, coconut rum and pineapple. It's light, kind of refreshing. My gambling drink is 7&7. My partying drink is gin and grapefruit juice. When I work out, it's my own concoction, or this drink called Mass Recovery.



Emily Green Waitress

Ocean Beach

y favorite drink is the Cadillac My favorite drink is the Colombian Margarita, made with Hornitos tequila. I like it on the rocks with salt. I'll usually have it twice a week. Never on the job, of course. It's always



Jordan Greer Bartender

Mission Beach

rey Goose martinis, a little dirty. One of the most popular drinks I make is the Mexican peach, which is a margarita with fresh lime and peach Absolut instead of tequila. The blueberry sweet-tart press is also popular. It's half soda, half 7-Up. You mix fruit in there. The only drinks I don't care for making are the virgins. That's because the blender gets annoying. You have to clean it out, to make sure there's no alco-



James Salassi Student

Oceanside

don't know if this counts as a I don't know if this counts as a drink, but a root beer float. I was probably three years old when I had my first one. It's money in the bank. I have at least one each month, I have this tradition I started with someone I work with. If we get an A on a test, we'll treat ourselves to a root beer float.



Caitlin Cintas Student

Point Loma

It would have to be apple juice. I love it. It's refreshing. I usually have it a couple times a week. That's most often in the mornings, to start my day. But I'll have it at other times. depending on what mood I'm in.



Katie Gordon

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Tt would be Diet Coke with lime. f IThey have that flavor now, but when they didn't, I used to put the lime in there. I would say I have one a week. Usually it's on the weekends.

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# **Surf**DIEGO

Name: Sheena Casamassima

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Lives In: Mira Mesa

Surfing: Law Street, Pacific Beach Pre-Surf Music: Jack Johnson Post-Surf Food: Any fast food

"It was a gnarly day for me," Sheena says of the most terrifying ride she can recall. She holds her hand up to show, "The waves were well over my head. Sevenfoot waves seemed huge. I was pretty new to surfing."

Her cousin taught her to surf.

"He pushed me to try it. I'd been skating and snowboarding forever, so surfing wasn't hard [to learn]." He was with her on that stormy day and urged her to paddle out, "It took us two times to get out past the break." She thought of turning back but decided to push on because, "It seemed like a waste to have gone so far." Sheena waited for an opportunity and, "I decided to drop in and go for it. It was the sickest ride of my life."

Sheena learned to surf in the chilly Atlantic. "It can get freezing cold [and] there are these

huge skates that swim [on] the ocean floor. It's really



freaky to be just paddling out and look down and see one. They look like giant stingrays.

One major difference between San Diego and her home state of New York is the

"[Surfing] seems like a part of growing up here. In New York you play soccer; out here you surf." She avoids most "locals only" spots, saying. "I surf for the fun of it. not competition." But she loves the challenge of showing others her skill. "I think that people might be nicer to me because I'm a female, or maybe they think I might not be able to keep up. I just drop in and show them I can ride."

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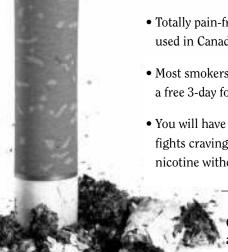
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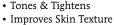
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— by Robert Mizrachi

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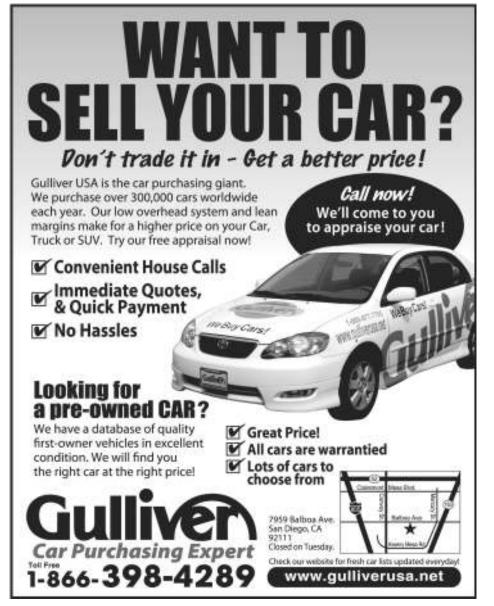
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 Almost-anything-goes "ultimate fighting," also known as "human cockfighting," is a major "sport," mostly in Southern and Western states, but only in Missouri are kids as young as 6 permitted on the mats, according to a March Associated Press dispatch from Carthage, Mo. Members of the Garage Boys Fight Crew, ages up to 14, including one girl, regularly square off with only a few concessions in rules and protective gear from their adult counterparts. Parents seem to regard the sport as casually as they regard Little League or soccer, and sportsmanship is in evidence, as kids are still best friends, pummeling each other inside the cage but then heading off afterward to play video games.

## **The Entrepreneurial Spirit!**

 A highlight of this year's Easter promotion by the Jelly Belly company (as additions to its 50 flavors) was its surprise BeanBoozled boxes. with odd tastes and non-standard colors. Although garlic beans, buttered-toast beans, and cheese pizza beans are no longer available, connoisseurs can sample jelly beans made to taste like pencil shavings, ear wax, moldy cheese, and

vomit. A Jelly Belly spokeswoman told Newhouse News Service in March, "There are 20 flavors in each little box ...so vou don't know what flavor you are tasting...coconut or baby wipe." — Los Angeles businessman Llewellyn Werner told *The Times* of London in April that he plans to spend \$500 million to build a Disneylandtype theme park in the heart of Baghdad, with the first phase (a skateboard facility, with 200,000 free skateboards to hand out) to open in just three months. Eventually, the park will include rides and a concert theater adjacent to the Green Zone.

— Questionable new products: (1) The Japanese manufacturer Nihon Sofuken recently introduced a slightly peach-flavored drink called Placenta 10000, but Wired.com was not able to verify whether it contains human placenta (which is supposed to have miraculous regenerating powers for some parts of the body). (2) From Nickelodeon merchandising has come a Spongebob Squarepants Musical Rectal Thermometer (which plays the Spongebob theme).

## **Science on the Cutting Edge**

- Prairie Orchard Farms in Manitoba told

Toronto's Globe and Mail in March that it has been successfully infusing hogs with omega-3s, the oils that get the best press among fatty acids. since it is found plentifully in healthful salmon and other seafood. A laboratory analysis of a slab of Prairie Orchard's "enriched" ham had the omega-3s of almost one-fourth of a large salmon filet, but the best news of all was that a 100-gram side of bacon equaled that of the salmon filet. - While many lab mice get selected for cancer research, one group of male rodents at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston has been hard at work, with constant erections, helping researchers develop a biochemical treatment for priapism, which plagues men with certain blood disorders. (The condition is named for the Greek god Priapus, who, to be punished for sexual misbehavior, supposedly received an enormous, but useless, wooden penis.)

· Personality Transplants: (1) Cheryl Johnson, 37, described to London's Daily Telegraph in March the many ways in which her personality changed following a new kidney that she received from a deceased 59-year-old man. Some researchers believe in such a "cellular memory phenomenon," but it is unclear whether, for example, Johnson's

recent abandonment of trashy reading in favor of Dostoevsky and Jane Austen would qualify. (2) Sonny Graham of Hilton Head, S.C., committed suicide in April after having spent 13 years with the transplanted heart of suicide victim Terry Cottle. The cellular implication is somewhat less likely, though, because Graham's widow was the same woman who was married to Cottle at the time of his suicide.

## **People Different From Us**

What Housing Crisis? "This is heaven on earth," said one resident living on burned-out lava rocks about a mile from the oozing Kilauea volcano near Kalapana, Hawaii, explaining the lure that he and his neighbors feel, having built houses by hand, collected rainwater to drink, installed solar panels for power, and planted vegetables between the rocks for food. Said one of the semihermit residents to an Associated Press reporter in March, "I'm more scared of people than I am a volcano.'

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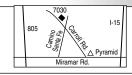
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Steve had shown up out of the blue a year earlier. I was working a 3 to 11:30 p.m. shift at a local television station, and I came home from work to find him sacked out on the couch. It's the spot he occupied almost constantly for the next year.

I was in my mid-20s back in the early '80s and wanted to get away from the P.B./O.B. beach scene. One of my coworkers had a two-

# Oh, Brother

bedroom condo in Del Mar for rent. I took it and then placed an ad in the newspaper for a roommate. After talking to a number of people I settled on John, a low-key accountant who had recently moved out to San Diego from the Midwest. Then John's brother Steve arrived.

"He just moved out here, and

he'll only be here a couple of weeks until he can find his own place," said John. What the heck, it was only a couple of weeks, and Steve seemed nice enough.

But John had left out one crucial piece of information. Steve was a full-blown alcoholic with a festering drug problem. His entire day consisted of drinking Jack

Daniel's until he passed out, sleeping for a few hours, waking up, doing crystal meth, and then drinking himself to sleep again. It didn't help that the condo we lived in was really nothing more than a small two-bedroom apartment that had been converted during the previous real-estate boom, so there was no way that I could avoid Steve or the smell of his unwashed body and the reek of alcohol.

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A month after John moved in he met his future wife Janice and began spending more and more time with her, away from his drunken brother. I tried to spend as much time away from home as I could myself. I could never bring friends over, or God forbid, an actual date. It was too scary a thought. Every time I tried to bring up the subject of Steve moving out, John would sidestep the issue and disap-

pear, and Steve was always too incoherent to talk about it.

Then came the night when Steve freaked out. At two in the morning I was awakened to the sound of Steve yelling, "Here they come, sergeant! They're coming over the walls!" I learned later that he thought space aliens were attacking. I armed myself with a baseball bat and slowly opened the door. Steve was naked, jumping around and swinging a hammer at nothing but air. "Steve!" I yelled. He dropped the hammer

and then looked at me as if nothing was out of the ordinary. Without saying another word, he lay down on the bed and immediately feel asleep.

I'd finally had enough. The next day I told Steve that he had to go. He moved out a few weeks later. I found a new roommate, a Navy pilot who didn't drink.

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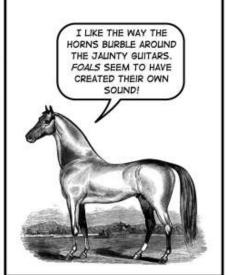
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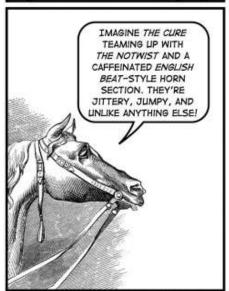
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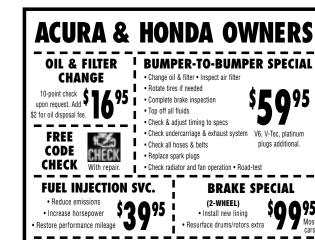


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—"DID SOMEBODY CALL A CAB?" Joe Applegate, May 18, 1978

## **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Danny and Poodle were running down D Street in Encinitas when they spotted Tim, who gave them shelter. Danny recognized Tim as one of the few punks in town and told him that he and Poodle needed a place to stay. A white Ford Fairlane was following them around the corner. They'd just pulled a dineand-dash out of Billy Bob's Pit Bar-B-Que on First Street, and they were hyper after leaving their plates on the patio table.

— "REQUIEM FOR A REBEL," Joe Applegate, May 19, 1983

## **Twenty Years Ago**

When a February 4 Reader story revealed

Nicole Murray's past arrests for male prostitution and told how he was advertising his services as a "transvestite counselor," Murray's 15-year reign as one of San Diego's most important gay leaders was threatened. But Murray has retained his influence in the gay community, and he's now moving to expand his political turf by challenging the city's 300member, gay San Diego Democratic Club in a face-off that involves state Assemblyman Peter Chacon.

—THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Krueger, May 19, 1988

## Fifteen Years Ago

Is this, then, how the British felt during their Raj in India? After Liberation Day, I am experiencing a certain liberation from the weight of individual conscience. It doesn't matter to these people if I shot their cousins or was at My Lai or held flowers of peace on the Pentagon. All that matters is that I am one of the race that holds the promise of riches. And I could not escape that fate even if I went about dressed in a straw hat and rags. This must be what it means to belong to a culture: the feeling that you are, inescapably, a representative of all the things you do not believe in.

Miss Hahn, secretary for a French drug firm, is recommended to me as someone who can expedite a change in my airline

reservations.

Afterwards, she pumps me for information about the heroes of her childhood reading: Jack London, Willa Cather, and Ernest Hemingway. She trots out all those big, termpaper questions that can never be answered: Who are the giants of American fiction today? Is American culture a vital force for world peace?

- "SCENE OF THE CRIME," John Krich, May 20, 1993

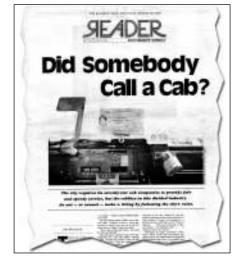
## **Ten Years Ago**

It wouldn't be the first big lie to emerge during an election campaign, and it certainly wouldn't be the first one to appear in a Union-Tribune editorial, but Sunday's was one of the best in the memory of many longtime U-Twatchers. "No taxes paid by San Diegans will be used to build the \$216 million convention center expansion," the paper proclaimed.

—CITY LIGHTS: "REALITY CHECK," Matt Potter, May 21, 1998

## **Five Years Ago**

Almost a decade ago, David Thatcher, chief financial officer of Peregrine Systems, was effervescing superlatives about his boss, John Moores, then considering purchase of the Padres. "He's interested in doing things topnotch," enthused Thatcher, pointing to



San Diego Reader, May 18, 1978

Moores's financial background. The date was December 37, 1994. You won't find that date on your calendar. But you will find that, in the 1990s, managements of software companies made cynical references to their own fraudulent behavior, such as boasting about transactions on December 31 — swaps, Barney deals, round-trips, and double-dips.

—CITY LIGHTS: "SPIDER IN THE MIDDLE," Don Bauder, May 15, 2003

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small space — a part of the Ramadi Government Center — almost no one is talking. Iraqi men and women in civilian dress tread the halls outside taking care of business under the strict gaze of Marine guards dispersed throughout the building.

The unit's senior enlisted Marine marches to the middle of the room and calls the formation to attention. The commanding officer takes charge and reads a posthumous promotion warrant, his voice booming off the heavy concrete walls. He leaves after finishing the citation and the

chaplain takes his place, leading the group with an invocation. Muslim and Christian alike bow their heads as the chaplain commends the valor of the military in Iraq, reaffirms the rightness of their actions, and asks God for wisdom and strength in the continuance of the mission. He finishes and the prayer hangs silently in the air for about ten seconds, then everyone snaps back to attention as the national anthem

The three men standing in front of the flag display begin to move as the Marine Corps Hymn starts. The first places an M16A2 upsidedown into a stand and then returns to his place. The second has a Kevlar combat helmet he carefully rests on the weapon's buttstock. The third puts a pair of boots in front of the rifle, adjusts them, and hangs a set of dogtags off the weapon's magazine well. The display complete, they face to the right and march slowly to their places in the formation's rear. Everyone is told to take their seats.

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Next come the personal reflections: these are a combination of humorous stories, personal prayers, and well wishes to the family. Each Marine shares a uniquely defining moment in their relationship with a leader, a man, and a friend. Chuckles ripple throughout the assembled group as fond remembrances strike a chord; other times a different tone brings

a collective sadness, reminding everyone why they're here. Several people speak, all the way from officers to junior NCO, showing this one Marine's impact on the full spectrum of warriors.

The chaplain stands up now and speaks at length about faith, justice, and the afterlife. His tone is different than the others: a calmness or serenity reverberates from every well-measured word. The combination of Biblical text and eloquent delivery overwhelms a few; throatclearings and sniffing increase markedly in a vain attempt to forestall the building sense of grief. After a few minutes, a Navy corpsman replaces the chaplain and delivers the Marine's Prayer, which everyone repeats aloud. The final "Amen" rings out, and everyone steels themselves for roll call.

The senior enlisted Marine stands again, marching to the center of the formation in front of the flag and rifle display; he begins calling out names, finally coming to the one missing.

Rank, last name. Rank, first name, last name.

Rank, first name, middle initial, last name.

He executes an about face, turning his head slightly downward to focus on the memorial. A soldier standing nearby raises a trumpet to his lips and plays "taps," its volume and gravity overwhelming the audience in such a small room. Many lose their composure at this point, holding the position of attention until "taps" is complete

but then quickly wiping away

A line forms, working its way past every single member of the Marine's unit, and all assembled pass through to pay their respects individually. Exactly halfway through the formation is the rifle display where people speak to the deceased: many of the Iraqis stand solemnly with their right hands over their hearts, a sign of respect; most of the Americans kneel and

either place their hand on the helmet or finger the dogtags, whispering a prayer, an expression of love, or a promise; some stand back up and salute before moving on to finish paying their respect to the rest of the unit.

The ceremony is over now, and as the assembled make their way out of the room, the occasional lone man steps out of line, turns around, fixes his gaze back toward the other end of the room, and cries.

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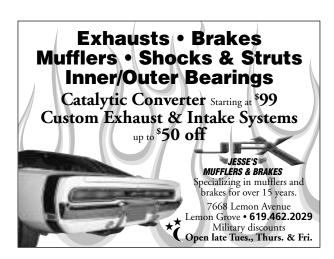
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On my last trip out there, my hotel held a clown convention. I'm not kidding, clowns swarmed downtown. You think of clowns as kid-friendly entertainers or serial-murdering antique dealers, but the truth is clowns are people — almost the same as you and me. The one thing different about clowns is that they somehow got it into their brightly wigged skulls that wearing garish makeup and overlarge shoes is cool. Everything else about them is

During that vacation, it wasn't at all odd for me to sit down at a roulette table with four drunken clowns, throw my chips on my lucky numbers, and sit back to listen to them bitch about their boring lives.

"Vet bill cost me 500 dollars last month, damned mutt," one stogie-puffing bozo said to his horn-honking pal. "For that kind of money you'd think that dog would get up and cook me breakfast every once in a while. Or at the very least not piss on the carpet." He raked his chips, divvied out bets, and slid a profit onto his stack.

"You think that's bad," one woman in a bald cap with purple lips and a bright red foam nose said, "my stepdaughter wants to be on American Idol. We got her this karaoke machine for Chanukah, now all we hear are offkey Madonna songs. 'Ray of light!' Ray of light!' She sounds like a pack of coyotes attacking a bicycle-horn

Out in the hot midnight air, I walked down Fremont Street, passing a Bon Jovi cover band and crowds of whirling clowns, twirling up their Technicolor petticoats to "Livin' on a Prayer," and guzzling yard-tall glasses of margaritas. Stumbling into a nearby casino, a zany jokester begged her friends to help her remove all the stuffed ferrets, seltzer bottles, and balloons from inside her bib overalls — "Hurry up! Pull this stuff out, I've got to piss so bad."

On the corner, a scruffy punk kid asked me if I wanted some cheap, powerful LSD. "Real visual," he said. "Good hallucinations." As if I needed help in that department.

"Thanks, man. Not this time."

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### THURSDAY, MAY 15

### HAPPY DAYS

## CASD4 4:00 P.M.

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Look at you, QVC. Going all international. Ooh, "Arte." It's so Parisian. Go ahead, QVC, wear your "husky" leopard-print stretch pants to the Eiffel Tower and get your picture taken with that disposable camera. Don't let any of those Frenchies tell you you're a simple bumpkin, either. Bring me back a keychain with a 3-D *Mona Lisa* hologram on it. Those are so classy.

## FRIDAY, MAY 16

### JUDGE HATCHETT

### XDTV 3:00 P.M.

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## SUNDAY, MAY 18

### THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS (2001) USA 7:00 P.M.

Driving last week I noticed I was doing ten miles per hour under the speed limit and a line of honking cars was following me. "SHUT UP!" I yelled. "It's dangerous here; kids are running out in the streets and I don't want to waste gas. OHNOI'VEBECOMEMYFATHER!"

## MONDAY, MAY 19

# **ANDERSON COOPER 360**

### CNN 7:00 P.M.

Anderson Cooper needs to go away. Not that I dislike the guy personally or professionally. In fact, I've never seen his show. But there are too many damned morning-show teasers and magazine headlines with witty copy, like, "Up next: Anderson Cooper, three...sexy!" Oh, go to Osama's cave. I've had enough of you. Take a toothbrush and an extra pair of underpants.

## TUESDAY, MAY 20

### RFAPFR

### CW 8:00 P.M.

Really, I'm not as clever as I think I am. I watch this show and I want to critique the clunky writing and directing and the cliché characters, but all I can think is, Man, that chick is hot! I know. I know. There's a hot chick on every show, but really, this one is so freakin' hot! Yep. That's me. I'm a renaissance man.



## WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

## **NATIONAL TREASURE (2004)** USA 8:00 P.M.

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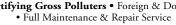
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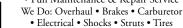
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If you've shined this trumped up-calendar notation, no sense in feeling bad.

By Iohn Brizzolara

Did you miss Mother's Day? Did you fail to observe it and your mother is still alive? I did for many years, even as a child. It was, after all, my mother, Mary Jane Arburn, who told me that it was a Hallmark Holiday (the first time I had heard the phrase), "arbitrary," she said, "hollow and commercial." This very kind of sentiment informed much of Mom's response to personal obligations and the otherwise inconvenient, "motherhood" itself being a prime example.

"Multifaceted," she was fond of calling herself, though she hardly went far enough there. One moment on the telephone, offering advice as a founding member in Franklin Park, Illinois, of La Leche League, an organization to promote breast-feeding, unpopular in her era; the next she would run the words "Motherhoodbaseballandapplepie" together with a sarcastic architecture of her lips and an arching of one incredulous evebrow. She was also fond of the term "Momism" (to denote the inherent cowardliness of men), coined, I think, by Morris L. West, though possibly it was Vance Packard or Ashley Montague (author of The Natural Superiority of Women), all of whom were favorite authors of hers. From Philip Wylie she borrowed the phrase "a generation of vipers" to describe her offspring, when in mixed company or not in the mood for foul language. Knowing her own mother as I did, this remains a mystery; Jenny Calvert Arburn remains in my mind an almost Platonic ideal of motherhood. Undoubtedly this is some unqualified and biased view on my part, as my grandmother made no attempts on my life and was often irrationally affectionate.

I missed my mother's death as well. It was three months after she had died in her apartment from a heart attack or stroke — the phone bill unpaid and the phone shut off, rendering her I've-fallen-and-I-can't-get-up device useless — that my sister consented to my being informed at all. In a family of eight children, I had, inarguably, the most problematic relationship with her and a history of excessive drinking. The logic, I assumed, was that the news would propel me into even more self-destruction. I've never been disabused of this notion — not by my sister or anyone else — specious as it was.

If you've shined this trumped-up calendar notation, no sense in feeling bad, if that is even a hazard; it is an occasion to look at the business, the relationship. Living or dead. While it is not a Friday phenomenon, it is one of those unusual occasions (like Good Friday if you're Catholic and you've not done your "Easter duty") to rue the onset of the Friday before Mother's Day, which is always also a Sunday. And, again like Easter, providing even more of a raison d'être for the concept of brunch.

It is now, three years after my mother's death, that I am searching myself for some generosity here, for my own sake if not hers. I began to weep for a moment and for the first time the other day, possibly Sunday, at the idea of her death. Alone. Within moments I was distracted with the recollection that HBO was running an episode of the John Adams biography I had missed. Mary Jane had let it be known that she wanted the Broadway show song "What I Did for Love" to be sung at her memorial service. I don't know if it ever was, but I thought a great deal about what she might have meant. Possibly she referred to her conversion from Lutheranism to Catholicism in order to marry my father, though she was hardly a passionate Protestant. She did, however, become an enthusiastic Catholic and introduced me (at a young age) to the work of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and his concept of God and man in a partnership of evolution. In her later years, after the death of my father, her allegiance to Catholicism waned. Certainly a lifelong commitment to raising



eight children was something she did for love, no matter how well, in the end, she may have managed it. I try very hard not to judge that.

I have loving memories, mostly toward the end, as an adult and certainly some from childhood, but their number strikes me as too small. As easily my failure as hers, I suppose, but children aren't as apt to fail at love. While I was certainly a difficult child, I can't believe I was all that unique, especially after years of speaking with other sober drunks.

With a history of defaulting on any conventional observation of Mother's Day and in anything like a timely fashion, I continue here to try and observe, touch my forelock inasmuch as I can — too little, too late, and with as much puzzlement as ever. My mother mythologized her own life so thoroughly it was never incumbent upon me to do so, and I am still hardly up to it. It would, at any rate, take a poet, likely a Greek, to adequately mythologize the spirit of a woman who endowed so many of her children with the gift of music. I remain grateful for that gift; and if the pain of it broke my heart often, it was perhaps so that it might go on in its own way after all.

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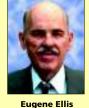
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